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Additional subject headings are sometimes employed temporarily, e.g. when an important operation is in progress.

2. The following volumes should be used to supplement the War Diary: the dates given in brackets are those on which the series held by War Diary commences:-

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1 September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1 March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21 June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1 July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13 September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.

The British and United States Routing Agreement came into full effect as from today. United Nations-managed shipping in British Strategic areas will be diverted by the following authorities:-

Home Station - Admiralty.

North Atlantic Station - Admiralty (except F.O.C.N.A. - ships proceeding to and from Gibraltar only.)

South Atlantic Station - North of 8° S - R.A.W.Af.
do. - South of 8° S - C. in C.
S.A.

East Indies Station - C. in C. E.F.

Home Commands.

Convoy
P.Q.17.

The cruiser covering force left Seidisfiord at 0210 today. (LONDON - Flag of C.S.1., NORFOLK, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, SOMALI, U.S. Destroyers WAINWRIGHT and ROWAN.)

Enemy Air Operations.

Admiral Miles and the D.C.N.S. (Soviet) do not entirely agree with S.B.N.O. North Russia's report on 29/6 regarding air attacks on Murmansk; they consider that these are directed against the town rather than shipping and are a preliminary to an offensive in this area. They do not consider that excessively drafted ships should be sent to Archangel, where they are not covered by A.A. defence and are exposed to possible S/M attack whilst being lightened outside the Dvina Bar. There was a further heavy raid on Murmansk today and damage was caused at the docks. Only a third of the town now remains standing.

Mining.

Several more magnetic mines were swept today off the East Sussex coast and two ground mines in the Thames Approaches.

Mediterranean.

Part of an escorted convoy for Libya turned back after one ship had been hit by two torpedoes by Wellington aircraft last night, between Cape Maria di Leuca and Gallipoli.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

There were two air attacks on Malta late this evening and some damage was caused to aircraft at Luqa.

There was an air raid on Haifa in the early hours of this morning. Some damage was caused, but no naval damage has been reported.

SS. MARILYSE MOLLER (cased petrol carrier) was torpedoed and sunk this afternoon in 31° 22' N 33° 44' E whilst on passage from Port Said to Haifa.

East Indies.

The military command of Diego Suarez area passed to G.O.C. in C. East Africa from 0001 today.

Another ship was attacked by a submarine in the Mozambique Channel today.

America and West Indies.

The first Key West - Curacao - Trinidad convoy, W.A.T.1, sailed today.

U.S. EDWARD LUCKENBACH struck a U.S. mine at Key West today.

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NEWPORT. Was transferred from Royal Norwegian Navy to Royal Navy on 24/6.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 0954B/1.)

Defence of U.K.

No. 4 Fort. In the event of Knock John site for No. 4 unit proving unsatisfactory request you will suggest alternative site between Roughs and Orfordness.
(C. in C. Nore, 1724B/1 to Hydrog.)

Movements.

HOWE. My 2316B/30. SARDONYX sailed.
→ SARDONYX. (N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 0120B/1 to C. in C. W.A., Admty., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, (R) C. in C. H.F., HOWE, F.O. Greenock, R.A.D.H.F., VENOMOUS.)
Sailed HOWE in accordance with HOWE 1619B/16 to comply with C. in C. Rosyth 1502B/17. Code word "Eager".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0446B/1 to C. in C. Rosyth, (R) A.C.O.S., R.A.(D) H.F., C. in C. H.F., C.S.10, C. in C. W.A., Admty., KENYA, VENOMOUS, H.Q.C.C., A.O.C. 15 Group, C.C., A.O.C. 18 Group C.C., N.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

JAMAICA. 0605, Scapa arrival JAMAICA.
(A.C.O.S., 0732/1.)

P. 37. (i) Capt. (S) 9 1045/27 para. (3) amend to read: onward route for P. 37 through
(A) 350° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 0030B/4.
(B) 050° N. 010° W. (C) 049° 35' N. 012° 55' W. (D) 043° 02' N. 012° 20' W. E.T.A. position (D) 0030B/10.
(ii) Approx. position O.R.P. SOKOL at 2200B/4 048° 20' 012° 12' diving by day through 049° 10' 012° 12' and 049° 40' 008° 01' to rendezvous vicinity Trevoise Head daylight/8.
(F.O.(S), 1234B/1 to P.37, (R) O.R.P. SOKOL, C. in C. Plymouth, Capt. (S) 3, H.Q.C.C., Admty., Capt. (S) 9.)

O & S Estimated position tonight Wednesday 2000.
Area. Sailed-Scapa. KENYA leaving Scapa 1900 to R/V Fleet Unit (HowE)
→ VENOMOUS, NIGER, SARDONYX off Cape Wrath 0001/2nd thence eastwards. ICARUS leaving Scapa 1900 for Seidisfjord. CHIDDINGFOLD escorting Troop Carrier leaving Lerwick 2100 to R/V 2nd Transport from Scapa off Duncansby Head 0330/2 thence Invergordon. Force X 060° 58' N. 000° 45' W. South-westward FETLAR escorting 2 merchant ships 059° 40' N. 004° 05' W. to Faeroes. STELLA PEGASI 058° 43' N. 004° 17' W. for Scapa. 2 Swedish merchant ships approaching Skopenfiord from eastward.
(A.C.O.S., 1545B/1.)

/NAB WYKE ...

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NAB WYKE.

Has NAB WYKE M/S Trawler arrived?
(D.M.S., 1743/1 to A.C.I.C.)PRETORIA
CASTLE.

A.M. 1532B/17/6. Intend sailing PRETORIA CASTLE for Tyne passing Clyde Boom at 1400B/2nd thence by standard route to R/V escort detailed by A.C.O.S. in 315° Cape Wrath 15 miles at 1100B/3 thence R/V onward escort detailed by C. in C. Rosyth in 90° Cape Wrath 5 miles at 1600B/3rd. S. of A. 15 knots.
(2) E.T.A. Tyne 0900B/4th. Code word "Keeper".
(3) PRETORIA CASTLE acknowledge.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1744B/1 to C. in C. W.A., Admty., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, N.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne, (R) R.A.(D) H.F., PRETORIA CASTLE.)

KENYA.

(a/v with HOWE.)

Scapa departure KENYA.
(A.C.O.S., 1855/1.)*See previous page.
(O.I.S. area)*

ATHERSTONE.

Passed Gate 1755.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1911B/1 to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Nore.)RAJPUTANA,
KONKAN.

Sailed H.M.I.S. RAJPUTANA and H.M.I.S. KONKAN (S.O. of Escort) in accordance with my 1104B/26/6. Latest messages Q.G.A.92, Q.G.B.115.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2346B/1 to C. in C. W.A., Admty., F.O.C.N.A.)

Operations.Coastal
force
activity.

Preliminary report of C/F activity on night 30th June - 1st July.
(1) M.G.Bs. 83 (Lt. P.A.R. Thompson D.S.C., R.C.N.V.R.), 86 (Lt. M.T.C. Sadler R.N.V.R.) and 91 (Lt. E.D.W. Leaf D.S.C., R.N.V.R.) were ordered to search vicinity of Texel.
At 0150/1 in approx. 52° 52' N. 04° 30' E. M.G.Bs sighted thought to be fishing fleet.
M.G.Bs closed at slow speed to investigate and discovered northbound convoy of two 5000 ton M/Vs and one 3000 ton tanker escorted by 8 E/R boats and Flak-ships. Unit proceeded in to attack by depth charge at full speed on south-easterly course, withholding fire until sighted by enemy.
Heavy fire was opened by all enemy ships but unit succeeded in crossing the bows of the third and largest M/V in line and dropping two depth charges 50 feet from her bows. Unit turned south and heavy action ensued with rear escort vessel of small destroyer type. Believed considerable damage inflicted on enemy. Star-shell fired by enemy as unit proceeded south and after about 20 minutes action unit retired to westward under fire from 4 inch guns. Confused fire by enemy continued. Apparently at their own ships for about 10 minutes.

/Slight ...

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Coastal force activity. (Contd.) Slight damage to two M.G.Bs and four minor casualties reported.

2. At about 2100/20 a sighting report of an enemy convoy southbound off Texel at 1745 was received from "Jim Crow" aircraft. M.T.Bs 34, 32, 72, 241 and 233 with M.G.Bs 74,77, 67 and 65 were despatched to intercept and attack off the Hook of Holland but no contact was made.

3. M.T.Bs 14, 18 and M.G.Bs 61, 58, and 64 on offensive patrol between Ostend and Zeebrugge report no contact with enemy forces. (C. in C. Nore, 1336B/1.)

British Air Operations.

Aircraft for N. Russia. A.X. 24. Call signs and frequencies being signalled to you by Coastal Command. Aircraft have been instructed to land Lake Lakhta as recommended.

Your air. 7 30/6. Lake now located on Europe 1/1000000 north Q.37 and 38. (Air Min. 0825Z/1 to 30 Mission.)

S. 772. Please pass following message to S.B.N.O. Archangel. Request you instruct Captains of Catalina Flying Boats to carry out following Signals Procedure. (H.Q.C.C., 1850B/1 to Admty.)

EMPIRE TIDE, On suggestion of C.S.1 EMPIRE TIDE was provided Dummy aircraft, with dummy aeroplane to put in position after Hurricane had flown off. Object a deterrent to enemy aircraft. Dummy was made in BLENHEIM at short notice and it is suggested other C.A.M. ships with Arctic Convoys might be provided with this in future. (A.C.I.C., 1236B/1 to C. in C. W.A.)

Trondheim. Weather unfit for photographic R/C forenoon/1. (D.D.I.C., 1432B/1.)

Bombing restrictions. Your 1236B/30. As 19 Group wish to continue A/S operations tonight Wednesday, request you will if practicable cancel bombing restrictions for SOKOL east of 009° 39' W. from 0001/2. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1513B/1 to F.O.S.)

My 1236/30 para. (c) (1) cancel submerged bombing restrictions east of 10° W. from 0001B/2. (F.O.(S), 1759B/1 to H.Q.C.C.)

Ice R/C. (C) One Catalina to carry out ice recco immediately. Information required ice trend North of Bear Island out to 25 E. Aircraft is to land by 0800/3 even if leg to East has to be curtailed. (H.Q.C.C., 1800/1 to Air Min.)

/Patrol ...

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MOST SECRET

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M E S S A G E 1600/1st July

IN

From R.A.F. Sullom Voe

Date 1/7/42

Time 2314

INT. GEN. (X) BY T/P

Addressed Form orange Most Secret to H.Q. 18 Group
Repeated Admiralty O.I.C. H.Q.C.C.

IMMEDIATE

re Spitzbergen

A. 1. SUL/02/1/7.
2. Phone 25/6.
3. Catalina P/210 Capt. F/Lt. Healy Nav. F/O
Schofield load carried 2 passengers, and limited supplies.

B. Special recce. 2350/26 airborne Akureyri
0022/27 position Grimsby Lt. S/C Jan Mayen 0326
DR VBSU 3140 visibility Nil homing and coasting Jan
Mayen 0355 DRXHTC 0505 S/C 005 degs. to ice recce.
northerly track 0408 DR XHTC 3220 pack ice encountered
A/C 038 degs. to endeavour to find ice edge. Very
dense fog allowing only occasional glimpses of ice
beneath aircraft from height of 50 feet 0422 DR XHTC
5543 in view of conditions mentioned above Capt. decided
to discontinue ice recce. S/C Bell Sund. Continuous
sea fog experienced northwards 0819 position Bell Sund.
Carried out recce. of Fiord especially of Sveagruva
tried to attract attention of allied party at Sveagruva
by firing green Verrey's Lights. No one seen nor any signs
of activity. Supplies were not dropped 0920 left Bell
Sund and coasted by SE and visually to Gronfjord 0930
position Gronfjord exchanged recognition with ground
party 0952 Waterborne Gronfjord passengers disembarked
collected mail 1025 airborne Gronfjord coasting to Advent
Bay 1035 Advent Bay found JU 88 on prepared landing
ground in Advent Valley stores and tent also on landing
ground. Machine gunned A/c stores tent and W/T station
A/c left with smoke pouring from tail, flames seen
inside W/T hut approximate position of landing ground
110 degs. Longyearby - 2 miles one lorry was seen
alongside W/T hut and two more in Longyearby No. of
rounds of ammunition from each gun - front 400, St.
Blister 700 P. Blister 400. Photos taken throughout
1100 left Advent Bay coasted to Gronfjord dropped message
to ground party advising them of new development 1115
position Kappe Linne S/C base 1832 received landing
forecast from base Capt. decided to alter course to
Akureyri 2215 sea fog along N. Coast Iceland coasting by
SE and visually to Akureyri 2334/27 waterborne Akureyri
SE carried and used - made operation possible.
H. Not reported due to time lapse.

1600/1

1st Lord

1st S.L.

5th S.L.

V.C.N.S.

A.C.N.S.(H)

A.C.N.S.(W)

N.A. 1st S.L.

D.C.(2)

D.O.D.(H)(2)

D.D.I.C.(2)

D.N.I.(4)

Hd. of M.(7)

D. of P.(2)

D.N.A.D.

Hd. of Air

D.N.M.S.

D.T.D.(M)

D. of P.(Q)

D.S.D.9

C.C.L.S.

I.P.(2)

Ad. Blake

Ad. Hamilton

C.C.O.(2)

W.D.

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"Slips".Patrol "Slips 2" is in operation until 2300.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 2009B/1 to S.O. Force X.)Enemy Air Operations.Attacks on
Murmansk.

30/6. 4 wave attacks on Murmansk and district. Large fires started in town. Quays and dry dock not affected. 2 Russian aircraft destroyed on Vaenga aerodrome. Between 15 and 30 (?fighters) and bombers in each wave flying between 15000 and 22000 feet. 4 claimed shot down. 13 P.E.2s bombed Lu(corrup)ari (Luosari) and 5 D.B.3s Banak. 2 P.E.2s lost. Admiralty pass to C. in C. Home Fleet.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1441B/1 to Admty.)

Mining.East
Sussex
Coast.

4 red mines swept yesterday (Nos. 47 to 50 inclusive) in Q.Z.X. 750. Positions.
(V.A. Dover, 0759B/1.)
Details of one mine detonated 1430/1.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 2103/1.)

Thames
Approaches.

Details of two ground mines detonated 29/6.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1510/1, 1515/1.)

Pentland
Firth.

Merchant ship reports seeing a parachute with object attached falling in Pentland Firth between Duncansby Head and Pentland Skerries. Sweep has been carried out with negative result. Attention is called to C.A.F.O. 2150/41 para. (4).
(A.C.O.S., 1752B/1 to HOWE, (R) KENYA.)

NOVEL.

Divided.
(R.A.(M), 2015B/1 to A.C.O.S.)

Enemy Intelligence.SUFFOLK,
suspected
sabotage.

Ref. C.A.F.O. 199/41.
A case of suspected sabotage on the electrical side of No. 2 dynamo has been discovered. Reported to F.O.I.C. Tyne 30/6. Security Officer is investigating and board of enquiry in progress. Findings will be reported in accordance with C.A.F.O. 199/41 (3) as soon as possible.
(E.R. 3358, 1117B/1 to D.N.I.)

Destroyers in
N. Norway.

Russians report 27/6. Off Harbaken Head one destroyer. 28/6 south part Var Bger Fiord one destroyer. Sverholthavet one destroyer.
(Ad. Miles, 1232C/1 to Admty.)

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U-Boats.

U-Boat reports. Bearings at 2130/30 G.M.T. indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C., 0013B/1 to POSTBOY.)
D/F bearings on 7825 kcs. at 1432Z indicate U-Boat transmitting from area in general vicinity of Jan Mayen Island West of 4° W.
(D.D.I.C., 1721B/1 to A.I.G.47, S/Ms on patrol N. of 51° N.)

Navigational.

Bristol Channel. Middlesex buoy light reported extinguished.
(N.O.I.C. Barry, 0947B/1.)

Off Cromer. 8B Buoy, light extinguished and buoy dragged to 52° 56'48" N. 1° 29'24" E. Request Q.Z.H. and that buoy be relit as soon as possible. It is not considered necessary to replace buoy in original position.
(C. in C. Nore, 1229B/1 to Admty.)

Speeds in Firth of Forth. Cancel my 1845/19/8/41 and my 1449/3/10/41. Navigational speed restrictions in Firth of Forth are laid down in Rosyth secret and confidential memo. No. 0110 of 26/6/42.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1506B/1 to Cs. in C. and S.N.Os. Home.)

No. 30 Buoy. Reliable reports indicate No. 30 buoy showing weak fixed light. Request Q.Z.H.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1536B/1 to Admty.)

8B Buoy. Your 1447/1 (N.T. in W.R.) 8B Buoy is in 052° 56'48" N. 001° 29'24" E. Light extinguished.
(C. in C. Nore, 1705B/1 to WHADDON.)

M.2 Buoy. Northern Lighthouse Steamer POLE STAR reported that the Bell in M.2 Buoy is not operating.
(N.O.I.C. Stornoway, 2311B/1 to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

CONQUEROR. CONQUEROR should be ready to sail a.m./4. R.D.F. defects not made good ref. your 1700/26/6 (N.T. in W.R.) and 1215B/27/6 from A.S.E. Sherbrooke House. Efficiency of ship as A/A ship in consequence impaired.
(CONQUEROR, 1632/1 to F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, (R) A.C.O.S., Admty.)

/PROCYON ...

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PROCYON. N.C.S. M.F.V. PROCYON was in collision with War Dept. M.F.V. MARY STURGEON at 1530/1 in No. 3 Dock Fairway Methil. PROCYON is seaworthy. No apparent damage to other vessel.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 1638/1.)

OPHELIA. ^{/N.T. W.D.} Cancel my 1902B/30. OPHELIA is returning to Liverpool after collision.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1904B/1 to C. in C. H.F.)

Shipping and Convoys.

P.Q. 17. Seidisfjord departure 0001 ASHANTI, ONSLOW, RHIND, MAYRANT.
(A.C.I.C., 0305B/1 to C. in C. H.F.)
Seidisfjord departures 0210 NORFOLK, LONDON, SOMALI, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, WAINWRIGHT, ROWAN.
(A.C.I.C., 0533B/1.)
EXFORD and GRAY RANGER struck submerged ice North of Iceland. EXFORD returned. GRAY RANGER bow buckled below waterline, reduced to 8 knots, still with convoy, but unfit to face possible bad weather and more ice. Suggest she returns unescorted by stragglers route or alternatively replaced by ALDERSDALE in Force Q. My P.C. and S. 070° 55' N. 005° 00' W. 048° 8 knots weather report.
(KEPPEL, 0900Z/1 to Admt., (R) C. in C. H.F., C.S.1, DOUGLAS.)
Seidisfjord departures 1605B/1 FAULKNOR, MARTIN, MARNE, ONSLAUGHT, ESCAPADE.
(A.C.I.C., 1710B/1 to C. in C. H.F.)
D/F bearings on 4995 Kc/s. at 1633Z suggest U-Boat in vicinity of P.Q.17 which may have reported it.
Other bearings on 4995 Kc/s at 1609Z and on 12065 Kc/s at 1626Z indicate U-Boats probably to eastward of convoy.
(D.D.I.C., 1916B/1 to A.I.G.47, S/Ms on patrol N. of 51° N. (R) H.Q.C.C.)

O.N.S. 108. O.N.S. 108. Number 83 has engine defect. Estimated time of repair two hours. Have taken in tow until repairs have been effected. My

P.C.S. 255° Mull of Kintyre 2 miles, 308°, 6 knots.
(MAN-O'-WAR, 1120B/1.)
My 1120B/1. Repair to number 83 completed. Am increasing S. of A. by keeping ship in tow. My P.C. and S. 032° Altacarry 4 miles 310° 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots.
(MAN-O'-WAR, 1304B/1.)
My 1304B. Number 83 should be 82. Ship still in tow. Estimate will join convoy at 1800B. My P.C. and S. 246° Oversay 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles 280° 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(MAN-O'-WAR, 1615B/1.)
My 1615B number 82 in position with convoy. Am proceeding to meet S.C.B.88 in accordance with F.O.I.C. Liverpool's 1220B/1.
(MAN-O'-WAR, 1750B/1 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Murmansk or Archangel as discharge port for P.Q.Convoys. S.B.N.O. North Russia's 2306B/29/6. My views with which D.C.N.S. is in full agreement are:-
 (i) Ships discharging outside bars at Archangel and Molotovsk are not covered by A/A defences and with heavy lifts involved might have to be exposed to air attack and possible submarine attack for long periods. Some fighter cover might be provided but this would weaken cover over main ports.
 (ii) Air attacks on Murmansk have recently been directed at town rather than on shipping. This is thought to be a concentration on town as Red Army base rather than as convoy port and a preliminary to an offensive in this area. This belief is strengthened by (a) Troop movements on Kola Inlet front. (b) Presence of tanks on this front for first time. (c) Concentration of small craft at Vardo.
 (iii) Russians expect to hold front but in extremity ships could be got away in time.
 (iv) My conclusion is that whilst ships excessively drafted are still included in convoys the risk of sending these few to Murmansk is less than that of discharging them outside Archangel.
 (v) Recommend however that ships excessively drafted should not be sent during summer.
 (vi) Admty. pass to C. in C. H.F.
 (Ad. Miles, 1229C/1 to Admty., (R) S.B.N.O. North Russia, C. in C. H.F., S.B.N.O. Archangel.)

Escorts of P.W. and W.P.Convoys. Owing to shortage of destroyers, two out of five of the P.W. and W.P. convoys will have to be escorted by trawlers only.
 2. As the size and importance of these convoys is increasing, in order to provide more efficient escort request early approval to fit R.D.F. set type 286 P.U and V.H/F R.T. in H.M.Ts ULLSWATER and ELLESMERE.
 3. One V.H/F set is available at Plymouth and it is intended to fit this in ULLSWATER. If approved request R.D.F. sets and 2 V.H/F sets be allocated.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 1237B/1 to Admty.)

S.P. 02413. Re distribution.
 (D.T.D., 1247B/1.)
 See Lion Copy.

Reporting aircraft. Pass to N.C.S.Os.
 Cases have recently occurred of merchant ships reporting sightings of aircraft belonging to British warships and thus disclosing the position of Naval forces.
 The attention of Masters is to be drawn to C.A.M.S.I. 81/42, which superseded C.A.M.S.I. 7/41.
 (D.T.D., 1248B/1 to A.I.G.19, 26.)

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MESSAGE

1247E/1st July

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To:- A.I.G. 19 /
 A.I.G. 26 x
 (R) A.I.G. 136 /
 B.A.D. Washington

Date: 1.7.42

NAVAL CODE (B)

From:- Admiralty

NITE.

Pass to N.C.S.O's.
 Distribution of S.P. 02413 series to merchant ships is to be extended forthwith to include:-

- (a) All British and Allied ocean-going ships of 15 knots and over,
- (b) All British and Allied ocean-going tankers.

Additional supplies are now in course of distribution to N.C.S.O's concerned.

2. Issue is to be made irrespective of whether ships are sailing independently or in convoy, and, when once issued, a One-Ship Recoding Pad is not normally to be withdrawn without instructions from Admiralty.

3. Appropriate instructions to Masters contained in N.C.S.I. 85/42 (which supersedes N.C.S.I. 390/41) are to be affixed to each copy and instructions for use must also be issued to Masters with the pads. These instructions are now being produced locally by, or are in course of distribution to, those N.C.S.O's who are required to issue copies.

4. As these pads are used with the five figure groups in S.P. 2405, with which system merchant ships are unfamiliar, N.C.S.O's are to ensure that Masters fully understand the procedure for decoding messages.

5. Reference N.C.S.I. 105/42 (which supersedes N.C.S.I. 395/41) it is important that edition repetition edition number of One-Ship Recoding Pad held should always be reported in Route Signals.

6. O.B. 03050 (10) in course of distribution will be amended.

1247B/1.

for: D.T.D. (360)

A.O.N.S. (T)

N.A. 1st S.L.

Ops. (3)

O.D. (5)

O.I.C. (2)

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D.T.D. (4) (T.D. 570/42)

D.T.D. (M)

D.T.D. (C)

D. of S.T. (2)

I.P. (3)

D.A/S.W.

W.D.

D.S.D. (2)

D.S.O.

N.I.D. 10 (2)

M. Books (2)

H.V.R. (2)

U.S.N. (3)

/ Staff Officer (Intelligence) -

Gibraltar

Malta

Alexandria

Aden

Bombay

Colombo

Capetown

D.N.I., Melbourne

N.S.H.Q., Ottawa.

Freetown

Kingston

Reykjavik

Wellington

Bermuda A.M. 1538/11

Bahrein

x C.-in-C., Portsmouth

C.-in-C., Plymouth

C.-in-C., Western Approaches

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C.-in-C., Plymouth

A.C.I.C.

F.O.C.N.A.

C.-in-C., S.A.

F.O.i/c. Simonstown

C.-in-C., America & West Indies

S.O.(I), Jamaica

N.S., H.Q., Ottawa

C.-in-C., Rosyth

A.C.O.S.

F.O.C., Dover

C.O.A.C., Halifax

Naval Board, Mel-

bourne.

N.B., Wellington

C.-in-C. Eastern

Fleet

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Indies

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F.O.i/c Aden

R.A. West Africa

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

- D.S. 30. A.M. 1819/28 para. 2.
Amend M.O.M.P. to read as follows - at 0915Z/10
in 56.54 N. 19.45 W.
(D.O.D.(H), 1331B/1 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C.
Greenock, R.A.(M), C.T.F.37.)
- N. Russia My 1509B/27.
convoy 1. Assuming a 20-day cycle for Russian convoys,
escorts. escorts are calculated to return to U.K. 34
days after sailing. With three groups this
would allow 26 days in U.K. between convoys.
2. It is very desirable to form these groups as soon as
possible, and it would therefore seem that the nucleus of the
first two groups should consist of ships now operating on
P.Q. 17 and Q.P.13.
3. Information is therefore requested as to:-
(A) Time needed for arctic-fitting of destroyers.
(B) Time needed for arctic-fitting of corvettes.
(C) Whether, in event of time needed exceeding 26 days, the
work could be progressed in the first period and completed in
the second.
4. The advantage of forming the Russian groups as soon as
possible is considered to outweigh the advantage of arctic-
fitting the ships during refit periods, which would greatly
delay the formation of the groups.
(C. in C. W.A., 1541B/1 to Admty.)
- O.N.S. This is a repetition of my 2005Z/29 from C.T.F.
Convoy 24 action to C. in C. W.A. in order provide with
escorts. ships available in Iceland escort group, the
maximum practicable protection for shipping
between Iceland (C) and Icomp, it is desirable
that escorts for outward bound shipping return with inward
bound shipping. Under existing arrangement this is impractic-
able due to interval of about 7 days between date of Icomp for
eastbound and westbound convoys. By joining the Iceland (C)
shipping with alternate O.N.S. convoys beginning with number 108
above plan for economical use of escorts will be practicable.
If foregoing satisfactory to C. in C. Western Approaches it
is requested that C.T.G. 24.6. sail next shipping to join O.N.S.
112 in lieu of 110 and alternate slow convoys thereafter.
(C.T.F. 24, 1559/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
- Diversion of Pass to N.C.S.Os.
shipping. It is again desired to emphasise that it is
Reporting impossible to divert ships at sea intelligently
by ships. unless their plotted positions are reasonably
accurate. It is not practicable to eliminate all
error but everything possible must be done to
reduce it provided that this does not result in ships remaining
longer than necessary in the danger area.
2. When estimating in consultation with the Master the speed
that the ship is expected to make good during the voyage,

/N.C.S.Os ...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys.

Diversion of shipping. N.C.S.Os. should assume that the weather will be favourable for the time of year since:
Reporting (a) it is safer to divert a ship that is astern
by ships. of her plotted position than one that is ahead
(Contd.) of it.

(b) in the Atlantic, meteorological reports will allow shore authorities to make allowance for bad weather when necessary.

3. Allowance should also be made for known currents and for the average number of hours per day that a ship of 10 knots or over will be zigzagging taking into consideration:

- (a) the time of year and latitude.
- (b) the phase of the moon.

4. A copy of this signal should be shown to Masters of ships concerned and their co-operation should be invited. In addition, the Masters of all British managed ships fitted with H/F are to be instructed that, except when in convoy, they are to report by night every 3 days after leaving harbour their position by W/T as a bearing and distance from the nearest lettered position on their route.

(D.T.D., 1608B/1 to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.N.A., R.A.W.A., (R) Connnav, B.A.D. Washington, C. in C. A.W.I., C.O.A.C. Halifax, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

LLANSTEPHAN
CASTLE.

Admty. 1838/30/6 which has been passed to necessary authorities. Escort VENOMOUS S.O. from Clyde. BUXTON to R/V from Liverpool as arranged by F.O.I.C. Greenock.
(C. in C. W.A., 1936B/1.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

General.

Enemy Air Tactics. Air attacks on CORNWALL, DORSETSHIRE and HERMES indicate following tactics by Japanese carrier-borne dive bombers:-
 (a) Aircraft up to 70 in number approach at 10,000 ft. or more and develop initial attacks from general direction of sun.
 (b) Aircraft may attack from ahead and continue to do so as ships alter course.
 (c) Aircraft, organised in sub-flights of three, attack in quick succession with slightly longer interval between sub-flights.
 (d) Dive is between 60° and 80° H.E. bombs of 250 k.g. and 50 k.g. released singly or in mixed salvos of 3. Height of release not definitely established but aircraft flatten out from dive as low as 500 feet. First bombs accurate.
 (e) Machine-gun and possibly cannon fire may be used in the dive.
 2. There was no R.D.F. warning and gun opposition was slight. The two cruisers only sighted aircraft when already in the aiming zone. HERMES sighted aircraft outside gun range, but her A/A Armament was very weak.
 (D.T.S.D. Approved by A.C.N.S.(W) 1232B/1 to A.I.G.21 etc.)

Enemy raider tactics etc. During a recent Board of Enquiry the C.O. of one of H.M. Ships stated that he had no knowledge of A.M.1618/16/12/41 or of the gist of it. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1546B/1 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A., C. in C. E.F., Dep. C. in C. E.F.)

North Atlantic.

Situation Report. 1959B/1st for Area X.
 1. CARADOC sails 2300/1 through 35.50 06.28 thence 223° 16½. *See 30/4 - p. 451.*
 2. H.G.85 36.10 08.50 through 36.17 09.28 thence 312° 7 S.O. *See 30/4 - p. 451.*
 3. O.S.32, 29.41 20.01 180° 9, swept channel IBIS. ✓
 4. LADY HOGARTH, STELLA CARINA escorting tanker MALMANGER (?032°) 50' 013° 21' 070° 9.
 5. ST. NECTAN escorting cable ship MIRROR in vicinity 36.36 10.48.
 6. LORD NUFFIELD 35.59 06.10 280° 10 to relieve ST. NECTAN.
 7. LOCH OSKAIG, ALOUETTE on patrol off Cape Roca.
 8. SCOTTISH on patrol off St. Vincent.
 9. IMPERIALIST on patrol off Huelva.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 0920B/1 to N.A. Stn. (R) Admty. etc.)

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North Atlantic - contd.

Spanish Trawler intercepted. G.W.O.30 Appendix A. part 6. Presume arrangements are to be made K.43. Spanish Trawler SEGUNDO ENRIQUE and PRIMER ~~ENRIQUE~~ ENRIQUE encountered in 036° N. 006° 50' W. at 0900, close astern of convoy H.G.85. Armed guard placed on board and ANTELOPE escort ships to Gibraltar.
(WESTCOTT 1015B/1 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) ANTELOPE.)
My 1016. Add Spanish trawler MARIA LUISA also in vicinity and fitted with W/T.
(WESTCOTT 1028B/1 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) ANTELOPE.)

NARKUNDA. Your 1838/30. M.O.M.P. in para (3) is beyond the range of all destroyers at Gibraltar except ITHURIEL. 2. Propose M.O.M.P. be amended to 043° 00' N. 3. S.O.A. of NARKUNDA is 14.5 knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 1600B/1 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

P.211. Intend sailing S/M P.211 for patrol off East coast of Sardinia p.m./4th. (F.O.C.N.A. 1606B/1 to Admty. (R) F.O.S., V.A. Malta.)

Italian Ship Bougie. My 1301/15/6 (N.T.in W.D.) Italian ship expected to leave Bougie last night with 8000 tons iron ore. (Consul General, Tangier 1734/1 to Admty., S.O.I. Gib.)

BARFLEUR. Information received from Cominch that French ship BARFLEUR was due to leave Port de France on 30/6 for Casablanca with warship parts and return. Ship should not be molested. (D.O.D.(F) 1956B/1 to F.O.C.N.A., R.A.W.A.)
p. 25.

BEACON HILL, VANJA, collision. S.L.114. Tanker BEACON HILL and VANJA in collision 30/6. Former requests owners be informed damaged bows leaking at waterline. Later superficial damage, degaussing out of action. Both still (? in convoy) BRIDGEWATER joined 0800/1st. P.C. and S. 2130Z/1 020° 27' N. 022° 15' W. 348° 7. Weather report. (PHILANTE 2137Z/1 to F.O.C.N.A., Admty. etc.)

CARADOC. My 1622/30. Sailed 2300 CARADOC. (F.O.C.N.A. 2302B/1 to R.A.W.A.) *See Medical page (51:17-18)*

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U/B attack. Following has been read SSSS de MAUQ BARRISTER (Brit) Position 25.25 S. 34.49 E. unknown ship gunned 0322 G.M.T./1. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown T.O.R. 0548 G.M.T./1 to Admty., R.A.W.A.) See also East Indies.

W.S.19 P. > Arrival CHESHIRE with Capetown portion of W.S.19 P. (S.O.(I) Capetown 0829Z/1 to Admty., C. in C. S.A. (R) R.A.W.A.F.)

S.S.
QUEEN ELIZABETH, EXPRESS.
QUEEN ELIZABETH routed through 025° 00' S. 006° 30' E. to 034° 30' S. 017° 30' E. S. of A. 25 knots.
2. Anticipated position at 0800Z/1 is 027° 20' S. 009° 10' E.
3. Proceed forthwith to meet QUEEN ELIZABETH and escort to Simonstown.
4. On being met QUEEN ELIZABETH is requested to reduce speed to maximum A/S operating speed as signalled by EXPRESS.
5. D/F bearing indicates presence of U-Boats in vicinity of 043° 00' S. 016° 00' E. at 1200Z/30. (C. in C. S.A. 1001B/1 to EXPRESS, QUEEN ELIZABETH (R) R.A.W. Africa, Admty.) * See next page (Movement Summary)

→ CHESHIRE. CHESHIRE sailed to provide cover for QUEEN MARY and QUEEN ELIZABETH south of Cape Agulhas. (S.O.I. Capetown 1234Z/1 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)

CILICIA. Simonstown departure 0630Z/1 CILICIA for Ascension routed through A. 030° 00' S. 015° 00' E. B. 025° 00' S. 005° 00' E. E.T.A. A.M./8. (C. in C. S.A. 1347B/1 to Admty., R.A.W.A., N.O.I.C. Ascension.) See next page - (Movement Summary)

C.M.29 Sail FRITILLARY and CYCLAMEN as additional escort for C.M.29 until 2359/1 then returning to Durban. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1401Z/1 to Admty. etc.)

C.M.29. Convoy sailing telegram. Route. Escort FROBISHER. (N.C.S.O. Durban 1437Z/1 to Admty. etc.) Sailed FROBISHER escorting C.M.29 E.T.A. Kilindini 0515Z/12. (Com I/C Durban 1410Z/1 to Admty., C. in C. E.F., D. C. in C.E.F., C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Kilindini, S.O.(I) Colombo, F.O.E.A. and Zanzibar.)

/Shipping ...

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.Shipping
Routes,
W. Africa
and
S. Atlantic.

Your 1921/29/6. It is the intention to maintain general principle of existing routing policy until there is evidence that danger of raider attack in Northern part of Central South Atlantic has lessened or change of U/B dispositions forces us to make modifications.

2. In view of large amount of traffic passing through area concerned it is considered desirable to establish a dividing line.

3. Request you will indicate (a) minimum distance at which you consider shipping should pass Cape Palmas (b) a proposed dividing line for traffic conforming with existing routing policy.

(A.C.N.S.(T) 1455B/1 to R.A.W.A.F. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

Your 2301/29 general diversion of shipping in South Atlantic.

Your para (Z) No, but special attention is invited to my paras (4) and (6). Latitudes should not be altered.

(2) Your para (3). Consider 'Bacon-Egg' necessary, but 'Rum-Cask' should be kept in force.

(C. in C. S.A. 2223B/1 to Admty. (R) R.A.W.A.)

Movement
Summary.

2000Z/1 area Q. ALCANTARA about 022° S 004° E to 011° 42' S 002° 10' W. BELLWORT in tow BARFOUNT, BARRYMORE with BRITTANY 034° 55' S 019° 40' E to Durban 5.

SHROPSHIRE (?with) Durban portion W.S.19. unknown destination 037° S 020° 50' E to Durban 14.

b-14 CILICIA 031° 38' S 015° 55' E 331° 15. Neth. L. Crus. HEEMSKERCK 034° 57' S 024° 30' E to Simonstown 20.

b-14 CHESHIRE from Capetown to patrol about 037° S 022° to 024° E. ETHIOPIAN 034° 37' S 025° 08' E to Durban 8.

b-14 EXPRESS with W.S.19 Y, 032° 00' S 014° 10' E to Simonstown. (C. in C. S.A. 1705B/1 to S.A. Stn.)

S.D.F. and
R.N.V.R.(S.A.)

Details of amalgamation. No. 1176 (H.C. S. Africa 1739/1 to Dominions Office.) See Lion Copy.

DIOMEDE.

Arrival 1/7 2000 G.M.T. DIOMEDE.

(R.O. Pernambuco 2011Z/1 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Freetown, Rio de Janeiro.)

BATORY
A.T.18.

A.M. 1817/25 para 13. After return to Freetown of BATORY from voyage along West African coast she should proceed direct to New York.

2. She is to be included in convoy A.T.18 sailing New York about 1/8 and should therefore arrive New York about 25/7.

3. No personnel for U.K. should be embarked in West Africa and personnel for New York only in accordance with my 0112/6.

(D.S.T. 2218B/1 to S.T.O. Freetown (R) R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A. etc.)

Trooping
Commitments.

Following appear to be outstanding.*
(D.S.T. 2345B/1 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)
*2- Shipping available.

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M E S S A G E

IN

1739/1st July.

From: South Africa (H.C.)

Date. 2.7.42.

Time. 0215.

TYPE X.

Addressed: Dominion Office.

South African Naval Forces.

No. 1176.

Addressed to Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs No. 1176 repeated to Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic No. 1404.

1. I have been informed in letter from Chief of General Staff that (a) "It has been decided to combine the Seaward Defence Force and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (South Africa) with effect from 1/8/42 into a new unit to be known as the Union Naval Service". *

(b) As from 1/8/42 all members of the Seaward Defence Force and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (South Africa) shall be come members of the Union Naval Service and both the original units will cease to exist.

(c) All administrative and disciplinary and all other regulations covering the Seaward Defence Force will apply mutatis mutandis to Union Naval Service.

(d) Members of Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (South Africa) at present serving with the Royal Navy will from 1/8/42 be seconded to the Royal Navy from the Union Naval Service. Conditions of secondment will be identical with those in force for the Union Defence Force land and air personnel seconded to British services.

(e) Captain Dalgleish Director of the Seaward Defence Force is appointed Director of the Union Naval Service with effect from 1/8/42 on which date he will have seniority over all other full time members of the Union Naval Service.

2. Minister of Railways (who is also Honorary Commodore of the Seaward Defence Force) announced this decision on 22/6 at Durban and explained that it meant "a probable increase of some 2000 men to the present personnel". This would appear to refer to existing Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (South Africa) personnel who will now be added to Seaward Defence Force personnel.

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* Name changed to "South African Naval Forces"

(C. C. South Atlantic, 1203B/19/7 page 570)

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3. Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic has already reported to Admiralty in his telegram No. 1707B/19/67.

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* re Union Authorities considering unification of R.N.V.R. (S.A. & S.D.F.) with S.A. Naval Service.

Received from Dominion Office 1042/3.

Dominion Office circulation: Admiralty, Mr. S. Gilmour (3)

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| A.C.N.S. (H) | D.P.S. (2) |
| A.C.N.S. (W) | M. (2) |
| Sec. | A.C.R. |
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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.H.M.S.

QUEEN

Arrival 0445Z/1.

(N.O.I.C. Port Sudan,

ELIZABETH.

0500Z/1 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., etc.)

Transports,
India & M.E.SD/18541 cipher 1/7. Ref. Armindia 15536/Q of
29/6 and Troopers 98645 (C.O.M.) of 30/6. 1. If
diversions (B) ALASKA (C) FRANKA (D) NARVIK (E)

IMPERIAL MONARCH (F) BARON JEDBURGH and (K) DIOMED stand estimate all will have arrived Suez by latest 30/7. 2. Stores in these ships most urgently required by Mideast are listed in para. 4. If Armindia can provide from stocks and despatch to reach Mideast by 30/7 necessity divert these ships except DIOMED does not arise. (A) BARON BELHAVEN (G) HOPECREST already dealt with in my 17705 of 29/6 but complete requirements these ships included in list in para. 4. 3. DIOMED has loaded 12 Grant tanks and vital 37 mm. amm. ex EMPIRE PEACOCK in South Africa. Also carries 4 Hurricanes urgently needed by R.A.F. Mideast. Essential this ship proceeds Suez as ordered in Troopers 98357 (Q(M)3) of 29/6. 4. Stores most urgently required followed by letters of ships in which carried. 5. Grateful for inclusion for Mideast use amm. previously consigned Armindia in EMPIRE LIVINGSTONE and LARCHBANK but still require additional quantities contained in (A) (F) and (G) listed in para. 4. Our need for 37 mm. A.P. amm. is of first priority. 6. Will Armindia confirm (A) that stores urgently required vide 4 above will arrive Suez by July; and (B) that amm. required be given earliest priority for onward consignment Mideast where its early arrival is essential. (C. in C. M.E., 0635/1 to C. in C. India, (R) W.O., etc.)

Bi-Weekly
Opsum No.34.A. 657 1/7. Night 26/27. 14 Liberators bombed
shipping and harbour facilities Tobruk, causing
large fire and violent explosion jetty. 2

Liberators bombed and machine-gunned M/V 30 miles East of harbour setting it on fire. 27/6. A single enemy aircraft believed Ju. 86 reconnoitred Alexandria at 43,000 feet. 2 Spitfires unable to intercept. Night 27/28. A Hudson on offensive R/C for enemy shipping along coast of Cyrenaica bombed a 3,000 ton merchant vessel 30 miles East of Bomba scoring near misses. 28/6. Beaufighters made 3 attacks Derna main landing ground, 1 attack Gambut. Also attacked 4 barges between Gazala and Sollum setting fire to one. Night 28/29, 7 Liberators bombed harbour installations Tobruk as diversion for 4 Wellingtons which laid 7 mines in harbour entrance, 2 Liberators attacked ship east of harbour, results of bombing unobserved. 4 enemy aircraft attacked Alexandria dropping land mines west of harbour. Damage slight. 2 Egyptians killed. 29/6. 6 Blenheims left to attack merchant vessels reported by Maryland 30 miles S.W. of Crete but unable to locate. A Maryland machine-gunned submarine 90 miles North Derna without visible effect. 2 Spitfires 1 Beaufighter damaged R/C aircraft off Aboukir. 9 Beaufighters shipping protection. Night 29/30. 9 Liberators bombed harbour facilities Tobruk, starting large fire on jetty. 3 Torpedo Wellingtons attacked a 5000 ton merchant vessel 17 miles east of Tobruk 2 hits amidships caused explosions. About 8 enemy aircraft dropped mines in Alexandria Harbour and on land. No damage yet reported. 7 soldiers some civilians wounded. 5 Beaufighters shot down 1 enemy aircraft into sea and damaged another.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 0933/1, 0946/1, 0957/1, 1000/1.)

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Mediterranean. Contd.

MEDWAY. Much regret to report loss of MEDWAY. It was a beautiful unseen attack from 300 yards inside screen. Had sent on 150 tons repair gear and 50 torpedoes by merchant ship and therefore anticipate no interruption in S/M patrols. Am establishing shore base at Haifa with utmost speed. Approx. 100 casualties. She disappeared within a quarter of an hour of being hit. (?Hope Simpson) will be back in Malta very shortly. (S.1., 1033C/1, to F.O.S.).
(Sunk 30/6 by U.372)

Beirut Movements. 30th arrivals 1150 M.L. 1093, 1st arrivals 0840 SOUTHERN MAID, PROTEUS. (S.O.I. Beirut, 1054C/1, to Admty (R) C.in C.Med.).

Port Said Movements. 30th Port Said arrivals M.T.B.260, 262, S/M UNA S/M.P.35, CONDOURIOTIS, IONA, PRINCE DE LIEGE, HERO, DIDO, ALDENHAM, NIKI, BURGONET. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 1549C/1, to Admty C.in C.Med.)

Palermo, Trapani. Photographs A.M. 1/7. (V.A.Malta, 1605C/1, to C.in C. Med.).

Aden Movements. Arrivals FORTUNE and GRIFFIN 1507Z/30. *NEWCASTLE, NORMAN and NIZAM. (Comm. Aden, 1701Z/1, to Admty, etc.).
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*TURBULENT, TAKU. Leave patrol P.M./6 and proceed through 032° 57' 034° 58' to Haifa as follows: TAKU through 032° 24' 026° 36', TURBULENT coasting at discretion to 032° 40' 023° 50', thence direct to arrive dawn 11th and 13th respectively. (C.in C.Med., 1709C/1, to TURBULENT, TAKU (R) N.O.I.C., Palestinian Ports, Haifa, V.A.Malta, Capt.(S) 1.).
** See next page.*

Haifa Raid. A.129 1/7. Enemy raid report. Z.A Haifa 1700 L/T high level 25,000 R/C (QUGLY ?) ZB One JU.88, ZG In N.N.W., out North. (R.A.F., H.Q. Levant, 1710/1 G.M.T. to H.Q. R.A.F., M.E., etc.).

Preliminary report of air raid on Haifa this morning. A/A guns opened fire at 2.23 a.m. Some bombs dropped. Custom House in the port destroyed, length of railway line nearby damaged, two railway coaches derailed, some damage in Kingsway, telephone lines down. All clear at 4.30 a.m. (High Commr., Palestine, No. T.O.O./1, to S.of S. for Colonies).

/Malta ...

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Malta Air Report. I.407 1/7 C.S.R. 1954/30, 6 raiders, Luqa, no damage. 0110/1, 16 raiders. Luqa, 1 torpedo Wellington slight damage, craters aerodrome. 1 JU. 88 damaged by Beaufighter. 1st. 3 alerts. 1150, 18 Macchi 202 and ME. 109s, 1 possible JU.88, no damage. 1 ME. 109 destroyed. 3 Macchi 202s 2 ME. 109s damaged by 12 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires damaged in combat, pilots uninjured. (H.Q. R.A.F., Malta, 1740/1).

Part 2. Night 30/1. 3 Wellington 8s with 5 torpedo Wellingtons with 1 torpedo each shipping sweep Ionian Sea, 2235, 4 DRS 3 M/Vs 6000 tons 293° Cape Maria di Leuca 23 miles course 170° 12 knots, attacked by 3 Wellingtons 8s and 3 torpedo Wellingtons. 2 Torpedoes hit 1 M/V. Much smoke and ship stopped. 1 torpedo hung up. Bombs from 2700 ft. all near misses on M/Vs. After attack part of convoy turned back for Taranto. 1 Torpedo Wellington severely damaged by Flak crashed landed, repairable, observer wounded. (H.Q.R.A.F., Malta, 1800/1, 1837/1).

At 0120C/1st, 3 merchant ships and 3 destroyers in position 270° Gallipoli (Italy) 10 miles course 180° - 10 knots were attacked by torpedo Wellingtons who claimed 2 hits on one merchant ship. (ii) At 0355C/1st Convoy now steering 347° was attacked again by Wellington Bombers - no hits claimed. (iii) 2 R/C sweeps in that area carried out A.M. today - no shipping sighted. (V.A. Malta, 1821C/1, to C.in C. Med., (R) Admty).

Enemy Units, TURBULENT. (1) Report sighting 1 merchant ship and 1 destroyer in 035° 20' N. 014° 40' E. course 120° 8 knots at 1930. (C.in C. Med., 2031C/1, to *TURBULENT).

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Transports, India and M.E. Ref. M.E. SD/17705 29/6 to Troopers (0940/29). HOPECREST and BARON BELHAVEN are being discharged India. Shipping 16 3.7 inch A.A. mobile ex Bombay and 8 3.7 inch mobile and 8 M-3 tanks ex Karachi in vessels due Suez by 20/7. (C. in C.India 0135/1 to C. in C.M.E.(R) W.O. C. in C.E.F. P.S.T.O.(E)).

Ref. C. in C.India 15536/Q cipher 29/6 (0845/30) and previous cables. (1) We confirm that details all ships may be agreed mutually between Middle East and India and that only where agreement cannot be reached need reference be made to Troopers for decision. (W.O. 0135/1 as amended 1345/2. to C. in C.India, C. in C.M.E.).

M.Ls. Your 1537/28 addressed F.O.C.R.I.N. M.Ls 1080 and 1082 will be despatched by first suitable ship when cradles completed after one week. (Com.R.I.N. 0435Z/1 to F.O.I.C.Ceylon).

Mauritius Rodriguez command 98638 cipher (M.O.12a) 30/6. Personal from C.I.G.S. to Wavell and Platt. 1.Wavell has suggested immediate transfer of command Mauritius and Rodriguez to Platt. 2. Consider that since capture Diego Suarez East Africa in better position to control, maintain and reinforce these islands and because Eastern Fleet now based Kilindini. Same factors apply to Seychelles, but no intention of replacing existing Indian garrison by troops from East Africa. 3.Request Platt's views on transfer all three above and Wavell's views on transfer of Seychelles. (W.O. 0550/1 to C. in C.India G.O.C. in C.E.A.).

AQUITANIA. W.S. 19 Q. sailed 1600C/30. E.T.A. 2000/4. Essential this ship receives minimum of 1500 tons fresh water on arrival. Previous signal from N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez refers. Had 14 days provisions only left on board on sailing. (S.T.O. Diego Suarez 0715Z/1 to D.S.T.O. Aden (R) D.S.T. P.S.T.O I).

MAURITIUS W.S.19. P. Leave Kilindini as convenient 2/7 for Durban. 2. You will be required to escort W.S. 19 (?P) departure (?from) Durban 7/7. Separate orders are being issued. (D.C. in C.E.F. 0807Z/1 to MAURITIUS (R) Cdre Durban, S.N.O. Afloat, F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar, C. in C.E.F. ? C. in C.S.A.).

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Movement Summary. 375. ? 1/7. Ref. Summary No.1.(5) RANCHI arrived (?Kilindini) 30th. Ref.Summary No.2 (?1)) DANAE arrived Durban 27th (2) CYCLAMEN arrived Durban (?29th) (8) NYROCA arrived Aden 30th. Ref. Summary No.3, (3) GENISTA and THYME due Durban p.m.(?2nd). (2) ALAUNIA due Kilindini a.m. 3rd (9) DUNCAN sailed Diego Suarez p.m. (?30th) escorting W.S.19 Q.(9) FROBISHER arrived Durban 29th (12) SHAPINSAY arrived Kilindini 27th.

Serial Number.	Ship.	From.	To.	Remarks.
(1)	ARROW.	Durban 2 (S. S. 4th)	Kilindini Blank.	Nil.
(2).	CHITRAL.	Durban (?30)	Mauritius 5.	Nil.
→(3).	DANAE.	Durban 28.	Capetown (?30)	Nil.
(4)	WORCESTERSHIRE.	Aden 30	Colombo Blank.	Escorting SS.RAJULA.
(5)	DAUNTLESS ACTIVE.	Diego Suarez.1.	Comoro Island.	Thence returning Diego Suarez

(D.C. in C.E.F. 0833Z/1. to ? E.I.3tn).

DEVONSHIRE Arrived
ORIZABA (S.O.(I) Bombay 0916Z/1 to Admty. F.O.C.R.I.N.etc)
W.S.19.B.

W.S.19.B. Convoy W.S.19 (?B) consisting of STRATHAIRD, ATHLONE CASTLE arrived.
(N.C.S.O.Bombay 0930Z/1 to Admty.).

HARPAGON. Cancel my 1425/30. HARPAGON reported overdue by A.M. 1703/2/6 not to F.O.C.R.I.N.
(F.O.Ceylon 0930Z/1 to F.O.C.R.I.N.(R) Admty. B.A.D.).

U/B. Unknown ship reported gunned by U/Boat in 025°
attack. 25' S. 034° 49' E.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 0935Z/1 to ARROW).

Tugs. My 0658Z/23 and F.O.C.R.I.N. 0631Z/29. No base
Trincomalee. tugs are available at Trincomalee from either Colombo or India and it is very doubtful if any will be available from Abadan or Basra. (?E)

Liaison Officer India 1057/29 refers.
(2) Requirements tugs in Ceylon are as follows in order of priority.
(3) Request these Tugs may be provided from those mentioned in A.M. 1618B/24 and 1158B/24.
(F.O.I.C.Ceylon 1029Z/1 to D.C. in C.E.F.(R) C. in C.E.F.Admty, etc).

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Ceylon Movements. Summary No.4 of 1/7. Ref. Summary No.3. 1. SCOUT arrived Colombo 1/7. 2. JUMNA due Bombay 1/7. 4 LISMORE previous orders cancelled now due Bombay. 3/7 to escort Dutch submarines K.14 and O. 23 to Colombo. Summary Number 4. 1. FALMOUTH left Colombo 1/7 escorting convoy M.B.10 (CORBIS) to vicinity of Bombay. CORBIS proceeds thence to Abadan, FALMOUTH to Bombay. 2. ASTER arrived Colombo 28/6. 3. SPRINGTIDE left Bombay 25/6 in Convoy BM 23 arrived Cochin 30/6. 4. SCOUT leaves Colombo 2/7 escorting KUTSANG and SINGU to Addu Atoll. (F.O. Ceylon 1147Z/1 to Admty, etc).

GRIPSHOLM Repatriations. Swedish South American Liner GRIPSHOLM is arriving Lourenco Marques about 6/7 from New York via Rio de Janeiro under safe conduct to repatriate diplomatic and nationals. (Description).

Expected time of departure Lourenco Marques to (Group omitted) New York via Trinidad about 10/7.

4. Ship is routed through 030° S. 033° E. to destination and from Lourenco Marques through 030° S. 033° E and if met is not to be molested.

(D. C. in C.E.F. 1320Z/1 to Eastern Fleet).

SOBIESKI C.M.29.

SOBIESKI escorted by A/S trawler is to (?leave harbour) about 8/7 to (? join) convoy C.M.29. R/V (?will be) (?signalled). (D.C. in C.E.F. 1321Z/1 to N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez (R) Admty. DAUNTLESS D. of S.T. H.Q. Force 121, etc)

NEWCASTLE. Repairs.

Having taken counsel of local repair firm following are my conclusions with regard to NEWCASTLE. (A) Holes (see my 0343/30) being below waterline cannot be repaired here or at Massawa in under 2

months.

(B) Ship is not in a condition to face a head sea. (C). Before making an ocean passage and head winds, ship must be docked and holes covered up. Proposed that (1) maximum possible stiffening be carried out at Aden - this is being proceeded with. Time 14 days. (2) Ship then to proceed to Bombay with escort capable of towing in emergency - the monsoon blowing from abaft the beam, this I consider feasible and C.O. concurs. (3) At Bombay holes to be plated over - estimated time 3 weeks - after which ship can proceed on any ocean passage.

(D) After strengthening with coffer dams and stiffening here it might be possible to get ship to South Africa. I feel however that prolonged driving into a head sea such as has recently been experienced will weaken the whole forepart with result that the eventual refit will be extended and time lost in the end.

(E) Request reply be sent to NEWCASTLE repeated C.S.4. (F.O.4.C.S. 1550Z/1 to C. in C.E.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. etc.).

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Arrival 1/7 ^{/Kilindini} WARSPITE, FORMIDABLE, ILLUSTRIOUS,
LAFOREY, LIGHTNING, FOXHOUND, and ~~THE~~ VAN GALEN.
(F.O.I.C.E. Africa & Zanzibar. 1759C/1 to Admty
(R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon).

Ships for
Suez
priority.

High priority in fuelling, repairing and routeing
should be given to following ships, whose early
arrival at Suez is important. OCEAN VESPER, CAPE
HAWKE, QUEEN VICTORIA, SANTOS, GLENAPP, CITY OF
EXETER, SABOR, FERNBANK, FORT ST JAMES.

TORONTO, TAH SINIA, FORT TADOUSSAC EMPIRE IBEX, OLIVEBANK,
LEEDS CITY, SOPHOCLES, ST ROSARIO, CITY OF JOHANNESBURGH.
Higher priority should however be given to ships in A.M. 1555/12/6
(D.O.D.(F) 2215B/1 to C. in C.E.F. C. in C.S.A.).

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U-boat
Campaign. Connav Serial 30, contained in Cominch's 2133/30 (N.T. in W.D.) reads as follows:
EMPIRE MICA (British Tanker) torpedoed and sunk 29/6 29° 25' N., 85° 17' W. 14 British survivors including master.
SAN BLAS (Panamanian) torpedoed and sunk 17/6 25° 26' N., 95° 33' West.
NUEVA ALTA GRACIA DOMSCH attacked and sunk 16/6 13° 27' N., 67° 35' W.
CLAN MACQUARRIE (British) torpedo and sunk 13/6 05° 30' N., 23° 30' W. Chief Officer and 27 of crew landed at Trinidad. 61 others last seen in two boats on day of sinking.
POLYBIUS (U.S.) torpedoed and sunk 26/6 11° 33' N., 59° 33' W. (Cominch, No T.O.O./1 to Admty).

TURQUINO Your 1751/21. TURQUINO arrived (?29)/6. (N.S.H.Q., ?139Z/1 to S.O.(I) Kingston (R) Admty. etc).

ACONITE,
SANDWICH,
salvage of
WAIWERA. Your 1832Z/30 approved. (F.O.N.F., 0140Z/1 to ACONITE (R) SANDWICH, Admty etc).
Have reached 045° 56' N., 034° 23' W. Nothing yet sighted. Commencing search of area. Intend returning to report position of wreck to R/V with tugs at 1100 G.M.T./1. Special weather report. (SANDWICH, 0207Z/1 to F.O.N.F. (R) Admty etc).
Have carried out search 60 miles to E.N.E. line of HILDA COOPER reported position. Have sighted oil fuel and small quantity of wreckage in area. R/V with ZWARTE ZEE and FRISKY 1510 G.M.T/1 in 045° 56' N, 033° 52' W. Am continuing search eastward.
Weather report.
(SANDWICH, 1545Z/1 to F.O.N.F. or Capt. D. St. Johns N.F.)

GUARDFISH. This is C.T.F. 25's 0536/1 to above addressees for information submarine extract. Ref. C.T.F. 25's 1717/26. GUARDFISH upon arrival 036° N., 070° 46' W., about 0750/1 changing course to pass through new point (b) (1) 035° N., 069° 10' W., delete point (c). Upon arrival (b) (1) proceed on course 180° on surface diving at discretion, adjust speed to resume original track and schedule at 2000 position 3/7 026° 05' 069° 10'. All times Z. Addressees modify originator's reference and Oorder 128A.42 accordingly.
(Cominch, 0744/1, to C. in C. A.W.I., etc).

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Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T.1/7.
Ship Position Course Speed.
ARCHER 20½° N. 37½° W. 300° 12½
*DIOMEDE Arriving 358° 13
Pernambuco.
(D.O.D. (F), 0910Z/1 to Opnav (R) Comnavu).
** Arrived - see p 15.*

W.A.T. Convoys. Following received through C.A.F.A.C. from C.C.S.F. (begins) In W.A.T. convoys vessels bound eastwards of Trinidad may break off and disperse north of Boca de Navios. Beyond that point there is no escort available (ends). Submit this will create a serious focal point and gives no variation in leaving Caribbean Sea for commencement of ocean route. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 0953QR/1 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty). S.N.O. Curacao, 0953/1 being passed to B.A.D. Washington. Strongly concur in last para. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1902P/1 to Admty (R) B.A.D., S.N.O. Curacao). Reply of B.A.D., see 0049/3.

JAGERSFONTEIN Dutch JAGERSFONTEIN torpedoed and sunk a.m./26 (sunk 26/6). in 32° 02' N., 54° 53' W. No casualties. All survivors rescued by Swiss ST. CERGUE. 86 U.S. Army Officers 5 British D.E.M.S. Ratings. 6 British A/A gunners and 2 Dutch Army other ranks transferred to U.S.S. BERNADOU and landed at Bermuda. Rescued crew 100 including 2 women also 12 passengers continuing voyage in ST. CERGUE. C.Bs. believed thrown overboard. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1019P/1 to Admty B.A.D. etc).

U.S. Dispositions. A.M.1144B/24. Further dispositions U.S. Forces in Atlantic:- Battleships. NEW YORK at Norfolk, WASHINGTON at Scapa. 8" cruisers AUGUSTA at New York. 6" Cruisers. OMAHA at San Juan, MILWAUKEE on patrol off Pernambuco, BROOKLYN at Bermuda, PHILADELPHIA at New York, JUNEAU at Boston (D.O.D. (F), 1112B/1 to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q.)

U/B Sub. sighted by P.A.A. aircraft 1520 G.M.T. 016° 55' N., 066° 55' W., 090° 15 knots. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1142Q/1 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty etc).

BURWELL, READING. C.O.A.C's 1908Z/30 (N.T. in W.R.) BURWELL and READING of Newfoundland Escort Force refitting at Liverpool and London respectively could be made available for first part of escort if completed in time. (F.O.N.F., 1154Z/1 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q. etc).

U/B attacked. S/M attacked by aircraft in 044° 12' N., 062° 16' W., at 1144Z/1. (C.O.A.C., 1200Z/1 to Admty).

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REINE MARIE STEWART, (shelled 2/6). Your 1914Z/29 (N.T. in W.D.) REINE MARIE STEWART shelled by U-boat 2/6 7° 16' N., 23° 20' W. Last seen burning to waterline. Entire crew landed Capetown. (D.T.D., 1307B/1 to N.S.H.Q., (R) B.R.O. New York).

not destroyed

LIGHTNING, EGYPTIAN PRINCE, collision. Your 1532B/27 (whether any convoy was near EGYPTIAN PRINCE and LIGHTNING when they collided). C.T.U.24.18.3. which was escorting H.X.194 on night in question does not consider any other Convoy was met. No Canadian Coastal Convoys were in the vicinity and the American Convoy mentioned in F.O.N.F's 1254Z/29 is estimated by C.T.F.24 to have been 50 miles west of H.X.194 at the time of collision. (N.S.H.Q. 1518Z/1 to Admty (R) Connnav, etc).

Navigation. Pulaski Shoal Light, previously reported extinguished, was relighted 29/6 period dry. Tortugas and Rebecca Shoal Lights, erroneously reported extinguished, are functioning normally. (U.S.N., 1528/1 to All American Ships).

Convoy Position Reports. C.T.24 reports early dissemination of Cominch C and R estimated convoy position reports of considerable value to escort commanders and requests time restriction of escort reports correcting estimated position be rescinded. Cominch C and R concurs. Your comments requested. (Connnav, 1531/1 to Admty (R) C.T.24) Reply: Admty 1406Z/2.

A.S.4 Propose Convoy A.S.4 sails Recife 25/7 arriving position M.O.M.P. 08.45 S., 11.20 W. at 0700Z/30, S. of A 12.3 knots. (Connnav, 1554/1 to Admty (R) C. in C. A.F., C.T.F.23) Reply: Admty 1433/2.

Vesca Signals. A.M.2339/13 Para. 1. If you concur propose to discontinue repeating Vescas from East Indies and Mediterranean stations to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. (D.T.D., 1556Z/1 to Connnav (R) N.S.H.Q.)

U/B Positions. 1/7 S/M Estimate. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1647/1, 1651/1, 1659/1, 1701/1, 1708/1 to Admty).

BARELEUR. Your 1739/30. Request you will pass on route and programme of French ship BARFLEUR to F.O.C.N.A. also. (D.O.D. (F), 1720B/1 to Cominch). *See p.13.*

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WARRIOR torpedoed. Following been read SSSS SS. WARRIOR, KEVM torpedoed 10.56 N., 61.09 W. (Bermuda, 1743 G.M.T./1 to Admty).

U.S. Routeing Curacao. U.S. Routeing Office take over actual routeing of all shipping from Curacao on 3/7. BR.O. Aruba continues to route ships from Aruba. (S.B.N.O. Curacao, 1801QR/1 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty).

PENNYWORT. My 1644/15 PENNYWORT is now at Boston and will be taken in hand at Navy Yard. (B.A.M.R., 1826Z/1 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q. etc).

Busra Busra now in full effect. Ref. my 13/1653. (Connav, 1945/1 to All sea Frontiers, *Alusna Lima, Alusna Buenos Aires, Alusnob Pernambuco. U.S. Naval Observer, Guayaquil (R) S.O.(I) Kingston (Jam.), C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Admty). *Alusna Bogota.

EMPIRE CLOUGH (torpedoed 10/6). 12 survivors British SS. EMPIRE CLOUGH picked up by Portuguese Schooner 26/6. Survivors received on 1 of our vessels in 60° N., 53° W., on 30/6. They will be placed on board next south-bound ship. All will require hospitalization. List follows. (C.T. ? 25, 1947Z/1 to C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. U.S. Fleet, (C and R) Opnav, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.)

"Prince" A.M.Cs. re-arming. Personal from 1st S.L. I do not know to what extent you have been consulted as regards proposals for re-arming the "Prince" auxiliary Cruisers with 5 twin 4" H.A/L.A. mountings instead of 6".
2. I am rather disturbed at this suggestion as this armament would place these ships at the mercy of any German Raider and therefore rule out their employment as A.M.C. in waters where raiders may be expected.
3. I would be glad to know what service you have in mind for these ships if re-armed with 4" guns. (1st S.L., 2002B/1 to C.N.S. Canada).

SAM HOUSTON (torpedoed 28/6). U.S. SAM HOUSTON torpedoed 28/6 100 miles north Sombrero. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2029B/1 to Admty C. in C. A.W.I. B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. Connav, F.O.C. Trinidad, S.O.(I) Freetown, S.O.(I) Capetown for S.A.S.)

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Floating Dock. My 1350/20/4 and related despatches. 3,000 tons wooden floating dock in tow 1 British and 1 Moran Tug expected ready sail New York 6/7 for Freetown via St. Thomas. C.E.S.F. provides escort 2 British Trawlers New York to St. Thomas arriving about 20/7. Providing practicable air coverage British Ships will escort St. Thomas to Freetown.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2048/1 to C.E.S.F., C.C.S.F., (R) C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) Admty, C.T.F.23, O.I.N.C. Sub. Base, St. Thomas, R.A.W.A., B.A.D.)

Sub attack and sighting summary. PEDRINHAS torpedoed and sunk 23° 07' N., 62° 06' W 1415Z/26. SAM HOUSTON torpedoed and sunk 20° 15' N., 63° 20' W., 0620Z/28. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM 2 torpedo hits sunk 35° 04' N., 70° 46' W. approx. 2305Z/30. SEA THRUSH torpedoed and presumed sunk 20° 40' N., 61° 10' W., 30/6. DINSDALE sunk at 01° S., 30° 15' W. 0200Z/31/5. 3 torpedo hits, 1 miss, ships crew claims several hits on C/T WALTER JENNINGS was not attacked but fired 5 rounds at sub, no hits. SAN PABLO 35 shells. WESTERN HEAD 2 torpedo hits. CITY OF MELBOURNE 1 torpedo hit, 33 shells. CRIJNSSEN 1 torpedo hit, 1 miss. ELIZABETH 1 torpedo hit, 1 shell, ship fired, 2 shells. Motor U.88 type 60 rounds, possibly 2 torpedoes fired 1 hit, 1 miss. BAGHDAD 2 torpedo hits BETH, 2 torpedo hits. BRITISH COLONY 3 torpedoes. LJUBICA MATKOVIC, 3 torpedo hits. BENNESTVET, Figure of Neptune holding forked spear pointing down painted on side of C/T. Surface craft attacks sound contact 38° 38' N. 74° 31' W., 1900Z/11/6. Escorting craft attacks sound contact at time and position of attack on CITY OF BIRMINGHAM. Plane attacks sub on surface 34° 30' N., 75° 22' W., 2135Z/30. Planes sight subs apparently on surface 1 29° 15' N., 83° 49' W. 1909Z/30 course 130°, 1 16° 55' N., 66° 55' W., 1529Z/1/7 course 90° speed 15. Surface craft attacks sub on surface 41° 10' N., 71° 29' W., 0041Z/1 M.V. reports sighting sub. 27° 57' N., 96° 50' W. approx. 1200Z/1 (Cominch, 2104/1 to Admty for O.I.C.)
Serial 1. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM U.S. torpedoed sunk 30/6 35.10 N., -70.53 W. SAM HOUSTON U.S. torpedoed sunk 28/6 20.15 N., 63.20 W. PEDRINHAS Brazil torpedoed sunk 26/6 23.07 N., 62.06 W. SEA THRUSH U.S. torpedoed sunk 30/6 22.40 N., 61.10 W. (Connav, 2121/1 to N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, C.P.S.F., C.E.S.F., C.C.S.F., S.O.(I) Jamaica, C.G.S.F.)

U/Bs Cap Haiten. R.O. Cap Haiten passes report from Anglo French Gendarmerie 4 S/MS seen afternoon 29th between Jeran Rabel and Port de Paix eastbound He considers number exaggerated but some truth in report.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2129B/1 to Admty etc).

TILLIE LYKES, My 1203/28. Second and third ships arrived. No GERTRUDE KELLOG, news third. (?first intended)
INTERNATIONAL. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2138R/1 to Admty etc).

ANDREW JACKSON. My 1554/25. ANDREW JACKSON arrived.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2141R/1 to Admty etc).

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Trinidad. Your 1916B/29/6 (1916B/30 intended) Cominch (C and R) does not consider it desirable to supply this advance information to B.R.O. Trinidad especially as the convoy cycle is three days. (2) Para. 1 applies to both category A and B. N.O.I.C. Trinidad pass to B.R.O. Trinidad. (B.A.D., 2141Z/1 to Admty (R) C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q. etc).

LINA MARKOVIC
minefield,
precautions. Your 1022P/29 Para. 3. Instructions have been promulgated to this effect. Opanav 1920/29/2 refers. (2) Suggested B.R.O. Cristobal should report any case of this instruction being omitted in ships' sailing orders to Colon. (B.A.D., 2159Z/1 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty. B.R.O. Cristobal).

Secret
Documents. J.S.M. No. 280. 1/7/42. Ref. C.O.S. (W) 208. (1620/23) From preliminary discussion within combined secretariat we understand Americans might be prepared to institute a new category corresponding to British "Most Secret". 2. Before approaching U.S. Chiefs of Staff officially we should like to know the agreed British inter-service definitions of the four categories of security. May we have these? (J.S.M. Washington, 2201Z/1 to Chiefs of Staff London).

BOISSEVAIN
(Dutch)
chased. Following from BOISSEVAIN, 030° 49' N., 043° 36' W. chased by S/M speed of enemy 18 knots, 2130 G.M.T.1/7. (Portishead Radio, 2220/1 to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty).

Area
Limits. Your 1852/30. Navy Dept. have asked Commander S.W. Pacific Force by signal for the division between Q.F.A. and Q.F.B. sub-areas. Para. 2. Ref. article 5, East Indies area. Presume Q.C.B. sub area will be deleted and that against Q.C. should read "C. in C. E.F." or "Deputy C. in C. E.F." (B.A.D., 2231Z/1 to Admty (R) C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q.)

MONA MARIE British Schooner MONA MARIE sunk by submarine 2130 G.M.T./28 in approx. 012° 22' N., 060° 10' W. All crew at St. Vincent, B.A.D. pass to Connav (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2328R/1 to Admty etc).

CITY OF
BIRMINGHAM. SS. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM (U.S.) hit by 2 torpedoes sank in 35.04 N., 70.46 W., at 2330 G.M.T./30. Ship sank in 4½ minutes C.Bs. going down with ship. 365 survivors including 6 seriously injured landed by U.S.S. STANSBURY at Bermuda p.m.1/7. 18 missing all believed to be members of crew. Only British subjects were two Dockyard Employees en route H.M. Dockyard Bermuda, both are safe. (C. in C. A.W.I., 2357P/1 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., etc).

/Midway...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies - Contd.

- Midway Island Battle. Further to my 2045/30. (1) Report on U.S. Army Air participation in Midway Is. Battle has been received and has been forwarded to Air Ministry by R.A.F. Intelligence.
- (2) 55 B.17 and 4 B.26 Sorties were carried out. Results claimed are: A. With torpedoes 2 hits on 1 carrier, 1 hit on another. B. With bombs. 6 hits on battleships, 7 hits on 3 carriers, 1 heavy cruiser set afire and 1 destroyer sunk, 1 transport damaged.
- (3) 6 zeros shot down. U.S. lost 2 B.17 and 2 B.26 and 2 B.26 crashed landing.
- (4) Remarks: A. Zeros were loath to close bomber formation.
B. Pilots tended to over estimate value of near misses.
C. Double combat and maintenance crews required.
D. Equipment for ? broad runway quickly is an urgent need, many tyres were burst by A/A fragments on runway.
E. Rear gunners need more training.
F. Japanese use radio deception. Authentication of tactical messages is necessary.
G. Combat crews were exhausted before action by R/C sweep in formation.
H. Spare parts and spare maintenance personnel are necessary as well as spare A/C at dispersal points.
- (5) From Cdr. Laing's report of Midway Is. operation it appears that bomb hits claimed are probably optimistic.
(B.A.D., 2357Z/1 to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F.)

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia & New Zealand.Movements.

Arrival Brisbane 0055Z/1. AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, HOBART, U.S.Cruisers, CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY, and U.S.Destroyers HENLEY, BAGLEY, PATTERSON and JARVIS. IPSWICH left Brisbane 0125Z/1st for Sydney (N.S.W.).
(A.C.N.B. 1244Z/1 to Admty, etc).

WARREGO arrived Townsville 1355Z/30. U.S. destroyer HELM arrived Sydney (N.S.W.) 2058Z/30.
(A.C.N.B. 1551Z/1 to Admty, etc).

Situation.

(Serial 159 from C.W.R.30/6). 3 Merchant ships, 1000, 4000 7000 tons sighted at Ambon by air R/C 30/6.

- (2) Air R/C Tanimbar Island 30/6 sighted only one small ship.
(3) Ref.serial Nos.155 and 157, fire still burning fiercely at Dilli 28/6.
(4) B.17 on R/C attacked and damaged by one Zero over Koepang 30/6. Zero possibly damaged. No shipping sighted.
(5) Indications of one enemy S/M off Aneityum Island, (New Hebrides) 29/6.
(6). Allied land force successfully raided Salamaua during the night 27/28. Equipment and documents captured. Enemy casualties 60, allied 2 wounded. Enemy reinforcements have arrived from Lae and possibly Rabaul.
(7) Komiatum (7 miles south of Salamaua) and Mubo (12 miles south of Salamaua) bombed by enemy 29/6. No damage reported.
(8) 2 Fortresses attacked Lae 1845Z/29. Results not observed.
(9) 3 Fortresses attacked Rabaul separately 30/6 as follows:-
(a) Lakunai aerodrome 1630Z/29 result not observed.
A/A appeared heavier and more accurate than usual. (b) Wharves 1720Z/29. 4 fires started on coaling jetty. (c) Malagunan aerodrome 1845Z/30 1 fire observed.
(10). Reports indicate enemy 3-funnelled light cruiser was sunk in Sandfly passage off Florida Island (Solomon Island) on 22/6 or 23/6.
(A.C.N.B. 1423Z/1 to Admty etc).

Documents for Russians in Pacific.

Your 1218/4/5. My 1725/12/5. Is A.S.R.S.4. fully distributed to Russians operating in Pacific?
2. Your 1607/21/5, my 1834/22/5. A.S.R.S.5. refers. Request reply.
(D.S.D.1748B/1 to Adm.Miles). *Reply: 1749/7.*

Auckland Operating Base.

Your 1646M/18/6. Request quantities required may be stated. (D.A.S.1756/1 to N.Z.N.B.(R) B.A.D.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.S/MS Reported.

Estimated U/B positions
(D.D.I.C. 1330B/1, 1430B/1).

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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

Russian aircraft attacked Banak and Kirkenes aerodromes today.

Five Mosquito aircraft of Bomber Command attacked the shipbuilding Yard at Flensburg in daylight today.

Enemy Air Operations.

Murmansk is now practically destroyed by fire and is still burning.

Mining.

Mines were detonated today off Beachy Head.

Mediterranean.

Enemy aircraft attacks on Malta yesterday and today were on a rather heavier scale than of late and were carried out both by day and night.

C. in C Med. and operational staff proceeded to take up H.Q. at Ismailia today: the administrative staff are at Port Said. There was an air raid on Alexandria last night, but no damage was caused. Six enemy aircraft laid 11 mines in the Suez Canal.

SS. ORIZABA in W.S.19, carrying part of the 8th Armoured Division urgently required in the Middle East, has been sent to Bombay in error instead of Suez.

East Indies.

British tanker SEUA ROMANA reported being attacked by a submarine early this morning about 250 miles east of Dar-es-Salaam. SS. PHEMIUS reported being twice attacked early this morning in the Mozambique Channel. The action which is being taken against enemy submarines in the Mozambique Channel is given in D.C. in C. E.F. 1616Z/2; there is a paucity of air patrols due to the non arrival of maintenance stores.

/Operation....

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies - Contd.

Operation
"Throat".

Mayotta Island (Comoro Is.) was captured in the early hours G.M.T. of today. Complete surprise was achieved and there were no casualties on either side. It is intended to construct an aircraft landing ground and refuelling base on the island, with a view to flying fighters from Tanganyika to Madagascar.

America & West Indies.

The first Trinidad - Curacao - Key West convoy (T.A.W.1) sailed today.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Arcticising
Destroyers.

Your 1541/1. The only destroyers for which specifications have been prepared for arcticising are Tribal, E, F, and I, Classes. Para. 3.
(A) 5 to 6 weeks (B) 5 to 6 weeks (C) Yes.
(D.O.D. (H.) 2223B/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

Movements.PRETORIA
CASTLE.
OAKLEY.
VIVIEN.

F.O.I.C. Greenock's 1744/1. Request OAKLEY may be detailed to R/V with PRETORIA CASTLE in 315° Cape Wrath 15 at 1100B/3 and provide escort until relieved at 1600B/3 off Duncansby Head.
(A.C.O.S. 1142/2 to R.A.D.)
Sail at 0600/3 to R/V with PRETORIA CASTLE 090° Duncansby Head 5 miles by 1600/3 and escort her to Tyne. Speed of PRETORIA CASTLE is 15 knots.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1511B/2 to VIVIEN.)

AURORA.

Intend to sail AURORA for Scapa at 1830B/4.
E.T.A. Scapa 2000B/5.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1220B/2.)

SKATE.

Intend sailing SKATE for Londonderry at 2100/3.
E.T.A. 0500/5 in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 2224B/27/6.
Request fighter protection on passage. Ship newly commissioned.
(N.O.I.C. Middlesbrough 1255/2 to C. in C. Rosyth)

WASHINGTON.

C. in C. U.S. Fleet directs that WASHINGTON and destroyers now in Task Force 99 be detached upon Desdiv 19 reporting to Comnavu. The detached group will report to C. in C. Lant for duty and routing to East Coast of U.S.
(Comnavu 1315/2 to Admty.)

NEPAL.

Admiralty's 1752/26 and R.A.D. H.F. 0004/28.
My position 057° 57' N 5° 48' W. E.T.A. 0530/4.
(NEPAL 1500B/2 to N.O.I.C. Southampton.)

SHEFFIELD.

When ready for sea SHEFFIELD should be sailed for Rosyth to carry out Tilt Test.
2. On completion of Tilt Test C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail SHEFFIELD for Scapa to work up.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1536B/2.)

CARTHAGE.

Your 1714/26. On completion of refit 18/7 request you will sail CARTHAGE for Greenock for 14 days working up practices.
(D.O.D. (F.) 1601B/2 to F.O.I.C. Southampton.)

/HOWE...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.

HOWE. Arrived HOWE escorted by VENOMOUS, SHIKARI and SARDONYX.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1641B/2.)

ICARUS. Amended time of arrival 0100B/3.
(ICARUS 1800B/2 to A.C.I.C.)

KENYA. Scapa arrival KENYA.
(A.C.O.S. 2043/2.)

ACONIT~~E~~. My P.C.S. at 0001Z/3 050° 52' N 020° 58' W, 063°
11.5 knots.
(ACONIT~~E~~: 2257Z/2 to Admty.) *See p. 40.*

Operations.

Operation Scapa arrival SIRIUS.
E.S. (A.C.O.S. 1404/2.)
(Force X.) *union of-* Scapa arrivals. CURACOA, OAKLEY, CATTERICK,
SIRIUS. OTHELLO, INCHMARNOCK, KERRERA, SHIANT, LIGHTFOOT,
CURACOA. LAURISTON, NORMANVILLE, ORKLA.
etc. (A.C.O.S. 2230/2.)
*(Diversionsary convoys
L.P.Q.17)*

N.W. Norway Positions at 0800B/3 and movements for following
S/M Patrol. 24 hours.
A. URSULA, TRIBUNE, SEAWOLF, TRIDENT, P.212,
STURGEON, MINERVE, P.45 and P.54 in Zones K.52,
K.53, K.54, K.55, K.56, K.57, K.58, K.59, and
K.60 respectively.
B. P.614 and P.615 with P.Q.17.
(F.O.S. 1636B/2.)

British Air Activity.

N.W. Norway (A) Catalina A/C will carry out a patrol between
A/C Patrol. 72° N 17° E and 72° N 25° E from 0600Z/3 to
0600Z/6. Particulars as to transmissions and
homing procedure.
(G) Between times given in para (A) S/Ms are to
cease watch on 4740 kc/s and maintain constant watch while on
the surface on 6000 kc/s or 3215 kc/s as appropriate, shifting
if necessary to 385 kc/s, in addition maintain H.S. routines.
(F.O.S. 1028B/2 to S/Ms. Negative P.614 and P.615.)
CC/G4 2/7. Three short-range Catalinas are to be flown to
Archangel on dates and times stated below and are to carry out
following crossover en route. Times are those where A/C are to
begin crossover patrol.
Crossover 71° 35' N 23° 40' E, 71° 50' N 19° 10' E, 71° 20' N
19° 10' E 72° 5' N 23° 40' E, first Catalina 1530/3.
Second Catalina 0200/4. Third Catalina 1400/4. Area to be
patrolled for 2½ hours or to PLE Liberator 1 from Stornoway to
patrol crossover as above on 4/7 between 0800 hours and 1200
hours returning to base on completion of patrol.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity.N.W. Norway
A/C Patrol.
Contd.

1 Long-range Catalina now on ice recco to be held in readiness on return in case of need. Signal procedure laid down in C.C.O. 12/42 para. 165 (G) to be carried out by all A/C.
(H.Q.C.C. 1719/2 to 18 and 15 Groups.)
My 1028/2. Cancel para (A) and substitute new

para (A).

Catalina or Liberator aircraft will carry out a crossover patrol between 19° and 23° 40' E in vicinity of latitude 71° 40' N between 1530B/3 and 0300B/5.

(F.O.S. 1751B/2.)

Can you arrange for facilities at Lake Lakhta to be increased immediately so that three more Catalinas can operate from there first aircraft arriving p.m. 3/7. Request immediate reply.

(Air Ministry 1055 G.M.T./2 to 30 Mission.)

Air Ministry 1055/2. Only 2 Catalinas can be handled at Lake Lakhta at present owing to lack of fuel. Russian Naval Staff wish them to proceed to Grasnaya.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1810B/2 to 30 Mission (R) S.B.N.O. North Russia, Admty.)

Your 1055/2 and my 2145/2. Next Catalina should bring a competent Russian interpreter to work with flying boats and Russian Navy.

2. Only two interpreters at Archangel and one in Moscow and all are fully employed.

3. Signal full names date and place of birth of officer selected and whether he has been to Russia previously with details.

(30 Mission 2140Z/2 to Air Ministry.)

Your 1055/2. 1. Russians have agreed to provide facilities at Lake Lakhta for 3 more Catalinas.

2. Wish to emphasise again that conditions at Grasnaya misrepresented in Archangel signal ARC 611 2/7. If therefore increase in number Catalinas due to moving base operations to Lakhta consider waste of effort involved not justified by escaping question big degree risk attendant on operating from Grasnaya.

3. At present no means communicating A/C in air except plain language. Please despatch by next Catalina 2 Syko with cards and 2 copies AP1927. My Air 999 30/6 refers.

(30 Mission 2145 G.M.T./2 to Air Ministry.)

Archangel 1810/2. All facilities for (? crews or reception.) of Catalinas at Grasnaya are completed.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2224B/2 to Admty.)

Banak
and
Kirkenes
attacked.
R/C to
Tromso.

At 0300/2, 9 DB3 A/C attacked Banak, and 6 PE2 A/C attacked Kirkenes. One DB3 A/C made an offensive R/C to Tromso and bombed one M/V off Hammerfest.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1333B/2.)

"Knocker".

Operation "Knocker" 44 Group A.S.1 2/4/2 route from Stornoway to Ayr will be by West Coast. East Coast route not to be used without special T.A. TAC authorisation. Request Bomber Command liaison officer informs U.S. authorities.
(A.O.C. 44 Group 1119/2 to R.A.F. Stornoway.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.Portland
bombed.

P.T.1. In action 0242/2.
 1. Bs dropped on S.F. Site 0222.
 Communications with 80 Wing being established
 0240.
 Enemy A/C passing through area dropped H.E. and
 I.B. within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile radius of Site.
 (F.O.I.C. Portland 0502B/2 to Admty.)

Murmansk
attacked
on 1/7.

My 1441/1. Murmansk heavily raided again on 1/7.
 Commercial Port reported on fire and considerable
 damage from incendiaries. Estimated two thirds
 of town now destroyed. Five Junkers 87 shot
 down.
 (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1333B/2 to Admty.)
 See also Shipping and Convoys.

Escort
for
WINDSOR
CASTLE.

Expect air escort about 0515 G.M.T. tomorrow.
 (C. in C. W.A. 1406Z/2 to WINDSOR CASTLE.)

Seidisfiord.

F.W. seen at entrance to Seidisfiord 1540 - 1555
 today height of 50 - 220 feet. Proceeding
 eastward. A/C did not pass up Fiord.
 (A.C.I.C. 1725B/2 to C. in C.H.F. (R) C.S.10.)

Mining.Thames
Estuary.

At 0832/1 and 0825/1 respectively two ground
 mines exploded by sweepers. Details.
 (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1025/2 and 1045/2.)

Dover
Area.

6 Red Mines and one possibly Acoustic Mine
 swept yesterday. in QZX 750. Positions and Serial
 Numbers.
 (V.A. Dover 1121B/2.)

Sweep of
QZS 293.

Intend sailing 0900/3 carrying out "A" sweeping
 in QZS 293 between Portland Bill and St. Albans
 from 1000 to 1530, then close range A.A. firing
 at sleeve target from 1630 to 1800, returning to
 Portland 1815.
 (M/S.9 1200B/2 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Off
Beachy
Head.

One red magnetic mine exploded by sweepers in
 095° Beachy Head Light 9.7 miles. Details.
 (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1208/2 and 2210/2.)
 At 1045/2 one red mine exploded by sweepers.
 Details. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2159/2.)

Harwich.

At 1004/2 one Green mine exploded by sweepers.
 Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1638B/2.)

/R.A.M...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining - Contd.

R.A.M. Arrived R.A.M. in SOUTHERN PRINCE with MENESTHEUS, AGAMEMNON, PORT QUEBEC, ADVENTURE, BRIGHTON and ST.MARYS.
(N.O.I.C. Port ZA. 1848/2.)

Humber. At 0636/2 one green mine exploded by sweepers.
Details.
(F.O. Humber 1920/2.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Trondheim. No photographic R/C of Trondheim was carried out
Narvik. on 1/7.
(D.S.D. 0235B/2 to C. in C. H.F. etc.)
R/C Trondheim this forenoon unsuccessful. Further attempt later.
(D.D.I.C. 1404B/2.)
My 1404B/2. No p.m. R/C Trondheim. R/C Narvik unsuccessful.
(D.D.I.C. 2008B/2.)

N.W. Norway Russians report 29th June. Varanger Fiord one
on 29/6. destroyer. Off Harbaken Head two M/Vs with trawler escort proceeding west. Convoy believed to have sailed Kirkenes to westward.
(Ad. Miles 1205C/2.)

Baltic. My 1257/27. Yesterday Swedish GALEON was missed by torpedo from Russian S/M whilst proceeding in Swedish waters off Vastervisted. She had proceeded independently one hour ahead of south bound convoy from Landsort which had just crossed north bound convoy from Oskarshamm when attack occurred.
(2) S/M was hunted by destroyer EHRENSKJOLD and other torpedo craft also without Asdics. Air assistance was also used and depth charges were dropped but there is little likelihood of successful attack.
(3) In consequence of there being no activity in southern Baltic the Gedser Warnemunde Ferry has continued to run and Trelleorg Sassnitz service was resumed today.
(4) There are no convoys north of Aaland Island.
(5) Reference Optel 26 total casualties by Russian S/Ms to date are Danish ORION damaged, Finnish ARGO sunk, Swedish ADA GORTON sunk. No other Swedish ship has been sunk. Graded A2.
(N.A. Stockholm 1741/2.)

SCHARNHORST. PRU Sortie at 1255/2 shows Kiel. SCHARNHORST
NÜRNBERG. still present at entrance to inner dockyard basin
PRINZ EUGEN. with camouflage in position. Since 23/6
NÜRNBERG entered dry dock number six, where she is heavily camouflaged.
PRINZ EUGEN still occupies dry dock No.5. No other major naval units present.
(PRU. Benson 2100/2) (D.D.I.C. 2334B/2.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Following bearings, probably of U-Boat, obtained at 0940Z/2. Shetlands 008/CP, Cupar 003/C, Portrush 010/P, T.O.O. 1114. 39 Groups. (D.D.I.C. 1307/2 to A.I.G.47.)

Faroese trawler SALABERG reports sighting U-Boat on surface at 0400B today, 34 miles 090° Sumbo Light Sydero, course unknown. U-Boat subsequently submerged. Graded B 2. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1411B/2 to A.C.O.S.)

Casualties and Defects.

GEORGETOWN. GEORGETOWN delayed by defects. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0849B/2.)

LASHER. N.C.S. Drifter LASHER caused damage to Starboard Propeller Guard of LEWES while approaching alongside LEWES in Methil Roads 1900/1. LASHER is seaworthy. (N.O.I.C. Methil 1032/2.)

RORQUAL. In order to replace defective R.D.F. aerial sailing of RORQUAL will be delayed until a.m. 6th. (C. in C. Plymouth 1057B/2.)

GREEN PASTURES. H.M. Drifter GREEN PASTURES on passage to Tilbury now in Tyne. Hull leaking badly. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1118/2.)

AVONVALE. It has only been possible to stiffen No.3. 4 inch mounting in AVONVALE during present refit. Considered desirable that No.1 and 2 mountings should be completed before AVONVALE leaves Devonport, also modified trunnion bearing assemblies should be fitted to all 4 inch mountings. If this work approved request that tilt-test may be postponed. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 1315B/2 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

P.51. Diving trials completed satisfactorily. Both propellers sing slightly between 210 and 330 revolutions. Ship accepted for service but desirable propellers be changed if non-singing propellers are available. (P.51 1423B/2 to Admty.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- Q.P.13. If the enemy becomes aware of your position report briefly ice conditions on your route particularly near Bear Island.
(A.C.N.S. H. 0030B/2 to INGLEFIELD.)
Your 0030B/2. No ice seen on route except 2 growlers in 074° 47' N 023° 18' E.
(INGLEFIELD 1016A/2 to Admty.)
At your discretion INGLEFIELD and INTREPID leave convoy in longitude 11° W and proceed Seidisfiord to await further orders.
(II) My P.C.S. at 1800B/2 067° 15' N 005° 21' W, 035°, 16½ knots.
(C. in C. H.F. 1525B/2 to INGLEFIELD.)
- P.Q.17. D/F bearings on 4995 kc/s at 0150Z indicate that U-Boat has reported P.Q.17.
(D.D.I.C. 0419B/2 to A.I.G.47, S/Ms on patrol N of 51° N (R) H.Q.C.C.)
D/F bearings indicate P.Q.17 was again reported at 0247Z and 0437Z.
(D.D.I.C. 0715B/2.)
Heavy raid Wednesday. Some material damage done dock, some sheds burned out, including British general berth. Position remains as per our signal 155, but only ½ town standing.
(Cormack 1246/2 to Admty.)
Admiral Miles 1229/1. Murmansk is now practically destroyed by fire and still burning.
(2) With regard to air attacks on shipping at anchor off Dvina Light Vessel it is proposed that one A.A. ship should always remain in company herself.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1751B/2.)
With reference to daily convoy positions signal. At what time are positions given?
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1915B/2 to Admty.)
At 1830B/2 A/C was homing U-Boats onto convoy, probably P.Q.17.
(D.D.I.C. 1915B/2 to A.I.G.47.)
Your 1229/1 para 1. Suggest A.A. ships and/or ice-breakers might give some protection from air attack to deep draught vessels whilst partially unloading outside Dvina bar.
Para 2. If this argument is correct it would seem to reinforce suggestion that use of Archangel is preferable. Question of damage to rail and consequent delay in clearance from Murmansk is another factor.
Para 4. U.S. Naval Authorities in London request that before taking final decision you will obtain views of authorities in Archangel and Murmansk but, without special local knowledge, they still adhere to the view that the use of Murmansk is inadvisable.
Para.5. Concur.
(D.T.D. 1943B/2 to Ad. Miles.)
- A.T.17. A.M. 1833B/29. Request that after crossing longitude 15° W you will signal on H/F E.T.A. of troopships at their destinations.
(D.O.D. (H.) 0040B/2 to C.T.F. 37.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - contd.

- O.N.S.108. Your 1559/1. Owing to delay in receiving your 1559/1 it is regretted that it is impracticable to sail ships from Iceland in time to R/V with O.N.S.108, otherwise concur but consider that in view of Q.P.13 anticipated arrival in Iceland (C) ships should sail to join O.N.S.110 and O.N.S.112 and thereafter alternate slow convoys. Do you concur.
(C. in C. W.A. 0830Z/2 to C.T.F. 24.)
- Your 0830/2. Concur provided C.T. Group No. 22.6 can meet these commitments with escort available. C.T.G.24.6 advise regarding name of ocean escort.
(C.N.S. Canada 1842/2 to C. in C. W.A.)
- EMPIRE CLIVE. My 1454/24/6. It is anticipated that loading of EMPIRE CLIVE will be completed by 9/7. It is therefore intended that she should carry out four days working up of R.D.F. at Belfast before sailing in convoy.
(D.T.D. 1037B/2.)
- S.L.113 F. (1) BEAGLE proceed to Clyde forthwith.
(2) Ships for Loch Ewe are to proceed independently from Split.
(C. in C. W.A. 1059B/2.)
- H.X.195. My 2350B/1. Delete ACONIT~~E~~.
(Escort Control, Londonderry 1830B/2 to C.T.F.24.)
See p. 34
- C.E.100 Convoy C.E.100 cancelled.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2153B/2.)
- LORD HOTHAM. ^{/H.T.A. W.D.} Sailed LORD HOTHAM in accordance with my 1528B/26. E.T.A. Gibraltar 16/7.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 2316B/2.)
- P.Q.18. Two C.A.M. ships will be included in Convoy P.Q.18.
(D.T.D. 2322B/2 to Air Ministry.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

U/Bs. (1) Bearings at 2252/1Z of Italian U-Boat 13W.
(2) Bearings at 2258/1Z of Italian U-Boat 12L.
(3) Bearings at 2312/1Z of Italian U-Boat 31G.
(D.D.I.C., 0216B/2 to F.O.C.N.A.)

MIRROR escort. SCOTTISH leaves Y.2 Patrol 0700/2 to relieve ST. NECTAN as escort to Cable ship MIRROR.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0732B/2 to Admty.)
Departure 1220 LORD NUFFIELD to relieve SCOTTISH, as escort to MIRROR. SCOTTISH then assume Y.1 patrol.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1300B/2 to Admty.)

ALOUETTE A/C. One unidentified aeroplane, distance 4 miles, course GYW 8V GZZ.S-R 000°. My position 320° 35 miles from Espichel.
(ALOUETTE, 1052B/2 to Gib. W/T.)

H.G. 85 A/C and U/B. My 1029/2 (N.T. in W.D.) 5 F.W. aircraft are operating in vicinity of convoy. There may be U-Boats co-operating.
(D.D.I.C., 1059B/2 to Escorts to H.G. 85, (R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. W.A.)
Sailed 1740 ITHURIEL, ANTELOPE to join H.G.85 p.m./3rd as additional local escort.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1804B/2 to Admty., C. in C. W.A., Escorts H.G.85.)

Italian M/V Bougie. Following received from Tangier (begins). My 1301/15/6. Italian ship expected to leave Bougie last night with 8000 tons iron ore. 1734/1. (Ends).
(S.O.I. Gib., 1131B/2 to S.O.I. Malta.)

BURDOCK. BURDOCK should report her E.T.A. at St. Vincent to N.C.S.O. St. Vincent when well clear of convoy. Signal to be passed via Freetown or Admty, for recoding and onward transmission.
(D.O.D.(F), 1219B/2 to BURDOCK, (R) N.C.S.O. St. Vincent (C.V.), R.A.W.A.) *See p.45.*

3rd M.L.F. Divert mail for 3rd M.L. Flotilla to Malta. Flotilla now comprises M.Ls. 121, 126, 134, 135, 168, 459, 462.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1242B/2 to Admty., (R) V.A. Malta.)

ATLAS (German) Sighted in 040° 32' N. 003° 40' E. course 140° 15 knots at 1700Z/1st.
(S.O.I. Gib., 1244B/2 to S.O.I. Malta.)

/Germans ...

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Germans in Spain. Minister of Marine gave me his word of honour there was no German Mission in Spain as recently suggested in House of Commons. This tallies with other information.
(N.A. Madrid, 1308/2 to D.N.I.)

Operation "Pinpoint". Owing to impossibility of flying Spitfires from Malta to M.E. in present situation "Pinpoint" is postponed to a more favourable moon period. It should be carried out as soon as possible after return of destroyers with SS. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE.

2. Flying off position. Though it is still desired that Spitfires should arrive in Malta with long range tanks in place this is not now so important for reason in para. 1.

3. Maximum distance from Malta of fly-off should be that given in my 0106/25/5 as amended by my 1648/20/6 but every effort should be made to enable Spitfires to retain long range tanks subject to safety of EAGLE and Spitfires.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 1308B/2 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) V.A. Malta.)

Situation report. Area Y.
(1) 1 trawler, 4 tugs, 2 yachts POST(?BOY), EARL KITCHENER, TEWERA, 44.22 23.02 through 43.03 25.01 thence splitting to Horta and Ponta Delgada, 7 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1326B/2 to N.A. Station.)

Area Z at 2001B/2nd.
O.S.32, 26.04 20.01 through (?23).24 19.59 thence 181°, 9, S.O. IBIS.
2. S.L.114, 23.36 22.46, 352° 7. S.O. PHILANTE.
3. CARADOC 32.18 10.25 through 28.01 13.30 thence 221°, 16, 16½.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1442B/2 to N.A. Stn.)

LIVERPOOL. Cancel my 2347/19 para. 1.
2. LIVERPOOL will be taken in hand for permanent repairs at H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth.
(D.O.D.(H), 1547B/2 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) C. in C. Rosyth, etc.)

German A/C. At 0855/2nd, 3 German aircraft seen off Peniche flying south. 1 German aircraft seen at 1010/2nd and another at 1100/2nd off Peniche both flying north. All time G.M.T.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1840B/2 to S.O.I. Gib. (R) Admty.)

Air raid, Gibraltar. My 1140/29/6, para. 3 (Damage in harbour area) General effects of explosions and percussion has caused slight settlement of filling only behind quay walls at Mole Head resulting in severe cracking to some military structures.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1842B/2 to Admty.)

/French ...

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French Shipping. Gibraltar 1035. Armed Trawler LA TOULONNAISE, ships STRASBOURGEOIS, NANCEEN, IMERETHIE II, all light, latter passengers, trawlers JOSEPH ELISE, CAPITAINNE ARMAND, westbound, 1730, Armed tug TOUTERELLE, SS. ALGERIE laden, deck cargo 40 horses and mules, trawlers AUGUSTE DENISE, PESCAGEL, CLAIRVOYANT, CAPRICORNE, TATIANA, CAPPAGNET, all laden, latter deck cargo barrels, eastbound.
(S.O.I. Gib., 1923B/2 to Admty., etc.)

P. 222, My 1638/29 (Intended sailing P. 222, UTMOST and P. 46. P.46 for working up patrol). Departures 1830 P.222, 2045 P.46.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2058B/2 to Admty., (R) F.O.S.)

Air R/C, Casablanca. A. 531, 2/7. P.R.U. Sortie G.161 dated 2/7 time 1710, Casablanca.
(P.R.U. Gib., 2210Z/2 to Admty., Air Min. etc.)

Spanish Trawlers. Spanish trawlers SEGUNDO ENRIQUE, PRIMER ENRIQUE and MARIA LUISA intercepted in 036° 00' N. 006° 50' W. close astern of convoy H.G. 85 at 1015/1 and sent into Gibraltar. 2. MARIA LUISA released. 3. SEGUNDO ENRIQUE and PRIMER ENRIQUE detained for further investigation. Former had H/F W/T on board. Suspicious documents found. 4. Report follows by air mail. 5. B.N.A. Madrid's R/308/41 of 13/8/41 and my 394/5574 of 12/12/41 to D.N.I. only refer.
(S.O.I. Gib., 2346B/2 to Admty., (R) N.A. Madrid.)

South Atlantic.

Rescue of A/C crew. Ops. Summary 1/7/42. Bathurst, 3 Sunderlands and 3 Hudsons A/B 45 hours search for crew V/204. Dinghies sighted 0939, survivors picked up by D/R at 1035.
(A.H.Q. W. Africa, 0700Z/2 to Air Min.)

RODNEY, NELSON Destroyers. Arrival 1/7 RODNEY, NELSON, DERWENT, QUENTIN, PATHFINDER.
(S.O.I. Freetown, 0923Z/2 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)

/CERES ...

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CERES, Your 1235/12/7 (as recd.) Following programme
 ENGADINE, arranged for Simonstown. CERES to be taken in
 HECLA, hand middle or end of July. ENGADINE to be taken
 SHROPSHIRE. in hand at end of August when HECLA is finished.
 SHROPSHIRE to be docked for oil fuel tank defects
 only about 25/8. A further cruiser refit could
 be undertaken commencing midway September. 2. Defects to
 SHROPSHIRE's turbines cannot be undertaken at Simonstown.
 Admty. 1735/27/6 refers.
 (C. in C. S.A., 1014B/2 to Admty., (R) C. in C. E.F., etc.)

ARROW. Sailed ARROW ^{1/7 - See p. 20} to Kilindini through following
 positions (A) 028° 30' S. 035° 00' E. (B) 013°
 20' 042° 30' S. of A. 14½ knots. E.T.A. 1500Z/7
 shifting to W/T organisation V at 0215Z/6.
 (Cdre. i/c Durban, 1031Z/2 to Admty., C. in C. E.F.,
 etc.)

Situation. MILFORD 2 M.Ls. 007° 55' 017° 35' 260° 10. *See next page*
 CORINTHIAN about 006° 50' 025° 10' to Freetown,
 10.5.

LAERTES patrol Sector T. ARMERIA 006° 50' 012° 50' to Monrovia 12.
 PICT 006° 01' 011° 55' to Marshall, 7.

AMARANTHUS, F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT with O.S.(S) 31, 002° 01'
 009° 10' 108° 8.

ST. WISTAN 002° 35' 007° 30' 290° 5.

At 2000/2 AUBRETIA, SNOWDROP with L.S.10, 004° 05' 002° 55'
 255°, 7.5.

F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU 003° 01' 001° 59' 195° 12.

BACHAQUERO 000° 50' S. 000° 40' 285° 8.5.

ROYAL ULSTERMAN 001° 30' S. 000° 40' 285° 14.

ASTURIAS, LARGS, 007° 15' S. 004° 30' 143° 8.5.

(? CANTON) 010° 10' S. 007° 45' E. 345° 10.5.

BARCROSS, BARBORNE 013° 20' 018° 35' to Freetown 8 at 2000/2.

(R.A.W.A., 1127Z/2, 1209Z/2 to Ships in Area "P" of S.A. Stn.)

CITY OF A.M. 2215/1. High priority ships for Suez.
 JOHANNESBURG. Presume you will divert CITY OF JOHANNESBURG
 now in your area.
 (C. in C. S.A., 1149B/2 to Dep. C. in C. E.F.,
 (R) S.O.I. Kilindini, Admty.) Confirmed.
 (C. in C. E.F., 1307/4.)

Convoy Your W.A. 179 6/7 dated 8/5/1942. Not considered
 Instructions. desirable that South and West Africa should be
 separate sections of Atlantic Convoy Instructions,
 as any regulations desirable in West Africa will
 apply as far as the Cape. (2) R.A.W.A.F. is requested to issue
 any amendments required to South Atlantic Station.
 (Com. i/c Simonstown, 1150B/2 to C. in C. W.A., (R) R.A.W.A.F.)

/MILFORD ...

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MILFORD. (1) Sailed MILFORD for Rio de Janeiro 1800Z/1.
Route (A) 007° 30' N. 020° 00' W. (B) 018° 00'
S. 035° 00' W. (C) 023° 28' S. 042° 00' W., S. of A. 12½ knots.
(2) Request you will inform U.S. authorities concerned.
(R.A.W.A., 1251Z/2 to B.A.D., (R) C. in C. A.W.I., etc.)

See previous page (Situation)

Troop Ref. Admty. 0521/29. Following are my views
Transport of the position and programmes arranged.
W. Africa. Above is appreciation based on continuous
present political situation. Must emphasise
that in event of active operations this theatre
my ability to move troops ammunition and stores between various
ports of the Command in accordance with operational situation
and to evacuate casualties depends entirely on immediate
provision necessary shipping without which I cannot effectively
control operations.
(G.O.C. in C. W.A., 1440/2 to W.O.)

R.A.T.E. for Request you communicate at once to High
S. Africa. Commissioner substance of message 1552/30 from
C. in C. Med., as he will be asked by Dominions
Office to seek co-operation of Union Govt. in
meeting the needs of this emergency.
(Hd. of M., 1502B/2 to C. in C. S.A.)

BURDOCK, Following received, addressed R.A.W.A.F. from
St. Vincent. British Consul St. Vincent. (Begins) - Ref.
A.M. 1656/30. Permission granted. Please advise
quantity of fuel required. (Ends). Request your
reply.
(R.A.W.A., 1517Z/2 to Admty.) *See p. 41.*

C.M. 29. Convoy C.M. 29 sailed for Aden 1/7. Personnel
on board for Middle East and India.
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 1745B/2, 1746B/2 to S.T.O. Aden,
and P.S.T.O. Bombay.)

Floating C. in C. U.S. Fleet's 2048/1 A.F.D. XXV. 2. R.A.
dock for West Africa and B.A.D. are requested to report
Freetown. their intentions as to paras. 3 and 6 respectively
of A.M. 1319/9/5, not to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.
(D.O.D.(F), 1852B/2 to R.A.W.A., B.A.D., (R) C. in
C. S.A., C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

Shipping. M. of W.T. has decided it is necessary to set up
Committee, a Shipping Committee in Capetown to control
Capetown. distribution of shipping in various Union ports
with a view to reducing congestion and delays.
This organisation will not encroach on naval
responsibilities for the control and routing of merchant ships,
but essential there should be closest co-operation between naval
authorities and this Committee. Requested you will nominate a
representative on Committee. M. of W.T. is informing Campbell
according and is making necessary approaches to Union Govt.
(A.C.N.S.(T), 2313B/2 to C. in C. S.A.)

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C. in C. H.Q. C. in C. Med. and Operational Staff proceeding to take up H.Q. at Ismaila today 2/7. (C. in C. Med. 0919C/2 to F.O.R.S., F.O.(D) F.O.15 C.S. etc.)

Port Said Movements. 1/7 Port Said arrivals M.T.B.73, ANTWERP, MALINES, R.F.A. PETRELLA, ASPIS, PORPOISE, PROTEUS, JANUS, KELVIN, SEAHAM, CENTURION, SNAPDRAGON, AETOS, FAREHAM, DERBY, H.S. MAINE, "A" Lighters A.100 A.117 HYACINTH, KONDOURIOTIS. Departures NIKI, M.T.Bs 260, 262, ANTWERP, MALINES, KONDOURIOTIS, JANUS, KELVIN. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 0953C/2 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Beirut Movements. 1st. Arrival, A.108, ANTICOSTI, HARLAW, CITY OF CALCUTTA, BARON MACLAY. Departure GARMULA, SOUTHERN MAID and PROTEA. (S.O.I. Beirut 1019C/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Suez Movement. Suez 2/7 arrivals REDWOOD, MAPLE, GENERAL BIRDWOOD, STAMINVER at 1045. (F.O.R.S. 1215C/2 to Admty. etc.)
Suez 2/7 departure to south KELVIN and JANUS at 1400, arrivals from south PAKENHAM, PALADIN at 1500. (F.O.R.S. 1723C/2 to Admty.)

Aden Movements. Arrivals BIRMINGHAM, HOTSPUR, INCONSTANT 0509Z/3. * ENTERPRISE 1305Z/2. Departures C.S.4 in * BIRMINGHAM with INCONSTANT, FORTUNE, GRIFFIN, NORMAN and NIZAM in company. (Cdre Aden 1521Z/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. A.W.I. etc.)
Departure HOTSPUR. (Cdre Aden 1915Z/2 to Admty. etc.)
* See p.50

Malta Air Report. I.412. C.S.R. 2/7. 1st. 2 alerts.1544 hours, 30 aircraft including 2 Br.20s, Me.109, Re.2001, Mc.202s. Takali, no damage. 1 Re.2001, 1 Me.109 destroyed, 2 Me.109s probably destroyed, 1 Br.20, 1 Me.202 damaged by 12 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire shot down sea, another damaged in combat, both pilots safe. 1650 hours, 6 Me.109s, 1 Me.109 probably destroyed by 5 Spitfires.
Night 1/2. 3 alerts, 1910 hours, 7 raiders, civilian casualties, 1 Ju.88 destroyed by Beaufighter. 2102 hours, 6 raiders, Hal Far, no damage Beaufighter up, no combats. 2250 hours, 6 raiders, Luqa 1? torpedo Wellington and torpedo 1 Beaufort destroyed. U.X.Bs. Takali, 7 airmen killed 14 wounded, elsewhere church destroyed, Beaufighter up, no combats.
2nd. 3 alerts. 0536 hours, 18 aircraft including Me.109s. 1 Me.109 destroyed, 1 Me.109 damaged, 16 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing 2 others damaged in combat, 1 crash landed destroyed.

/2 pilots ...

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Malta Air Report - contd. 2 pilots wounded 1 missing, search unsuccessful. 0658 hours, 6 Me.109s. 5 Cant. 1007. Luqa, no damage. Kalafrana 2 soldiers 1 airman wounded, 2 Me.109s destroyed. 1 Me.109, 1 Mc.202 probably destroyed, 3 Cant 1007 2 Re.2001 1 Me.109 damaged by 20 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires damaged in combats pilots safe. 1115 hours, 4 Me.109s, 3 Ju.88s, Luqa 2 civilians killed, 2 soldiers and 2 civilians wounded, 1 Beaufighter slight damage. 1 Ju.88 destroyed, 2 Ju.88s damaged by 13 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1711/2.)

TURBULENT
TAKU.

If A/S activity is too great TURBULENT proceed to vicinity 033° 30' N. 020° 30' E. TAKU proceeds to vicinity 035° 30' N. 022° 30' E. remaining south of 034° N. until dawn 4/7. (S.O.S. Alexandria 1917C/2 to TURBULENT, TAKU, (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta Capt. (S) 1.)

S/Ms.

(i) If unable to comply time of arrival may be reported in E.T.A. to N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports. (ii) Sanctuary established within 25 miles between (corrupt group)° and 35° from Carmel Light. (Capt. S.1 1922C/2 to S/Ms on patrol (R) N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, Haifa.)

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E.T.A. searched channel 1800C tomorrow 3/7. (P.34 2154C/2 to Capt. S.10 (R) P.31, C. in C. Med. etc.)

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Overdue
shipping.

Cancel my 0419/27.
(S.O.(I) Colombo, 0202Z/2 to Admty etc).

STEAU ROMANA
U/B attack.

Following received Slangkop W/T from Jacobs W/T.
Warship Raider Signal. 0846 S., 43.11 E.
STEAU ROMANA attacked by unknown vessel.
(Simonstown W/T, 0245/2 to Admty).
(Port Patrick Radio, 0506/2, 0536/2).
S/M attack and not warship.
(Simonstown W/T, 0245Z/2 to Admty, Bombay Fort W/T)

PHEMIUS
U/B

Following has been read SSSS 15.25 S., 40.37 E.
SS. PHEMIUS abortive torpedo attack.
(Slangkop W/T, 0245 G.M.T./2 to Admty).
Following has been read SSSS PHEMIUS 16.06 S.,
41.17 E., attacked by a submarine.
(Slangkop W/T, 0415/2 to Admty).

MANXMAN

Intend leaving Addu Atoll 1000F/4 E.T.A.
Trincomalee 0700F 6/7.
(MANXMAN, 0430Z/2 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon, (R)
C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, N.O.I.C.
Trincomalee. Admty).

ORIZABA
for M.E.

ORIZABA which arrived in W.S.19 is now required
to proceed Mideast as soon as possible. Ship
will be ready to sail 4/7. Is ship to sail in
B.A. 27 whose speed is 9 knots or will other
escort be provided? Ship's speed is 16 knots.
(P.S.T.O. India, 0725Z/2 to D.C. in C. E.F.)

P.S.T.O. India's 0725/2 July. ORIZABA contains part of 8th
Armoured Div. urgently required in M.E. Every endeavour should
be made to provide separate escort.

2. P.S.T.O. India is requested to report reason for ship's
arrival at Bombay instead of Suez.
(D.O.D. (F), 2209B/2 to D.C. in C. E.F., P.S.T.O., India (R)
C. in C. E.F., etc). Reply: D.C. in C. E.F., 0856/4, P.S.T.O.
India, 1249/4.

Operation
"Throat".

058955 50402/G cipher 1/7. Ref. our 5038/G
30/6 not to C. in C. E.F. and DAUNTLESS 1111Z/30
to C. in C. E.F. (N.T. in W.D.)

"Pamanzi" occupied without resistance. Wireless
set in order. 20 tons aviation patrol and 30 days maintenance
stores for garrison leave here 3/7.

War Office please inform C. in C. E.F.

(121 Force, 0805/2 to W.O. (R) G.O.C. in C. E.A. etc).

D.C. in C. E.F. 1538/29 "Hush" N.T. in W.D.) and Air Ministry's
1815/29. 2. Operation "Throat" in capturing Mayotta Island
successfully completed 0300Z/2, complete surprise achieved,
no casualties either side. 3. Govt. Commissioner, Police
Commissioner, 60 Police all captured in bed in barracks, natives
very friendly. 4. One runway cleared and aircraft landed.
5. W/T station in working order.
(C. in C. E.F., 1445/2 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A. A.O.C. 207
Group etc).

/My...

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East Indies.

Operation "Throat" Contd. My 04312/2 (as recd. N.T. in W.D.) Situation normal. Military garrisons on Mayotta, Daudzi, and aerodrome. 5 of present administration very pro Vichy and must be removed. Propose evacuation by SS. TAVARI due 4/7 with aviation spirit. Political satisfied that administration can be carried on by others on spot and is arranging. Flag hoisting ceremony today well received. Work on other runway continuing. No stock of aviation spirit here. Essential to leave R-boat as none here. Assuming TAVARI arrives propose returning 5/7 if circumstances permit. Military concur.
(DAUNTLESS, 1858Z/2 to 121 Force (R) D.C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, GUARDIAN, C. in C. E.F.)
50425/G cipher 2/7. Ref. our 50402/G of today. Occupation Pamanzi was successfully completed 0300Z/2/7. Runway at aerodrome cleared 0400Z and Maryland landed 0430Z. Existing runway 800 yards and can be extended to 1400 yards within 2 days. Suitable for Lodestars.
(121 Force, 2320/2 to W.O.)

RESOLUTION RESOLUTION arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 0900Z/2 to Admty etc).

See next page.

GOVIKEN Norwegian casualty, GOVIKEN reported torpedoed, 6 survivors in ROOKLEY due Capetown (? about) 7/7. Request report in due course.
(S.O.(I) Colombo, 1002Z/2 to S.O.(I) Capetown (R) Admty).

Kilindini Loops. My 1303/30. First reference quoted should be A.M. 2148Z/25/6 and not 0225/26.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1044/2). Amendment made.

EMPIRE HAVEN. Arrival 2/7 with mechanical defects.
(N.C.S.O. Kilindini, 1215Z/2 to S.O.(I) E.F.)

W.S.19 P. A.M. 2252/1. Intend W.S.19 P escorted by MAURITIUS and HEEMSKERK leave Durban 7/7 in company with W.S. 19 L. CHITRAL will R/V 9/7 thence W.S.19 L and MAURITIUS proceed at 17 knots.
W.S.19 L. CHITRAL will R/V 9/7 thence W.S.19 L and MAURITIUS proceed at 17 knots.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1307Z/2 to Cdre. I/C Durban, (R) C. in C. E.F. etc).

Mauritius, Rodriguez, Seychelles. 059008, 35263 cipher 2/7. Your 98638 (M.O.12a) 30/6. 0050/1. Personal for C.I.G.S. and Gen. Wavell from Platt.
Agree can take over Mauritius Rodriguez and Seychelles if so required. Assuming your latest scale of attack against Madagascar is also applied to three above islands existing garrisons would not appear to need increase except possibly to C and A.A. Arty. Have just seen Lt. Col. Kelly on tour from India and heard his report. In event of scale of attack being increased it must be clear that I have not at present got sufficient troops in East Africa

/that...

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Mauritius, that would enable me to send reinforcements of
Rodriguez, adequate strength to any one let alone all of
Seychelles, the islands. If you decide I am to take them
Contd. over Mauritius and Rodriguez will certainly come
under Madagascar and also probably Seychelles
thus making a complete islands area. Principal
difficulty will be communications. There is no aeroplane in
command area except few Catalinas employed on ocean patrols
that can reach any of the islands. Trust you will arrange
that one Catalina will at least be at my disposal at any time.
(G.O.C. in C. E., Africa, 1542/2 to W.O.)

→ ENTERPRISE After fuelling ENTERPRISE proceed to Kilindini
My 1421/(?20) (N.T. in W.R.) to ENTERPRISE
cancelled.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1614Z/2 to Cdre. Aden (R) .
ENTERPRISE, C.S.4). W.D.Note. - 1614/2 was
cancelled by 1507/3 q.v.

A/S patrols. Action against enemy S/M activity on Mozambique
channel as follows:
(2) Air patrols (a) At Mombasa, 1 Catalina
aircraft standing by. (b) From Dar-es-Salaam, 1 Catalina
aircraft creeping line ahead search in Mozambique channel from
1500 - 0700 local time daily position of search depending on
enemy reports received.
(3) Catalina aircraft available, at Mombasa 6, at Dar-es-Salaam 3
(4) Paucity of air patrols due to non-arrival of maintenance
stores and marine craft.
(5) ARROW in passage Durban Kilindini now in Delagoa Bay Area.
ACTIVE proceeding to patrol in Comoro Channel.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1616Z/2 to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F.)

C.S.4 If no previous instructions have been given request
BIRMINGHAM, you will sail BIRMINGHAM and 6 Eastern Fleet
→ ENTERPRISE. destroyers now at Aden for Kilindini as soon as
possible.
2. Suggest you transfer your flag to either
BIRMINGHAM or ENTERPRISE.
My 1614/2 refers.
(C. in C. E.F., 1640Z/2 to C.S.4 (R) N.O.I.C.
Aden). *See p. 46. Flag transferred to BIRMINGHAM
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Movements. RESOLUTION (LOOKOUT) left. *See 26/6- p. 501*
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 1700Z/2 to Admty. S.O.(I)
Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay, S.O.(I) Aden, S.O.(I)
Kilindini). *See previous page*

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Transports,
India and
M.E.

SD/19191. 1. CLAN MACARTHUR now expected 3/7.
Request most immediate permission retain here
following:

2. Medical stores, A.F.V. stores, R.A.O.C. M.T.
stores, may be of great value and requirements
will be cabled after inspection.

3. Request also retain all Stens if Arminia agree despatch
am. 9 m.m. from IMPERIAL MONARCH my SD/18541 of 1/7 para.4
refers. These could count against my requests in SD/99215 of
16/5 and SD/12943 of 17/6.

(C. in C. ME. 1726/2 to W.O. (R) C. in C. India P.S.T.O. India).

American and
British
Repatriates.

My 2024/20/6. ASAMA MARU and CONTE VERDE will
now arrive Singapore 6/7 and 5/7 respectively.

E.T.A.Lourenco Marques 22/7. E.T.D. Lourenco
Marques 25/7 E.T.A. Singapore 8/8.

(Head of M., 2042B/2 to C. in C. E.F., A.C.N.B.,
C. in C. S.A.)

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SANDWICH search for WAIWERA. Still searching likely area to E.N.E. with tugs ZWARTE ZEE and FRISKY in company, nothing further sighted. Position at 0600 G.M.T. was 047° 15' N. 030° 54' W. Weather report. (SANDWICH, 0630Z/2, to F.O.N.F., etc.).

My position 1900 G.M.T. 046° 54' N. 032° 56' W. nothing sighted. Am resuming search N.E. Uncoded weather. (SANDWICH, 1930Z/2, to F.O.N.F.(R) C.in C. W.A., Admty). SANDWICH's 0630/2. It is estimated that WAIWERA if still afloat would reach 47.00 N. 53.00 W. about 0400Z/3 based on available meteorological information. Considered that primary object should now be rescue of survivors and endeavour should be made to contact boats on 500 kc/s using ships call sign unrecoded GWTZ. (D.T.D., 2355B/2, to F.O.N.F. (R) C.in C. W.A., SANDWICH). Your 1240Z/2. (N.T.in W.R.) Continue search until dusk 3/7. If no result proceed to U.K. and detach FRISKY and ZWARTE ZEE to St. John's N.F. Air search will be carried out tomorrow if possible. (F.O.N.F., 2359Z/2, to SANDWICH (R) C.in C. A.W.I., C.in C. W.A., Admty).

Westbound Trade Convoys. Your 1545/30. N.C.S.O. Mersey's convoy sailing telegram which includes names of ships and destinations will be signalled to you as requested. (C.in C. W.A., 0928Z/2, to C.T.F. 24 (R) Admty. Cominch, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., N.C.S.O. Mersey).

Movement summary 1800 G.M.T./2.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
ARCHER	23° N. 42° W.	300°	12½.

(D.O.D.(F) 1003Z/2, to Opnav (R) Connaveu).

5 Escort Group. Ref: A.B.C. 1 para. 14 (D) of report. Principles of Command. 5 Escort Group under Com. Carib. is at present not being operated as an 'organised Force' and much of their efficiency as a group is being wasted. I appreciate that this has been to some extent unavoidable owing to lack of escorts and short cycle of T.O. and O.T. convoys, but suggest that desirability of operating this group as a unit as soon as circumstances permit and U.S. have more escorts available should be stressed in order that best value may be obtained from their training as a team. (C.in C. A.W.I., 1132P/2. to Admty (R) B.A.D.).

U.S. and Shipping Diversions. Your 1708/29. Yes, except for a ship entering or leaving North Atlantic Station from or to U.S. strategic area. My 1232/29 refers. (D.T.D., 1214B/2, to N.S. H.Q.).

H.X. 197. Intend to delay sailing 24 hours to include all ships of B.X. 27 group. (C.O.A.C., 1352Z/2, to Admty (R) Connaveu etc.).

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Convoy Position Reports. Your 1531/1, concur. I.C.O.C. No.15 and W.A.C.I. are being amended accordingly. (D.T.D., 1406Z/2, to Connav (R) C.T. 24).

A.S. 4. Your 1554/1. Concur with proposed M.O.M.P. (D.O.D. (F) 1433Z/2, to Connav (R) C.in C. Atlantic Fleet. C.T.F. 23).

Navigation. W.J.A. 597 Allied Ships. Uncharted submerged rock reported in 230 to Godthaab Fjord in 064° 00' 18" N. 052° 01' 45" W. (C.N.S., Canada, 1500Z/2, to all ships, Admty etc).

T.A.W.1. sailed. Departure HAVELOCK, GODETIA, LAVENDER, U.S.S. BARNEY, P.C. 463, P.C. 516, escorting convoy T.A.W. 1. E.T.A. Key West 10/7. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1502Q/2, to C.in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty, etc.).

K.S. 514 W.A.T. Your 1434Z/26. K.S. 514 dispersed off Rebecca Shoals at 1700 G.M.T. Ships for Caribbean Sea will proceed to N.W. anchorage for 4/7 W.A.T. Ships for Gulf Ports proceeding independently but arrangements have been made to provide some surface escort as far as Tampa. (B.R.O. Key West, 1516Z/2 to C.S.A. Norfolk (R) Admty N.S. Ottawa, C.in C. A.W.I., S.O.(I) Jamaica, New York pass to M. of W.T.).

Situation. Section south west, S.H.19, QUINTE, MAHONE, LACHINE, U.S. SHIPS 76 and 77, 2 Fairmile, 045° 50' 059" 25' 9.2 vessels U.S. M/S. RAVEN (?045°) 25' 060° 20' to Sydney (C.B.) 9.5. DUNVEGAN vicinity of 045° 10' 060° 30' en route Halifax. LOUISBERG, 044° 30' 061° 45' 090° 12' alter in 061° 00' W. to 072°. 3 vessels, RESTIGOUCHE, 043° 15' 064° 55' 225° 9 alter in 042° 48' N. to 270° and in 066° 35' W to St. John's N.B. 2 vessels RIMOUSKI 043° 20' 065° 15' to Halifax 11.3 vessels CHARLOTTETOWN 043° 10' 065° 35' to Halifax 7.5. (C.O.A.C., 1524Z/2 to Admty). Section South West, add to my 1524Z/2. Task Unit 27.1.1. (? 043°) 25' 066° 15' coast wise to Sydney (C.B.) 9. ?C.O.A.C., 2100Z/2, to Admty).

WARWICK Departure WARWICK for A/S Patrol along line 60 miles to eastward from 11° 20' N. 62° 31' W. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1532Q/2 to C.in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty, S.O.I. Kingston).

/H.X. ...

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S.C.
Convoys.

There is no Admiralty objection to suitable ships of H.X. convoy speed from St. Lawrence being sailed in S.C. convoy from Sydney if such action appears desirable. This would save steaming distance and might save delays due to fog etc. On the other hand, it is appreciated that there might be some small loss in ship's time on existing cycle and sailing dates. (D.T.D., 1535B/2, to N.S.H.Q., (R) C.O.A.C., C.in C. W.A., N.O.I.C., Sydney, etc.).

KASUGA MARU
Japanese
Carrier
Strength.

Opnav's 2131/1 informs, as follows:
Research on status of KASUGA MARU establishes that a vessel of the same name has overall flight deck with small island amidships on port side and small radio mast on each bow and quarter.

Hitherto employment of this vessel has been confined principally to the transportation of A/C and various equipment and she has at no time been engaged in fleet air operations as a carrier nor has she been assigned plane and aviation personnel allowance. Considering recent Japanese carrier losses and lack of information on her recent employment believe it is possible that KASUGA MARU may emerge as an operating carrier and therefore classify her as an auxiliary A/C carrier. This increases Japanese carrier strength estimated in my 2341/22/6 to a total of 6 A/C carriers and 2 auxiliary A/C carriers in commission.

(Comnav, 1541/2, to Admty).

N.I.D. Comment KASUGA MARU is the ship referred to as TAKASAGO in N.I.D.L.C. Report No. 261 of 24/6/42. American estimate of Japanese Carrier strength is now the same as N.I.D. except that they apparently regard the 27,000 ton ex liners JUNYO and HIYO as proper aircraft carriers. Both estimates assume destruction of 4 aircraft carriers at Midway Battle, but evidence as to 2 of these is lacking

WARRIOR
(sunk
1/7).

WARRIOR, U.S., bound Persian Gulf via Capetown torpedoed and sunk 1645Z/1/7/42 in 010.54 N. 061.01 W. in 19 fathoms. Survivors landed Port of Spain by U.S.S. HERBERT today. Master and 38 crew, 10 U.S. armed guard. Casualties 3 crew, 4 armed guard went down with ship.

(F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1542Q/2, to Admty etc.).
Connav serial No. 2 WARRIOR U.S. sunk by torpedo on 1/7 010° 54' N. 061° 02' W.
(Connav, 21142/2, to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.).

A.B.C. 3.
and Local
Defence
Plans.

J.S.M. No. 283. 2/7/42. Ref: Admty 1545B/31/5 to B.A.D. (N.T.in W.D.) and War Office signal 92388/2/6 to B.A.D. (N.T.in W.D.). Matter was referred to Adm. King, who agrees that whole of A.B.C. 3 remains in force. It is his view that local joint military defence sub-committee should deal with basic planning, which includes matters concerning means required for adequate local

/defence ...

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A.B.C. 3. defence, means available and location, strength and distribution of armaments and defence devices provided by each power. These functions of sub-committee, he considers, do not pass to Commander of combined local defence forces when unity of command is brought into force. 2. It is his further contention that officer exercising unity of command is responsible for planning and direction of operations of combined local defence forces. That he, subject only to approval of higher authority, should prepare and issue necessary plans and directive for operations of combined local defence forces. That responsibility and authority for making decisions and issuing directive should be vested in him alone. 3. We agree with Adm. King's interpretation but would like your concurrence prior to accepting it. (J.S.M., 1625Z/2, to Chiefs of Staff London).

U/B 2/7 S/M estimate.
Positions. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1721/2, 1741/2).

U.S. and Vescas. Your 1556/1. (Re discontinuing Vescas from E.I. & Med. station to N.S.H.Q.). Concur Vescas to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa for E.I. station be discontinued. Vescas Med. station to and including Gibraltar not yet being received direct except from Suez. Further recommendations will be made latter area when satisfactory. (Connav, 1822Z/2, to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.).

N.A.13 Your 1530/29. War Office signal 95516 of 16/6
N.A.14 was also as from D.of S.T. to you. Admty 1845/26 inadvertently omitted DOMINION MONARCH. 2. To cater for increased requirements given in your 1530/29 following is proposed composition of N.A.13. (a) LETITIA due Halifax 11/7 in C.T.19. (b) DOMINION MONARCH due Halifax about 14/7. (c) EMPRESS OF CANADA due Halifax about 19/7. 3. Total capacity of convoy about 9500. Sailing date from Halifax will now be about 21/7. 5. Composition of N.A.14 will remain as in 95516 of 16/6 viz. CAPETOWN CASTLE and CAMERONIA sailing about 4/8. Total capacity 7838. 6. Ref: B.A.D. Washington's 2003/26. My 1220/27 para. 3 refers. (D.of S.T. 1845B/2, to N.S.H.Q., (R) B.A.D. etc.). N.A. 13. A.M. 1845/26 and C.O.A.C. Halifax's 1908/30. 1. Para. 1 add S.S. DOMINION MONARCH and EMPRESS OF CANADA. 2. Para. 2 Convoy will now leave 21/7. 3. Para. 3 Speed of LETITIA now declared to be 14½ knots. 4. At the request of U.S. Authorities Admty agreed to arrange escort for this particular convoy. 5. Through escort to U.K. can only be provided as in para. 5. 6. Most undesirable to cancel this convoy and in view of large number of U-boats now operating in Newfoundland area reduction in size trade convoy escorts cannot be accepted. Escort asked for in para 4. should be made available by detaching destroyers from Western Local escorts and replacing them temporarily by corvettes or minesweepers, these latter being obtained by delaying H.A. or other local convoys. (D.O.D.(H), 2349Z/2, to N.S.H.Q., (R) C.in C.W.A., F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C., Cominch etc.) Reply.N.S.H.Q.2215/3.

/ S/M ...

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S/M attack and sighting summary. M.F. ELLIOT apparently U.88 type possibly number 108 Goat Head insignia. NEW JERSEY U.88 type. ANNA, 1 torpedo miss 20 shells. SAM HOUSTON torpedoed and shelled. MERRIWEATHER LEWIS first reported our 0921/7/6 11-48 N. 81-30 W. corrected time 0350Z/9. 8 men arrested by F.B.I., 4 of whom landed by small boat on Amaganswc Beach, Long Island, night of 12/6. Other 4 landed in Florida at some unknown date previous to above. Ref. N.C.S.O. Santos despatch 1417Z/30 subsequent information indicates incident took place 28-08 N. 54-50 W. 1000Z/1/6. Surface craft attack sound contacts 51-51-54 N. 29-18 W. 1936Z/4/5 51-03 36-23 W. 1913Z/5/5. S/M reported attacked 33-50 N. 77-40 W. 1705Z/30/6 doubtful. Surface craft attacks submarine 34-45 N. 74-20 W. 1730Z/1, possible damage. M/V reports sighting periscope 25-37 N. 82-33 W. 2200Z/1, doubtful. Your 02120. U-Boat attacked 22139. (As received ?202139 intended), considered now to be in S.W. Gulf having attacked TUXPAM and LAS CHOAPAS. Sightings Corpus Christi not definitely confirmed but at present consider possibly Italian. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2032/2, to Admty, for O.I.C.).

U.S. Navy Radio. Your 2247/30/5. Admty are in touch with N.D.R.C. Mission, London, and with Air Ministry about U.S. Navy's intended plan for long range navigation which is of great interest to Admty. Information contained in reports is very meagre and further details are awaited with interest. (Head of M. 2040B/2 to B.A.D.).

G.I.R.O. Amendment. This is Connav 2039/2. "Amendment number 3 to G.I.R.O. Enter following in Chap. 1 para. 10 (N) Chop date. Para. 11 (N), Chop date for Atlantic sailings shall be last entry of the route message and is the expected time and date of crossing a line defined as follows from North Pole south on Meridian of 10° W. to 65° N., thence southward by Rhumb line to 57° N. 26° W. Thence south on Meridian of 26° W. to 45° N. thence W. on 43rd Parallel to 40° W. South on Meridian of 40° W. to 20° N., thence East on Parallel of 20° N., to Meridian 26° W. thence south on this meridian to South Pole. Note Chop first time of crossing the line there shall be no second Chop. Chap. 2 para. 23 (N), enter Chop date. Para. 24 (N) same as in para. 11 (N) above. Chap. 3 Sect. B. para. 9 Subpara. (S) enter 'B.A.M.S. Schedules appropriate to your zone and area must be guarded if personnel and equipment permit'. C.E.S.F., C.G.S.F. pass to Routing Officers in U.S. Reporting Centers pass to Routing and Reporting Officers your area". (Connav, 2101Z/2, to Admty etc).

U/B,,
A/C
Attack. S/M attacked by aircraft in 047° 37' N. 052° 14' W. at 2200Z/2. (C.O.A.C., 2245Z/2 to Admty, C.in C. W.A.).

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Australia & New Zealand.

Situation. C.W.R. 160 1/7 Kendari aerodrome attacked by 5 Fortresses night 30/6. Estimate 60 to 100 enemy aircraft observed poorly dispersed on aerodrome 2/3 fighters, remainder bombers. Several small fires observed in dispersal area. 3 fighters observed destroyed on ground. 9 fighters over target area. 2 Fortresses attacked while returning, 1 damaged.
(2) 1 B.17 attacked Dilli night 30/6 where fire still burned.
(3) Shipping buildings aerodromes police barracks and dispersal area successfully bombed in 3 separate allied air attacks on Lae by Fortresses Catalinas and B.25 night 30/6 - 1/7. 1 B.25 damaged by A/A fire.
(4) 6 Marauders attacked Salamaua Isthmus area at 0055Z/30 silenced one A/A gun and caused several fires and explosions.
(5) Japanese casualties result of allied land attack Salamaua 29-30/6 now reported as 85. Map of defensive dispositions Port Moresby captured from enemy. 3 enemy naval float planes patrolling and machine gunning area believed occupied by our troops.
(6) One Catalina attacked Tulagi area 1/7 causing large fire and several explosions.
(7) Indications of possible S/M off Pango Point Vila Harbour at 0620Z/1.
(8) Enemy heavy cruiser approximately 8,000 tons 2 funnels possible "Kako" or "Aoba" class reported off Guadal Canal Island morning 1/7.
(A.C.N.B., 1459Z/2 to Admty etc).

Movements. Departure Newcastle (?0622Z/2) for (?Melbourne) U.S.S. HELM and H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE escorting Convoy C. (?0) 8.
(A.C.N.B., 2006Z/2 to Admty etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions of U/Bs.
(D.D.I.C., 1432B/2, 1459B/2).

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Friday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Convoy
P.Q.17.

The cruiser covering force was sighted by enemy aircraft today and was shadowed intermittently by both U-Boats and aircraft.

At 1400B/3 photographic R/C of Trondheim showed that TIRPITZ, HIPPER and 4 destroyers had left. No R/C of Trondheim had been possible since 30/6 inclusive. P.R.U. of Narvik was not successful today.

Convoy P.Q.17 was ordered to steer to pass at least 50 miles north of Bear Island, RENOWN at Hvalfiord was brought to short notice for steam and KENT was ordered to proceed for Patrol "White." KENYA left for Patrol "Black" at 2026/B. At 1900B C. in C.H.F. was in $73^{\circ} 10' N. 4^{\circ} 53' E.$ steering north at 16.5 knots and altering to 60° at 2230E/3 until longitude $12^{\circ} E.$

The Admiralty at 2222B issued their appreciation of the situation, viz. that a move to the northward by enemy heavy units is in progress, which threatens the convoy, though not immediately. Weather is favourable for the convoy to continue to the eastward. The Admiralty are awaiting developments before taking action.

At 2344B S.B.N.O. North Russia reported that Russian intelligence report 11 U-Boats operating between 72° and $74^{\circ} N$ and 11° and $20^{\circ} E.$

In view of the latest reports from Murmansk the Soviet Naval Staff agrees that all ships of the North Russia convoys should go to Archangel.

British Air Operations.

Catalinas are being despatched to Archangel and will operate from Lake Lakhta in connection with North Russia convoy protection.

325 aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Bremen last night.

Mining.

4 mines were detonated off the Humber today, 2 were swept off the East Sussex coast and 3 were detonated off Beachy Head.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

An unidentified ship reported at 1519 G.M.T. today being followed by a suspicious looking ship, like a raider, in 31° 32' S, 30° 25' E.

Latest indications show that there are one German and one Japanese submarine and 2 Japanese surface vessels in the Cape Area. Com. i/c Simonstown asks that 5 more corvettes may be sent to the Cape, to screen convoys in the approaches to the harbour and to reinforce S.F.F.'s patrols.

Mediterranean.

Enemy aircraft continued their attacks on Malta today. Takali aerodrome was rendered unserviceable for Beauforts.

Last night our heavy bombers carried out a large scale attack on Tobruk and mined the harbour. Enemy aircraft operated in the Alexandria and Suez Canal areas; mines were dropped in the Canal and are believed to have been laid off Port Said.

Until further orders DIDO, EURYALUS and attached destroyers, at Port Said, are to form Force A under the command of R.A.D.Med. Fleet whose flag is in DIDO.
CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA and attached destroyers, at Haifa are to form Force B under the command of F.O.C. 15.C.S. in CLEOPATRA.

America & West Indies.

SS SAN PABLO was torpedoed at 0202 G.M.T. today whilst discharging at covered dock, Port Limon. No submarine was seen.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

~~KATUKURUNDA~~
Katakurunda.
(East Indies).

Your 2346B/29/6. Air Ministry concur in handing over of ~~KATUKURUNDA~~ to Royal Navy for duration of war or such period as Navy may require. Transfer to be effected without prejudice to review after the war in the light of future requirements.
(Air Ministry, 1216/3 to Admty).

COMMANDANT
D'ESTIENNE
D'ORVES.
BERGAMOT.

Approval has been given to a Free French request that the Free French corvette strength based on Freetown be increased.
2. To implement this you are requested to sail COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES to R.A. West Africa's command as convenient on completion of

working up.

3. BERGAMOT is to be transferred to C. in C. Western Approaches command in exchange.
(V.C.N.S., 1512B/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

Movements.

ST. ALBANS.

Leave Lough Foyle at 1300B today and proceed by standard routes and searched channels to Plymouth. E.T.A. 1700B/4.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 0931B/3 to ST. ALBANS)

→ FORESIGHT.

^{/N.T.H.W.D.}
My 1819/1. Add 4 hours to times of departure and arrival.
(F.O.I.C. Humber, 1026B/3 to R.A.D.)

P.37

P.37 passes through A. 350° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 0030B/4, thence dived by day through position B. 050° N., 010° W. C. 049° 35' N., 012° 55' W. "Chop" 049° 35' N., 012° 55' W. D. 043° 02' N., 012° 20' W. E.T.A. at D. 0030B/10. Thence as directed by F.O.C.N.A.
(Capt. S.9., 1105B/3).

NEPAL

Your 1500/2. Proceed via Q.Z.S. 293 and 284. Adjust speed to arrive at Seaward End of Q.Z.S. 284 at 1000/4.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1757/3 to NEPAL).

→ FORESIGHT.

My 1819B/1. Sailed at 2000B/3. MF/DF Calibration has not been carried out.
(F.O. Humber, 2125B/3 to R.A.D.)

CURACOA.

Scapa departure CURACOA. E.T.A. May Island 0830/4
(A.C.O.S., 2128/3).

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Operations.

Convoys
P.Q. 17 and
Q.P. 13.

Covering operations. See Shipping.

Patrols.

2 A/S trawlers patrolling between EA 5 buoy and 180° Beachy Head 1 mile, returning to St. Helens at daylight.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1547B/3).
Departure GUILLEMOT at 1850 to carry out patrol one.
(F.O. Humber, 1901B/3).

Notice for
steam.

Keep steam at 2 hours notice.
(REOWN, 1825B/3 to REOWN, KENT).

Denmark,
Straits
Patrol.

Proceed to establish patrol "White".
(REOWN, 2230B/3 to KENT).

Iceland -
Faeroes
Patrol.

Proceed as soon as ready to carry out patrol "Black".
(R.A.D. H.F., 1910B/3 to KENYA).
Scapa departure KENYA to patrol "Black".
(A.C.O.S., 2026B/3).

British Air Activity.

WINDSOR
CASTLE.

My 1406Z/2. Air escort cancelled owing to weather.
(C. in C. W.A., 0809B/3 to WINDSOR CASTLE).

Daily
Report of
A/S Air
Operations.

Request arrangements be made for a daily report by signal of A/S air operations in Western Approaches.
2. The following information is required.
(a) Number of sorties in daylight (b) Number of sorties in dark (c) Average duration of sorties (d) Number and description of U-boat sightings (e) Number and description of attacks on U-boats.
3. It is suggested that this information might conveniently be signalled by C. in C. W.A. to Admiralty, repeated A.O.C. in C. C.C.
4. Reports should cover 24 hours from 1800 to 1800, commencing at the earliest convenient date.
(D.O.D. (H.), 1129B/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity. - Contd.

- Vagodnik and Kholm Air Approaches. Your air 981 June 29th. Corridors for approach to and exit from Vagodnik and Kholm, and prohibited areas in locality are as follows. Details.
(Wemham, Murmansk, 1203B/3 to Air Ministry).
- Bombing restrictions. Institute submerged bombing restrictions from 0030/4 to 1130/5 25 miles either side of a line joining 350° Bishop Rock 10 miles and 50° N., 10° W.
(H.Q.C.C., 1310V/3 to R.A.F. Gibraltar).
- From 1000/4 to 1200/6 institute submerged bombing restrictions 25 miles either side of line joining 46° 24', 05° 42' and 45° 04', 03° 40'.
(H.Q.C.C., 1513B/3 to R.A.F. Gibraltar).
- Bombing Operations. On day 2/7, 5 A/C attacked the shipbuilding yards at Flensburg. On night 2/3, 325 A/C including 122 heavies operated against Bremen.
(H.Q.B.C., 1355/3).
- N.W. Norway Air Patrol. My 1719/2. Cancel reference to Liberator One from Stornoway. This patrol to be done by L.R. Catalina 210 Squadron. Liberator One to be held in readiness as a reserve.
(H.Q.C.C., 1430B/3 to 18 and 15 Groups).
- Reference telephone conversation with D/SASO confirmed that if Catalina leave from from Invergordon they should land at Grasnaya for fuel after completing patrol before proceeding to Archangel.
(H.Q.C.C., 1500/3 to 18 Group).
- Your 2145/2. Have decided to use Grasnaya as advanced refueling base only. Propose establishing main base at Lake Lakhta Archangel and would be glad if you would arrange with Russians for facilities for operation of up to six Catalinas. Do not intend to divert personnel and equipment now en route to Murmansk.
(Air Ministry, 1610/3 to 30 Mission).
- My 1719/2 and 1430/3. Owing to weather conditions patrols to be revised as follows. Catalina from Invergordon to be on patrol from 0800 to 1100/4 proceeding to Grasnaya. Liberator from 1100 to 1300/4. LR Catalina from Sullom Voe from 1300 to 1700/4 or as soon after 1300 as weather permits.
(H.Q.C.C., 1835/3 to 15 and 18 Groups).
- My 1719/2, 1430/3 and 1835/3. Liberator to be on patrol from 1300 to 1500 hours, not 1100 to 1300 as ordered.
(H.Q.C.C., 2040B/3 to 15 and 18 Groups).
- Catalina arriving Sullom from Greenock 0730 4/7. To refuel and proceed forthwith to Datum and carry out cross-over patrol reference CC/G4/2/7 for 3 hours and then proceed Grasnaya to refuel and return Sullom as soon as possible.
(H.Q.C.C., 2240/3 to 18 Group).

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British Air Activity. - Contd.

Static Bombing Trials. CARDIFF.

1. A.M. 1306/9/5. It has been arranged that static trials of B. Bomb shall be carried out against CARDIFF in the Clyde on 18 and 19/7.
2. This opportunity will also be taken to carry out dropping trials of B. Bombs with a view to determining the behaviour and functioning of the B. Bomb when released from aircraft against a cruiser target. 3. Following procedure is proposed. Details.
4. A.M. 1209/1 and R.A.N.A.S., 1752/2 are passed to CARDIFF for information.
5. CARDIFF will be advised by D.N.C. of necessary measures for protection of personnel. (A.C.N.S. W., 1439B/3 to CARDIFF).

Sumburgh. Proposed additional Fighters.

In view of anticipated concentration of S/Ms. at Lerwick between 10 and 20/7 and subsequent periods, request that representation may be made to H.Q.F.C. to augment the fighter strength at Sumburgh. My letter 794/OS/0744 of 8th May para. 4 refers. (A.C.O.S., 1709B/3 to Admty).

Dummy A/C in Cam Ships.

A.C.I.C's 1236B/1. Consider this ruse could be profitably employed by Cam ships on all voyages, and that dummy A/C should be available to be embarked by these ships whenever a fighter A/C replacement is not available. (C. in C. W.A., 1905B/3 to Admty).

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy P.Q.17.

See Shipping.

Mining.

S.N.3 C.

In view of defects and another commitment only 3 of my destroyers are available operation S.N.3 C. Request one H.F. destroyer may augment screen. Anticipate she would be required to R/V off Cape Wrath about 2000/10 and could be released in same position about 0200/12. (R.A.M., 0904/3 to R.A.D. H.F.)

Off Beachy Head.

Detonated red magnetic mine. Position. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1329/3 and 1038/4). Following from Lt. Cdr. M/S. Detonated red magnetic mine. Position. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1455/3, 1049/4).

3 Red Mines exploded by Sweepers at 1741/3, 1915/3, and 1918/3 respectively. Positions. (Lt. Cdr. M/S 1741/3, 1915/3, 1918/3 1102/4, 1113/4, 1119/4 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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Mining - Contd.

- Humber. 4 Mines detonated by Sweepers at 0727/3, 0928/3, 1036/3, and 1037/3 respectively. Details. (F.O. Humber, 1851B/3).
- Liverpool. At 1752B/3 one Red Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 2200/3).
- East Sussex Coast. 2 Red Mines swept today in Q.Z.X. 750. Positions (V.A. Dover, 2336B/3).

Enemy Intelligence.

- Trondheim. R/C of Trondheim postponed indefinitely.
Narvik. P.R.U. Narvik is in operation.
TIRPITZ, (D.D.I.C., 1116B/3 to C. in C. H.F., C.S.18
HIPPER. C.S.1)
P.R.U. Narvik unsuccessful today.
(D.D.I.C., 1457B/3).
- Visual R/C of Trondheim at 1400B/3 reports no major units in harbour. Will be confirmed later by photographs. (D.D.I.C., 1659B/3).
- Photographs of Trondheim at 1400B/3 show that TIRPITZ, HIPPER and 4 Destroyers have left. (D.D.I.C., 1947B/3).

U-boats.

- U-boats reported. By D/F at 0204Z/3, U-boat was in approx. 46° 40' N., 5° 20' W. (D.D.I.C., 0501B/3).

U-boats shadowing Convoy P.Q.17. (See Shipping)

Navigational.

- Yarmouth. 6A Light Buoy reported damaged and extinguished. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 1230B/3).
My 1230. 6A light buoy now reported flashing correctly but damaged. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 2250B/3).
- Straits of Dover. "D" and N.E. Varne buoys lights extinguished. (V.A. Dover, 1629B/3).

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RICHARD
BLAND. Reykjavik arrival RICHARD BLAND in tow tug
ADHERENT.
(A.C.I.C., 0115B/3).

LUDA LORD. W.P.M. 181. LUDA LORD returned with defects.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1647B/3).

CONQUEROR. Owing to minor E.R. defects CONQUEROR will not
complete before p.m.5/7. She will be ready to
sail p.m.6/7 or a.m.7/7.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1714/3 to A.C.O.S.)

AVONMALE. ^{N.T.H.M.D.} F.O.I.C. Falmouth's 1315/2 and A.S. Devonport's
1052/3. Intend to carry this work out at Plymouth
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1926B/3 to Admty).

Shipping.& Convoys.

P.Q.17 My position at 2359B/2 is 68° 48' N., 02° 52' W.
(C. in C. H.F., 0001B/3).
At 2340B/2 an enemy A/C reported a Convoy in
74° 75' N., 6° 7' E.
(D.D.I.C., 0240B/3 to C.S.1. P.Q.17, C. in C. H.F., F.O.S.)
A cross-over patrol by one A/C between positions:
71° 30' N., 19° 10' E., 71° 55' N., 23° 40' E. is being flown
from 1530/3 to 0300/5 by Catalina backed by one Liberator when
necessary.

2. This patrol is designed to cover the approaches to the convoy
route from the Altafiord area. A/C on passage from Sullom Voe
to the patrol area will provide also some R/C to the westward
of the Lofotens.

3. A/C engaged on this patrol are to fly from both Sullom Voe
and Archangel, and it is so arranged that on completion five
Catalinas will be at Archangel available to provide R/C for the
passage of the convoy after crossing about 35° E.
(A.C.N.S. H., 0731B/3 to C. in C. H.F.)
Admiralty's 1943B/2. In view of latest reports from Murmansk
Soviet naval staff agree all ships should go to Archangel.
(2) Have discussed question protection ships outside bars. Naval
staff are considering suggestion of ice breakers for A/A ships,
fighter cover, and A/S patrols. Instructions will be given
C. in C. White Sea shortly.
(Ad. Miles, 1341C/3 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).

BRAMBLE, SEAGULL, HAZARD, LEDA will be minesweeping in Gorlo
from p.m./4th and will meet P.Q.17 in swept channel when they
will then form additional escort (?to) ports.
(R.A. 1st M/S. F., 1405B/3 to KEPPEL).
Steer to pass at least 50 miles north of Bear Island.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1708B/3 to H.F., Escorts P.Q.17).
Single line bearings of transmissions at 1457 and 1510/3 G.M.T.
suggest presence of enemy unit or units, probably U-boat, in
vicinity P.Q.17, probably shadowing.
(D.D.I.C., 1752B/3 to A.I.G. 47. Not S/MS escorting P.Q.17).

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1. Your 1341C/3. In view of large numbers of ships coming to Archangel Russians are pressing for 2 ships to be discharged and loaded at Bellamorsk and 1 at Onega. S.N.O. reports adequate A/A defences at both places and fighter protection from local aerodromes is available. I am inclined to agree risk is no greater outside Bar, and that spreading of ships over a number of Ports should minimize risk. In future Russian ships will be sent to Bellamorsk but there are none available in P.Q.17. Request instructions.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1822B/3 to Adm. Miles).
Bearing of U-boat at 1516/3 G.M.T. Faeroes 23/A, Iceland 44/B.
(D.D.I.C., 1925B/3 to A.I.G.47).
My P.C.S. at 1900B/3 073° 10' N., 004° 33' E., 000° 16.5 knots, altering to 060° at 2230B/3 until longitude 012° E.
(C. in C. H.F., 1928/3).
Amend route of P.Q.17 through following new positions.
P. 75° 45' N., 22° 10' E. Q. 75° 45' N., 40° 55' E.
thence through old positions R, S, and T.
(KEPPEL, 1930Z/3 to S.B.N.O. North Russia, C. in C. H.F., C.S.1., C.S.18, C.S.10, F.O.S. etc).
4 A/C shadowing convoy "Competent". My position 74° 53' N., 16° 3' E.
(Escort Convoy "Competent"., 2030Z/3).
Visual R/C confirmed by photographs of Trondheim reports no heavy units present.
2. Admiralty appreciate that:
 - (a) A move by enemy heavy units to the Northward is in progress
 - (b) This threatens the convoy but there are no indications of immediate danger.
 - (c) Weather to be favourable for the convoy to continue to Eastward.
3. Admiralty is therefore taking no action at present, but is awaiting developments.
(A.C.N.S. H., 2222B/3 to H.F., P.Q.17)
(Passed to H.Q.C.C., S.B.N.O. North Russia, Ad. Miles).
Shadowed in position 075° 15' N., 016° 15' E., convoy bears 143° 32 miles. Intend both shall pass 70 miles north of Bear Island.
(C.S.1., 2302B/3 to C. in C. H.F.)
Russian intelligence reports 11 U-boats operating between 072° and 074° N., and 011° and 020° E.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2344B/3 to H.F., Admty, F.O.S.)

C.E.100

My 1540/27. C.E.100. Cancelled.
(C. in C. Nore, 1021B/3).

C.W.102.

My 1017B/3 and 2153B/2. Suggest desirability of cancelling C.W.102 but if sailed request it may arrive at E.A.5 at 1630/4 without fail and be instructed to proceed in searched channels at best speed to clear Spithead Gate before 1900/4. Accurate timing is essential.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1123B/3 to C. in C. Nore).

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- D.S. 30 Regret have no destroyer for D.S. 30 but SALISBURY and one "S" from Londonderry are available from 10/7 to 12/7 if you require them.
(C. in C. W.A., 1258B/3 to R.A.M.)
- P.W. 181 My 1413B/2. There are now two large seagoing vessels as well as the Two Category 2 ships previously reported. Unless A/A escort can be provided these four ships should not sail.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1313B/3 to C. in C. Plymouth).
Your 1413B/2/7. Regret no destroyer available as escort from Portsmouth to Falmouth.
Onward escort from Falmouth will include a destroyer. Can you provide escort to D.1. Buoy?
Failing this there will be no destroyer available from D.1. Buoy until P.W. 183.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1451B/3 to C. in C. Portsmouth).
Your 1606B/3. Following is a repetition of my 1413/2 to C. in C. Plymouth. Begins. P.W. 181 will include 2 category 2 ships. Regret they did not sail in P.W. 180 gas freeing incomplete. Ends
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1837B/3 to Admty).
- O.N.S. 110 Request you will sail ROSELYS now proceeding to Reykjavik with Q.P. 13 as additional escort for ships joining O.N.S. 110 in order she may rejoin her group and proceed with them to Argentina.
ROSELYS. (C. in C. W.A., 1341Z/3 to A.C.I.C.)
- P.Q. 18 My 1242B/11/6. C.A.M. ship EMPIRE EVE is allocated to Convoy P.Q. 18 in addition to EMPIRE MORN.
EMPIRE EVE, (D.T.D., 1510B/3).
EMPIRE MORN.
- P.S. 4 P.S. 4 and S.P. 4 cancelled.
S.P. 4 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1609B/3 to N.O.I.C. Newhaven).
? Leave in North Channel and proceed Londonderry for boiler cleaning. SHIKARI continue escort to Bar Light Vessel.
(C. in C. W.A., 1617B/3 to SARDONYX).
- LLANSTEPHAN A.M. 1838B/30. Intend to sail LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE escorted by VENOMOUS at 2100B/5 to R/V BUXTON in 270° Oversay. Light 6 Miles at 0600B/6. Thence in accordance with A.M. 1659B/2.
CASTLE, (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1756B/3).
VENOMOUS, Request you sail AZALEA to R/V with LLANSTEPHAN
BUXTON, CASTLE in accordance with F.O.I.C. Greenock's
AZALEA. 1228/3. If AZALEA cannot maintain speed of convoy she is to proceed independently to Gibraltar following route of O.G. 86 and is to act as additional escort if convoy is met.
(C. in C. W.A., 2258B/3 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

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Q.P.13

Q.P.13 P.C.S. 070° 42' N., 006° 39' W., 241°
8 knots at 1400Z/3. All destroyers fuelled.
My P.C.S. 070° 45' N., 005° 49' W. 090° 8 knots,
altering course 014° at 2300Z. Drift ice in 070°
45' N., 007° W., extending towards Jan Mayen.
(DOUGLAS, 1801Z/3 to C. in C. H.F., (R) INGLEFIELD)

Signal
Letters for
Russian M/Vs

British signal letters are now being allocated to
Russian ships and will be promulgated as necessary.

2. N.C.S.O.s are to inform Masters of their new
signal letters at first available opportunity.
3. Russian merchant ships trading with ports
on Pacific Coast of U.S.S.R. are not to be
supplied with War Call Signs.
(D.T.D., 1927B/3, "A" Message 931 A).

C.T.19,

C.T.19 sailed 2156/3.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 2400/3).

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(Italian)

Italian 54 (DREPANUM) left Bilbao passing breakwater 0005/3 full load of iron ore. (H.M.C. Bilbao 1105/3 to Admty.)

R/C of
Casablanca.

Photographic R/C of Casablanca 1710/2. Major units no change. (F.O.C.N.A. 1128B/3.)

UTMOST.

My 1610B/29 (N.T. in W.R.) UTMOST sailing at 1930B/3 for patrol area S S. (F.O.C.N.A. 1308B/3 to P.222, P.46.)

Cruiser
at
Algiers.

Transit aircraft report cruiser in Algiers harbour stationary at 0628/3. (2) Hope carry out R/C 4/7. (F.O.C.N.A. 1314B/3 to Admty.)

OLGA
(Spanish)

Have boarded Spanish Schooner OLGA position 298 Cape Trafalgar 4 miles. Cadiz-Mal Rabiera with salt. Capt. secretly handed boarding officer papers written in Spanish. Message not understood completely but refers to 2 auxiliary sailing vessels carrying war materials from Spanish ports to Bayonne. Vessel owned at Corunna and sold to German name D. Jeronimi. OLGA allowed to proceed, request instructions. (IMPERIALIST 1830B/3 to F.O.C.N.A.)

South Atlantic.W.S.21 P
A.S.4.

A.M. 1751/28/6 para 6. W.S.21 P will R/V with U.S. convoy A.S.4 from Pernambuco in 08° 45' S 11° 20' W at 0700Z/30 when British escort will relieve U.S. escort.

2. Convoy A.S.4. consists of:-

- (a) 5 U.S. Army cargo ships carrying valuable war equipment and about 200 troops to Suez.
 - (b) 3 British chartered cargo ships carrying oil cracking plant for Persian Gulf. S of A 12.3 knots.
 3. R.A.W.Af. is requested to sail W.S.21 P from Freetown as requisite to R/V and to route combined convoys onward to Capetown.
 4. C. in C. S.A. and C. in C. E.F. are requested to arrange onward escorted passage to destination(s) as expeditiously as possible.
 5. Speed of U.S. ships bound for Suez is 16 knots. It is suggested they should remain with W.S.21 P separate escort being provided for Persian Gulf ships.
- (Admty. 0025B/3 to C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.Af.)

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CANADA.

EMPRESS OF CANADA ready Capetown 4.7. is now required for inclusion in N.A.13 from Halifax to U.K.

2. It is essential that she should arrive Halifax not later than 19.7. Request confirmation that this date can be maintained on the basis that she sails Capetown 4.7. and does not wait until 7.7. to embark personnel ex QUEEN MARY. S.T.O. Capetown's 1452/30/6 to D. of S.T. only refers.

3. No personnel for U.K. should be on board EMPRESS OF CANADA on sailing Capetown.

(D. of S.T. 0239B/3 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

Your 0239/3. Ship leaves Capetown for Freetown 4/7 at full speed if routed to Halifax direct from Freetown voyage will take 19 days. Commodore Ceyne and Staff remain on board in case services are required.

(P.S.T.O. Simonstown 1515B/3 to Admty.)

ORIZABA.

ORIZABA in W.S.19 has arrived Bombay instead of Suez resulting in delay to military personnel very urgently required in Middle East.

2. Do you know the reason observing that my 1456/10/6 gave destination as M.E.

3. Agreed.

(D. of S.T. 0241B/3 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

Reply P.S.T.O. Simonstown 1113B/5, 1502 6/28/17

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W.S.19 P.

Arrangements for certain ships ex W.S.19 P.

(D. of S.T. 0242B/3 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

Admiralty 2252B/1 not received until Capetown portion of W.S.19 P at berth. Intend following

ships escorted by HEEMSKERCK leave Capetown noon 4th July speed of advance 14½ knots.

SANTA ELENA, ORONTES, J.X.MCANDREW, SANTA ROSA, MEXICO, STRATHALLAN, LACONIA, all for Middle East.

(2) Cmdre. Durban is to sail following ships to R/V with above about ?noon/7 ?at end of Durban swept channel. WARWICK CASTLE, OTRANTO, CHRISTOBAL, SANTA PAULA for Middle East, BRITANNIC, VICEROY OF INDIA for India.

(3) Remainder W.S.19 P consists of STAFFORDSHIRE, CATHAY, MARIPOSA (Greek?) for (India?) and NEW ZEALAND STAR for M.E. leaving Capetown p.m./4 escorted by CARNARVON CASTLE to R/V with CHRISTIAN HUYGENS, TALISSE, PEOLAU, ROEBIAH for Middle East and CHATEAU THIERRY for Massawa.

(C. in C. S.A. 1229B/3 to Admty. D.C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. E.F. F.O.R.S. Cmdre. Durban.) Amended by 1243/4, q.v.

My 1229/3 para 2. VICEROY OF INDIA is for Mid. East and OTRANTO for India.

(C. in C. S.A. 1803B/3 to as former.)

STAFFORD-
SHIRE.

Reference A.M. 1554/4/6. STAFFORDSHIRE is now for destination Middle East and not for India.

Arrangements for disposal of personnel.

(D. of S.T. 0243B/3 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

Cancelled by 0053/4. q.v.

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- DANAE. Simonstown departure 0930Z/2. DANAE for Freetown calling Pointe Noire for fuelling, S of A 15 knots. Routed Pointe Noire direct thence through 001° 00' N 008° 00' W E.T.A. Pointe Noire 0800Z/8. Shift to W/T organisation for Area P at 2000Z/5. (C. in C. S.A. 1120B/3 to Admty. R.A.W.Af. B.N.L.O. West Africa.)
- ?BARCROSS. 010° 245' 017° 230' to Freetown 8 at 2000/3.
?BARBOURNE (R.A.W.Af. 1151Z/3 to Ships in Area P of S.A. Station N of 8° N. Admty. C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)
- Movement Summary 2000Z/3. → Area Q EMERALD off Table Bay to Pointe Noire 17 knots. ALCANTARA about 013° 00' S 001° 30' W to R/V with LADY DENISON-PENDER in 011° (42' or 33') S 002° 10' W at 0600Z/4th (?ETHIOPIAN) 030° 47' S 030° 55' E to Durban 8 knots. BELLWORT in tow BARFOUNT, BARRYMORE with BRITTANY 034° 45' S 024° (?33') E to Durban 5 knots. SHROPSHIRE with W.S.19 P from Capetown expected time of arrival outer end of Durban searched channel 0500Z/4th. CILICIA 025° 10' S 005° 30' E 300° 15 knots. SOUTHERN GEM, SOUTHERN PRIDE on patrol in False Bay, CHESHIRE on patrol about 037° S 022° to 024° E.
→ DANAE 027° 55' S 013° 50' E to Pointe Noire 15 knots. (C. in C. S.A. 1232B/3 to S.A. Stn.)
- R.A. Syfret. Rear Admiral Syfret in CANTON is due to arrive Takoradi on 7/7.
2. It is particularly desired that he and one Staff Officer should be flown to U.K. at earliest possible date for planning an important operation.
3. If normal transport facilities cannot get them to U.K. by 12/7 request an operational flying boat from West Africa may be used for the purpose.
4. Request you will make necessary arrangements. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1326B/3 to Air Min.)
- EMERALD. Simonstown departure 0945Z/3 for Freetown calling Pointe Noire for fuelling. S of A 17 knots. Route. E.T.A. Pointe Noire 0700Z/8. (C. in C. S.A. 1413B/3 to Admty. R.A.W.A.F. B.L.O. W.A.F.)
- Suspicious Ship. Position 31 R 32 S 30 R 25 E. RRRR Being followed by suspicious looking ship looks like raider. (KETK (Unidentifiable in W.R.) 1519 G.M.T./3.) Course West - Speed 14 knots ship now some distance astern. No attack Get QRX. (KETK 1529Z/3.) Ship not attacking QTA RRRR QUM VA. (KETK T.O.R. 1536 G.M.T./3.)

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Port Defences, S. Africa. Ref. fixed etc. defences of Union Ports. Re financial responsibility in regard to supply and installation of material. (C. in C. S.A. 1630B/3 to Admty. (R) High Commissioner Pretoria.)

U-Boat and raider situation. Corvettes required. Latest indications show that there are one German and one Japanese submarine and two Japanese surface vessels in the Cape Area. 2. A/S patrols are maintained at Capetown, Durban and Saldanha by S.F.F. vessels but these are necessarily weak. SOUTHERN GEM and PRIDE have been used to reinforce Capetown when not required at Simonstown to screen monsters who cannot be worked in Table Bay at this season owing to swell. 3. Intend to keep THYME and CYCLAMEN in Durban area, also GENISTA when repaired. 4. Request if possible five more corvettes may be sent to Cape. 5. The total A/S escort force of eight corvettes and two whalers would be used to screen convoys in approaches to harbour and to reinforce S.F.F./S patrols. (Com. I/C Simonstown 1635B/3 to R.A.W.Af.)

CAMBRIA. Your 1721Z/29/4. Repairs completed vessel now Pernambuco and ready to proceed to carry out following repairs. (1) Pernambuco St. Vincent (60 miles N.E. Pernambuco). (11) Pernambuco Para (Close N.E. Ceara.) Alusnob Pernambuco has been advised by Alusna Rio de Janeiro to authorize vessel to proceed. (Pernambuco 1654/3 to B.A.D. Washington.)

Transports Freetown. 8 returning transports arriving within few days of W.S.20. 6 ships PASTEUR, NIEUW HOLLAND, ALMANZORA, ANTENOR, SAMARIA, RANGITATA being sailed within 24 hours of arrival. MATARCA and ORMONDE cannot be fuelled and watered until Convoy completed and will sail about 6th. A second Launch is not essential. Has boat for combined use M.W.T.R. and Self yet been despatched? My report 21/4 refers. (S.S.T.O. Freetown 1745Z/3 to D. of S.T. (R) R.A.W.A.F.)

M.F.Elliott (sunk 3/6 in A.W.I.) Following received from U.S. Naval Observers who interviewed 2 survivors from U.S. Tanker M.F. ELLIOTT who were picked up by U-Boat and after 3 hours put in small boat and finally rescued by Brazilian steamer SANTA MARIA on 7/6. 1 survivor had several years experience in S/Ms. Ship torpedoed 3/6 200 miles off Venezuela coast 1 torpedo fired and ship sank 4 minutes later. C.Bs went down with her. U-Boat had 3" gun forward, smaller one aft, A.A. gun(s) on bridge. Probably 750 tons type - number probably 108. Insignia Goat's Head. Survivors kept in control room. Although blindfolded survivors counted 3 watertight doors between control room and torpedo room ends. (N.C.S.O. Santos 1800Z/3 to Admty.)

/BURDOCK...

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BURDOCK.

Ref. A.M. 1219B/2. E.T.A. 0900/5.
 (BURDOCK 2115Z/3 to R.A.W.Af. N.C.S.O. St. Vincent
 (C.V.) (R) Admty.)

Mediterranean.Port Said
Mines

My 0532/3 (N.T. in W.D.) cancel reference to mine
 near No. 4 outer (1 group missing) now identified
 definitely as bombs. Strongly suspect mines laid
 at 0350 about half mile to North No.2 outer
 channel buoy. Have stopped traffic till about
 noon after which intend to accept risk.
 (N.O.I.C. Port Said 1019C/3 to Admty.)

Alexandria
Movements.

Request you will report arrivals and departures of
 H.M. ships at Alexandria to Admty, C. in C. Med.
 (R) S.O.I. Med. as from 0900/2. When movements
 of submarines are included message should be
 repeated V.A.M.
 (S.O.I. Med. 1152C/3 to R.A. Alexandria (R) Admty.
 C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.)

Arrivals 30/6 JERVIS, JAVELIN, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT. Departures 30/6
 JERVIS, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT, CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA, PORPOISE, PROTEUS,
 WHITEHAVEN, SEAHAM, KELVIN, BOSTON, DERBY, FAREHAM, CENTURION,
 JANUS, OTUS, TAKU, HURWORTH, MALINES, ZINGARELLA, SOUTHERN ISLE,
 ANTWERP, M.T.Bs.*56, 57, 73, 61, 261, 265, 267, 268, 310. M.L.
 354, Z.22, A.100, A.117, Greek ~~SPHENDONI~~ SPHENDONI, Greek ~~SAKTOURIS~~
 SAKTOURIS. Arrivals 1/7 TETCOTT, CROOME, HURWORTH, DELPHINIUM,
 MALINES, ANTWERP. Departures 1/7 MOORSTONE, C.307, RENNET,
 TETCOTT, CROOME, GRIBB, HURWORTH, DELPHINIUM, ABERDARE.
 (S.O.I. Alexandria 1154C/3 to Admty. C. in C. Med. V.A.M.)

*In Home Waters.

See next page

Turkish
Caiques.

(2 corrupt groups) Ban on sailing Turkish Caiques
 to ?Bulgaria imposed 3/6 lifted today. N.L.O.
 Black Sea advised.
 (S.O.I. Istanbul 1177C/3 to S.O.I. Alexandria,
 B.N.A. Ankara. (R) D.N.I.)

Beirut
Movements.

3rd. Arrivals 0740 GLOXINIA, SOUTHERN SEA,
 departures 1300 GLOXINIA, NORSE.
 (S.O.I. Beirut 1459C/3 to Admty.)

Black
Sea.

Situation Report. (1) No official news from
 Sevastopol but fighting still continues.
 (2) Enemy troops and aircraft being transferred
 at high speed from Western to Eastern Crimea.
 Novorossisk and all important harbours and towns

/on Taman...

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Sea.
Contd.

on Taman peninsula were bombed, 2/7 concentrations of M/Vs barges and pontoons in enemy ports in Roumanian Crimea and Sea of Azov.

(4) Attack on Taman Peninsula may be expected shortly and probably will be launched simultaneously from several directions.

(N.L.O. Black Sea 1507C/3 to Admty. Ad. Miles.)
See also 1257/4.Port
Said
Movements.2/7 arrivals. SAKTOURIS, QUEEN OLGA, BURRA, ISLAY, JERVIS, DULVERTON, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT, ZINGARELLA, WHITEHAVEN, R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA, R.F.A. CHERRY-LEAF, R.F.A. CHANGTE, M.L.354, SOUTHERN ISLES, HURWORTH, FAREHAM, ABERDARE, GRIBB, KLO, ANTWERP, JAVELIN, MALINES, EXMOOR. Departures. PATRELLA, SAKTOURIS,HYACINTH, MAINE, SNAPDRAGON, ASPIS, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT, PAUL COUN-
~~RE~~ DOURIOTIS, R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA, SEAHAM, M.L.348, M.L.353, HURWORTH.

(N.O.I.C. Port Said 1605C/3 to Admty. C. in C. Med. R.A.(L))

*See previous page.*Raid,
Suez
Canal.

F.O.R.S.C.A. 1717/3 - See C. in C. Med. 1302C/4.

Cositrep
No.435.

Night 2/3. Approx. 85 Wellingtons bombed enemy concentrations and communications immediately in rear of battle area. They had a good night starting many fires with explosions and an exceptionally big explosion at Daba. Liberators

bombed Tobruk Harbour. Enemy aircraft operated in Amiriya, Alexandria and Suez Canal areas. Mines dropped in Canal and believed laid off Port Said.

(C. in C. M.E. 1720/3.)

Enemy
Units,
TURBULENT,
TAKU.

Aircraft report 3 merchant ships and 8 destroyers in 037° 25' N 020° 50', last course 140° speed 13 knots at 1600.

(S.O.S. Alexandria 1753C/3 to TURBULENT, TAKU, (R) C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 1.)

My 1753/3. Aircraft will be searching north of 35° between midnight and 0415/4. TAKU patrolling in vicinity Apollon during daylight on 4th.

(S.O.S. Alexandria 1928C/3 to TURBULENT, TAKU. (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 1.)

Malta
Air
Report.

I.414 3/7/42. C.S.R. Malta.

2nd. 1646 hours, 15 Me.109s and Macchi 202s 2

Cant 1007s. Luqa, no damage. 2 Macchi 202s

destroyed, 3 Me.109s damaged by 15 Spitfires still up from previous raid. 1 Spitfire damaged in

combat crash landed. Pilot uninjured. 2150 hours, 30 raiders Luqa no damage. Civilian casualties. 2 Ju.88s destroyed by 2

Beaufighters. 2 Illuminations 1 unidentified aircraft destroyed by A/A.

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Malta Air
Report.
(Contd.)

3rd.1051 hours 10 ME 109s Macchi 202s 3 Cant.1007s
civilian casualties , 1 ME.109 destroyed by 14
Spitfires.

Night 2/3. 3 Wellington 8s 3 torpedo Wellingtons
with 1 torpedo each shipping sweep Ionian Sea.

2121 hours 1 cruiser 1 D/R 280° Cape Santa Maria Di Leuca 15
miles course 120°. 8 knots. 2213 hours 1 D/R 1 M/V 8000 tons 1
M/V 5000 tons 2 M/Vs 3000 tons 170° Madonna Isle 8 miles
course 140° 10 knots, spread over 12 miles. Largest M/V attacked
by 3 Wellington 8s and 2 torpedo Wellingtons, possible direct hit
and near misses. No torpedo hits observed but torpedoes ran
well and straight and in pilots views could not have missed.
Small fire seen 0400 hrs. 1 M/V 3000 tons 200°. Cape Santa
Maria Di Leuca 10 miles course 045°.8 knots.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1805/3.)

Situation
Report
228.

Air Raid Alexandria night 1/2 few bombs, no
naval damage. Canal area minelaying raid by 6
A/C 11 mines in canal. 2 rendered safe and one(?
exploded) to date.

2.Levant. British ship MARILYSE MOLLER (cased
petrol carrier) torpedoed and sunk 1445/1 in 031° 22' N. 033° 44'
E. while on passage from Port Said to Haifa.

3.My 1826/30 para.4. AIRCREST now stranded in (? 031°) (? 24' 50')
034° 39' E. on even keel with top mast and funnel showing.

4. Operational Staff C. in C.Med. now at Ismailia, administrative
staff at Port Said.

(C. in C.Med.1947C/3. to Admty.).

Force A.
Force B.

Until further orders DIDO, EURYALUS and attached
destroyers are to form Force A under command
of R.A.D.Med. Fleet whose flag is in DIDO.

2.CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA and attached destroyers are to
form Force B under command of F.O.C.15th C.S.

3. My 2358/30 and my 1943/2.(N.T. in W.R.) refer.

(C. in C.Med. 2055c/3. to Med Fleet (R) Admty. F.O.C.N.A.).

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

ORADELL. Overdue shipping (Pan.) ORADELL left Karachi 21/6 due Aden 28/6 not arrived.
(S.O.I. Colombo, 0500Z/3 to Admty., etc.)

Transports, 15769/Q cipher 2/7. Ref. Mideast SD 18541/1/7.
India and 1. In view of arrangements enumerated below
M.E. following ships have been ordered by P.S.T.O.(I)
to proceed India: ALASKA, FRANKA, NARVIK,
IMPERIAL MONARCH, leaving BARON JEDBURGH and

DIOMED continue to Mideast. This will give Mideast their requirements earliest possible and on or before 30/7.

2. MANCHESTER PROGRESS, EMPIRE LIVINGSTONE, LARCHBANK with some bottom cargo for Mideast from U.K. plus cargo originally for India and Mideast cargo transhipped from HOPERANGE leave Bombay 5/7 due Suez 20/7. These in addition carry (details). A vessel leaves Karachi 5/7 due Suez 20/7 carrying in addition to stores against Mideast normal demands following loaded for immediate discharge.

3. To meet your further demands following are being loaded for immediate discharge from A Bombay, B Karachi in vessels due Suez between 20/7 and 30/7.

4. In addition 10 sets medium M.3 tank tracks ex BARON BELHAVEN 5 light M.3 tanks and 24 wheeled armoured carriers will be shipped earliest possible. Your reference to Stens not yet clear but if you require 9 m.m cartridges ex IMPERIAL MONARCH will forward as soon as vessel cleared. 16 sets M.3 tank tools also follow.

5. Tanks ex India will be deficient wireless and internal communication equipment which unable assemble before shipment.

6. 35000 2 pdr. A.P. shell required by you ex HOPECREST covered by 48000 in BARON JEDBURGH.

(C. in C. India, 0835/3 to C. in C. M.E., (R) W.O.)

ORIZABA. My 0725/2. ORIZABA now requires 4 days for essential repairs. Captain considers voyage is completed. Is ship to proceed to Suez on completion of repairs or should troops be transhipped to another ship for onward passage? LANCASHIRE can be made available if required.

(P.S.T.O. India, 1035Z/3 to D.S.T., (R) Dep. C. in C. E.F., P.S.T.O. Egypt.) *See p. 70*

NEWCASTLE. For D.S.R. (1) C. in C. Med's 1717/17/6 which is being passed to you.
(2) Request whether ship could be taken in hand for temporary repairs including patches to side to make her fit for sea passage.
(3) Ship would arrive Bombay at end of July.
(C. in C. E.F., 1038Z/3 to F.O.C.R.I.N., (R) Admty., C.S.4.)

/C.S.4's ...

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NEWCASTLE C.S.4's 1550/?1.
(Contd.) 1. Concur that ship must be taken in hand for (a) stiffening (? at) Aden. (b) (?Temporary) repairs including patching (? holes) in ship's side (? before) attempting (? ocean) passage.
2. (? Above) (? to be) (? briefly) carried out in (? Bombay) if possible. D.S.R. is being consulted now.
(C. in C. E.F., 1621Z/3 to NEWCASTLE, (R) C.S.4, N.O.I.C. Aden, Adnty.)
Should C. in C. E.F. ask you to carry out temporary hull repairs to NEWCASTLE it is requested that you will accord them the highest priority.
(D.O.D.(F), 1711B/3 to F.O.C.R.I.N., (R) C. in C. E.F., etc.)
See p. 82.

Mauritius, 059190, 3383 Cipher 3/7.
Diego Ref. India Cable 15752/G 2nd.
Garcia. In view of proposal of putting Mauritius under C. in C. East Africa and as Diego Garcia is now under F.O. in C. Ceylon, as regards Navy urgently recommend Diego Garcia now be transferred completely to India. Present proposal Diego Garcia being run by India except for 1 (Inf.) Coy. most difficult and uneconomical and entails considerable administrative difficulties chiefly owing to shipping. C. in C. India's telegram 1126/12/12 recommended this.
(O.C. Troops, Mauritius, 1150/3 to C. in C. India.)
Katakurunda. Re transfer to R.N. by RAF. (Air Ministry 1216/3) See page 60.

Trincomalee. A.M. 1107B/1 appears to have been made without reference to my 0658Z/23/6 both with regard to lack of mooring buoy and use of anti-torpedo baffle.
2. With regard to berthing movement I have instructed N.O.I.C. Trincomalee to continue work in accordance with my 0658Z/23/6 and also to prepare alternative plan of inner anchorage assuming all ships berthing head and stern and shoal west of Powder Rock clear.
3. Re shore facilities, P Company R.M.E. now at Colombo is being sent to Trincomalee and its stores and equipment will be sent from Bombay. N.O.I.C. has been instructed to make fullest use of R.M. engineers both for reconstruction work and also construction of short term essentials and to report proposed programme of work. I consider there is much to be done ashore before Trincomalee is fit for use as base for Eastern Fleet.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 1244Z/3 to C. in C. E.F., (R) Dep. C. in C. E.F., Adnty.)

C. in C.E.F., C. in C. Ceylon's 1009/30/6. The small storm
C. in C. that has arisen in the Ceylon teacup owes its
Ceylon, origin I think to an attempt by C. in C. Ceylon
division of to establish what Euclid has disproved, namely,
responsibility. that the part is greater than the whole.
2. I quite agree that all duties of F.O. Ceylon
that are concerned with defence of Ceylon must be

/subjected ...

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C. in C.E.F., subjected to direction by C. in C. Ceylon. On the other hand, such duties as maintenance of a shipping plot for East Indies, Knaiban, (as recd.) C. in C. Ceylon, defence of Addu Atoll and Diego Garcia, control, division of responsibility, administration, and operation of escort groups working on East and West coasts of India, and collection of Naval Intelligence for Eastern Fleet, are not primarily concerned with defence of Ceylon and should therefore be under my direction.

3. With regard to the 3 intelligence officers referred to, I informed C. in C. Ceylon that to suit my convenience I was leaving these officers at Colombo to work under F.O. Ceylon instead of moving them to Kilindini, and that all Naval Intelligence they collected would be available to C. in C. Ceylon at any time. I do not consider that these officers should be absorbed into Staff of C. in C. Ceylon to work under a Military Officer. The duty of this section is to collect station and other Naval Intelligence (this becomes immediately available in Ceylon) and feed it into the main intelligence centre at Kilindini where it is married up with "CE" and other intelligence from all over the Indian Ocean and passed out to all authorities concerned.
(C. in C. E.F., 1439Z/3 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Ceylon.)

Eastern Fleet Situation. The number of ships available to form Force A is at present seriously reduced owing to considerable increase of convoy escort commitments resulting from splitting of convoys into fast and slow portions together with escorts required for monsters and semi-monsters and the possibility of raiders re-appearing in Western Indian Ocean. Of the battleships, only WARSPITE is available until mid-August when VALIANT completes working up. On recent calculations only one cruiser will be free of escort duties during next 6 weeks. Approx. 9 destroyers should become available within a week, but the present S/M activity makes additional escort commitments inevitable. The only striking force at present available consists of 2 carriers and WARSPITE. I intend that this force should remain at Kilindini for the present to (A) carry out exercises at sea when destroyers are available (B) conduct sweeps for enemy raiders should latter re-appear within striking distance.
(C. in C. E.F., 1453Z/3 to Admty.)

ENTERPRISE. Cancel my 1614/2. ENTERPRISE to R/V with MONARCH OF BERMUDA off Aden about 9/7 and escort to Kilindini.
(Dep. C. in C. E.F., 1507Z/3 to Cmdre. i/c Beirut (? Aden intended) (R) ENTERPRISE, (?C.S.4))

MONARCH OF BERMUDA. Your 2040/28/6 (N.T. in W.D.), concur escort will be provided to Kilindini and thence to Durban.
(Dep. C. in C. E.F., 1514Z/3 to P.S.T.O. Egypt (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. S.A., Admty.)

/ U/Bs. ...

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U/Bs. 3 Japanese S/Ms commenced operating in Mozambique Channel on 30/6 2 in area 005° to 017° S. 040° to 045° E. and 1 in vicinity of 025° S. 035° E. D/F indicates further flotilla probably 3 S/Ms proceeding to area south of Capetown. S/Ms in Mozambique Channel will probably continue to operate till about 8th.

(C.S. Kilindini, 1542Z/3 to E.I. Stn., etc.)
My 1542/3. Attacks have taken place as follows, all latitudes and longitudes south and east. 0015/30 013° 09', 041° 45' SS. ROOKLEY shelled but not sunk. 0645/30 013° 00', 041° 45' an unknown ship picked up 6 survivors from GOVIKEN (Norway). 1359/30 012° 25', 041° 58' SS. DALLINGTON COURT torpedo attack failed. 0312/1 025° 25', 034° 49' unknown ship shelled. 0245/2 008° 46', 043° 11' STEAUA ROMANA (Roumania) shelled. 0415/2 016° 05', 041° 00' SS. PHEMIUS torpedo attack failed. (Capt. O.S. Kilindini, 2032Z/3 to E.I. Stn., (R) Admty., etc.)

Operation "Throat". Situation report. (A) R/C main Mayotte Island today, road good, dry weather. 1 light motor government van, 3 private cars. 2 remaining police posts taken without opposition, small W/T

*S.S. GENERAL DUCHESNE set of very limited range discovered. (Corrupt group) work intend to establish coast watching aerial (? Chinguni) (Corrupt group). *DUCHESNE cargo consisting mainly of rice and beans found and political officer taken over sale to natives. This staves off present unfair shortage but early supplies of wheat and native cloth most desirable.

(C) Dep. C. in C. E.F. 1547Z/2 repeated N.O.i/c Diego Suarez. Only motor boat in island captured but hull rotten, engine etc. salvaged and intend fitting in most suitable (? government) boat. At least one flying boat mooring will be improvised and laid before DAUNTLESS leaves. Shore accommodation for caterpillar crew no difficulty. (D) Survey local water (? by) echo sounding boat started.

(DAUNTLESS, 1640Z/3 to 121 Force, (R) Dep. C. in C. E.F., C. in C. E.F., RIFLEMAN, GUARDIAN.)

Flag 3 B.S. Flag of B.S. 3 and 2nd in Command Eastern Fleet will be transferred from REVENGE to RESOLUTION on Sunday 5/7. (B.S.3, 1800Z/3 to C. in C. E.F., Admty., F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar, C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Durban, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 3rd B.S., WARSPITE, VALIANT.)

Addu Atoll, Seychelles. Your 1112/26 para. 3 approved. 2. Provision of extra ammunition to satisfy scale required by C.G.S. India for Addu Atoll and Seychelles is being investigated by Admty. in consultation with W.O. 3. Further signal will be made. (D. of L.D., 2044B/3 to F.O. Ceylon.)

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Recd 17.7.42

MESSAGE No T.O.O. 3rd July IN

SECRET

From Governor (Sir H. Moore) Kenya.

Date 3.7.42
Recd. 2240

CYPHER

CORRECTION

Addressed: Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mombasa, port control

No. 531.

My telegram No. 418.

Question of the Port Executive Committee has now been fully reviewed and discussed with the Flag Officer in Charge, East Africa and Zanzibar, and with the representative of the Ministry of War Transport, Mombasa. They and other parties concerned are agreed that it is unnecessary to retain this Committee. Matter has also been discussed with Lieutenant Colonel Bull who, I understand, was late Secretary of the Overseas Port and Transit Committee. He concurs.

2. Functions of a War Transport Committee are already performed at Mombasa by a Port Storage and Loading Committee and a Port despatch Committee both under the chairmanship of the representative of the Ministry of War Transport. These committees include representatives of the Services and port managements, and already cover large part of the duties proposed for the Port Executive Committee. Adequate powers have been delegated by me to the Senior Naval Officer on the one hand and to the Port Manager on the other. These arrangements are working satisfactorily.

3. To ensure co-ordination in the development of port facilities and new works, I propose as High Commissioner for Transport to appoint a small Port Emergency Committee consisting of General Manager of Railways as Chairman, representatives of the Ministry of War Transport and the three Services and the Port Manager to meet as circumstances require, and to pool their plans and information with a view to expediting local decisions on port matters affecting all of them.

4. Harbour Advisory Board will continue.

5. I appreciate the urgency and importance of the duties which it was proposed that the Port Executive Committee would carry out, but as all parties concerned are agreed that the situation is met by the arrangement explained above, suggest, if you agree, to revoke the appointment of Port Executive Committee which, if continued, will merely create difficulties and has now been shown to be unnecessary for Mombasa.

No T.O.O./3

Received from Colonial Office PM/16

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| Controller | Ops. (3) | War Office, - Major D. Haviland, |
| Vice Contr. | D.T.D. (4) | Tn. 1(a) |
| V.C.N.S. | D.T.D. (M) | Ministry of - Mr. R.S. MadTier. |
| A.C.N.S. (F) | D.T.D. (C) | War Transport |
| A.C.N.S. (T) | M. (2) | Air Ministry - Wing Commander |
| A.C.N.S. (W) | D.N.I. (5) | B. Allen. |
| Secretary | O.I.C. (3) | |
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| D. of P. (3) | D.T.S.D. | |
| D. of P. (Q) | Ad. Bellairs | |

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies.

Navigation, Special warning number 125. Panama Canal
Panama Canal. Authorities direct that all vessels approaching
Panama Canal should proceed as follows: vessels
approaching or departing Cristobal Harbour are
directed to stay on Gatun Range bearing S. from centre of
Channel extended for a distance of 2 miles seaward from break-
water entrance. Vessels approaching Balboa shall anchor in
area bounded on E. by a line drawn S. true from entrance Gas
Buoy number 1 and on N. and W. by the 30 foot depth curve.
Owing to changes being made from time to time in Channels
leading to Atlantic and Pacific entrances to Panama Canal it is
unsafe for any vessel to enter ports of Cristobal or Balboa
without receiving instructions from U.S. Naval vessel stationed
outside each entrance. All ships are required to stop near
this naval vessel and may not proceed until necessary instruct-
ions have been received. Ships disregarding this order do so
at their risk and peril.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, No T.O.O. Recd 0317/3)
(D.T.D. 1558B/3 to F.O.I.Cs.)

Proposed J.S.M. No.284 3/7/42. 1. Following Memorandum
Combined circulated by U.S. Chiefs of Staff yesterday was
Communications on Agenda of today's C.C.S. Meeting. Proposal
Board. was referred to Combined Staff Planners for their
recommendations.
(J.S.M. 0025Z/3 to Chiefs of Staff, London.)

W.A.T. Ref. C. in C. A.W.I. 1902P/1. This dangerous
Convoys. area is realised by Cominch and conditions
described in S.B.N.O. Curacao's 0953Q/1 have
been represented. (2) Hoped to extend surface
escort to eastward of Trinidad and also consideration is being
given to take full advantage of air coverage by diversion of
inward shipping on approach routes similar to M.A.R.I. sec 2
para 14 A prior to effective date 12/7.
(B.A.D. 0049Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. A.W.I. etc.)

U/B attack Following received from Port Limon, Costa
on Port Rica (begins) SAN PABLO Panamanian torpedoed at
Limon. Port Limon 0202 G.M.T. 3/7 while discharging
at covered dock. No S/M seen. Majority of
crew U.S. Believe few casualties (ends)
B.A.D. Washington pass to Connav.
(S.O.I.) Kingston 0151R/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.,
B.A.D. etc.)

SANDWICH, Comply with Admty's 2335B/2. Acknowledge.
search for (C.C.N.F. 0408Z/3 to SANDWICH)
WAIWERA. Your 0408Z/3 acknowledged. My position 047°
05' N. 032° 28' W. Weather report.
(SANDWICH 0810Z/3 to C.C.N.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

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SANDWICH, My 2359Z/2. In view of Admty's 2335B/2
search for regarding presence of survivors, detaching tugs
WAIWERA. conts. continue search for survivors (? operating)
until necessary to discontinue so as to arrive
U.K. not later than 10/7.
(F.O.N.F. 1137Z/3 to SANDWICH (R) Admty. etc.)
F.O.N.F.'s 1137Z/3 unless carried out suggest a search for
survivors from direction of Azores to position of attack thence
towards Fastnet.
(C. in C. W.A. 1815B/3 to SANDWICH (R) F.O.N.F. Admty.)
Request repetition C. in C. W.A. 1815B/3. F.O.C.N.F. 1137Z/3rd
not received. Have closed position indicated in Admty. 2335B/2
and endeavoured to contact WAIWERA boats on 500 kc/s., calling
hourly. SANDWICH has swept sector 40 miles N.E. of this
position and tugs 30 miles to S.W. maintaining R/T contact.
Nothing to report. Am carrying on search northward until dusk,
when I will comply with F.O.C.N.F. 2359Z/2nd. My P.C. and S.
047° 05' N. 033° 07' W. 010° 12 knots at 2100Z/3. Weather report.
(SANDWICH 1930Z/3 to Admty., F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A.)

Ship Following received: de VPO, Barbados Radio.
Torpedoed. From WOJA A R B No.8 torpedoed 80 miles N.N.E.
Port of Spain, abandoning ship, require
immediate assistance (ends)
(C. in C. Plymouth, Valentia Radio 0508/3 to
Admty.)

WARRIOR SS WARRIOR sunk 1/7 in approx. 10.54 N. 61.01 W.
(sunk 1/7) in 19 fathoms. May be danger to navigation.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 0912Q/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.
(R) Admty. etc.)

CHURCHILL Departure CHURCHILL escorting U.S.A.T. GEORGE
GEORGE WASHINGTON to Dominica.
WASHINGTON. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1132Q/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.
(R) Admty. etc.)

U/B Campaign, We consider U/Bs may be intensifying operations
shipping in area west of 50° W. between 10° N. and 25° N.
diversion. In view of this recommend SS SELANDIA be diverted
to pass north of 25° N. 50° W.
(D.T.D. 1248B/3 to Connav (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

A.M. 1248B/3. Recommend that the following 10 ships be diverted
individually so as to keep south of 10° N. when west of 50° W.
and to approach Galera Point from S.E. PARTRIDGE HILL,
KATENDRECHT, JURKO TOPIC, SHIRVAN, PANAMA, CAPE VERDE, BEGUM,
FERNPLANT, EMPIRE WYCLIFFE, EMPIRE KAMAL.
(D.T.D. 1454B/3 to Connav (R) S.O.I. Jamaica.)

A.M. 1248B/3. Suggest that eastbound ships from Trinidad,
including those dispersed from O.T. and W.A.T. convoys, should
for the present keep south of 10° N. until east of 50° W. and
that this policy should be maintained until Trinidad approach
and departure routes established by Amendment No.34 to M.A.R.I.
are in operation or there is a change in U/B dispositions in the
meanwhile. (D.T.D. 1456B/3 to Connav (R) B.R.O. Trinidad, S.O.
(I) Jamaica, C. in C. A.W.I.)

/Local ...

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- Local Defence Schemes. C.O.S. (W) 216. Colonial Office proposals re discretion of J.S.M. in local defence schemes. (Air Ministry 1435Z/3 to Washington)
See Lion Copy.
- ONEIDA. Overdue San Juan U.S. ONEIDA.
(S.O.I.) Jamaica 1501R/3 to Admty., C. in C.
A.W.I., B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. Connav, F.O.C.Trinidad)
- U/B attacked by LE TIGER. LE TIGRE, A/S ship, signalled at 1.40 p.m. 3rd that she had probably sunk a U-boat about 140' E. of Cape Cod and that VETERAN was probably following up the attack. LE TIGER was proceeding to Woodshole with 28 survivors of SS*ALEXANDER MACOMB, and probably U/B which torpedoed this ship was the one attacked by LE TIGER.
(D.O.R. 6/7) *See p. 84*
- HERBERT. Departure U.S.S. HERBERT for A/S patrol.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1512Q/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.
(R) Admty., S.O.I. Kingston.)
- Floating Dock. My 2048/1. Floating dock delayed until about 12/7.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1515/3 to C.E.S.F., C.G.S.F.)
- NEWCASTLE. A.M. 2349/19/6. NEWCASTLE has been delayed by necessity for temporary repairs to enable her to make an ocean passage. 2. Anticipated she will arrive U.S.A. end September.
(D.O.D.(F) 1546B/3 to B.A.M.R. (R) R.A.W.A. etc.)
See pp 46 & 77
- DASHER. When ready for sea and after embarking 837 Sqdn. and any suitable cargo request you will sail DASHER in convoy for Clyde. 2. Further orders will be given after ship has arrived. 3. Subject to concurrence of C. in C. W.A., DASHER will be administered by F.O.I.C. Greenock.
(D.O.D.(H) 1549B/3 to B.A.D. for B.A.M.R. (R) Cominch etc.)
- Orders for entering Panama Canal. Vessels bound through the Panama Canal from the northward should obtain instructions from a United States vessel stationed outside the entrance before attempting to enter the port of Cristobal.
(D.T.D. 1558B/3 to F.O.I.Cs concerned.)

/CITY ...

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MOST SECRET

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M E S S A G E

1435Z/3rd July.
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To: Britman Washington.

Date 3.7.42.

CYPHER.

From Air Ministry.

Colonial Local Defence Schemes.

OZ. 636. 3.7.42. C.O.S. (W) 216.
Reference C.O.S. (W) 190. (1565/116)

Colonial Office propose that in respect of questions referred to in paragraph 13 and schemes referred to in paragraph 5 of ABC-3, they should delegate their authority to you. This would be on understanding that in any civil matters in which Governor has objections to raise he will telegraph to Colonial Office repeating to you, and in any such case you will not take action (except to offer to Governor and Colonial Office such comments as you may have on the issue) until you receive instructions from London.

2. All civil defence parts of combined schemes submitted under paragraph 5 of ABC-3 will of course be examined in the Colonial Office. If after consultation between Colonial Office and Colonial Governors any amendments are necessary, these will be submitted to you by the Colonial Government concerned as amendments to combined defence schemes. By this means it will not be necessary to hold up approval of defence schemes as originally submitted, until they are received by the Colonial Office, their approval given and you informed.

3. Above procedure, which brings Colonial Office into line with Service Departments, should enable you to reach agreement with Americans on defence schemes without undue delay. Please say if you can accept this delegation of authority from Colonial Office.

1435Z/3.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (2)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
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P.A.S. (S)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D. of P. (2)
Duty Capt. (2)
D.D.I.C. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
Hd. of M. (2)
I.P. (2)
W.D.
Admiral Blake.
D. of L.D.
Admiral Bellairs.
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1910/3/7.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM. My 2357/1. 368 survivors landed Bermuda. 5 passengers 7 crew missing, 1 died in boat. Cargo loaded at Norfolk was labelled Hamilton, Bermuda. Escorting destroyer dropped 3 patterns depth charges about 20 charges all told, result unknown. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1609P/3 to Admty. (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., S.O.I. Jamaica.)

P.554 O.15. My 1826/20/6. Consequent on loss of P.514 it will be arranged that P.554 is based at St. Johns N.F. for A/S vessels based in Newfoundland. P.554 is expected to be available 10/7. 2. Arrangements in paras 2 (B) (C) and (D) of my 1826/20 are to stand, but O.15 will return to U.K. in August. (D.A/S W. Approved A.C.N.S.(H) 1720B/3 to N.S.H.Q. (R) F.O.N.F. B.A.D. etc.)

Ocean and Nauru Islands. Re supplies. J.S.M. 286, 1721Z/3. See Australia.

U/B Positions. 3/7 Submarine estimate (including probables and possibles, mentions 46 U/Bs.) (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1725/3 to Admty.)

SANKATY. 4/7 H.M.C.S. Minelayer SANKATY 8 Halifax 11/7 through D. 46.36 N. 53.05 W. E. 46.32 N. 53.35 W. F. 46.39 N. 56.16 W. G. 46.01 N. 59.10 W. H. 44.52 N. 61.00 W. J. 44.26 N. 62.31 W. knots 7. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 1750Z/3 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C.T.F.24 etc.)

RAMSEY. Your 1705/2 not to B.A.R.M. (N.T.in W.R.) RAMSEY refitting and completion date is uncertain due to bent rotor in port H.P. turbine. Ship will be sailed to join H.X.200 if completed in time. B.A.R.M. is requested to signal completion date when known. (C.O.A.C. 1926Z/3 to C.T.F. 24 (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Sinking of Schooners, Barbados. No.264. My telegram No.249. I have just received news of sinking of another schooner on Barbados Register by enemy action on 29/6. This is the fifth schooner out of 19, trading to Barbados to be sunk within the last 6 weeks. Continuation of schooner traffic is essential for maintenance of Island's vital supplies. Pending establishment of Schooner Pool-wide Weddo telegram No.118- proposals are under active consideration for the interim indemnification by Govt. of owners in case of loss of vessels, and for compensation in case of death or injury of crews, but these measures will be valueless if schooners continue to be sunk.

/F.O. in C. ...

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Schooners,
Barbados
contd.

F.O. in C. Trinidad, has authorised temporary retention here of two M.T.Bs and this assistance is appreciated, but Executive Committee desires that I should represent to you their grave concern, which I share, at continued losses of shipping, and ask that U.S. authorities be urged to take immediate measures for increased protection, or if defence of local trading craft is regarded as duty of H.M. Navy, that matter be referred through Admty. to C. in C. A.W.I. Station.
(Govr. Barbados No T.O.O./3rd to S. of S. for Colonies.)

Martlet A/Cs
for Ships.

My 1636B/18/5 to B.A.D. concerning arming of TRAILER, TRACKER, PURSUER, SEARCHER and RAVAGER with Martlet IV, and my 2012B/9/6. Your 2351/11/6 to Admty. As order of completion of ships concerned is uncertain intend in future not to specify which Martlet IV squadron forming in U.S.A. is earmarked for a particular ship but that first of these ships ready should take the first Martlet IV squadron and so on. Squadron number should be reported when allocated to a ship.
(Head of Air Branch 1957B/3 to B.A.D.)

Sub attack
and
sighting
summary.

See p. 82.
ALEXANDER MCCOMB /torpedoed and sunk 41.48 N. 66.38 W. 0930Z/3. GONCALVES DIAZ and E.P. THERIAULT possibly U.45 type. CLARE U.88 type. ALCOA CARRIER, 1 torpedo hit, 23 shells, U.88 type, inverted N on C/T. KAHUKU, 3 torpedo hits 20 rounds, U.88 type woman's head on C/T. FORT BINGER, 1 torpedo hit, 1 miss, 7 shells. Schooner CHEERIO, 4 rounds apparently U.45 type. HOEGH GIANT, 3 torp. no hits 50 shells ship fired 4 rounds. Your 1800/1, survivors KUPA report Black Swastika Red background front of C/T possibly U.88 type. Survivors SILKESTAD unable to discern any distinguishing marks on same sub. Believe 6 agents landed from sub. at Tuxham night of 28/6 one of whom has been captured. Surface craft attacks sound contact 14.31 N. 61.08 W. 1908Z/25/5. Panam Plane at 8000 feet reports sighting sub. 23.36 N. 79.06 W. 2230Z/2 course 135°. Patrol craft attacks sound contact 37.21 N. 75.14 W. 2235Z/2. Fisherman reports sighting sub. 44° N. 69° W. 2000Z/2. Plane reports attack on sub 18.58 N. 63° W. 1111Z/3. Tug reports sighting sub. 25.59 N. 82.47 W. 1105Z/3 doubtful. Plane reports positive sub sighting 28.10 N. 95.15 W. 1700Z/3. B.A.D. and Opanav informed.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2109/3 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

/Washops 95 ...

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Washops 95. Aleutian Island. U.S. patrol plane reported following ships sighted about 0010Z/3. Agattu, 5 destroyers 3 transports. Attu, 1 ship reported as battleship. Kiska, 3 cruisers, 1 unidentified vessel.
(ii) 3 transports at Agattu is thought to be strong evidence that Island is occupied by Japanese.
(iii) Japanese S/Ms still active in Eastern Aleutian area.
(J.S.M. 2201Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

P.556, U/B signals. P.556 reports following during passage to Bermuda. 24/6, position 40.12 N. 71.05 W. H.E. effect from U-boat detected. SS transmission 38 sec period picked up frequency estimated 14-18 kcs. 25/6, position 39.05 N. 69.58 W. H.E. again detected transmissions of same type. 2. P.556 fitted U.S.N. pattern SS sound ?detector only and external depth setting equipment not fitted torpedo tubes. 3. In each case contact was maintained as long as possible but attack not possible vide para (2) above.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 2202P/3 to Admty. (R) F.O.S.)

Movements. Bermuda arrivals U.S.S. COLE and BERNADOU. Bermuda departures U.S.S. STANBURY to R/V with ARCHER in 29.43 N. 56.51 W. at 0900Z/5.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 2203P/3 to Admty. (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. etc.)

N.A.13. Your 2349/2. 2 destroyers will be detailed by C.O.A.C. Halifax as in para 6 of your 2349/2. 2. It is pointed out that forces allotted to C.O.A.C. for his many commitments are extremely meagre. In addition the 17 destroyers allotted to him for Western local escort are all extremely old and spend an undue proportion of their time being repaired. Therefore request that C.O.A.C should not be asked to accept additional commitments of this kind.
(N.S.H.Q. 2215Z/3 to Admty.)
N.A.13. Detail 2 destroyers as in para 6 of Admty. 2349B/2. Report arrangements for relief of these destroyers in Western locality groups.
(N.S.H.Q. 2220Z/3 to C.O.A.C. (R) Cominch etc.)

M.M.S. Your 1852/2. (Re M.M.S. for passage with floating dock being towed to Freetown via St. Thomas) There are no M.S. ready for passage.
(B.A.D. 2227Z/3 to Admty.)

Repatriations. Your 2319/5 (20 German Seamen for internment in U.S.) Seamen will not be repatriated without previous reference to Embassy.
(B.A.D. 2237Z/3 to Admty.)

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U.S. Navy
at Trinidad.

My 2221/12. Navy Dept. are enquiring when
reply may be expected.
(B.A.D. 2315Z/3 to Admty.)

WOODSTOCK
D/C.

At 1543Z/3 dropped depth charge which failed
to explode in 45.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. 62.19 W. in 20 fathom
water.
(WOODSTOCK 2350Z/3 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia & New Zealand.

Movements. Arrival Brisbane 0927Z/2, U.S. Destroyer PERKINS and H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON escorting convoy G.P.4.
(A.C.N.B. 0145Z/3 to Admty. etc).
U.S. Dest. HELM left Sydney (N.S.W.) 2225Z/1 for Newcastle.
(A.C.N.B. 0150Z/3 to Admty etc).
U.S. Dr. MUGFORD and H.M.A.S. MORESBY escorting convoy C.O.7 arrived Melbourne 2051Z/2.
(.A.C.N.B. 0806Z/3 to Admty.etc).

"Q" Report. Following addressed to Cdr. S.W. Pacific Force (R) Cdr. W. Australia from KANIMBLA (begins).
QQQQQ heard A R 1252Z/3 on 500 kc/s strength R.4. D/F Bearing not obtained when my position was 034° 45' S. 114° 17' E. (Ends).
(A.C.N.B. 1708Z/3 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon, C. in C.E.F. etc).

Ocean & Nauru Islands. JSM.286. C. in C. Pacific informed Cominch that N.Z.N.B. had stated that food for populations of Ocean and Nauru Islands would be exhausted by Sept. and Jan. respectively and suggested evacuation to Gilbert or Ellice groups. MacArthur had stated that neither he nor A.C.N.B. contemplated any action. Population of Ocean Island is now believed to be 6 Europeans and 2400 natives, and of Nauru 7 Europeans and 2200 natives, including 200 Chinese.
2. At Combined Chiefs of Staff meeting we suggested that Island schooners might be sent in with food whenever possible, and at the same time ~~evacuate~~ evacuate certain of the inhabitants, administrative officers staying in both Islands while any natives remained.
3. Agreed that Commander South Pacific Area should be instructed to Co-operate as far as practicable with New Zealand Govt in supplying inhabitants of Ocean and Nauru Islands and in evacuating such of them as could not be provisioned from local resources, transportation for these purposes being found from Island schooners. 4. Australian and New Zealand Govts, are being informed by their military representatives here.
(J.S.M. 1721Z/3, to Chiefs of Staff, London.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.S/MS Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.

(D.D.I.C. 1407B/3, 1421B/3).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Convoy
P.Q.17.

Five torpedo bombers made a half-hearted attack on the Convoy at 0450B today; *one ship was sunk.* D.F. bearings indicated that Convoy P.Q.17 was being shadowed and reported by U-Boats throughout last night and one U-boat is believed to have made a sighting-report at about 1330Z today. TIRPITZ and HIPPER from Trondheim and enemy units from Narvik are believed to be using a base in the Altafiord area from which to attack the Convoy. At 2111B accordingly C.S.1 with the Cruiser Covering Force was ordered by Admty. to withdraw at high speed to the westward of Bear Island, and at 2123B the Convoy itself was ordered by Adty. to scatter in about 76° N. 28° E. and proceed to Russian ports. A determined attack by 24 torpedo bombers had been made on the Convoy about an hour previously, resulting in 2 ~~ex-3~~ ships being sunk and a tanker damaged; 3^{of} of the enemy aircraft were destroyed. At 1133B and 1704B today the 9 British S/Ms. on the N.W. Norway Patrol were ordered to move from their previous patrol positions into new areas between 72° and 73° N. and 23° and 32° E.; and at 2046B S.B.N.O. North Russia reported that the Western limit of the Russian S/M area had been changed to 26° E. KENT left Hvalfiord at 0155 this morning for the Denmark Straits Patrol, and KENYA is on the Iceland-Faroes Patrol to the S.E. of Iceland. N.A. Stockholm forwarded today an A.3. report that SCHARNHORST is again in commission.

Mining.

The port of Preston was closed at 1124B today until tomorrow forenoon, owing to suspected enemy minelaying; and one magnetic Mine was exploded by Sweepers at 0500 this morning off the Liverpool approaches.

Over 5,000 Enemy Mines have now been swept or detonated since the War began.

Mediterranean.

There was a minelaying raid on Suez and the Canal area last night with slight bombing of Port Said. No naval damage was caused. Several mines were dropped in the Suez Canal.

WOOLWICH and RESOURCE arrived at Port Sudan from Alexandria early this morning.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

The U.S. Navy Department announced on 6/7 that U.S. submarines today torpedoed 4 Japanese destroyers in the Aleutian Islands. Three of these were attacked at Kiska, two being sunk and one when last seen was burning fiercely. The fourth destroyer was torpedoed and sunk at Agattu.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

PLOVER. No further employment for PLOVER now exists in The Nore Command until after winter. It is desirable to remove PLOVER from Harwich where there is a shortage of berth accommodation. (C. in C.Nore 1244B/4).

U.S.Forces A.M. 1112/1. Further dispositions U.S.Forces in Atlantic. Task Force 37 - TEXAS, PHILADELPHIA and ten destroyers escorting convoy A.T. - 17. Task Force 22 - RANGER, AUGUSTA, JUNEAU and five destroyers due Trinidad 6/7. (D.O.D.(F) 1519B/4).

Movements.

FORESIGHT. Proceed passing Hoxa 1900 today to Seidisfiord. Route.

(ii) On arrival complete with fuel and await further orders.

(iii) KENYA is on patrol "Black." *See p. 92.*
(R.A.D.H.F. 1101B/4 to FORESIGHT).

E.T.A. 2100B/5.

(FORESIGHT 1859B/4).

Sailed FORESIGHT for Seidisfiord.

(R.A.D.H.F. 1917B/4 to A.C.I.C.). *See next page.*

SOKOL. My 1729/23. For 6/7 read 10/7.

(F.O.S. 1547B/4).

Intend sail JAN VAN GELDER at 2200B/6 to R/V SOKOL in 250°. Trevoze Head 10 miles at 0600B/8.

2. Thence JAN VAN GELDER escorting SOKOL to Holy Loch. E.T.A. 0100B/10.

(Capt.S.3. 1707B/4).

WELSHMAN.

A.M. 1259B/29. Following stores are being despatched to S.N.S.O. Clyde to arrive by am./7th. Details.

2. Stores and provisions in excess of one months requirements should be landed to make extra space available.

3. Following personnel will report for passage Maintenance Capt. Greenock a.m./9th. Details.

(D.O.D.(F) 1631B/4 to F.O.I.C.Glasgow).

A.M. 1259/29.

It is intended that WELSHMAN should make a further trip to Malta leaving U.K. p.m./9.

2. On completion of loading F.O.I.C.Greenock is requested to sail ship for Gibraltar. WELSHMAN should adjust speed to enter Gibraltar after dark/12th.

3. C. in C.W.A. and F.O.C.N.A. are requested to issue the necessary instructions.

(D.O.D.(F) 1854B/4).

/FURIOUS.....

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Movements. - Contd.

FURIOUS. FURIOUS will be ready to leave Rosyth p.m./10/7.
(2) She is S.A.fit. (3) She will have no operational aircraft on board on leaving.
(4) Request 2 destroyers may be sent for her escort to Clyde.
(C. in C.Rosyth 1647B/4 to C. in C.H.F.).

SANDWICH. Receipt of your 1815B/3rd being delayed 18 hours intend passing through following positions.
My position 1800Z, 046° 19' N. 031° 34' W.
Thence to -
(A) 043° 25' N. 031° 50' W. (B). 042° 00' N. 030° 25' W.
(C) 047° 25' N. 028° 10' W. (D) About 050° N. 016° W.
Thence to Londonderry to arrive a.m./10th. This will allow for overtaking boats on convoy track and steaming 12 knots throughout.
(SANDWICH 1800Z/4 to C. in C.W.A.).

FORESIGHT. Scapa arrival 1452, FORESIGHT.
Scapa departure 1919 FORESIGHT. *See previous page.*
(A.C.O.S. 2056/4).

Operations.

Convoys
P.Q.17.
and Q.P.13.

Operations to cover.
See Shipping.

Denmark
Strait
Patrol.

RENOWN's 2230B/3. Sailed (KENT).
(A.C.I.C.0155/4 to H.F.).

N.W.
Norway
S/M
Patrol.

Following movements are to commence 1500B/4.
TRIDENT to 073° 10', 028° 40' E. SEAWOLF, TRIBUNE, and URSULA to positions 25 miles interval 270° from TRIDENT. In order to maintain relative positions S/Ms are to make good approx 25 miles every 5 hours. It is important S/Ms should not be sighted during this move.
(F.O.S. 1133B/4 to S/Ms (R) H.F.).
At 2000B/4 P.54 and P.45 move to 072° 14' N. 024° 59' E. and 072° 14' N. 023° 32' E. respectively. MINERVE, STURGEON, P.212 move to K60, K59, and K58 respectively. Submarines are to make good approx. 25 miles every 5 hours and are to endeavour to remain unseen.
(F.O. S. 1704B/4).
Please pass my 1630/4 to S/Ms operating North of 51° N.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1945B/4 to Adnty.(R) F.O.S.).

/My....

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N.W. Norway
S/M
Patrol
Contd. My 1630/4. F.O.S. 1704/4. Western limit of Russian S/M area is changed to 026° E. (S.B.N.O. North Russia. 2046B/4. to F.O.S.H.F. S/MS N of 51° N.).

Patrols. My 1901B/3. Returned from patrol at 0930B/4 (GUILLEMOT). (F.O.Humber 1140B/4).

Situation 2000 tonight. KENYA on patrol S.E. of Iceland. *S. p. 90*
(A.C.O.S. 1550/4).

British Air Activity.

N.W. Norway.
Air Patrols. Your 1610/3. Para. One. Russians have agreed to provide facilities for operation up to six Catalinas from Lake Lakhta. They also agree to use of Gryasnaya as advanced refuelling base.

2. Not clear from last sentence your signal whether you wish flying boat servicing party to be established Gryasnaya or Lake Lakhta. Please clarify.

3. Would point out Russians have been extremely co-operative in arranging facilities for flying boats but now showing signs of restiveness owing to almost daily change of plans. Hope your 1610/3 represents final alteration.

(30 Mission 1031Z/4 to Air Ministry).

Para. 3 your 2140Z/2.

John Septimus Lunn acting Flying Officer R.A.F.V.R. Particulars. (Air Ministry 1245/4 to 30 Mission).

Report briefly on the operations of Catalina A/C from Lake Gryasnaya, including weather experienced on patrol, estimated efficiency of patrol, communications etc. (A.C.N.S.(H) 2217B/4).

Patrols. Following Air Patrols (? being) flown. "Trap" in operation from 0945/4. "Bear" took off 1009/4. (A.C.I.C. 1238B/4).

Captured
F.W.A/C. Following received from 13th "Queens". Begins:- Captured Focke Wolfe 190 aircraft now painted upper surfaces, temperate land scheme, under surfaces yellow with British national markings and letter P. on side of fusilage now being flown by R.A.F. experimentally. All informed. 1000/3 ends. (C. in C. Nore 1032B/4 to Admty.).

Sumburgh. Following received Repeats A.C.O.S. 1709B/3. 2. Request consideration may be given to implement requirement. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1632B/4 to Air Ministry).

/Bombing....

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity. - Contd.Bombing
Restrictions.

Institute submerged bombing restrictions between 45° 35' N. and 44° 25' N, East of 03° 45' W from 2200/5 until 0600/10.
(.H.Q.C.C. 2201/4 to R.A.F.Gibraltar).

Bombing
Operations.

On day 3/7 and night 4/5 July, no operations.
(H.Q.B.C. 2325/4).

Enemy Air Activity.

WHINNYFOLD.

Fishing Trawler WHINNYFOLD bombed by F.W. and sunk 40 miles S.E. of Hanganes on 2/7.
Crew safe and landed Akureyri.
(A.C.I.C. 0323B/4).

Convoy
H. G. 85.

Long-range A/C are operating in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 1024B/4 to Escorts H. G. 85).
Convoy H.G. 85 has been reported by long-range enemy A/C.
(D.D.I.C. 1139B/4 to Escorts H.G. 85).

Mining.

S.N. 30.

Your 1258/3 and my 0904/3. Regret no H.F. destroyers available to augment screen for S.N. 30. 1st M.L.S. leaves port Z.A. at 1330/10. and returns at 0900/12. Request SALISBURY and one "S" may be sailed accordingly.
(R.A.M. 0906/4 to C. in C.W.A.) *See p. 63.*

Off Beachy
Head.

At 1302/3 one Green Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1004/4).

Preston.

Owing to suspected minelaying Port of Preston is closed until completion of sweeping A.M. tide 5th.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1124B/4).

Liverpool.

At 0500/4 one Green Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1215/4).

M/S results.

I observe that over 5,000 enemy mines have now been detonated or swept. This is remarkably fine record of achievement indicating both efficiency and constant devotion to arduous duty. Please convey my thanks to all ranks in the Minesweeping Service.
(1st Lord 1724B/4 to A.I.G.1.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

SCHARNHORST.

Crew of SCHARNHORST were recalled from shore training week ending 27/6 and ship is again in commission. Graded A.3. (N.A. Stockholm 1148/4). N.I.D. Comment. This is probable. SCHARNHORST may be nearly ready for trials.

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported.

Am over enemy S/M in 55° 36' N. 14° 14' W. Periscope only sighted. Course 180°. Speed 3 knots. (A.C.C. 15 Group 0814/4).
My 0814. No attack made. Submerged for too long. (A/C G7b3 0825/4 to 15 Group).
1 S/M bearing 175°, 5 miles, course 240°, in 61° 5' N. 4° 43' W. (A/C GV7G 2114/4 to 18 Group).

U-Boat attacked.

Am over Enemy Sub. in 55° 9' N. 14° 25' W. Enemy was on surface and observed to submerge on course 277°. (A/C of 15 Group 1217/4).
Have attacked enemy with depth charges. Am carrying out observation duty on Sub. (A/C 1418/4 to 50 Group.)
Have attacked enemy with D/Cs. Result of attack unobserved. Attacked. (A/C 1515/4 to 15 Group).

U-Boat markings.

A report has been received (Graded B.2) that German U/Boats in the Baltic have recently painted the top of their periscopes and parts of conning tower and upper deck with yellow paint in order to distinguish them from Russian submarines. (D.D.I.C. 1703B/4 to Ad. Miles).

Casualties and Defects.

SUFFOLK.

My 1117B/1. Investigations have established damage caused by wear and tear. (SUFFOLK 0925/4).

PELICAN.

PELICAN subsequent to stranding and temporary repairs at Seidisfiord requires tow from there to U.K. (A.C.I.C. 1605B/4 to Admty).

LANCASTER.

Cancel N.O.I.C. Newport's 0940/3. Trials unsatisfactory. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1643B/4 to R.A.M.).

Unknown Vessel.

Direction of distress N.W. (Gallon Head Radio 1738/4 to Ad. Lyness).

/P.Q.17.

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P.Q.17.

German A/C shadowing Convoy P.Q.17 are using beacon procedure with U-Boats.
(D.D.I.C. 0019B/4 to A.I.G.47).

Several D/F bearings, including 3 emergency signals between 1516Z/3 and 2009Z/3, indicate one or more U-Boats probably shadowing and reporting Convoy P.Q.17.
(D.D.I.C. 0021B/4).

CC G.11 3/7. Catalina M/240 to proceed from Greenock to Invergordon and not Sullom Voe.
(H.Q.C.C. 0035/4 to 18th Group.).

If you are still being shadowed by A/C or "U" boats send a weather report to Admty and C. in C.H.F.

(A.C.N.S.H. 0240B/4 to C.S.1., Escorts P.Q.17).

D/F Bearings indicate that convoy P.Q.17 was shadowed and reported by U-Boats throughout the night. Convoy was last reported at 0515Z/4.

(D.D.I.C. 0854B/4 to A.I.G.47).

Russian Intelligence report 0759B Enemy destroyer sighted and reported a convoy to larger unit. Grade B nought.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0904B/4).

My 0854B/4. Further D/F bearings including one emergency signal indicate Convoy P.Q.17. still being reported.

(D.D.I.C.1038B/4 to A.I.G.47).

Indications that U-Boat made sighting report at about 1330Z. No bearings obtained.

(D.D.I.C.1636B/4 to A.I.G.47).

One Catalina arrived Kola Inlet 1800C.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1741B/4).

All dock areas cleared of cargo.

(2) Present position 12 berths can function, total equipment 1 portable crane, 12 railway cranes, and Russian steamer KRAM stationed here has 22 ton derrick. No floating cranes.

(3) Many wooden warehouses dismantled and wooden wharf sand-covered against incendiaries. Railways at both harbours and main line repaired.

(Cormack 1802/30 to Admty).

Cruiser force withdraw to westward at high speed.

(1st S.L. 2111B/4 to C.S.1.(R) C. in C.H.F. A.I.G.47).

Owing to threat from surface ships convoy is to disperse and proceed to Russian ports.

(1st S.L. 2123B/4 to Escorts P.Q.17. (R) C.S.1, C. in C.H.F.).

My position 2200/4 075° 41' N. 027° 25' E. Am patrolling in wake of convoy. P.614 is continuing with remainder. Have shifted to H.S.Request enemy intelligence.

(P.615 2130Z/4 to F.O.S.).

My 2123/4. Convoy is to scatter.

(D.O.D.(H) 2136B/4 to Escorts P.Q.17.(R) C. in C.H.F. C.S.1. A.I.G.47).

P.Q.17 was ordered to scatter and proceed to Russian ports at 2136B/4th.

(F.O.S.2336B/4 to S/MS).

D.S.30.

(EINSTER).

Admiralty's 1819/28. CASTLETON and CHARLESTOWN detailed. Intend to sail them by Sleat Sound a.m/7th. to fuel and anchor at Movile for the night before proceeding to R/V.
(R.A.M.0903/4 to C. in C.W.A.).

P.Q.18.

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- P.Q.18. Following ships are detailed for escort of PQ.18. and are to assemble at Londonderry p.m./13th for group training prior to sailing on 17/7.
1. MALCOLM to boiler clean at Londonderry and to be ready for service a.m./14th.
 2. WOLVERINE, MANSFIELD, CAMELLIA to be sailed from Liverpool to arrive Londonderry 13/7.
 3. BLUEBELL to boiler clean at Greenock after calibration and to be sailed to arrive Londonderry 13/7.
 4. BRYONY to be sailed from Tobermory to Londonderry for boiler cleaning in time to be ready for service on 14/7.
 5. BERGAMOT to be sailed from Tobermory to arrive Londonderry 13/7.
- (C. in C.W.A. 1311B/4).

- U.R.32. It is requested that the following ships for North Russia be sailed in U.R.32:-
EMPIRE MORN, EMPIRE BEAUMONT, EMPIRE SNOW,
GOOLISTAN, OCEAN FAITH, ATHELTEMPLAR,
DAN-Y-BRYN, CHARLES R. McCORMICK, OREMAR, JEFFERSON, MYERS,
EXECUTIVE, MACBETH, EL OCEANO, DYNASTIC, WHITE CLOVER, VERMONT,
WINDRUSH, ANDRE MARTI, SUKHONA, STALINGRAD, DEKABRIST.
2. The following are to be sailed in accordance with special instructions to be promulgated:-
OCEAN VERITY, FORT ABITIBI, EMPIRE EVE, EMPIRE GUINEVERE,
EMPIRE TRISTRAM and TEMPLE ARCH.
- (D.T.D. 1658B/4).

- P.3.5. P.3.5 and S.P.5. cancelled.
S.P.5. (C. in C.Portsmouth 1701B/4).

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North Atlantic.

S/Ms. → P.211 sailing 1930B/4 to pass through 000° Alboran Island 18 miles at 0600B/5 thence 076° diving by day. Leave present patrol at 2300B/5 as follows. P.222 through 035° 35' 002° 45' W. thence 010° to area RR. P.46 through 035° 35' 003° 12' W. thence 000° to area QQ. UTMOST through 035° 35' 004° 01' W. thence 000° to area PP. (F.O.C.N.A. 1108B/4 to P.222, P.46, UTMOST, (R) P.211.)
→ My 1606/1 P.211 sailed 1950. Admty. message Q.B. 72 B.B. 266 B.C.451.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2124B/4 to Admty., C.O.(S) V.A. Malta.)

→ VIDETTE. My 1244/29 (N.T. in W.R.) Cancel para (IV) Return to Gibraltar forthwith to arrive 2000B/5 if possible. Acknowledge in accordance with para (VII).
(F.O.C.N.A. 1116B/4 to VIDETTE (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A. Escort H.G.85.)
Your 1116B/4 understood. At 1300B/4 P.C. and S. of H.G.85 42° 15' N. 13° 47' W. 322° 7½ knots. My P.C. and S. 41° 13' N. 12° 48' W. 147°, 19 knots, weather report.
(VIDETTE 1702B/4 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

WISHART (1) Your 2122/30 and 1838/30. Propose WISHART
NARKUNDA. as extra escort for NARKUNDA to U.K.
(2) This however will entail only 5 destroyers for "Pinpoint". My 1202/27 refers.
(3) Admty. letter 'D' 5840/42 of 21/5. Request partial retubing of both WISHART condensers concurrently with fitting of RD/F type 271.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1212B/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
Your 1212/4. WISHART and "Pinpoint". Approved.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1935B/4 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Situation (1) H.G.85 042° 41' 013° 54' through 44.29 16.01
2001B/4. thence 000° 7, S.O. (See amendment, 1904/4) FOWEY.
JONQUIL and SPIREA part company 2330/4 to Gibraltar, 12 knots.

(ii) SCOTTISH patrolling off Cape Roca.
(iii) LOCH OSKAIG escorting 3 merchant ships off Cape St. Mar coastwise to Gibraltar, 8.
(iv) IMPERIALIST patrolling Huelva Bight. On relief by LOCH OSKAIG about 1000/5 proceed coastwise 10 knots to assume patrol off Lisbon.

(v) LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR vicinity 36.20 11.02.
(vi) ALOUETTE patrolling off Lisbon.

→ (vii) VIDETTE 40.18 11.42 149° 15. (See amendment 1904/4)
CARADOC 021° 20' 018° 32' through 20.49 18.50 thence 180° 16½
O.S.32 018° 52' 020° 04' 181°, 9, S.O. IBIS.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1258B/4, 1326B/4 to A.I.G. 63.)

→ My 1258/4 amend paras 1 and 7, position and speed. (1) H.G.85
(E) 42.56 14.28 7½. (7) VIDETTE ? 40.24 12.03 19.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1904B/4 to A.I.G. 63.)

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B.U.S.R.A. A.M. 2036A/1/3. Consequent on B.U.S.R.A. coming into force on 1/7 N.C.S.O. Gibraltar only should now add Connav Washington to the addressees of all Vescas and Route signals. 2. Vesca and Route Signals should continue to be addressed to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa until otherwise ordered.
(D.T.D. 1625B/4 to F.O.C.N.A.)

AGEN (French) For information. Report graded B.3, SS AGEN leaving Marseilles on 4/7 for Dakar, with cargo of guns, tanks, war materials and munitions, and should pass Gibraltar 7/7 or 8/7.
(D.D.I.C. 1802B/4 to S.O.I. Gib.)

LE TRAIT (French) N.C.S.O. Lisbon. Departure 4th - 09. LE TRAIT Viana de Castello.
(N.C.S.O. Lisbon 1820/4 to M.W.T.)

Italian U/B. Your 1207B/3 (N.T. in W.D.) Italian S/M has not (?sailed) and is not believed to be in condition to do so. I am taking special measures but if S/M is ready for sea immediate notification cannot be guaranteed because of (?wireless) and telephone delay.
(N.A. Madrid 1902/4 to Admty.) Note by D.D.I.C. Message passed to H.Q.C.C. and C. in C. Plymouth.

POSTBOY, Convoy. Ref. N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1801/27 (re route of convoy of ships referred to in A.M.1618/6/6 M/S) POSTBOY and Convoy arrived 1600/4 G.M.T. due to sail 1600/5.
(R.O. Fayal 1928C/4 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

CAIRO, gun accident. Your 1904/29/6. Request brief details of cause of accident in CAIRO.
(Head of Gunnery Branch 2229B/4 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Reply: 1504/5.

Reported A/C attack. Reported attack by German aircraft on British Warship and British Merchant Ship southbound at 1900B off Cape Roca. Engagement had no result.
B.3.
(N.A. Lisbon 2309B/4 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar (R) Admty.)

H.G.85 Escorts. My 1504/2 and 1244/29/6. Return to Gibraltar as soon as BOADICEA and GEORGETOWN join.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2358B/4 to ANTELOPE, ITHURIEL, GERANIUM, COLTSFOOT (R) C. in C. W.A., Admty. Escorts of H.G.85.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.

W.S.19 P. Your 1229/3. It had been anticipated here that destinations of ships of W.S.19 P would be as follows: (a) For Mombasa - WARWICK CASTLE.
 (b) For Massawa - CHATEAU THIERRY. (c) For Suez - VICEROY OF INDIA, CHRISTIAAN HUYGENS, LACONIA, STRATHALLAN, CRISTOBAL, MEXICO, SANTA ROSA, J.W. MACANDREW, SANTA ELENA, ORONTES, TALISSE, PEOLIAH ROEBIAH, NEW ZEALAND STAR.
 (d) For Bombay - BRITANNIC, STAFFORDSHIRE, OTRANTO, CATHAY, JAVA, SANTA PAULA, MARIPOSA.
 (e) Ships of over 17 knots speed for Middle East to form fast portion to Suez.
 2. Above differs from your 1229/3 in that you state SANTA PAULA and OTRANTO are for Middle East instead of India and VICEROY OF INDIA for India instead of Middle East.
 3. Unless transshipments other than those in para 7 of A.M. 1554/4 have been carried out at Capetown and Durban altering the contents of the ships, presume you will adjust instructions in your 1229/3 to comply with destinations given in para 1 above.
 4. Agreed.
 (D. of S.T. 0048B/4 to C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)
 Your 0048/4. Amend my 1229/3 as follows. Para 2 WARWICK CASTLE is for Mombasa, OTRANTO BRITANNIC, SANTA PAULA for India, VICEROY OF INDIA, CRISTOBAL for Middle East. Para 3, CHATEAU THIERRY is for Massawa. (ii) Hoped that LACONIA will be able to maintain speed for fast section of convoy.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1243B/4 to Admty. for D.S.T.)
 Departure Simonstown 0630Z/4 HEEMSKERCK in accordance with my 1229/3. *See also next page.*
 (C. in C. S.A. 1003B/4 to Admty. Cdre. Durban, D. C. in C. E.F., C. in C. E.F.)
 W.S.19 P sailed 4/7. Following ships arrive off Durban 1000Z/7. D.S.T.O. Durban is requested to advise all addressees of E.T.A. Suez. STRATHALLAN, MEXICO, J.W. MCANDREW, SANTA ROSA, SANTA ELENA, LACONIA, ORONTES, NEW ZEALAND STAR.
 ((S.S.T.O. Capetown 1136Z/4 to D.S.T. etc.)
 W.S.19 P sails 5th. Following ships arrived off Durban 0830Z/8. S.T.O. Durban is requested to advise addressees E.T.A. Bombay. CATHAY, STAFFORDSHIRE, MARIPOSA, JAVA.
 (S.S.T.O. Capetown 1147Z/4 to D.S.T. etc.)

STAFFORD-
SHIRE.

Cancel my 0243/3 in view of Impcon Capetown's 98868 of 2/7. 2. STAFFORDSHIRE will be for destination Bombay.
 (D. of S.T. 0053B/4 to P.S.T.O., Simonstown.)

ORBITA.

Sailed for Capetown a.m./4 personnel on board. E.T.A. a.m./6.
 (D.S.T.O. Durban 1225B/4 to S.S.T.O. Capetown.)

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Axis Shipping. Departure 3rd 1200 ST. BRIEC, Sete, 2100, DERNA Italian Genoa. (Barcelona 1231/4 to M.W.T.)

Dispositions. Weekly state S.A. Stn. area Q 4/7 Cape to Durban, Netherlands Light Cruiser HEEMSKERCK, ^{in 10.47} CARNARVON CASTLE, BARRYMORE, BRITTANY, BELLWORT, BARFOUNT. Cape area, CHESHIRE, H/T QUEEN MARY, Cape to Pointe Noire*SERENE, EMERALD, J.36, ALCANTARA, cable ship LADY DENISON PENDER. Simonstown, HECLA, EXPRESS, H/T QUEEN ELIZABETH, SOUTHERN PRIDE, SOUTHERN GEM, MEAD, CECILE MAPLESON. Capetown DRAGON, HATSUSE, DUSK, AIGLON, EMILE BAUDOT, EMPIRE BIRCH, EMPIRE LINDEN. Port Elizabeth, PHILOMEL, *KETCOWL, Durban, RAMILLIES, REVENGE, VALIANT, ANTHONY, DECOY, JASMINE, CYCLAMEN, GENISTA, THYME, KELANTAN, BUSHWOOD. ^{in below} (C. in C. S.A. 1250B/4 to C. in C. E.F. etc.) * Not identified

ROCKROSE, AMARANTHUS, DETROYAT. Ref. Cdre. I/C Freetown 1635/3 (N.T. in W.R.) Intend to sail ROCKROSE, AMARANTHUS and COMMANDANT DETROYAT for Freetown. ^{? Simonstown} (R.A.W.A. 1301Z/4 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.) See 1631Z/4. ^{↑ Move on to of H.M. Ships.} _{next page}

O.S. Sailing Telegrams. Your 1501Z/2. Commencing with O.S.34, O.S. sailing telegrams will be sent in following form:-
A. Name of convoy, first 2 letters of W/T D X call sign. Outcon table.
B. Commodore, ship and destination.
C. Names of ships (Nationality if not British) M/F and R/T ships destination.
D. Last Q G message held by escorts.
2. With W.S. convoys the last Q G message held by escorts will be signalled.
(C. in C. W.A. 1326B/4 to R.A.W.A.F. (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A. V.A.C.N.A.)
W.D. Note.- Was amplified by C. in C. W.A. 2154B/5, q.v.

BUSHWOOD. Ref. A.M. 2152/25/2. BUSHWOOD is now at Durban discharging stores for D/G range. (?Boilers) cleaned and essential repairs are being undertaken concurrently and ship will be ready for sea on 9/7.
(2) Understand her destination is Persian Gulf.
(3) Request your wishes.
(C. in C. S.A. 1548/4 to D. C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

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- W.S.20. In view of presence of S/M in Cape Agulhas area intend BRILLIANT, WIVERN should escort W.S.20 from Freetown to Simonstown. Request in view of increasing commitment VANSITTART, ANTELOPE may now be sailed for Freetown.
(R.A.W.A. 1621Z/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. F.O.C.N.A.) Reply: Admty 1959/5.
- Request for Escort Forces. My 1621/4/7 and my 1301Z/4/7 refer. It seems probable that present routing policy may lead to increased S/M activity in this area. My A/S forces will be depleted by necessity to reinforce Cape Area. Commitments include
(a) Escorts for floating docks.
(b) Tankers. (c) Necessity for screening valuable American ships unloading at Liberian ports.
(d) Coastal convoys have increased and are likely to do so still further. Request consideration may be given to early reinforcement of escort forces including if possible retention in this area of F.S.COMMANDANT DUBOC and LEOPARD and, in view of her unsuitability for screening a fleet unit, of DERWENT.
(R.A.W.A. 1631Z/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.) *See Maritime Page (Rock 2025 etc)*
Reply: 1834/7.
- CAMBRIA. 5/7 cable ship CAMBRIA E.T. of sailing 13 to effect repairs to cable at A. 007° 50' S. 033° 58' W. thence B. 002° 15' S. 038° 15' W. 5/7 direct 9 knots zigzagging days 20 (18) - (19) S.P.2405 S.P. 02404 (3).
(Pernambuco 1658/4, 2101/4 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. Cominch.)
- Vichy Convoy. A/C sighted Vichy convoy of 5 Merchant ships of 2000 to 4000 tons and 1 escort vessel West 67 at 1300/3 in position 20° 32' N. 17° 13' W. course 001° speed 6 knots.
(S.O.I. Freetown 1734Z/4 to Admty. (R) S.O.I.Gib)
- U.S. Naval Units in Sit. Reps. In future neither the names of U.S. naval units nor the number of the Task Force are to be given in daily situation reports and similar signals. They are to be referred to as 'Friendly Naval Unit'.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1737/4 to R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

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EMPRESS OF
CANADA.

Your 1416/3 to D. of S.T. only gives dates of sailing of EMPRESS OF CANADA for Halifax as 7/7 although your 1452/30/6 to D. of S.T. only stated she would be ready on 4/7. Essential that she should arrive Halifax not later than 19/7. Request she be sailed without delay accordingly. (D.S.T. 1739B/4 to S.T.O. Capetown)
Reply: 0923/5.

Shipping
Routeing.

Personal from A.C.N.S. (R) Your 2051/1 (N.T. in W.D.) Your views are fully appreciated. Existing routeing policy has, however, been dictated by suspected presence of raiders in South Atlantic and it is still considered advisable to establish a dividing line where traffic is greatest. To meet your wishes we are prepared to make position 05° S. 04° E. the northern point of the dividing line and to allow shipping to be routed diversely over the full 600' from the coast to the northward. It is proposed to suspend temporarily the instructions in M.A.R.I. Sec. IV para II, as they are hardly applicable to present routeing. Request your remarks. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1740B/4 to R.A.W.A.)

TASSOS.

My 1650C/30. TASSOS left for Burgos 4/7. Field Black Sea informed. (S.O.I. Istanbul 1742C/4 to S.O.I. Med. (R) D.N.I.)

Boarding
Craft.

My 1913/24 (N.T. in W.D.) Understand South African Govt. has requisitioned a number of pleasure launches some of which should be suitable for Boarding work etc. If this is so you will take steps to obtain some of these craft to make good deficiencies at various ports. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2042B/4 to C. in C. S.A. (R) N.C.S.Os Capetown, Durban.)

DIOMEDE.

Your 1145/4 (N.T. in W.R.) my P.C. and S. at 0001Z/5 000° 25' S. 024° 52' W. 052° 15.5. E.T.A. R/V 1330Z/6. (DIOMEDE 2194Z/4 to R.A.W.A.)

Saldanha.

Policy re development as a layby or convoy assembly point. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2323B/4 to C. in C. S.A.)
See Lion Copy.

102 A Sa.

M E S S A G E
MOST SECRET 2231/4th July
To C.in C. South Atlantic 984. Date 4.7.42.

OUT

Naval Cypher 'XD' PLUG.

From Admiralty.

Saldanha development.

Pass to M.W.T.R. Capetown.

1. The following is a joint message from Admiralty and M.W.T. in reply to C.in C. South Atlantic's 1201B/29th June and MASTS 5167 and 5168. Suggest all future telegrams dealing with policy questions in connection with Saldanha be sent jointly.

2. It is agreed that work should be put in hand immediately with a view to developing the anchorage as a layby and or convoy assembly point having facilities for

(a) furnace and diesel oil and coal bunkering on a moderate scale that is for topping-up and supplying small quantities of bunkers to enable the maximum number of vessels in transit via the Cape to avoid the use of other Union ports and Lourenco Marques. All major bunkering will continue to be carried out at normal bunkering ports and developments at Saldanha should be undertaken in addition to work to be carried out at East London and Port Elizabeth.

(b) fresh water stores and facilities for carrying out essential running repairs adequate for the maximum number of vessels likely to use the anchorage on the basis referred to in (a) above. It is not proposed to route troopers eastbound via Saldanha.

3. We have assumed that the craft and equipment specified in your telegrams will be adequate for the development of the anchorage on the scale referred to above but should be glad to hear if this is not so.

4. The position as regards craft and equipment which we understand from your telegrams cannot be found in the Union is as follows

(a) Oil. BENAKAT is clean and should not be dirtied if other vessel could be provided. Steps will be taken to provide suitable craft as temporary measure but we do not wish to immobilise a tanker unless full use will be made of it. Shore installations should be made available as soon as possible and the Oil Companies should be asked to survey tankage pumping equipment and delivery pipelines and report on prospects and equipment required if any. Floating pipeline discharge is envisaged.

(b) Coaling. Two small colliers will be allocated which should be available mid-August. It is understood that you will arrange labour and accommodation and necessary coaling gear.

(c) Lighters. Please confirm that additional ten lighters referred to in paragraph 7 of 1201B can be constructed or otherwise provided locally.

(d) /

(d) Tugs. EMPIRE GOBLIN is allocated and on passage to Saldanha Bay. One further similar class tug will be allocated to South Africa. If necessary you should endeavour to arrange exchange with Union Authorities for tugs which more nearly meet your requirements.

(e) Oil and Water Barges. We shall endeavour to arrange allocate BENAKAT for water. Supply of further craft before October probably impossible but we shall do our best to meet these requirements as soon as possible.

(f) Motor Launches and Stores Craft. Please confirm that Union Government can supply also two launches referred to in 5168.

5. 5167 paragraph 9 will developments set out in paragraph 2 above involve considerable railway and shore installation if so please indicate nature.

6. 1201B paragraph 10 presume cargo referred to is stores only. It is not proposed to load or discharge cargo at the anchorage.

7. 1201B paragraph 11. We understand provision of water locally is likely to be very difficult please indicate estimated extent of supply at various stages of development.

8. We are replying separately to 5168.

9. As soon as possible telegraph timetable of developments

2323B/4

for D.T.D. (981).
Approved A.C.N.S.(T).

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3rd S.L.
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Hd. of M.(10).
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Hd. of W.G.F.
Hd. of M.F.(L).
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Hd. of M.F.

BATH.

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

TURBULENT
TAKU. My 1753. (1753/3 intended) Estimated P.C. and S
at 0600, 034° 50' 021° 10'.
(S.O.S. Alexandria 0023C/4 to TURBULENT, TAKU.)
See next page

Malta
Minesweeping. My 2330/26 and 0012/27. Minesweeping situation
at 2259/3.
(1) Since 26/6 minesweepers have accounted for
a further 56 assorted mines in S.E. channel.
(2) 15 miles of channel remain to be explored
but we are hopeful that not more than one or 2 nests will be
found.
(3) If this hope materialises and weather remains good, 3 days
should see us through.
(V.A. Malta 0300C/4 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. etc.)

Port
Sudan
Movements. Port Sudan arrival 0310Z/4 WOOLWICH, RESOURCE,
KELVIN.
(N.O.I.C. Port Sudan 0525Z/4 to Admty. (R)
C. in C. Med. etc.)

→ THRASHER,
U/B. P.C. and S of one U-Boat 032° 50' 033° 38' 290° 10.
(THRASHER 0915C/4 to C. in C. Med. (R) Capt. (S) 1
OTUS.)

Port
Said
Movements. 3/7 Port Said arrivals WOLBOROUGH, PROTEA,
SOUTHERN MAID, FALK, RENNET, ERICA, BOSTON.
Departures FAREHAM, BURRA, WOLBOROUGH, FALK,
DULVERTON, ALDENHAM, ISLAY.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 0952C/4 to Admty. C. in C. Med.
(R) R.A. Alex.)

U/B.
OTUS,
THRASHER. Enemy submarine known to be operating between
Jaffa and Haifa.
(Capt. S.I. 1005C/4 to OTUS, THRASHER.)

Beirut
Movements. 3rd arrival 1730 M.T.Bs 261, 262, 265, 268,
departure 1615 ROMEO, SOUTHERN SEA. 4th
arrival 0615 GLOXINIA.
(S.O.I. Beirut 1009C/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Bi-weekly
Opsum No.35. Night 30/1. 7 Liberators bombed harbour
installations Tobruk starting small fires.
A single enemy aircraft bombed Haifa Dock area
damage negligible - a Hurricane intercepted enemy
but damage unobserved.

Night 1/2. 6 Liberators bombed Tobruk harbour starting fire in
Dock area 3 enemy aircraft attacked Alexandria damage slight
casualties 7 injured.

Night 2/3. 5 Liberators bombed Tobruk harbour as diversion for
3 Wellingtons which laid 6 mines in entrance. Bombs started
large fire. 1 Wellington unable locate Tobruk laid mine entrance
Bomba Bay. During night about 50 enemy aircraft operated against
El Amir - Alexandria area and Suez Canal. 21 mines dropped of

/which...

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Opsum No. 35.
Contd.

which 13 believed in Canal. Mines believed laid on ?Fort Azid bombs dropped along Canal and near Amiriya where a landing ground was also machine gunned. No damage yet reported. 6 Beaufighters up did not sight enemy. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1036/4, 1058/4, 1113/4, 1602/4.)

ENTERPRISE.

Arrived.
(Cdre. Aden 1217Z/4 to Admty. C. in C. Med. F.O.R.S.C.A. S.O.I. Kilindini, S.O.I. Colombo, S.O.I. Bombay.)

Black
Sea.

My 1507C/3. Explanation of movement of enemy aircraft from Western to Eastern Crimea may have been only to facilitate attacks on Russian troops evacuating from Sevastopol to Caucasus coast ports.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 1257/4 to Admty. Adm. Miles.)

Suez Canal
Mining
Raid,
3/7.

Following received from F.O.R.S. (? begins) C.A.F.O. (? 587)/(?40). 3/7, 03(?30) to 0523. Minelaying raid on Canal area. About 10 aircraft. High medium and low attacks. 10 and possibly 13 mines reported in canal, all except one south of Timsah. Position plotted. Mines dropped by parachute. Type (?C) and D. No service or civilian casualties T.O.O. 1717C/3. (?Ends.) (C. in C. Med. 1302C/4 to Admty.) See also 1725/4.

MONARCH
OF BERMUDA.

As no reply received to my 2040/28/6 (?12)58/2/7 requesting escort for MONAR(?C)H (?OF) BERMUDA carrying R.N.T.E. personnel 1600, families 250, prisoners of war about 500, will be sailed ex Suez noon/6 to Aden to await escort. Destination Durban.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt 1317C/4 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. S.S.T.O. Suez, F.O.R.S. C. in C. S.A.)

TURBULENT
TAKU.

Aircraft searching between Tobruk and Benghazi 15 miles off coast from 2200 to 0300 tonight. Flares will be directed over any sighting. Northbound seagoing should (?not be) attacked tonight.
(S.O.S. Alexandria 1537C/4 to TURBULENT, TAKU.)

AQUITANIA.

Arrival 4th.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 1608Z/4 to Admty. etc.)

JANUS.

Port Sudan. Arrived 1614Z/4 JANUS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Sudan 1630Z/4 to Admty.)

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supply of
Aviation
Spirit.My HE/2148 of 25/6/42 to Chiefs of Staff and
Mideast.

1. While I fully appreciate pre-occupations of Middle East Defence Committee I would be grateful for an early indication of their policy regarding offensive air operations from and transit of aircraft through Malta. A.O.C. has shown me the signals which have passed between Air Ministry and H.Q. R.A.F. Middle East as well as personal signals from V.C.A.S. to himself on the question of stocks of aviation spirit but as yet I have received no definite policy from Mideast Defence Committee for my guidance and meanwhile the heavy expenditure of aviation fuel still continues.

2. My instructions from H.M.G. are to prolong resistance of Malta to the utmost limit and as far as I know that remains their intention. Conservation of aviation spirit is a very important factor in our defence measures. Our fighter effort should last as long as food and other supplies and we must keep a margin in hand to give any further convoys a reasonable chance of arrival and discharge should H.M.G. decide to try again.
(Govr. Malta 1635/4 to Mideast (R) Chiefs of Staff.)

Malta
Air
Report.I.418 4/7. C.S.R. 3rd. 2 alerts. 1533 hours 3 Me.
109s, 14 Spitfires up, no interception.

1635, 8 unidentified fighters, coast not crossed, 8 Spitfires up, no interceptions. Night 3/4. Alert, 2115, 14 raiders, Takali, craters, aerodrome unserviceable for Beaufighters, UXBS. Luqa, no damage. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by Beaufighter, another Ju.88 destroyed by Beaufighter and A.A. 4th. 3 alerts. 0548, 14 Me.109s, Mc.202s, Re.200ls, 3 Cant.1007s, Luqa, signals maintenance section destroyed, UXBS. Elsewhere, 1 civilian killed, 2 wounded, 3 Cant 1007s destroyed by 10 Spitfires, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot uninjured. 0646, 5 Me.109s, 4 Spitfires up, no claims. 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot uninjured. 1308 6 unidentified fighters, 8 Spitfires up, no interceptions.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1700/4 G.M.T.)

Part 2 my I.418 4/7. R/C 1312 hours, 8 Drs. 3 M/Vs, 7000, 185° Cape Kieri 14 miles course 180° 20 knots. 8 Beauforts despatched dusk attack, 1 failed to find, another returned early mechanical trouble, found 1810 224°. Sapience 10 miles course 110° 8 knots 1 M/V hit, much smoke red glow, another possibly hit, 2 Beauforts missing.

3/4. 3 Wellington 8s despatched each carrying 4 500-lb 1 second delay bombs, first Wellington sighted 2035 3 M/Vs 9000, 7 Drs. 185° Sapience 30 miles course 180° 12 knots. Bombed from 6000, no results. 2340 second Wellington scored near misses on M/V. 0001 near misses on M/V by third Wellington. 2 torpedo Wellingtons each with 1 torpedo, 1 did not find, other aimed torpedo, result unobserved owing to smoke screen.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1720/4.)

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Suez Canal Mining Raid 4/7. C.A.F.O. 587/40. 4/7, (0255 to 0515) minelaying raid on Canal area accompanied by H.E. raid on Port Said. About 15 aircraft. High approach with low level attacks. 3 mines plus two doubtful reported in Canal plus 1 probable in Suez Bay. Positions plotted. Mines both parachute and G type. 8 H.E. bombs at Port Said. No naval casualties. Only damage Port Said, constructional damage 2 water pumping stations entailing 24 hours closing down and damage to 1 oil fuel tank. Ref. my 1717/3, G type mines also dropped.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 1725C/4 to C. in C. Med.)

Cositrep
436.

Air. 3. Additional to Cositrep 435. Night 2/3 Wellingtons mined Tobruk harbour. Albacores also attacked enemy concentrations battle area. Night 3/4. 9. Enemy aircraft again operated against Canal zone. Mines believed laid off Port Said and in Suez area. Low clouds made interception by night fighters difficult.
(C. in C. M.E. 1840/4.)

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Ceylon My 0345Z/25/6. Following are defects in Gan
Boom boom on 1/7.
Defence. (v) As our boom laying facilities are strictly
limited I recommend following action in order of
priority (a) lay anti-torpedo baffle for fleet
anchorage (b) replace indicator nets in northern
entrance (c) provide spar protection (d) complete Wilingili boom.
Also it will be essential to provide A/S patrols (b) if as
appears probable further damage is likely to Gan boom recommend
that valuable time and material should not be wasted on it.
(F.O. Ceylon 0245Z/4 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

HELLENIC HELLENIC TRADER (Panama) sunk by enemy action in
TRADER. Mozambique Channel 11/6.
(S.O.I. Colombo 0418Z/4 to Admty. (R) S.O.Is.
Capetown, Kilindini.)

Diversion of It is requested that any diversions made by you
shipping. should be repeated to S.O.(I) Colombo. If action
is to be taken by S.O.(I) Colombo please give
necessary orders. Ref. Admty. 2043B/24/6 (Re
ALASKA required at Suez.) and 1849B/30 (Diversion
of CITY OF JOHANNESBURG to Aden.) has any action
been taken?
(F.O.Ceylon 0527Z/4 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty.)

MANXMAN. Have approved following programme for MANXMAN.
Leave Addu Atoll 4/7, Trincomalee 6/7 - 8/7.
Calcutta 10 or 11/7 - 13/7. Vizagapatam 14/7 -
16/7. Madras 17/7 - 19/7. Colombo 20/7.
2. If you have no operation in prospect for MANXMAN after
arrival Colombo propose ship's company proceeds to camp for 4 or 5
days, watch on board carrying out self refit.
3. F.O.C.R.I.N. R.N.L.O. India and N.O.I.C. have been informed
of programme.
(F.O. Ceylon 0612Z/4 to C. in C. E.F.)

U-Boat (a) Number of U-Boats that appear to be operating
situation, 3. (b) Number of attacks since recrudescence on
Mozambique 30/6 is 6.
Channel. (c) Average number of unescorted independently-
routed merchant ships at sea between latitudes 5°
and 17° S=24.
(d) A/S vessels available for escort on patrols
in this area, nil, except for occasional ships on passage.
(e) Number of Catalinas that can be maintained - 2 patrols daily.
(2) Mayotta Island recently occupied appears very suitable for
use as forward operating base for Catalinas. Work in hand to
provide and lay moorings and establish fuel dump. Lack of power
boats is serious handicap as those allocated to 209 Sqdn sunk on
passage. Replacements not yet arrived. None in MANELA which has
recently arrived.

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- U-Boat situation, Mozambique Channel. Contd. (3) I understand that reason for such a large proportion of Catalinas being normally unserviceable is due to lack of spares and time required for overhaul in India. Shall appreciate any action that can be taken to expedite supply of boats and spares as lack of A/S vessels for escort on patrols makes it necessary to rely mainly on air to keep U-Boat situation in hand. (C. in C. E.F. 0614Z/4 to Admty. (R) 207 Group, 222 Group.)
- B.A.27. My 0929/29 para A. B.A.27, MANCHESTER PROGRESS and LARCHBANK delayed, intend sailing both ships a.m./6. (P.S.T.O. India 0701Z/4 to D.C. in C. E.F.)
- ORADELL. No reports of enemy activity in this area have been received although ORADELL from Karachi to Aden is 6 days overdue. (F.O.C.R.I.N. 0851Z/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F.)
- ORIZABA (wrongly diverted to Bombay) Your 2209/2. Only escort available DEVONSHIRE ordered to (?escort) ORIZABA and TALMA (?speed) 12 knots to Aden ?4/7. (2) Ship diverted to Bombay by escort due to regrettable error in handling a signal. (D.C. in C. E.F. 0856Z/4 to Admty. (R) P.S.T.O. Bombay. P.S.T.O. Suez.)
On arrival at 055° E proceed at ORIZABA's best speed leaving TALMA to proceed independently. My 0856 not to DEVONSHIRE refers. (D.C. in C. E.F. 0907Z/4 to DEVONSHIRE (R) Admty.)
Your 2209/2. Instruction issued to DEVONSHIRE by Deputy C. in C. E.F. in his 1003Z/24/6 included ORIZABA in section B for Bombay of convoy W.S.19. As far as I am concerned no instructions or notification of her arrival Bombay were received by me. Ship sails a.m. 8th for Suez on completion of essential repairs. (P.S.T.O. India 1249Z/4 to Admty. (R) D.C. in C. E.F. etc.)
See also America and West Indies for request to Washington. p.iii.
- Madagascar. Situation report. Major Gen. Sturges resumed command (?29/6) on return from Pretoria. Occupation Pomanzi Island already reported in our 50(40?) 2 G and 50425 G of 2/7.
- Catalina with A.O.C. 207 Group arrived from Mombasa on 30/6 and returned 2/7.
7th S. Africa Bde. completed disembarkation on 30/6. Consequent changes in dispositions. (121 Force 1004/4 to G.O.C. in C. E.A.)
- Cables. Your 1101/13/6. Suggested diversion of Durban-Zanzibar cable is impracticable owing to difficulty of providing the large amount of cable and equipments required. (Head of M. Approved by V.C.N.S. 1004/4 to C. in C. E.F.)

/Movements...

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Movements. My 1507/2 (N.T. in W.D.) GUARDIAN, MANCHESTER CITY, (if speed more than 12 knots) and SOBIESKI to join C.M.29 in company. GUARDIAN and MANCHESTER CITY for Kilindini with FROBISHER and FRITILLARY. SOBIESKI for Bombay. JAY to proceed Kilindini independently.
(D.C. in C. E.F. 1107Z/4 to N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez
(R) DAUNTLESS, FROBISHER, GUARDIAN.)

Moorings, Your 0658Z/23/6, 1244Z/3/7 and my 1107B/1/7.
Ceylon. 2. Additional mooring material to increase berthing capacity to 10 capital ships, or carriers, 10 cruisers, 3 depot ships, 27 destroyers is being provided at highest priority from U.K. and U.S.A.
(D. of L.D. 1159B/4 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R)
C. in C. E.F.)

ALAUNIA. V.A.3 B.S. 0744/15/6. Further programme for ALAUNIA as follows:
Leave Kilindini 7/7. Diego Suarez 10/7 - 11/7.
Seychelles 12/7 - 15/7. Addu 21/7. Colombo 23/7.
(2) Dockyard C.E.in C. will take passage in ALAUNIA and should be afforded all facilities.
F.O.C.R.I.N. pass to A.O.C. India.
(C. in C. E.F. 1242Z/4 to N.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar.
F.O.I.C. Ceylon. N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, Mauritius W/T Station.
N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll. (R) DAUNTLESS. ALAUNIA. CHESHIRE? A.O.C.
India. F.O.C.R.I.N. Admty. Armindia.)

CITY OF Your 1149/2 confirmed.
JOHANNESBURG. (C. in C. E.F. 1307Z/4 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.)

Seychelles, 059371 15866/G Cipher 4/7. Your 98638 (M.O.12.a.)
Mauritius, 30/6. 1. Present position Seychelles.
Rodriguez. Modified project which aims only at installing two 4" guns on N.E. mainland and transferring present 6" Bty. to St. Annes Island should be completed 15/8. Have agreed with C. in C. E.F.
that no further works or reinf. of garrison as recommended in Seychelles R/C report shall be carried out for the present.
Am relieving R.M. and Ceylonese personnel now manning above Btys. by Indian personnel end August.
2. For reasons given by you agree that Seychelles be transferred E.A. Command but before such transfer effected it must be made clear that once E.A. have taken over India will only be responsible for periodical reliefs of Indian personnel and that responsibility for continuance Seychelles project if considered necessary later must devolve on E.A.
3. If above agreed suggest E.A. take over control Mauritius, Rodriguez and Seychelles on 1/9 by which time present modified project and reliefs as given in first as well as transfer reports and papers can be effected.
(C. in C. India 1320/4 to W.O.)

/ROYAL...

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SOVEREIGN.

^{N.T. in W.D. / N.T. in W.D.}
Your 1231/29/6, decisions on alterations and additions for ROYAL SOVEREIGN were communicated in A.L. dated 20/3/42, D.O. 16487/41 addressed V.A.3.B.S. copy to C.O. ROYAL SOVEREIGN. Report whether this has now been received. (D. of D. 1444B/4 to V.A.3.B.S.)

C. in C.E.F's 0113/13/3 (N.T. in W.D.) In addition to the work outlined, headers of original manufacture fitted with 30 and over old tubes should be renewed, so far as is practicable, within the time available, but refit of ship should not be extended to cover this additional work.

On completion of the work the particulars of new headers and tubes fitted should be reported. (D. of D. 1449B/4 to V.A.3.B.S.)

Operation
"Throat".

My 1858Z/2 and N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 0640Z/4 (N.T. in W.R.) Imperative Governor and wife plus 3 officials and 2 wives removed at once. DAUNTLESS cannot accommodate having 8 military officers to bring back.

Alternatives.

(a) TAYARI about 6/7 with Commando guard to Diego Suarez.

(b) TAYARI take them Mombasa.

(c) Evacuation by S.A.A.F. or flying boat. DAUNTLESS bring baggage.

(d) Is politically impossible as guarantee already given to evacuate to Madagascar. Request early instructions.

(DAUNTLESS 1715Z/4 to 121 Force (R) D.C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez. D.S.T.O. Mombasa. C. in C. E.F.)

Situation report. (a) Aerodrome north-south runway 800 yards completely cleared. South-east north-west should finish to-morrow. (b) Understand better W/T results today, 5000 kc/s trials continuing. Until 2nd transmitter built up from local spares am leaving G P set on standby. My 1640Z/3 (a) small wireless set being overhauled expected to prove satisfactory for look-out post (c) Marine survey Pamanzi Bay, see chart 2741, completed, least depth 3 fathoms low water (d) Intend laying flying boat moorings to-morrow position 006° Pamanzi pier light 170 metres giving 100 metre clear all round. (e) Present prevailing wind S.E. Proposed flying boat alighting area surveyed position (X) 270° Aombe Island 3 cables in direction 137° for 1 mile (Y) 270° same island. 8 cables direction 165° for 1.6 miles (F) Band brightened Benevo lent blacks. (DAUNTLESS 1921Z/4 to 121 Force (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

ORIZABA. ORIZABA in W.S. 19 carrying personnel of 8th Armoured Div. most urgently required in Middle East has inexplicably arrived at Bombay instead of Suez.

2. P.S.T.O. India's 1035/3 not to you states that Capt. of ORIZABA considers that his voyage has ended on arrival Bombay.

3. As transshipment of personnel to another ship for onward movement to Suez would cause delay request immediate approval for ORIZABA to be sailed for Suez as soon as possible.
(D. of S.T., 0047B/4 to B.A.D.)
Your 0047/4. Requested that I may be informed in due course of the cause of this error. *See p. 108.*
(B.A.D., 1731Z/4 to D.S.T.)
Reply: (Admty., 1515/5.)

U/B Campaign. Connav serial 3 chapter E. 3/7 012° 00' N. 060° 50' W. SANPABLO, Panamanian, torpedoed, sunk at dock in port (Puerto) Limon. 3/7 *ALEXANDER MACOMB, U.S., cargo 7100 G.T. commissioned 2/6 torpedoed sunk straggler from Convoy B.X. 27. 3/7 041° 48' N. 066° 38' W. MONA MARIE British Schooner, sunk by submarine 28/6 012° 22' N. 060° 10' W. EDWARD LUCKENBACH U.S. struck U.S. mine at Key West 1/7.
(Connav, T.O.R. 0127/4 to Comnav:.) * *See next page*

H.S. 20. Your 0020/4. Advise when remainder of H.S.20 is sailing. Not in contact with any portion. (UNGAVA, 0241Z/4 to N.C.S.O. Halifax, (R) Capt. (D) Halifax.)
H.S. 20 cancel sailing telegram my 1715Z/2 (1715/3 intended), 1920Z/3. Convoy put back due to weather will be included H.S. 21 sailing 1900Z/4.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 1610Z/4 to Admty.)

Suspicious Tanker. Master of British UFFINGTON COURT reports sighting on 4/6 or 5/6 (about 4 days out from Capetown) large tanker painted grey with one gun aft. Appearance not British, and no appreciable sheer. Airplane on forecastle head, and what appeared to be derricks laid along fore deck. He states not a Cam ship. No communication between ships, and tanker altered course apparently for Capetown.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 0919P/4 to Admty., S.O.(I) Capetown.)

Movement summary. 1800 G.M.T. 4/7.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
ARCHER	27½° 52° W.	296°	12½
DIOMEDE	02° S. 27° W.	051°	14

See p. 102
(D.O.D.(F), 1000Z/4 to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)

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ALEXANDER MACOMB. SS. ALEXANDER MACOMB, 3/7 at 41.40 N. and 66.53 W. torpedoed. 25 survivors landed Halifax 4/7: 11 U.S. (?C) crew including Lieut. (J.G.) 1 Cadet Officer U.S.N.R. and 3rd Mate both American and 12 Merchant crew of whom 10 American, 1 Filipino, 1 Spanish. 28 survivors including Master reported proceeding on U.S.S. TIGER to Woodshol, 3rd mate believes C.Bs. destroyed or taken off with master. List of survivors follows. (Alusnob, Halifax, 1101Z/4 to Opnav, Com. 1.) ALEXANDER MACOMB, 7176 tons, bound from New York to Archangel. Had been in Convoy B.X. 27. *See previous page.*

PRESIDENT DE VOGUE. Your 1852/11/6. PRESIDENT DE VOGUE not yet arrived. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 1200QR/4 to Admty.)

BARFLEUR. My 0318/14. Now advised BARFLEUR proceeding Rhumb line via Madeira. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1226/4 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C.C.S.F., C.T.R23, C. in C. A.W.I., R.A. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., Admty.)

U/B. S/M sighted 1½ miles off Southern Point Basseterre Roadstead 0245Q yesterday B.2. B.A.D. pass to Connav. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1256R/4 to Admty., etc.)

SAM HOUSTON, torpedoed. My 2029/1. Time 0945, ship's time, position 019° 21' N. 062° 22' W. B.A.D. pass to Connav. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1302R/4 to Admty., etc.)

"Prince" Class, Armament. Personal for 1 S.L. Your 2002/1. Question of providing suitable armament for "Prince" class Auxiliary Cruisers has had my personel interest since Dec. 1940. Consider that armament of 5 twin 4" HA/LA is most suitable for following reasons -

(1) Owing to excessive liveliness of these ships, which will not be reduced to any extent by the addition of top weight and is comparable to that of a destroyer, 6" BL hand-worked guns are practically unworkable under any but the most moderate weather conditions.

(2) From experience of this war to date, adequate HA fire is a necessity and the 4" armament provides this.

(3) The anti-flash qualities of these ships will be greatly enhanced by using fixed ammunition. Even though the 4" armament is on the light side I consider these ships would have a better chance against raiders than they would have with 6" hand-worked guns. In coming to this decision factors of hitting power,

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"Prince"
Class,
Armament.
(Contd.)

rate of fire, splash visibility, magazine protection, use of R.D.F. ranges in a long range engagement, number of rounds per gun which can be carried, ammunition supply arrangements recular to these ships have been taken into consideration. The services I have in mind for these ships is R/C and patrol in North Pacific and Coastal waters of British Columbia and Alaska where low visibility is the rule rather than the exception.
(C.N.S. Canada, 1320Z/4 to Admty.)

U/B off
Chile.

Panagra pilot reported sighting S/M at 1530 G.M.T./3 approx. 024° 40' S. 070° 40' W. running on surface. Merchant ship seen to seaward. Yugoslav OLGA TOPIC was at this position. No Chilean S/M in this area. Am asking Tanker for report.
(S.O.I. Callao, 1434R/4 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) B.A.D., N.A. Santiago.)

BRASTAGI.

Dutch BRASTAGI due Balboa 1/7 not arrived. B.A.D. C.C.O. pass to Connav.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1442R/4 to Admty., Connav, C. in C. A.W.I., B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Callao.)

RAMSEY.

Com. 6 pass to Port Director, Charleston. Cancel my 1920/27. Sail RAMSEY when ready to Halifax via points (P) 032° 45' N. 075° 02' W. (Q) 042° 12' N. 063° 23' W. thence destination. Advise sailing time and speed.
(Connav, 1505/4 to Port Director Charleston, S.C. Information, C.E.S.F., C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., Admty.)

S/M attack
and sighting
summary.

THOMAS MCKEAN torpedoed and presumed sunk 22° N. 60° W. 1120Z/29. Later information SEA THRUSH indicates attack and sinking 22.38 N. 60.59 W. 1800Z/28, not 30/6. Your 1205Z/4, time of sinking SAN PABLO confirmed. HAMPTON ROADS, 1 torpedo hit, 2 shells. Sub. estimate for Gulf and Caribbean for 2/7 transmitted by cable at 2004/2 will be retransmitted today. Surface craft attacks sound contact 12° N. 79.28 W. 1315Z/9/6, 35.17 N. 75.19 W. 2020Z/11/6. Sighting reported 2000Z/2 now cancelled. Fishing vessel reports spoke sub. 30.11 N. 87.42 W. 1950Z/3. S/M suspected of attempting to land agents. Surface craft attack sound contacts 33.50 N. 76.51 W. about 2300Z/3; 30.54 N. 64.33 W. 0638Z/4. Surface craft report attacking S/M with possible damage 41.40 N. 66.52 W. about 1330Z/3. Patrol craft reported attacking at 39.55 N. 73.52 W. 0015Z/4. Surface craft reports sound contact 35.20 N. 74.42 W. about 0200Z/4. Considering the possibility of refuelling but as yet have received no concrete evidence. Opnav and B.A.D. informed.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1535Z/4 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

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- T.H. 4. Sailing telegram.
All for Portland (Maine).
(B.R.O. Trinidad, 1538Q/4 to Admty.)
- KOTA GEDE,
PAUL
LUCKENBACH. Have you any news of KOTA GEDE (Dutch) due New York 24/6 from Durban and PAUL LUCKENBACH (U.S.) due Boston 28/6 from O.N. 102?
(D.T.D., 1606B/4 to D.N.I. Ottawa.)
Reply: 2019/5.
- WITHERINGTON. Anticipated WITHERINGTON will be ready to sail p.m./9/7.
(B.A.R.M., 1620Z/4 to Admty.)
- TYSA. Admty. 2013/27. Dutch TYSA not yet arrived Trinidad. B.A.D. pass to Connav. Freetown pass to R.A. West Africa.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1621R/4 to Admty., etc.)
- Ship Capsized. C.E.S.F's 1830/29 pass to you for information. A ship capsized in Canal and B.R.O. Boston estimates it may be blocked for 4 to 6 weeks.
(N.S.H.Q., 1645Z/4 to Admty.)
- W.R. Note:- 1830/29 received from Ottawa held in War Registry undecypherable, verification being obtained.
- Navigation. Unexploded depth charge dropped in 20 fathoms 045° 57' 30" N. 062° 19' W.
(C.N.S. Ottawa, 1710Z/4 W.J.A. 99.)
- U/B Positions. 4/7 S/M estimate.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1716/4, 1721/4, 1725/4, 1731/4, 1735/4.)
- H.A. 1. My 1505Z/2, late 10 hours.
(C.O.A.C., 1720Z/4 to Admty.)
- ?DALWARNIC. F.O's i/c 1702/27. Unable to include DALSARNEK (Brit.) (? DALWARNIC intended) in T.A.W. account speed, may she be sailed independently?
(B.R.O. Trinidad, 1721Q/4 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty., etc.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.W/T Watch
in U.S.
Ships.

Your 1840/22. Existing American instructions are that all merchant vessels maintain a continuous watch part of which in the case of vessels with only one operator may be stood by the Auto alarm. Most cargo vessels have only one operator who keeps watch during the commercial single operator periods. Passenger vessels carrying more than 12 passengers, or documented as such, maintain an operator continuously on watch.

2. Navy Dept. consider that by use of the International Alarm signal in connection with the Auto alarm, communication can in fact always be established. They agree that this is a minimum requirement and state that it is caused by acute shortage of radio operators. Steps are being taken to increase the number of operators available. Matter has been brought to personal notice of Adm. King and consider it will be taken in hand. (B.A.D., 1733Z/4 to Admty.)

PUTNEY HILL
(torpedoed
26/6.)

Have picked up Master and 34 survivors of PUTNEY HILL torpedoed in 024° 20' N. 063° 16' W. at 0320Z/26. Master reports having heard distress call from BCTD (MANAAR) at 0700Z/24 and from ANGLO CANADIAN 1700Z/24th. (SAXIFRAGE, 1840Z/4 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) U.S.N.O.B. at Bermuda.)

GULF BELLE
(torpedoed)

Arrival WARWICK from A/S Patrol, with torpedoed SS. GULF BELLE in tow. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 2002Z/4 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty., S.O.I. Kingston.)

Suspicious
Ship.

Trinidad 1522/30 (Master GLARONA reported sighting motor vessel). Suggest Spanish MAR NEGRO Curacao 26/6 for Santos. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 2233R/4 to Admty., etc.)

B.X. 27C.

Ref. my 0310Z/4. My 1704Z/3 and my 2145Z/3. Convoy sailing notice. On account of fog B.X. 27C is cancelled. Cancel our escort order

19 - 42 and following original instructions proceed directly to Halifax.

C.O.A.C. pass to N.C.S.O. Halifax and N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. (Com. 1st U.S. Naval District, Boston, 2345Z/4 to C.T.U. 24.18.6, (R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., etc.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.

Situation. Serial No. 162 from C.W.R. 2/7.
1 Kawanisi 4 engined flying boat reported over Footume (New Caledonia) 0100Z/1 course N.W.

(2) Reported 5000-ton vessel arrived Dilli 0200Z/1st. 2 buildings at Dilli hit in attack by 5 Hudsons 1610Z/1 and one small fire started when 3 Hudsons attacked 2015Z/1. 2nd group reported no shipping in harbour.

(3) Allied land forces attacked strong enemy outpost 11 miles from Lae (Heath's Plantation) on night of 30/6 - 1/7. Casualties Allied, one killed, 2 wounded, enemy 41 killed, many wounded, Allied withdrawal forced by enemy's superior number.

(4) Wau (New Guinea) bombed by 9 enemy heavy bombers 0131Z/2, no details available.

(5) 3 enemy destroyers, 2 8000-ton transports reported by R/C A/C 004° 46' S. 147° 33' E. at 0004Z/2 course 80°.

(6) Ref. serial 154, para. 3, report 1/7 stated Talasea not occupied by enemy but air patrols established between Gasmata and Witu Island.

(7) Ref. my 1459Z/2 further intelligence indicates 2 cruisers operating in Guadal Canal Island area.
(A.C.N.B., 0321Z/4 to Admty., etc.)

Serial No. 163 from C.W.R. 3/7.
3 Fortresses attacked Koepang Aerodrome 0935Z/3. 3 enemy aircraft probably destroyed, 1 Fortress damaged, 3 heavy bombers some fighters on aerodrome.

(2) Air R/C 3/7 reports no shipping Ambon Area.

(3) 6 Zero fighters engaged 3 Aircobras on patrol near Port Moresby 0049Z/3, no damage.

(4) 3 Fortresses attacked Lae Aerodrome at 0430Z/3 result unknown. 12 Zero intercepted.

(5) R.D.F. indication possible S/M 019° 28' S. 147° 37' E. at 1320Z/2. Air search negative.

(6) Allied warship in 034° 45' S. 114° 17' E. intercepted Q Q Q Q at 1252Z/3. No indication of identification or position of originator.
(A.C.N.B., 1136Z/4 to Admty., etc.)

Movements. Departures Port Phillip 0100Z/4 H.M.A.S. MORESBY and U.S. MUGFORD escorting O.C.8 to Newcastle. Fremantle 0100Z/4 H.M.A.S. BURNIE for (?Adelaide). Sydney N.S.W. 0655Z/4 Netherlands TROMP and U.S. FLUSSER escorting Z.K. 11 including WESTRALIA and MANOORA.
(A.C.N.B., 2105Z/4 to Admty., etc.)

Solomon Islands. Report of Resident Commissioner No. 163, 2/7 covers period 23/6 to 1/7.
(High Commr., Western Pacific, 2230/4 to S. of S. for Colonies.)
See Lion Copy.

SECRET

M E S S A G E

2230/4th July

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From: High Commissioner (Sir H. Luke)
Western Pacific.

Date: 5.7.42

Recd: 1013

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Addressed: Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 270 Secret +

*Solomon Islands,
enemy activity 23/6 & 1/7*

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia No. 88 (reference to my telegram No. 83) and Prime Minister of New Zealand No. 45 (reference to my telegram No. 43)

My telegram No. 250.

Solomon Islands.

Following telegram has been received from Resident Commissioner. Begins.

July 2nd No. 163.

Destroyer mentioned in my telegram No. 160, continued operating until the 23rd June, after which there was lull of enemy activity until 1st July, when cruiser of about 8,000 tons was sighted off Lunga and another further west. Both left 6 p.m. the same day. Japanese returned to Lunga 29th June after interval of five days and were still there 30th June, probably arranging meat supply of cruisers.

Allied planes were over Tulagi nights of 24th June, 26th June, 27th June, 28th June, 29th June, 30th June. Visibility bad, effect of raids not seen but large fires started after that on 30th June.

Small United States army unit arrived Vanikoro 23rd June to take over wireless, and Naval Liaison Officer Vila with Josselyn now en route there to carry out reconnaissance. Enemy aircraft (corrupt group) on 24th June and again 29th June, but no bombing.

Native reports from two sources indicate destroyer sunk off North Gela 23rd June; Japanese reported in launch looking out for survivors. Also reported captain of Japanese sampan captured here in 1939 is now naval officer in Tulagi, with crews of other sampans said to have been in the group before the war. They are said to have new shallow draft landing barge with automatic gangway, which carries 100 troops and is heavily armed. Tulagi hospital full of wounded and many Japanese who (group omitted) SAVO recently had bandages. Japanese continue to raid native gardens on Gela and Savo and natives ask when help is coming to free

them

+ Distributed as Most Secret.

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them from the marauders.

All well here. Communications with Intelligence Centres being maintained. Much encouraged by recent raids and look forward to early action to dislodge the enemy. Ends.

2230/4.

Received from War Office 1825/6th July.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1436B/4, 1439B/4.)

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Convoy
P.Q.17.

At 1000B today C. in C. Home Fleet was in 75° 12' N. 3° 54' E. steering towards 68° 5' N. 10° 50' W. at 1700B/6 and thence to Scapa. The operations of Russian reconnaissance aircraft trying to locate the enemy main units were hampered today by fog.

An unknown ship reported a submarine at 1225, and from 1532B to 1850 there were reports of ships being attacked by submarines, in positions between 75° 49' N. 45° E. and 74° 38' N. 38° 10' E. Simultaneously there were reports of air attacks from 1618C to 1914C. In all 10 ships reported being attacked.

At 1700B Murmansk reported 2 battleships (TIRPITZ and SCHEER or HIPPER) and 8 destroyers in 71° 25' N. 23° 40' E. steering north-easterly. From later signals it appears probable there were 3 heavy ships. Russian submarine on patrol claimed 2 hits with torpedoes on TIRPITZ, though at 2029B P.54 in approx. 71° N. 28° E. reported TIRPITZ and HIPPER with 6 destroyers 130° 10 miles distant, steering 60° at 22 knots. A Catalina left Grasnaya after the first report, to search and shadow, and a Russian air striking force left Vaenga about 2207B.

At 1800B C.S.1 reported that he was in 74° 22' N. 6° (? 40 - 53') E. steering 230° for Hvalfiord at 19 knots with the cruiser covering force, screen and all convoy destroyers in company.

British Air Operations.

An aircraft of Coastal Command attacked and it is believed sank a U-boat this evening, 150 miles north of Cape Ortegale: *U.502 sunk by Wellington ofc H° 7 172 Squadron, 46° 10' N, 06° 40' W.*

Mining.

Further mines were detonated off Beachy Head today.

Convoy
Q.P.13
mined.

Part of Convoy Q.P.13 ran into one of our minefields in a thick fog late this evening in Denmark Strait and NIGER and 5 ships (Russian SS. RODINA and U.S. HYBERT, MASSMAR, HEFFRON, and JOHN RANDOLF) were sunk and Panamanian EXTERMINATOR was damaged but reached Reykjavik. The forward part of JOHN RANDOLF was beached.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

There were 3 air attacks in daylight today on Malta; damage was caused at Takali.

Last night, 10 Liberators bombed shipping and harbour facilities at Benghazi and claim to have hit two ships outside the harbour.

About 35 aircraft raided Port Said and Alexandria areas last night. No damage was caused and at least 5 enemy aircraft were shot down by night fighters. It is believed that mines were laid in the Canal. The Canal is still closed.

East Indies.

Fresh orders for the routing of shipping in the Bay of Bengal were issued today.

Australia.

A coast watcher at Guadalcanal Island (Solomon Is.) reports that at 0200Z yesterday a force consisting of 2 Japanese aircraft carriers and 15 other war vessels passed Cape Esperance, steering west.

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HOME COMMANDS

Policy.

- ABDIEL. ABDIEL is to be under the administrative control of R.A.(M). (D.D.O.D.(M), 1227B/5/ to F.O.I.C. Tyne).
- WAVENEY. When ready for sea WAVENEY should be sailed to Tobermory to work up on conclusion of which she should join W.A. Command. (D.O.D.(H), 1630B/5).
- Immingham. Admiralty 1124B/5. If minelaying operations are to be restarted from Immingham it will seriously affect the use of the port referred to in my 1842B/24. (F.O. Humber, 2220B/5).

Movements.

- KING GEORGE V. Intend sailing KING GEORGE V for Scapa 1200B/10. Request escort. (F.O.I.C., Liverpool, 1152B/5) N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1152B/5. No destroyers are available in my command except ship whose sailing work-up has already been seriously interrupted. (C.in C., W.A., 1503B/5, to Admty). Intend to sail A.M./10, for Scapa Flow. My letter 10503/G of 30/6 to C.in C. H.F., and A.C.O.S. contained proposed working-up programme. Two weeks considered essential. Three weeks requested if possible. (KING GEORGE V, 1514/5 to C.in C., H.F.)
- AZALEA. Return to Liverpool. (C.in C., W.A., 1426B/5, to AZALEA). *See p. 128*
- RORQUAL. Intend to sail RORQUAL escorted by WHITE BEAR at 0900/6 for Holy Loch. (C.in C., Plymouth, 1541/5).
- SOKOL. F.O.S. 1236/30. (1) R/V with JAN VAN GELDER in 250° Trevose Head 10 miles at 0600B/8. (Capt. S.3, 1901B/5, to SOKOL).
- AURORA. Scapa arrival AURORA. (A.C.O.S., 2042/5).

Operations.

- Convoy P.Q. 17. Covering operations. See Shipping.

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N.W. My position 0001Z/5, patrolling North and South
Norway between $076^{\circ} 26'$ and $076^{\circ} 46'$. Longitudes
S/M 029° , 028° E. Fuel for 24.00 miles at
Patrol. economical speed.
(P. 614, 0016Z/5, to F.O.S.)
Cancel my 1133B/4th. Establish new patrols as
follows :- Pass through $073^{\circ} 10'$, $027^{\circ} 10'$. URSULA $072^{\circ} 55'$
 $028^{\circ} 10'$. TRIBUNE, SEAWOLF, TRIDENT to positions 25 miles
apart on line bearing 125° from URSULA position. Endeavour to
reach new positions ordered by 0200B/6. Endeavour to remain
unseen.
(F.O.S., 0229B/5, to S/Ms).
Cancel my 1704B/4. STURGEON and MINERVE leave patrol at
0600B/5th and return to Lerwick by reverse of outward route.
P.54, P.45, and P.212 establish new patrol positions as follows
P.54 $71^{\circ} 28'$, $29^{\circ} 55'$. P.45 $71^{\circ} 44'$, $28^{\circ} 45'$. P.212 $71^{\circ} 52'$,
 $27^{\circ} 30'$. (2) P.54 and P.45 should reach new positions ordered by
0200B/6. P.212 as soon as practicable thereafter. S/Ms are
to endeavour to remain unseen.
(F.O.S., 0302B/5).
In absence of other orders from S.O. escort ships to H.S.
routines and proceed through $073^{\circ} 01'$, $033^{\circ} 59'$ to establish
patrol P.614 in $071^{\circ} 50'$, $032^{\circ} 30'$, P.615 in $071^{\circ} 33'$, $034^{\circ} 35'$.
TRIDENT, SEAWOLF, TRIBUNE and URSULA in order named are spread
25 miles apart on line bearing 315° from P.614's position.
(F.O.S., 0321B/5, to P.614, P.615).
Following is a repetition of my 1036/5. To S/Ms north of 51° N.
Repeated A.I.G.47, S.B.N.O. North Russia, H.Q.C.C. Begins.
My 0229/5, for line of bearing 125° read 130° . My 0321/5, for
line of bearing 315° read 305° . Ends.
(F.O.S., 1056B/5 to H.F.).
Estimated positions of submarines at 1200B/5 is
A. P.614 in $75^{\circ} 27'$, $29^{\circ} 50'$ proceeding through $73^{\circ} 01'$, $33^{\circ} 59'$
to patrol in $71^{\circ} 50'$, $32^{\circ} 30'$, speed 10 knots.
B. P.615 in $74^{\circ} 40'$, $33^{\circ} 01'$ proceeding through $73^{\circ} 01'$, $33^{\circ} 59'$
to patrol $71^{\circ} 33'$, $33^{\circ} 35'$.
C. TRIDENT $72^{\circ} 50'$, $28^{\circ} 30'$ to patrol in $72^{\circ} 05'$, $31^{\circ} 32'$, speed
5 knots.
D. SEAWOLF $73^{\circ} 10'$, $27^{\circ} 10'$ proceeding to patrol $72^{\circ} 23'$, 30°
 $22'$, speed 5 knots.
E. TRIBUNE $73^{\circ} 10'$, $25^{\circ} 40'$ proceeding through $73^{\circ} 10'$, $27^{\circ} 10'$
to patrol $72^{\circ} 40'$, $29^{\circ} 20'$, speed 5 knots.
F. URSULA $73^{\circ} 10'$, $24^{\circ} 15'$ through $73^{\circ} 10'$, $27^{\circ} 10'$ to patrol
in $72^{\circ} 56'$, $28^{\circ} 12'$, speed 5 knots.
G. P.54 in $72^{\circ} 00'$, $26^{\circ} 30'$ proceeding to patrol $71^{\circ} 28'$, 29°
 $55'$, speed 5 knots.
H. P.45 in $72^{\circ} 02'$, $25^{\circ} 10'$, proceeding patrol $71^{\circ} 44'$, $28^{\circ} 45'$,
speed 5 knots.
J. P.212 $72^{\circ} 26'$, $21^{\circ} 55'$ proceeding to patrol $71^{\circ} 52'$, $27^{\circ} 30'$,
speed 5 knots.
K. MINERVE $71^{\circ} 58'$, $18^{\circ} 30'$ proceeding Lerwick 8 knots.
L. STURGEON $71^{\circ} 50'$, $17^{\circ} 10'$ proceeding Lerwick 8 knots.
(F.O.S., 1107B/5).
My 0321/5. Amend P.615's patrol position to read $071^{\circ} 33'$ N.
 $033^{\circ} 35'$ E.
(F.O.S., 1252B/5 to P.614, P.615. Reptd. H.F.).

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Operations.

N.W. Following is a repetition of my 1534/5. To S/Ms
Norway S/M North of 051°N. Repeated Home Fleet Operational,
Patrol. S.B.N.O. North Russia, H.Q.C.C. Begins. My
Contd: 1036/5. For 305° read 310°. Ends.
(F.O.S., 1616B/5 to H.F.)

Iceland Estimate position at 2000/5. KENYA on patrol
- Faroes S.E. of Iceland.
Patrol. (A.C.O.S., 1620B/5).

Northern Disposition Trawlers Northern Patrol 2000 tonight.
Trawler G.G. VISENDA, E.E. NORTHERN REWARD, C.C. CAPE
Patrol. PORTLAND, A.A. KINGSTON AMBER. NORTHERN GIFT
058° 51' N. 005° 15' W. to A.A.
(A.C.O.S., 1632B/5).

British Air Activity.

Patrols. "Trap returned 2330B/4. Nil report.
(A.C.I.C., 0007B/5).
"Trap" to be flown forthwith, "Bear" to be continued
till 1200/6. Would appreciate if Fortresses
were kept in reserve as striking force.
(H.Q.C.C., 0955/5, to R.A.F., Iceland).
"Trap" took off 1330.
(A.C.I.C., 1326B/5).

Dummy Your 1236/I. Concur in suggestion. They should
A/C for be unshipped before arrival of ships in North
C.A.M. Russia. Can BLENHEIM make necessary dummies as
Ships. for security reasons it is undesirable that they
be made and embarked at a commercial port in U.K.
There will be two C.A.M. Ships in P.Q. 18.
(D.T.D., 1018B/5, to A.C.I.C.)

Daily A/S Your 1129/3. This will be done. First report
Air Reports. will cover 1800/4 to 1800/5.
(C.in C., W.A., 1025B/5, to Admty).
A.M. 1129B/3/7. Return of A/S operations 1800/4
to 1800/5. (A) 2 Long-range. 15 Short-range.
(C) 11 hours. 15 mins. 5 hours. 17 mins.
(C.in C., W.A., 1826B/5 to Admty).

"Knocker". All ships and Authorities in North and Western
Approaches should be warned that American Bomber
and Fighter Aircraft will be making transit
flight from Iceland (C) to U.K. Flights will
normally be made in formation but aircraft flying
independently may be sighted. My 1909/28 refers.
(D.O.D.H., 1249B/5 to A.C.O.S., C.in C. W.A.).

/Scapa ...

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P.Q. 17.

See Shipping.

Scapa.

Enemy A/C carried out R/C of Scapa Flow at 1220 today in good visibility.

(A.C.O.S., 1251/5).

My 1251/5/7. E.A. at 30,000 feet engaged by ground defences and identified as JU.88.

Fighters failed to intercept. R.D.F.plots good.

(A.C.O.S., 1811/5).

Mining.

Dover

5 Mines swept yesterday in Q.Z.X. 750. Positions.
(V.A. Dover, 0159B/5).

Preston.

My 1124B/4. Port of Preston re-opened.
(F.O.I.C., Liverpool, 0937B/5).Thames
Estuary.One ground mine detonated 1147/4. Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1050/5).Off
Beachy
Head.Have detonated 3 Mines. Positions.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1645/5, 1807/5, 1820/5,
2330/5, 1024/6, 1031/6).

Humber.

At 1144B/5. One Red mine exploded by sweepers.
Details.
(F.O. Humber, 1735B/5).Enemy Intelligence.Unidentified
Ships
off N.W.
Iceland.Adalvik reports unidentified small ship 324°
7 miles, course 268°, speed 8 knots at 1725.
(A.C.I.C., 1756Z/5, to KENT).Adalvik reported 6 fast vessels 15 miles 335°,
course 215°, speed 18 knots at 2130Z/5.
(A.C.I.C., 2356B/5 to KENT).U-Boats.→ Convoy
P.Q. 17.

U-Boat attacks. See Shipping.

U-Boats
reported.U-Boat dispositions. There are nine inward and
four outward between parallels 045° and 047 and
meridians 004° and 013°.
(F.O.S., 1617B/5, to S/Ms.).

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U-Boats.

U-Boats
reported
Contd:

Am over enemy S/M in 46° 2'N. 8° 58' W. S/M
was sighted on surface and observed to submerge.
When first sighted was on course 110°.
Estimates speed 8 knots.
(A/C, 1732/5, to 19 Group).

Casualties and Defects.

SWORD DANCE
(Escort
Trawler)
sunk.

SWORD DANCE sunk by collision in fog, position
077° ½ mile 35 Buoy. All crew rescued.
Convoy proceeding.
(CLACTON, 0409B/5 to A.C.O.S.)
SWORD DANCE sunk collision in fog at 0405B/5.
Have 40 survivors being total complement.
Have now rejoined Convoy.
(CLACTON, 0700B/5, to C.in C., Rosyth).
SWORD DANCE sunk, collision with unknown ship,
suspected British M/V THYRA II who is sailing in
W.N.5.
(BERKSHIRE, 0800B/5).

VENOMOUS.

VENOMOUS reports presence of oil in all boilers
and leaking tube ends, causing a serious loss of
feed water. I consider ship is an unsafe
condition to proceed on present duty. Propose
to examine all boilers reporting necessary
remedial action on completion.
(Capt. D. Greenock, 1414B/5).
Your 1414B/5 approved.
(C.in C., W.A., 1504B/5 to Capt. D. Greenock).

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping & Convoys.

- P.Q.17 Shift Patrols to between 74° N., 28° E., and 73° N., 32° E.
(H.Q.C.C., 0112B/5 to Party A).
- It is presumed that enemy heavy ships are North of Tromso but it is not certain they are at sea.
(D.O.D.(H), 0236B/5 to A.I.G., 47, S/Ms).
- R/C shows that enemy heavy units have moved from Trondheim and Narvik and are believed to be using a base in Alta Fjord area (70° 05' N., 23° 10' E) from which to operate against P.Q.17.
2. British forces other than close escort for P.Q.17, have been withdrawn west of Bear Island and convoy was ordered to scatter in approx. 76° N., 28° E., at 2200B/4 and to proceed to North Russian ports.
 3. British S/Ms are being moved from previous patrol positions to areas between latitudes 73° and 72° N., and longitudes 23° and 32° E.
 4. Catalina A/C temporarily based on Archangel will carry out R/C between 74° N., 28° E., and 73° N., 32° E.
 5. Request you will endeavour to arrange with Soviet authorities (i) Regular air R/C of the Alta Fjord area (ii) Air striking forces to operate against enemy heavy units located in harbour or at sea (iii) Bombing of enemy aerodromes which is of added importance with convoy scattered.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 0322B/5 to Ad. Miles (R) S.B.N.O. North Russia, S.B.N.O. Archangel, C. in C. H.F.)
Admiralty's 0322/5. Catalinas being despatched.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 0954B/5 to Ad. Miles).
- In connection with urgent photographic R/C of Alten Fjord it may be necessary for Mosquito to land for refuelling at Vaenga within next 24 hours. Please confirm most immediate that there is no objection.
(Air Ministry, 1155/5 G.M.T. to 30 Mission).
- My position 1000B/5 075° 12' N., 003° 54' E., course 200° to pass through position Y at 0100B/6 and Z (068° 05' N., 010° 50' W) at 1700B/6.
2. ASHANTI and Force Q are to R/V in position Y. FORESIGHT, INGLEFIELD, INTREPID, ICARUS, BLANKNEY, MIDDLETON, WHEATLAND R/V in position Z. *See also P. 127.*
 3. Approach course Y 220° and to Z 215°.
 4. In position Z WASHINGTON and 4 destroyers will be detached to Hvalfiord and Battle Fleet will proceed to Scapa through position X 062° 30' N., 004° 30' W. Speed of advance 16½ knots. MANCHESTER and ECLIPSE are in company.
(C. in C. H.F., 1221/5 to H.F.)
One Catalina arrived Kola Inlet 1200C/5.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1255B/5).
- F/BN left 1220B. E.T.A. Archangel 1620B. J/BN arrived 1200B. Leaving 2100B E.T.A. Archangel (2300B/6. Pass to 18 Group. (Harpham, Murmansk, 1300B/5 to Party A).
Your 0322B/5, para. 5.
1. Will be carried out until ships are located.
 2. 12 torpedo A/C now standing by.
 3. Attacks have been and will continue to be made.
 2. All air operations are being hampered at present by fog.
(Ad. Miles, 1331/5 to Admty).

/D/F...

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Contd.D/F bearings of transmissions between 0930 and 1300B/5 indicate that up to 6 U/Bs still in touch with portions of convoy P.Q.17.
(D.D.I.C., 1424B/5 to A.I.G. 47, S/Ms).

5th July sail from Kola Inlet 1800C U.S.S.R. Dest. GROZNI, GREMYASHCHI, SOKRUSHITELNI to patrol between Kildin Is. and position 070° 40' N., 042° E., affording protection to any ships of P.Q. 17 sighted.

(2) Seaplane M.B.R.2 will maintain A/S patrol between positions G H and T on standard route during 6/7.

(3) P.E. 3 fighter will carry out R/C in same area.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1527B/5 to Escorts P.Q.17).

EARLSTON in action with U-boats 075° 05' N., 038° 02' E., at 1600C/5.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1532B/5 to Escorts P.Q.17).

AAAA Bombers attacking 74° 43', 34° 20' T.O.R. 1618C.

(Unread) SSSS (unread) 74° 38', 38° 10' T.O.R. 1623C.

(Unread) AAAA (unread) torpedo bombers 74° 43' N., 34° 20' E.T.O. R. 1620C.

Following has been read AAAA seven correct position 74° 33.50 T.O.R.1626.

Following has been read SSSS EARLSTON 75.05, 38.02 T.O.R. 1600C.

Following has been read. SSSS de NOTTINGHAM position 75.08, 37.50 T.O.R. 1639C.

Following has been read. SSSS de 75.04, 37.59 EARLSTON two submarines attacking. T.O.R. 1640.

(Unread) SSSS (Unread) seven torpedo bombers attacking, repulsed so far 74.50, 33.50 T.O.R. 1646.

(Murmansk W/T Station, No T.O.O. Recd. 1732/5).

Anticipate most likely time of enemy surface attack is now tonight 5/6 or early hours of tomorrow 6/7 and that enemy may strike in 065° direction from North Cape.

Submarine and Catalina aircraft patrols may sight enemy.

Request air striking force may be at short notice from 2000 today.

(A.C.N.S. (H.), 1625B/5 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

Two Battleships eight destroyers position 71° 25' N., 23° 40' E, course 045°

(Murmansk, 1700B/5).

Catalina N/210 left 1415. On patrol 0001 to 1000/6. E.T.A.

Grasnaya 1300 to refuel and proceed Lakhta. Times B.S.T.

(H.Q.C.C., 1710B/5 to Admt Party A).

Urgent all escorts and ships of RIVER AFTON convoy keep as far to the eastward as possible.

(D.T.D., 1715Z/5 to B.A.M.S. 279, Area I).

AAAA de SILVER SWORD 76° 25' N., 33° 41' E. dive-bombed. T.O.R. 1759C.

Following has been read. Plane attack 76° 25' N., 33° 41' E. dive bombed T.O.R. 1805C.

Following has been read. AAAA de EARLSTON 74° 50' N., 37° 40' E. T.O.R. 1743C.

Following has been read AAAA 74° 57' N., 37° 48' E.

EARLSTON attacked by aircraft T.O.R. 1734C.

Following has been read. AAAA SILVER SWORD correction 76° 40' N. 34° 40' E. Plane from south T.O.R. 1810C.

(Murmansk W/T, No T.O.O. Recd. 1750/5).

/Following...

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Following has been read SSSS Vessel 75° 05' 38° 02' torpedoed T.O.R. 1556C.
(Unread) SOS (unread) 75° 05' N 38° 02' EARLSTON in action against submarine, steering 297°, submarine following. T.O.R. 1609C.
(Murmansk W/T No T.O.O. Recd. 1755/5.)

→ 11 unknown ships, position 71° 31' N 27° 10' E, course 065°, speed 10 knots.

(Murmansk W/T 1816B/5.)

Your 2217/4. Grasnaya not lake but Russian flying boat base in Kola Inlet. F/240 carried out R/C 30 miles south of patrol latitude to (corrupt group) checks on dead reckoning navigation. No surface craft sighted. One unidentified aircraft.

Visibility 30 miles decreasing to 2 miles in fog. Temperature 8°C. Efficiency of patrol Eastern half 100% visibility unlimited. Western half 20% poor visibility south east unserviceable.

Communications good.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1826B/5 to Admty.)

Being shadowed. (i) Cruiser covering force, screen, and all convoy destroyers in company. My P.C.S. at 1800B/5 074° 22' N 006° (40'-53') E, 230°, 19 knots.

(ii) Before convoy was scattered 3 ships were sunk and 1 damaged by air torpedo attack.

(iii) Intend detaching convoy destroyers for Scapa and W.A., fuelling Seidisfiord if necessary.

(iv) Proceeding Hvalfiord with remainder. E.T.A. 2230B/7.

(F.O.C. 1st C.S. 1830B/5 to C. in C. H.F.)

Following crossover to be flown as from 001/6. 72° 56' N 31° 20' E, 73° 19' N 32° 28' E, 71° 50' N 35° 45' E, 72° 17' N 36° 28' E. (H.Q.C.C. 1850B/5 to 18 Group.)

Urgent. All escorts and ships of RIVER AFTON convoy keep as far to the eastward as possible.

(D.T.D. 1857B/5 to Escorts P.Q.17.)

→ At 1700B TIRPITZ and ADMIRAL SCHEER 071° 25', 023° 40', course 45°. 8 destroyers in company. Russian S/M K.21 claimed 2 hits on TIRPITZ with torpedoes.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1904B/5 to Admty. (R) H.F. F.O.S. S/Ms.)

SSSS DANIEL MORGAN 75° 49' N 45° E. T.O.R. 1850C. X329 AAAA PAN CRAFT 76° 50' N 38° 00' E. hit by divebombers T.O.R. 1906C. X.329 AAAA KEPY (?FAIRFIELD CITY) 75° 49' N 43° 00' E divebombers air attack to R 1914C.

(Murmansk W/T No. T.O.O. (R) 1917/5.)

- My 1816/5. Position given by R/C aircraft unreliable. Admiralty pass to Subs. operating North of 51° N.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1954B/5.)

At 1745B/5 enemy A/C reported four ships and nine (probably) destroyers. Speed 15 to 20 knots in position 74° 30' N 07° 40' E.

(D.D.I.C. 1954B/5 to C. in C. H.F. C.S.1. C.S.18.)

My position 1800Z 064° 37' 30" N 013° 51' 30" W.

(FORESIGHT 2000B/5.)

→ TIRPITZ, ADMIRAL SCHEER, 6 destroyers sighted 130° 10 miles.

My estimated position 071° (corrupt group) 028° 16', course and speed of enemy were 060°, 22.

(P.54 2029B/5 to Admty. (R) with T.O.O. 2310/5 to A.I.G.47,

S.B.N.O. North Russia, S.B.N.O. Archangel.)

No objection to Mosquito landing Vaenga.

(30 Mission 2030Z/5 to Air Ministry.)

Proceed with INTREPID, ICARUS, BLANKNEY, MIDDLETON and WHEATLAND to position (Y) with despatch.

(ii) FORESIGHT proceed to position (Y) with despatch when

refuelled. (iii) E.T.A. position (Y) to be reported. *See next page*

(C. in C. H.F. 2041B/5 to INGLEFIELD.)

/At 1930/5...

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- P.Q.17 At 1930/5 enemy A/C reported four ships and four
Contd. more ships of different type in 74° 45' N., 04°
00' E. Course 220°
(D.D.I.C., 2151B/5 to C. in C. H.F., C.S.1.
C.S.18, Comtask 99. (R) F.O.S., H.Q.C.C.)
Cancel my AC/103 5/7. Institute cross over centre-line 73°
30' N., 30° E. 72° 30' N., 34° E. N/210 ordered carry out
square search datum 71° 25' N., 23° 40' E. for damaged enemy
battleship. Request you cover above cross-over with A/C from
Lakhta.
(H.Q.C.C., 2200B/5 to Party A).
Russian air striking force has left Vaenga.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2207B/5).
My 1904/5. Catalina has left Grasnaya to search and shadow.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2252B/5).
Thick fog since 2000B. My P.C.S. 073° 17' N., 002° E.,
(?225°) 19½ knots.
Following destroyers have over 75% fuel remaining: KEPPEL 91,
U.S.S. ROWAN 95, LEDBURY and WILTON 92, OFFA 76.
When fog clears intend WAINWRIGHT, SOMALI, FURY to top (?up)
(?from) cruisers.
(C.S.1., 2302B/5 to C. in C. H.F.)
C. in C. H.F. 2041B/5. Position Y is 071° 28' N., 003° 15' W.
(R.A.D. H.F., 2346B/5 to FORESIGHT). *See the diary page*
- C.T.19 Situation 1804Z/5. C.T.19. C.T.U. 21.6.2
56° 17', 22° 00' to 56° 17', 22° 29', thence 54°
34', 34° 58', speed 13½.
(C. in C. W.A., 0906Z/5 to C.T.U. 21.6.2).
- H.X.195 H.X. 195. Average speed 9.8 knots. Some fog
but generally good weather. No stragglers.
All ships now reported.
(D.T.D., 0935Z/5).
- LLANSTEPHAN My 1936B/1 and 2258B/3. Neither to all *L.A. 120*
CASTLE. addressees. 1. *VENOMOUS and AZALEA defective.
NARKUNDA. 2. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE is to sail unescorted
to meet BUXTON, S.O. SABRE, from Londonderry at
Oversay R/V.
3. If SABRE cannot R/V with NARKUNDA she is to return to
Londonderry at prudent limit of endurance, reporting position
of convoy to WISHART when clear.
(C. in C. W.A., 1442B/5).
My 1442B/5. 1. Admty's. 1838B/30/6 and 1244B/2 have been
passed to you. 2. Commodore's individual call sign U.F.D 1
S.O. of escort U.F.D.6.
(C. in C. W.A., 1520B/5 to Cdre. Londonderry).
My 1756B/3. Delete reference to *VENOMOUS. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE
will sail unescorted to R/V with BUXTON and SABRE. C. in C.
W.A. 1442B/5 refers. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1526B/5).
A.M.1838B/30. Sailed LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE to R/V with BUXTON
and SABRE in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1442B/5. Thence in
accordance with A.M.1659B/2.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1934B/5). ** See p. 124*

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Q.P.13,
Q.P. 13 U.
U.R. 31.

Estimated positions at 2158/5.
Q.P.13 066° 42' N., 019° 30' W. to Reykjavik.
Q.P.13 U. 064° 42', 013° 30' to Southward.
U.(?R) 31 062° 22', 018° 33' to Reykjavik.
(A.C.I.C., 1730B/5).

D.S.30.

D.S.30 A.M. 1819/28. Cancel para. 4. C. in C.
W.A. is requested to arrange route.
(D.O.D. (H), 1939B/5).

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North Atlantic.

PARTHIAN. Intend sailing PARTHIAN with stores for Malta p.m./7 passing 009° E. in latitude 038° 15' at 0001B/14. PARTHIAN has route through Q.B.B 255 and your 1246/21/6 S. of A. 110 miles per day.. V.A.Malta is requested to signal onward route.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1036B/5 to V.A.Malta (R), Admty.F.O.S.)

PARTHIAN sailing p.m./7, diving by day through:-
W.036° 01' N. 004° 59' W.at 2200B/7. X. 036° 08' N. 001° 23' W. at 0300B/9. Y. 037° 20' N. 001° 25' E. at 1300B/10.Z.038° 15' N. 009° 00' E. at 0001B/14.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1638B/5 to 8th S/M Flot.).

/N.T.A.H.D.
LOCH OSKAIG. Your 1147B/2 carried out, now on Y.3.E.T.A. BARON DOUGLAS and KINGLAND 1500B/5.
(LOCH OSKAIG 1040B/5 to F.O.C.N.A.).

SPINDRIFT, ST GEORGE etc. Your 2252B/29/6 to Admty. R/V position (D) arranged 1630 G.M.T./6.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1115/5, to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty.).
My 1928/4 POSTBOY and convoy left in accordance with route instructions F.O.C.N.A. 2252/29, last ship left harbour 1900/5.
(R.O.Fayal 2029/5 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A., N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada).

RHODODENDRON DURHAM. Admty's 1612B/13/6.
RHODODENDRON detailed to escort DURHAM to U.K. I should be glad if DURHAM could sail as soon as possible after arrival of OG.86, as RHODODENDRON is required for other service on return.
(C. in C.W.A. 1209B/5th to F.O.C.N.A.) Admty, F.O.I.C. Liverpool, D.Liverpool, STORK, RHODODENDRON).

CAIRO gun accident. Your 2229/4. During lull in action ready use lockers were being replenished, ammunition being passed up the hand-up. 1 round was being removed from top of hand-up and another being passed up when explosion occurred, presumably due to primer cap of upper round being fired by point of shell of lower round. Not possible to say whether lower round was pushed into upper or upper fell back on to lower.
2. Minutes of Board of Inquiry forwarded in my 454/3701 of 1/7.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1504B/5 to Admty.).

Bombing Restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in following areas:-

Area.	From.	Until.
G.13.	1800/11th	2359/11th.
G.14.	1800/11th.	0100/13th.
G.15.	1400/11th.	0400/12th.
G.16.	1930/10th.	0001/12th.
G.26.	2130/9th.	1800/10.
G.27.	2130/9th.	0130/11th.

All times are zone minus 2.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1606B/5 to Admty. H.Q.C.C.(R) F.O.S.).

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P.37. Onward route on surface at C.O's discretion through positions:-
E. 037° 01' N. 009° 59' W. at 2100B/11th.
F.225° Cape St.Vincent 20 miles at 0145B/12.
thence diving by day on 12th to R/V with escort in C.350° Cape Spartel 5 at 0930B/13, thence Gibraltar. Bombing restrictions arranged. If unable to comply within 2 hours report. (F.O.C.N.A. 1608B/5 to P.37 (R) Admty. F.O.S.etc).

AFRICA Censorship H.Q. state mails from AFRICA
OCCIDENTAL. OCCIDENTAL were landed at Gibraltar 29/6. As that
(Portuguese). ship has not been reported arriving Gibraltar and in view of my 1914/14/6 it appears name of ship was incorrectly reported to Censorship. Request confirmation that AFRICA OCCIDENTAL was not intercepted.
(D.E.W.D.1706B/5 to F.O.C.N.A.) Reply F.O.C.N.A. 1836/6.

BRIDGEWATER. E.T.A.Ponta Delgada 1730N/6. Require 175 tons oil fuel. Weather Report.
(BRIDGEWATER 1712Z/5 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) PHILANTE)
(F.O.C.N.A. 2316B/5 to B.C. Ponta Delgada).

German Pilots A number of German pilots are reported to be
in Spanish leaving Argentine for Germany in first available
Ship. Spanish ship. Some German born, remainder Argentine of German parents. Name of one is Wols.
2. If encountered ships from Argentine are to be searched and if found these individuals are to be removed.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1831B/5 to S.& A.N.A.) See also 1241B/6.

Suspicious Transit Halifax reported sighted at 1150/5, in
Ship. 044° N. 009° 40' W, an unidentified vessel, one funnel, low slender hull, course N. speed fast. (?afterwards) seen with glasses. Ship was estimated 17 miles from aircraft when observed.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2012B/5 to Admty, C. in C.Plymouth).

Situation. H.G.85 P.C.& S. at 1700 (?B) 044° 28'. 015° 40' 126° 6³/₄.
GERANIUM and COLTSFOOT at 1900B 044° 26', 015° 32', 146° 13. ITHURIEL at 2230B, 043° 25' 014° 36' 146° 20. E.T.A Gate 0700B/7. Weather report.
(ITHURIEL 2210B/5 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty. etc).

Algiers. My 1314/3. Visual R/C Algiers 5/7. No large
R/C. Naval Units present.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2322B/5 to Admty.(R) V.A.M.).

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South Atlantic.

MARUDU Following received from Cable and Wireless which
distress. they cannot pass until 0645Z. (Begins) Bulu
Pointe Noire.

Following message received 1722 G.M.T. MARUDU anchored
0439 S. 11.45.E. disabled leaking fast, require towing
passengers aboard, unable contact, Pointe Noire. Agate, Master.
Navycontrol.
(D.S. 0028/5 to C. in C.S.A.).

Escort for Ascension to Pointe Noire about 15/8
U.S.Troops. (B.A.D. 0111Z/5) See America & West Indies.

EMPRESS OF Your 1739/4th H.M.T.EMPRESS OF CANADA sailed for
CANADA. Halifax via Freetown a.m./5.
(S.S.T.O. Capetown 0923Z/5 to Admty for D.of S.T.
(R) P.S.T.O. Simonstown).

Transports In view of the fact of there being no S.T.O. in
from Belgian Belgian and Free French Territory, submit that I
and Free should be responsible for sailing of transports
French from their ports. (2) Request if approved S.T.O.
ports. Freetown supply any special instructions.
(B.N.L. W.Africa 1034/5 to R.A.West Africa (R)
Admty.D. of S.T. S.T.O.Freetown, S.T.O. Capetown.).

Floating Dock Ref.Admty 1852B/2. ASTURIAS (A.M.C.) and
Escort. LARGS (O.B.V.) and 2 corvettes will arrive St.
A.F.D. XXV. Thomas Island by 20/7, and will escort to Freetown.
Corvettes will be fuelled by ASTURIAS. If
local escort position permits A/3 escort will be reinforced in 026°
W. It is assumed that fuel will be available at St.Thomas Island.
(R.A.W.A. 1055Z/5 to Admty.(R) B.A.D. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.U.S.
Fleet. C. in C.A.& W.I.N.O.I.C.Trinidad).

ORIZABA Your 0241/3. D.S.T.O. Durban reports Capt.
(wrongly Gulbranson of ORIZABA was Vice Commodore of convoy
diverted to and his written instructions clearly indicated
Bombay). Aden. Arrival at Bombay not understood and cannot
be accounted for.
(P.S.T.O. Simonstown 1113B/5, to Admty. for D.S.T.
(R) C. in C.E.F.etc).

SS QUEEN Departure Simonstown 1115/5th W.S. 19 Y. routed in
ELIZABETH. accordance with Dep. C. in C. E.F. 1914/28.
S. of A. 22 knots. E.T.A Aden daylight 15/7.
Ship will be 5500 tons fuel short at Aden but could
continue to Suez at 22 knots to arrive with 600 tons only remaining
Ships has Red Sea route and instructions to Suez. Books in
accordance with Admty's 2329/2/5 including S.P.02357 series. Shift
to W/T organization NU at 0400Z/7.
(C. in C.S.A. 1144B/5 to Admty D.C. in C.E.F.).

/W.S.20.....

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North Atlantic - Contd.

W.S.20
escort. Your 1621/4. Concur, but owing to commitments in the Gibraltar area it is not yet possible to sail VANSITTART and ANTELOPE for Freetown. (A.C.N.S.F.1959B/5 to R.A.W.A.(R) C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.N.A.).

O.S.Sailing
Telegrams. My 1326/4 add S.O.(I) Capetown and S.O.(I) Montevideo to repeated Addressees. Para (A) after Outcon Table add names of escorts. C. in C.S.A. is requested to pass amended version of my 1326/4 to S.O.(I) Freetown. (C. in C.W.A. 2154B/5 to R.A.W.A. C. in C.S.A. Admty. V.A.C.N.A.).

Mediterranean.

Port Said
Movements. 4/7 Port Said - arrivals HURWORTH, SOUTHERN ISLE, TONELINE, ALDENHAM. Departures ANTWERP, MALINES, "A" Lighters 101, 117, SOUTHERN MAID, PROTEA, HERO, ERICA, BOSTON, M/L 354. (N.O.I.C.Port Said, 0927C/5 to Admty.C. in C.Med).

Alexandria
Movements. Arrivals 2/7 ERICA, Departure 2/7 ERICA (?JAVELIN) (? BOSTON), ANTWERP, MALINES. Arrival 3/7 DELPHINIUM, WHITEHAVEN, HURWORTH, SEAHAM, M.L.348 M.L.355. SOUTHERN ISLE. Departure 3/7 TONELINE, SOUTHERN ISLE. Arrival 4/7 DULVERTON, FALK, MALINES, ANTWERP. Departure 4/7. Z.15 SEAHAM, WHITEHAVEN. (N.O.I.C.Alexandria 1200C/5 to Admty, C. in C.Med).

Canal Raid
4-5/7. Air raid Canal Area night 4th/5th. Only a few bombs Port Said and 2 un-exploded mines Suez Bay. 5 enemy aircraft shot down Port Said plus one probable. No service damage or casualties. Canal still closed. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 1239C/5, to Admty (R) C. in C.Med).

15 C.S. My 2055/3. In the event of 15th C.S. being ordered to sea to operate as Squadron, R.A.(D) Med.Fleet is to transfer his flag ashore. (C. in C.Med. 1247C/5 to R.A.(D) Med. Fleet. F.O.15th C.S.(R) Med Fleet, Admty.F.O.C.N.A.).

/Enemy.....

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Enemy Units
TURBULENT. Aircraft report 1 escorted merchant ship in
031° 50' 016° 40' at 1130/5 course 100° 8 knots.
(S.O. I.S.F. 1323C/5 to TURBULENT.).

Malta Air
Report. I.420 5/6 C.S.R.Malta.
(? 4th) One alert 1647 hours. 15 ME.109C, Macchi
202s, RE 2001s 5 Cant.1007s. Ta Kali, one night
Beaufighter destroyed, craters dispersals, elsewhere
(casualties). 2 Cant. 1007s, 2 Italian fighters damaged by 20
Spitfires, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot unhurt.
Night 4th/5th. 2 alerts. 1915 hours, 10 raiders, (casualties)
2 Beaufighters, 2 Spitfires up, no interceptions. 2348 hours,
13 raiders, Ta Kali craters runway and dispersals U.X.Bs.
(casualties) 2 Beaufighters up, no interceptions.
5th 2 alerts. 0417 hours, 17 ME.109s, Macchi 202s 3 JU.88s.
Ta Kali. 1 Spitfire destroyed craters dispersals U.X.Bs.
1 JU.88 damaged by 20 Spitfires, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat
pilot uninjured. 0908 hours, 6 unidentified fighters,
11 Spitfires up, no interceptions.
(H.Q., R.A.F.Malta 1615/5, 1620/5).

MATCHLESS,
BADSWORTH,
ORARI.
TROILUS. Expect MATCHLESS (ex ammunition. My 2230/28 refers)
and BADSWORTH will be ready for sea 10/7, and
20/7 respectively. Intend sailing them in
company about latter date to Gibraltar.
(ii) Merchant ship ORARI will complete temporary
repairs 6/7. Intend retaining merchant ships
ORARI and TROILUS here for the present as I cannot afford the
fuel to sail them even if it were practicable to do so.
(V.A.Malta 1616C/5 to Admty. C. in C.Med.(R) F.O.C.N.A.).

Beirut
Movements. 4th arrivals 1200 LA MOQUEUSE, ^{PAUL} KONDOURIOTIS.
5th arrivals 1315 WOLBOROUGH, BURRA, departures
0900 GLOXINIA, LA MOQUEUSE, ^{PAUL} KONDOURIOTIS.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 1620C/5 to Admty (R) C. in C.).

STRALE. ^{Destroyer} (Italian). Reported aground, Sidi Daoud, Cape Bon.
(B.A.D. 1641Z/5) See America & West Indies). ^{p. 141}

Benghazi
R/C. Photographs a.m./5. Benghazi. 2 destroyers, 2
E-boats 1 M.A.S. 3 Merchant ships one 7000 to
8000 tons and 2 of 5000 to 6000 tons.
These merchant ships were at Taranto on 30/6.
(V.A.Malta 1730C/5 to C. in C.Med.(R) Admty. etc)

FIUME. At 0330 G.M.T. SS FIUME passed 3 miles off Loryma
from Syri bound Rhodes.
(SMYRNA. No.T.O.O./5. Recd.2330/5. to S.O.(I)Med.)

/Situation.....

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Situation Report 229. Air Raids, Minelaying raid Suez and Canal Area night of 3/4 with slight bombing Port Said. About 15 aircraft. No naval damage. Night 4/5, about 35 aircraft raided Port Said and Alexandria Area. 3 aircraft in Canal Area and 2 Alexandria Area shot down, also 1 probable. No damage.
(ii) 47 torpedoes recovered off Port Said from MEDWAY.
(iii) Night 2/3. 1 Merchant ship 8000 tons in convoy hit by torpedo Wellingtons and probably sank 170° Mayonna Island 8 miles.
(C. in C.Med.2017C/5 to Admty. (R) V.A.Malta).
(As amended 1647C/7).

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East Indies.

Enemy Unit. Jap Unit MISI in vicinity of 017° S., 042° E., at 2255Z/3, frequency 24 50 K/c per sec. (C. in C. E.F., 0146/5 to S. and A. E.I., Stn).

Addu Atoll Movements. Arrival 0331Z/5 SCOUT escorting KUTSANG, SINGU. (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 0333Z/5 to Admty etc). Arrival 0605Z/5 PUNJAB escorting BRITISH CONFIDENCE. (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 0608Z/5 to Admty etc).

→ ORIZABA, DEVONSHIRE. My 0911/3 (N.T. in W.R.) apparently not yet received by you, and your 0907/4 ORIZABA not ready until 0230Z/8. In view of A.M.2209/2 now intend DEVONSHIRE should remain here to complete boiler cleaning until required for ORIZABA. E.T.A. Aden Monday 13/7. (Com. R.I.N., 0619Z/5 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) DEVONSHIRE, Admty).

B.A. 27 B.A. 27 TALMA and EMPIRE LIVINGSTONE sailed Bombay 5th for Suez via Aden. E.T.A. Aden 1500Z /13. Details. (P.S.T.O. Bombay, 0651Z/5 to S.T.O. Aden).

Movement summary. No.5 5/7. Ref. summary Number 3. (1) RESOLUTION and LOOKOUT due Kilindini 6th (3) GENISTA and THYME arrived Durban. (9) DUNCAN arrived Kilindini 2nd. Ref. summary number 4. (1) ARROW due Kilindini 7th (4) WORCESTERSHIRE due Colombo 7th.

Serial No.	Ship	From	To	Remarks.
(1)	DEVONSHIRE	Bombay 4th	Aden	Blank escorting ORIZABA and TALMA. <i>Sailed 8/7 - Imp. 229.</i>
(2)	FRITILLARY	Durban 3rd	Kilindini	Blank via Mozambique Channel and to R/V with C.M. 29 off Diego Suarez 9th.
(3)	CHITRAL	Durban 30th	Mauritius 5th	
(4)	BIRMINGHAM, INCONSTANT, FORTUNE, GRIFFIN, NORMAN, NIZAM, HOTSPUR.	Aden 2nd	Kilindini 8th.	
(5)	MAURITIUS	Kilindini 1st	Durban	Blank for W.S.19 L.
(6)	FROBISHER	Durban 1st	Kilindini	Blank escort C.M.29 to be relieved by ROYAL SOVEREIGN.

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Movement Summary.	Contd.			
Serial No.	Ship	From	To	Remarks.
(7)	ACTIVE	Diego Suarez 1st.	Blank	Blank A/S patrol west Comoro Island, thence to Kilindini.
(8)	SANTA SAHRA RAINSTORM, SILHOUETTE, SNOWSTORM	Seychelles 1st	Aden	Blank.
(9)	D.S. HEEMS-KERCK	Durban 30th	Simonstown 2nd	Blank.
(10)	D.S. HEEMSKERCK	Capetown 4th	Diego Suarez	Blank escorting W.S.19 P, then Kilindini.
(11)	CORFU	Aden 3rd	Bombay	Blank escorting ASCANIUS.
(12)	In future movement summary is to be issued weekly. (D. C. in C. E.F., 0850Z/5 to E.I. Stn. Admty etc).			

S/M Reports, Lourenco Marques. A number of valuable reports of enemy S/M activities are originated from Consul General, Lourenco Marques but due to L/T delay are not received (?until) too late to be of operational value. Have you interrogated the possibilities of providing Consul General with W/T? (C. in C. E.F., 0924Z/5 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty).

E. Africa Intelligence. For M.I.3. From D.D.M.I. Intelligence W/E 4/7. French Somaliland. Defensive preparations continue including daily air R/C over frontier. Our impression is serious opposition to overwhelming attack unlikely but at present local attack insufficiently supported would provoke strong resistance. (?Plecas) Indications enemy submarines using Almeida Bay. Minefields to be laid Lourenco Marques and Beira. Madagascar. Extension occupied area to Amilob area on west Coast and R/C patrol east coast to Antalaha found senior officials actively unhelpful other French population guardedly friendly and natives very friendly and helpful. (G.O.C. in C. E.A., 1023/5 to W.O.)

Shipping, Bay of Bengal. For N.C.S.Os. (1) Cancel following. C. in C. E.I. 1234/15/2 (499 C) or 1242/17/2 (503 D). (N.T. in W.D. 0739/2/4 (587 C). (2) C. in C. E.I., 1834/8/3 (536 C) cancel para 8 and substitute reference of this signal. (3) Shipping in Bay of Bengal is to be routed by coastal route as follows. (a) Southbound ships within 15 miles of coast. (b) Northbound ships outside 20 miles and inside 25 miles from coast. These shipping lanes to terminate in the vicinity of Basses, Little.

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Shipping Bay of Bengal. Contd. (4) All ships bound into Bay of Bengal are to call at Colombo for permission to proceed. Ships for Calcutta are also to call at Vizagapatam. To avoid delay such ships are to be given route instructions to their final destinations.

(5) N.C.S.O. Colombo is responsible for sailing of northbound ships at necessary intervals to ensure, making due allowance for their respective speeds, they will be spaced not less than 50 miles apart when in lane latitude Little Basses and Vizagapatam. N.C.S.O. Calcutta is similarly responsible for southbound ships.

(6) To lessen risk from air attack ships bound Calcutta are to cross latitude $019^{\circ} 30' N.$, at about 1200Z in order that area to northward will be crossed during night.

(7) Route need only have 2 or 3 positions for ships while in coastal lane.

(D. C. in C. E.F., 1806Z/5 to E.I. Stn).

Aerodrome for F.A.A. Your 1312/24/6. Air Ministry concur that Kata Kurunda Aerodrome be taken over by Navy to meet F.A.A. requirements, Admiralty approve. (Head of Air Branch 1913B/5 to F.O. Ceylon).

MUNDRA U/B Following has been read. Addressed Bombay W/T (R) Admty. SSSS 28.46 S., 32.31 E., MUNDRA gunned. (Simonstown W/T, T.O.R., 2302 G.M.T./5).

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Escort for U.S. Troops. Following is a repetition of my 2241/2 (received undecypherable) (Begins). Addresses Admty (R) C. in C.S.A. R.A.W.Af. From B.A.D,U.S. Authorities wish to send 1200 troops, to be employed in construction of south air ferry route, from Ascension to Pointe Noire about 15/8 in a 15 knot ship. U.S. cannot provide escort and request possibility of British escort may be considered.(Ends.) (B.A.D.0111Z/5 to addressees named). B.A.D. Washington's 0111/5. A.M.C. Escort can be provided. R.A.W.Af. is requested to arrange direct with B.A.D. Washington. (A.C.N.S. (F) 2321B/5 to B.A.D., R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

CHEROKEE, LUCERNA. Return to port. LUCERNA now proceeding own power. (C.T.F.24., 0321Z/5 to CHEROKEE (R) MIGNONETTE, F.O.N.F., C. in C. U.S. Fleet etc).

SANDWICH search for WAIWERA. Nothing sighted. My P.C. and S. at 0700Z 043° 40' N., 031° 46' W., 142° 12½ knots. Weather report. (SANDWICH 0700Z/5 to C. in C. W.A. Admty).

Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T./5. ARCHER 30½° N., 58° W., 295° 12½. (D.O.D. (F) 0905Z/5 to Opnav (R) Comnav).

U/B reported off Chile 3/7. My 1434R/4. Captain of Tanker reports nothing seen by him. (S.O.(I) Callao 0935R/5 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) B.A.D., NA., Santiago de Chile).

Floating Dock. This is C.E.S.F. 1740Z/4 (Begins) C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1515Z/3. British M. of W.T. advise tug KEVIN MERAN, assisting in towage of floating dock, will not arrive New York until 13/7. Delay caused by escorts engine trouble. Suggest departure of dry dock be deferred until 15/7. (Opnav, 0949/5 to Admty R.A.W.A.) Admty. pass to R.A.W.A. C.E.S.F.'s 1740/4 Affirmative. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2010/5 to C.E.S.F. (R) C. in C. A.F., (U.S.) C.T.F.23 Admty, B.A.D., C.C.S.F., R.A.W.Af. O.I.C. (S) Base St. Thomas).

U/Bs War warning, enemy S/M by D/F 009° 45' N., (?080°) 00' W., time 0417 G.C.T./5. (Paseafon 1107 G.C.T./5 to B.A.M.S., 2 B). Pass to Admty for information by Connav.

SKEENA. My 1411Z/2 SKEENA delayed by defect and will sail at 1630Z/5 at 20 knots to overtake before dark today. (F.O.N.F., 1317Z/5 to C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q., C.T.24 Connav, Admty, C.T.U. 24.18.2).

/FORT...

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BINGER.

My 1806Z/4 (Re convoy W.A.T.2.) Delete FORT BINGER, Free French, Officers refused to sail. (B.R.O. Key West 1451Z/5 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty. etc.)
My 1451/5 this information was sent to Port of Spain.
(B.R.O. Key West 1831Z/5 to Admty.)

ORIZABA.

Your 1731/4 to D. of S.T. D/C in C. E.F. reports that ORIZABA was diverted to Bombay by escort due to regrettable error in handling a signal. Full report will be repeated to you.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1515B/5 to B.A.D.)

KASUGA
MARU.

Opanav's 2333/3 (Circulated in Admiralty under T.O.O. 1541/2.) contains correction to his 2131/1 (not to Admty.) and informs as follows: New information based upon an actual sighting of KASUGA MARU establishes that she has a merchant ship type hull and a flight deck extending from aft to within 40 feet from bow. No island nor stacks were noted.
(Comnav 1526/5 to Admty.)

U-Boat
campaign.

Serial 4, contained in Connav's 2045/4, furnishes additional information as to ships reported in earlier serials: Following now confirmed sunk: JOSEPH M. CUDAHY, MUNGER T. BALL, ALEGRETE, CRUJNSEN, HAGAN, MERRIMACK, ROSENBERG, WEST
HARDAWAY. Still pending: COLUMBIAN. Also that EMPIRE DUNLIN is repairing at New York. DORSET reached U.K. PARAGUAY reported in error ship in Brazilian waters. GULF BELLE still afloat and will attempt salvage. EDWARD LUCKENBACH sunk. SAN BLAS sunk. TAMESIS salvaged and being towed to Norfolk.
THOMAS McKEAN (U.S.) commissioned 29/5, 7191 gross tons, torpedoed and sunk 29/6 22° N 60° W.
(Comnav T.H.I. 1527/5 to Admty.)

Situation.

Section East. A.T.17 Task Force 37 in the area, position unknown.
S.C.90 (E) Task Unit No. 24.1.13, 047° 25' 051° 30' 044° 7, altering in 049° 30' W to 047°.
O.N.106 Task Unit No. 24.18.8. 044° 45' 052° 50' 244° 7.5. altering in 054° 00' W to 257°.
O.N.107 Task Unit No. 24.18.7. 043° 25' 052° 40' 266° 10.
J.H.9. PENTLAND FIRTH 046° 40' 054° (?45') 215° 4.5. altering in 046° 13' N to 254°.
Task Unit No. 24.1.5. vicinity of 046° 20' 053° 50' en route Argentine.
Task Unit No. 24.1.16. vicinity of 045° 50' 053° 55' en route Argentine.
Merchant ship MIGNONETTE 048° 45' 048° 00' to St. Johns (N.F.) 7.
CELANDINE, SHERBROOKE, 045° 25' 057° 05' 072° 12, altering in 053° 00' W to St. Johns N.F.
SANKATY 046° 25' 057° 15' 253° 8, lowering (? altering) in 059° 10' W to Halifax.
DORCHESTER U.S.S. SCHENCK vicinity of Cape Race en route Straits of Gibraltar, 11.

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Situation Contd. U.S. Minesweeper RAVEN 043° 10' 058° 55' 215° 15. altering in 042° 01' N to 248° (C.O.A.C. 1535Z/5 to Admty.)
Section East add to my 1535Z/5 CHEMUNG, TARAZED, U.S.S. NICHOLSON U.S.S. WILKES 044° 15' 055° 55' 199° 16 altering in 043° 07' N to 237°. (C.O.A.C. 2100Z/5 to Admty.)

MOSFRUIT. Norway MOSFRUIT last reported 053° 25' N 040° 00' W at 2359Z/28 routed through 054° 45' N 034° 10' W and 056° 20' N 023° 05' W to North Channel, speed 14 knots. Keep a lookout for vessel or lifeboat. (C. in C. W.A. 1539Z/5 to C.T.U. 21.6.2. C.T.U. 24.1.15. C.T.U. 24.1.18. (R) Admty. Opnav, C.T.F. 24. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C. C.T.G. 24.)

Navigation Lagos. Special warning No. 185. British Naval Authorities announce that effective immediately all merchant vessels are not to proceed northward of Fairway buoy located 1 mile S of West Mole, Lagos Harbour, Nigeria, until boarded by examination officer and permission to enter port received. (Navcom, Washington 1543/5 to all U.S. Warships.)

PUTNEY HILL. PUTNEY HILL sailed Capetown 1/6 due New York 28/6 has not arrived. Capetown pass to C. in C. S.A. (N.S.H.Q. 1612Z/5 to Admty. etc.)
W.D. Note: Torpedoed 26/6, see N.S.H.Q. 1526/6.
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Ice Report 5/7. C.T. 24. 1619Z/5 to Admty.

STRALE aground. Tunis 3/7 C.O. Italian Destroyer STRALE on rocks at Sidi Daoud, Cap Bon, reported abandoned, equipment being salvaged by Minesweeper and 4 tugs. (B.A.D. 1641Z/5 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A. V.A. Malta)
See p. 134

JUNO. Dutch JUNO overdue Curacao, B.A.D. pass to Connav. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1657R/5 to Admty. etc.)

M.A.R.I. Instructions. My 2135/4th. Amend para 4 to read - "The Chop date for ships proceeding from and to U.S. to and from British strategic area is the estimated date of crossing the line described in para 3 above, with the following exceptions -
(a) Ships plying between West African ports north of 8° South-bound ports in the U.S. strategic area north of 5° North - estimated date of crossing 35° West".

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- M.A.R.I. (b) As in A.M. 2135/4.
Instructions. 2. Para 6 (a) Amend "area east of 26° West"
Contd. to read "area east of the line described in
para 3 above".
3. Para 6 (c) for "as in paragraph 4(a) (ii)"
read "as in paragraph 4(a)".
4. In view of signalling involved in passing routes it is
suggested that ships dispersed from O.S. convoys bound for
South American Ports should be controlled by Admty. till first
port of call.
(Admty. 1700Z/5 to Connav.)
- A.T.17B. Intend to sail A.T.17B consisting of AORANGI and
U.S.S. SIBONEY escorted by U.S.S. EMMONS and
MACOMB at 1800Z/5 routed in accordance with Connav
0901/10/6. S of A 14½ knots S.O. of escort
U.S.S. EMMONS. In the event of not meeting C.T.37 and in the
absence of other orders all ships have been ordered to proceed
to Clyde. Convoy code word "Dakum".
(C.O.A.C. 1705Z/5 to C.T.F.37, Cominch, Admty. Connav.)
- H.A.1. Sailing telegram part 2. 1012. 12.0 knots
IROQUOIS, Caripito, 10.5, F.Q.BARSTOW (U.S.)
Trinidad 10.5 CORDELLA, Trinidad 13.0 BRITAMSEA
(Nor.) Puerto, La Cruz, 11.5 BRITISH DESTINY,
Aruba 10.0 CHRISTY PAYNE (U.S.) Caripito, 10.5. WOENSDRECHT (Dutch)
Aruba 10.5, VELMA (Nor.) Curacao 10.0 REGINOLITE, Guira, 10.5
MARIT II (Nor.) Curacao. All ships in ballast, total 10 ships
sailed.
(C.O.A.C. 1710Z/5 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)
- MOLDANGER. Have you any news of MOLDANGER (Norwegian) due
Bermuda 25/6 from Buenos Aires?
(D.T.D. 1719B/5 to N.C.S.O. Bermuda)
Reply: 1219/6.
- U/B 5/7 S/M estimate.
Positions. (Cominch 1834/5 to Admty.)
- N.A.13. My 1843/2. In view of P.S.T.O. Simonstown's
N.A.14. 1515/3 EMPRESS OF CANADA cannot arrive Halifax
before 23/7.
2. To avoid N.A.13 being delayed until 25/7
propose EMPRESS OF CANADA be included in N.A.14,
sailing Halifax 4/8.
3. N.A.13 will then comprise DOMINION MONARCH and LETITIA
sailing Halifax 21/7.
(D.S.T. 1918B/5 to N.S.H.Q. (R) C.O.A.C. B.A.D. etc.)

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.KOTA GEDE
PAUL
LUCKENBACH.Your 1606/4. KOTA GEDE (Dutch) arrived New York
27/6. PAUL LUCKENBACH (U.S.) arrived Philadelphia
30/6. Regret you were not informed.
(N.S.H.Q. 2019Z/5 to Admty.)Sub.
attack and
sighting
summary.EVERALDA shelled and sunk 31° N 70° W 1545Z/29/6
U.88 type. *PUTNEY HILL torpedoed, shelled and
sunk 24.20 N 63.16 W 0300Z/26/6. Surface craft
attack sound contacts 57.07 N 21.12 W 1529Z/26/4.
53.50 N 21.45 W 1624Z/26/4. 52.33 N 28.07 W
1740Z/27/4. 36.55 N 75.44 W 0731Z/19/6. Planes
attack subs. on surface 21.30 N 86.10 W 1734Z/4/7
U.88 Type course N speed 15. 21.43 N 85.46 W 1245Z/5 course 180°
speed 12. Planes sight subs. 16° N 72° W 1740Z/4. 27.27 N
80.10 W 2345Z/4. 29.53 N 87.28 W 0805Z/5. Patrol craft attacks
sound contact 34.37 N 76.44 W 1416Z/5. Patrol craft sights sub.
30° N 81.17 W 0630Z/5. Shore observer reports sighting C/T at
10,000 yards 29.11 N 94.46 W 1430Z/5. Sub reported 30.10 N 87° W
2134Z/4 doubtful. B.A.D. and Opnav informed.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2044/5 to Admty. for O.I.C.) * *See p. 141*

?DALWARNIC.

B.R.O. Trinidad 1721/4 (unable to include in
T.A.W. on account of speed) Request ruling in
this and similar cases, or should matter be
referred to Connav?
(C. in C. A.W.I. 2132P/5 to Admty.)Australia and New Zealand.Enemy
Units.Coast Watcher Guadal Canal Island (Solomon Is.)
reports at 0200Z/4 2 Japanese aircraft carriers and
13 other war vessels passed Cape Esperance
steering West. Classification A.1.
(A.C.N.B. 0916Z/5 to Admty. C. in C. E.F. C.O.I.S.
Kilindini, B.A.D.)
Amended classification B.2.
(A.C.N.B. 0246Z/6.)

Situation.

Serial 164 from C.W.R. 4/6.
Enemy S/M reported by aircraft patrol 020° 24' S
164° 00' E at 0400Z/3.
(2) Vessel reported in my serial 162 para 2
departed 1000Z/1 after unloading.
(3) Ref. serial 163, para 1 read. After damage.
(4) Photographic R/C 4/7 reports no activity Buka Passage
(Solomon Is.) or Feni Island (New Britain).
(5) 4 attacks on Lae aerodrome 4/7 as follows: (a) 1428Z/3 4
Catalinas, result unknown. Enemy fighters sighted in air, no

/interception...

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Situation interception. (b) 1800Z/3 4 B.25 encountered
- Contd. intense A/A and accurate M/G fire. Damage
unknown (c) 0210Z/4 15 Marauders scored possible
hits on enemy H.Q. One Marauder shot down 4
slightly damaged. 4 Zero fighters shot down, 1
probable. Medium vessel large superstructure observed 5 miles
off coast between Lae and Salamoia apparently stationary (d)
0500Z/4 7 B.25s dropped bombs among grounded aircraft. One Zero
shot down, 2 probably damaged in combat.
(6) 4 Hudsons attacked Salamoia aerodrome 1625Z/3 explosion near
hangar observed. Very lights and inaccurate A/A fire.
(7) (? Lieu) aerodrome Port Moresby attacked by 2 unidentified
enemy A/C at 1757Z/3, no damage or casualties.
(8) 27 Aircobras airborne 0040Z/4 to intercept enemy aircraft
approaching Port Moresby, 13 Aircobras engaged by 20 Zeros.
Allied losses 3 missing, 1 seriously 2 slightly damaged, enemy
1 Zero probably destroyed, 1 damaged.
(A.C.N.B. 1331Z/5 to Admty. etc.)

Port Your 1100/25. Your para 1.
Defence 1. Consider that in view of magnitude of project
against A/S A/B Boom should not be laid, but harbour will
S/Ms and not be secure against midgets or human torpedoes
Midgets. Your para. 2.
2. Concur that midget S/Ms are primary danger.
Consider only partial protection is given by 2
controlled minefields, loops and H.D.As from
attack by S/Ms. Attack by torpedo bomber must be considered
likely and by human torpedo possible.
Your para. 3.
3. Consider attack by small explosive motor boats carried by S/M
in addition to being carried by surface ship to be possible.
Your para. 4.
4. Protection afforded by Fairmiles and 80 ft. boats is considered
small except in support of an A/S net.
Your para. 5.
5. (a) No, but may have to be accepted in view of practical
difficulties in provision, laying and maintenance.
(b) (1) No. Propose line between North Reef and Shark Spit.
(b) (2) Heavy Indicator Net Type B.3 - 1½" rope unit 3 ft. mesh -
Endurance as for A/S nets - Maintenance craft required 8 boom
vessels excluding gate vessels.
(b) (3) Gate operation as for A/S net; standard single line.
(c) A/T baffles proposed as defence against torpedo bomber attack
on main fleet anchorage. Layout cannot be given as anchorage not
accurately known, but baffle should be sited 1 cable to seaward
of ships. Ships within 2 cables of the shore should not require
protection on shore side.
6. Following recommendations are proposed for your assistance -
(1) Indicator Nets, or Indicator Loops, sited between North Reef
and Shark Spit, to detect midget S/Ms.
(2) Scaffolding obstructions in depths of 2 fathoms or less
between main channel and South Point.
(3) A central tower to West of Pearl Channel fitted with A/M.T.B.
guns and R.D.F. type 271 to control a striking force of fast
M.Ls. Forts suitable for this purpose are now in action in the
Thames approaches. Details, will be sent if required.
(4) Cruisers to berth up Brisbane river.

/(5).

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Australia and New Zealand.

Port
Defence
against
S/MS and
Midgets.
Contd.

(5) Capital ships or carriers to be fitted with close A/T spar protection. Ships to be well dispersed and as close inshore as possible.
7. Patrols of motor boats or canoes armed with 5 lb. charges, grenades and tommy guns, as a protection against explosive motor boats and human torpedoes.

(D. of L.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(F) 1747B/5 to A.C.N.B. (R) B.A.D. C. in C. E.F.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U-Boat positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1441B/5, 1443B/5.)

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Convoy
P.Q.17.

Catalinas left Lakhta at 0110B to shadow the enemy. At 0230B the Admiralty informed the escorts of P.Q.17 that attack by enemy surface forces was probable within the next few hours; the primary duty of the escorts was to avoid destruction and to pick up survivors after the retirement of the enemy.

At 0730B when C. in C. Home Fleet was in 70° 14' N 5° 37' W steering 35° at 17 knots he ordered C.S.1. to join him.

The Jan Mayen Zenit A/C passed close to the C. in C. but without sighting him in the fog.

At 1157B STURGEON and MINERVE were ordered to proceed towards West Fiord.

The Russians were asked to provide air R/C of Altafiorden area, in case the main unit attacked yesterday by a Soviet submarine should have returned there; and maximum bombing and torpedo bombing effort directly the ship should be located. Air attacks on ships of the scattered convoy commenced this morning. Up to late this evening it is estimated that a total of about 11 ships has been lost.

At 1946B the Admiralty sent orders to the ships of the escort to return to pick up survivors; the risk of attack by surface vessels was now greatly lessened.

C. in C. Home Fleet is returning to harbour.

Enemy Air Operations.

About 8 enemy aircraft operated near Milford Haven early this morning. Mines were dropped and it is thought that the aerodromes were the enemy's objective.

Mining.

Twelve Wellingtons laid mines off St. Nazaire last night.

Several more mines were detonated off Beachy Head today.

North Atlantic.

SS. AVILA STAR was torpedoed and sunk at 0045 today about 150 miles east of San Miguel, Azores.

2245 GMT. 5th

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.South Atlantic.

Brazilian SS. BURY encountered at 2145 local time a suspicious vessel in $7^{\circ} 43' S 33^{\circ} 59' 30'' W$. The vessel had two or more craft alongside which left hurriedly at high speed.

Mediterranean.

Shortly after dark tonight 16 Liberators bombed shipping in Benghazi harbour. A ship was hit and blew up with a violent explosion and other damage was done. Wellingtons set out to mine Tobruk harbour last night, with bombing diversion, but only 2 mines were laid. 8 Albacores bombed small shipping at Matruh.

A small number of enemy aircraft operated last night in the Alexandria and Suez areas. Mines are believed to have been laid off Suez. The Canal is still closed.

SS. HERO in convoy from Haifa to Port Said was torpedoed and sunk by a U-Boat at 0600 today in $32^{\circ} 23' N 34^{\circ} 35' E$.

East Indies.

Submarine attacks in the Mozambique channel are continuing. Since the recrudescence of activity on 27/6 six ships are known to have been sunk, the fate of one (NYMPHE) is not yet known, and 4 ships were unsuccessfully attacked.

EXPRESS (Am. 6736 tons) 27/6.
GOVIKEN (Nor. 4854 tons) 29/6.
EKNAREN (Sw. 5243 tons) 1/7.
DE WEERT (Du. 1805 tons) 1/7.
STEAUA ROMANA (Br. Tanker 5311 tons) 1/7.
MUNDRA (Br. 7341 tons) 6/7.
NYMPHE (Gr. 4504 tons) attacked 6/7.
Unsuccessfully attacked
ROOKLEY 30/6.
DALLINGTON COURT 30/6.
PHEMIUS 2/7.
AGAPENOR 6/7.

A mine loop was blown up at Diego Suarez at 2016C today, after a detected crossing.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

Convoy Q.S.15 was attacked at about 0530Z today off Cape Chat and 2 ships were sunk and a third damaged but may be salvaged.

Convoys from Panama to Guantanamo and vice versa are to be initiated. The Sydney (C.B.) - Cornerbrook convoys are to be suspended. Convoy S.G.1. (Sydney C.B. to Greenland) sailed today.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

ORION.
SIRIUS.

Request you will report the anticipated dates on which ORION and SIRIUS will be ready for service. (D.O.D.(H) 1338B/6 to R.A.D.)

DELHI.

On completion of gunnery trials at Rosyth about 20/7, DELHI will come under the orders of C. in C. W.A. until further orders. (D.O.D.(H.) 1339B/6)

M.M.S. 202,
203, 212,
for Russia.

Request M.M.S. 202, 203 and 212 may be sailed to arrive Greenock by 7/8. These three ships are being turned over to the U.S.S.R. (D.M.S. 1728B/6).

Movements.

RORQUAL.

Sailed 0905 RORQUAL, WHITE BEAR. E.T.A. 0300/8. (C. in C. Plymouth 1003B/6 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

P.221.

Intend to sail P.221 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE 0900B/8 northabout for Clyde. E.T.A. 0500B/9. (N.O.I.C. Barrow 1117B/6).

13th
M/S.F.

It is desired that 13th M.S.F. should return to Plymouth. Request you will sail flotilla as convenient, carrying out searching sweeps on route as required. (D.M.S. 1315B/6 to C. in C. Nore).

VOLUNTEER.

Part company with Convoy in vicinity of Cape Wrath and proceed to Rosyth for refit. (C. in C.W.A. 1605B/6 to VOLUNTEER).

P.614.
P.615.

(A)
It is expected that S/Ms will be ordered to leave patrol at 1200/7.
(B) When S/Ms are ordered to leave patrol S.B.N.O. North Russia is requested to route P.614 and P. 614 (?) to a North Russian port where they will remain until departure of next Q.P. convoy. (F.O.S. 1629B/6).

CAPE
PALLISER.

Your 1924/5 and A.C.O.S. 1224/5. Request that CAPE PALLISER arrive Iceland by 18/7. If necessary to ensure arrival by this date request CAPE PALLISER be sailed direct. (A.C.I.C. 1700B/6 to N.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne.)

4th
M/S F.

Request 4th M.S.F. be sailed to Harwich as convenient. (C. in C. Nore 1752B/6 to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth)
C. in C. Nore's 1752/6. Flotilla will complete coaling P.M. tomorrow. Propose sailing at 0840. E.T.A. Sunk Light vessel 1400/8. (M.S.4 2131B/6 to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth.)

/WELSHMAN.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements-Contd.

WELSHMAN.

My 1854/4. Amend time of arrival at Gibraltar to read "after dark 13/7".
2. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to sail ship with minimum delay so that her movements may, if possible, not be appreciated by the enemy. (A.C.N.S. F. 1906B/6).

Operations.

Convoys
P.Q.17 and
Q.P.13.

Covering operations. See Shipping.

N.W. Norway
S/M Patrol.

Russian S/M CHUKA 422 proceeding to area 3 off North Cape at 0300C/6 through 071° 20', 033° 40' E. 072° 00', 029° 40' E. and 072° 00' N. 027° E. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 0002B/6 to F.O.S. (R) S/MS.)

Submarines negative MINERVE and STURGEON are ordered to leave patrol at 1200B/7 for Lerwick complying with my 1308/4. S.B.N.O. North Russia is requested to comply with my 1629/6, para. B. (F.O.S. 0604B/7 to Capt. S.9, S.B.N.O. North Russia). My 0002/6. Amend route of CHUKA 422 to read through 070° 40', 033° 40' and 071° 34', 027° 35' E. to area 3. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 0910B/6 to F.O.S.)

Report P.C.S. and fuel remaining. (F.O.S. 1011B/6 to STURGEON, MINERVE).

Noon position 70° 11' N. 12° 45' E., course 230°, S. of A. 9 knots, fuel remaining 4650 gallons. (STURGEON 1154B/6 to F.O.S.) Proceed forthwith toward 067° 38' N. 012° 10' E. It is important you should not be sighted. (F.O.S. 1157B/6 to STURGEON, MINERVE).

Positions of S/MS at 0800B/7. (F.O.S. 1742B/6).

(A) My 1157/6. STURGEON is to proceed to patrol vicinity position A.A. 067° 24', 011° 12'.

(B) MINERVE estimated position at 1400B/6 069° 45', 010° 01', is to proceed to vicinity of waiting position W. 067° 22', 009° 55'.

(C) STURGEON is to withdraw to westward at 0001B/8, being relieved by MINERVE at that time.

(D) Subsequently MINERVE and STURGEON are to patrol in position A.A. as follows. MINERVE from 0001B/8 to 1800B/8. STURGEON from 1800B/8 to 1200B/9 and so on, relieving each other at 18-hour intervals.

(E) When withdrawing to westward S/MS are to keep to northward of 067° 25' until well clear and on return are to approach position A.A. from southward.

(F) Object cruisers and above. S/MS are not to be attacked on this patrol.

(G) H.Q.C.C. is requested to institute total bombing restrictions within 60 miles of 067° 25' N. 011° 50' E. forthwith until further notice. (F.O.S. 1746B/6 to STURGEON, MINERVE.)

/Attack.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations-Contd.Attack on
one E/R
Boat.

M.G.Bs. S.2 (S.O.), 10, 13, 7, 6, and 42 on patrol near N.E. Varne last night were sent to attack a number of enemy small craft patrolling or sweeping between Calais and Gris Nez. Only one E/R boat was sighted north of Gris Nez about 0215/6 in low visibility owing to rain. Many hits were scored by S.2 and 42 before contact was lost. Thereafter a sweep towards Calais had negative results. It was noticed that in the quiet weather conditions M.G.Bs near the Varne could be readily heard from Dover. (V.A. Dover 0941B/6).

Iceland-
Faroes
Patrol.

Situation at 2000 tonight. KENYA on patrol south east of Iceland. (A.C.O.S. 1610/6).

Northern
Trawler
Patrol.

Disposition of Trawlers Northern Patrol at 2000/6. A.A. NORTHERN GIFT, C.C. NORTHERN REWARD, F.F. VISENDA. CAPE PORTLAND about 059° 20' N. 008° 10' W. for Kirkwall. KINGSTON AMBER about 059° 20' N. 007° 35' W. for Kirkwall. (A.C.O.S. 1635B/6).

British Air Activity.

Patrols.

"Trap" landed at 2112Z. Nothing to report. (A.C.I.C. 0113B/6).

"Bear" left patrol at 0145B owing to weather. (A.C.I.C. 0405B/6 to A.I.G. 46).

"Bear" in operation from 1915. (A.C.I.C. 1401B/6 to A.I.G. 46).
"Bear" landed 1710. Nil report. (A.C.I.C. 1952B/6 to C. in C. H.F.)

Bombing
restrictions.

Total bombing restriction in force for 35 miles on either side line joining 069° 09' N. 008° 10' E. and 065° 35' N. 004° 10' E. from 1400B/6 until 0130B/9. (Capt. S.9 0855B/6 to STURGEON, MINERVE).

Request total bombing restrictions 40 miles either side of line joining 069° 42' N. 010° 45' E. and 067° 38' N. 012° 10' E. forthwith until further notice. (F.O.S. 1312B/6 to H.Q.C.C.)

"Knocker".

American aircraft may be sighted in formation or flying independently from Iceland to Stornoway and U.K. British aircraft recognition signal in accordance with S.P. 02292 M are held. (C. in C. W.A. 1019B/6 to Escorts RU.30, Q.P. 13U.)

Operation in progress. (T.A.C. Prestwick 1152/6 to Air Min.)
Operation for today completed. (T.A.C. Prestwick 2000/6).
19 P.38s. and 5 B.17 Es arrived today. One P.38 returned to starting point. Subject to weather one B.17 E and 4 P.38s. take off between 1100B and 1130B tomorrow. Remainder remain in Iceland. (A.C.I.C. 2346B/6).

/Air.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity.-Contd.Air Bases
at
Gryaznaya
and Lake
Lakhta.

Your Air 71 of 4/7 paras. 2 and 3. Servicing party of 1 officer and 18 airmen will be established at Gryaznaya for re-arming, refuelling, and emergency maintenance of aircraft. F/Lt. Castle and 3 O.Rs. of this party together with essential equipment are travelling in P. Q.17. The remaining 15 O.Rs. will be transported by air in about fourteen

days time. This party will be known as number 7 flying boat servicing unit.

Main servicing base will be established at Lake Lakhta. Establishment of personnel will be notified later. Personnel and equipment will travel in P.Q.18 if possible. (Air Min. 1555/6 to 30 Mission.)

Sumburgh.

C.M.D. A683 6/7. Admty. 1632B/4. Fighter strength at Sumburgh already increased from 4 to 6 Spitfires at request of F.O.C.O.S. for protection of submarine base at Lerwick. (H.Q.F.C. 1801/6 to Air Min.)

Mining.Nore
Command.

Mines rendered safe in Nore Command week ending 4/7. One British Mark XIV. (R.M.S.O. Gt. Yarmouth 1010B/6).

Off Beachy
Head.

3 Magnetic Mines exploded by Sweepers on 6/7. Details. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1527/6, 1656/6, 1738/6, 2320/6, 2327/6, 2347/6).

Q.P.13.

Reykjavik departure EMPIRE BASCOBEL to assist damaged in Q.P.13. EMPIRE LARCH to assist S.S. EXTERMINATOR. (A.C.I.C. 1430B/6.)

Milford
Haven.

About eight enemy A/C operated in the vicinity of Milford Haven between 0250 and 0400 today. Unconfirmed report of 1 mine being dropped in the Haven. One mine detonated on landing on rocks at

Watwick Point at Haven entrance. One unexploded mine with parachute on Manorbier aerodrome, where another mine reported detonated on impact. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1145B/6). STARFISH M.H. two lit during enemy air activities at 0338 5th/6th July 1942.

A. Exempted lighting was switched on and one hostile A/C circled over decoy site for three minutes. Basket fires were lit at 0338 and 0442 two parachute mines were dropped on land approx. 2.3 miles S.W. of decoy site.

B. 80 Wing contacted by telephone before fires were lit, but were informed at 0338 that fires had been lit.

C. It appears the A/C who circled decoy was puzzled by exempted lighting and mines were released but drifted to the S.W. where they exploded on landing. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1749B/6).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Milford Haven
Contd. 1 ground mine self detonated in 051° 37' N 005°
04' W. at 1820B/6. Another in same position at
1830B/6.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1913B/6.)

Thames
Estuary. One ground mine detonated by sweepers at 0803/4.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 1505/6.)
One ground mine detonated by sweepers at 1314/5.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 1510/6.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Swinemunde
KOLN PRU Sortie at 1930/5 shows:-
EMDEN. Swinemunde. KOLN still present at Railway Quay
Bremen and since 22/6 Light Cruiser EMDEN returned to
SEYDLITZ. previous berth at Naval Base. Notable increase
Stettin. in minor naval units present in port which now
comprise target ship HESSE, three destroyers,
eight T/Bs, one F class escort vessel, one T/B
tender, twelve E/R boats, thirteen T.L.Cs and
depot ship 340 ft. D10.

Stettin. 7 naval units now present comprise two T/Bs, eight
U-Boats, and one M-class minesweeper fitting out.
Bremen. SEYDLITZ at usual berth with other naval units probably
unchanged since 4/6.
(PRU. Benson 0230/6.)

Skopen
Fiord. One unidentified M/V about 5000 tons in Skopen
Fiord proceeding Eastwards speed 12 knots
disappeared in fog. Visibility 3 cables.
TRONDRA endeavour to intercept.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes 1425B/6 to A.C.O.S.)

North
Russia. Received from Secret Source Graded A.2:-
My 1604/22. There is now a likelihood of German
attack on Fishermans Peninsula being launched
quite soon, even before Third Mountain Division
from Norway can arrive in Finland.

Attack on Murmansk is likely to develop later in accordance with
above mentioned telegram. There are now about 60 landing craft
available in North Finland.
(N.A. Stockholm 1731/6 to Admty.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats
reported. Am over enemy S/M in 45° 18' N 6° 13' W. S/M on
surface, course 100°, speed 12 knots.
(A/C KV5D 0131/6 to 19 Group.)
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 26' N 7° 10' W. Enemy
was sighted on surface and observed to submerge, C.
120°, speed 10 knots.
(A/C 3FTH 0503/6 to 19 Group.)
North Russian waters (Convoys P.Q.17)
See Shipping.

/U-Boat...

SECRET

MESSAGE

1741/5th July

153A

IS

From: N.A. Stockholm

Date: 7.7.42

Rec'd 1000

I.D.C. (OMP) BY CABLE

Recirculation at request of
N.I.D.

Addressed: Admiralty.

(1) Sound. Magnetic mine mining of the Sound p.m. 30th and a.m. July 4th caused traffic suspension of 24 and 18 hours respectively.

(b) On morning 4th five magnetic mines were exploded in waters adjacent to Helsingborg.

(2) Baltic - Soviet U-boats.

(a) At 0630 July 6th Swedish vessel astern south bound convoy off Landsort was missed by torpedo from Soviet U-boat.

(b) Fragments of one torpedo so far recovered by Sweden shows Russian markings.

(c) I presume possibility of attacks on German U-boats under training in southern Baltic has been considered.

1741/6

N.I.D. Comment The Swedish ADA GORTHON and GALLON have already been torpedoed and sunk by submarine alleged to be Russian.

The Russian Naval Mission in London was informed on 25th June that there were approximately 200 enemy U-boats in the Baltic, including up to 50 training U-boats.

1st Lord
 1st S.L.
 V.C.N.S.
 A.C.N.S. (H)
 A.C.N.S. (T)
 A.C.N.S. (W)
 Nav. Socy.
 P.A.S. (S)
 P.A.S. (O)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 Ops. (3)
 O.D. (5)
 O.I.C. (3)
 D.N.I. (5)
 D.S.D. 9
 D.A/S.W.
 D.M.S.
 D.M.S. Citadel
 D.D.T.H.
 H. (6) and for F.O.

D. of P. (3)
 D.T.D. (4)
 D.T.D. (H)
 D.T.D. (C)
 Press Div.
 I.P. (3)
 W.D.
 Hydrog. (2)
 D. of N.
 Staff Charts

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HOME COMMANDS.

U-Boats - Contd.

U-Boat attacked. Am over enemy S/M in 59° 36' N 8° 34' W. Enemy sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 260°, estimated speed 8 knots.

(A.O.C. 15 Group 0820/6.)

My 0820. Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate one hit.

(A.O.C. 15 Group 0821/6.)

One U/B on surface seen to submerge in 59° 36' N 08° 34' W, course 260°. speed 8 knots. Attacked by Hudson with four depth charges and estimate one hit. Centre of stick fell dead across nose of U/B while top deck and conning tower were still visible. (C. in C. W.A. 1823B/6 to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

MAJESTA. H.M.Y. MAJESTA has returned to Inverness with burst boiler.
(R.N.O. Inverness 1200/6.)

TALISMAN. Your 1102B/6. Returning Troon 1700. Diving trials unsuccessful after hydroplane failed. Escort ordered to R/V off Arran 78 miles at 1400. TALISMAN 1254B/6 to Capt. S.31.)

TYRANT. A/P Vessel TYRANT broken down with engine defects 3 miles off South Bishops Light was towed into Milford Haven by Rescue Tug CHERBOURGEOIS^{III} at 2225B/6.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 2301B/6.)

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Convoy QP.13. Adalvik Wireless Station report 6 fast ships bearing 335° 15 miles, course 215° 18 knots at 2130Z. Investigate and report. (RENOWN 0022B/to KENT).
 NIGER, RODINA, HYBERT, MASSMAR, HEFFRON, RANDOLF Sunk. ST ELSTAN reported 3 ships mined or torpedoed in 066° 35' N. 022° 20' W. at 2120Z. (RENOWN 0040B/6 to KENT.).
 Report situation (?regarding) Q.P.13. (A.C.I.C. 0147B/6 to NIGER).
 Q.P.13 in 066° 36' N. 23° 19' W. at 2215A/5. Visibility 2 cables. My P.C. and S. 066° 17' N. 023° 35' W. (?210° or 248°), 8 knots. 10 ships, one crippled. No other escort in sight. (HUSSAR 0150B/6 to A.C.I.C. (R) C. in C.H.F, NIGER).
 Repetition of my 0031/6. to ST ELSTAN, repeated NIGER. Begins. Your position at 2120/5 was 315° Straum Ness 10 miles. Tug available. Are ships salvable. Ends. (A.C.I.C. 0203B/6 to ST ELSTAN.).
 You appear to be in Minefield. Tug being sent. Report situation. (A.C.I.C. 0248B/6 to LADY MADELINE).
 Adalvik (?reports) unidentified small ship 342° 11 miles, course 223° speed (?12) knots at 0302. (A.C.I.C. 0340Z/6 to KENT.).
 My 0340Z/6. Further small ship bearing 323°, 9 miles, course 218°, speed 9 knots at 0334. (A.C.I.C. 0410Z/6 to KENT.).
 My 0340Z/6 and my 0410Z/6. 6 small ships bearing 338°, 8 miles, course 050°, speed 6 knots at 0428. (A.C.I.C. 0455Z/6 to KENT.).
 Situation probably as follows:-
 Part of convoy ran into minefield in thick fog. Gunfire may have been from ships in convoy. No ships appear to have sighted. U-Boats or enemy surface vessels. Have sent LADY MADELINE, ST ELSTAN, and Iceland trawler NEGAFEL to search for stragglers. Am searching to westward and providing cover for convoy. Request air R/C for possible raider. (KENT 0515B/6 to A.C.I.C, RENOWN).
 My 0455Z/6 should read one small ship. Further small ships 329°, 11 miles, course 334°, speed 6 knots at 0451. (A.C.I.C. 0545Z/6 to KENT).
 Unless otherwise ordered ROSELYS and LADY MADELINE intend to proceed independently to Reykjavik at maximum speed to land Cot case survivors from RODINA, HYBERT, MASSMAR, HEFFRON, RANDOLF, and H.M.S. NIGER. Survivors are distributed as follows:-
 ROSELYS 120 including 6 Cot cases, ST ELSTAN 23 with no Cot cases. LADY MADELINE 40 including, 1 Cot case. Medical treatment required by other survivors. E.T.A. ROSELYS 1630 G.M.T. E.T.A. LADY MADELINE 2130 G.M.T. Contact with convoy lost during rescue operation. The last survivors I picked up at 0200 G.M.T. were in 315° 12 miles from Straumnes. (ROSELYS 0600Z/6 to A.C.I.C.(R) HUSSAR etc).
 Is there any evidence of armed raider. (RENOWN 0749B/6 to KENT).
 Your 0515B/6. Expect Whitley A/C from 1000B. (A.C.I.C. 0830B/6 to KENT. (R) NIGER, Escort QP13. RENOWN).
 Q.P.13. My appreciation of the situation is that the convoy ran in to minefield. This is supported by reports from SEABOL I. There is no direct evidence of raider or S/M and position of occurrences,

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Convoys. QP.13 combined with very low visibility, make it unlikely that a successful attack could have been made on so large a scale. My 1220/6 part 2 follows.
(A.C.I.C. 1217B/6 to Admty.).
NIGER, RODINA, HYBERT, MASSMAR, HEFFRON, RANDOLF sunk. My 1220/6 part 2, final. From latest information it appears 5 M/Vs are (?sunk). Escort present expect NIGER reported sunk. Air R/C so far unsuccessful owing to fog but continuing. Rescue Tug ADHERENT proceeding northward followed by EMPIRE LARCH and EMPIRE BASCOBEL in case any ships require assistance.
(A.C.I.C. 1220B/6 to Admty).
Damaged vessel reported by A/C in 066° 17' N 024° 02' W. at 1050Z/6.
(A.C.I.C. 1328B/6 to ADHERENT, KENT.).
Reykjavik departure EMPIRE BASCOBEL to assist damaged ships in Q.P. 13. EMPIRE LARCH to assist S/S EXTERMINATOR.
(A.C.I.C. 1430B/6).
Q.P.13. E.T.A. with LADY MADELINE and ST ELSTAN 2215A, 12 or 13 merchant ships in company.
(HUSSAR 1825B/6 to A.C.I.C.).
My 1220B/6. After seeing S.O. ROSELYS I am satisfied that Q.P.13 suffered damage from minefield only and that there were no raiders or S/M involved in an attack.
(A.C.I.C. 2341B/6).

P.Q.17. Seidisfiord arrival FORESIGHT at 2330.
(A.C.I.C. 0128B/6).
One Catalina left Lakhta 0110B/6 to shadow enemy.
Another leaving immediately.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0145B/6).
Attack by enemy surface forces is probable in next few hours. Your primary duty is to avoid destruction to enable you to return to scene of attack to pick up survivors after enemy have retired.
(1st S.L. 0230B/6 to Escorts P.Q.17).
Following received. 77° 00' N. 49° 00' E. Course 90°, T.O.R. 0608C/6. (portion missed) AAAA WINSTON SALEM, Position correction (portion missed) 02' N. 45° 50' E. T.O.R. 0608C/6.
Following read. AAAA WINSTON SALEM Position 77° 00' N. V. Correction 77° 02' 45° 50' E. T.O.R. 0615C/6.
(Murmansk W/T No. T.O.O. Recd. 0520/6.).
My P.C. and S. 070° 14' N. 005° 37' W. 035°, 17 knots. Join me with destroyers.
(C. in C.H.F. 0730B/6 to C.S.1. (R) A.I.G.47.). Following read. WINSTON SALEM position 77° 02' N. 46° 40' E. being attacked. T.O.R. 0737C/6.
(Murmansk W/T No. T.O.O. Recd. 0656/6).
My 0730/6. Jan Mayen Zenit passed close without sighting. Little chance of being sighted owing to weather. Am continuing North Eastwards as far as fog. At 0800B/7. DUKE OF YORK will have 38% fuel remaining. Weather report 4772 1613.
(C. in C.H.F. 0746B/6 to Admty).

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P.Q.17
Contd. Present position re Lake Lakhta Catalinas is - 2 despatched on search on information contained in Admiralty 2310B/5 to A.I.G. 47. My ARC.632 refers. 1 was on patrol in area in which enemy force was sighted by S/M and, in event of sighting, would shadow. We cannot communicate with him but he can communicate with Polyarnoe. 1 in reserve at Lake Lakhta. Have no information regarding operations of Catalinas from Gryaznaya. Air Ministry pass to H.Q. Coastal Command.
(Party A 0825Z/6 to Air Ministry, H.Q.C.C.)
Following is a repetition of my 0934B/6 addressed 30 Mission. Escort P.Q.17, S.B.N.O. Archangel repeated Admiralty, H.Q.C.C. Begins:- Ships from P.Q.17 may be damaged or their survivors found in area bounded by 077° N., 075° N., 048° E., 033° E. When signal is made "commence survivors search" request any Catalinas not engaged in operations may be sent to search this area and report position of ship or boat sighted to me. Corvettes, minesweeping-trawlers, and rescue-ships of escort to Eastward longitude 040° are to search Eastern half of area, and those to westward search remainder as long as fuel permits before proceeding Archangel. Any M/Vs intercepted are to be sent to White Sea or in emergency to Iokanka. Ships already escorting should continue to do so. Ends.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0943B/6 to 30 Mission. P.Q.17 S.B.N.O. Archangel)
30 N/D A arrived 1230 G.M.T. Patrol efficiency 80 per cent. No surface craft sighted. 3 S/MS unidentified probably Russian. Visibility 40 miles decreasing to nil in fog, clouds 10/10 1000 generally good, extensive fog patches.
(Aneham, Murmansk, 1132B/6 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).
One Mosquito leaving forenoon 6/7 landing Vaenga. Pilot to await instructions at Vaenga for R/C on return flight. Photographic facilities not required unless time permits.
(H.Q.C.C., 1140B/6 to Party A).
My 2041B/5 Destroyers are to return to Seidisfiord.
(C. in C. H.F., 1203B/6 to INGLEFIELD, FORESIGHT).
As a result of attack by K.41 damaged main unit may have returned to Alta Fiord. * 21 - See p. 127.
2. Request you will arrange air R/C of the area as soon as practicable, followed by the maximum bombing and torpedo bombing effort directly ship is located.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1217B/6 to Ad. Miles)
M/240. Airborne 1200 on patrol 2345 to 0445/7. E.T.A. Gryaznaya 0745. If weather unfit Gryaznaya A/C will leave patrol 0245, landing Lakhta 0745. Times B.S.T.
(H.Q.C.C., 1224B/6 to Party A).
Following read. 3 destroyers 72° N., 40° E., course 130° (Murmansk W/T, 1230/6).
M/240 carrying out cross-over patrol centre line 71° 30' N., 36° E., to 73° 34' E.
(H.Q.C.C., 1308/6 to Party A).
My 2252/5. Catalina J/BN returned Gryaznaya 1115B. Nothing sighted. Search efficiency 30%. Area searched 072° 10' N., 027° 51' E. 072° 41' N., 026° 14' E. 074° 36' N., 033° 02' E., 074° 33' N., 038° 04' E., 072° 27' N., 030° 32' E. Visibility mainly nil in fog, but occasional breaks up to 10 miles.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1313B/6).

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Contd.Following is a repetition of my 1156/6 to C.S.1
Repeated Comtask 99, Capt. (D) 8, Capt. (D) 6,
V.A.2., C.S.10. Begins.

When ordered to proceed in execution of previous orders take Capt. (D) 17 and his destroyers under your orders. NORFOLK, WICHITA, TUSCALOOSA proceed to Hvalfiord LONDON and all destroyers to Seidisfiord. After fuelling MAYRANT, RHIND, and ECLIPSE to Hvalfiord, ONSLOW and ONSLAUGHT to Scapa. Ends. (C. in C. H.F., 1313/6 to Admty., R. C.S.1) HAZARD, LEDA, SEAGULL arrived a.m. today.

→ HAZARD, LEDA will sail 1700B today and will remain in swept channels between Svyatoi Nos and Tersky Orlov to be appointed as local escorts to ships of P.Q.17 arriving. SEAGULL will sail at 0700B/7th and take over local escort from HAZARD and LEDA in the vicinity of Intzi. BRAMBLE may proceed with SEAGULL or join later.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1404B/6 to S.B.N.O. North Russia). My position 1700B/6 072° 02' N., 000° 54' W., course 200° to pass through position (a) 066° 25' N., 007° 10' W., at 1400B/7 and (b) 062° 28' N., 004° 30' W., at 0300B/8.

(2) My 2041/5. Destroyers joining proposed action in position (a) (3) at 1200B/6 in 071° 18' N., 003° 40' W., detach MANCHESTER to Scapa and LEAMINGTON to Londonderry, unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. W.A.

(4) WASHINGTON, WAINWRIGHT, SOMALI, ASHANTI, and ROWAN will be detached to Hvalfiord a.m./7th.

(5) FAULKNER, FURY, OFFA, KEPPEL, LEDBURY, and WILTON are with Battle Fleet.

(6) LONDON is to proceed to Scapa.

(7) MARTIN, MARNE, and ESCAPADE after fuelling at Seidisfiord proceed Liverpool to KING GEORGE V.

(8) Request fighter and A/S air escort for Battle Fleet and sleeve and battle practice targets.

(C. in C. H.F., 1732B/6).

Unreliable fix and D/F Bearings of probable U-boat in 72° 58' N., 42° 37' E., at 1532/6.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1809B/6).

Attacked afloat 72° 55' N., 42° 50' E.

(Unknown, W/T, T.O.R. 1849C/6).

→ M.S/F 1 will remain in Q.Z.L. 48, 49 and 50 until arrival of ships of P.Q.17 when they will form additional escort and give navigational assistance where necessary, HAZARD and LEDA will be between Svyatoi Nos and Cape Orlov Terski. SEAGULL further south and BRAMBLE in Zimnegorski area.

(2) The following Russian patrol vessels will escort ships from Svyatoinos to Cape Gorodetski: patrol Vessels 10, 26, 30 and 8 motor launches, patrol boats and 4 chasers. From Cape Gorodetski to the southward, patrol vessel and 2 (corrupt group) Norwegian sweepers.

(3) Fighter protection. Chaika biplanes will operate from Iokanka and Hurricane Chaika and PE. 2 from Ponoi and protection will be afforded as far as south Archangel Intzi-Pulonga. Hurricanes and Tomahawks will provide protection from Archangel to latitude of Zimnegorski.

(4) Radio beacons in groups A and B will be operating continually from 0600C/7th.

(5) 3 Russian 1 Norway destroyers patrolling line joining Kildin Island and position 070° 40' N., 041° 55' E.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1915B/6 to KEPPEL).

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My 0230/6. Risk of attack by enemy surface vessels is now greatly lessened. Return to pick up survivors.
(V.C.N.S., 1946B/6 to Escorts P.Q.17).

My 1946/6.

1. Attacks on merchant ships by U-boats and A/C are known to have occurred in the area bounded by latitudes 77° and 74° N., and longitudes 33° and 46° E.

2. Any escorts favourably placed and with sufficient fuel remaining are to endeavour to pick up survivors.

Ships are to report to S.B.N.O. North Russia, repeated Admty. and S.B.N.O. Archangel, the area in which they intend to operate.

3. Escorts unable to comply with paragraph 2 and who find themselves in touch with several merchant vessels are to form them into a group and escort them towards Iokanka unless otherwise directed by S.B.N.O. North Russia.

4. Escorts forced by shortage of fuel to proceed direct to Archangel are to be refuelled and sailed to round up merchant vessels and escort them into White Sea.

5. If in possession of sufficient information, S.B.N.O. North Russia is requested to co-ordinate the rescue efforts of both air and surface forces.

6. POZARICA and PALOMARES are not to take risks in rescue operations and are to proceed without delay to Archangel.

(V.C.N.S., 1947B/6 to escorts P.Q.17)

My P.C.S. (068°?) 47' N., 4° 10' W., 180°, 20 knots.

(LEAMINGTON, 2000B/6 to C. in C. H.F.)

Aircraft returned. Relief left 2110/6. E.T.A. Vaenga 0155B/7.

(H.Q.C.C., 2140B/6 to Party A).

Following is a repetition of my 2151B/6 to S.E. P.Q. and Q.P. convoy 17 (sic) S.O. M.S/F 1, repeated S.B.N.O. Archangel. Begins.

My 0934/6. Commencing survivor search. Ends.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2154B/6 to S.E. P.Q. and Q.P. Convoy, 17 S.O. M.S/F 1, (R) S.B.N.O. Archangel).

P.Q.17 of 35 ships (22 American) sailed Reykjavik, and Q.P.13 of 35 ships (14 American) sailed North Russia, on 27/6 each convoy escorted by destroyers, corvettes, minesweepers, submarines, trawlers and A/A ships.

2. C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with WASHINGTON, VICTORIOUS, CUMBERLAND, NIGERIA and 10 destroyers (including MAYRANT and RHIND) sailed Scapa 29/6 to provide cover. C.S.1. in LONDON with NORFOLK, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, ROWAN, WAINWRIGHT and SOMALI, sailed Seidisfiord 1/7 to provide close cover. 9 British and 3 Russian submarines patrolled between North Cape and Bear Island. Long-range aircraft from Coastal Command flew patrols between the convoy and the North Cape during the critical period of the passage of P.Q.17 East of Bear Island.

3. P.Q.17 was located by German aircraft on 1/7 and from then on was shadowed intermittently by both U-boats and aircraft. The cruiser covering force was first sighted from the air on 3/7 and from then on was kept track of by both U-boats and aircraft.

4. A move by German heavy units to the North Cape area of Norway preparatory to an attack on a North Russian convoy, had previously been anticipated. From 2/7 onwards evidence accumulated that the Germans intended such a move. A P.R.U. on 4/7 showed Trondheim empty.

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5. Though it was apparent that heavy units were on the move they could not be located exactly. Break-out patrols were therefore maintained North and South of Iceland (C) by cruisers and aircraft from 4th July as a precaution. It was, however, still appreciated as most likely that the enemy heavy units including TIRPITZ were on the move in North Norway, and that an attack on the convoy was reasonably certain. C.S.1 was ordered to withdraw and the convoy to scatter that evening when in approx. 75° 48' N., 28° 05' E.

6. At 1700/5 a Russian submarine ^(K.21) on patrol off the North Norwegian coast made an enemy report of 2 battleships and 8 destroyers steering a north easterly course. This submarine claimed 2 hits on TIRPITZ. An hour and a quarter later a British submarine reported TIRPITZ, HIPPER and six destroyers steering to the eastward.

7. After an anxious 24 hours no news of any surface attack on the ships of the convoy has been received. It appears that the wide dispersion of the convoy has caused the attack to fail or to be abandoned.

8. In the meantime air attacks had commenced, 4 ships being sunk before the convoy scattered. These attacks were intensified as the convoy dispersed, and up to date it is estimated that about 12 ships have been lost. It must be some days before we know the whole story.

Q.P.13. 9. Q.P.13 had a clear run until on 4/7 it was split into two one portion for Reykjavik northabout and the other portion for Loch Ewe. The Reykjavik portion on 6/7 entered a British minefield in thick weather in the Denmark Strait, and as a result NIGER and 5 ships (4 American) were sunk.

10. Every effort is now being made to search for and rescue survivors from P.Q.17.

(V.C.N.S., 2231B/6 to B.A.D. Washington).

1750C, 4995 U-boat 072° 36', 042° 10'.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2250B/6).

D/F Bearings of probable U-boat in 73° 1' N., 45° 9' E., at 2020 G.M.T.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2253B/6).

D/F bearings 2043 4995 U-boat, 073° 52' N., 046° E.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2317B/6).

LLANSTEPHAN
CASTLE.

Sailed SABRE, BUXTON in accordance with N.O.I.C. Greenock 1756B/3 and 1526B/5.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 0308B/6).

F.S851 -856
F.N757 -762.

Forecast of Convoy sailings.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1201B/6).

C.E. and
C.W. Convoy
Cycle.

Commencing with C.E.105 and C.W.107 on 13/7, channel convoys will run on a 4 day cycle. Thus C.E.106 and C.W.108 will sail on 17/7.
(C. in C. Nore, 1214B/6).

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- P.W.182. KRAKOWIAK is to continue with P.W.182 until daylight 8/7, then leave convoy and proceed Plymouth.
2. CORIOLANUS is to be detached at Eddystone to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1335B/6 to KRAKOWIAK)
- O.N.S.110 Estimate O.N.S.110 will cross 025° W., at 1000Z/11 escorted by T.U.24.1.17 HARVESTER. Request you will arrange I.C.O.M.P. for O.N.S.J.110 as convenient to ensure that ships from Q.P. 13 sail in convoy.
(C. in C. W.A., 1345Z/6 to A.C.I.C., C.T.G.24.6).
- F.S.247 Anticipate you will overtake F.S.247 in the vicinity 51 Buoy about 0930/7. Remain in company until arrival Sheerness.
(C. in C. Nore, 1518B/6 to VIOLET)
- "Wiseacre" Request "Wiseacre" may be postponed 24 hours.
(N.O.I.C. Appledore, 1745/6 to N.O.I.C. Swansea).
- D.S. 30 My 0903/4 and F.O.I.C. Greenock's 1144/6. Now
(LEINSTER). intend to sail these destroyers a.m./8.
(R.A.M., 1801/6).
- Coastal Shipping Escorts. Para. 17 of ALM/OD 1111/42 concerning escorts. The views represented to the Admiralty up to date vary according to local conditions. Broadly the suggestions are as follows:
A. Where practicable craft to be sailed in the normal coastal convoys thus reducing calls for fighter protection and the danger of enemy air attack.
B. For groups out of convoy escort of one or more M.Ls. or trawlers or other available craft to be arranged.
C. As for B. with appropriate air cover.
2. It has also been suggested that since the speeds of different types of craft and the stages of the passage may vary, it may be advantageous to make groups homogeneous whenever possible.
3. The above alternatives are concurred in generally and Cs. in C. are requested to issue their own instructions to F.O.I.Cs. and N.O.I.C.s in order to meet varying conditions.
4. It is noted that infiltration round the coast singly or in twos and threes has not been advocated.
(D.O.D. (H), 1932B/6 to A.I.G. 72).

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North Atlantic.

Situation Report, Area X. → (1) IMPERIALIST and ALOUETTE on patrol off Lisbon.
(2) SCOTTISH off Huelva coastwise to Gibraltar 10.
(3) LOCH ASKAIG Patrol Huelva Bight. Leave patrol about 0200/7 to Gibraltar, 10. Situation 1958B/6.
(4) ITHURIEL 37.22 09.40 to Gibraltar 20
(5) ANTELOPE 246° Cape St. Vincent 13 to Gibraltar 14.
(6) GERANIUM, COLTSFOOT 40.01 11.27 to Gibraltar 13.
(7) JONQUIL, SPIREA 36.30 07.48 to Gibraltar 12.
(8) LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR in vicinity 36.20 11.02.
(9) WISHART, VIDETTE, WRESTLER and 1 merchant ship 36.04 07.11 through 36.19 10.09 thence 328° 13½. (F.O.C.N.A., 1102B/6, to N.A.Stn.).

German pilots from Argentine. My 1831/5. Bona Fide Argentine subjects are not to be removed without special instructions. (F.O.C.N.A., 1241B/6, to S. & A. North Atlantic).

→ NARKUNDA A.M. 1659/2. Sailing NARKUNDA escorted by WISHART. Local escort VIDETTE, WRESTLER. (F.O.C.N.A., 1304B/6 to Admty (R) C.in C. W.A.etc.)

→ SCOTTISH A/C. 3 unidentified bombers bearing and distance 190° 8 miles course 120°. My position 090°. Cape St. Vincent 34. (SCOTTISH, 1450/6, to F.O.C.N.A.).

Spanish Ships, use of W/T. Spanish Govt. Order now in force, shipowners may not communicate by W/T with Spanish Ships at sea even in Spanish waters and Masters may not use W/T to anybody except Spanish Authorities. Nor may owners cable Masters when in Foreign Ports but may cable Ships Agents A.1. (Madrid, 1505/6, to D.N.I. (R), S.O.I.Gib.).

U/B Santander. (LUIGI TORELLI) Ref: Italian S/M at Santander. Spanish D.of N.I. today confirmed that no communication of any kind had been received from M.F.A. Pending this S/M was interned and definite orders had been given to Naval Authority Santander that she was in no circumstances to be allowed to attempt to leave. In event of M.F.A. persuading Franco to override Minister of Marine's decision latter would inform me immediately. M.of M. authorized me inform Ambassador that he had officially informed M.F.A. that he had officially notified me S/M was interned. A.N.A. goes to Santander tomorrow and will report on 9/7. (N.A. Madrid, 1727/6, to D.N.I.).

→ AFRICA OCCIDENTAL Your 1706B/5. SCOTTISH intercepted AFRICA OCCIDENTAL 27/6/42, removed mails but did not report at the time or send her in as ordered. Reason for failure to send in will be investigated on return of SCOTTISH. (F.O.C.N.A., 1836B/6, to Admty).

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Busra. Pass to N.C.S.O's. Cancel A.M. 1625B/4.
Consequent on Busra coming into force on 1/7
S.O.(I) Gibraltar is to repeat to Connav,
Washington, the arrivals and departures in and from Gibraltar
Intelligence Area and other ports in Spain of all merchant
vessels on ocean voyages. 2. Route signals of sailings to U.S.
Strategic Area should also be repeated to Connav. 3. Until
otherwise ordered Vesca and Route signals should continue to be
addressed to be addressed to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. 4. This
arrangement does not in any way supersede existing Inter-station
Vesca procedure.
(D.T.D., 1836B/6, to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Connav, B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.).

JOAO Re supply of oil. (N.A. Lisbon 1837B/6)
CORTE. See America and West Indies.

South Atlantic.

→ W.S. 20. Sailing convoy W.S. 20 1200Z/6 route
B. 004° 28' N. 014° 00' W.
C. 000° 40' N. 009° 14' W.
D. 001° 30' S. 001° 00' W.
E. 007° 05' S. 010° 21' E.
F. 019° 38' S. 009° 35' E.
G. 034° 40' S. 017° 30' E. S. of A. 14 knots.
(2) Escorts to Simonstown MALAYA, BLACKMORE, WIVERN and BRILLIANT.
(3) Ships will shift to area Q W/T organisation at 1900Z/13.
(R.A. W.A., 0921Z/6, to C.in C. S.A., (R) Admty etc.)
Sailing telegram (N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1659Z/6, 1733Z/6).
Departure 6/7 MALAYA, BLACKMORE, WIVERN, VELOX, BRILLIANT with
W.S. 20, all Q.G.A. 93.
(S.O.I. Freetown, 2154Z/6 to C.in C. S.A., Admty).

Shipping Your 2214/27/6 and 1211/11/1. In event of
Diversions. executive signals being made, how is it intended
to route ships after reaching position indicated?
(D.T.D., 1131B/6 to C.in C., S.A. (R) R.A. W.A.).

Situation. CANNA 214 Freetown to Sector T. LAERTES patroll-
ing sector T. AUBRETIA sweeping L.S.10, 007°
31' 014° 10' to Freetown 8.
→ W.S. 20 and escort 007° 20' 014° 05' to 004° 28' 014° 01' thence
130° 14 at 2000/6. DIOMEDE, DERWENT. 006° 40' 015° 45' to
Freetown 15½. COPINSAY 007° 20' 013° 30' to Freetown 8. (group
missing) 005° 30' 010° 15' to join S.T. 28, 11. WOODRUFF, S.T.
28, 003 degs 20' 010 degs 05' to 002 degs 40' 007 degs 46' thence
075 degs 9. ASTURIAS, LARGS, 000° 05' 010° 01' to Freetown 14.
CANTON 003° 30' 000° 05' to Takoradi 10½. CILICIA 011° 10' S.
010° 20' to Ascension 15. DANAE 009° 30' S. 011° 10' E. to
Pointe Noire 15. EMERALD 014° 30' S. 010° 30' E. to Pointe
Noire 17.
(R.A., W.A., 1303Z/6, to A.I.G. 150).

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- CAMERONIA. H.M.T. CAMERONIA departed 1114/6 route 2 R 9, S. of A. 13 knots, E.T.A. Capetown a.m./8. (N.L.O. Port Elizabeth, 1332Z/6, to C.in C. S.A., (R) D.S.T. etc.).
- HARPASA. My 0834/10/6. B/S HARPASA. Understand ship was bombed, abandoned, and presumed sunk on 5/4 in 19° 19' 85° 46'E. Request Admiralty will confirm. (C.in C. S.A., 1402B/6, to Admty).
- EMPIRE PRIDE
AWATEA
collision. EMPIRE PRIDE and AWATEA in collision 28/6 due AWATEA's defective steering gear. EMPIRE PRIDE superstructure and 2 lifeboats damaged. AWATEA also upper structure damage. Both vessels seaworthy and can proceed to port of disembarkation, temporary repairs can be effected later where and when convenient. Full report follows by air mail. (S.S.T.O., Freetown, 1421Z/6, to Admty for D.S.T. (R) R.A.W.A., etc.).
- ROCKROSE. Sailed 1700/6. E.T.A. Simonstown 0600Z/16. Request mail may be diverted. (N.O.I.C., Lagos, 1726Z/6, to R.A.W.A., (R) Admty etc)
- Transports
M.E. India,
Madagascar. Your 2345/1. Owing to Middle East order to hold all R.A.F. in South Africa trooper commitments are reduced as follows.
A. For Middle East. Army 4500 Union Defence Force 600. These will be embarked ILE DE FRANCE ready about 21/7 and proceed independently to Suez.
B. For Indian Army 4200. 3700 will embark in EMPIRE TROOPER and SONTAY about 15/7 and form convoy C.M. 30. Balance will be accommodated in ILE DE FRANCE for transhipment at Suez.
C. For Madagascar. Army 1200. East African Brigade 5000. For east Africa. Army 300. NOVA SCOTIA will embark 1100 for Madagascar and accompany C.M. 30 Balance will be accommodated in TAKLIWA, ASCANIUS, KOSCIUSZKO and EMPIRE WOODLARK but time of arrival at Durban anticipated first three is not yet known. One anticipates these ships will have to continue from Madagascar to Kilindini with East Africa personnel. If any above not available they may be replaced by CAP PADARAN and CAP TOURANE.
D. and E. Suggested that desirability of these movements may be reconsidered in present circumstances.
2. If above programme can be adhered to MAURETANIA and NIEUW AMSTERDAM should be available to clear W.S. 20 transhipment. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown, 1743B/6, to D.S.T., (R) C.in C. India, C.in C. M.E., etc.).

/Shipping ...

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Signals.

A.M. 2007B/16/6. N.C.S.O'S and R.O'S in Freetown and Capetown Intelligence Areas should now add Connav Washington to addressees of (a) Route signals of those vessels which enter the U.S. Strategic Area and (b) Vesca's of all repeat all arrivals and departures in their respective areas. 2. Vesca and Route signals should continue to be addressed to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa until otherwise ordered.
(D.T.D. 1832B/6 to C.in C. S.A. R.A. W.A. (R) Connav B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.).

BRITANNIC.

BRITANNIC in W.S. 19 P with 4400 personnel for India has developed defects and will not be ready until 12/7. Unless escort is available ship will have to accompany C.M. 30 convoy at slow speed about 15/7 or be sailed independently. Request you will decide. My 1843/6 refers. (N.T. in W.R.) (C.in C. S.A., 1847B/6, to D.C.in C.E.F.(R) Admty etc.).

GRIPSHOLM
repatriations.

Swedish ship GRIPSHOLM left Rio de Janeiro P.M./4 for Lourenco Marques with 1500 Japanese Diplomats and other undesirables from South American states. Of these 383 are from Embassies and Consulates in Brazil. Ship due 17/7.
(S.O.I. Montevideo, 1901Z/6 to C.in C. S.A.(R) Admty etc.).

Pernambuco
Movements.

Departure 5/7 British cable ship CAMBRIA, departure 6th. U.S. destroyer SOMERS, U.S. Oiler PATOKA.
(R.O.,Pernambuco, 1915Z/6 to Admty).

Falklands
Garrison.

Arrival Monday 6/7 STRATEGIST with advance party garrison.
(N.O.I.C., Falklands, 1933Z/6, to C.in C.,S.A.,(R) Admty).

HYDRANGEA
COWSLIP.

(1) Sailed HYDRANGEA, COWSLIP for Port of Spain, Trinidad, routed through positions.
A. 009° 01' N. 025° 00' W.
B. 010° 02' N. 045° 00' W. E.T.A. A.M. 18/7.
(2) After fuelling ship will proceed St.Thomas for escort duty. (3) Ship will maintain wireless watch as follows. (4) Request U.S. authorities concerned may be informed.
(R.A.W.A., 2127Z/6, to B.A.D. (R) C.in C.A.W.I. Admty etc.).

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M.A.C.R.I.,
lack of
charts.

Great difficulty is experienced in routeing ships of over 15 knots to U.S. and Canadian Atlantic sea ports by coastal route in accordance with M.A.C.R.I. because (a) ships do not possess large scale charts of American coast (b) such charts are unobtainable here. Supply of these charts has been ordered by air from U.K. and U.S.A. Intend to sail ships direct until receipt of charts.
(R.A.W.A., 2131Z/6 to Admty).

S.O. Force F.

My 1326/3. During S.O. Force F's absence his flag will continue to be flown in NELSON.
2. Signals requiring R.A. Syfret's personal attention should be addressed to him at Admty.
3. Matters of a routine nature which can be dealt with by his Staff should continue to be addressed as heretofore.
R.A.W. Af pass to S.O. Force F.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 2318B/6, to S.O. Force F (R)R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.N.A.).

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Port Said Movements. 5/7 Port Said, arrivals, SEAHAM, R.F.A. ATID, M.L.353, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT, CUMBRAE. Departures HURWORTH, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 0735/6 to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Canal mining. Mining situation in Canal Area 2100/5.
(A) Sweeping and diving operations in Canal carried out during day, 1 mine now considered safe, 10 unexploded mines remain.
(B) Suez Bay, 2 mines detonated by LL Sweeper, 2 unexploded mines remain.
(C) Gulf of Suez, 1 unexploded mine dangerous area promulgated. Canal closed but approaches open. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 0920C/6 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)
Mining situation in Canal area 2100/6 (A) Sweeping and diving operations in Canal carried out during day. 1 mine swept and detonated, 9 UXMS remain.
(B) Suez Bay, small water boat mined and sunk. Believed 2 UXMS remain.
(C) Gulf of Suez, 1 U.M. dangerous area promulgated. Canal closed, approaches open. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 2106C/6 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

R.A.T.E. My 1552/30/6. For "100 officers" read "30 for S. Africa. officers". (C. in C. Med. 0955C/6 to C. in C. S.A.)

Alexandria Movements. Arrivals 5/7. BOSTON, ERICA "A" 117, "A" 101, Hospital ship ABA. Departure AGNIOS GEORGIOS, Z.27, FALK, M.L.349, MALINES, ERICA, DELPHINIUM, DULVERTON SKUDD 5. (R.A. Alexandria 1013C/6 to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

HEEMSKERCK. Suggestion to use in Red Sea. (C. in C. E.F. 1221Z/6.) See East Indies. / 171

LISBOA. ? arrived. (Cartagena T.H.I. 1300/6 to M.W.T.) German.

Torpedo supply. Following temporary arrangements for supply of torpedoes are to be brought into force.
(1) Alexandria torpedo depots to be placed under care and maintenance. All torpedoes and stores to be moved to Canal area.
(2) T.E.O., E.M, to open small depots at Port Said and maintain ready for use stocks of S/M and surface craft torpedoes.
(3) T.E.O. E.M., to substitute following: Sub depot at Haifa and maintain ready for use stocks of S/M and surface craft torpedoes. Storage depots to be established at Suez (Fort Agrud) for stores and boxed torpedoes.
(4) All A/C torpedoes to be (prepared ?) at R.A.F. Station, Shallufah, and PHOENIX complete with ammunition for issue to M.T.D., R.A.F. and F.A.A. Squadrons and Malta. (C. in C. Med. 1316C/6 to Med. Station (R) Admty. H.Q.R.A.F. M.E. 201 Group, 205 Group.)

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return to
Malta.

V.A. Malta's 1212/5. On completion of rest period UNA, P.31, P.34, P.35 should be sailed for Malta, routed through Aegean and along Ionian Sea and Calabrian coasts at your discretion, having regard to length of passage and amount of extra gear and personnel carried.
(C. in C. Med. 1520C/6 to Capt. S.10 (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

Vichy
Force,
Toulon.

Report received that two 8" cruisers, two 6" cruisers and contre torpilleurs have raised steam at Toulon and are ready to sail. Graded B.2. Reported to be ready to sail in direction of Alexandria to meet French vessels from Alexandria. Graded. B.4.
(D.D.I.C. 1534B/6 to C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta. F.O.C.N.A.)

Beirut
Movements.

5th arrivals 1940 (?BURRA) 2010 WOLBOROUGH, 2010 HYACINTH; departures 2000 A.108, 6th departure 1355 BURRA.
(S.O.I. Beirut 1613C/6 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

TURBULENT.

If A/S activity is too great proceed vicinity 033° 30' 023° 10' keeping south until 0200/8.
(S.O.S. 1. Alexandria 1641C/6 to TURBULENT.)

Malta
Air
Report.

I.424 6/7. C.S.R. My I.418 0548 hours alter to read 3 SM. 84s not 3 Cant 1007s, (casualties amended)
5th. 3 alerts. 1320 hours, 15 Me.109s, 3 Ju.88s, on raid with another raid behind of 10 Ju.88s and possible He.111, 8 Me.109s. Latter raid came very close but did not cross coast. Takali, 1 Spitfire destroyed, craters dispersals, UXBS. 1 Ju.88, 2 Me.109s destroyed, 1 Me.109 probably destroyed, 2 Me.109s damaged by 22 Spitfires, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot uninjured. 1530 hours, 12 unidentified aircraft, coast not crossed, 23 Spitfires up, no interceptions. 1650 hours, 10 Me.109s, Mc.200s, 2 Ju.88s, Takali, no damage, UXBS. 2 Me.109s destroyed, 3 Me.109s, 1 Mc.200 probably destroyed, 2 Me.109s damaged by 22 Spitfires.
Night 5/6 2 alerts. 2101 hours, 4 raiders, coast not crossed, 2 Beaufighters up, no interceptions. 0036 hours, 15 raiders, several houses destroyed, UXBS, 1 Ju.88 destroyed and 1 probably destroyed by Beaufighter.
6th. 3 alerts. 0520 hours, 15 Me.109s, 7 Ju.88s, Takali, 1 civilian killed, 1 Spitfire damaged, craters dispersals, UXBS. 1 Me.109 damaged by 12 Spitfires. 0612 hours, 8 Mc.202s, 3 SM. 84 or Cant 1007s Luqa, no damage. 3 Mc.202s destroyed, 2 Cant 1007s or SM.84s damaged by 11 Spitfires.
H.S.L. found bodies 2 Italian Pilots in sea. 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot uninjured, 0859 hours, 9 Me.109s, 11 Spitfires up, no interceptions.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1840/6, 1900/6, 1903/6.)

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7. Night 5/6. Wellingtons mined Tobruk. Small number of enemy aircraft operated Alexandria and Suez areas. Mines believed laid off Suez.
(C. in C. ME. 1908/6.)

PAPANICOLIS.

C. in C's 2303/5 (not to Admty.) Greek Sub. PAPANICOLIS will leave Haifa sunset 7/7 and proceed through $032^{\circ} 15'$ $029^{\circ} 58'$ to arrive Alexandria searched channel dawn 11/7.

S.O.(S) Alexandria is requested to arrange safety route making good 90 miles per 24 hours. No Folbot or dinghy.
(Capt. S.10 2252C/6 to C. in C. Med. etc.)
Amended by 1216C/7 q.v. p.197.

Malta
Sit.
Rep.

Military situation report W/E 4/7 1942.
1. Slight increase enemy air activity day and night. Bombs fairly widespread but mainly directed at aerodromes. Anti-personnel and incendiaries used of which large number unexploded.
Night 4/5, during one raid enemy jammed R.D.F.

and G.L. technical reports awaited.
3. Offensive air action limited to 11 Sorties by Wellingtons against enemy convoys.
(Govr. Malta 2300/6 to C. in C. ME.)

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East Indies.

MANXMAN.

Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 0145Z/6 to Admty.).

→ B.M.24.

Departures JUMNA, SUTLEJ, escorting B.M.24.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 0316Z/6, to Admty etc).

AGAPENOR
U/B.

Following has been read. SSSS 16° 48' S.
40° 17' E. DE BOGI. (AGAPENOR).
(Simonstown T.O.R. 0729 G.M.T./6. to Whitehall, etc).
See next page.

NYMPHE
U/B.

Following has been read SSSS From SS NYMPHE.
16° 17' S. 14° (? E). at 0655/6.
(Colombo 0735 G.M.T./6 to Admty).
Ref. Colombo 0735Z/6. Please check and repeat
longitude of SS NYMPHE.
(D.D.I.C.1645B/6 to S.O.I Colombo).

Air R/C.

My 0621Z/30 (N.T. in W.R.). Air R/C to depth
of (?300 to 100 miles) recommenced 6/7. S.O.(I)
Bombay is requested to resume handling Shipping
Intelligence.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi. 0736Z/6, to (?F.O.I.C. Ceylon)
(R) F.O.2 in C.E.F. F.O.C.R.I.N. Commodore R.
I.N. S.O.(I) Bombay, Passed to H.Q.C.C. by W.R.).

VASNA.

Hospital ship VASNA sailing for Kilindini a.m./6
E.T.A. a.m./15.
(S.T.O. Colombo 0810Z/6, to D.S.T.O. Kilindini (R)
D.S.T.).

DALLINGTON
COURT.
(attacked
30/6).

DALLINGTON COURT report as follows (Begins):-
012° 25' S. 041° 58' E. at 1359 G.M.T./ 30/6.
Torpedo attack unseen source astern. Torpedo
broke surface and exploded 30 feet from
port bow of ship. Structural damage. Wireless
silence maintained (corrupt group) further attack
Report follows immediately (ends).
(N.C.S.O. Lourenco Marques, 0950B/6, to Admty,
C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.I., S.O.(I) Capetown.)

ORADELL

Overdue Shipping. Cancel my 0500/3.
(ORADELL (Pan.) overdue).
(S.O.(I) Colombo 1020Z/6, to Admty etc).

→ B.M.24.

B.M.24 transport ATHLONE CASTLE and CLAN MACDONALD
sailed from Bombay 6/7 for Colombo E.T.A. 0300Z/9
Details.
(P.S.T.O. India. 1129Z/6 to S.T.O. Colombo (R)
D.S.T.).

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HEEMSKERCK. In view of HEEMSKERCK's high speed, Asdics and special A.A. armament I consider that she could be employed with advantage for escort duties in Red Sea.

2.B.S.O. informs me he has no objection to her being loaned to you for this duty and if you wish she can arrive Aden about 20/7 with W.S.19.

3. Owing to S/M activity on east coast of Africa and my acute shortage of A/S escorts I shall be grateful if you could let me have in exchange a destroyer with L.A. armament.
(C. in C.E.F. 1221Z/6 to C. in C. Med (R) Admty).
Reply: C. in C. Med. 1149/7.

Enemy Unit. D/F Bearings indicate unknown Japanese Unit Call Sign NU RI (CI) in vicinity Cocos Keeling Island at 0700Z/5.
(C. in C.E.F. 1301Z/6 to A.C.N.B. F.O. Ceylon).

M.S. Messages Kilindini. Your 0714/14/6. Intend to take issue of M.S. Messages from Kilindini as from Rugby broadcast at 1220Z/10/7 inclusive.

(2) Request you will include in your last message statement that next message will be issued from Kilindini and will be numbered 001.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1514Z/6 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) Admty).

Diversion of shipping. Your 0527Z/4. Action was taken by me on 25/6 and 3/7 respectively.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1542Z/6 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) Admty.).

17th M.T.B. Flot. A.M. 2114/29/6, concur in reallocation of 17th M.T.B. Flotilla.
(C. in C.E.F. 2147Z/6 to Admty.).

AGAPENOR A/C report. Following has been read. AAA AGAPENOR (Brit.). 15° 44' S. 42° 55' at 2230 G.M.T. suspicious plane circling ship and dropping flares.
(Colombo W/T 2245 GMT/6). *See Mission page -*

Seychelles Red Cross on Hospital. O.C. Troops has raised question of removing red cross from hospital roof on the side overlooking the sea which may afford a useful reference mark to hostile ships enabling them to locate other buildings e.g. Cable and Wireless Limited. Without red cross, hospital is not specially conspicuous from the sea. Red cross on island side of the roof would remain and be visible from the air from which the building is very conspicuous.
2. I discussed proposal with C. in C. during his recent visit and he was in favour of it. 3. Please inform me if there are any political objections. No local objections.
(Govr. Seychelles no T.O.O./6 to S. of S. for Colonies).

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America & West Indies.

Aleutian Islands. Operations. Navy Department announced on 6/7 that U.S. submarines on 4/7 torpedoed 4 Japanese destroyers off Aleutian Islands. 3 were struck at Kiska. 2 of these were sunk, and a third, when last seen was burning fiercely. The fourth was torpedoed and sunk at Agattu, where U.S. Army bombers on 2/7 found and attacked enemy transports and escorting vessels. The toll taken of the enemy in the western Aleutians has now been brought up to 5 ships sunk, 3 destroyers, 1 cruiser and 1 transport and 9 damaged, including an aircraft carrier. (The Times, 7/7/42).

A.T.17 B. Sailed A.T.17 B. at 1800Z/5 in accordance with my 1705Z/5. (C.O.A.C., 0149Z/6 to C.T.F.37 Cominch etc). Section A.T.17 B delayed sailing. Will arrive M.O.M.P. 0220Z/11, S. of A 14.5 knots. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C.& R. 1728Z/6 to Admty (R) Cinclant etc).

S.C.L.89 Took over S.C.L.89 ONEIDA added total 13 ships position 056° 39' N., 029° 50' W., course and speed 017° 8 at 1620Z/5. (C.T.U. 24.6.3., 0501/6 to Ottawa etc).

Q.S.15 attacked. Q.S.15 attacked off Cape Chat at approx. 0530Z/6. (C.O.A.C., 0543Z/6 to Admty) For list of ships sunk, see 2224/6.

ARAGAZ, French. ?Arrived. (Aruba, 0956/6 to M.W.T.)

SERPA PINTO. Information received from Portuguese Legation that SS. SERPA PINTO to whom we have given safe conduct has chosen following route. Direct from New York to Ponta Delgada initial true course 92° and from Ponta Delgada direct Lisbon. Master of ship obtained concurrence B.R.O. New York. Ship sailed 4/7. (N.A. Washington, 1105/6 to Admty).

ARCOLA, TAIGETE (Repatriation). Request as long notice as possible may be given before Italian Tankers ARCOLA and TAIGETE are required to sail. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 1127QR/6 to Admty).

MIGNONETTE, LUCERNA. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 1800Z/6, LUCERNA in company. (MIGNONETTE, 1212Z/6 to F.O.N.F.) 6/7 LUCERNA ex O.N. 107 with engine trouble. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns 1907Z/6 to Admty).

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- MOLDANGER. Your 1719/5 to B.R.O. Bermuda. No further news of MOLDANGER. My 1209/29 (not to S.O.(I) Jamaica) refers,
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1219P/6 to Admty. B.R.O. Bermuda, S.O.(I) Jamaica).
- A.T.17. Convoy A.T.17 embarked following British personnel not listed in U.S.A. sailing cable to Usafor. DUCHESS OF BEDFORD. Adm. Sir Charles Little and party etc. etc. AORANGI ex convoy N.A.12 (Details) MALOJA ex convoy N.A.12 (Details).
(British Army Staff, Washington, 1354/6, to W.O.)
- WITHERINGTON. My 1620/4. WITHERINGTON will be delayed until about 12/7 to fit type 271 R.D.F.
(B.A.R.M., 1406Z/6 to Admty).
- Convoy S.G.1. 1. S.G.1. 2. 1400Z/6. Details.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B., 1437Z/6 1439Z/6 to Cdr. Greenland Patrol, S.O.P.A. Londonderry, Greenland, C.T.F.24., (R) Connav, Admty, F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)
- Convoy Cycles. 1. Present cycle of S.Q. - Q.S. convoy is to be maintained.
2. S.B. - B.S. convoys are to be suspended.
3. My 2030/15. No ships are to be routed independently until further orders.
4. All independent shipping in-bound to Gulf of St. Lawrence may be diverted Sydney (C.B.) for further orders.
(C.O.A.C., 1450Z/6 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty etc).
- *LIGHTNING, EGYPTIAN PRINCE, collision. * Not Destroyed. H.X.194. Your 1518Z/1. Following is extract from report of Commodore - (begins)
Collision occurred at 0115Z in 46° 12' N., 53° 10' W., course and speed of convoy 73° 9 knots.
A southbound convoy (presumably from St. Johns) had just been unexpectedly met consisting of about 4 ships escorted by 1 or 2 destroyers. Some of these ships passed through the lines of convoy H.X. 194 and it was while trying to avoid one of them that LIGHTNING collided with EGYPTIAN PRINCE. Nothing was seen of the occurrence in Commodore's ship (CORNER BROOK) as attention of everyone was taken up in avoiding a similar incident. (Ends)
(D.T.D., 1504B/6 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Connav, etc).
- DALWARNIC. Your 2132/5 and B.R.O. Trinidad 1702/27 and 1721/4. DALWARNIC and similar ships should be referred to Admty and held pending instructions.
(D.T.D., 1518B/6 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) S.O.(I) Jamaica, B.R.O. Trinidad).

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DALWARNIC Contd. In reply to request for instructions from C. in C. A.W.I., Admty have ordered SS. DALWARNIC, speed 7 knots, to be held at Trinidad pending further instructions, on grounds that ship is too slow for convoy and risk in sailing independently is too serious to be accepted. It has now transpired that ship is Canadian controlled. Request you transmit your wishes to authorities concerned.
(D.T.D., 2055B/6 to N.S.H.Q.)

PUTNEY HILL. My 1612/5. PUTNEY HILL torpedoed in 024° 20' N., 063° 16' W., at 0320Z/26.
(N.S.H.Q., 1526Z/6 to Admty etc).
Survivors from PUTNEY HILL landed here yesterday 5th by SAXIFRAGE.
(2) Ship was torpedoed in 024° 20' N., 063° 16' W., at 0300 G.M.T on 26/6.
(3) Capt. Hughson declares that he threw overboard all C.Bs. and documents in one weighted bag. Depth of water over 1,000 fathoms.
(B. Consul, San Juan, 1729/6 to Admty).

T.H.4 B.R.O. Trinidad 1538/4. Connav is assuming T.H.4 will be diverted as necessary by C. in C. A.W.I. and N.S.H.Q. in accordance with original arrangements for T.H. Convoys. Propose Chop date 11/7
(N.S.H.Q., 1547Z/6 to C. in C. A.W.I., (R) Connav etc).
Your 1547/6. Concur.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1842P/6, to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty etc).

C.T.19 Convoy C.T.19 comprising LETITIA sailed U.K. 3/7 with following personnel on board.
2. My 1918/5 refers regarding future service of LETITIA.
(D.S.T., 1553B/6 to N.S.H.Q. (R) C.O.A.C., B.A.D.)

WILLIMANTIC WILLIMANTIC British due New York 28/6 from Capetown and diverted by C. in C. A.W.I., on 20/6 to Charleston for convoy is overdue.
(N.S.H.Q., 1607Z/6 to S.O.(I) Capetown Admty etc).

Assignment of Corvettes. Combined Planning Staff in Washington have completed a review of escort vessel requirements and construction. As a result, it is evident that the next suitable ships completed by the United Nations should be assigned to U.S. Navy.
Only 2 Single-Screw Corvettes complete in U.K. before April, 1943. Admty therefore propose to recommend to Munitions Assignments Board that the 15 Single-Screw Corvettes building in Canada for R.N. should be transferred to U.S. Navy.
(A.C.N.S (W) 1610B/6 to C.N.S. Ottawa).

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Assignment of Corvettes. (contd.)
 Salor No. 4036. My 1837/28 para. 5 Our intention is that this recommendation should be tabled at Munitions Assignments Boards in London and Washington concurrently. It will be laid before London Munitions Assignment Boards in the immediate future. Request you will take necessary action in Washington.
 2. We have informed C.N.S. Ottawa,
 3. Request you will inform us at early date what equipment being supplied from U.K. will not now be required as result of this decision.
 (A.C.N.S. (W), 1611B/6 to B.A.D.)

Floating Dock fuel. R.A.W.Af's 1055/5. Request you will confirm availability of fuel at St. Thomas Island.
 (D.O.D. (F), 1616B/6 to B.A.D., R.A.W.A.)

MAGNHILD. My 1322/7/5. MAGNHILD (Nor). is a total loss.
 (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 1639Z/6 to Admty).

U/B positions. 6/7 S/M estimate.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1718/6 to Admty).

SANTA CRUZ, A.S.4 My 1831Z/28/6 para.3. SANTA CRUZ delayed by loading. (2) Therefore intended to hold ship for inclusion in A.S.4 observing small loss of time thereby and gain of security.
 (B.A.D., 1731Z/6 to Admty).

JOAO CORTE Your 1904/20/6 Cod Fishing Guild, Newfoundland requests JOAO CORTE may be supplied with 200 tons of gas oil at St. Johns N.F.
 (N.A. Lisbon, 1837B/6 to Admty).

P.G. and G.P. Convoys. C.P.S.F. initiating and controlling Panama - Guantanamo convoys with sailings every 6 days. Northbound convoy designated P.G. southbound G.P. C.C.S.F. route W.A.T. - T.A.W. convoys to pass entrance to Guantanamo to allow the joining up or breaking off Panama ships. C.P.S.F. advise dates initiation 1st P.G. and G.P. convoys. Bureau of Personnel furnish following personnel C.P.S.F. 4 convoy commanders, 4 radio men 72 signalmen. Action addressees advise Bureau of Personnel of additional personnel required in connection with this system.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1851Z/6 to C.P.S.F., C.C.S.F., C.G.S.F. (R) C.E.S.F., Admty, N.S.H.Q., etc).

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- Navigation Cape Lookout shoal obstruction lighted bell buoy W has been established 34.22.69 N., longitude 76.21.68 W., to mark a wreck. Buoy shows a quick flashing green light and is located 400 yards 340° from wreck.
(U.S. Authority, call sign BLOT. 1936/6 to U.S. Warships)
- 894 Sqdn. 894 Sqdn to form at Norfolk, U.S.A. on 15/8
F.A.A. with 6 Martlet IV for one of the 5 ships mentioned in my 1957B/3/7. Personnel to complete complement of 894 Sqdn. to assemble Stretton on 15/7 to await passage. My 1238B/27/6 refers. Equipment peculiar to Martlet IV to be supplied from U.S. sources. Supply of remaining equipment in hand.
(Head of Air Branch, 2008B/6 to R.A.N.A.S., B.A.D)
- Navigation, W.J.C.9. Aleutian Islands (1) Shoal reported
Aleutians. depth 4 feet 052° 36' N., 173° 02' E.
(2) Chaddiksak Point Attu Island and Gveeran Point Agatou Island are reported not to extend as far to Seaward as shown on chart apparently in error 3 to 4 miles.
(C.N.S. Ottawa, 2045Z/6 to A.I.G. 134).
- U-boat Connav serial 5 and 6. GULFBELLE Nav Serial 4
Campaign. reached Trinidad. GUNDERSEN, Nor. torpedoed sunk 1/7 23° 33' N., 92° 35' W. EVERALDA (Latu) shelled sunk 29/6. 31.00 N., 70.00 W. PUTNEY HILL, British torpedoed sunk 26/6 24.00 N., 63.16 W., 35 survivors including Master. 3 lost.
(Connav, 2100/6, to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q. etc).
- Sub Attack B.A.D. and Opnav informed. GUNDERSEN torpedoed,
and Sighting shelled and sunk 23° 33' N., 92° 35' W., 0515Z/2.
Summary. E.J. SADLER U.88 type survivors allege 250 rounds WEST NOTUS 50 shells crew fired 7 rounds. M.V. sighting 0810Z/2/6 reported our 2059/25. Later information indicates sub. on surface 30 feet off M.V. starboard beam with small lugger type fishing schooner tied alongside. Lugger appeared to be Cuban. Surface craft attack sound contacts 16° 43' N., 70° 12' W., 2102Z/5/6 33° 49' N., 77° 41' W. 2040Z/6 /6 34° 51' N., 75° 30' W., 1000Z/10/6. Plane attacks oil bubbles and white streak 39° 05' N., 74° 10' W., 1745Z/4/7. Plane attacks air bubbles 28° 24' N., 80° 20' W., 1445Z/4. Sub reported attacked 21° 50' N., 85° 20' W., 1530Z/5. Planes attack subs. on surface one 12° 27' N., 71° 18' W., 2205Z/5 course 120° speed 15 - 20. Also one 2° 30' N., 71° 05' W., 2246Z/5 course 135° speed 15. C/T awash. One 13° 50' N., 72° 20' W., 1334Z/6. Course South. Speed 15. Plane reports sub contact 10° 28' N., 80° W., 1630Z/5. Sub reported 20° N., 80° W. 1630Z/5. Doubtful Sub reported on surface at 22° 15' N., 97° 38' W., 1800Z/5. Plane sights sub on surface 26° 50' N., 79° 20' W. 0800Z/6. Course 180°. M/V reports sighting sub 30° 23' N., 64° 34' W., 1300Z/6.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2103/6 to Admtty for O.I.C.)

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M.A.R.I. Your 2135/4 as amended by your 1700Z/5.
 Instructions. Para. 1 Concur. Para. 2 Concur. Para. 3 Concur.
 Para. 4 (a) Do not concur. Recommend instead that
 meridian of 26° be maintained as 12 hours is the
 indicated time for messages from Freetown to reach Cominch C and
 R. 4. (b) See no necessity for this if our recommendation
 above is concurred in but will be satisfied to accept it.
 Para. 5 (a) Concur. 5 (b) Concur.
 Note: This is understood to mean that ships en route from one
 port to another in the area of either contry's strategic control
 will not be the responsibility of the other even through they
 temporarily cross the dividing line.
 Para. 6 This para. concurred in except (c) from "and" to end.
 Para. 7 Concur.
 Para. 8 (Para. 4 of 1700Z/5) while satisfied for Admtly to
 continue to control ships dispersed from O.S. Convoys bound
 for South American ports until their arrival at first port of
 call, desire that that portion of the route lying within the area
 of U.S. strategic control be signalled with approx. time of
 entering the area. Note in Para. 6 it is considered that the
 word "except" should be interjected between above and (B),
 as present text indicates both Admtly and other authorities will
 be responsible for diversions South of 20° N. Also great care
 must be exercised to ensure where two or more chop dates are
 involved it is clearly indicated which chop is into U.S.
 strategic area. Cominch C and R desires to use only one chop
 date and that is when ship passes to British control.
 (Cominch C. and R., 2125Z/6 to Admtly) Reply: Admtly. 2113Z/7.

UXMAL My 1554/25. UXMAL arrived Progreso B.A.D. pass
 (overdue). to Connnav.
 (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2154R/6 to Admtly etc).

Q.S.15, 3 C.O.A.C. Halifax's 0543/6 (Re Q.S. 15 attacked off
 ships sunk. Cape Chat) Following ships sunk British DINARIC,
 Belgian HAINAUT, Greek ANASTASSIOS PATERAS.
 (N.S.H.Q., 2224Z/6 to Admtly etc).

Floating Your 1055Z/5. U.S. Authorities wish to know type
 Dock. and quantity of fuel required.
 2. Departure of dock deferred till 15/7. See
 C.E.S.F. 1740/4.
 (B.A.D., 2239Z/6 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admtly).

Task Force This corrects my 1214/06 (Received undecypherable)
 22. Refer to this as Cinclant 2300/5. (Begins).
 Route for Task Force 22 from Base D to point
 approx. 100 miles S. of Cape Palmas from there
 to destination. Divert to take advantage of QGA and Weather
 conditions and as situation requires. Keep Cominch and me
 advised of substantial changes as security requirements permit.
 Inform repeated addressees and me times of departure and S. of A.
 Reverse route for return (Ends). Request Admtly pass to R.A.W.A.
 (Cinclant, 2350Z/6 to C.T.F. 22 (R) C.T.F. 23 Cominch etc).

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P.G.4 } U.S. PERKINS and ROCKHAMPTON escorting convoy P.G.4 arrived Sydney (N.S.W.) 0732Z/5. (A.C.N.B., 0051Z/6 to Admty etc).

Enemy force passing Cape Esperance. My 0916Z/5 enemy force now stated to comprise 4 light cruisers 5 destroyers and 4 large cargo vessels. No Carrier. (A.C.N.B., 0513Z/6 to Admty, C. in C. E.F., C.O.S. Kilindini). My 0916Z/5 amended classification B.2. (A.C.N.B., 2046Z/6 to Admty, C. in C. E.F., C.O.S. Kilindini).

"BATHURST" Minesweepers. My 1200Z/23 para. 2 Amend WOODLONGONG to read early August. Add CAIRNS, IPSWICH, GAWLER October, BENGAL, TAMWORTH November. (A.C.N.B., 1011Z/6 to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F. etc).

Situation Digest Serial No. 165 from C.W.R. 5/7 Coast watch at Cape Esperance (Guadalil Island) reports 4 enemy light cruisers 5 destroyers 4 merchantmen vessels passed on westerly course at 0300Z/4. Some enemy activity reported at Taivu (009° 24' S., 160° 22' E) on 4/7. 2 warships 5 T.97 Kawanisi flying boats sighted at anchor off Makile (009° 25' S., 160° 08' 30" E) unloading gear. (2) Freighter escorted by light cruiser and 2 T.97 Kawanisi flying boats departed Tulagi 0400Z/3 to N.W. Freighter sighted 0145Z, 002° 30' S., 160° 50' E. (3) 1 Catalina attacked Haleta at 1500Z/4. No damage observed. Accurate heavy A/A fire and light M/G fire encountered. (4) Air R/C 5/7 reports no shipping at Lorengau, 1 7,000 ton M/V 1 small warship 1 schooner at Kavieng. (5) 20 heavy bombers 6 Zero fighters attacked army camp and Seven Mile Aerodrome at 0010Z/5 no damage. 7 bombers attacked again at 0026Z. 1 P.39 1 truck 40 drums fuel destroyed, 4 B.26 damaged. (6) 2 killed and stores destroyed by 5 heavy bombers attacking Bulolo at 0035Z/3. (7) 2 air attacks on Salamoia 5/7. Large fire observed, possibly fuel dump. (8) 6 Fortresses attacked Lae 0730Z/4. Several fires observed. 5 Zero's intercepted, 1 probably destroyed 3 probably damaged. (9) 2 attacks on Laby fortress 5/7 result not observed. (A.C.N.B., 1228Z/6 to Admty etc).

Movements. Departures Newcastle 0605Z/6. U.S. Destroyer PERKINS and GEELONG escorting convoy C.O.9. Departure Sydney 0355Z/6 U.S. Destroyer SELFRIDGE and WHYALLA in company escorting convoy G.P. 5. Arrival Brisbane 0146Z/6 MILDURA escorting BISHOPDALE. (A.C.N.B., 2116Z/6 to Admty etc).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1421B/6, 1429B/6).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Enemy main
Units at
Sea.

Russian aircraft reported 2 cruisers and 7 destroyers anchored in Lang Fiord, Arnoy (approx. 70° N., 20½° E) at 0900C today. Photographs taken two hours later showed TIRPITZ, LUTZOW and HIPPER escorted by 7 destroyers and lightcraft turning westwards round the S.W. point of Arnoy and apparently making 10 or 12 knots. An Altmark class tanker T.57 escorted by 2 T.Bs. was turning out of Grundfiord at 70° 2' N. 20° 38' E., to follow the warships. A Russian air striking force including 6 torpedo bombers left Vaenga this evening.

KENYA was ordered to return to Scapa at 1020B. KENT was ordered to return to fuel this evening and then resume patrol "White". Submarines leave north-west Norway patrol today, to return to Lerwick, with the exception of STURGEON and MINERVE who are off West Fiord.

Convoy
P.Q.17.

The Germans claim to have sunk a U.S. cruiser and 28 ships in Convoy P.Q.17 (19 sunk by aircraft and 9 by U-boats) 5 ships and 12 escort vessels assembled at the west end of Matochkin Strait, Novaya Zemlya last night; they weighed at 1700Z today and proceeded in convoy towards Archangel. Another ship was proceeding with AYRSHIRE on 5/7.
Enemy Air Operations.

Ships in Yarmouth Roads were bombed this morning; PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE was damaged and is unable to steam; no casualties occurred amongst the troops.

Mining.

Forty two aircraft were sent last night to lay mines off Lorient, St. Nazaire and Le Verdon; 25 laid mines successfully.

The port of Milford Haven has been mined but entry is permitted subject to local restrictions.

It is stated that the two minefields laid by E-boats between Dungeness and Folkestone have been cleared.

Five ground mines were detonated in the Thames Estuary today.

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Mediterranean

The enemy continued his air attacks on Malta today; fighters shot down 9 enemy aircraft and damaged others.

Last night, 6 to 10 aircraft mined and bombed the Gulf of Suez. Night fighters destroyed one or probably two of the enemy. Nine U.X.Ms. still remained in the Canal this evening.

Wellingtons bombed targets at Tobruk last night.

America & West Indies.

The following Japanese ships were reported by air R/C at Kiska today: one heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 4 or more destroyers, 2 transports or tankers and 3 seaplanes.

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for
West
Indies
and
Gibraltar.

It has been approved for H.D.M.Ls 1091, 1127, 1128, 1139, 1140, 1142, 1152 and 1221 to be equipped for ocean passage to West Indies and for H.D.M.Ls. 1121, 1123, 1132 and 1133 to be equipped for ocean passage to Gibraltar. R.A.C.F. is requested to arrange for boats to be sailed to Milford Haven as soon as equipped. (D.D.O.D. (C) 1658B/7.)

11th and
24th.
M.L.Fs.

Cancel A.M. 1431/28/5. Pending further instructions the 11th M.L. Flotilla is to be retained at Portsmouth under the operational control of C. in C. Portsmouth and the 24th M.L. Flotilla is to be retained in the Nore Command. (D.D.O.D. (C) 1702/7.)

Movements.P.614.
P.615.

Route to Polyarnoe 071° 24' N 035° E, 069° 54' N 035° E, and 069° 30' N 034° 40' E, where escort will meet. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 0250B/7 to P.614, P.615.)

ORION.
SIRIUS.

Your 1338B/6. *ORION 11/7. SIRIUS 26/7. (R.A.D. H.F. 1033B/7 to Admty.) *See next page

MARTIN.
MARNE.
ESCAPADE.
ECLIPSE.

E.T.A. Seidisfiord 1300Z/7. MARNE, ESCAPADE, ECLIPSE in company. (MARTIN 1120/7 to A.C.I.C.)

LONDON.

E.T.A. in LONDON at 1130/8. My position 065° 10' N. 005° 30' W. (C.S.L. 1303B/7 to A.C.O.S.) See next page

Battle
Fleet.

Your 1006B/7. My P.C.S. at 1300B, 066° 52' N 006° 34' W, 170°, 19 knots. (C. in C. H.F. 1349B/7 to INGLEFIELD (R) FORESIGHT)

WELSHMAN.

Admty. 1854/4 and 1906/6. Request you sail WELSHMAN to comply routed through (a) 270° Oversay 6 miles. (b) 055° 30' N 008° 02' W. (c) 054° 01', 011° 59'. (d) 049° 02' 015° 30' (e) 043° 01', 015° 03', thence Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A. (C. in C. W.A. 1446B/7 to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

NORFOLK.
WICHITA.
TUSCALOOSA.

E.T.A. 0600Z/8. WICHITA and TUSCALOOSA in company. Passing Straumnes 2030Z today. (NORFOLK 1607B/7 to A.C.I.C.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

KENYA. KENYA 060° 10' N 013° W bound Scapa.
 LONDON. *LONDON 063° N 004° 50' W bound for Scapa.
 NIGERIA. 2 Fleet units, NIGERIA, CUMBERLAND, and 13
 CUMBERLAND. destroyers 064° 20' N 005° 40' W bound for Scapa.
 (A.C.O.S. 1650B/7.) * *See previous page*

MANCHESTER. Scapa arrival C.S.18 in MANCHESTER.
 (A.C.O.S. 1747B/7.)

H.43. Intend sailing H.43 for Portsmouth p.m. 9th in
 C.W.105.
 (C. in C. Nore 1834/7.)

ORION. ORION will be required to sail from Clyde on 15/7
 to join the Mediterranean Fleet.
 2. Request you will sail her as convenient for
 Clyde.
 (D.O.D. (H.) 1952/7 to C. in C. H.F.) *See previous page.*

Operations.

N.W.
 Norway
 S/M
 patrol.

1. URSULA, TRIBUNE, SEAWOLF and TRIDENT leave patrol 1200B/7 for position (A) 072° 50' N 026° 35' E.
2. P.212, P.45, P.54 leave patrol at 1800B/7 through position (B) 072° 40' N 028° 01' E thence position (A).
3. From position (A) URSULA, SEAWOLF and P.45 proceed through position (C) 071° 31' N 017° 40' E. (D) 068° 49' N 008° 19' E to (E) 089° Out Skerries 6 miles, thence Lerwick.
4. From position (A) TRIBUNE, TRIDENT, P.212, and P.54 proceed through position (F) 71° 46' N 16° 59' E (G) 69° 08' N 7° 38' E. thence through position (E) to Lerwick.
5. S/Ms are to proceed on surface at C.Os discretion at best speed compatible with fuel remaining and are to report their E.T.A. 36 hours in advance.
6. For the last 24 hours of her passage TRIDENT is to carry out endurance trials at 8 knots.
 (Capt. S.9. 0645B/7.)

Soviet S/M K.21 returning Polyarnoe. Route. To arrive in 069° 26' N 035° 30' E at 1600C/8. Speed 14 knots. K.21 has orders not to attack S/Ms.
 (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1407B/7.)
 Positions of submarines at 0800B/8 and movements for following 24 hours.
 (F.O.S. 1614B/7.)

IRIS
 (cable-
 laying)

INT. W.S.
 Your 1554B/6. Request codeword and particulars of air protection ordered for this operation.
 (F.O.I.C. Belfast 0941B/7 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
 Your 0941B/7. After consultation with C.O. of vessel it was decided not to ask for fighter co-operation. The vessel carries short range A/A weapons.
 (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1125B/7 to F.O.I.C. Belfast.)

/Iceland...

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Iceland - Unless orders are received to contrary return to
Faroes Scapa.
Patrol. (R.A.D. H.F. 1020B/7 to KENYA.)
E.T.A. 0950/8. Intend 4 inch H/A throw off
firings at own aircraft at 0900.
(KENYA 1827B/7 to A.C.O.S.)

RENOWN. RENOWN has reverted to 2½ hours notice for steam.
(RENOWN 1144B/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

Patrol Estimated position at 2203/7. KENT on patrol
"Split" "Split".
(KENT) (A.C.I.C. 1457B/7.)
Your 1710B. Return to fuel and then resume
patrol "White".
(RENOWN 1744B/7 to KENT.)

"Gear Operation "Gear Box" completed at 1900/2.
Box". (C.S.18 1701B/7 to Admty.)

Exercises.

Night Following programmes for ROYAL SCOTSMAN and
landing ULSTER MONARCH submitted by S.O.A.S.C. have been
Exercises. approved. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1224B/7.)

British Air Activity.

A/C in Cancel my AC.122. A/C has returned.
North (H.Q.C.C. 0020B/7 to Party A.)
Russia. AC.128. 7/7. One Mosquito left 0725/7. E.T.A.
Vaenga 1200B. Catalinas ARC/640/6/7 arrived.
(H.Q.C.C. 0800/7 to Party A.)

J/B N airborne on search 0600 G.M.T. authority
S.B.N.O. North Russia. E.T.A. Gryaznaya 2100 G.M.T./7 to 0100
G.M.T./8.

(Harpham, Murmansk 0830B/7 to S.B.N.O. Archangel.)
Catalina F/240 returned to Lake Lakhta 0900/7 with engine trouble.
Expected to be serviceable by midnight, if so will proceed on
search.

O.C.210 Squadron detachment reports this is last search he can
carry out with A/C at his disposal. If further searches are
required replacements of A/C are requested.

(Party A 0835B/7 to S.B.N.O. North Russia, H.Q.C.C.)
No Mayfly received from you yesterday. Signal position and
serviceability of all A/C in North Russia.

(H.Q.C.C. 1015B/7 to Party A.)
Mosquito landed Vaengkean 1025Z.

(Eoham, Murmansk 1346B/7 to Party A.)
N/D(?R) airborne on search 0910 G.M.T. authority S.B.N.O. North
Russia. E.T.A. Gryaznaya 0100/0400 G.M.T.(?8th)
(Harpham, Murmansk 1349B/7 to Party A.)

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North
Russia.
Contd.

My 1543. Mosquito (?returning to) Leuchars with photograph. Russian equipment unserviceable. Russia air striking-force includes 6 torpedo bombers leaving Vaenga. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1546B/7 to Admty.) Your AX505 7/7 and A 333. Yesterdays state signalled in my ARC/639, 6/7. Position of A/C operating from Lake Lakhta. VA 723 and W 8416 are on Lake Lakhta, both doubly overdue for inspection and developing trouble. Both leaving for Sullom Voe 2200/7 D.B.S.T.N., E.T.A. 16 hours later. VA 720 is U/S for Plug change, anticipate serviceable midnight, will take off on search for survivors when serviceable. VA 731 is serviceable at Lake Lakhta after 22 hour flight. Will take off on search AM/8. Two Catalinas believed to be J-BN and S-BN are believed to be on patrol from Gryaznaya. (Party A 1730B/7 to Air Ministry.)

1. It cannot be too often stated that Russians are reluctant to admit foreign service personnel in large numbers for whatever purpose into the Soviet Union.
2. Your proposal to establish a servicing base at Lake Lakhta without some reduction in the number of personnel at Gryaznaya will certainly be opposed. In view of much more limited scope now allotted to Gryaznaya it will be difficult to convince Russians that same numbers are still necessary there.
3. Strongly recommend that Gryaznaya party be reduced to a minimum. Request that no maintenance personnel other than 19 already approved be sent until Russians agree. We cannot approach Soviet Authorities until you signal (?numbers) constituting main servicing base.
4. Head of Mission agrees.

(30 Mission 1730Z/7 to Air Ministry.)

Following received from Coastal Command. Begins. Please instruct Mosquito to make R/C of Narvik as early as possible tomorrow. Anticipate arrival major units at Narvik by 0600B/8. Ends. (Party A 1805Z/7 to Murmansk.)

Off-loading of 153 Wing at Russian port was discussed with Naval and Air Staff 7/7 without knowledge of detailed loading of ships final conclusions not possible but following recommendations made.

- A. Ships with cased A/C, flying crews, and erection personnel to proceed to Archangel where A/C will be erected.
- B. Ships with M.T. and remainder personnel either to Archangel or Kola Inlet. Russians stated that possible to offload personnel and M.T. at Vaenga.
2. Soviet Authorities would prefer Vaenga for (B) but are prepared to provide off-loading and transport facilities from Archangel. They pointed out communications Archangel Murmansk slow, and railway line subject to air attack.
3. Please signal which you select so that necessary arrangements can be made locally or whether it is possible to defer decision for ship not carrying A/C until nearer time of arrival when conditions in Kola Inlet can be better gauged.

(30 Mission 1850/7 to Admty.)

Mosquito with Flying Officer Bayley left Vaenga 1500 G.M.T. E.T.A. Leuchars 2000 G.M.T.

Harpham, Murmansk 1906B/7 to Archangel.)

Your AX557 7/7. Following is repetition my 1757Z/6 addressed Air Ministry repeated 30 Mission. Begins. Your AX333 4/7. Position of A/C operation from Lake Lakhta airborne and returning to Lake VA/723 and W/8416 waterborne and available VA/720.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity - *cont. 15:-*

A/C in North Russia. Contd. AH/562 Z2145 left for Sullom Voe patrolling en route at 1530B/5 and 2300B/5 respectively, E.T.A. 19 hours later. Ends. Please pass to H.Q.C.C. and 18 Group. (Party A 1915Z/7 to Air Ministry.)

Bombing restrictions. My 0645B/7. Request total bombing restrictions as follows. Details. (Capt. S.9 0649B/7 and 1405B/8 to H.Q.C.C.) Total bombing restrictions in force as follows: (1) Area bounded by parallels 071° 20' and 073° 20' and meridians 026° 35' and 033° 40' from forthwith until 1800B/8. (2) 45 miles either side of line joining positions 072° 50' 026° 35' and 071° 48', 017° 09' from 1400B/7 to 0200B/10. (Capt. S.9 0925B/7 to S/Ms.) Total bombing restrictions in force 45 miles either side of line joining 071° 48', 017° 09' and 069° 02', 008° 05' from 0630B/8 until 0600B/11. (Capt. S.9. 1727B/7 to S/Ms.)

Operation "Knocker" (A.S.R. to A/C from U.S.A. to Presburg) My 2346/6. Para 2 has been delayed. (A.C.I.C. 1201B/7 to Admty.) Operation cancelled for today. (A.C.O.S. 1816B/7 to NORTHERN GIFT, VISENDA. NORTHERN REWARD.)

F.W.190 (Captured A/C.) F.W.190 may be seen flying at any time from Farnborough or Duxford without escort. Warn all concerned. (H.Q.F.C. 1230/7.)

Exercise with SOKOL. Intend that 3 Wellington A/C with Polish crews shall carry out an exercise with SOKOL at 0900 tomorrow in 270° Hartland Point 4 miles. Particulars. 3. During the practice JAN VAN GELDER is to proceed along original course at 5 knots rejoining SOKOL on conclusion of exercise. (C. in C. Plymouth 1705B/7.)

Suspected Sabotage. Suspected case of attempted sabotage Fulmar A/C. Undercarriage operating pipes have been crossed since functioning test carried out 3/7. Royal Marine Police informed. (R.N.A.C. Repair Yard, Fleetlands 1807B/7 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Escort for H.F. Expect escort as follows. A/S by Sortie of single Hudson from 0200/8 until arrival. Your 1732B/6 para 8. A/A by Sorties of 2 Beaufighters from 0300/8 until relieved by No.14 Group fighters about 1300/8. (C. in C. Rosyth 1901B/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

/ A/C of...

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity - Contd.A/C of
210
Sqdn.

AC 136 7/7. Two Catalinas of 210 Squadron to return to Sullom Voe forthwith. (H.Q.C.C. 2231B/7 to R.A.F. Iceland.) Your H.Q.C.C./A.C 136 7/7 not understood. No Catalinas of 210 Sqdn. here in Iceland. (R.A.F. Iceland 2259Z/7 to H.Q.C.C.)

Enemy Air Activity.PRINSES
ASTRID,PRINSES
J.CHARLOTTE.
(Infantry
Assault ships)
damaged.Following received from R.A.C.O. begins: "Bombing attack took place in Yarmouth Roads at 0622/7. ^{PRINSES}ASTRID fit for sea, superficial damage only. ^{PRINSES}J.CHARLOTTE engine room badly damaged. Unable to steam, no casualties to troops. Slight casualties to crew". T.O.O. 0833/7. Ends. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0927B/7.)2 ships
off
Trondheim.

Enemy A/C reported 2 ships in 63° 37' N 05° 45' W at 2010/7. (D.D.I.C. 2201B/7 to A.I.G. 47.)

W.P.183.

Your convoy has been reported by enemy aircraft. (C. in C. Plymouth 2319B/7 to Escorts W.P.183.)

Mining.Milford
Haven.

Port of Milford Haven mined, but entry permitted subject to local restrictions. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 0637B/7.) At 0945/7 one mine exploded by sweepers, and at 0325/7 one mine exploded on laying. One ground mine detonated spontaneously. Positions. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1923B/7.)

Dover.

One Red Mine (No.65) swept yesterday in QZX 750. Position. (V.A. Dover 1012B/7.)

D.F.7.

Intend to carry out as follows. Details. (R.A.M. 1720/7.) See Lion Copy.

Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
Force.

2 Pocket battleships, 6 destroyers going W out of and (remainder of message missed.) (Murmansk Radio 1045/7.) Russian A/C report 2 cruisers and 7 destroyers anchored Lang Fiord Arnoy (?070°) 05' N 020° 33' E at 0900C/7.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1126B/7 to A.I.G.47. (R) F.O.S.) My 1126/7. Russian A/C 2nd report. 2 cruisers, one battleship and 7 destroyers in Alt Fiord, 70° 05' N 20° 33' E at 0905. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1239B/7 to A.I.G.47 (R) F.O.S.) W.D. Note: Cancelled by 1749B/7.

/ 2 enemy...

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MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET. MESSAGE 1720/7th July IN

From: R.A.M.

Date 7.7.42.
Recd. 2010

R.A.F. Cypher by T/P

Addressed: Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches, C. in C.
Home Fleet, C. in C. Rosyth, H.M.S. ADVENTURE, repeated
H.Q. 14 Group, H.Q. C.C. A.C.O.S. R.A.(D) Home Fleet.
H.Q. 18 Group, Air Ministry Whitehall, N.O.i/c
~~Sternoway. H.Q.F.C.~~

Intend to carry out operation D F 7 as follows.

- (A) Experimental field off Gallon Head
- (D) H.M.S. ADVENTURE.
- (E) Air anti submarine escort is requested when outside
Minches from 1300 to 1700 on Wednesday 15th July.
- (F) 053 degs 17' 36" North 007 degs 05' 36" West.
- (G) 0900 Wednesday 15th July 1942.
- (J) Direct.
- (K) 21 knots.
- (L) 1445 Wednesday 15th July.
- (N) Direct.
- (O) Port Z A 2030 Wednesday 15th July.
- (W) Not more than 10 knots.
- (X) Experimental mark XX II One Star/Mark XVII 3 star
- (Y) 3
- (Z) As for single line ship in Area B.

1720/7

Advance copy D.C. D.O.D.(H) D.D.I.C.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(H)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- D.of P.(2)
- D.O.D.(H)(2)
- D.A/S W.
- D.D.O.D.(H)
- D.C.(2)
- Head of H.
- D.N.I.(4)
- D.D.I.C.(2)
- D.of P.(Q)
- D.S.D.
- Admiral Blake.
- I.P.(2)
- W.D.

JR.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Force. Contd. 2 enemy heavy ships and 6 destroyers sighted at 1045/7 off And Fiord. Stand by. (F.O.S. 1307B/7 to STURGEON, MINERVE.)
Make every endeavour to obtain uncorrupt version of aircraft 1 SF 1045 enemy report of 2PB. (D.C. 1345B/7 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Mosquito landed Vaenga. Report Narvik and Tromso nothing seen. 4 major units sighted leaving Arno 1045B with 8 destroyers, 3 E-Boats, one tanker, course 340°, as if to pass through Fugloy Sveet. Height 14 thousand feet. No cloud. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1543B/7 to A.I.G.47. F.O.S.)
Your 1126B/7 and 1239B/7. Please confirm in latitude and longitude position where warships were sighted. (D.D.I.C. 1604B/7 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
Your 1604/7. Cancel my 1239/7..My 1126/7 is correct, 070° 05' N 020° 33' E. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1749B/7 to A.I.G.47. (R) F.O.S.)

SCHARNHORST. Following report graded A.3 received begins: Crew of SCHARNHORST were recalled from shore training week ending 27/6 and ship again in commission. Ends.
Comment. This is probable. Ship may be nearly ready for trials. (D.D.I.C. 2257B/7 to C. in C. H.F. F.O.S.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Reliable fix and D/F bearings of probable U-Boat in 74° N 48° W. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1146B/7 to S.E. P.Q.17.)
Reliable fix and D/F bearings at 1011C of probable U-Boat, estimated position 071° 35' N 028° 20' E. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1310B/7 to Admty. S/Ms.)
Reliable fix and D/F bearings of probable U-Boat in 71° 50' N 48° 40' E at 1148/7. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1425B/7 to Admty. P.Q.17.)
Reliable fix and D/F bearings of probable U-Boat in 70° 42' N 31° 30' E at 1309/7. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1638B/7 to Admty. S/Ms.)
Reliable fix of probable U-Boat in 74° 6' N 46° E at 1720/7. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 2105B/7 to Admty. P.Q.17.)
Reliable fix and D/F bearings of probable U-Boat in 71° 30' N 39° 10' E at 1848C/7. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 2350B/7.)
Reliable fix and D/F bearing of U-Boat at 1857 G.M.T./7 in 71° 57' N 47° 45' E. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 2352B/7 to Admty. P.Q.17. Q.P.13.)

Navigational.

East Dudgeon. Commodore F.N.52 reports light on wreck buoy in 53° 29' N 00° 52' E extinguished also East Dudgeon Buoy approx. 5 cables to the Eastward of assigned position. (N.C.S.O. Methil 1150/7.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Technical.

Enemy Jamming of R.D.F. At 2245 R.D.F. interference by enemy jamming reported from all CD/CHL and CHL Stations. (V.A. Dover 2309B/7 and 1811B/8 to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

EDINBURGH (sunk 2/5/42.) Following survivors are on board: ex EDINBURGH 24 ratings, ex Polish S/M JASTRZAB 3 officers and 33 ratings.
JASTRZAB (S/M 551 sunk 2/5/42.) My P.C.S. at 1700B, 058° 20', 008° 32', 165°, 24 knots. E.T.A. 1000B/8. (GARLAND 1900B/7 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

S... P.P. 1909191

Shipping and Convoys.

Q.P.13. Arrival Reykjavik. HUSSAR, ROSELYS, ST. ELSTAN, EXTERMINATOR damaged. LADY MADELINE, AMERICAN ROBIN, MORMACREY, CITY OF OMAHA, R.H.LEE, YAKA, LANCASTER, NEMAHA, MAUNA KEA, STARI BOLSHIEVIK, CAPIRA, MICHIGAN, and EXTERMINATOR. EXTERMINATOR damaged. Seidisfiord. EMPIRE STEVENSON. Akureyri.

HEGINA, AMERICA PRESS. ALCOA BANNER reported at sea N.E. of Akureyri.

(A.C.I.C. 0507B/7.)

My 1430/6. Returned Reykjavik (EMPIRE BASCABEL and EMPIRE LARCH)

(A.C.I.C. 0802B/7.)

Your 2316B/6. Ships ordered to Reykjavik pass through positions 66° 40' N 18° 50' W, 66° 32' N 22° 46' W. (Vessels must pass within three miles of Straumnes light), 66° 24' N 23° 26' W. Commodore, Vice and Rear Commodores of Q.P.13 all went in Q.P.U. 13 and Captain J.Hiss of U.S. Flagship AMERICAN ROBIN became Commodore of Q.P.13. Captain Hiss had no knowledge of a minefield off N.W. Iceland until NIGER asked at 1710Z/5 if he did not intend to form convoy into two columns before passing between Straumnes and Minefield. Convoy had been in thick weather for over 48 hours. At 2000 convoy on course 222° altered to 270° on order from NIGER he reported sighting land believed to be North Cape bearing 150° true, distance one mile. At 2045 NIGER reported to Commodore that land sighted was an iceberg and suggested altering to original course. Action was taken to do this quickly but convoy was already in minefield and third ship in line was sunk at 2105 as two leading ships were altering course. Written report follows. (A.C.I.C. 2203B/7 to Admty.)

O.N.109. In view of my 2206/6 request you will check position of O.N.109 given in your 0225/7. (C. in C. W.A. 0840Z/7 to Connav.)

P.Q.17. My 1404B/6. BRAMBLE and SEAGULL sailed 0600B/7. CHRISTOPHER (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1024B/7 to S.B.N.O. North NEWPORT. Russia.) WILLIAM HOOPER sunk. AZERBAIDJAN damaged.

/Burnt...

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Shipping and Convoys - contd:-

P.Q.17. Burnt wreck 012 datum 123 no survivors.
CHRISTOPHER (A/C 1 SFJ 1045/7.)
NEWPORT. Burning ship 024, 148, 5 miles, inside Floe ice,
WILLIAM possibly survivors, visibility nil.
HOOPER sunk. (A/C IFSN 1515/7 to Murmansk W/T.)
AZERBAIDJAN 5 torpedo bombers made half-hearted attack at
damaged. 0450B/4th. CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT sunk. Further
Contd. determined attack by 24 torpedo bombers 2010B/4th.
WILLIAM HOOPER hit and subsequently sunk by our
forces. Either WASHINGTON or HARTLEBURY sunk
and tanker AZERBAIDJAN hit and set on fire. Fire got under
control and ship rejoined steaming 8½ knots. In this last
attack 3 enemy A/C destroyed.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1527B/7.)
DIANELLA arrived and will sail at 1900B today after refuelling
in accordance with para 4 of Admiralty's 1947B/6. N.T. W.D.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1609B/7.)
Ship reported by A/C on fire in 076° 12' N 036° 50' E inside ice
floe. Survivors possibly on board. Any ship in vicinity
investigate.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1856B/7 to Escorts P.Q.17.)
All destroyers of Escort of P.Q.17 were withdrawn to the Westward
with cruiser Covering Force on 4/7 and are returning to U.K.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1950/7 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
Some ships of P.Q.17 are reported to have arrived Cape Stolbovoi,
Novaya Zemlya. Am sending Catalina to report and am arranging
with Admiral Commanding? White Sea to escort them to Archangel.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2152B/7.)

H.G.85. Owing to fuel shortage left convoy at 0800B/7 in
GEORGETOWN. 048° 27' N 017° 16' W, course and speed 325° 7
knots. My P.C.S. at 1201B/7 049° 22' N 016° 22' W.
035°, 15 knots. Returning to base refuelling
Moville if necessary.
(GEORGETOWN 1212B/7.)

CAITHNESS. Arrival 7th CAITHNESS.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1222Z/7 to Admty.)

Q.P.13 U. Detach GARLAND to proceed to Greenock forthwith.
(C. in C. W.A. 1222B/7 to ACHATES.)
* See next page. 1 p. 169

EMPIRE SS. EMPIRE SPEY speed 8 knots with a special
SPEY. shipment of 6 Hurricanes will be ready to leave
Clyde for Gibraltar p.m. 13th July.
C. in C. W.A. is requested to provide necessary
escort and to route and sail ships as requisite.
(D.O.D. H. 1526B/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

A.T.17. A.T.17. A.M.1833/29. 1. Cancel reference to
D.S.30. SCOTT. 2. Convoy sailed in two parts. Amend
escort as follows:- A.T.17A. PHILADELPHIA,
TEXAS, BRISTOL, WOLSEY, EDISON, LUDLOW, HAMBLETON,
RODMAN. A.T.17B. BUCK, EMMONS and MACOMB. *S...*

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

A.T.17. 3. Route from Halifax. Details.
 D.S.30. 4. M.O.M.P. for A.T.17B with D.S.30 at 0220Z/11
 Contd. is 56° 54' N 19° 45' W.
 5. Position of A.T.17B at 0000Z/7: 45° 57' N
 55° 05' W.
 (D.O.D. (H.) 1841B/7.)
 Time of M.O.M.P. etc. (D.O.D. (H.) 1844/7)
 See America and West Indies.

R/V of
 Iceland
 Escort
 Units.

Considerable difficulty being experienced by
 Iceland escort units in effecting R/V during
 unfavourable weather with both eastbound and
 westbound convoys. Canadian and U.S. units not
 yet equipped with H/F D/F hence R/V by using
 subject equipment not always practicable. Until
 such time all units have H/F D/F recommend
 Commander Midocean escort units signal Commander Iceland escort
 units by H/F Radio via Whitehall the position course and speed
 of convoys 16 hours prior to scheduled time of arrival Icomp.
 (Comtask 24. 2245Z/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

* E.T.A. 100B/8. P.C.S. of Q.P.13U at 1400B/7
 62° 2' N 9° 44' W, 144° 8 knots.
 (GARLAND 1900B/7 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.) *See p/189 9190*

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

Spitfires for Malta. SS. EMPIRE DARWIN, EMPIRE KESTREL and EMPIRE TERN in O.G.86 due Gibraltar 14/7 carry 22, 4 and 6 Spitfires respectively for Malta.
2. Request you will arrange for them to be flown off from EAGLE as early as practicable, reporting your intentions. 3. Para. 2 and 3 of A.M. 1308/2 will apply for this operation also. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1302B/7 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) V.A. Malta, etc.)
A.M. 1302/7. Code word for this operation is "Insect". (D.O.D.(F) 1814/7).

PARTHIAN. My 1036/5 PARTHIAN delayed 24 hours will now pass? 038° 15' N. 009° 00' E. at 0001B/15. (F.O.C.N.A. 1336B/7 to V.A. Malta (R) Admty. F.O.S.)
My 1638/5 PARTHIAN delayed 24 hours. Amend all dates accordingly. (F.O.C.N.A. 1340B/7 to 8 S/M Flot.)

TORVANGER survivors. Portuguese Naval Authorities report 2 boats containing 17 survivors Norwegian Tanker TORVANGER arrived Horta. 1 boat with 16 survivors including Captain missing. Portuguese Destroyer TEJO and A/C have been ordered to search W. of Azores. (N.A. Lisbon, 1510B/7 to S.O.I. Gib. (R) Admty.) (F.O.C.N.A. 2331B/7 to S. and A., N.A. Stn.)

LLANGIBBY CASTLE. My 2316A of 18/1. Re internment of boatswain, wounded and landed at Horta. (Head of M., Approved A.C.N.S. (F) 1714B/7 to N.A. Lisbon.)

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*P.43.
P.44.
* *Sup. 197*
Your 1212/6. Intend sailing P.42 p.m./9 and P.44 p.m./10 for Malta, crossing 09° E. P.42 in 038° 02' N. at 1300B/16 and P.44 in 038° 08' N. at 0001B/18. S. of A. 100 miles per day. Both S/Ms have route through Q.B.B. 255 and V.A. Malta 1246/21/6. V.A. Malta is requested to signal onward route. Date of sailing P.43 will be signalled later. (F.O.C.N.A. 1736B/7 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. F.O.S., V.A. Malta, Capt. S.1, Capt. S.10, F.O.C. 15 C.S., S.O. S/Ms. Malta).

Toulon R/C. F.O.C.N.A. 1923B/7. See Mediterranean.

French shipping. Passing Gibraltar 0740/7. See D.O.R. 8/7.

U/B. Transit A/C reports S/M on surface in 044° 23' N. 009° 00' W. course 212°, travelling fast then crash dived. (F.O.C.N.A. 1929B/7 to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) Admty. S. & A. N.A.S.)

/TORVANGER.....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic-Contd.

TORVANGER,
survivors.

Report received from Portuguese Naval Authorities that boat with survivors from Norwegian Tanker TORVANGER arrived Horta. One boat with 16 survivors missing.
(2) Aircraft and Portuguese Destroyer TEJO ordered to search West of Azores. (F.O.C.N.A. 2331B/7 to S. and A. N.A. Station.)
W.D. Note.- 16 survivors already landed, see Admty. 1452/8.

South Atlantic.

Oil Patch.

Ops. Summary 6/7/42. 1 Hudson L.200 A/B 1552 - 2157 A/S escort O.S.32. Oil patch sighted at 1945 at 11.20 N., 18.27 W. 4 miles astern and to port of C/V. Reported to E/V which proceeded to investigate. At 2010 E/V was circling oil patch. (A.H.Q. W.Africa, 0759Z/7).

W.S.19P
(fast).

Sailed MAURITIUS escorting W.S.19P fast portion, changing to group N.U. W/T organization at 0245Z/9 and to group V at 0245Z/12.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 0944Z/7 to S.O.I. Colombo, Admty. etc.) See also 1523/7.

Durban portion Fast Convoy W.S.19P. sailed 7/7. Personnel on board VICEROY OF INDIA, CHRISTOBAL. E.T.A. Aden p.m./17. (D.S.T.O. Durban 1616B/7 to D.S.T.O. Aden.)
WARWICK CASTLE in Durban portion fast convoy W.S.19 P sailed 7/7 for Mombasa. Personnel on board. E.T.A. Mombasa p.m./14. (D.S.T.O. Durban 1618B/7 to D.S.T.O. Mombasa).
W.D. Note.- D.O.R. 8/7 refers to this fast portion of W.S.19P. as "W.S.19.L."

EXPRESS.
DE WEERT.

Overdue Shipping. EXPRESS due Capetown 1/7 from Bombay and DE WEERT due Durban 1/7 from Kilindini not arrived. (S.O.I. Capetown 1115B/7 to Admty. etc.)

OKLAHOMAN
sunk.

U.S. OKLAHOMAN sank in tow today off Robben Island after grounding near Dassen Island in dense fog. Entire crew landed Capetown. (S.O.I. Capetown 1134B/7 to Admty. etc.)

/Diversion.....

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic-Contd.

- Diversions of Shipping. Ref. A.M. 1608/1, para. 3; Consider allowance for current is best made by plotting Staffs on shore as allowance must vary throughout voyage. The current therefore should be taken into consideration when reporting an E.T.A. but not when reporting speed of ship. (C. in C.S.A. 1142 B/7 to Admty.) Concur Admty. 1531/8.
- EMPRESS OF CANADA. H.M.T. EMPRESS OF CANADA sailed 5/7. E.T.A. Free-town 14/7. Requirements. Accommodation. (S.S.T.O. Capetown 1402Z/7 to Admty.)
- MUNDRA. DUNDRUM CASTLE arrived today with 62 survivors as follows:-
GOVIKEN. 37 Officers and Crew and 1 Passenger ex MUNDRA
DE WEERT. sunk by S/M gunfire and torpedo, 28° 45' S.
EKNAREN. 32° 20' E. at 2300/6. All C.Bs sank with ship
Also ex MUNDRA 9 Indian passengers for HISTORIAN and 9 Indian Passengers for Asiatic Company.
Ex GOVIKEN 3 Officers and Crew sunk by torpedo in 13° 25' S., 41° 13' E. at 2000Z/29/6. All C.Bs thrown overboard in weighted bag and seen to sink.
Ex DE WEERT (Dutch) 1 Officer and 1 Crew attacked by Gunfire from S/M in 25° 12' S., 35° 36' E. at 0359Z/1. Ship was abandoned on fire and reported afloat on 2/7. C.Bs were left in draw of berth in Master's Cabin burning furiously.
Ex EKNAREN (Swedish). 1 Officer. Details will follow as soon as procured. (N.C.S.O. Durban 1413Z/7 to Admty. S.O.I. Capetown, S.O.I. Kilindini.)
- QUEEN MARY. W.S.19W. sailed 7/7. E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro a.m./12. Requirements. (S.T.O. Capetown 1507Z/7 to D.S.T., B.A.D. etc.)
- HEEMSKERCK Sailed Neth. light Cruiser HEEMSKERCK to join W.S.19P fast at 0600Z/8 and to Diego Suarez. Shifting to W.T. organization N.U. at 0245Z/9. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1523Z/7 to Admty. etc.)
- Transports, Durban. Position 7/7 KINGSWOOD (A) Sailed for Aden. ORCADES (A) sailed for Capetown. Fast portion W.S.19 consisting of WARWICK CASTLE (A) Sailed for Kilindini. VICEROY OF INDIA and CHRISTOBAL (A) Sailed for Aden. OCEAN VALLEY and EMPIRE TROOPER (A) Arrived waiting berth. TESTBAN (A) Arrived 3/7 waiting berth. (D.S.T.O. Durban 1525Z/7 to D.S.T.)
- DECOY. Sailed (? DECOY) routed as my 1031/2 S. of A. 18 knots. E.T.A. Kilindini 0600Z/12. Shifting to W/T organization V at 1415Z/10. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1531Z/7 to Admty., C. in C.E.F. etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic-Contd.

St. Paul
Island.

A report graded C.4. suggests St. Paul Island is being used by Japanese Unit. (S.O.I. Capetown 1532B/7 to Admty. D.N.I., C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F.)
N.I.D. Comment. Already suggested that Japanese Whale Factory ships, such as 20,000 ton TONAN MARU class, may be acting as S/M supply ships and working from a secret base in extreme south of Indian Ocean. These ships are reported (B.3) to have been experimenting with aircraft and midget S/MS. before the war, the latter being launched through the large ports in the stern.

COWSLIP.
HYDRANGEA.

My 2127Z/6 COWSLIP, HYDRANGEA have been ordered to return to Freetown. (R.A.W.A. 1815Z/7 to B.A.D.)

Request for
Escort
Forces.

Your 1631/4. The amended routing policy proposed in A.M. 1740/4 should obviate this danger in your area. 2. Regretted that early reinforcement of your escort forces is not at present practicable. DERWENT must remain with Force "F" and has been allocated to Mediterranean as soon as she can be released.
3. Agreed with F.N.F.L. that LEOPARD should proceed to Pacific and COMMANDANT DUBOC to Mediterranean. (D.O.D.(F) 1834B/7 to R.A.W.A.F. (R) C. in C.S.A.)

Union
Naval
Services.

My 0653/29/6 (0853/29 intended) Captain J. Dalgleish Director, Seaward Defence Forces, has been appointed Director Union of Naval Services*(D.U.N.S.) with effect from 1/8/1942, on which date he will have seniority over all other full time members of U.N.S. (C. in C.S.A. 1842B/7 to Admty. (R) D.S.D.F.)

** Change of name, see 1203 B/19 page 570*

PANAGHIS.

Overdue shipping, Greek ship PANAGHIS due Montevideo 26/6 from Capetown has not arrived. (S.O.I. Montevideo 1943Z/7 to Admty.)

Convoy sailing
Telegrams.

Your 1326B/4. Request date of departure O.S. Convoy may be added. (R.A.W.A.F 2157Z/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

Floating
Dock.

Your 2239Z/6 and my 1815Z/7.
1. In view of shortage of escorts a definite sailing date is requested so soon as it can be reliably estimated.
2. Approx. 1000 tons of Admty. furnace oil and 400 tons of diesel will be required. (R.A.W.A. 2257Z/7 to B.A.D. (R) Admty.)

/M.A.R.I.....

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic-Contd.M.A.R.I.
Shipping
Routes.

Your 1740A/4. Reasons for present routing policy are appreciated and proposal for Northernmost point of dividing line fully satisfactory to me. If you prefer to extend dividing line further North position proposed in my 1001/4 equally acceptable. Concur M.A.R.I. Sec. 4 Par. II be suspended. (R.A.W.A.F. 2337Z/7 to Admty., Personal to A.C.N.S. (T))

Mediterranean.Alexandria
Movements.

6/7.
Arrival Caique ST. JOHN, HURWORTH, DULVERTON, M.L. 549, departure ABA. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria 0726C/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

MATCHLESS.
BADSWORTH.
ORARI.
TROILUS.

Your 1616/5. Under consideration to remove all these ships under cover of operation mentioned in my 0038/26/6 (N.T. in W.D.)
MATCHLESS and BADSWORTH should not, therefore, be sailed until further orders.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1006B/7 to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A.)

Port Said
Movements.

6/7 Port Said.Arr: AGIOS GEORGIOS, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT, MALINES, ERICA, DELPHINIUM, SKUDD 5, FALK, Z Lighter 27, JERVIS, EXMOOR, Deps. EXMOOR, JERVIS, SEAHAM, PRIMULA, SOUTHERN ISLE, CUMBRAE, WHITEHAVEN, ERIDGE, BEAUFORT.
(Port Said 1018C/7 to Admty.)

Beirut
Movements.

6th, departure 2001 HYACINTH, WOLBOROUGH.
(S.O.I. Beirut 1112C/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Vichy Force,
Toulon.

Admty. 1534/6. Request you will arrange Pru of (?Toulon).
(C. in C. Med. 1147C/7 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)
C. in C. Med. 1147. This is outside range from Gibraltar. Please arrange.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1923B/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

HERO.
HEEMSKERCK.

C. in C.E.F. 1221/6. I am prepared to exchange HERO for HEEMSKERCK provided latter can operate in Mediterranean as well as Red Sea. Request this may be confirmed.
(C. in C. Med. 1149C/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

/MAURO.....

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean-Contd.MAURO CROCE
(Italian.)? Arrived.
(Barcelona 1215/7 to M.W.T.)

TRITON.

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 My 1252/6 to C. in C. Med. For PAPANICOLIS read TRITON who should pass through approx. 032° 31' N. 31° 57' E. about 2100C/9.
(Capt. S.10, 1216C/7 to TAKU (R) C. in C. Med.etc.)
S/Ms
Haifa.

My 1232/6. All ships encountered in Haifa submarine sanctuary are to be considered (as received). U-Boat definitely identified as hostile being only exception. (Capt. S.10 1221C/7 to S/Ms on patrol).

S/Ms to
Return to
Malta.

Your 1811/6 (N.T. in W.D.) paras. 2 and 3 approved. My 1212/6 (N.T. in W.R.) and my 1520/6 refer. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to arrange docking of P.43 and P.46 at Gibraltar.

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 (2) Conditions at Port Said are at present unsuitable for resting crews. UNA and P.35 are therefore being sailed Haifa 7th and 10th respectively on completion of docking and defects. (3) Para. 4, approved for you to remain at Haifa for the present. Air passage will be arranged. (C. in C.Med., 1315C/7 to S.10, (R) V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A. S.8, S.1. C.S.15, S.N.O. Levant Area, N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, (Haifa)).
Turkey,
Situation.
 1. (? In anticipation of) fall Sevastapol Turks (?decided to) reinforce Zonguldak Sinop Hopa and other Black Sea Ports to counteract (?any) German attempt on Batum from rear.
3. Secretary General, Foreign Ministry, reiterated to Ambassador Turkish determination to fight if attacked (? however) adverse conditions may be. (M.A. Ankara, 1445/7 to C. in C. India (R) W.O. C. in C.M.E.)
Situation
Report
230.
 Air raids. Night 5/6, 4 A/C minelaying raid Suez Bay. Night 6/7, 6 to 10 A/C mined and bombed Gulf of Suez South of Newport Channel. 1 A/C destroyed and 1 probably by night fighters.
2. Levant. Norwegian SS. HERO torpedoed and sunk by U/B at 0600C/6 in 032° 23' N. 034° 35' E. Ship in convoy from Haifa to Port Said. (C. in C. Med. 1647C/7 to Admty.)
Malta Air
Report.

I.426. 7th. 2 alerts. 0441, 20 ME. 109s, Macchi 202s., 5 Ju. 88s., Luqa, 1 Beaufort destroyed, 2 Me. 109s. 1 Ju.88 damaged by 17 Spitfires, 3 Spitfires shot down, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, 1 pilot uninjured, 3 wounded baled out all rescued. 0847, 18 Me. 109s., 3 Ju. 88s, Luqa, no damage, 5 Me. 109s. destroyed, 3 Ju.88s. 1 Me. 109 damaged by 20 Spitfires, 2 Spitfires shot down, pilots rescued, 1 wounded, 2 Spitfires damaged, 1 pilot wounded. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1750/7).

/Air....

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Air R/C.

Photographs a.m./7. Messina. 8 inch cruisers BOLZANO and GORIZIA, 6 destroyers, 3 Torpedo Boats, 2 M.A.S. and 2 laden merchant ships of 9,000 tons with M/T on deck. Palermo. 3 destroyers, 3 E-Boats, 13 F-Boats and 3 on stocks. Trapani. 1 S/M and 4 M.A.S. Augusta. 3 E-boats. Photograph immediately Benghazi. The 3 merchant ships recently arrived are now unloading and undamaged. (V.A. Malta, 1913C/7 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. F.O.C.N. A. S.O.I. Med.)

HOOGKERK.

Admty. 1555/12/6 instructed HOOGKERK should reach Suez soon as possible. P.S.T.O. Simonstown in his (?) 43/6 reports she left Lourenco Marques 21/6 for Karachi. E.T.A. 5/7. (2) It is of operational importance that this ship arrive Suez earliest possible. Request information regarding her present position. (3) P.S.T.O. India is requested to despatch her to Aden for orders if she has already arrived India. S.T.O. Mombasa pass to D.C. in C.E.F., F.O.I.C. Ceylon pass to C. in C.E.F. (P.S.T.O. Egypt, 1959C/7 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)

U/B
TURBULENT.

U/B reported by A/C, P.C. and S. 034° 16' 022° 22' 180° 10 at 2048/7. (S.O. 1 S.F. Alex, 2155C/7 to TURBULENT).

Canal
Mining.

Mining situation in Canal Area 2100/7.
(A) Sweeping and diving operations in Canal carried out during day. 1 mine destroyed by divers at Kilo 84.4 but area still considered dangerous.
9 U.X.M.s remain.
(B) Suez Bay, sweeping carried out but 2 U.X.Ms remain.
(C) Gulf of Suez. 1 U.X.M., possibly mines laid well south of Swept Channel. Canal closed. Approaches open.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 2207C/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

Cositrep
No. 441.

5. Air. Night 6/7, Liberators bombed shipping Benghazi Harbour. 1 ship alongside mole hit and blew up with violent explosion followed by clouds of black smoke. Presumed destroyed. Near misses 3 other ships. Other bombs on moles and converted wrecks used as landing stages. Wellingtons bombed tank repair shops and Harbour installations at Tobruk, starting 5 large fires with explosions. (C. in C.M.E. 2315/7).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

AGAPENOR Following incompletely received. AAAA 15° 04' S.
A/C Report. 42° 55' E. (Portion missed) Suspicious plane
 (Portion missed) T O R DE Z S C (Slankop W/T)
 0340 G.M.T./7.
 (AGAPENOR, to T.O.O./7 Recd. 0640/7).

Following received AAAA 15.04 S., 42.55 (Portion missed) plane
(portion missed) ship and dropping flares (portion missed)
G.M.T. T.O.R. DE Z S D (Jacobs W/T) 0212 G.M.T./7 T.O.R.0631/7.
(Slankop W/T to T.O.O./7 Recd. 0658/7).

Mayotta Arrival M/V TAYARI 0300Z/6 departure for Diego
Island. Suarez with Political evacuees 0700Z/7.
 DAUNTLESS leaves for Diego Suarez 1200Z/7.
 (DAUNTLESS, 0703Z/7, to Admty etc.).

U.S.Pacific Following for C.in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet.(Begins)
Fleet, I am most grateful to you for your 0221/3/7
information. (N.T.in W.R.) which contained very valuable
 information that will be of great use to me in
 the training of the Eastern Fleet. I look
 forward to the day when I shall be able to
 (?reciprocate) with a similar report of our own
 activities.
 (D.C.in C. E.F., 0920Z/7 to Admty).

Scale of Ref: my 33807 of 26/6. Grateful for early
attack, reply re scale of attack for East African Coast.
E.Africa. This is essential for joint service planning
 committee now reviewing general defence problems
 in this cmd.
 (G.O.C.in C. E.A., 1045/7 to W.O.)
 Reply: 2300/8.

Enemy My 1301Z/6. Bearing of same unit from
Unit. Trincomalee at 0134Z/6 was 062°. Possible that
 unit was flying boat.
 (C.in C.E.F., 1102Z/7 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon, A.C.
 N.B.M.).

Programme Your 0612 4th approved.
for MANXMAN. (C.in C.E.F., 1107Z/7 to F.O. Ceylon (R) Admty).

COLOMBIA B.S.O. 0420/2 not to all addressees. Concur
O.19. that COLOMBIA should proceed to Colombo then Kilindini
 with O.19. She could escort other S/Ms if ready
 until West of Maldive Is. Depy. C.in C. E.F's
 1503/24 refers.
 (C.in C., E.F., 1128Z/7, to F.O. Ceylon (R)
 Cdre. R.I.N., B.S.O. Admty S.4).

? R/V. ...

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? R/V.

My (?2338/3. Amend R/V to new position 020° 19' S..083° 36' E. at 0330Z/19. M.L.A. 119° 11.5 knots. (D.C.in C. E.F., 1442Z/7, to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) N.C.S.O. Colombo, GAMBIA, A.C.N.B., etc.). W.R. Note - Circulation for information, former quoted not received.

Diego Garcia.

Admty 2034A/4/9, 1941, to C.in C. E.I., and 1832/11/11 1941, to C.in C. China, repeated C.in C. E.I.

2. War Office report that 6" gun battery at Diego Garcia has no fire control.

3. Fire control gear for this and other batteries was despatched from U.K. and items should have arrived Colombo in separate ships between end December, 1941, and mid-February 1942.

4. Request confirmation that fire control can now be supplied to Diego Garcia.

(D. of L.D. 1657B/7, to F.O. Ceylon (R) D.C.in C. E.F.).

Confirmed (F.O. Ceylon 0729/20).

KIOTO VAN OUTHORN.

KIOTO with stores ex MORETON BAY and further supplies for 22nd. East Africa will sail 8/7. VAN OUTHORN (corrupt group) with operation "Shutout" KIOTO and personnel for 22nd. BRIGADE will sail 10/7. Request quick turn-round for VAN OUTHORN.

(L.O. Mombasa, 1701Z/7, to S.T.O. Diego Suarez, (R) Force Nairobi, D. of S.T., D.C.in C. E.F.).

Diego Suarez, loop crossing.

At 2016C controlled mines base blew up mine loop after detecting crossing. Guard loop was under repair therefore failed to register. ?(Surface) ? (search) will be organised at daylight. (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 1900Z/7 to D.C.in C. E.F. (R) GUARDIAN, DAUNTLESS, 121 Force).

ORADELL.

Your 0851Z/4. According to N.C.S.O. Aden 1517Z/4 ORADELL arrived Aden 4/7. (C.in C.E.F., 1930Z/7, to F.O.C.R.I.N., (R)Admty).

Ship Torpedoed.

Following has been received. Portions missed. S/M attack signal. 17.12 S. 42° X331 Torpedoed. (Simonstown, T.O.R. 2140 G.M.T./7). Following has been read. 2310 G.M.T. Q.S.A.2. S.S.S.S. 17° 12' S. 42° unread E. (Colombo W/T, 2315Z/7).

BRITISH COURAGE.

Have you any news of BRITISH COURAGE due Abadan 26/6 from Sydney N.S.W.?. (D.T.D., 2357B/7, to N.C.S.O. Abadan (R) S.O.I. Colombo).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

A/S Search. Part 2 A.432. 6/7. 2 Hudsons 119 BR. Sqn. on patrol 1930 and 2010 landed Mont Joli 2305 and 2345 on search for U-Boat which attacked convoy Q.S. 15 at 0500 at 49.12 N., 66.40 W., nothing sighted.
(A.O.C., E.A.C., Halifax, 0625/7).

Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 7/7.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
ARCHER with U.S. Escort	36° N. 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	317°	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
MILFORD	11° S. 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	210°	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Convoy C.T.19	53° N. 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	237°	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Convoy A.T.17	52° N. 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	054°	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Convoy A.T.17B	49° N. 49° W.	040°	14 $\frac{1}{2}$

(D.O.D.(F), 0910Z/7, to Opnav (R) Commaveu).

Overdue Ships. My 1657/5 Dutch JUNO overdue ship arrived 5th. My 1121/30 PAN EL ESTERO U.S.POTLACH overdue first ship arrived.
B.A.D. pass to Connav.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1036R/7, to Admty etc.).

M.A.R.I. Amendment No. 36.
(D.T.D., 1130B/7, to C.in C. A.W.I., etc).

RUTH (sunk 28/6). S.S. RUTH (U.S.) Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore via Trinidad torpedoed and sunk 2255Z/28/6 in 021° 44' N. 074° 05' W. 4 survivors out of 39 crew and armed guard picked up by U.S. Ship CORRY 4/7/1942. Landed Port of Spain. No other survivors likely.
(F.O. Trinidad, 1202Q/7 to Admty).

U.S. and Warship Recognition. Reply to Cominch 1257/23/6 (N.T.in W.D.) (1st S.L., 1202Z/7 to Commaveu). See Lion Copy.

Ice Bulletin 6/7. C.T. 24, 1411Z/7, to Admty.

P. 554. My 1826/22. S/M P.554 will now proceed St.John's N.F. in accordance with A.T. 1720/3.
(B.A.M.R., 1416Z/7 to N.S.H.Q., Admty.).

/Oil ...

201A.

MOST SECRET

~~1202Z/7.~~ July.

MOST SECRET.

MESSAGE.

OUT.

Date. 7.7.42.

To COMNAVBU.

BY H.LND.

FROM: Admiralty.
AIDAC.

Recognition Signals

Personal from First Sea Lord.

With reference to Cominch 1257/23rd June, it has been proved that to rely solely on recognition signals is insufficient to avoid incidents at night between friendly ships. There have, moreover, been instances of enemy raiders off the West Coast of Africa evading our forces by making false recognition signals and in any case, since the enemy is normally aware that every other ship in his area is hostile, he is able to open fire without waiting as soon as he sees a challenge.

2. The Admiralty policy, therefore, is that all warships at sea should be aware of the movements of all friendly warships and all friendly merchant shipping in their vicinity, so that, in the event of an enemy ship appearing in their area, all warships would know what support was available, and should be able to take co-operative action, without waiting for instructions from the Commander-in-Chief or Flag Officer.

3. The volume of signal traffic is less by making one signal informing all ships in a limited area of the movements of all other ships in that area rather than by making a series of separate signals to individual ships who may come in contact with any particular unit.

This signal is made in re-cyphered cypher: the security is therefore unquestioned.

4. In order to meet Admiral King's wishes, orders have been given to the African command that in future no details of United States forces are to be included in this type of signal. Their position will be given and the units described as Friendly Naval Units.

1202Z/7.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L.(2)
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(F)(2)
- A.C.N.S.(T)
- Nav.Sec.
- N.A.1st S.L.
- P.A.S.(S)
- D.N.I.(5)
- D.O.D.(F)(2)
- D.C.(2)
- Hd.of M.
- D.of P.(2)

Sec.to 1st S.L.

- D.D.I.C.(2)
- D.T.D.(3)
- Admiral Blake.
- Admiral Bellairs.
- I.P.(2)
- V.D.

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Oil for Portuguese Fishing. My 1904B/20/6. N.A. Lisbon reports Cod Fishing Guild requests JOAO CORTE REAL may be supplied with 200 tons of gas-oil at St. John's Newfoundland. In view of Admiralty interest in assisting Portuguese cod fishing fleet, request you will give every assistance to facilitate early supply.
(Head of N. 1432B/7, to N.S.H.Q., (R) Opnav etc.).

NUEVA ANDALUCIA Other? half of NUEVA ANDALUCIA which grounded 22/3 is in good shape and it is expected will be towed to U.S.A.
(C.O.A.C., 1444Z/7, to Admty, (R) N.O.I.C.Montreal).

ONEIDA (overdue). My 1501/3. Ship arrived. B.A.D. Pass to Connav.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1534R/7, to Admty etc.).

ALCOA PATRIOT. Overdue Curacao, U.S. ALCOA PATRIOT. B.A.D. pass to Connav.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1536R/7, to Admty etc.).

? THOMAS MCKEAN Ship THOMAS MACKEAN U.S.A. sunk by S/M 0729 hours 29/6 23° N. 60° E. (? W. intended) 3 members of guns crew blown away by torpedo, 4 boats away with 56 persons 1 boat St.Kitts Miami with 2nd Mate, 2nd Engineer (?6) ships crew and 4 passengers in fair condition, 1 died in boat, no information other 3 boats with 43 other persons, last seen 30/6 and 1/7. Names of survivors in separate message.
(R.O. St.Kitts and Nevis, 1540/7, 0950/9 to Admty).

St. John Portions of Convoys. My 1502/23/6 for suffix (J) read suffix (F).
(N.S.H.Q., 1604/7 to Admty (R) C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.).

U.S. Dispositions. Serial 29, contained in Cominch 2057/6, informs of changes in locations given in his 2115/29/6.
Atlantic: Battleships. TEXAS left New York 1/7, WASHINGTON at sea. Carriers. RANGER at Trinidad.
Heavy Cruisers. WICHITA and TUSCALOOSA at sea, AUGUSTA at Trinidad. Light Cruisers. MILWAUKEE and JUNEAU at Trinidad, MEMPHIS at Recife, PHILADELPHIA left New York 1/7.
Pacific: Battleships NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, PENNSYLVANIA, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO and MARYLAND at San Francisco. Carriers. WASP left San Diego 1/7. SARATOGA left Pearl Harbour 6/7. Heavy Cruisers. QUINCY left San Diego 1/7. VINCENNES, MINNEAPOLIS, ASTORIA, NEW ORLEANS and SAN FRANCISCO left Pearl Harbour 6/7. Light Cruisers. SAN JUAN left San Diego 1/7, DETROIT ready 19/8, CONCORD at Guayaquil.

/S.Pacific ...

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U.S. Dispositions. Contd. S. Pacific: Heavy Cruisers. TRENTON left Bora Bora 5/7, BOISE at sea. S.W. Pacific: Heavy Cruisers. CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY and CANBERRA at Brisbane. Light Cruisers. HOBART at Brisbane, TROMP at Sydney. *See P. 207*
(Commaveu, No T.O.O. Recd. 1625/7).

AQUITANIA QUEEN ELIZABETH. A.M. 0001/11/6. AQUITANIA will be about 3 days late in leaving Capetown and S.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH about 6. C.in C. S.A., is requested to give Cominch more exact information when available.
(D.O.D. (F) 1659B/7 to Cominch, C.in C.S.A.).

Trinidad defences. A.T. Baffles completed at Point A Pierre. Baffle A from position 240° 780' from pier light in direction 012° for one cable. Baffle B from position 278° 1160' from pier light in direction 018° for one cable.
(F.O.I.C., Trinidad, 1662Q/7 to C.in C. A.W.I.(R) Admty etc.).

P.G. Convoys. Your 061851. If P.G. convoys will commence running within next 3 weeks request following ships at present bound for Montevideo may be diverted to Panama for onward convoy. CLAN MACPHERSON, CLAN COLQUHOUN, TJIMANOEK, STIRLINGVILLE and TRENTBANK.
(D.T.D., 1700Z/7, to Connav).

U/B Positions. 7/7 S/M estimate. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1714/7, 1723/7, 1741/7, 1747/7, 1752/7.)

WYOMING. Letter from member of crew WYOMING (French) dated 11/6 at Casablanca states ship due to sail shortly for unknown destination, not New York. (? C.in C. A.W.I., 1819B/7, to Admty etc.).

D.S. 30 A.T. 17B. A.M. 1819/28.
1. Sailing of SIBONEY and AORANGI from Halifax was delayed; they are now designated A.T.17B, and are being escorted by COMDESRON 13 in U.S. Destroyers BUCK with U.S. Destroyers EMMONS and MACOMB.
2. Position of A.T. 17B at 0000Z/7, 45.47 N. 55.05 W.
3. S.of A. 14.5 knots.
4. Amend time of M.O.M.P. with D.S.30 to 0220Z/11.
5. Request you will sail D.S. 30 as requisite in accordance with route given in C.in C. W.A.'s 1703Z/5.
6. C.in C. W.A.'s 1703Z/5 has been passed to C.T.F.37 and U.S. Destroyer BUCK.
(D.O.D. (H) 1844/7, to F.O.I.C. Greenock (R) C.T.F.37 BUCK C.O.A.C. etc.). *See P. 190 191*

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- U/B. Shore watcher sighted S/M 049° (58'?) N. 066° 23' W. at 17(?)10) Z/7.
(C.O.A.C., 1907Z/7 to Admty).
- M.A.C.R.I. lack of Charts. Following received from R.A. West Africa addressed Admiralty. (quotes 2131Z/6).
(D.T.D., 1914B/7, to Connav (R) N.S.H.Q.).
- P.G. and W.A.T. Convoys. Panama Guantanamo convoys have ? convoy terminus Guantanamo. W.A. (?T) and (?T) A.W. convoys will pass entrance Guantanamo during daylight to allow joining breakoff vessel to and from Panama.
Escort Cmdr. inform Commandant U.S. Naval Stn. Guantanamo 12 hours advance to avoid meeting in this area. (?T) A.W. until to eastward of Navassa Is. and in Windward Passage. W.A. (?T) to West ? of (?Brazil) in accordance with original plan. (C.C.S.F., 1951/7, to N.O.B. Trinidad, R.O. Key West, C.A.F.A.C.?, Commandant U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo, C.P.S.F., N.O.B. Key West, WARWICK, C.in C. U.S. Fleet, America ? Kingston.)
- VANOC. WITHERINGTON. (N.A. 13) ^{/N.T.W.D.} ^{/b.55} Your 2220/3 and Admty. 2349/2 VANOC and WITHERINGTON detailed. HX 199 will be escorted by 4 corvettes only.
(C.O.A.C., 2041Z/7, to N.S.H.Q., (R) Cominch etc.)
- U.S. Troops for Liberia. 99772. cipher (M.O.4.b.) Your G.O.110 cipher 11/3 and G.O.149 cipher 4/4. Can you give latest position regarding despatch or arrival U.S. troops for Liberia?
(W.O., 2045/7 to J.S.M. Washington).
- U-Boat Campaign. Serial 7 NORLANDIA U.S. Torpedoed sunk 4th Queenstown 019° 39' N. 069° 10' west.
CADMUS Norwegian torpedoed sunk 1/7 approx. 025° N. 090° W.
- ANGLO CANADIAN British, overdue Charleston since 1/7 reported sent distress 24/6 estimated 018° 00' N. 053° 00' W., no further information.
BAYARD, Norwegian, torpedoed sunk 6/7 029° 35' N. 088° 44' W.
UMTATA sunk by torpedo or mine while in tow escorted 7/7 025° 35' N. 080° 02' west.
WILLIAM H. MACHEN U.S. sunk in collision approx. 043° N. 070° W.
PAUL H. HARWOOD U.S. torpedoed 7/7 029° 24' N. 88° 32' W. reached Port Ellen.
(Connav, 2111/7, to Commaveu (R) N.S.H.Q., etc.) *See next page.*
- M.A.R.I. Instructions. Your 2156/6. (?2125Z/6 intended). Para. 4 (a). Suggestion was made merely as precaution against delay in your receipt of route signals.
As you are satisfied this will not occur, concur in your recommendation. Para 4 (b) a ship

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M.A.R.I. proceeding between a southern South American
Instructions. port and U.K. may well be routed.
Contd: (a) along meridian of 26° for part of her voyage
(b) at such an acute angle to meridian of 26° W.
that the date of crossing would be difficult to
calculate with accuracy
(c) so that her track crosses 26° W. more than once.
We should therefore like to accept your offer of concurrence.
Para 5 (a) and (b). Concur with your interpretation. Para. 6.
Concur in amendment. Your para 8. If relevant routes are to be
signalled suggest Connav takes over on crossing 26° W. or
preferably on crossing Equator, for reasons given under para. 4
(b) above. Your note reference para. 6., the wording in (a) is
intended to convey that Admty is responsible in British
strategic area north of 20° N. only. Propose to substitute
words "British strategic area north of 20° N". for words "area
east of the line described in Para 3 above and north of 20° N."
Instructions will be included to meet your wishes in case of
more than one chop date.
(D.T.D., 2113Z/7, to Connav). *Reply: Connav 2024/16.*

A/C attack S/M attacked by A/C in 050° 10' N. 066° 25' W.
on U/B. at 2100Z/7.
(C.O.A.C., 2117Z/7 to Admty).
My 2117Z/7th. Amend position to read 50° 04' N.
66° 12' W.
(C.O.A.C., 2206Z/7, to Admty).

Sub attack PAUL T HARWOOD torpedoed and arrived port 29.26 N.
and sighting 88.38 W. 0930Z/07.
summary. UMTATA attacked or mined and sunk 25.35 N. 80.02 W.
0700Z/7.
BAYARD 1 torpedo hit and sunk 29.35 N. 88.44 W.
1658Z/6.
NORLANDIA torpedoed and sunk about 19.39 N. 69.10
W. 0140Z/4.
CADMUS torpedoed and presumed sunk at estimated position 24.30 N.
89.40 W. July 1.
Plane sights sub 26.20 N. 79.13 W. 0237Z/7 attacks 26.26 N.
79.16 W. 0340Z/7.
Subs sighted 30.14 N. 87.27 W. 0825Z/7 and 14.08 N. 78.58 W. about
1637Z/7.
Surface vessel attacks sub 36.58 N. 75.30 W. 0015Z/7.
Surface vessel sights periscope about 41.22 N. 71.29 W. 1800Z/7.
Planes sight sub on surface 22.21 N. 97.46 W. at 1700 and 1750Z/6.
Plane sights submerging sub 12.07 N. 69.13 W. 1600Z/6.
Plane attacks moving oil slick 39.06 N. 74.34 W. 2110Z/5.
Request all submarine information between 20° N. and 20° S. and E.
of 30° W. be included in daily sub estimate for next 2 weeks.
B.A.D. and Opnav informed.
(Cominch, 2121/7 to Admty for O.I.C.). *See previous page.*

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- DINARIC (Q.S. 15). My 2224/6, DINARIC reported still afloat and salvage prospects good. (N.S.H.Q., 2131Z/7, to Admty C.in C., U.S.Fleet, C.O.A.C. etc.).
- T.A.W. 1. Convoy T.A.W. 1 E.T.A. east end of Old Bahama Channel, 1200Z/8. (HAVELOCK, 2135Z/7, to N.O.B. Guantanamo, Port Director Key West, (R) Connav).
- H.A. 2. cancelled. Cancel my 1610/7 (H.A. 2 due to sail 14/7). Owing to St. Lawrence situation no corvettes will be available and sailing of H.A. 2 is cancelled. (N.S.H.Q., 2205Z/7, to Admty (R) C.O.A.C., Connav, C.T.F. 24, F.O.N.F.).
- BRASTAGI (Overdue). Your 1442R/4 not to B.N.L.O. Balboa. Route given BRASTAGI was as follows: Tocopilla to (A) 018° 46' S. 070° 30' W. (B) 013° 51' 076° 40' (C) 012° 077° 57' (D) 008° 13' 079° 16' (E) 005° 40' 081° 44' (F) 001° 081° 18' (G) 001° N. 080° 10' (H) 005° 28' 077° 39' (J) 007° 20' 078° 47' (K) 008° 079° 30'. Left 1400 hours 25/6 speed 15. Would call attention that lighs are out on Peruvian coast. (S.O.I. Callao, 2240R/7, to S.O.(I) Jamaica (R) Admty, C.in C. A.W.I. B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. B.L.O. Balboa).
- Shipping Routes Trinidad, St. Thomas. This is repetition of Connav 072100 (begins). For the present vessels except those carrying urgent supplies shall not be routed independently between Trinidad and St. Thomas. Bauxite vessel normally proceeding independently from Surinam to St. Thomas may be routed independently to Trinidad unless convoy is established. (Connav, 2300Z/7, to C.C.S.F., etc.).

Australia and New Zealand.

- Dispositions. Main naval units S.W. Pacific 7/7. Brisbane, AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, HOBART, ALSEY, ATREUS, U.S.S. CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY, BAGLEY, HEMLEY, JARVIS PATTERSON, TULSA, and GRIFFIN. Sydney (N.S.W.)

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Dispositions U.S.S. DOBBIN, repairing, ADELAIDE, LE TRIOMPHANT,
Contd: U.S.S. FLUSSER, ARUNTA, U.S.S. VICTORIA.
Departure Sydney (N.S.W.) 4/7 for Fremantle,
MANOORA, WESTRALIA, and N.S. TROMP. 6/7 for
Brisbane U.S.S. SELFRIDGE. 7/7 for Melbourne, STUART. Due Sydney
(N.S.W.) 9/7 from Auckland, U.S.S. BLUE and TALBOT.
Departure Newcastle 6/7 on escort duty thence Sydney (N.S.W.)
U.S.S. PERKINS. Due departure Newcastle 7/7, U.S.S. MUGFORD.
Melbourne, repairing, VENDETTA U.S.S. GOLD STAR. To depart
Melbourne 7/7 for Sydney (N.S.W.) U.S.S. HELM.
Port Phillip, BUNGAREE. Fremantle, KANIMBLA, U.S.S. PHOENIX, CHILDS,
HERON, OTUS, LANAKIA, and ERLING BROVIG. Departure Fremantle
4/7 on escort duty, VOYAGER. Albany, U.S.S. HOLLAND.
Exmouth Gulf, U.S.S. PRESTON.
(A.C.N.B., 0830Z/7).

→ Movements. Arrival Port Phillip 2115Z/6. U.S.(D) HELM and
H.M.A.S. KALGOURLIE escorting C.O.8.
(A.C.N.B., 0937Z/7, to Admty etc.).

Situation. Serial 166 from G.H.Q. S.W. P. 6/7, 8000 tons
merchant ship sighted at Koepang Bay at 0415Z/6th.
2. Enemy R/C A/C over Nauru at 2330Z/4 and 0145Z/5.
3. 20 heavy bombers escorted by 10 zero approached Port Moresby
at approx. 0001Z/6 intercepted by our fighters, no raid developed.
1 Aircobra missing.
4. Air photograph Lae 4/7 discloses (?32) fighter 4 bombers on
aerodrome and 3 new jetties built in harbour since 26/6.
5. Enemy landing force now estimated at 2500. Lae, 1000 Salamoia.
6. Tulagi area bombed one Catalina at 1305Z/3.
7. Report of 6/7 indicates enemy naval strength in Guadal Canal,
Tulagi area, includes 4 cruisers, 4 destroyers, 5 small patrol
vessels, 4 large merchant ships, approx. 6 large motor speed
boats, at least 4 Kawanisi flying boats. Enemy force appear
principally active around Lunga (Guadal Island) where 3 warships,
4 merchant ships, 6 small craft, and 10 landing barges observed
by air R/C at 0630Z/6.
8. R/C by single enemy fighter over Horn Island at 0043Z/6.
9. 1 enemy S/M reported 5 miles off Sydney Head at 1250Z/6 and 1
in 036° (?50') S. 161° 15' E. at 2015Z/6.
10. Enemy light cruiser reported (?at anchor) off Sand Fly
Passage (Solomon Is.) on 22/6 now believed 2000 tons merchant
probably carrying troops, my Serial 159 para. 10 refers.
(A.C.N.B., 1308B/7, to Admty etc.).

Documents Your 1848/1 Para. 1. (1748/1 intended). A.S.R.8.
for Russians 4 distributed to Russian bases in Far East and
in Pacific. will be immediately promulgated to Wships (as
received) and shore stations in event of emergency
(Adm. Miles, 1749C/7 to Admty.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1416B/7, 1423/7).

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Home Commands.

KENYA returned to Scapa at 1035 from Patrol "Black". KENT is to return to Scapa fuelling at Hvalfiord en route; another cruiser is to be sailed from Iceland for Patrol "White" on 10/7.

STURGEON and MINERVE were recalled to Lerwick at 1319B today. At 2014B STURGEON was ordered to proceed with despatch to 64° 49' N. 9° 46' E.

C. in C.Home Fleet returned to Scapa this afternoon. The U.S. Ships returned to Iceland this morning.

Seven ships of Convoy P.Q.17 are said to have arrived in the White Sea though on 13/7 S.B.N.O. Archangel reported that only 4 had arrived there.

At 2340 today only 2 of the ships from Novaya Zemlya and 7 ships of the escort were still in company in approx. 72° 34' N. 49° 38' E, steering 270° along the ice edge.

Proposals were made today by C. in C.W.A. for speeding up of traffic in the Irish Sea whilst retaining a reasonable measure of protection. (Promulgated 10/7).

Enemy Air Operations.

The Tees- Tyneside area was attacked last night. Some industrial works were damaged at Middlesborough.

RATHLIN, rescue ship in P.Q.17 shot down a 4 engined F.W. which attacked her at 0145C today in 70° 28' N. 43° 55' E.

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Mining.

91 aircraft out of 143 detailed laid mines last night off the Frisian Is.

Enemy aircraft were engaged in minelaying last night in the Bristol Channel.

Mediterranean.

The enemy continued day and night air raids on Malta today: fighters shot down 6 of the enemy. Hal Far aerodrome is unserviceable.

Medium bombers attacked Messina last night 30 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations at Tobruk last night.

Traffic recommenced in the Suez Canal today, small convoys being swept each way in the southern section.
SS AQUITANIA with troops for Egypt arrived at Suez early this morning.

East Indies.

U.S. Naval Cargo Transport Ship. SS. ALCHIBA was sunk by a submarine at 1530Z today in approx. 15° 20' S. 42° 20' E. (in the Mozambique Channel).

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Policy.

North Atlantic dispositions. Disposition of operational units in North Atlantic. Area Iceland. WASHINGTON, RENOWN, KENT, NORFOLK, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA 4 U.S. Destroyers, 3 Destroyers Area Scapa. DUKE OF YORK, VICTORIOUS, CUMBERLAND, KENYA, LONDON, MANCHESTER, NIGERIA, 9 destroyers. Area Clyde. ARGUS, 3 Destroyers. Area Rosyth. DELHI. Area Gibraltar, EAGLE, CHARYBDIS. (D.O.D., (H), 0930Z/8 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet).

Flag of V.A.2.

Flag of V.A.2 will be transferred from VICTORIOUS to ANSON at 1830 today. (C, in C. H.F., 1739B/8).

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* See next page.

Movements.

GEORGETOWN

Proceed to port Z.A. and act under the orders of R.A.M. (C. in C. W.A., 0922B/8 to GEORGETOWN).

KENYA

Scapa arrival KENYA. (A.C.O.S., 1035/8).

RUBIS

F.O.(S) 1023/30 para. (D) From position T proceed by reverse of outward route to R/V escort for surface passage to Portsmouth in 180° Lizard Head ten miles at 0800/14. (Capt. S.5., 1151B/8 to RUBIS).

LONDON.

Scapa arrival C.S.1 in LONDON. (A.C.O.S., 1212/8).

13th M/S Flotilla.

13th M.S.F. are to be sailed for Plymouth on 10/7 to pass Sandhead buoy 2330/10 thence by searched channels to pass E A 5 Buoy at 0830/11 thence by Spithead and swept channels to destination. 2. Oropesa and S.A. Sweep of Q.Z.S. 151 and 117 is to be carried out on passage. (C. in C. Nore, 1214B/8 and 1826B/8 to F.O.I.C. Harwich).

CHALLENGER.

My orders are to join flag of C. in C. Eastern Fleet on completion of present survey. Expect to finish by a.m. (?11th). Request instructions. (CHALLENGER, 1230/8 to C. in C. W.A.)

STURGEON, MINERVE.

Recall STURGEON and MINERVE to Lerwick forthwith. (F.O.S., 1238B/8 to Capt. S.9).

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Movements.

STURGEON, (1) Leave patrol forthwith through position
MINERVE. (A) 067° 23' N., 005° 39' E. (B) 088° Out Skerries
Contd. 5 miles thence Lerwick.
(2) Proceed on surface at C.O's. discretion at
best speed compatible with fuel remaining.
(3) For security reasons you should not make E.T.A. signal
unless torpedo or depot ship assistance required.
(Capt. S.9., 1319B/8 to *STURGEON, MINERVE). * *See p. 213.*

ASHANTI, Hvalfiord arrivals ASHANTI, 0415, NORFOLK,
NORFOLK, WICHITA, TUSCALOOSA, 0900, WASHINGTON, SOMALI
WICHITA, 0945.
TUSCALOOSA, (A.C.I.C., 1245B/8 to C. in C. H.F.)
WASHINGTON,
SOMALI.

SOKOL. To welcome you back after your splendid exploits
in the Mediterranean. I hope you will all now
enjoy the leave and rest which your fine achieve-
ments so well deserve.
(F.O.S., 1249B/8 to SOKOL)

P.614, Kola Inlet arrivals ^{P.}614, ^{P.}615.
P.615. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1321B/8).

PHOEBE. My 0016/1. Request you will sail PHOEBE on 11/7
for Gibraltar and Freetown, routing north of
Ireland.
(D.O.D.(H), 1517/8 to C. in C. W.A.)

/INT. W.D.
CURACOA. My 1247/4 is amended as follows. After covering
E.N. 8 to Dunnet Head return to Firth of Forth
independently to escort FURIOUS sailing p.m./10
to Duncansby Head, thereafter making appropriate
R/V with W.S.8
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1531B /8 to CURACOA).

DUKE OF Scapa arrival. C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK
YORK. with *VICTORIOUS, CUMBERLAND, NIGERIA, FAULKNER,
VICTORIOUS, *FURY, OFFA, KEPPEL, LEDBURY, WILTON, INGLEFIELD,
CUMBERLAND, INTREPID, ICARUS, BLANKNEY, MIDDLETON,
NIGERIA. WHEATLAND, FORESIGHT.
(A.C.O.S., 1720/8). * *See previous page.*
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M.Ls. to Request you will sail M.Ls. 345, 449, 473, and 474
Tobermory. of the 22nd M.L.F. to Tobermory forthwith to
carry out A/S training.
Deficiency in arrangements for operation "Knocker"
must be accepted.
(D.D.O.D.(C), 1804B/8 to C. in C. W.A.)

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KING GEORGE V. Intend sailing KING GEORGE V for Scapa 1200B/10, S. of A 18 knots.
(2) 2 hour full-power trial will be carried out from vicinity of Cape Wrath.
(3) Escort MARTIN, MARNE, ESCAPADE.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1808B/8).

SUFFOLK. Intend sailing SUFFOLK for Scapa. at 0400/11. E.T.A. point of arrival 1600/11.
(N.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1810/8).

P.37 Cancel my 1637. ^{/N.T.N.W.D.} Proceed in execution of previous orders.
(F.O.S., 1839B/8 to P.37).

MAYRANT. Hvalfjord arrival U.S. Destroyers MAYRANT, RHIND, N.M.S. ECLIPSE at 2030B/8.
RHIND. (A.C.I.C., 1901B/8).

Operations

IRIS F.O.I.C. Greenock's 1544B/6. ^{/N.T.N.W.D.} Sailed IRIS.
(Cable-repair). (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 0723B/8).

Straits of Dover. Track E.11 D.3., Trawler-size and one slightly larger from 5 miles N.E. of Calais at 0013
Own and Westbound, speed 7 knots, faded 3 miles N. of
Enemy Coastal Batteries Boulogne at 0350. Weather unsuitable for coastal
in action. craft. South Foreland 9.2 batteries fired 33
rounds at these vessels.
Enemy batteries at Gris Nez and Calais fired 16 rounds in the South Foreland Area.
Little damage. Casualties reported, army 2 killed, 6 wounded.
(V.A. Dover, 0913B/8).

Denmark Straits Patrol. KENT. sailed to resume patrol "White" after refuelling at 0830/8.
(A.C.I.C., 1100B/8 to C. in C. H.F.)
KENT is to leave patrol "White" and return to Hvalfiord and, after fuelling, proceed to Scapa.
(2) Comtask 99 is requested to sail a cruiser for patrol "White" on 10/7.
(C. in C. H.F., 1724B/8).

N.W. Norway S/M Patrol. Capt. (S) 9's 0645/7. Cancel paras. (5) and (?7)) and substitute, (A) S/Ms are to proceed on surface at C.O. discretion at best speed compatible with fuel remaining. (B) For Security reasons S/Ms are not to make E.T.A. signal unless torpedoes or depot ship assistance for repairs are required.
(F.O.S., 1113B/8 to S/Ms).

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Coastal Sweep. CALPE, BLEASDALE, M.T.Bs. 51 and 53 will carry out sweep of enemy coastal route tonight. Route Beachy Head 0001, St. Valery en Caux, Dieppe, Beachy Head 0600.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1437/8).
Cancel my 1437/8.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1832/8).

STURGEON Patrol. Proceed with despatch to 064° 49' N., 009° 46' E. (F.O.S., 2014B/8 to STURGEON).

British Air Activity.

R/C of Toulon. Request R/C of Toulon at an early date. (D.D.I.C., 0020B/8 to H.Q.C.C.)

A/C in North Russia. N/DA unable to operate further owing to inspection due. Request permission to evacuate to U.K.* Despatch two further Catalinas to Sullom Voe, retaining two in Russia.
(H.Q.C.C., 1200B/8 to Party A).
Catalinas on passage from Russia to U.K. are not to attack submarines.
(H.Q.C.C., 2330B/8 to Party A). *(Potier Murmansk 0500B/8). Search for P.Q.17 - See Shipping.

Dinghy and A/C crew. Am over a dinghy in 45° 22' N., 7° 1' W. containing 6 live aircrew.
(A/C B.8 M. 1, 0825/8).
Proceed forthwith on surface at your discretion to assist A/C dinghy in 45° 22', 07° 01'. H.Q.C.C. is requested to arrange total bombing restrictions 35 miles either side of line joining 45° 20', 12° 30' and above position forthwith until further notice.
(F.O.S., 1637B/8 to P.37).

"Knocker". American A/C may be sighted in formation or flying independently from Iceland to Stornoway and U.K.
(C. in C. W.A., 0946B/8 to Escorts U.R.32).

Exercise with CARDIFF. Para. 5 of my 1439/3. In the event of a direct hit CARDIFF may receive some superficial damage. Personnel on board should be as few as possible. All should be stationed as far aft as circumstances permit and preferably at least two decks down and under as substantial cover as possible. Essential navigating personnel should be given protection by the use of protective mattresses or other suitable methods. A/C should be instructed to exercise care not to effect direct hits on CARDIFF.
(Controller, 1315B/8 to CARDIFF, (R) R.A.N.A.S.)

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British Air Activity - Contd.

A/C crashed. Trawler IBIS reports observing A/C crash 7 miles S. of Church Island at 0340 today. A/C caught fire on striking water and no bodies could be found. Parts bearing British markings were salvaged by trawler and have been taken charge of by Police at Tobermory.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1600B/8).

Experimental flying by Me. 111. One Me. 111 bearing British prototypes and experimental camouflage colour and German markings will be flying in the vicinity Duxford for filming purposes on 11/7. All crews, local observers, and defences to be warned.
(H.Q.F.C., 1600/8 to Air Groups).

Bombing restrictions. Request total bombing restriction 30 miles either side of a line joining 067°30' N., 010° 01' E., and 064° 02' N., 009° 59' E.
(F.O.S., 2156B/8 to H.Q.C.C.)
See also F.O.S. 1637B/8 on previous page.

Enemy Air Activity.

? 71.02 N., 44.26 E., LNG 44.26 E. Dive bombed.
(From ?, T.O.R., 0153/8).

Jan Mayen. From Jan Mayen. A/C heard 0510 Westerly direction. Weather foggy.
(A.C.I.C., 1159B/8 to Admty).

Attack on F.S.248 7 /7. Following is a repetition of my 1523/7/7 to 13 Group Repeated H.Q.F.C. begins:- VERDUN escorting convoy F.S.248 reports one Ju.88 engaged at 0202/7/7 and considered hit. Aircraft not seen to crash but glow observed on water 3 minutes later in approx. 54° 44' N., 00° 42' W. Ends. VERDUN now reports that master of SS. HARLAW in same convoy confirmed aircraft was hit and red glow seen in water shortly afterwards. 13 Group in telephone conversation with S.O.(I) Rosyth at 1915/7/7 stated they had reason to believe that all enemy aircraft which were in that vicinity at the time returned safely to their bases.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 2203B/8).

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Mining.

Thames Estuary. S.A. and L.L. sweep was carried out yesterday from S. Edinburgh No. 2 Buoy to South Knock Buoy and return passing through following positions. 5 Ground mines were detonated. L.3 Buoy was 229° 3.3 cables from charted position. L.4 Buoy is missing from station. L.5 buoy appeared to be about 4 cables westwards of its charted position. South Knock Buoy appeared to be to the northward of charted position. Middle Knock Buoy was missing from station. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1040/8).

Q.T.1 Operation Q.T.1 para. 4. (5) laying by force E
Q.L.1 A. is to be in direction 108° from 052° 00' 24" N.,
004° E. and is to be referred to as operation
Q.L. 1 A.
(C. in C. Nore, 1514B/8 to BEEHIVE).

Milford Haven. 2 Ground mines detonated by sweeper(s) at 1435/8
and 1515/8 respectively. Details.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1921B/8).

Q.P.13 My 0507B/7. Following ships sunk. RODINA, HYBERT,
MASSMAR and HEFFRON. Forward portion JOHN
RANDOLPH from 15 feet abaft number two hold towed
Onunda Fiord and beached will be brought to
Reykjavik. Admiralty pass to Russia.
(A.C.I.C., 2015B/8).

Off Iceland My 1540/11/6. Further 108 mines reported rendered
(C). safe May 14th to June 9th as follows. North East
coast 71 between Langanthe and Heradsfloi. South
coast 33 between Thykkubaer (063° 30' N., 018° 17'
W) and Kerlinga Dalsa (063° 24' N., 018° 54' W)
3 at Westmann Island. West coast 1 at Malarrif (064° (?44') N.,
023° 48' W.) 1 mine reported sunk 065° 47' N., 014° 44' W., 6/7.
(A.C.I.C., 2333B/8).

Enemy Intelligence.

TIRPITZ, Photographs taken at 1100/7 show Enemy Force
LUTZOW, leaving Lang Fiord in Arnoy at 70° 02' N., 20° 29'
HIPPER, E.
7 Destroyers 1. Force consists of TIRPITZ, LUTZOW, and ADMIRAL
2 T/Bs, HIPPER escorted by 4 D/Rs, 4 to port and 3 to star-
1 tanker. board, 4 of Narvik class 2 Maas class and one
unidentified. Force is turning Westwards round
S.W. point of Arnoy and appears to be making 10
or 12 knots.
2. Altmark class tanker T.57 escorted by 2 T. class T/Bs is
seen turning out of Grundfjord at 70° 02' N., 20° 38' E., to
follow above force at speed.
(P.R.U. Leuchars, 0245/8).

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North Russia. Enemy destroyer reported 071° 05' N., 040° 15' E.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1229Z/8).

U-Boats.

U-boats reported. Reliable fix and D/F bearing in 72° 53' N., 46° 5' E., at 0023/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0353B/8).
Reliable fix and D/F bearings in 72° 14' N., 45° 15' E., at 0400/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0852B/8).
Reliable fix and D/F bearing in 71° N., 42° E., at 0607/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0854B/8).
At 0750 U-boat 070° 52' N., 039° 25' E.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1029B/8).
Reliable fix and D/F bearings in 70° 40' N., 43° 10' E., at 0742/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1147B/8).
At 1140/8 U-boat 070° 56' N., 044° 58' E.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1421B/8).
Catalina reported U-boat in 63° 32' N., 02° 06' E., at 0934B/8.
Course 355°.
(Cdr. of Watch, 1601B/8 to S/Ms).
Reliable fix and D/F bearings in 71° 2' N., 46° 48' E., at 1507/8
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2049B/8).
Reliable fix and D/F bearings in 71° 44' N., 46° 40' E., at 1739/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2051B/8).
D/F SSSS, 43, 161°
(Gallon Head Radio, 2327/8 to Wick Radio).

Survivors. EMPIRE HOPE arriving Belfast 1300 G.M.T. 36 survivors torpedoed ship on board.
(EMPIRE HOPE 0855 G.M.T./8 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

Navigational.

Thames Estuary. Middle Knock and L.4 Buoys missing. South Knock and L.3 Buoys out of position.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 1040/8) See Mining.

East Dudgeon Buoy. Following from F.O. Humber. Begins.
N.C.S.O. Methil's 1150/7. Humber sweepers have checked and report wreck marking buoy light not working and East Dudgeon buoy approx. 2 cables 090° from assigned position. 0040B/8 ends.
(C. in C. Nore, 1235B/8).

Yarmouth. 8A Light buoy reported extinguished.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 1723B/8).

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Casualties & Defects.

EDINBURGH, Clyde arrival GARLAND.
JASTRZAB (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0929B/8).
(S/M 551) My 0049B/8. Ships addressed are to land survivors
survivors. at Greenock. *N.T.A. W.D.*
Q.P.13. (C. in C. W.A., 1617B/8 to ACHATES, STARWORT,
HONEYSUCKLE, HYDERABAD).

SELIS, Operation "Gear Box". Following survivors have
ISBIORN, arrived in MANCHESTER and are being sent to Thurso
survivors. today for onward passage.
Op: Gear Box. 4. Norwegian Army Officers and 47 other ranks.
(3415 Bergen 5 Norwegian Naval Officers, 7 Norwegian Seamen ex
wharfs) SELIS and ISBIORN and 1 Norwegian ice pilot.
One British Army Major.
(A.C.O.S., 1243/8 to Admty).

FURY E.T.A. Switha Gate 1700B/8. Have "A" bracket
or propeller trouble. Request divers.
(FURY, 1407B/8 to A.C.O.S.) *Ans: Scapa. Insp: 211.*

SHIKARI. My 1026B/8. *N.T.A. W.D.* SHIKARI delayed with engine defects.
Hope to sail her in company with SARDONYX.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 2200B/8).

Unknown D/F 196° Class 3 Bearing approx. Distress 43.
Vessel. (Tiree Radio, 2325/8 to Admty and Greenock).

Shipping & Convoys.

P.Q.17. Signals received from Matochkin W/T station
originated by PALOMARES state that PZARICA, LA
MALOUINE, POPPY, and LOTUS with 3 trawlers and
rescue ship ZAMLEK and following merchant ships
OCEAN FREEDOM, HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN, BENJAMIN HARRISON, SAMUEL
CHASE, PAULUS POTTER with survivors from NAVARINO, ZAAFARAN,
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, RIVER AFTON, PAN KRAFT, and ALDERSDALE
are anchored off Stolbovoi, Novaya Zemlya and intend to remain
there until threat from surface craft has passed. Intend to
send DIANELLA to reinforce escort and to bring ships to
Archangel close to Novaya Zemlya coast East and South of Kolgvev
Island and Kanin Nos. C. in C. White Sea is requesting C. in C.
Northern Fleet that additional cover may be provided by 3 Soviet
destroyers. Catalina leaves for R/C 1000B/8. 4 more Flying
boats reported approaching Svyatoi Nos.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 0109B/8 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).
My 1947B/6. Attacks have also occurred in the area bounded
by latitudes 71° and 73° N., longitudes 43° and 50° E.
(D.D.O.D. (H), 0202B/8 to Escorts P.Q.17).
S.B.N.O. Archangel 2152/7. Further report states 6 merchant
ships and 8 escort vessels of P.Q.17 are off Cape Stolbovoi.
Request route may be signalled.

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P.Q.17 Q. 073° 18' N., 052° 50' E. R. 071° 58' N.,
Contd. 050° 30' E. S. 070° 00' N., 050° 30' E.
 T. 068° 25' N., 039° 55' E.

4 Russian destroyers are proceeding patrol between 040° and 045° East as far as 073° N., to intercept stragglers. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0349B/8 to Admty).

From O from J/BN. Patrol carried out over area tracks ten miles apart using south east.

0934 G.M.T. position 74° 40' N., 33° 44' E., one merchant vessel on fire, abandoned, no survivors.

1045 G.M.T. position 76° 50' N., 38° 00' E. one merchant vessel on fire, presumed PAN KRAFT, abandoned, no survivors. Weather cloudy ten/ten at 300 and over area up to ice edge at 76° 55' N. Visibility five miles reducing to nil in fog. Efficiency of search 30%.

N/DA reports search carried out over area. 1254 G.M.T. empty lifeboat, wreckage, oil, position 75° 00' N., 36° 35' E.

1340 G.M.T. edge of ice 76° 07' N., 36° 35' E.

1343 G.M.T. position 76° 13' N., 36° 37' E, burning ship in ice flow, visibility nil, unable to see survivors.

1658 G.M.T. solid fog belt at 76° 00' N., abandoned search further north.

1838 G.M.T. position 74° 50' N., 39° 18' E., 8 rafts, (?evidence) oil.

1930 G.M.T. position 74° 44' N., 40° 00' E., rafts, oil.

2150 G.M.T. position 71° 24' N., 37° 11' E., sighted Condor at 600 yards (?northbound), took evasive action. Effectiveness 20 per cent, weather as reported by J/BN.
(Harpham, Murmansk, 0915B/8 to Party A).

PALOMARES, PQZARICA are to proceed with all ships and escorts in company to Archangel without delay, following route given in Admiralty's 0731B/8.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0929B/8 to Escorts P.Q. and Q.P. Convoys).

Catalinas V.A.720 and V.A.731. Airborne Lake Lakhta 0950 G.M.T./8 searching survivors P.Q.17.
(Party A., 1020/8 to Air Ministry).

After reaching end of minefield proceed towards Cape Stolbovoi alongside reciprocal route given in Admiralty's 0731B/8 to meet and for additional escort to ships named in my 0109B/8 One additional merchant ship reported anchored in Moller Bay 072° 26' N., 052° 35' E.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1626B/8 to DIANELLA, 25 E.G., Escorts P.Q.17)

Following has been read. 74.58 N., 41.06 E., 12 survivors in lifeboat.
(Murmansk, W/T, 2020Z/8).

A.T.17 Comnavu 1315/2. Desdiv 19 is accompanying A.T.17 to U.K. and is due about 11/7.
(D.O.D. (H.), 0209B/8 to C.in C. H.F.)

/BARRY....

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- BARRY, ARGENTINA, MONTEREY, AORANGI, C.T.20. My signal of even date. On assumption that disembarkation can commence at Tail of Bank a.m. 13/7 BARRY and ARGENTINA will disembark a.m. and p.m. respectively 13/7 and MONTEREY 14/7.
2. If disembarkation cannot commence until p.m. 13/7, ARGENTINA will disembark p.m. 13/7, MONTEREY 14/7 and BARRY 15/7.
3. AORANGI will now disembark as well as discharge in K.G.V. Glasgow p.m. 14/7.
4. BARRY has 4505 U.S. Military on board.
5. My 2353/4, para. 2. Number of personnel for Northern Ireland now 1980.
6. My 2347/4. Sailing date of C.T.20 will probably be delayed.
(D.S.T., 0524B/8).
- EMPIRE SPEY, SENNEN, COMMANDANT D'ESTRIENNE D'ORVRES. Cancel my 1102/4. Admiralty's 1526/7. SENNEN and COMMANDANT D'ESTRIENNE D'ORVRES are to escort EMPIRE SPEY to Gibraltar.
F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange R/V for escort with EMPIRE SPEY and after arrival at Gibraltar F.O.C.N.A. is requested to sail COMMANDANT D'ESTRIENNE D'ORVRES to join S.A. station as required by R.A. West Africa and SENNEN to join S.L.117.
(C. in C. W.A., 0920B/8).
- W.N.7 My 0954B/1. Propose to postpone W.N.7 13 hours approx.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 1026B/8).
Your 1026B/8. Concur.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1158/8 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe).
- Q.P.13 U. Q.P.13 U arrived less EMPIRE STEVENSON.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 1420B/8).
- O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys. Ships in O.N. and O.N.S. convoys are to be supplied with adequate large scale charts Cape Cod to Key West.
(2) Cape Cod Canal is blocked for about six weeks. These convoys are therefore now proceeding south of Nantucket L.V. to dispersal point in 41° 15' N., 71° 25' W., ships for Boston area proceeding thence to Buzzard's Bay for further instructions and remainder to New York via Long Island Sound.
(D.T.D., 1530B/8).
- BB Convoy There is no objection to 8 tankers being sailed in the BB Convoy formed from ships in H.X.196.
(C. in C. W.A., 1609/8 to F.O.I.C. Belfast).

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D.S.20 Intend to sail CHARLESTOWN at 0400 and CASTLETON at 1000 tomorrow. Both have orders to R/V with D.S.20 in 270° Oversay Light 6 miles at 1915 tomorrow, CHARLESTOWN fuelling at Moville en route and CASTLETON proceeding direct. (R.A.M., 1628B/8).

O.N.S.110 Keep 10 miles to port of your route rejoining
N.U. at position "K".
(C. in C. W.A., 1634Z/8 to C.T.U. 24.1.17).

Irish Sea Traffic. To obtain some speed up in Irish Sea Traffic and retain a reasonable measure of protection, propose the following-

(1) Northbound shipping. (A) Cancel M.H. convoys. (B) Provided no slow ocean convoy is sailing from Milford Haven on the same day, all coastal ships in "Steward" groups, not in category I or II, bound for ports north of Milford Haven, to continue with trawler escort as far as Holyhead, where convoy is to disperse, escort proceed to Holyhead and escort H.M. convoys as at present. (C) P.W.M. convoys. Ships under 2,000 tons and not in category I or II proceed independently to destination when escort leaves. Remainder for ports north of Milford Haven proceed to Milford Haven for inclusion in the next "Steward" or Ocean convoy that their speed permits.

(2) Southbound Shipping. (1) It is considered inadvisable to alter the existing routing:- for BB and H.M. convoys for the following reasons.

2. Propose that ships of under 2,000 tons and not in category I or II bound for Milford Haven or Bristol Channel ports sail independently if delay in waiting for convoy exceed 12 hours. (C. in C. W.A., 1648B/8 and 1016B/9 to Admty).

Sailing signals of independently routed ships. To secure uniformity in the sailing signals of independently routed ships all previous instructions are cancelled.

(A) Addressees. For South Atlantic Ports. Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches, Headquarters Coastal Command, C. in C. South Atlantic, R.A. West Africa, V.A.C.N.A., (for South American ports add S.O.(I) Montevideo). For ships proceeding to ports in U.S. Strategic area. Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches, H.Q.C.C., Connav, (for ships proceeding to Ottawa Intelligence Area add N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.O.A.C., Halifax, and N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F.,) if routed within 100 miles of Cape Race. Ships proceeding to Jamaica Intelligence Area, add S.O.(I) Kingston

(B) Signals. 1. Intend to sail (addressed as above). Name of ship, Time of sailing, Destination, Ocean Route, Speed (a) zig-zagging (b) not zig-zagging, Reference positions if any, Day bunkers, Recoding Tables held and N.C.S.I.105 Par. II if applicable, Latest Q information, Estimated time of crossing longitude 0700 W. Chop time and date.

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2. Request for Fighter protection. Addressed C. in C. Western Approaches, repeated Admiralty, H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C., and Home Station F.Os. I.C. through whose commands the ship will pass.

Name of ship, Time of leaving Harbour Limits. Coastal route only to 07° W. Frequency. Code Word. Speed. Expected time of arrival 07.00 W.

3. Any change in the estimated sailing time given in 1 or 2 above to the same authorities by short signal giving the name of the ship and new time of sailing.

4. On the departure of the ship a Vesca signal to those authorities enumerated for 1. indicating the name of ship, date and time of sailing and expected time of arrival port of arrival.

(C) The above instructions do not apply to Eire ships.
 (D.T.D., 1730B/8).

O.N. In order to avoid the arrival of two Convoys in
 O.N.S. U.K. or Cape Cod Bay on or near the same day,
 H.X. and which occurs with existing cycles, it is
 S.C. Convoys. proposed to adjust sailing days as follows:-
 O.N. Fridays as at present O.N.S. Saturdays,
 H.X. Sundays as at present S.C. Wednesdays.
 Request your remarks.
 (D.T.D., 1856B/8 to C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa,
 Concur (N.S.H.Q., 1527/10).

Q.P.13 (A) MOUNT EVANS (B) 2130/8 (C) 10 knots.
 MOUNT EVANS. (D) E.T.A. 1300/10 Mersey.
 19 R.N. 2 M.N. survivors.
 (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 2212B/8).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Raiders.

Intelligence. My 1959B/30. No new information but tanker overdue at Abadan from Sydney may be victim of Raider E.
(D.D.I.C. 1829B/8 to A.I.G. 13 etc.)

North Atlantic.

U/Bs. (1) Bearings at 0142Z of Italian U-Boat 89L.
(2) Bearings at 0150Z of Italian U-Boat 33F.
(D.D.I.C. 0435B/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. Ref. W.O. agreed signal 98900 of 2/7 to Governor, Gibraltar. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE sailed U.K. 5/7. For details of personnel embarked see W.O. signal 99569 of 6/7 to Governor, Gibraltar.
2. Destination in U.K. is Clyde.
(D.S.T. 0525B/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Orders to S/Ms. Leave patrol from S.W. corner of your area at 2230/10 and return to Gibraltar passing Europa Point on 11th, UTMOST at 0830, P.46 at 0930, P.222 at 1030. When approaching Gibraltar keep in water above 200 feet fathoms until West of position 180° Europa Point lighthouse 1.1 mile. If unable to comply within 2 hours report.
P.42 leaves Gibraltar 1900/9 dive by day to pass 036° 11' N 001° 31' W at 0600/11. P.44 leaves Gibraltar 1900/10 dived by day to pass 036° 33' N 002° 12' W at 0200/12 and may be met.
S/Ms. encountered between 2000/10 and your return to harbour are not to be attacked unless definitely identified as hostile.
All times zone minus 2.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1008B/8 to UTMOST. P.46. P.222.)
My 1008/8 UTMOST, P.46 and P.222 are to leave patrol at 2230B/9 and arrive Gibraltar on 10th. Submarines encountered by these three submarines after 2230/9 are not to be attacked unless definitely identified as hostile.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1706B/8 to S.8.)

TORVANGER survivors. Your 2331B/7. 16 survivors ex Norwegian TORVANGER landed Liverpool 6/7 by Dutch SS. RUYSS.
(D.T.D. 1452/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

PARTHIAN. My 1036/5. Cargo as follows: (List) PARTHIAN will require about 25 tons of ballast for return voyage.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1510B/8 to V.A. Malta.)
My 1336/7. Sailed PARTHIAN for Malta. Q.B.72 B 266 C 453 less 452.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1928B/8 to V.A. Malta (R) Admty. F.O.S. C. in C. Med.)

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fighter
protection.

Following from Chiefs of Staff.
Your despatch of HE/31/312 on question of fighter protection.

2. We agree that attack from Spain or Spanish possessions makes fighter protection impracticable.
3. Until the present tunnelling programme is more advanced it is considered inadvisable to embark on any new scheme for tunnelled accommodation for hangars and storage to meet a deterioration of the situation as you have outlined. But tunnelled accommodation for petrol should be provided and also pens for aircraft dispersed as much as possible.
4. We also agree that period during which air attack would be based only on French North Africa would be short and that Spain would be likely to throw in her lot with the Axis, especially if we were forced to mount "Pilgrim" as insurance against denial of Gibraltar as naval base.
5. You should employ such Sea Hurricanes and other suitable aircraft as may be present or made available from U.K. for defence against air attack under the existing situation.
(Air Min. 1745Z/8 to Govr. Gibraltar.)

French
Shipping.Passed Gibraltar eastbound at 1900/8.
(D.O.R. 1055.)South Atlantic.ORION
HAWKINS.

A.M. 1810/27/6, 1751/28/6, 0025/3/7.
ORION will act as ocean escort to W.S.21P and A.S.4 in place of HAWKINS and will subsequently
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..... in C. S.A. R.A.W.A.
Connav. Cominch, B.A.D. C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Vichy
Shipping.

Gibraltar to Bathurst R/C 6/7 1130/6 four Vichy M/V 5-7000 tons including CAPITAINE LE DIABAT and MONTAGUE one escort W.64 in 27.30 N 15.06 W. course?, 19 knots 1253/6 - Vichy M/V 1-4000 tons 2-8000 1 Destroyer 2° 07' N 17° 06' W course 351, 9 knots.
(S.O.I. Freetown 0249/8 to Admty. S.O.I. Gib.)

W.S.19.

My 1030/7 para 4 (N.T. in W.D.) For 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots read 14 knots, para 9, amended E.T.A. position T 0300Z/14. Aden a.m./19, Kilindini a.m./15 due to LACONIA maximum speed 15 knots.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 0849Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

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VALIANT. My 1725/28. Regret to report water test of certain compartments is still unsatisfactory. It may be necessary to postpone sailing date of ship by 1 or at most 2 days.
(C.S. Durban 0945/8 to ? C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

EKNAREN My 1413Z/7. EKNAREN torpedoed by S/M in 17° S 40° E at 1415 G.M.T./1. All C.Bs thrown overboard in weighted bag.
(Swedish torpedoed 1/7.)
(N.C.S.O. Durban 0956Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

Shipping Routes, Reports. 1608B/1/7 para four 7. There would appear to be disadvantages in this area, the present routing policy and any further changes would rapidly become known to the enemy.
(R.A.W.A. 1010Z/8 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

DIOMEDE. 1. Sailing DIOMEDE at 0800/8 July for Gibraltar for onward routing to Rosyth. Route
E. 10° 30' N 17° 00' W. F. 15° 00' N 20° 01' W
G. 15° 02' N 19° 03' W. H. 27° 50' N 13° 42' W.
K. 32° 27' N 10° 40' W. L. 35° 40' N 6° 40' W S of A 1st 48 hours 14.5 knots, subsequently 15 knots.
2. Provisions required on arrival.
(R.A.W.A. 1025Z/8 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

ROYAL ULSTERMAN. (1) Sailed for U.K. at 1200/8 calling Ponta Delgada for fuel a.m./16.
(2) Route.
(3) C. in C. W.A. is requested to give onward route and destination in U.K.
(R.A. West Africa 1113Z/8 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. W.A. ROYAL ULSTERMAN.)

CHESHIRE. Your 1738/24/6 (CHESHIRE due for 1/2 yearly refit)
ESPERANCE Intend sailing CHESHIRE with ESPERANCE BAY ex
BAY. W.S.20 to Falkland Is., subsequently sailing to Freetown for onward passage to U.K.
(C. in C. S.A. 1336B/8 to Admty.)

Suspicious Ship. Following information received from U.S. Naval Authorities, Pernambuco (Begins) At 2145 local time 6/7 Brazilian ship BURY encountered a suspicious vessel in 007° 43' S 033° 59' 30" W. Vessel had light only on bow. Two or more small craft alongside which left hurriedly at high speed.
(Ends.)
(S.O.I. Montevideo 1430Z/8 to B.A.D. (R) Admty. etc.)

/Diversion...

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of shipping.C. in C. S.A. 1142/7 concur. Request my 1608/1
be amended accordingly.
(D.T.D. 1531B/8 to C. in C. S.A. etc.)CAMBRIA
(cable
operations)British Cable ship CAMBRIA has completed (?opera-
tions) my 2106 ?29/4 will now operate in following
areas in order listed
A Pernambuco, St. Vincent Paren 60 miles N.E. of
Pernambuco Paren.
B Pernambuco Belem Paren close off Ceara Paren.
Cominch C and R will divert in case of enemy
activity areas concerned.
(Cominch 2206/8 to Cinclant (R) C.T.F. 23 etc.)Mediterranean.Toulon
R/C.Request R/C of Toulon at an early date.
(D.D.I.C. 0020B/8 to H.Q.C.C.)
Following is a repetition of my 1147/7 (Begins)
Admty 1534/6. Request you will arrange P.R.U. of
Toulon. (Ends.)

My 0108/8*is cancelled.

(C. in C. Med. 0148C/8 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)* (Undecypherable)
Result of P.R.U. see 2220/8.Alexandria
Movements.7/7 Alexandria. Arrivals BEAUFORT, ERIDGE,
WHITEHAVEN, SEAHAM. Departures WHITEHAVEN, BOSTON,
M.L.1007, Tug ROBUST, M.L.1004 in tow of 'A' 9.
(R.A. Alexandria 0230C/8 to Admty. C. in C. Med.)Port Said
Movements.7/7 Port Said arrivals PROTEA, GLOXINIA, ROMEO,
SOUTHERN SEA, SAKTOURIS (KATSONIS ? intended)
SNAPDRAGON, SOUTHERN MAID. Departures
DELPHINIUM, ERICA.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 1024C/8 to Admty. etc.)M.E. Air
Report.A.666. Bi-weekly Opsum No. 36. Night 3/4.
About 25 enemy aircraft operated against Suez
Canal, mines believed laid off Port Said and Suez
and along Canal, bombs also dropped Suez, Kantara,
and Port Said, slight damage water plant Port Said,
fire started Kantara, no further details. 10 Beaufighters up
hampered by thick low cloud 1 enemy aircraft intercepted off
Port Said but contact lost.
4/7. 3 Liberators found southbound convoy 3 merchant vessels
escorted by 6 destroyers 140 miles N Benghazi. Bombs overshoot.
Details Malta strikes against convoy contained in Malta C.S.R.
for 4/7.

/Night 4/5...

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Report.
Contd.

Night 4/5. 10 Liberators bombed shipping (?and) harbour facilities Benghazi, 1 hit claimed on each of 2 ships outside harbour S.W. Juliana (?point). Smoke rising from 1 vessel, 2 other bombs on Juliana and Central Moles. About 35 or 40 enemy aircraft attack Alexandria area and Suez Canal Zone. Bombs dropped Port Said, Suez and Amiriya. No damage so far reported. Warehouse hit Alexandria with some Egyptian casualties. Mines believed laid in Gulf of Suez and off Port Said. 12 Beaufighters shot down 1 He.111, 1 Ju.88, 3 unidentified aircraft, damaged another.

Night 5/6. 2 Wellingtons laid 2 mines in entrance Tobruk Harbour. 1 Wellington missing, 2 others unable to locate, 5 Wellingtons diversion bombing of harbour, damage unobserved. 6 other Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk bombed MT Matruh, rear and gun positions Daba, causing explosion and fire, 8 Albacores bombed small shipping Matruh, 1 direct hit several near misses claimed. 4 enemy aircraft operated over Gulf of Suez. 7 Beaufighters up but our bombers returning to canal aerodromes made interception difficult.

Night 6/7. Shortly after dark 16 Liberators bombed shipping Benghazi Harbour, ship alongside Central Mole hit and blew up with violent explosion followed by clouds of black smoke, other bombs near 3 ships on harbour Moles and converted wrecks used as landing stages. 23 Wellingtons bombed Tank Repair Depot and harbour installations Tobruk, starting 5 large fires with explosions. During night 4 enemy aircraft operated over Gulf of Suez believed laying mines, some dropped bombs on hills west Suez. 8 Beaufighters up, of which 1 shot down 1 enemy aircraft west of Cairo probably destroyed another.

7/7. R/C Maryland sighted 1 M/V 300 tons, 3 Schooners, 1 Tug, towing 2 laden barges course E off coast between Sidi Barrani and Matruh. Maryland machine gunned ship and 1 Schooner. 9 Beaufighters despatched to attack did not locate vessel. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1102/8, 1114/8, 1126/8, 1148/8, 2201/8, 1213/8, 1225/8, 1237/8.)

SUSAN V.
LUCKENBACH.

Admty. 1216/8/10/41 and my 1937/31/5/42 (? 1917/31/5 intended re SUSAN V. LUCKENBACH beached.) Salvage SUSAN V. LUCKENBACH completed 24/6. Now docked Suez. (Supt. of Salvage E.M. 1225C/8 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Suez Canal
Workshops.

Military situation and recent airraids have caused serious reduction in output of Canal Company Workshop. My 1658/26 also refers. With additional fleet requirements it has become necessary to employ British dockyard labour at Port Said and Suez. A good opportunity is therefore present to take control of Canal Company repair organization as war measure, thereby increasing its output very considerably.

2. Control would be vested in R.O.C.A. with existing staff and would entail replacement of certain pro-Vichy officials. No great increase of British staff is intended but some dockyard labour would be absorbed.

3. Negotiations to this end are proceeding satisfactorily between S.N.O.R.S. and Baron Benoist. Request approval in principle to proceeding on above lines. Details will be repeated as negotiations proceed. (C. in C. Med. 1146C/8 to Admty.)

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→ U/B
TURBULENT. Aircraft sighting indicates U-Boat appears making landfall N.N.E. off Ras Hillal at daylight. (Capt. S.1 Alexandria 1514C/8 to TURBULENT.)

Malta I.432 8/7. C.S.R. Part 1. My I.429.
Air 6th. Alert 1814 (?1815) hours. 1 enemy fighter
Report. damaged by H.M. ship.
7th. Luqa, D.A. exploded, 1 airman wounded, 2 Beauforts slight damage. Alert 1416 hours, 15 fighters including RE.2001s, 5 Cant.1007s. Luqa no damage, elsewhere 3 civilians wounded, 2 RE.2001s destroyed, 3 Cant.1007s damaged by 22 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires shot down, pilots killed. 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot uninjured, 1 Cant.1007 destroyed by A.A.
Night 7/8. Alert 1918 hours, 3 raiders, bombs sea, 1 Ju. 88 destroyed by Beaufighter, 1 German prisoner.
8th. 2 alerts. 0432 hours, 15 Me.109s, 3 Me.109s destroyed, 3 Ju. 88s, 3 Me.109s damaged by 24 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing, search unsuccessful, 1 Spitfire shot down, pilot rescued, 3 Spitfires in combat, 1 pilot wounded, 0922 hours, 20 Me.109s, 7 Ju.88s, Luqa, 1 Beaufort slight damage, craters dispersals, elsewhere, several houses destroyed. 2 Ju.88s destroyed, 1 Ju.88 2 Me.109s damaged 23 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires missing, search unsuccessful.
Part 2 my I.432. 7th. Photo R/C Benghazi, 1 M/V 7000 tons, 1 M/V 5000 tons. Since 5th M/V 3000 tons then empty destroyed by direct hit.
Night 7/8. 1 Wellington 8 to attack Messina Harbour in co-operation with 1 flare dropping Albacore, 2 Albacores 1 Swordfish to attack shipping in Straits. 2210 hours, 7 500 lb GP 1 second delay from (?6000) feet, large fire vicinity goods station. Others bad visibility did not find, 1 Albacore missing, 1 Swordfish crash landed, crew unhurt.
8th. Photo R/C Benghazi since 7th 2 D/Rs, 1 M/V 2000 tons 1 M.A.S. arrived Berka since 7th no change Satellite 10 Ju.88s. 6 Dornier type 1 He.111, 5 SM79s. 10 Me.110s. 2 Ju.52s. 1 HS.126 1 SM.82 1 Gotha 242 2 aircraft unidentified landing ground east of Satellite not completely covered 1 probable SM.84 5 SM.79s. 23 fighters 6 medium aircraft unidentified.
Palermo photos. not ready deliveries 7th 2 Beauforts 1 Whitley ex Gibraltar arrived 1 Whitley to Gibraltar.
8th 2 Beauforts to Middle East 19 torpedoes held.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1639/8, 1651/8.)

Suez Canal My 2207/7. Mining situation in Canal area 2100/8.
Mines. (a) Sweeping and diving operations in canal carried out during day, situation as yesterday but one doubtful mine now cancelled. 2 UXMs remain.
Traffic commenced, small convoys being swept each way in southern section.
(b) Suez Bay sweeping carried out with negative result. 2 UXMs remain.
(c) Gulf of Suez as yesterday, approaches open, Canal open to restricted traffic as above.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 2108C/8 to Admty.)

→ U/B. At 2035/8 aircraft sighted U-Boat 033° 06' N 022° 00' E 110° 10.
(Capt. S.1. Alexandria 2122C/8 to TURBULENT.)

/U-Boat...

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Tactics.

Your 1652/26. Past evidence has supported the view that U-Boats do not normally dive very deep. However, while there is no definite proof, recent experience in Atlantic has indicated that very deep diving tactics may be carried out by some

U-Boat, particularly when heavily hunted. At night or in low visibility U-Boats are likely to remain at shallower depths if they consider that there may be an opportunity to surface and escape at high speed.

2. C.B.4097(10) has been amended by C.A.F.O. P. 190/42 dated 7/5, 1942, to introduce standard very deep patterns including depth settings of 500 and 550 feet.

3. New design of D/C pistol will have settings down to 750 feet for Mark VII heavy charges.

4. Hoped to be able to provide a deep setting for Mark X D/Cs.

5. As an interim measure when there is clear evidence to suggest that a U-Boat is very deep an explosion at between 600 and 700 feet can be obtained by fitting a Mark VII pistol in a Mark VII heavy charge and using the 500 foot setting. This, of course, could only be used in a prolonged hunt.

(D.A./S.W. Approved by A.C.N.S.(W) 2136B/8 to C. in C. Med.)

Toulon
R/C.

P.R.U. Sortie C/44 dated 8/7 time 1400 hrs. shows:-
Toulon - All major Naval units seen on 10/6 still present and only the aviation transport
COMMANDANTE TESTE now in dry dock has changed
berth since that date. Total of Contre Torpilleurs

in Port increased from 15 to 18 and destroyer total from 8 to 10 but no shipping now present in Rade De Hyeres, where 2 Contre Torpilleurs and 2 destroyers seen on 10/6. Other Naval units shows negligible change but 4 submarines departed from dry dock. Hospital ship CANADA and Liner probably SPHINX departed and 1 tanker approx. 500 ft. arrived, otherwise Merchant shipping shows only internal change.

Marseilles - Complete cover of Port shows 94 liners and M/Vs over 200 ft. Since 10/6 in the parts then covered 2 Liners Jamaïque type, one Liner Patria type, and 15 M/Vs have departed, while one Liner 570 ft. and 21 M/Vs have arrived.

Etang De Berre - Complete cover shows 8 tankers 415/525 and 8 M/Vs 320/475 lying off. Positions of vessels indicate some new arrivals since 10/6.

Port De Bouc - Since 10/6 there has been a complete turnover of Merchant shipping in the Port. Shipping now present comprises 5 M/Vs 260/405 ft, 1 tanker 490 ft., as well as M/V 370 ft. fitting out. Shipping on slips unaltered.

(P.R.U. Benson 2220/8 to Admty. etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

DEVONSHIRE.
ORIZABA.

Departure DEVONSHIRE with ORIZABA.
(S.O.I. Bombay 0211Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

Transports,
disposal.

Request disposal instructions for BRITANNIC,
OTRANTO, STAFFORDSHIRE, CATHAY, ORDADES, U.S.
JAVA due Bombay about 20/7.
(P.S.T.O. India 0509Z/8 to D.S.T.)

Movements
Ceylon.

Ceylon movements summary No. 6 of 8th. Ref.
summary No. 5. (VI) LISMORE D.S.O. 23 due Colombo
10/7. Dutch S/M K.14 returned Bombay 7/7. Summary
No.6 (1) SCOUT left Addu Atoll 7/7 escorting
KUTSANG due Colombo 10/7. (2) SONAVATI due Colombo
about 13/7 from special duties. (3) D.S. WILLEM
VAN DER ZAAAN leaves Trincomalee 8/7 for Colombo.
(4) PUNJAB arrived Colombo 8/7 from Addu Atoll.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0556Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Your 1740/24/6. WORCESTERSHIRE refit not
required. Ship should carry out routine piston
cleaning in September and dock concurrently.
2. C. in C.S.A. 1014/2. Request Simonstown
receive her for this.
(C. in C. E.F. 0741Z/8 to Admty.)

CHITRAL.
MAURITIUS.
W.S.19P.
W.S.19L.

My 1507/2 to shore authorities only.
1. Estimated position of CHITRAL at 1200Z/8.
028° 10' S. 042° 45' course 260° S. of A. 15½
knots. 2. As no convoy sailing telegram has been
received request you will order R/V for CHITRAL
with MAURITIUS and combined convoys W.S.19P and L.
(?D.C. in C. E.F. 0942Z/8 to N.O.I.C. Durban
(R) C. in C.S.A., etc.)

GLENEARN.

Your 1939/23/6.

(1) GLENEARN expected to be ready end of August
but completion date dependent on work found
necessary on main dynamos. This may delay completion to end
of September. Further report will be made end of July.
Considered ship will be capable of proceeding to U.K. or U.S.A.
(2) Message being passed to C. in C. Med. by Postagram.
(F.O. Ceylon 1109Z/8 to Admty., C. in C.E.F. etc.)

Mauritius.

Request information as to any revision in scale
of expected attack. Present position here (details
(O.C. Troops, Mauritius 1120/8 to C. in C. India.)

/U.S.....

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U.S. Dispositions. My 1318/30. Following changes in disposition of U.S. Forces.
Battleships: NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, PENNSYLVANIA, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO, MARYLAND, At San Francisco.
Aircraft Carriers: WASP - left San Diego 1/7. SARATOGA - left Pearl Harbour 6/7. 8" Cruisers: QUINCY - left San Diego 1/7. VINCENNES, MINNEAPOLIS, ASTORIA, NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO, Left Pearl Harbour 6/7. TRENTON - left Bora Bora 5/7. BOISE - at sea. CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY, CANBERRA, At Brisbane. 6" Cruisers; SAN JUAN - left San Diego 1/7. DETROIT - ready 19/8. CONCORD - at Guayaquil. HOBART - at Brisbane. TROMP - at Sydney. *See p. 207*
 (D.O.D. (F) 1150B/8 to C. in C.E.F., N.Z.N.B., A.C.N.B., N.S.H.Q.)
See also p. 232

Ceylon, Mauritius, Seychelles, (Command). Your 491 (M.O.12.a.) 7/7. My 15752 2/7 addressed to Ceylon Mauritius Seychelles (begins). Paraphrase of 15749/G dated 2/7 to Dep. C. in C. E.F. It has been put forward by C. in C. that as Diego Suarez already under C. in C. East Africa, Mauritius and Rodrigues, owing to close proximity, should also be under same command. C.I.G.S. approves but awaits remarks C. in C. East Africa and has suggested transfer of Seychelles in addition. C. in C. East Africa's opinions requested but not received. We think East Africa should take over all three and have asked Dep. C. in C.E.F. whether he agrees.
 (C. in C. India, 2025/8 to W.O.)

Scale of attack E. Africa. Ref. your O/36260 of 7/7 (1045/7). Scale of attack is still subject to final approval but likely to be "limited to attacks by one or more armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines. Such attacks may be preceded by air R/C by aircraft from A.M.Cs. or submarines" Final information will be sent within a few days.
 (W.O. 2300/8 to G.O.C. in C.E.A. (R) C. in C.M.E.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Japanese
Destroyer
Torpedoed.

Navy Department announced 8/7 that a U.S. submarine had torpedoed a Japanese destroyer near Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands, on the afternoon of July 5. It is believed that the destroyer was sunk. This brings to five the number of Japanese destroyers sunk or damaged in the Aleutians area in the two days July 4 and 5.
(The Times 9/7/42).

Shipping
Routes.

Your 1051/4/7. (Originated by War Reg. requesting repetition of signal referred to in N.S.H.Q.'s 1645/4/7). Following is a recyphered version of C.E.S.F. 1830/29 (begins) C.O.A.C. for information, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Connav, Com. 1st U.S. Naval District Boston, Com. 3rd U.S. Naval District New York, Com. N.O.B. Newport from C.E.S.F. N O B

A. Cape Cod Canal closed, Divert X B Plus O N convoys south of Nantucket Lightship to dispersal point lat. 41.15 long. 71.25.
B. Escort fuel Newport, thence proceed Buzzards Bay.
C. On dispersal westbound ships proceed to New York via Long Island Sound.
D. Ships for Boston area proceed Buzzards Bay for further instructions.
E. B.X.27 sailing Buzzards Bay after arrival escort Wednesday or early Thursday morning.
F. Saint John's contingent will not join this convoy.
G. Boston shipping to join at Woods Hole prior to sailing.
H. C.O.A.C. inform N.O.I.C. Saint John's route B.X.27 point

A. 41.14 71.04. B. 40.27 69.37. C. 40.41 68.00. D. 40.42 17.66
E. 43.10 65.27. F. 44.21 63.30. 1830/29. (Ends).
(N.S.H.Q., 0329Z/8).

UMTATA
(sunk 7/7).

British Ship UMTATA, Official Number 164550, sunk 0305/7 probably by torpedo possibly mine 095° 5 miles off Fowey Rocks Florida when in tow by American Tug EDMOND J MORAN from St. Lucia to New York via Puerto Rico and Key West. No loss. Capt. Jones and 90 survivors landed Miami 0830/7 by EDMOND J. MORAN and being sent to New York where due 10/7. Crew was originally U.K. Crew except 7 replaced by fitter West Indians at St. Lucia, of which change owner stated to have been advised.
(V.C., Miami, 0610Z/8, to Admty).

Movement Summary.	1800 G.M.T./8. Ship	Position	Course	Speed
	ARCHER with U.S. Escort	Approaching New York	317°	12 ¹ / ₂
	MILFORD	15 ¹ / ₂ ° S. 33° W.	210°	12 ¹ / ₂
	Convoy C.T.19	50° N. 45° W.	222°	13 ¹ / ₂
	Convoy A.T.17B	53° N. 42° W.	055°	14 ¹ / ₂
	Convoy A.T.17	55° N. 37° W.	070°	13 ¹ / ₂
	(D.O.D.(F), 0932Z/8 to Opnav (R) Commaveu).			

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- EMPIRE
EXPLORER
torpedoed. Following received from Barbados Radio SSSS
EMPIRE EXPLORER torpedoed 0055Z/9 position 11°
40' N. 60° 55' W.
(Bermuda, 1053P/8, to Admty).
- Convoys,
use of W/T. Your 2245Z/7. It is considered desirable convoy
should not break W/T silence if they will be on
time at I.C.O.M.P. Propose if either (a) the
main portion anticipates being more than 1 hour
early or 3 hrs. late or (b) the joining portion anticipates
being late, a report be made to C.in C. W.A., for action and to
other escorts concerned and C.T.G. 24.6 for information.
This report is to include proposed new I.C.O.M.P. and is to be
made 24 hours in advance prefixed operational priority.
C.in C. W.A., will then confirm or promulgate new I.C.O.M.P.
Should convoy not meet, the procedure laid down in draft Admty
Convoy Instructions, Art. 28 para. 3 and 4 is to be followed.
(C.in C. W.A., 1109Z/8, to C.T. 24 (R) C.T.G. 24.6. C.T.G. 24.7,
Connav).
- ONONDAGA. Overdue San Juan, U.S. ONONDAGA.
(S.O.I. Jamaica, 1113R/8, to Admty etc.).
- U.S.
Forces. My 1519/4. Further disposition of U.S. Forces
in Atlantic.
6" Cruisers: MILWAUKEE, at Trinidad. MEMPHIS,
at Pernambuco.
(D.O.D.(F) 1151B/8, to C.in C. H.F., C.in C. A.W.I.,
N.S.H.Q.). *See p. 230. * See next page*
- H.A. 2.
Cancelled. Owing to urgent need for corvettes in St. Lawrence
no corvettes will be available for H.A. 2 and
sailing of this convoy on 14/7 is therefore
cancelled.
(N.S.H.Q., 1401Z/8, to Cafac, C.E.S.F., C.G.S.F.,
C.in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty. Connav, C.O.A.C.
B.A.D.).
- PARRSBORO Sailed Halifax 1900Z/7 as additional escort to
HS 22 to Sydney. Ship will be available to
escort and to convoy from Sydney to St. John's
N.F. Request PARRSBORO be sailed in convoy with
WEDGEPORT from St. John's N.F., in accordance
with Admty, 1714/6th October 1941.
(C.O.A.C., Halifax, 1403Z/8 to F.O.N.F.).
- MOSLI Your 1909/22/6. MOSLI has not arrived.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 1410QR/8, to Admty).

/BRASTAGI ...

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BRASTAGI (overdue) My 2240/7. Peruvian Destroyer ALMIRANTE VILLAR searching the vicinity Lobos Islands and coast from Talara. U.S. bombers searching between Talara and Pimentel and to Cape San Francisco in Northern Ecuador. Harbour Masters entire Coast of Peru ordered to report any landing. (Callao, 1420R/8, to S.O.I. Jamaica (R) Admty etc.)

Trinidad Movements. Arrival CHURCHILL. Departures U.S.S. RANGER AUGUSTA, ELLYSON, FORREST, HOBSON, CORRY, FITCH, MILWAUKEE, MOFFETT, Oiler HOUSATONIC for Patrol Eastward, Details unknown. U.S.S. BIDDLE and HERBERT escorting TERROR T.A.W. III. (F.O.I.C., Trinidad, 1512Q/8, to C.in C.A.W.I., (R) Admty etc.).

ANGLO-CANADIAN overdue. ANGLO-CANADIAN on route Baltimore diverted to Charleston where due 1/7 has not arrived Charleston. Master PUTNEY HILL reports hearing distress call from ANGLO-CANADIAN 1700Z/24/6. (N.S.H.Q., 1519Z/8, to Admty etc.).

NICOYA overdue. Overdue Cristobal Costa Rican NICOYA. B.A.D. pass to Connav. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1641R/8, to Admty etc.).

P. 554. This is Connav 1659/8 addressed for action Comsublant, New London, (R) C.in C. Lant.C.E.S.F., C.T.F.24 Admty, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F. (Begins)- Route P. 554 when ready New London to Argentia through points (D) 39.55 N. 69.45 W. (E) 40.20 N. 65.20 W. (F) 44.20 N. 60.50 W. (G) 46.30 N. 54.45 W. thence to destination. Advise time of departure and speed. (Ends). (Connav, 1708Z/8, to Admty etc.). My 1826/22. At F.O.N.F.'s request P.554 will proceed Argentia in first instance. (B.A.M.R., 1834Z/8, to N.S.H.Q., Admty (R) C.in C., U.S., Fleet, Connav, Cdr. S/Ms. Atlantic Fleet, F.O.(S) etc.).

A.B.C.3 and Local Defence Plans. Following from Chiefs of Staff No.(W) 218. Ref: J.S.M. 283 (1625/2/7).
1. We agree with King's interpretation.
2. Please ask him to inform local Commanders in the sense of his interpretation. (Air Min., 1710Z/8, to Britman Washington).

/U/B ...

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U/B 8/7 S/M estimates.
Positions. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1721/8).

MILFORD. My E.T.A. (?Rio De Janeiro) A.M./11.
Request B.A.D. Alusna, Montevideo, N.A. Rio De
Janeiro and Admty be informed.
(MILFORD, 1800Z/8, to C.in C. A.W.I.).
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MOSFRUIT 36 survivors from Norwegian M/V MOSFRUIT bound
(torpedoed Liverpool from St. John N.B., landed Belfast
30/6). ex M/V EMPIRE HOPE. MOSFRUIT was torpedoed at
1430 G.M.T. on 30/6 in 56° 10' N. 23° 20' W.
Survivors include 3 passengers. No casualties.
(F.O.I.C., Belfast, 1803/8, to C.in C. W.A., (R)
Admty).

Convoy Request Connav's attention be drawn to C.A.F.O's
titles. 1035/42 and 1115/42.
2. As title PG and CW already employed request
Panama - Guantanamo and Cristobal - Key West
convoys be given alternative titles (Connav
1851/6 and my 1700/7 refer).
(D.T.D., 1858B/8 to B.A.D.)
Reply: B.A.D., 2319Z/9.

DALWARNIC Your 2055B/6. Canadian Shipping Board advise
that DALWARNIC is one of vessels upon which
British West Indies depend for supply of
essential food products. Vessel now fully loaded with cargo
for Jamaica and Mobile and there are supplies of food products
now waiting at Mobile to be loaded on this vessel for Jamaica.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1900Z/8 to Admty).

G.I.R.O. This is Connav 1927/8. All interested parties
Amendment. have been informed by separate despatch. G.I.R.O.
amendment No. 4 Chapter 2 para. 16. subpara. A.
subheading, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa delete B. and C.
substitute (b) "American West Coast ports north of 014° N. and
Islands in U.S. operational areas north and Central Pacific".
Sub para. A.S.O. (I) Kingston amend (a) to read "East coast
ports of central America". Delete (b) ports on west coast S.
America. New para. D.S.O. (I) Callao (a) west coast ports S.
America (b) west coast ports central America south of 014° N.
Chapter one para 10 (8) amend to read "knots speed (a) -
zigzagging (b) not zigzagging". Amend 11 (h) (8) to read
"speed is to be indicated (a) zigzagging (b) not zigzagging.
The entry is preceded by the word knots". 11 (h) add "vessels
provided with 1 (one) ship recoding pad do not require ref.
positions. Vessels holding other codes shall be given ref.
positions". 11 (j) add "The edition no. of 1 (one) ship
recoding pads if held shall be reported in chapter 2 paras. 23
and 24 in corresponding sub paras. Sea-Frontier Commanders and
reporting centres pass to routeing and reporting officers.
(Connav, 1927Z/8, to N.S.H.Q. C.in C. A.W.I. S.O.(I) Kingston,
Admty, S.O.(I) Montevideo).

/Sub attack ...

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Sub attack and sighting summary. RUTH torpedoed and sunk vicinity 22° 23' N. 62° 35' W. about 2255Z/28. J.A. MOFFET Jr. torpedoed 24° 47' N. 80° 42' W. 0425Z/8. Cadmus later information indicates sinking 22° 50' N. 92° 30' W. 1630Z/1. NORLANDIA 2 torpedo hits reports attacked by 2 subs. ARDENVOHR one torpedo hit 11 shell hits. Mexican Military Authorities report plane attacked sub at 22° 02' N. 97° 41' W. 2030Z/5, 1 direct hit claimed. Surface craft attack sound contacts 31° 56' N. 62° 33' W. 0005Z/8 26° 05' N. 79° 08' W. 0542Z/8. Planes sight sub on surface 28° 57' N. 80° 04' W. 1900Z/7. Submerged on course 125°. Plane attacks sub vicinity 35° 05' N. 74° 54' W. about 1820Z/7. Reports survivors in water not found by searching surface vessel. Planes sight subs. 26° 55' N. 86° 40' W. 1930Z/7 and 12° 10' N. 69° 30' W. 1650Z/7. B.A.D. and Opnav informed.
(C.in-C. U.S. Fleet, 2106/8, to Admty for O.I.C.).

U/B Campaign. Connav Serial 8. DINARIC British torpedoed still afloat. HAINAUT Belgian. ANASTASSIOS PATERAS Greek, both torpedoed sunk. All 6/7 49.30 N. 66.30 W. in convoy Q.S. 15. RUTH U.S. torpedoed sunk 28/6 approx. 22° N. 62° W. J.A. MOFFET JUNIOR U.S. Tanker torpedoed 8/7 24.47 N. 80.42 W. (Connav, 2117/8, to Commaveu (R) N.S.H.Q.).

U/B. Following received from Barbados (begins) S S S S/M sighted to east of Barbados steering southerly course (ends).
(Navycom Bermuda, No T.O.O., Recd. 2130/8).

ROBIN LOCKSLEY overdue. ROBIN LOCKSLEY (U.S.) Sailed Port Elizabeth 10/6 due Baltimore 1/7 has not arrived Baltimore. (N.S.H.Q., 2132Z/8 to Admty etc.).

Australia and New Zealand.

U.S. Forces. Changes in disposition. (D.O.D.(F), 1150B/8). See East Indies.

Situation. Serial number 167 from G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific 7/7 Air R/C Amboina 7/7 nil sighted.
(2) Total of 2 cruisers 6 destroyers 4 other warships and 2 transports reported between Lunga (Guadal Canal) and Tulagi area on 7/7. Examination of photographs 6/7 reveals that force off Lunga at 0630Z/6 includes 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer, 4 transports, 8 speed boats (moving around shipping)

/several ...

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.

Situation Contd: several small launches. All ships except speed boats and light cruiser were stationary and close inshore. Approx. 10 landing barges and 5 pontoon landing jetties were alongside beach. Report indicates enemy landings possibly effected at 009° 20' S. 159° 50' E. in addition to Lunga. 4 Kawanisi 97 F/Bs observed over Guadal at 1050Z/6.

(3) One Liberator attacked shipping off ? Lae at 0055Z/7 and scored direct hit on motor speed boat.

(4) Additional information of raid on Port Moresby area at 0001Z/6 reveal bombs dropped on 7 mile aerodrome, 1 bomb dump destroyed. My serial number 166 para. 3 refers.

(5) 16 bombers attacked Horn Island from 20,000 ft at 01(?15)Z/7. Some damage (?to) ammunition stock and transport. Fire started. (A.C.N.B., 1307Z/8, to Admty etc.)

Movements. 1. Arrival Sydney (N.S.W.) 0555Z/7. U.S. Destroyer MUGFORD. 1025Z/7 U.S. Destroyer PERKINS. Port Moresby 0646Z/7, (corrupt group) escorting BANTAM.

Departure Sydney (N.S.W.) 0225Z/7th. STUART to escort convoy C.O.9 to Melbourne. Port Phillip 0728Z/7. U.S. Destroyer HELM for Newcastle, and KALGOORLIE both escorting convoy O.C. 9. Port Moresby 2100Z/6, SWAN for Townsville escorting (?ANHUI). 0110Z/7, BENDIGO to escort MANGOLA to Port Moresby. (A.C.N.B., 1355Z/8, to Admty etc.).

ASCANIA. Admty 1535/19. Intend sailing ASCANIA from Auckland independently for Panama en route U.K. on Monday 13/7. Admty pass to C.in C. Western Approaches. (N.Z.N.B., 1605M/8 to Admty).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1414B/8, 1419B/8).

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.E-Boat
attack on
W.P.183.

Convoy W.P.183 was attacked by E-Boats in the early hours of today in approx. 50° 19' N 3° 0' W. A/S Trawler MANOR and 5 ships were sunk. BROCKLESBY, escorting, engaged the E-Boats which disappeared in smoke without indication of serious damage. BROCKLESBY also fired at a small mooring lighter from Dartmouth, which was later seen proceeding to Portland. A seventh ship was sunk later in the morning by air attack.

KONGSHAUG (Nor. 1156 tons.)
 POMELLA (Br. Tanker 6766 tons.)
 ROSTEN (Nor. 736 tons.)
 BOKN (Nor. 698 tons.)
 REGGESTROOM (Du. 2836 tons.)

Owing to the above attack, alterations in the convoy schedule are to be brought into force (see C. in C. Plymouth 1313B/9.)

Convoy
P.Q.17.

The Russian Tanker AZERBAIDJAN, which was damaged by A/C torpedo p.m./4 is reported to be anchored in Russkaya Harbour (north coast of Novaya Zemlya) DON BASS, BELLINGHAM and RATHLIN arrived in Dvina port today.

The convoy from Novaya Zemlya was shadowed by U-Boats today.

The following casualties are reported:-

RICHARD BLAND. Went ashore off Iceland (C)
 EXFORD. Damaged by ice and returned.
 WILLIAM HOOPER. Sunk p.m./4 by A/C torpedo.
 Unidentified ship. do.
 RIVER AFTON. Sunk, no details known.
 NAVARINO. Sunk by A/C torpedo 4/7.
 PAN KRAFT. Sunk, no details known.
 CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT. Sunk 4/7 by aircraft.
 Two unidentified ships. Sunk, no details known.
 R.F.A. ALDERSDALE (Tanker) do.
 ZAAFARAN (Rescue ship) do.
Reported 10/7.
 EMPIRE BYRON. Sunk, no details known.
 WINSTON SALEM. do.
 EARLSTON. Probably sunk.
 EMPIRE TIDE. do.
 SILVER SWORD. do.

British Air Operations.

241 aircraft of Bomber Command attacked the naval dockyard and submarine building slips at Wilhelmshaven last night.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy W.P.183 was attacked by aircraft at 0611 in 50° 26' N 2° 29'(79)W and SS. GRIPFAST was sunk.

Mining.

B.D.V. TUNISIAN was mined and sunk at 0740 in 51° 56' 33" N 1° 23' 3" E. (off Harwich.)

Eleven ground mines were detonated inside Milford Haven today. Five mines were detonated in the Humber area.

North Atlantic.

IMPERIALIST (A.B.V.) intercepted CARVALHO ARAUJO (Portuguese 4560 tons), Flores for Lisbon, at 1015 today and is sending her in to Gibraltar under armed guard.

Mediterranean.

An enemy convoy southbound, consisting of 5 M/Vs escorted by 2 destroyers and 5 torpedo boats, was sighted by R/C Maryland W of Crete. 5 Liberators were sent to attack in the afternoon, but were attacked by about 20 ME.109s off Sidi Barrani, 2 of which were destroyed and 3 probably destroyed. 1 Liberator was lost, the others returned owing to lack of ammunition.
(For night attacks on this convoy see 10/7.)

Air attacks on Malta continued today; aircraft were damaged and destroyed at Luqa in the morning, and some damage was done at Ta Kali in the afternoon, when 12 or more enemy aircraft were brought down.

13 Liberators bombed shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi last night, while 2 Fortresses and 36 Wellingtons bombed Tobruk harbour.

The Suez Canal is open to restricted traffic.

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America and West Indies.

U.S. ships bound for North Russia are to be held at Sydney C.B. until further orders.

Lake tanker traffic from Curacao was suspended from 6/7 until today owing to the presence of a U/B in the Gulf of Venezuela.

Seven survivors and 10 bodies were recovered today from German S/M U.701 which was sunk on 7/7 near Cape Hatteras by U.S. A/C.

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SABRE.

Position of "Eager" at 1159Z/8 003° 124 miles from position L suffix B course 183° 10 knots. My position at 2357Z/8 002° 146 miles from L. suffix B speed 11 knots returning over outward route. Fuel remaining 48%. Weather report 3852 1816.

(SABRE 0215B/9 to C. in C.W.A. WISHART).

A.M. 1854B/4th, 1906B/6th and F.O.C.N.A. 1114B/7th.

Sailed WELSHMAN routed in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 1446B/7th and F.O.C.N.A. 1230B/8th. S. of A. to position (F) 18½ knots thereafter as requisite. Latest Q.K.A. 64. Entering N.A. Station at 0230B/12.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 2034B/9 to F.O.C.N.A. C. in C.W.A., Admty, V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med. R.A.M.).

FURIOUS,
ICARUS,
FORESIGHT.

ICARUS with FORESIGHT proceed passing Switha 0200B/10 to R/V with FURIOUS off Oxcars at 1400B/10. Speed west of a line Fidra Island Elieness is not to exceed 9 knots except in emergency.

2. When met act in accordance with C. in C.

Rosyth's 1619B/7th para one subsequently providing escort to Clyde.

3. Fighter protection for passage Clyde arranged codeword "Queen."

4. When released return to Scapa.

5. C. in C. Rosyth's 1647/4th, 1619B/7th, 1933B/8th attached.

(R.A.(D) H.F. 0930B/9 to ICARUS, FORESIGHT.).

PHOEBE.

A.M. 1517B/8 not to C. in C. Plymouth and N.O.I.C. Belfast. Request you will sail PHOEBE to comply routed through:-

(A) 360° Inishtrahull 10 miles. (B) 054° 45' N. 012° 12' W.

(C) 52° 31' 16° 01'. (D) 43° 02' 15° 59' thence to Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.

(C. in C.W.A. 1157B/9 to N.O.I.C. Greenock (R) Admty, C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.C.N.A., N.O.I.C. Belfast.).

CHALLENGER.

CHALLENGER's 1230/8 not to C. in C. Eastern Fleet. Request you will sail CHALLENGER to join C. in C. Eastern Fleet by first convenient O.S. Convoy.

(D.O.D. (H) 1309B/9 to C. in C.W.A.).

A.M. 1309/9. CHALLENGER is to proceed Liverpool when ready and sail thence 21/7 with O.S. 35 to Freetown for onward routing to join C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

(C. in C.W.A. 2037B/9).

Situation
Report at

2000 Section

N.W.

HUSSAR 061° 00', 015° 00', Scapa 12. 1 (One)
Merchant ship in tow. CELIA, THIRLEMERE, 061° 25',
016° 20' to 059° 01' 010° 01' 7. O.N. S.J. 110. U.S.S
GEORGE M. BIBB, U.S. Destroyer BABBIT, F.S. ROSELYS 060° 07'
024° 58' to 056° 26' 025° 24' 7. R.U. 31. SALADIN,
SCIMITAR, CAPE MARIATO, QUADRILLE, MAZURKA. 063°

30' 022° 31' to 062° 01' 021° 03' 7.

(C. in C.W.A. 1332B/9 to S. & A., W.A.).

/K.G.V.....

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Movements - conts.

K.G.V. Admiralty S.D. 05 325/42 of 18/7 being sent to
CUMBERLAND. CUMBERLAND who is to R/V KING GEORGE V in
050° Cape Wrath 12 miles at 1100/11 to carry
out trials in section 2, destroyers to be supplied
from KING GEORGE V screen.
(2) KING GEORGE V is to amend time of R/V if necessary.
(C. in C.H.F. 1411B/9 to CUMBERLAND(R) KING GEORGE V Admty.A.C.O.S)

QUEEN EMMA Your 2054/8. QUEEN EMMA and PRINCESS BEATRIX
PRINCESS are ready to sail at 4 hours notice, except that in
BEATRIX. PRINCESS BEATRIX - R.D.F. type 290 is defective
and requires to be landed and tested to locate
faults. Should this defect be taken in hand before
PRINCESS BEATRIX is sailed for Greenock.
(R.A.C.O. 1439B/9 to C.C.O.).
C.C.O's 2054/8 and my 1439B/9. Request you will sail QUEEN EMMA
as convenient.
(R.A.C.O. 1441B/9 to C. in C.Portsmouth).
C.C.O's 2054/8.
Intend to sail QUEEN EMMA and PRINCESS BEATRIX escort, by
ALBRIGHTON from Needles at 1200/10 for Greenock.
2. Route. E.T.A. 2200/11.
3. ALBRIGHTON will part company at Smalls and return to
Portsmouth.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 2343B/9)
Your 1439/9. PRINCESS BEATRIX should not be delayed for this
reason.
(C.C.O. 2055B/9 to R.A.C.O.).

STURGEON. F.O.S. 2049/8 when returning to base proceed north
of line position 064° 41' N. 010° 34' E. and
064° 44' N. 010° 00' E. to position.
(A) 064° 47' N. 009° 58' E thence through position.
(B) 064° 46' N. 005° 01' E.
(C) 064° 10' N. 002° 50' E.
(D) 091° Out Skerries 4 miles to 52.
Attention is called paras. (2) and (3) of my 1319/8.
(Capt. (S) 9. 1735B/9 to STURGEON). *See p. 243*

S/Ms from F.O.S. 1113/8th. After passing through position
N.W. Norway 090° Out Skerries 5 miles proceed direct into
patrol. Lerwick without escort.
(S.O.S/Ms Lerwick 1935B/9 to S/Ms operating N. of
51° N.).

BURNHAM. My 1416/9. Owing to Smallpox at Glasgow BURNHAM is to
proceed to Liverpool to give leave.
(C. in C.W.A. 2225B/9).

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E-Boat 3 Ships mined in 050° 19' N. 003° 00' W.
Attack on (BROCKLESBY. 0125B/9).
W.P.183. 2 E/Bs in 50° 19' N. 3° 27' W.
 Course 063 Speed 7 knots.
 (BROCKLESBY 0130/9).

My 0125 ships probably mined.
(BROCKLESBY 0135B/9)

Cancel my 0130.
(BROCKLESBY 0140/9).

My 0125/9. POMELLA and KONGSHAUG sunk. Possibly other casualty.
Considerable attack by guns made by E-Boats. Mooring vessel
damaged by own gun fire.
(BROCKLESBY. 0245B/9).

Try to cut off E-Boats from Cherbourg.
(C. in C.Plymouth 0343B/9 to M.G.Bs. 501, 318).

My 0343/9 keep well to southward of convoy. After daylight close
to 50° 19' N. 03° 00' W. and search for survivors.
(C. in C.Plymouth 0345/9 to M.G.Bs 501, 318).

Convoy W.P.183 was attacked by E-Boats in approx. 050°
19' N. 003° 00' W. between 0100/9 and 0230/9. Following
merchant ships reported sunk, KONGSHAUG, POMELLA, ROSTEN
BOKN.

A further attack by aircraft on convoy took place 0620 in
050° 26' N. 002° 09' W. in which S.S.GRIPFAST was bombed and sunk.
Following ships have survivors and are proceeding Portsmouth,
BROCKLESBY 22, CORNELIAN 33, SS MARIE bound for Southampton 21.
R.A.F.mooring vessel STONEBOAT and merchant ship POLLY M. arrived
Weymouth and Portland respectively with 47 survivors.
(N.O.I.C.Portland 1109B/9).

Signal brief report of attack on W.P. 183.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1119B/9 to BROCKLESBY).

At 0120/9th in 050° 19' N. 003° 00' W. W.P. 183 was
attacked by estimated 5 E-Boats. Flares had been dropped ½ hour
previously 10 miles ahead of convoy. E-Boats were evidently
stopped and stringed out across convoy's path. Night was dark
no H.E. or R.D.F.indication was received until after attack.
First indication of enemy's presence was explosion on leading
ships of both columns. One E-Boat engaged between BROCKLESBY
and convoy and two others to seaward of BROCKLESBY, hits being
apparently obtained but no indication of serious damage to E-Boats
which disappeared in smoke. Four ships certainly sunk, escorting
trawler and one ship not accounted for and probably sunk. Regret
BROCKLESBY engaged small friendly vessel sailing ahead of convoy.
At 0610 remainder of convoy was attacked by four M.E. 109 Es
with bombs and one ship sunk one aircraft believed destroyed.
About 100 survivors so far landed merchant ships sunk are
POMELLA, KONGSHAUG, BOKN, ROSTEN, GRIPFAST, REGGESTROOM and
H.M.S.MANOR probably sunk.
(BROCKLESBY 1253/9).

My 1109B/9. Survivors landed Weymouth including 28 survivors
of REGGESTROOM

(N.O.I.C.Portland. 1425B/9).

F.O.I.C.Portland's 1109B/9. A/S Trawler MANOR and SS REGGESTROOM
also sunk in E-Boat attack. One survivor from MANOR landed at
Yarmouth and taken to Totland Hospital and eight survivors from
REGGESTROOM landed at Cowes by A/S Trawler RUBY.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1727/9 to C. in C.Plymouth, N.O.I.C.Dartmouth,
F.O.I.C.Portland, Admiralty.).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations. - conts. -E-Boat
attack on
W.P. 183.
Contd.F.O.I.C. Portland's 1109/9.
3 Wrecks only discovered and buoyed in following
positions:-
(a) 50° 22' 10" N. 02° 59' 30" W.
(b) 118° 7 cables (A)
(c) 218° 2 miles from (a) marked as follows (A)
Aircraft carrier flag over small "S" (b) and (c)
Red.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1903/9).H.M.S. BROCKLESBY's 1253/9th. Following further information
received from BROCKLESBY, BROCKLESBY was 4 cables off Starboard
Bow of Commodore. Wind S.W. Force 2. Small friendly ship
referred to was Mooring Lighter from Dartmouth, she was
later seen proceeding to Portland. BROCKLESBY has 76
survivors POLLY M took about 20 from GRIPFAST into Portland,
RUBY and small tug who remained on scene may have picked up others
KONGSHAUG sighted torpedoes POMELLA was a big tanker Commodore
was picked up. Written report from BROCKLESBY follows.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1917B/9).

Patrols.

Patrol tonight. 1 MALLARD. A/A escort for F.N.No. 56
and 2 ATHERSTONE. 3 WINDSOR. 4 MEYNELL. 5,
PYTCHLEY. 6 CAMPBELL.
(C. in C. Nore 0930B/9).Tonight 4 M.Ls leaving Dover eastward at 2330, E.T.R. 0400/10.
Route via number 1 buoy each way. 3 M/S Trawlers leaving
Dover at 0200/10 for Dungeness.
(F.O.C. Dover 1904B/9).Sweep by
light craft.BLEASDALE, M.T.B. 53, and M.T.B. 51 will carry out
sweep of enemy coastal route tonight 9th/10th
July. Route Beachy Head 0001, St Valery,
En Caux, Dieppe, Beachy Head 0600.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1527B/9 to V.A. Dover, N.O.I.C.
Newhaven (R) Admty.).

STURGEON.

A suggested patrol while you are waiting is
between your patrol position and Villa 064° 33'
010° 43' which is very conspicuous. Hugging
coast should afford you considerable protection
from A/S measures.
(F.O.(S) 0007B/9 to STURGEON). See p. 241.Patrol
"White."My 1724/8. Para.(2). Patrol "White" need not be
instituted for present but should be established
at your discretion if enemy information makes it
desirable.
(C. in C.H.F. 1111B/9 to C.T.F. 99 (R) C.S.I.A.C.O.S
V.A.2, C. in C.W.A. RENOWN, Admty, A.C.I.C.).

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S.G.Bs for
Special
Operation.

Request you will sail three S.G.Bs so as to arrive Portsmouth by 15/7 for special operation. Probably duration about 10 days. (D.D.O.D.(C) 1709B/9 to V.A.Dover).

British Air Operations.

E-Boats in
Lyme Bay.

E-Boats active in 50° 19' N. 03° 00' W. will probably return Cherbourg. Request you will attack. (C. in C.Plymouth 0311B/9 to 10th Group).

Attack on
Merchant
Vessel &
5 escorts.

My 1017B/9. Track E 2 D was attacked at 2340 by a Boston aircraft of 418 Squadron under Swingate Control. Pilot claims three near misses on the Merchant Vessel. Weather conditions were unfit for coastal craft to operate. (V.A.Dover. 1018B/9).

Catalinas at
Gryaznaya.

AC/146.(9/7 your ARC. 673 8/7) four remaining Catalinas to return U.K. one is to be available as required for passenger referred A.M. AX.608 8/7. (H.Q.C.C. 1300/9 to Party A &c).

Bomber
Command
Operations.

7th July, no operations.
Night 7/8 July. 91 aircraft successfully laid mines in enemy waters.
Night 8/9 July. Attack on naval dockyard and submarine building slips at Wilhelmshaven by 241 out of 285 aircraft. 4 of our aircraft failed to return. (H.Q.B.C. 1530/9).

Operation
"Bolero."

H.Q.R.A.F.Iceland 1247/8.
Request your views as to what help could be given with your present resources. (D.O.D.(H) 1908B/9 to A.C.I.C.)

Bombing
Restrictions.

Institute total submarine bombing restrictions 35 miles either side of line joining 64° 37' N. 10° 48' E and 64° 37' N. 04° 10' E. from 0400/10 to 1800/11. (H.Q.C.C. 2000/9 to 15,16,18,19 Groups A.C.O.S. (R) F.O.S. H.Q.B.C., 1,2,3,4,5,91, 92 Groups. S.9.)

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy W.P.183. Convoy "Review", position 50° 26' N. 2° 29' W. course 090° speed 7 knots is being attacked by enemy aircraft. (Convoy Escort 0611/9).

/Cattewater.

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Enemy Air Operations.

Cattewater. Ref. A.L.M. 019592/41 of 5/1/42. para.3, an enemy A/C has recently flown low down Cattewater where flying boats essential for operations in Bay of Biscay are berthed. In order to protect them a water borne balloon is required in position O.S.Sheet 144. 930763. Vessel can be provided temporarily from spare craft but an additional craft will be required. No balloon can be spared for transfer from an existing site. 19 Group, A.A.D.C. Balloon Barrage Commander concur. Request approval. (C. in C.Plymouth 1946B/9 to Admty.).

Convoy "Range." Help "Range" 2 aircraft. My position 50° 50' N. 4° 52' W. Course 036 Speed 7 knots. (SLAZAK. 2229/9).

Mining.

B.D.V. TUNISIAN. B.D.V. TUNISIAN lost, mined at 0740 in 51° 56' 33" N. 01° 23' 03" E. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0952B/9). C.A.F.O. 1968. My 0952/9. (1) 0743B/9/7/42. (2) B.W.T.TUNISIAN. (4) 51° 56' 32" N 01° 23' 13" E. (5) 045° 3 knots. (6) Apparently directly under ship. (7) Disintegrated (8) One (9) Yes 150 to 200 feet mud. (25) Ranged 19/6/42. (30) H.M.B.A.PORTHOS in tow. (32) Not known (33) SA 'LL' sweepers close to this position on several occasions last date 25.6.42. (34) No. (35) Not known (36) Ship vanished almost at once. (38) Lieut T.Wedge R.N.R. (F.O.I.C.Harwich 1826B/9).

Milford Haven. Ten grounded (sic) mines detonated by Sweeper all inside Haven. (N.O.I.C.Milford Haven 2021B/9).

Humber. Following 5 mines detonated today 9th July. (F.O.Humber 2315B/9).

Enemy Intelligence.

Unidentified Ship. One Un. 220° 10 miles Un. 070° 30' (?14°) 03'. (P.45 0625Z/9 to Admty.).

Enemy ship- ing plotted by R.D.F. in Dover Strait. From 0900/8 to 0900/9. Track E.1.D. 6 Vessels Trawler size from Boulogne at 2225 Eastbound at 6 to 8 knots faded 3 miles N.E. of Calais at 0130. Possibly minesweeping. Track E.2.D.6 vessels identified by aircraft as one Merchant vessel and 5 escorts from Boulogne at 2255 Westbound at 6 to 8 knots faded 8½ miles S.W. of Boulogne at 0110. (V.A.Dover 1017B/9).

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D/F K/cs enemy unit D/F station bearings.No. of
Fixes. degrees and class. 2028 G.M.T. 069° 52' N.
042° 50' E. Reliable.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0032B/9 to Admty (R)
Ships escorting P.Q.17).

2129 G.M.T. 071° 18' N. 044° 34' E. Reliable.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0034B/9)

0305 G.M.T. 071° 03' 043° 40'. Reliable
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0534B/9).

0330 G.M.T. 070° 30' 045° 00'. Reliable.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0706B/9).

Casualties & Defects.

WISHART. A.M. 2122/30/6. Cancel para.1.
2. On arrival in U.K.WISHART can be taken in hand
for restricted refit, fitting of Type 271 and
partial retubing of condensers at Newport (Mon.) about 12/7.
3. Ship must be ready to leave U.K. by 1/8 and defects which
cannot be completed within this period are not to be
undertaken.
Request you will arrange for WISHART to arrive Newport as
early as possible.
(D.O.D.(H) 1742B/9 to C. in C.W.A.).

Shipping & Convoys.

Convoys Admiralty 1856B/8.
O.N. O.N.S. 1.Concur.
H.X. and 2. Owing to harbour time being shorter in
S.C. Newfoundland than in U.K. S.C. should not be
advanced till first advanced O.N.S. has arrived.3.
O.N.S.114 is first O.N.S. which can be advanced.
Corresponding S.C. is S.C.95.
4. During transition period routine for Iceland portions will
need adjustment.
(C. in C.W.A.0852Z/9 to Admty).

P.Q.17. Any ship which is now proceeding to search for 12
Survivors reported to be in life boat at 2320 C
in 074° 58' 041° 06' E. report P. C.S. by W/T
to S.B.N.O. N.Russia.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0958B/9 to Escorts of P.Q.17)

P.Q.17 situation (1200C) July 9th. 6 sunk certain excluding
ALDERSDALE and ZAAFARAN. 7 ships arrived White Sea and Iokanka.
AZERBAIDJAN (U.S.S.R.) tanker in Russkaya Harbour 76.14 N.
63.00 E.
6 ships believed to be proceeding South escorted from Cape
Stolbovoi to be joined by 7th ship from Moller Bay.
No further information. Search continues. Admiralty pass to
C.in C.H.F.
(S.B.N.O.North Russia 1051B/9 to Admty).

/Fighter.....

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Fighter protection will be (? provided) for Novaya, Zemlya ships of P.Q.17 as follows:-
From position (?) T. along route to position R by P E.3s, From Kanin Nos to Kolguev Island A/S by S.B due from Svyatoinos, to Ponoï by Hurricanes and Chaikas. Through Ponoï to Zimnegorsky by P.E.2s and 3s and from Zimnegorsky to Archangel by Hurricane. Planes will operate in pairs and have been warned to keep 10 Kilometres from ships. P.E.2s and P.E.3s are similar in appearance to Messerschmitt 110s. Admiralty pass to all addressees.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1147B/9 to Escort of P.Q.17 S.B.N.O.N.Russia.
(R) Admiralty C. in C.H.F. except ships refitting or temporarily detached to another Command or Station, but including vessels temporarily attached to H.F. for an operation or for escorting convoys. (C. in C.W.A. A.C.I.C., A.C.O.S. C. in C.Rosyth F.O.(S) S.O. 1st M/S, DIANELLA).

Catalinas report. 1234/C/8th 074° 40' N. 033° 58' E. (One) Merchant ship on fire no survivors visible.

1345C/8th 076° 50' N. 038° 00' E. one merchant ship on fire and abandoned presume PAN KRAFT no survivors visible.

1643C/8th 076° 13' N. 036° 40' E. One merchant ship on fire no survivors visible.

0105C/9th 074° 21' N. 041° 50' E. one boat with red sail containing 15 survivors.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1212B/9 to HAZARD, LEDA (R) S.O.1st M.F. S.B.N.O. N.Russia, Admty. C. in C.H.F. (except ships refitting or temporarily detached to another Command or Station, but including vessels temporarily attached to Home Fleet for an operation or for escorting convoys.) C. in C.W.A. A.C.I.C., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, F.O.(S).)

Following joint report from P.615, P.614, 4/7 CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, bombed and later sunk by one torpedo from P.614.

From 1600 to 1800 6 H.E.115s circled convoy making faint attack on either beam. At 1830 15 H.E.111K sighted (corrupt group) 170. Leader went straight through and torpedoed NAVARINO at close range. Remainder dropped torpedoes 2/3 cables astern of convoy on (?broad) tracks, one H.E. came in from starboard beam and torpedoed U.S.S.R. AZERBAIDJAN.

U.S.A. WILLIAM HOOPER had dropped slightly astern and was torpedoed on 110° track. 2 planes shot down including leader. Only torpedoes which hit were those dropped on approx. 090° track. Recommendation; if convoy scatters S/M escort remain with S/Ms until situation clarifies or position to dive and attack the enemy is reached. Otherwise enemy aircraft force S/M to dive immediately owing to lack of A/A protection.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1217B/9 to F.O.S.).

All communications most difficult and many signals probably totally destroyed. If HALCYON and SALAMANDER have not been given orders as to destination request you instruct them to proceed to Murmansk after arrival position T. I anticipated your 1626/8th when DIANELLA reported to me 1400/8 with exception that if she met damaged or unescorted ships she should escort them to Gorlago first. Am returning to SEAGULL after passing this message off Sosnovetz. Only ships sighted of P.Q.17 so far DONBASS, RATHLIN, BELLINGHAM.

(S.O. M.S.F.1 1545B/9 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).

/Lifeboat.....

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P.Q.17 Contd. Lifeboat with 12 survivors reported in 74° 58' N. 41° 06' E. at 2320C/8th. Proceed with despatch to search vicinity. Instructions in S.B.N.O. Archangel's 1626/8th are cancelled. Acknowledge. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1557B/9 to DIANELLA).

In addition to boat mentioned in my 1557/9th aircraft report boat with red sails containing 15 men in 074° 21' N. 041° 50' E. 0105C/9 search vicinity.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2057B/9 to DIANELLA).
P.Q.17 Arrivals RATHLIN, BELLINGHAM, DON BASS.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 2349B/9).

Q.P.13. Your 0507B/7. (? deletions) CLARA, ALCOA, BANNER, not yet sailed.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0943B/9 to A.C.I.C.).

My 0507B/7th. Reykjavik arrival *IFGIRA and AMERICAN PRESS.
(A.C.I.C. 1931B/9).

Your 0906B/9. Ships were mined in 066° 34' N. 023° 14' W. approximately. An accurate position cannot be given as previous to accident no reliable position had been obtained.
(A.C.I.C. 2145/9 to R.A.M.). *HEGIRA (sic).

W.P.184. W.P. 184 is to proceed into Dartmouth for night 10th July every endeavour is to be made to arrive Dartmouth as early as possible.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1113/9 to Escorts of W.P.184).

Tankers in Convoy. Your 1810/4/6 and my 1922/6/6. Propose subject your concurrence that until further orders the present limitation to the number of tankers sailing in BB, ONM, OGM, and OSM convoys will be waived.
(D.T.D. 1159B/9 to C. in C.W.A.).

Reference tankers in Irish sea. Comply with Admiralty's 1159B/9 and cancel my 1609/8 which refers to next BB convoy formed from H.X.196.

(C. in C.W.A. 1726B/9 to F.O.I.C. Belfast, F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, (R) Admiralty.).

E.N. Convoys. Programme of sailings:- E.N.11 (Fast) 1630/15.
E.N.12. (Medium) 1630/17. E.N.13 (Slow) 0330/21,
E.N.14 (Fast) 2300/22, E.N.15. (Slow) 1930/24.
E.N.16. (Slow) 2230/27. E.N.17 (Fast) 1800/29.
(C. in C. Rosyth. 1201B/9).

Proposed convoy W.N. programme. Your 1542B/8/7. Concur.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1252B/9 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe)
WN 9. Zero (As for 7½ knot convoy) 1630/14.
WN.10. 1730/16, W.N.11 1915/18.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe. 1744B/9).

/P.W.....

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- P.W. & W.P. Convoys. Owing to E-boat attack on convoys in Lyme Bay, the following alterations in the convoy schedule will be brought into force forthwith.
1. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail P.W. convoys to pass Needles at 0800 and make best speed to pass Start Point in daylight. Convoy speed then to be adjusted to arrive DI buoy QZS 347 at 0700.
 2. N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested sail PWF to R/V PW at DI buoy at 0700.
 3. N.O.I.C. Cardiff and N.O.I.C. Milford Haven are requested to sail WP convoys to Dartmouth to arrive before dark for onward routing.
 4. N.O.I.C. Dartmouth to sail the WP convoy the morning after arrival.
 5. Convoy will retain their codeword until arrival.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1313B/9).

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Shipping.

Gibraltar 1900/8. Armed Trawler L'ALGEROISE S S
OUED TIFLET deck cargo fruit, FOUAROYANT Deck
cargo cork and barrels, MAROC deck cargo cork
and barrels, all laden, Trawler BEITA Eastbound.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar 0031B/9).
Passings 8/7. Eastbound 1620 OUD-TIFLET deck
cargo. FOUAROYANT laden. MAROC deck cargo.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1001B/9, to Admty for M.E.W.)

AVILA
STAR
survivors.

Portuguese Destroyer LIMA picked up 112 survivors
of S.S. AVILA STAR in 038° (05'?) N. 020° 40' W.
night 8/7. Now searching to north 200° this
position for 2 more boats.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1008B/9, to Admty (R) S.O.I. Gib.,
N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)

Keep look out for 2 boats of survivors from AVILA STAR approx.
position (038°?) 05' N. 020° 40' W. on 8/7.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1522B/9 to Escorts of O.S. 33. (R) Admty R.A.W.A.F.).
B.N.A. Lisbon's 1008/9. Request you will make any local
arrangements for practicable search for survivors of AVILA STAR
in approx. 038° 05' N. 020° 40' W. on 8/7.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 1530B/9, to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, (R)
Admty).

RANCHER

Following is extract from Ponta Delgada message
begins RANCHER left Ponta Delgada 0415N/8 S. of A.
9½ knots proceeding to Commodores of Convoys R/V
the 8th thence to R/V 9th reducing to 7 knots
during the night. Ship should rejoin Convoy
P.M. 9th Master also has R/V 10th ends.
(C. in C. W.A., 1011B/9 to Escorts of SL 114).

TARIA
ENSIS.

Your 1945/20. TARIA not arrived Gibraltar.
Request information. ENSIS arrived Gibraltar
0900/9. Request instructions.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1020B/9, to Admty).

Arrival COLTSFOOT, GERANIUM escorting tanker ENSIS.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1050B/9 to Admty).

TARIA, your 1020/9, arrived Freetown having missed diversion
signal.
(D.T.D., 1842B/9 to F.O.C.N.A.).

CARVALHO
ARAUJO
Intercepted

Boarded 1015 in 211 Cape Razo 3½ miles.
Ship proceeding Gibraltar under armed guard.
(IMPERIALIST, 1055B/9, to F.O.C.N.A.).
My 1055B/9. E.T.A. 1000B/10.
(IMPERIALIST, 1230B/9, to F.O.C.N.A.)
CARVALHO ARAUJO intercepted 1015/9 and being
sent in to Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 1212B/9, to B.N.A. Lisbon
(R) Admty, British Consul Funchal).

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A/C A/S Exercises. 2 Hudson aircraft will search for P.46 UTMOST and P.222 and carry out dummy attack from 0630B to 0830B/10. 1 Hudson and 4 Swordfish aircraft will carry out same exercise with P.42 from 2200B/9 until 0030/10. S/M remaining on surface at C.O.'s discretion. A/C will burn navigation lights during dark. Total bombing restrictions arranged.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1206B/9, to 8 S/M F.)

UTMOST is to R/V with VANSITTART in position 090° Europa Point 4 miles at 0700B/10 and proceed to West in company for A/S exercises. Orders for exercises and buffs will be supplied by VANSITTART who will escort you back to harbour on completion at about 1700. (F.O.C.N.A., 1208B/9, to 8 S/M F. (R) VANSITTART).

Dispositions. (1) S/M P. 37 43.25 12.23 through 43.02 12.20 at 0030B/10 thence 164° diving by day 2 knots surfacing by night 8½ until crossing 43.02 N. thence on surface, throughout 8½. Situation 2002B/9.

(2) VIDETTE, WRESTLER escorting 1 Merchant ship (E) 42.58 15.42 147° 13½.

(3) LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR vicinity 36.20 11.02.

(4) JONQUIL, STELLA CARINA, LADY HOGARTH escorting 2 tankers 34.55 08.14, 240, °9.

(5) IMPERIALIST patrolling off Cape Roca.

(6) O.G.86 43.30 18.31 through 42.01 18.02 thence 134° 7½ S.O. STORK.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1242B/9, to N.A. Stn.).

Situation 2002B/9 (1) 1 Trawler POSTBOY 4 tugs EARL KITCHENER yacht TEHRA 27. 31. 25. 740, 7073, 7.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1304B/9, to A.I.G. 65).

*TEHRA (M/T) in line.

Bombing Restrictions. AC/148 9/7 Serial number G.129. Institute submerged bombing restrictions as follows -

(A) From 0001/10 to 1300/11/25 miles either side of a line joining 45° 04' N. 03° 40' W. and 46° 24' N. 05° 42' W.

(B) From 0500/11 to 0600/13 25 miles either side of a line joining 46° 24' N. 05° 42' W. and 47° 40' N. 07° 46' W.

(H.Q.C.C., 1338B/9 to R.A.F. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.8.).

LEESEE. German 53 LEESEE. Left Bilbao passing breakwater 1145 G.M.T. full load Iron Ore. (Consul, Bilbao, 1520/9, to Admty).

Use of W/T by Spanish Ships. Your 1619B/8. This order is believed by (?Germany to be designed to reduce volume of wireless messages to and from Spanish Ships in view of American accusation of Spanish Vessels communicating with (?enemy). That accusation has been vigorously denied in Spanish press. I am not satisfied that this is complete explanation and am investigating further.

(N.A.Madrid, 1719/9, to Admty).

N.I.D. Comment.

N.A.'s 1505/6 reported Spanish Govt. Order that shipowners may not communicate by W/T with Spanish ships, even in Spanish waters and Masters may use W/T only to Spanish Authorities. Owners may not cable Masters in Spanish ports but may cable Ships' Agents.

/CAIMAN ...

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CAIMAN. America reports F.S. CAIMAN left Algiers 8/7 for unknown destination. (Consul Gen: Tangier, 1801/9, to Admty, S.O.I. Gib.)

Unknown Tanker. B.O.A.C. Catalina reports at 0530B/8 sighted 10,000 ton tanker 10 miles west of Burling Island, northbound brilliantly lit. (F.O.C.N.A., 1856B/9, to ? Admty (R) C.in C., Plymouth).

P. 42. My 1736/7. Sailed P.42. (F.O.C.N.A., 1900B/9, to C.in C. Med. (R) Admty etc.).

South Atlantic.

Hurricanes for M.E. Hurricanes Mark II stowed on deck of following ships en route for India are now required in Middle East. OCEAN JUSTICE, 2, MALANCHA 5, HELDER 3, CITY OF CHRISTIANIA 7, ANTAR 6. 2. Request arrangements be made for discharge and onward shipment to M.E. by earliest means. Details of arrangements made should be reported. (D.of S.T., 0052B/9, to S.T.O. Capetown, S.T.O. Durban. Repeated P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

W.S. 19 P. Durban portion slow convoy W.S.19 P sailed for Bombay 8/7 personnel on board OTRANTO, SANTA PAULA, E.T.A. p.m./23/7. (D.S.T.O. Durban, 0915B/9, to S.S.T.O. Bombay). Durban portion slow convoy W.S.19 P sailed 8/7 for Aden personnel on board: CHRISTIAN HUYGENS, CHATEAU THIERRY, PEOLAU ROBIAH, TALISSE, E.T.A., to disembark A.M./21/7. (D.S.T.O. Durban, 0917B/9, to S.S.T.O. Aden).

French Shipping. (Corrupt Group) received from Gibraltar? to Bathurst 8/7. 0719/8. 2 Motor Vessels, (?) 1000 tons 033° 17' N. 008° (03' or 29') W. 030° speed 8 knots. 0806/8. 1 Motor Vessel, Vichy (?) 1000 tons 031° 50' N. 010° 30' W. 250° 10 knots. 1057, 3 Motor Vessels 12/15 thousand (? tons) 1 Motor Vessel Cargo, escort by Destroyer 026° 15' N. 014° 25' W. 010° 10 knots, 1155, 1 Motor Vessel Spanish, ? 1000 tons 023° 24' N. 016° 30' W. approx. 030° 8 knots. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1019Z/9, to Admty (for D.N.I.) S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

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→ CILICIA.

A.M.1624/4/6 not to F.O.i/c Liverpool.
Destination in U.K. is Liverpool. 2. On arrival
CILICIA will be taken in hand at that port by
Harland and Wolff for refit and fitting
catapult and crane.
(D.O.D. (F) 1137B/9 to C.in C. S.A.).

Dispositions. CARADOC 006° 20' 013° 01' to 004° 12' 011° 10'
thence 112° 18. *See next page.*
KELT 006° 15' 012° 10' (?to) Marshall 8.
CANTON about 005° 30' 012° 50' to Freetown 14. BARCROSS, BARBOURNE
005° (?) 30' 011° 25' 125° 8.
TAMARISK with O.S.S. 32, 003° 15' (?) 012° 35' to 002° 01' 012°
02' 9 thence to Freetown 12.
RUMBA 000° 20' 010° 15 to Freetown 968.
F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT 002° 01' 007° 10' 110° 12½.
W.S. 20 and escort 001° 25' S. 001° 30' to 001° 30' S. 001° 01'
thence 116° 14 at 2000Z/9.
VELOX 001° 10' S. 001° 35' to Takoradi, 15.
WOODRUFF with L S 11 004° 15' 002° 30' 255° 7½.
ARMERIA 004° 30' 002° 10' to join LS 11.
BLACKMORE off Takoradi to Pointe Noire 24.
MOONSHINE with S Clear 28, 004° 35' 000° 20' to Lagos 9.
DANAE 002° 10' S. 002° 50' E. 286° 15.
EMERALD 002° 10' S. 004° 50' E. 289° 17.
ROCKROSE 008° 30' S. 007° 30' to Simonstown 12.
→ CILICIA 014° 40' S. 007° 50' to St. Helena 15.
(R.A.W.A.F., 1137Z/9, to A.I.G. 150.).

Overdue
shipping

PANTELIS due Lourenco Marques 2nd from Aden,
LEIKANGER due Capetown 3rd from Suez, REEDPOOL
due Lourenco Marques 5th from Aden, not arrived.
(S.O.I., Capetown, 1205B/9 to Admty etc.).

Ships Lost
in
Mozambique
Channel.

The following ships have been sunk in Mozambique
Channel since 27/6. Positions to nearest degree.
27th, EXPRESS (U.S.) position unknown. 29th,
GOVIKEN (Norwegian) 025° S. 041° E. 1/7, EKNAREN
(Sweden) 017° S. 040° E. 1st, DE WEERT (Dutch)
025° S. 036° E. 1st, STEAUA ROMANA, 009° S. 041°
E. 6th, MUNDRA 029° S. 032° E.
(2) 6/7 NORMPHE (Greek) (?NYMPHE) attacked in 017° S. 040° E,
fate unknown.
(3) Unsuccessful attacks were made on 30/6 ROOKLEY, 013° S. 042°
E; 30/6, DALLINGTON COURT, 012° S. 042° E; 2/7 PHEMIUS, 016°
S. 041° E; 6/7 AGAPENOR, 017° S. 041° E.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1242B/9 to Admty, etc.).

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HIGHLAND MONARCH	HIGHLAND MONARCH due Freetown approx. 18/7 will now require onward escort to U.K. instead of BATORY or ORDUNA. A.M. 1910/8/6 and C.in C. S.A., 1429/15/6 refer. (D.O.D. (F) 1300B/9 to R.A. W.A. C.in C. S.A.).
ASAMA MARU CONTE VERDE (Repatriations)	Your 0438/8. It is assumed that ASAMA MARU and CONTE VERDE due Lourenco Marques 16/7 are to return to Japan empty without waiting for arrival of Japanese repatriates. Request confirmation. Admty 2024/20/6 refers. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown, 1503B/9, to Admty for D.S.T.)
Floating dock.	My 2257Z/7 para. 1. Request E.T.A. St. Thomas be added. (R.A., W Africa, 1517Z/8 to B.A.D. Washington).
MACUBA	Your 1544B/30 MACUBA arrived Freetown 9/7. (R.A., West Africa, 1655C/9 to Admty).
Shipping for Trinidad.	Ships between 8 and 15 knots for West African ports Capetown and beyond will be sailed in regularly established convoys to Trinidad and given diversified route from there to destination. (Connav, 1814/9) See America and West Indies.
WINCHESTER CASTLE.	Ref: A.M. 1803/26/6 Para. 2. Destination of WINCHESTER CASTLE is New York. As ship has necessary endurance call at Freetown should be omitted. Personnel or German P.O.W. for New York only may be embarked up to unescorted numbers. Further signal will follow about SOBIESKI. (D.S.T., 1814B/9 to C.in C. S.A.).
CARADOC	Sailing CARADOC 0630Z/9 for Simonstown calling at Pointe Noire for fuel. E.T.A. Pointe Noire 1400Z/13. Onward route from Pointe Noire E. 007° 07' S. 010° 26' E. F. 019° 40' S. 009° 40' E. G. 034° 42' S. 017° 35' E. thence to Simonstown. (R.A.W. Africa, 1901Z/9 to Admty). <i>See previous page (Dispositions)</i>
Convoy W.S. 20.	Sailed 6th. First 10 ships for Capetown, next 8 for Durban, ESPERANCE BAY for Falkland Islands. Details. (S.S.T.O. Freetown, 1907Z/9).

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Movements.8/7 Port Said arrivals nil, departures*UNA,
SOUTHERN SEA, PROTEA, SOUTHERN MAID, GLOXINIA,
SAKTOURIS, ROMEO, SNAPDRAGON, MALINES, FALK.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 0943C/9 to Admty, C.in C.
Med).
** See next page*Cositrep
443.3. Air. Night 7/8. Wellingtons bombed shipping
and harbour installations Tobruk. Several fires
one explosion dock area. Albacores aided by ground
illumination bombed enemy M.T.
Night 8/9. Three enemy aircraft over Alexandria
Beaufighters shot down one He.111 probably destroyed
another.
(C. in C. M.E., 1128/9).

NAPIER.

Suez 9/7 departure to south NAPIER at 1205.
(F.O.C. R.S., 1215C/9 to Admty).

Black Sea.

Situation report. Enemy air activity over Taman
Peninsula and Caucasus coast considerably increased.
Very careful air R/C being made of Taman Peninsular
and bombing raids being carried out there and
along Caucasus coast.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 1215C/9 to Admty, Adm. Miles).

TAKU

IN.T.H.W.D.
Your 0510/9. Proceed at periscope depth alongside
west side of searched channel until 2000C then
surface and proceed into harbour. If boom cannot
be passed before 2045 remain in sanctuary North
of searched channel and make arrival 12/7 as in
my 1232C/6.
(Capt. S.10., 1226C/9 to TAKU).Enemy Units
TURBULENT.At 0905C/9 5 merchant ships 2 destroyers 5
M.T.Bs. P.C. and S. 035° 36', 023° 26' 180° 9'.
(S.O. 1 S/M F. Alexandria, 1309C/9 to TURBULENT).
My 1305 (?1309 intended) Carry out operation
"Pigeon" between 2300 and 0400/10. Aircraft
attacking between dusk and dawn dropping flares over target.
Homing aircraft call sign Q.Z.7. Special aircraft for
"Rooster" between 0300 and 0400 Call sign Q.Z.7 Z.
(S.O.(S) 1, 1339C/9 to TURBULENT).
My 1309 P.C. and S. at 2100, 033° (?47') 023° 37', 175° 9'.
(S.O.(S) 1., 2117C/9 to TURBULENT).Malta C.S.R. 9/7. 8th Hal Far Aerodrome unserviceable USG
BS. 16 Spitfires up one damaged pilot unhurt one
Me. 109 destroyed by A/A.
9/7. 0151 hours 6 raiders 3 houses destroyed. 0553 hours
20 Me. 109s, 6 Ju.88s Ta Kali one airman wounded one bus
destroyed craters dispersal U.X.Bs. Elsewhere several houses
destroyed. 2 Ju. 88s damaged by 16 Spitfires. One Ju.88
destroyed by A/A 0952 hours 20 Me. 109s Macchi 202s, 7 Ju.88s
Luqa. One Wellington 8 one Beaufort destroyed. Two

/Beauforts...

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Mediterranean - conts: -

Malta C.S.R Contd. Beauforts slight damage. One Me. 109 one Macchi 202 one Ju.88 destroyed one Me. 109 one Macchi 202 2 probably destroyed one Ju.88 damaged by 24 Spitfires. Two Spitfires missing search in progress. One Spitfire damaged pilot unhurt. My III.432 Missing Albacore. Italian news 1600 to 1800 hours 8 possibly refers. States last night A/A shot down one SM.34 vicinity San Ranieri, 1 officer and N.C.O. made prisoner. (H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1614/9).

Information for UNA. U-boat reported in 033° 13', 034° 50' at 0500/9 and 032° 45', 034° 30' at 1021/9. Movements Haifa 10/7 arrivals nil departures several vessels about 0900. North and southbound convoys may be encountered in sanctuary at daylight and inshore patrol. Sweeping of Channel completed about 0830. (Capt. (S) 10, 1850C/9 to UNA).

See previous page (Port Said Movements)

Situation Report 231. Canal area. 2 enemy parachutists dropped 3 miles south of El Kantara early hours 9th July. No further details known. Limited traffic in Canal now resumed, diving and sweeping operations continued. S/MS. THRASHER arrived Haifa 5/7 from patrol and operation "Vigorous". At 0133/23/6 torpedoed and sank one 2,500 ton M/V in escorted eastbound convoy in 031° 58' N., 016° 36' E. At 1144/29/6 fired 6 torpedoes at 3,000 ton southbound auxiliary. 4 torpedoes hit and ship sank in 033° 21' N., 023° 20' E. Publicity A.2. (C. in C. Med., 2003C/9).

SAN ANTONIO

* DIANA

**Torpedo Attack Register.*

H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. F.O.R.S.C.A. is requested to sail H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH to Kilindini as soon as ready in accordance with his 1932/4 not to all. (2) QUEEN ELIZABETH submit programme to D.C. in C. E.F. and C. in C. S.A. for onward passage to Norfolk (Vir). U.S.A. reporting estimated endurance and maximum continuous seagoing speed. (3) QUEEN ELIZABETH has 2 (?boiler rooms) in action. Full A/A armament available. Main armament available in emergency only. (C. in C. Med., 2057C/9 to F.O.R.S.C.A., H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH D.C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Port Sudan, B.A.R.M. Washington, Admty).

Canal Mining. My 2108/8. Mining situation in Canal Area 2100/9 as yesterday. (A) Sweeping and diving operations in canal carried out during day. 8 U.X.Ms. still remain.

Restricted traffic each way. (B) Suez Bay Channels and dangerous areas swept negative results. 2 U.X.Ms. (C) Gulf of Suez as yesterday approaches open, restricted traffic in canal. (F.O.S.C.A., 2103/9 to Admty).

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S.T. Ships.

Position 8/7.
(S.T.O. Colombo 0305Z/9.)Issue of
M.S. messages
from Rugby
broadcast.Your 1514Z/6. No reply yet received to my 0554Z/7
(N.T. in W.R.) requesting verification of date.
Unless contrary orders received intend to
discontinue issue of M.S. messages as from Rugby
broadcast at 1120Z/10.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0409Z/9 to D.C. in C. E.F.)

NEWCASTLE.

4th C.S. 1550/1. NEWCASTLE completed fit for
passage Bombay 14/7. Request escort.
(Cdre. Aden 0636Z/9 to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

~~GUARDIAN.~~
→ GUARDIAN.
SOBIESKI.
C.M.29.

0700Z/9 GUARDIAN, SOBIESKI to R/V with C (?M) 29
in accordance with D.C. in C. E.F. 11 (?07)Z/5.
GUARDIAN for Kilindini SOBIESKI for Bombay.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 0721Z/9. to Admty. C. in C.
E.F. D.C. in C. E.F. S.O.I. Capetown, S.O.I.
Colombo, N.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar.
N.O.I.C. Bombay.)

B.P.48.

Sailing telegram.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 0810Z/9, 0814Z/9 to Admty.)

B.M.25.

Sailing telegram.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 0924Z/9, 0948Z/9.)

→ C.M.29.

N.C.S.O. Durban's 1437/1. Following is revised
programme for C.M.29.
1. Bombay and Aden portions escorted by CORFU
proceed in company through Guardafui Channel
whence Aden section consisting of PULASKI, LLANDAFF CASTLE,
SCYTHIA, DIOMED and KHEDIVE ISMAIL proceeds unescorted.
2. Bombay section consisting of DILWARA, DUNERA and SOBIESKI
proceeds through Q 015° 18' N 055° 35' and R 017° 55' N
065° 48'. E.T.A. 21/7. Escort CORFU.
3. ROYAL SOVEREIGN returns to Mombasa after CORFU joins.
(D.C. in C. E.F. 1014/9 to Com. R.I.N. Com. I.C. Aden. (R)
F.O.I.C. Ceylon, Admty.)Shipping,
Mozambique
Channel.Your 0901/13/6 and C. in C. E.I. 1834/8/3 as
amended, are there any other special routeing
instructions for area north of Mozambique Channel
affecting ships proceeding from U.K. to that area
without an intermediate call?
(D.T.D. 1050B/9 to F.O.R.S. D.C. in C. E.F.)

Mayotta I.

Situation report.
(C. in C. E.F. 1120Z/9) See Lion Copy.

HEEMSKERCK.

C. in C. E.F.'s 1221/6 and C. in C. Med's 1149/7.

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SECRET

M E S S A G E

1120Z/9th July.

IN.

From: C. in C. Eastern Fleet

Date: 10.7.42.

Recd: 1045.

Inter Service Gen. X by Cable

Addressed: Admiralty repeated C. in C. South Atlantic,
G.O. C. in C. E.A. Command, O.C. 207 Group
Nairobi.

Capture of Mayotta (Operation "Throat").

Further to my 1445Z/2^d Mayotta Island Situation Report.

(1) Five members of Administration pro Vichy and one to be evacuated in S.S. TAYARI. Administration being carried on and facilities maintained by other local politicians.

(2) Natives friendly with adequate present supplies of rice and beans but early supplies of wheat and native clothes most desirable.

(3) Military garrisons established on Mayotta, Zaudzi and aerodrome on Pamanzi Island.

(4) Aerodromes.

(1) S.E. and N.W. runway cleared to 1400 yards and completed suitable for Lodestars. Sock erected.

(2) Pamanzi Bay Chart 2741 Marine Survey completed least depths three fathoms low water.

(3) Present prevailing wind south east. Proposed flying boat alighting area survey position (X) 270 degs. Combe Island 3 cables in direction 137 degs. for one mile.

(4) 270 degs. same island eight cables direction 165 degs. for 1.6 miles.

(5) One flying boat mooring out of proposed total of 3 laid position 006 degs. Pebanzi Pier Light 170 metres giving 100 metres clear all round.

(6) 5000 gallons stock of aviation spirit established for shore based aircraft, further stocks of petrol and additional moorings being sent.

(7) Flying boat crew can be accommodated ashore.

(8) Local boat fitted with captured motor boat engine as tender to flying boats.

5./

5. Navigational. Northern Approaches Mayotta. Beacons on Morne Peninsula and on Vaucluse and Prevoyante Reefs removed by demolition.
6. W/T improving W/T communication on 5000 kc/s established with civil station.
7. Lookout Post established with small captured wireless set for communication.
8. "DAUNTLESS" with Commando on board arrived Diego Suarez 8th July. One R boat being left at Mayotta.
9. Active on passage to R/S patrol in Mozambique Channel 3rd July, unsuccessfully searched Mohilla and Grand Comore Islands for small motor ship which left Mayotta first reported carrying million and half francs. (D. C. in C. Eastern Fleet's 1538Z/29/6 refers).
10. (1) Flag hoisting ceremony on 2nd July well received.
- (2) Yin D'Honneur to French and French extraction residents apparently much appreciated as also band concert for natives.

1120/9.

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- HEEMSKERCK. It is undesirable that HEEMSKERCK should operate
Contd. in Mediterranean.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1134B/9 to C. in C. E.F. C. in C. Med)
- B.P.48. B.P.48 Transport VARSOVA sailed from Bombay 9/7
for Basra, E.T.A. 0800Z/15. (Details)
(P.S.T.O. India 1143Z/9 to D.S.T.O. P.G. (R)D.S.T.)
- B.M.25. B.M.25 sailed from Bombay 9/7 for Colombo E.T.A.
0800Z/13 NEVASA, ERINPURA, OPHIR. Numbers on board.
(P.S.T.O. India 1151Z/9 to S.T.O. Colombo (R)
D.S.T.)
- ARONDA. A.C.N.B's 1038/16/6 (N.T. in W.D.)
EKMA. (1) Maximum endurance at convoy speed ARONDA 20
RAJULA. days EKMA 20 days and RAJULA 19 days is
insufficient to enable these 3 ships to reach
Melbourne with any margins.
(2) A.C.N.B. is requested to signal before date
of sailing Port of destination and routeing instructions for
these ships.
(N.O.I.C. Colombo 1214Z/9 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) A.C.N.B.
C. in C. E.F. GAMBIA.)
- Mozambique Channel. Ships sunk since 27/6.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1242B/9.) See South Atlantic.
- DRAGON Request you will DRAGON to Durban as soon as ready.
C.M.30. She will be required as escort for C.M.30 believed
to be sailing 15/7.
(Dep. C. in C. E.F. 1421Z/9 to C. in C. S.A.)
- ~~A~~.BUSHWOOD. Your 1548/4 if ~~A~~.BUSHWOOD is not required for
laying of degaussing ranges at Durban request you
will sail her for Kilindini.
(D/C. in C. E.F. 1549Z/9 to C. in C. S.A.)
- Operations Both American and Japanese naval forces, when
by Groups. carriers are included, appear to operate in groups,
even when characteristics of operation do not
suggest that a tactical dispersion of forces is
necessary.
2. Operating in groups, where number of carriers in each group
does not exceed 2, certainly facilitates flying operations, and
gives greater manoeuvring flexibility, specially at night.
On other hand it appears to have following disadvantages:
(A) Enemy can concentrate his whole air attack on one group
at a time.
(B) Co-ordination of air striking force and synchronisation of
attack against enemy is more difficult to accomplish.
(C) Anti-submarine and anti-torpedo boat screen are split and
unless ample destroyers are available will not be so effective.

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by Groups.
Contd.

3. I would be glad of any remarks on this problem together with remarks on the value which experience up to date suggests should be attached to gun density afloat.
(C. in C. E.F. 1554Z/9 to Admty. (R) C. in C. H.F. B.A.D.)

Mauritius,
Rodriguez,
Seychelles,
(Command.)

Following from Chiefs of Staff No. (India) 65. Ref. 15866/G 4/7 from India and 35263 2/7 from East Africa.

1. Command of Mauritius, Rodriguez and Seychelles will be transferred from C. in C. India to G.O.C. in C. East Africa on 1/9/42 or on a subsequent date to be mutually arranged between C. in C. India and G.O.C. in C. East Africa.
2. Arrangements to relieve R.M. and Ceylonese personnel in Seychelles noted. Agreed India to be responsible for periodical reliefs Indian garrison.
3. If subsequently decided to continue Seychelles project, most probable that A.A. guns and A.A. and possibly C.A. personnel will be required from Indian resources. Allocations of A.A. guns made in past to India on basis of meeting Indian Ocean Bases Commitments. Constructional work will be carried out by local manpower aided by such M.N.B.D.O. personnel as can be made available by C. in C. E.F, but India may be required to assist.
4. Further telegram follows on provision of Catalina for G.O.C. in C. East Africa.
(Air Min. T.O.O. 1740Z/9 to Cs. in C. etc.)

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B.Y.M.S. Completion dates of B.Y.M.S. 31 to 80 and 135 to
 B.D.Es. 294 are overlapping those of later vessels of one
 E.Es. to 30 programme. Same situation will arise with
 B.D.Es. and E.Es.
 (2) Request ultimate destinations with numbers and
 priority of sailing should be given for as many vessels as
 possible at the earliest moment.
 (3) Destination should include name of depot ship to which
 vessels will be attached.
 (4) Name of B.Y.M.S. depot ship required for U.K., Gibraltar,
 Freetown and Eastern Fleet.
 (5) Final destination and depot required for B.A.Ts. one and 3
 to 10 incl.
 (B.A.D. Washington 0031Z/9 to Admty.) Reply: D.M.S. 1258/10.

S/M sighted. Aircraft sighted S/M off Scatari Island
 proceeding in the direction of Mainadieu Passage
 at 00(?)Z/9th.
 (C.O.A.C. Halifax 0110Z/9).

KILLEGRAY. CR No. 1236. 082023. Departure date for H.M.N.Z.
 Ship KILLEGRAY now under repair is uncertain.
 (Comhawseafron no T.O.O./9 to Cominch).

U/Bs British Minister, Guatemala, reports submarines
 Guatemala. sighted yesterday 8th 5 miles off Cape 3 points
 Guatemala Aeroplane search negative.
 (S.O.I. Jamaica 1001R/9 to Admty. etc.)

SAN ELISEO. SAN ELISEO (British) damaged by enemy action and
 undergoing repair at Barbados will be ready to
 sail for Trinidad about 25/7. Grateful if you
 would arrange escort.
 (C. in C.A.W.I. 1012P/9 to C.C.S.F., (R) Admty.
 etc.)

ALCOA My 1536/7. Ship arrived.
 PATRIOT. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1016R/9).

WILLIMANTIC. Following telegram despatched 5/7 from Lloyds
 Sub-Agent in Dutch Saint Martin has been passed
 to me by R.O. St. Kitts and Nevis corrupt group
 omitted Begins:-
 15 Survivors Tropeped SS WILLIMANTIC 11 days
 getting here 15 still adrift Captain Prisoner. Ends.
 (R.N.O. Antigua 1200/9 to Admty. (R) C. in C.
 A.W.I., C. in C. Bermuda, S.O.(I) Jamaica).

/U/B.....

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U/B getting supplies in Manzanillo B. R.O. Cape Haitien reports S/M sighted by Haitien fishermen 4th or 5/7 receiving supplies from Dominican ship in Manzanillo Bay on N. coast enquiries proceeding. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1246R/9 to D.N.I. Admty. etc.)

MOLDANGER (sunk 27/6). MOLDANGER (Norwegian) sunk by torpedo at 2059 G.M.T./27 in 038° 03' N. 070° 52' W. S/M not sighted before attack. Surfaced, about 200 feet long, rusty, sharp bow oval C/T mounting machine gun and 5" gun forward. No markings. Master reports C.Bs thrown over board in 4 weighted bags. 15 Survivors landed Newport by BUCTOUCHE 8/7. Names in my 1429. 14 of crew reported killed by explosion. My 1438 (1437/9 intended?) gives names. Remaining 15 members of crew last seen afloat in dory and 2 rafts near scene of attack. (B.R.O. Boston Mass 1352/9 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.) *See next page.*

Lights on Mexican coast. (Corrupt group) W.J.A. ⁶⁰⁰~~599~~ all lights Mexican Coast Gulf of Mexico reported extinguished. (C.N.S. Canada 1401Z/9 to All S.Os., ships and establishments, other Naval Authorities which may be concerned, Admty., S.O.(I) Gib. S.O.(I) Freetown S.O.(I) Capetown, S.O.(I) Jamaica, A.C.I.C. Bermuda, Coding or Cyphering Office) ^(as amended 1435Z/13/7)

Ships loading sugar. Propose ships on completion of loading sugar in Jamaica or San Domingo should be routed to Guantanamo for inclusion in T.A.W. convoy. If you agree please inform all R.Os. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1553Z/9 to Com. Caribbean Sea.)

U/B report. PIMPERNEL reports sighting S/M in 011° 37' N. 063° 19' W. at 0415Q/7. Though only seen for a few minutes C.O. considers it of a very small type. No Asdic contact could be established. (S.B.N.O. Curacao 1635QR/9 to C. in C.A.W.I. (R) S.O.(I) Kingston, Admty.)

Re Situation reports. Amend my 1739Z/30/⁵ as follows: (?St. Johns, N.F.) 15th July, Southern limit of C.O.A.C. Halifax's 2000Z. Situation Report will be extended to 040° N. 2. Admiralty is requested (? to) promulgate as an A.E. and A.Z. Message. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1643Z/9 to Admty. etc.) My 1643Z/9th suggest S.O. escort be instructed to report if convoy anticipates being more than two hours early or late at W.O.M.P. If concurred in by addressees request necessary instructions be issued. Admiralty's 1149A/13th October 1941, also refers. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1839Z/9 to Admty.)

/U.B. Positions...

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U/B Positions. S/M estimate. No activity this area. No indications of resumption of S/M between 20° N. and 20° S. and East of 26° W. (Details). (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1651/9 to Admty.)

Ships for West Africa, Capetown, etc. Ships between 8 and 15 knots for West African ports, Capetown, and beyond will be sailed in regularly established convoys to Trinidad and given diversified routes from there to destination in accordance with M.A.R.I. to first port of call in British strategic area by routing officer at port of departure. N.O.B. Trinidad will furnish air coverage for ships breaking off from W.A.T. convoy to the maximum extent possible. (Connav 1814/9 to Commanders all Atlantic Coastal Frontiers, N.O.B. Trinidad, (R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Kingston.)

ARCHER. ARCHER will be ready to leave Bermuda 11/7. Request route. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1903Z/9 to Connav (R) Admty. etc.)

DINARIC (sunk 9/7). Following is a repetition of message received from CHEDABUCTO (Begins) DINARIC sank 1755Z/9 049° 28' N. 065° 38' W. E.T.A. Gaspe with Q.80 0200Z/10. T.O.O. 1753Z/9. (N.O.I.C. Gaspe 1920Z/9 to C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. etc.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. */See Message page 4 p. 263*
MOLDANGER torpedoed and sunk at 36.50 N. 69.22 W. 2059Z/27/6, U.45 type. EMPIRE EXPLORER torpedoed 11.40 N. 60.55 W. 0055Z/9. NICOLAS CUNEO attacked 23.54 N. 82.33 W. 1314Z/9. M.V. attack on sub. reported 0021Z/13/5 our 2821/16/6 sub. painted white. CHARLBURY corrected position 06.22 S. 29.44 W. 0035Z/29/5, 2 torpedo hits and shelled. REGENT, 2 torpedo hits, U.88 type. HENRY GIBBINS "P or B.Z. 27" reported on bow, U.88 type. Surface craft attacks sound contacts 52.43 N. 30.01 W. 2210Z/11/5. 52.02 N. 33.16 W., 2032Z/12/5, 39.50 N. 73.08 W. 1853Z/19/6. 35.46 N. 75.06 W. 1245Z/21/6. Plane attacks moving oil Slick 29.01 N. 80.17 W. 1630Z/7. Plane reports attack on sub. 28.26 N. 80.26 W. on 1750Z/7. Army plane reports sighting 3 subs. 26.30 N. 79.45 W. 2315Z/8. Surface craft reports 2 subs. on surface at 40° N. 73.52 W. 0930Z/9. Plane sights sub. 37° N. 75.30 W. 1150Z/9. Sub. reported 18.25 N. 67.35 W. 0539Z/9. Opnav and B.A.D. informed. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2021/9 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

WITHERINGTON. My 1406/6. WITHERINGTON will probably be ready to sail P.M./10/7 if trials satisfactory. (B.A.M.R. 2106Z/9 to Admty.)

/Connav....

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Connav
Serial 9. NICHOLAS CUNEO (Hond) attacked by S/M 1314Z/9
23° 54' N. 82° 33' W. reported afire.
LCZM MOLDANGER (Nor.) torpedoed sunk 27/6 37°
20' N. 69° 00' W. *See pp 261-2*
EMPIRE EXPLORER (British) torpedoed 0055Z/9 11°
40' N. 60° 55' W.
MONTROSE (Pan.) reported aground breaking up 6/7
60° 57' N. 45° 40' W.
(Connav. 2116/9).

Washops 96. Aleutian air R/C report following Japanese ships
at Kiska 7/7: 1 battleship or heavy cruiser, 2
light cruisers, 4 destroyers, 2 transports or
cargo vessels.
(J.S.M. 2155Z/9 to Admty. etc.) But see
Comnaveu 1256/10.

ANASTASIOS Torpedoed.
PATERAS. (3) 0323Z/6 in 049° 13' N. 066° 49' W. sank in
10 minutes. 3 firemen missing. C.Bs. sank with
ship. (N.C.S.O. Quebec 2145Z/9).

Area My 2231/1.
Limits, 2. Commander S.W. Pacific Force requires only
promulgation. one area in S.W. Pacific area and A.C.N.B. to
be the originating authority. S.W. Pacific Area
should therefore read as follows. Q.F. A.C.N.B.
Q.F.A. Melbourne (A.C.N.B.) A.M. 1852/30. Navy Dept. concur in
southern limit of S.W. Atlantic sub. area being 40° S. for Q.
message purposes only. This without prejudice to final
agreement on strategic areas.
3. How is it proposed that corrections given above and in my
2237/29, 2231/1 should be issued, observing that 3000 copies
for Navy Dept. have not yet arrived in Washington?
4. Navy Dept. concur in para. 2 of A.M. 1753/28 as being the
normal method of issuing amendments to this book.
5. Question of whether new arrangement can be brought into
force by issuing chapter 1 by signal will be taken up with
Navy Dept.
(B.A.D. 2209Z/9 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.A.W.I.)
Reply: Admty. 2047/10.

WILLIMANTIC. Report from St. Martin states 15 survivors from
torpedoed British ship WILLIMANTIC landed there
5/7, 15 still missing. Ship appears to have been
sunk 24/6.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 2302P/9).

Convoy Your 1858/8. Duplication of convoy short titles
Titles. was represented on sight of Cominch 1851/6.
P.G.1. 2. Cominch decided P.G. remain in force as being
remote from other P.G. and therefore confusion
will not arise.
3. Cristobal-Key West convoy no longer exists, being now
replaced by P.G.

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Convoy
Titles.
P.G.1.
- Contd.

4. Following despatch from Compaseafon for your information "Propose sailing first Panama-Guantanamo convoy 11/7. Speed 8, arriving Guantanamo 15th. Escort group for this will return with Panama-bound ships leaving Guantanamo on 15th or 16th unless T.A.W. 4 convoy has ships for Panama in which event it will wait until not later than 17th. Estimated there will be approx. 15 merchant ships in convoy and escort will consist of 4 ships which is total number now available pending arrival additional destroyers made available by Cominch. In next convoy hope to have 5 or more escort vessels available. 1705/8". (B.A.D. 2319Z/9 to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

M.A.O.R.I.
No.22.

Japanese R/C of Gilbert and Ellice Is. by three and four engined F/B has increased in last week. R/Cs to date in July as follows:-
1/7 Nauru, 3/7 Kuria Abemama, 5/7 Nonouti Kuria Maiana Tarawa, 6/7 Ocean, 7/7 Maiana Abemama, 8/7 Maiana Nukufetau Funafuti Nui Nanomea, 9/7 Kuria.
(N.Z.N.B. 0411Z/9).

KOOLINDA
Q message.

Intercept 0449 G.M.T. 8290 kcs. De ZLB. QQQQ 3857 S. 14035E KOOLINDA suspicious 1430/9 De VIH (Hobart Radio). Controlling Station, Hobart Radio.
(Portishead Radio No T.O.O. recd. 0739).

Situation.

Serial 168 from G.H.Q. S.W.P. 8/7.
Photographic R/C of Rabaul harbour 0001Z/8 revealed 1 light cruiser, 7 merchant ships from 2000 to 8000 tons, 5 T.97 Kawanisi flying boats, 4 float planes. 1 transport sighted off Praed Point leaving harbour. 8 bombers 5 fighters on Lakunai aerodrome.
(2) Report 8/7 indicates enemy consolidating on aerodrome Guadal(il) Island. A/A gun at Taivu and Kukum. Fuel dumps established Lunga area where aerodrome preparations indicate 1 mile S.E. Lunga Point. Small detachment reported established Cape Esperance.
(3) Enemy R/C A/C resembling T.96 heavy bomber reported over Mareeba (Queensland) at 0530Z/7.
(4) R/C of Nauru by four-engined flying boats at 0050Z/8 and 0250Z/8 course on both occasions N.E. from S.
(A.C.N.B., 20??Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

Re assessment of results of attacks on U/Bs.
Authorities to signal assessments on 1st of each
month to Admty. and B.A.D.
(D.A/S W., approved A.C.N.S.(T) 1916B/9 to
Cs. in C., etc.)
See Lion Copy.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1438B/9, 1505B/9).

Note. Extract from A.M.1916B/9 above:-
para. 5. Following are standard assessments.
A. Known sunk. B. Probably sunk.
C. Probably damaged (A). D. Probably damaged (B).
E. Probably slightly damaged. F. Insufficient
evidence of damage. G. No damage.
H. Insufficient evidence of presence of U-boat.
I. Target attacked not a submarine.

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MOST SECRET

U. MOST SECRET MESSAGE 1916B/9 July OUT

To C. in C. Mediterranean. Date 9/7/42.

- C. in C. Eastern Fleet. 936.
- A.C.N.B. 462.
- N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. 958.
- N.Z.N.B. 821.
- F.O.C.R.I.N. 605.
- B.A.D. Washington 11.
- F.O.N.F.
- C.O.A.C.
- C. in C. America & West Indies. 76.
- C. in C. South Atlantic. 85.
- C. in C. Western Approaches. 813.
- Dep. C. in C. Eastern Fleet. 495.
- F.O.C.N.A. 411.
- R.A. West Africa. 912.

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NAVAL CYPHER XD

From Admiralty.

Attacks on U/Boats, Assessments.

BASEGRAM

Assessment of results of attacks on U-Boats by aircraft, surface vessels and submarines will be published in Monthly A/S Report commencing May 1942 and graded SECRET. Return will include sinkings and assessments of serious or slight damage. U.S. Naval Authorities are assessing attacks by forces under their command on similar basis of classification and their results will also be included.

2. Authorities addressed are requested to make their own assessments if not already done as follows:-

- (a) Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Fleet for Mediterranean Fleet.
- (b) Commander in Chief, Eastern Fleet for forces under his command, including R.I.N. and Persian Gulf Division.
- (c) A.C.N.B. for Local A/S Forces in Australian waters.

3. It is anticipated that U.S. Committee will assess attacks by ships of R.N., R.C.N. and R.N.Z.N. working under U.S. Senior Officers.

4. Admiralty Committee will assess remainder of attacks and those of R.C.N. ships and aircraft not included under paras. 1 to 3, also attacks by ships of detached forces, such as Force H, operating in North or South Atlantic.

5. Following are standard assessments:-

- A. Known sunk.
- B. Probably sunk.
- C. Probably damaged (A)
- D. Probably damaged (B)
- E. Probably slightly damaged.
- F. Insufficient evidence of damage.
- G. No damage.
- H. Insufficient evidence of presence of U-Boat.
- I. Target attacked not a submarine.

6. Assessment "C" is a promising attack which is believed to have damaged U-Boat seriously, and which may have proved fatal, but on which Assessment "B" or "A" has not been given pending receipt of further intelligence justifying a higher assessment. Assessment "D" indicates that damage was probably sufficiently serious to force U-Boat to return to harbour.

7. U-Boats are very rarely sunk without trace, and the collection of surface evidence, prisoners, wreckage, human remains, etc., are only reliable proof of sinking. It is therefore Admiralty practice not to award Assessment "A" unless positive proof of destruction has been obtained. Reports of sighting oil may sometimes be taken as evidence of slight damage but most reports of oil and bubbles of various descriptions are not evidence of sinking as they may usually be attributed to U-Boat diving in normal way and trimming as the result of close depth-charges. Officers and look-outs have been proved to be over-optimistic in their reports and many of the phenomena reported should be considered with great scepticism, although, if strictly true, they would indicate the sinking of a U-Boat. Many realistic reports have been occasioned by whales. Aircraft reports are apt to be particularly over-optimistic which is very easy to understand and appreciate.

8. Reports of the hearing of belated underwater explosions have been so numerous that they cannot be taken to indicate destruction by internal explosion. Some are known to be caused by depth charges dropped to set to "safe" and exploding at a great depth but the majority remain unexplained.

9. Authorities in para. 2 are requested to signal assessments on the 1st of each month in the following form addressed to Admiralty and B.A.D. Washington.

- (a) Assessing Authority's serial number of attack.
- (b) Time and date of attack.
- (c) Ships or aircraft taking part.
- (d) Position.
- (e) Assessment.
- (f) Remarks (which should include any information regarding possible identity of U-Boat attacked)

10. Also requested that a report covering all assessments to date or since last report where applicable may be forwarded by letter.

11. Admiralty Messages 2028/14/10/40, 1727/21/10/40 and 1716/27/10/40 (to C. in C. Mediterranean only) are cancelled.

1916B/9

D.A./S.W. (Tel No. 698)
Approved A.C.N.S. (T)

1st Lord.	D.O.D. (H) (2)	D.M.S.
1st S.L.	D.O.D. (F) (2)	D.A./S.W. (4)
5th S.L.	D.N.I. (5)	(A/S.W. 673/42)
N.A. 1st S.L.	D. of P. (2)	U.S.N. (3)
Na. Ad. 1st S.L. U-Boat Warfare		Admiral Blake.
V.C.N.S.	D.S.D. (2)	W.D.
A.C.N.S. (T)	D.N.A.D.	I.P. (2)
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)	Hd. of M. (2)	H.W.R. (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)	D. of L.D. (2)	
A.C.N.S. (H)		

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

S.G.Bs. 4 and 8 were in action last night off Berck Buoy with a force of 8 E/R boats. S.G.B.4 was damaged by ramming and gunfire. It is claimed that one of the enemy was sunk, one probably sunk, and 4 damaged.

Enemy Air Operations.

There was an attempted raid on Yarmouth last night by 8 to 10 enemy aircraft. No naval damage was caused.

P.Q.17.

The ships of P.Q.17 from Novaya Zemlya were continuously bombed by about 40 German aircraft from 2200Z/9 to 0200Z/10, resulting in the loss of SS. HOOSIER and EL CAPITAN. Four aircraft were shot down. Part of the escort which was following some 20 miles astern with SAMUEL CHASE and OCEAN FREEDOM was heavily bombed off Iokanka but reached Port Ismid safely. RATHLIN and SS. BELLINGHAM, proceeding in company were attacked in 70° 28' N. 45° 53' E. by a 4-engined F.W. which RATHLIN shot down. PAN ATLANTIC is also reported to have been sunk by air attack last night off Kolguev Island.

Mining.

42 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night in N.W. German waters.

Operation
S.N.3C.

R.A.(M) in SOUTHERN PRIDE sailed this afternoon from Port Z.A. with ADVENTURE, AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC and 4 destroyers.

Two mines were detonated today off St. Helens Fort and 2 more were detonated in Milford Haven.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

R.A. Syfret transferred his flag from CANTON to NELSON at Freetown today as S.O. Force F. NELSON, RODNEY, QUENTIN, PATHFINDER, PENN and DERWENT will form Force F until further orders.

Mediterranean.

Enemy
Convoy
Attacked.

Last night 10 torpedo and 6 bomber Wellingtons, with 9 Hudsons and 9 Albatrosses, were sent to attack the enemy convoy reported yesterday (see 9/7).

2 Hudsons crashed on taking off. 2 torpedo Wellingtons only located the convoy about 65 miles N. of Tobruk and attacked, but claim no hits. Wellington and Albatross bombers claim 2 possible hits on a 5000-ton vessel, 1 near miss on each of 3 others, and 2 hits on a destroyer.

Hudsons found in daylight but their attack was prevented by an intense A/A barrage. 6 Beauforts despatched to make a dawn attack (1 of which crashed on taking off) did not find the convoy. At midday R/C reported 6 escorted M.Vs entering Tobruk Harbour. (Night attack there, see 11/7).

Libya.

At dawn today the Army launched an attack from the western perimeter of El Alamein to capture high ground in the area of Tel El Eisa, 10 miles N.W. of El Alamein railway station, and Tel El Makh, 6 miles west. The attack was successful.

33 Wellingtons attacking Tobruk Harbour last night started very large fires near the tank repair depot, power house and oil fuel tanks.

The Suez Canal is still closed.

East Indies.

Since 5/7 four Japanese submarines appear to have operated in the Mozambique Channel. The last known attack on shipping took place on the early morning of 8/7 (no details known). there is a possibility of U-boat reinforcements approaching, which could commence operations near Mozambique on 14/7. The Admiralty on 12/7 asked C. in C. E.F. to consider routeing

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies-Contd.

all or a proportion of shipping to the eastward of Madagascar.

America and West Indies.

As ACONIT, since the loss of MIMOSA and ALYSSE, is the only Free French corvette outside the Free French organisations at Greenock and Freetown, Admty. propose to transfer her to Greenock. Owing to additional commitments connected with North Russian convoys, no replacement for her is available.

Australia.

Port Moresby was raided by 21 type 99 heavy bombers escorted by 8 Zero fighters at 0013Z, without damage.

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FridayHOME COMMANDSPolicy

- A.C.O.S. Intend visiting Faeroes, Shetlands, and Fair Isle in CHIDDINGFOLD leaving Scapa P.M.14th returning P.M. 19th.
(ACQS. 1228/10)
- North Atlantic dispositions. Dispositions of operational units in North Atlantic.
Area Iceland (C) WASHINGTON, RENOWN, NORFOLK, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, 4 U.S. destroyers, 3 destroyers. Area Scapa. DUKE OF YORK, VICTORIOUS, CUMBERLAND, KENYA, KENT, LONDON, MANCHESTER, NIGERIA, 3 destroyers. Area Clyde. ARGUS, PHOEBE. Area Liverpool. 3 destroyers. Area Rosyth. DELHI, 3 destroyers. Area Gibraltar. EAGLE, CHARYBDIS.
(D.O.D(H), 1319B/10, to C.in C. U.S. Fleet).
- R.A. HF. Rear-Admiral A.L. St. G. Lyster C.B. C.V.O.
A/C D.S.O. appointed Rear-Admiral, Home Fleet
Carriers. Aircraft Carriers. His flag is to be hoisted in VICTORIOUS at 0800/11.
(Nav. Sec., 1538B/10, to C.in C. H.F.).
- O.21. Request information as to whether O.21 and O.24
O.24. should sail for Eastern Waters via the Mediterranean or the Cape.
(F.O.S., 1727B/10, to Admty).
- U.S. Ships in port. Comnaveu has directed that U.S. Ships are to conform to British practice as regards notice for steam and leave whilst in port.
Request you will arrange with Admiral Davidson commanding Task Force 37.
(D.O.D.H), 1938B/10, to F.O.I.C., Greenock).
- FORMOSA Greek Government have chartered eight Swedish
EROS ships to sail from Baltic to North American
CAMELIA. ports, thence via Gibraltar to Piraeus, carrying wheat for the Greeks. H.M.G. have agreed to give safe conduct to these vessels.
2. It is possible that the first 3 vessels may leave Baltic for Montreal 12/7.
3. Particulars of first three vessels.
4. Special Markings common to three vessels.
6. Route Baltic/Montreal and Montreal/Piraeus.
8. Vessels must not be molested while following above route.
A further signal will be sent regarding remaining five ships,
(Hd, of M., 2014B/10).

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSMovements

VICTORIOUS. Propose to sail VICTORIOUS to arrive Liverpool P.M. 11th for quick docking and minor repairs. Ship will be required to return to Scapa by 25/7. (C.in C. H.F., 0012B/10, to Admty).

VICTORIOUS, screened by KEPPEL and DOUGLAS, is to sail from Scapa to arrive Liverpool p.m. 11th. (C.in C. H.F., 0041B/10).
C.in C. H.F. 0041B/10. Intend passing Gate at 1515B/10. S.O.A. 18 knots. (VICTORIOUS, 0924B/10).
Your 0041B/10. Owing to tide VICTORIOUS cannot be docked p.m. 11th. Ship should anchor in 225° Bar Light Vessel 1 mile by sunset and enter harbour a.m. 12th. (N.O.I.C., Liverpool, 0924B/10, to C.in C. H.F.).
C.in C. H.F. 0041/10. KEPPEL will be proceeding to Liverpool with VICTORIOUS. DOUGLAS to Londonderry from Bar Light Vessel. (C.in C., W.A., 1009B/10 to VICTORIOUS).
Scapa departures VICTORIOUS, BLANKNEY, DOUGLAS. (A.C.O.S., 1517/10).
KEPPEL sails 1645 today to overtake you. On joining you request you will order BLANKNEY to return to Scapa. (R.A.D., H.F., 1601B/10, to VICTORIOUS).
My 0012B/10. Cancel last sentence.
2. N.O.i/c Liverpool is requested to sail VICTORIOUS to arrive Scapa early A.M. 20th. (C.in C., H.F., 2332B/10).

KING Sailed in accordance with my 1808B/8. E.T.A. 1215B/11.
GEORGE V. (N.O.I.C., Liverpool, 1200B/10).

QUEEN EMMA. My 2343B/9. Sailed Needles 1215/10.
PRINCESS (C.in C. Portsmouth, 1237B/10, to F.O.I.C.Greenock)
BEATRIX.
ALBRIGHTON. See p 241.

PHOEBE. A.M. 1517B/8. Intend sailing PHOEBE for Gibraltar at 1400B/11 routed in accordance with C.in C. W.A., 1157B/9. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0645B/15. (N.O.I.C., Greenock, 1506B/10).

EMPIRE SPEY. My 0920/8. Route for EMPIRE SPEY.
(A) 270° Oversay 6 miles.
(B) 055° 25' N. 012° 01' W.
(C) 053° 02' 016 30'
(D) 048° 00' 017 59'
(E) 043° 01' 016 25', thence Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.
(C.in C. W.A., 1716B/10, to F.O.I.C.Greenock. * EMPIRE SPEY will be ready to leave Tail of the Bank p.m. 14th. (D.O.D.H.), 1756B/10).
* Amend A.M. 1526/7.

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NEPAL. NEPAL leaves U.K. 15/7 to join 7th D.F. in Eastern Fleet.
(D.O.D.(F.), 1736B/10, to A.C.N.B.). *5-10-296*

HAMBLETON, Desdiv 19 consisting of U.S. Destroyers
EMMONS, HAMBLETON (leader) EMMONS, MACOMB, and RODMAN
MACOMB, are expected to arrive Clyde a.m. 12th.
RODMAN. 2. Comnavu is instructing these ships on arrival to place themselves under the direction of C.T.F. 99.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1955B/10, to C.in C. H.F.).

8th The 8th M.G.B. Flotilla is temporarily re-
M.G.B. allocated to Dartmouth.
Flotilla. 2. C.in C. Nore is requested to sail this flotilla to Dartmouth on 12/7.
(D.D.O.D.(C.), 1958B/10).

KENT. Scapa arrival KENT.
(A.C.O.S., 2132/10).

FURIOUS, Departures FURIOUS escorted by CURAÇOA, ICARUS,
CURAÇOA, and FORESIGHT.
ICARUS, E.T.A. Campbeltown 0615/12.
FORESIGHT. (C.in C. Rosyth, 2231B/10).

Operations

Patrols. Patrol tonight. One SHELDRAKE. 2. HAMBLEDON.
3. EGLINTON. 4. SOUTHDOWN. 5. VESPER. 6.
CATTISTOCK.
(C.in C. Nore, 0940B/10).

BLEASDALE and BLENCATHRA are to leave Portsmouth Gate at 2100/10 and carry out patrol in A.M.Q.Z.S. 358 in vicinity of Beachy Head West of A.M. Q.Z.X. 753. E-Boat activity is probable. Return to pass E.A. 5 buoy at 0530/11.
(C.in C. Portsmouth, 1127B/10).

My 1203/9 and F.O.I.C. Portland's 1602/9.

(1) 4 M.L's from Dartmouth are to patrol on a line between 50° 10' N. 03° 17' W. and 49° 57' N. 03° 29' W. from 2300/10 till 0500/11.

(2) 4 M.L's from Falmouth are to patrol on a line between 49° 55' N. 03° 50' W. and 49° 55' N. 04° 12' W. from 2300/10 till 0500/11.

(3) 3 M.L's from Portland are to patrol 5 miles ahead of convoy during dark hours.

(4) Object, to intercept and destroy E-Boats attempting to attack convoy P.W. 184.

(5) On completion Dartmouth and Falmouth M.L's return to harbour.
(C.in C., Plymouth, 1329B/10).

Departure at 1930 SHELDRAKE to carry out patrol 1.
(F.O. Humber, 1941B/10).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperations

Engagement
off Etaples
by S.G.B.4
and
S.G.B.8.
2 R-Boats
believed
sunk.
3 R-Boats
damaged.
S.G.B.4.
damaged.

At 0035/10 S.G.B.4 and 8 whilst patrolling northwards at slow speed off Etaples encountered to port on an opposite course three pairs of enemy craft. These were engaged in succession at ranges decreasing from 300 yards, the rear boat being sighted fine on port bow at only 30 yards owing to blinding effect of gun fire. This boat altered to port and collided with S.G.B.4 holing her and flooding the two forward compartments. S.G.B.8 altered to port at this time to destroy leading enemy vessel which being already on fire suddenly flared up and apparently sank.

After briefly engaging other enemy craft before losing contact S.G.B.8 rejoined S.G.B.4 during withdrawal and S.G.Bs returned to Newhaven at 0630. S.G.B.4 which had a hole 2 foot square below waterline was able to proceed at 13 knots after trimming. Wreckage of enemy craft left on board S.G.B.4 indicates that vessels were R-Boats probably minesweeping of which two are considered to have been sunk, one in collision, and the other after having been set on fire. Three others are claimed to have been considerably damaged by gun fire. Surprise appears to have been complete, only the rear enemy vessel opening a wild fire with machine guns, before the collision. No casualties in S.G.Bs or other than collision damage to S.G.B.4. (V.A. Dover, 1008B/10).

Following received from FORWARD II begins:-

Following is report of action of S.G.Bs 4 and 8 on night 9/10 July. In position 020°. Berck Buoy 3 miles at 0040 contact was made with a force of 8 E/R Boats - 2 probably E-Boats 2 R-Boats sweeping. Action was joined with all boats in succession by S.G.Bs. S.G.B.4 was rammed by R-Boat at about 0050, sustaining damage to port side plating and 1 W/T bulkhead about 10 feet square. R-Boat had about 15' of starboard side from stern aft torn away. Results claimed 1 sunk (set on fire by S.G.B.8), 1 probably sunk (after ramming S.G.B.4 and being heavily hit by 2 pdr. gunfire at point blank range), 4 damaged. S.G.B.4 sustained several hits from guns calibre not yet known. Otherwise little opposition was offered except from 2 craft. One inter-enemy battle was observed. S.G.Bs were challenged and enemy vessels made smoke in retiring. Enemy speed on sighting 12 later increased up to 18. No casualties. Ends. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1102B/10, to V.A. Dover).

Attack on
TIRPITZ
by
K.21.

July 5
see p160

Russian S/M K 21 has returned to base. Reports that owing to turns executed by TIRPITZ she was forced to fire her stern tube torpedoes which were set for depth of 2 metres. Range 3200 yards. Two explosions were heard at intervals 145 seconds. Consider 1 torpedo to have hit an escort crossing line of fire. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1557B/10).

Operation
"Bolero".

Your 1908/9. No ships are available in the Iceland command for this purpose. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 2145B/10, to Admty).

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSOperations Contd:

P. 45. 1130B/12 time of arrival. One torpedo fired.
(P. 45, 2330B/10, to Capt. S.9).

British Air Activity

A/C in North Russia. P.Q. 17. Employment of Catalinas for R/C of West of Novaya Zemlya is urgently desired, but with exception of one machine at Gryaznaya all have been sent home in accordance with orders received at Archangel from H.Q.C.C. Intend retaining (?S.N.) J/240 temporarily subject to approval Admiralty. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1002B/10, to Admty). Your 1002/10 approved. (D.O.D.(H.), 1619B/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

Bomber Command Operations. On day 9/7 one Mosquito took off to attack Wilhelmshaven and bombs were dropped from 22,000 ft. On night 9/10, 42 A/C laid mines in enemy waters. (H.Q.B.C., 1205/10).

Bombing restrictions. Total bombing restriction in force for 45 miles either side of line joining following positions from forthwith until time stated.
(1) from (a) 069° 02' N. 008° 05' E. to
(b) 065° 35' N. 004° 10' E. until 0600B/12.
(11) from (b) to (c) 062° 10' N. 000° 49' E. until 0600B/13.
(111) from (c) to (d) 060° 01' N. 001° 01' W. until further notice.
(Capt. S.9 1215B/10 to S/Ms.).

Fleet Air R/C. Cancel A.M. 1154/30/6. (D.O.D.(H.), 1316N/10).
Cancel A.M. 2257B/29/6. (D.O.D.(H.), 1937B/10, to A.O. C.in C. C.C.)
Revert from Fleet R/C to Trade protection. (H.Q.C.C., 2200/10, to 15, 16, 18, 19 Groups).

Norwegian Coastal R/C. A R/C from Frojen Island through the Leads to Smollen Island will be flown every 3 hours till further notice commencing at 1730. (C.in C. Rosyth, 1645B/10 to C.in C. H.F.).

Suspected sabotage. Suspected cases 4th and 10th July cut W/T leads to telephone jack type 79 in Maryland A/C A.R.720. (Twatt, 1723/10, to Admty).

/AVENGER ...

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FridayHOME COMMANDSBritish Air Activity Contd:

- AVENGER. Request progress with fighter direction trials be reported, and when it is anticipated 802 Squadron can be embarked.
(D.N.A.D., 1953B/10, to AVENGER).
- Escort for A.T. 17. Expect air escort of one Sunderland from daylight 11th.
(C.in C. W.A., 2015Z/10, to Escorts A.T. 17).

Enemy Air Activity

- Yarmouth attacked. Attempted raid by eight to ten enemy A/C Yarmouth and district night 9/10 July. Bombs fell in sea and at Hemsy causing damage to civilian property. No casualties.
(F.O.I.C., Yarmouth, 1104B/10).

- Convoy reported. Your convoy has been reported by enemy A/C.
(C.in C. Plymouth 2229/10 to BROCKLESBY).

Mining

- Q.T.1. Carry out operation Q.T.(1) tonight, G.M.T. zero hour 0030/11. Units comprising forces C and D should not consist of more than 4 M.G.Bs or M.T.Bs in each unit.
(C.in C. Nore, 1002B/10).
- S.N.3 C. S.N.3 C. LEAMINGTON, GEORGETOWN, WILTON, ST.MARYS 58° 37', 05° 33' to 59° 44', 05° 30', 13 knots, at 2000/10.
(C.in C. W.A., 1305B/10).
Sailed R.A(M) in SOUTHERN PRINCE with ADVENTURE, AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC, BRIGHTON, ST.MARYS, GEORGETOWN and LEAMINGTON.
(TRELAWNEY, 1346B/10 to C.in C. W.A.).
- Portsmouth. 2 Magnetic Mines exploded by Sweepers at 1212/10 and 1213/10 respectively. Details.
(C.in C. Portsmouth, 1813B/10).
- Milford Haven. 2 ground mines detonated by sweepers at 1800B/10 and 1802B/10, and one more ground mine detonated 1525B/9. All inside Haven.
(N.O.I.C., Milford Haven, 1913B/10).
See also N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1701B/11 and 1707B/11.
- N.U. 2. My 1832/10. Operation N.U. 2. Amend times as follows.
(V.A. Dover, No. T.O.O. Recd. 2005/10).
My 1832B/10. Operation N.U. 2 cancelled.
(V.A. Dover, 2112B/10).

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceOTTO CORDS
MARGARETA
reported
sunk.Swedish press reports German OTTO CORDS, 906 tons, torpedoed and sunk off south east Blekinge coast 8/7.
(2) Swedish MARGARETA, 1950 tons, torpedoed and sunk in Swedish territorial waters of Arkosund 9/7. (N.A. Stockholm, 1011/10 to Admty).U-BoatsU-Boat
attacked.Am investigating oil patch in 49° 18' N. 8° 38' W. Enemy s/m was on course 040°, estimated speed 4 knots.
Have attacked enemy with depth charges. (A/C AUIT., 0930/10, to 10 Group).
Oil moving 090. (A/C. AUIT., 1135/10, to 19 Group).U-Boats
reported.U-Boat transmitted sighting reports at 0431Z/10 and at 0510Z/10 from area probably within 100 miles of 57° N. 21° W. Passed to you for information as your position is not accurately known.
(D.D.I.C., 0950/10, to PHILADELPHIA, TEXAS, BUCK).
D/F bearings at 1026Z, 1032Z, and 1036Z indicate at least 2 U-Boats have reported ON 110 or ONJ 110 or AT 17. (D.D.I.C., 1537/10 to Escorts ON 110, ONJ 110, PHILADELPHIA, TEXAS, BUCK).
My 1337B/10. Further bearings at 1209Z, 1236Z, 1259Z, and at 1155Z and 1315Z indicate U-Boats are probably in area 56° 30' N. to 57° 30' N. 17° to 22° W. (D.D.I.C., 1618B/10).
At 1238/10 U-Boat in 068° 50' N. 041° 31' E. Reliable. Admiralty pass to escort of P.Q. 17. (S.B.N.O., North Russia, 1637B/10 to Admty, P.Q.17).
At 1300/10 U-Boat in 068° 44' N. 042° 30' E. Reliable. (S.B.N.O., North Russia, 1639B/10).
Am over enemy S/M in 44° 50' N. 11° 55' W. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to dive. Enemy course was 100°, 12 knots. (A/C QQ6X, 1734/10, to 19 Group).NavigationalThames
Estuary.

The following buoys are missing from station. North East Middle, Whitaker. (Capt. M/S. Sheerness, 1015/10).

TechnicalA/S
procedure.A.Ms No. 7A of 4th January 1942 and 128A of 29th January 1942, are cancelled.
All evidence in the past has supported the opinion that U-Boats do not normally dive very deep. Recently, however, there have been certain encounters in the Atlantic which have indicated that some U-Boats may dive to depths between 400 and 600 feet, particularly when heavily hunted and take high speed avoiding action at those depths.

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A/S procedure. Contd: 2. At night or in low visibility U-Boats are likely to remain at shallow depths if they consider that there may be a chance of surfacing to escape at high speed.

3. Standard very deep patterns, including settings of 500 and 550 feet, have been introduced for use when A/S Vessels have clear evidence that their target is very deep. (See C.A.F.O. P. 190/42).

4. C.B. 4097 is being amended. (D.A/S. W., 1210B/10. "A" Message 959 A).

Armament of Convoy Escort Destroyers. In view of recent experiences of Arctic convoys consider that Hedgehog should be removed in these Destroyer escorts and "A" guns replaced.

2. In the case of MALCOLM and WOLVERINE consider that guns should be prepared forthwith for fitting by F.O.I.C. Liverpool.

3. It is for consideration whether the addition of two Oerlikon guns mounted on Q.D. as in WHITEHALL would not also be advantageous (D. Liverpool, 1629/9, to C.in C. W.A.).

I have discussed the requirements of the escorts of North Russian convoys with C.O. ACHATES and consider that the following changes in armament should be made as early as possible to Greenock Group. Details. (D.Liverpool, 1740B/9, to C.in C. W.A.).

A.N.D. Gear. Use and handling. Instructions. A.M.1156/6/6 is cancelled. (D.T.D., 2003B/10). See Lion Copy. 127 D. Greenock's 1740/9, D. Liverpool's 1629/9 are passed to you for information. While fully appreciating the unsuitability of W.A. ships as at present armed for meeting surface and/or air attack, I am of the opinion that it would be both unsound and uneconomical to carry out all the modifications in armament suggested for the following reasons.

2. I fully concur however in fitting these ships with Oerlikon guns in so far as this is practicable from the point of view of space and topweight. (C.in C. W.A., 2237B/10, to Admty).

L.C.M.(1) in DEWDALE and ENNERDALE. My 1848/5. Request you will arrange to embark 14 L.C.M.(1) (late M.L.C. Mark One) in DEWDALE so that she may be ready to sail on 31st July.

2. Arrangements are also required for a further six L.C.M.(1) to be ready by 31st July. Two of these are required to complete ENNERDALE to full stowage (my 2125/9 refers) and four are required as operationally fit spares.

3. Davit hoistable craft are not to be selected for embarkation in ENNERDALE or DEWDALE or as spares. (C.C.O., 2121B/10, to S.O.A.S.C.).

/Ship ...

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SECRET

M E S S A G E

2003B/10th July.
OUT

To: A.I.G. 13. *
A.I.G. 26 **
A.I.G. 44. †
A.C.I.C.
F.O.N.F.
Deputy C. in C. Eastern Fleet.
R.A.W.A.F.
Repeated: B.A.D. Washington.

Date: 10.7.42.

NAVAL CODE (J) SECRET.

From; Admiralty.

D E F E R R E D.

The following information, which will be embodied in I.C.O.C., is to be communicated to Commodores of Convoys and Senior Officers of Escorts concerned:-

- (1) Ships fitted with A.N.D. are normally placed in the wing columns.
- (2) Orders for streaming and recovering nets are to be given by the Commodore in consultation with or by instruction from the Senior Officer of the Escort. The practicability of streaming or continuing to tow nets must, however, be left to the discretion of the Master except in cases where the continuance to tow results in the A.N.D. ships losing station in convoy.
- (3) In ocean convoys nets should not be streamed unless the convoy is threatened with attack.
- (4) When requiring nets to be streamed, The Commodore may order the A.N.D. ships to haul out of station and proceed ahead at best speed to such position as will enable them to stream nets and regain station without the necessity of reducing the speed of the convoy, but endeavour should be made to complete the operation inside the A/S screen. Alternatively the Commodore may adjust the course and speed of the convoy to enable the operation to be completed without the A.N.D. ships leaving station. If however, there is a normal alteration of course of the convoy impending which will enable the A.N.D. ships to stream nets without leaving station, then advantage should be taken of it, the speed of the convoy being adjusted as necessary.
- (5) The methods to be adopted are to be explained to Masters at The Convoy Conference and it should be emphasized that ships are not to haul out of station until all preparations have been made and the nets are ready for immediate streaming.

(6) /

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(6) It is difficult to define weather conditions as a limiting factor in working A.N.D., but it appears probable that its usefulness will be limited to conditions when the ship is not rolling more than ten degrees. A ship rolling as much as 15 degrees will generally be wise to get her nets in.

(7) The average time required to stream or brail up both nets in reasonable weather conditions whilst on passage is between 15 and 20 minutes.

(8) The nets, when streamed, reduce the speed of a ship by approximately 17 per cent, which remains more or less the same over all speed ranges, but manoeuvrability is not affected by them.

(9) A.M. 1156/6th June not to all addressees, is cancelled.

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for D.T.D.(360)

- * C. in C. Home Fleet.
- C. in C. Mediterranean.
- F.O. Ceylon.
- C. in C. Eastern Fleet.
- C. in C. America & West Indies.
- C. in C. South Atlantic.
- F.O.C.N.A.
- Naval Board, Melbourne.
- Naval Board, Wellington.
- Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.
- Navy Office, Bombay.

- ** C. in C. Portsmouth.
- C. in C. Plymouth.
- C. in C. Western Approaches.
- C. in C. Nore.
- C. in C. Rosyth.
- A.C.O.S.
- F.O.C. Dover.

- † N.C.S.O. Mersey.
- N.C.S.O. Clyde.
- N.C.S.O. Thames.
- N.C.S.O. Milford Haven.
- N.C.S.O. Oban.
- N.C.S.O. Aultbea.
- N.C.S.O. Methil.
- N.C.S.O. Bermuda.
- C.O.A.C. Halifax (N.S.)
- N.C.S.O. Freetown.
- N.C.S.O. Gibraltar.
- N.C.S.O. Belfast.
- N.C.S.O. Reykjavik.
- N.C.S.O. Archangel.
- N.C.S.O. Murmansk.
- N.C.S.O. Sydney (N.S.)
- N.C.S.O. St. Johns (N.S.)

- A.C.N.S.(T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- Capt. Pim.
- Ops.(3)
- O.D.(5)
- O.I.C.(2)

- D. of S.2A.
- D.T.D.(4)(T.D.596/42).
- D.T.D.(M)
- D.T.D.(C)
- D. of S.T.(2)
- I.P.(3)

- D.A./S.W.
- W.D.
- I.P.(3)
- U.S.N.(3)
- A.N.D.C.(2)

H.F.L.

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HOME COMMANDS

Technical Contd:

Ship
and A/C
inter-
communication.

"The efficiency of visual signals inter-communication between surface ships and A/C leaves a lot to be desired and there are frequently complaints from A/C that they call up escort vessels for long periods without getting a reply. C.O.'s are to give this matter their attention.

It must be borne in mind that it is not easy for aircraft to read signals and that the largest possible signal projector should be used and careful attention should be paid to training of lights".
(C.in C. W.A., 2157Z/10.
W.A. Genl. Message 383 N).

Camouflage
of Russian
Convoy
Escorts.

It has been represented to me that ships of this command employed on escort duty with P.Q. convoys and camouflaged in Peter Scott design have presented most distinctive targets to air attack in Northern waters. I should be most grateful for your view as to what if any change in camouflage you consider desirable.
(C.in C. W.A., 2242B/10 to C.in C. H.F.).

Casualties and Defects

ATTENTIF.

^{N.T.A.W.D.}
My 1520/9. Vessel unserviceable further 24 hours. Burst steam pipe.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1515/10).

M.T.B. 69.

^{N.T.A.W.D.}
Your 1240B/10. M.T.B. 69 has developed serious oil leak in steering gear. Request boat may be delayed 24 hours to effect repairs.
ATTACK, 1710/10, to F.O.I.C., Portland).

Shipping and Convoys

North
Russian
Convoys.

One oiler about 10 thousand tons capacity and speed not less than 11 knots will be required for use with Russian convoys commencing about early August. This vessel is additional to present fleet requirements at Scapa and Iceland.
(C.in C. H.F., 0028B/10 to Admty).

Convoy.

Upon arrival 57° N. direct (? Loch Ewe) ships proceed (corrupt group) independently.
MAYFLOWER proceed Londonderry.
(C.T.U. 24.1.3., 0215Z/10, to MAYFLOWER).

Irish Sea
Traffic.

Your 1648B/8. Concur.
(D.T.D., 0951/10, to C.in C. W.A.).
The following is to be brought into force forthwith.
(C.in C. W.A. 1248B/10). See Lion Copy.
Note: This signal promulgated the identical proposals made in 1648B/8.

1248B/10th July.

SECRET.

MESSAGE.

IN.

From C. in C. Western Approaches.

Date 10.7.42.
Recd. 1606.P/L BY T/P.

Addressed All F.Os i/c, N.Os i/c, and N.C.S.Os in Western Approaches, Repeated
Admiralty, H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C., A.C.O.S., C. in C.
Rosyth, C. in C. Plymouth.

113. To obtain some speed up in Irish Sea traffic and retain a reasonable measure of protection, the following is to be brought into force forthwith:-

1. Northbound shipping.

- (A) Cancel M.H. Convoys.
(B) Provided no slow ocean convoy is sailing from Milford Haven on the same day, all coastal ships in STEWARD groups, not in Category I or II, bound for ports North of Milford Haven, to continue with trawler escort as far as Holyhead, where convoy is to disperse, escort proceeding to Holyhead and escort H.M. convoys as at present ships in Category I or II proceed to Milford Haven.

(C) P.W.M. Convoys.

Ships under 2000 tons and not in Category I or II proceed independently to destination when escort leaves. Remainder for ports North of Milford Haven proceed to Milford Haven for inclusion in the next STEWARD or ocean convoy that their speed permits.

2. Southbound shipping.

Ships between 1000 and 2000 tons, not in Category I or II, bound for Milford Haven or Bristol Channel ports are to sail independently, if delay in waiting for B.B. or H.M. Convoy exceeds 12 hours. N.C.S.O's sailing such ships in Western Approaches Command should ascertain from N.O.I.C. Holyhead whether there is a convenient convoy. Ships sailed from other commands should be routed to Holyhead for orders.

3. Ships of 15 knots and over, and ships of under 1000 tons, should proceed independently as at present.

1248B/10.

N.A. 1st S.L.
Capt. Pin, Admiralty House. Advance copy Ops. Trade.
Ops. (3)
O.I.C.
D. of S. T. (2)
D.F.D. (4)
D.T.D. (M)

D. of S. 2A.
D.A./S.W.
W.D.
I.P. (3)

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- P.Q. 17. Rescue ship RATHLIN with 19 survivors ex NAVARINO including master and army Captain, M. Chapman of 30 Mission and 44 survivors ex WILLIAM S. HOOPER including Master berthed a.m. today. Ship attacked by 4-engine Focke Wulf at 0145C/8 in 70° 28' N. 43° 55' E. Machine brought down in flames leaving 5 charred bodies floating in the sea.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1104B/10).
Novaya Zemlyaships appear to have been attacked by German aircraft 230° Kanin Nos 50 miles at 0740C/10.
Request you will detail ship to investigate.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1214B/10, to S.M. M/F I).
State of affairs 1200B/10. P.Q. 17. The following ships have been sunk RIVER AFTON, NAVARINO, EMPIRE BYRON, ALDERSDALE, CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, WASHINGTON, WINSTON SALEM, WILLIAM HOOPER, PAN KRAFT, ZAAFARAN. Probably sunk EARLSTON, EMPIRE TIDE, SILVER SWORD. 6 merchant ships with 2 minesweepers reported approaching Svyatoi Nos from the north P.M. yesterday.
8 ships unspecified reported 000 degs. 8 miles Kanin Nos 0010C/9th. Air reconnaissance Novaya Zemlya (?coast) 1700C/9th showed one ship in Nordenskold Bay and one ship in (?G) Ribovaya Bay. RATHLIN, BELLINGHAM, and DON BASS at Dvina (?port). AZERBAIDJAN in Russian harbour Novaya Zemlya.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1235B/10, to S.B.N.O. North Russia).
2 Groups of ships reported in Svyatoi Nos area 1400C today.
1st group (? consisting of) (one) merchant ship and 6 escorts,
2nd group 2 Merchant ships and 5 escorts. Both groups previously attacked by JU 88 planes 4 of which are reported shot down. S.O. M/F I is requested to ? detach 2 escort vessels to search for survivors (Svyatoi Nos ?) and Kanin Nos.
(S.O.I. Archangel, 2201B/10, to S.B.N.O., North Russia).
- Q.P. 13. My 0507B/7 and S.B.N.O. Archangel's 0943B/9. Report of sighting ALCOA BANNER was unfounded. Now confirmed by S.B.N.O. Archangel that she did not sail. On arrival Reykjavik Master of HEGIRA stated when entering Akureyri he mistook ALCOA BANNER for American EXPRESS who arrived Akureyri sometime after HEGIRA.
(A.C.I.C., 1201B/10, to Admty).
- O.N.S. 110. O.N.S. 110. It is suspected that U-Boats may have shadowed O.N.S.J.110.
GEORGE M. BIBB and BABBITT are to remain with O.N.S.110 after making junction, until prudent limit of endurance.
(C.in C. W.A., 1309Z/10).
- Coastal Traffic. A.M. 1932/6th. Following procedure is to be used for trial for stages in Nore command. Craft should be sailed as far as possible in Homogeneous groups a maximum of 10. Between Humber and Lowestoft and between Sheerness and Dover, groups are to join normal coastal convoys if this does not involve (corrupt group) delay. When sailing separately groups are to follow inshore route between Humber and Lowestoft.

/Groups ...

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Coastal Traffic Contd: Groups from Lowestoft may join F.S. convoys if convenient but are otherwise to proceed by inshore route to Rough Buoy. They are to be routed to Sheerness except in the case of larger craft whose endurance should permit direct passage to Dover by Z.S. 151 and Q.Z.S. 117. On all occasions of making passage out of convoy an escort of at least one trawler or one M.L. is to be provided and fighter protection category 3 is to be requested. (C.in C., Nore, 1400B/10).

P.S. 11. P.S. 11 and S.P. 11 cancelled.
S.P. 11. (C.in C. Portsmouth, 1636/10).

A.T. 17. A.M. 1833/29 and 1841/7.
T.A. 17. 1. Destination of U.S. Transport BARRY has been changed to Clyde.
2. On arrival PHILADELPHIA, TEXAS and Desdiv 19 are to proceed to Clyde.
3. On completion of escort duties the remainder of the destroyers are to proceed to Londonderry to await sailing of T.A. 17.
4. It is expected that T.A. 17 will be ready to leave U.K. on 18/7.
(D.O.D. (H.), 1820B/10).

H.G. 85. ^{/N.T. & N.D.} FOWEY's 1515/10. N.O.i/c Greenock is requested to sail TWEED and arrange R/V to take tow from TADORNA.
(2) STONECROP escort Loch Ewe Section to Skerryvore then detach ships to proceed independently.
(C.in C. W.A., 2225B/10).
** Not identified*

Dummy A/C for Cam Ships. Following from BLENHEIM. Begins. Admiralty 1018B/5. BLENHEIM can construct these provided:-
(A) H.F. ships lend shipwright ratings to assist until
(B) Proposed shipwright complement in my 1150/7 is approved and
(C) Continuous supply of timber is forthcoming.
T.O.O., 1714B/10. Ends.
(A.C.I.C., 2349/10, to Admty).

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS."Q" Message Organization.

Amendment No.1 to C.B. 0161BL/42.

(a) Para.5, delete first two words of 2nd Sub para and substitute "These warning messages."

(b) Para.5 table of areas.

- (1) Against G.C. amend to read Deputy C. in C.E.F.
 (2) Delete Q.C.B. Fremantle. (3) Amend S.E.Pacific area to read South Pacific Area. (4) Against Q.M. amend to read Commander, South Pacific Force (Auckland) (5) Against Q.M.A. amend to read N.Z.N.B. (Wellington). (6) Against Q.F. amend to read A.C.N.B. (7) Against Q.F.A. amend to read Melbourne (A.C.N.B.). (8) Against Q.J.A. amend to read Canadian Coastal Zone Atlantic (Ottawa) (9) Insert New Sub Area Q.J.G., S.W.Atlantic Sub. Area. (10) Amend Pacific Area to read Central and North Pacific Area. (11) Against Q.P. amend to read C. in C.U.S.Pacific Fleet (Honolulu). (12) Against Q.P.A. amend to read Alaskan sector (Kodiak) (13) Against Q.P.B. amend to read N.W. Sea Frontier (Seattle). (14) Against Q.P.C. amend to read Canadian Coastal Zone Pacific (Ottawa) (15) Against Q.P.D. amend to read Western Sea Frontier (San Francisco). (16) Insert new area S.E.Pacific Area. (17) Under (16) insert Q.S. and Q.S.A. (18) Against Q.S. insert Commander S.E. Pacific Force. (19) Against Q.S.A. insert Panama Sea Frontier (Pacific).
 (c) Articles 111 and 126 to G.B.M.S. read B.A.M.S. (d) Amend frontispiece letter press to conform to corrections (b) (1) to (15) as necessary.
 (e) S.W. Atlantic sub area is defined for the purpose of "Q" messages as follows. All the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries bounded on N by the parallel of 4° 20' North, on E. by the meridian of 26° W., and on S. by parallel of 40° S. Insert area on frontispiece.
 (D.M.S. 2135B/10 "A" Message 966A).

North Atlantic.

U/B.

At 04 (731) G.M.T. German S/M made 1st sighting report bearing 320° from Gibraltar.

(F.O.C.N.A. 0702B/10 0804B/10 to Escorts to S.L.114 and O.G.86. (R) Admty.).

Your 0702/10. Probably not O.G. 86 since H/F D/F ship cannot confirm.

(STORK 1010B/10 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) S.L.114 Admty, C. in C.W.A.).

F.O.C.N.A.'s 0702B/10. Transmission at 0431Z was from area about 57° N. 21° W.

(D.D.I.C.1519/10 to F.O.C.N.A. Escorts S.L.114, O.G.86).

S/Ms.

Arrival 0910 P.46. 1045. P.222

(F.O.C.N.A.1102B/10 to Admty. (R) F.O. (S)).

AVILA STAR
search
(torpedoed
5/7).

Your 1530B/9 to Admty. Portuguese destroyer LIMA searched during 24 hour through following positions: 038° 00' N. 020° 40' W. 038° 57' 019° 02', 039° 14', 019° 38', 038° 22', 019° 18'.

She expects to arrive Ponta Delgada 1500 G.M.T./10. with 110 survivors. Portuguese Merchant Ship SERPA PINTO proceeding Lisbon a.m./11 will be requested to keep look out. V.C.Horta has been requested to ask pilot of next Clipper to report if boats are sighted?

(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.1206/10 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.). /Your.....

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AVILA STAR search (torpedoed 5/7). Contd. Your 1522B/9. Permission is requested proceed to search for boats. If approved on completion of search will have to proceed to Bathurst for fuelling. (KONKAN.1207/710 to N.O.I.C.Gib.(R) Admty. RAJPUTANA).

Pass to KONKAN. Your 1207/10 approved. (2) Report if ships have sailed. (F.O.C.N.A. 2028/10 to B.C. Ponta Delgada. (R) Admty.). My 1206/10. Captain Portuguese Destroyer LIMA suggests any further search should be made to eastward and southward 038° 00' N. 020° 40' W. Portuguese Destroyer LIMA picked up 3 boats, 2 still missing containing 87. Master killed. Chief and First Officer safe here. Ship torpedoed night 5th. Will report further details as quickly as possible. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1715/10 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty.).

Situation at 1959B/10. 1. P.37. 40.21, 11.16 164° 8½. On surface throughout. 2. O.G.86 (E) 40.36, 16.07 134° 7¾ S.O. STORK. 3. VIDETTE and (? WRESTLER) escorting 1 merchant ship 38.27 11.53 through 36.19 10.09 thence to Gibraltar 13½. 4. JONQUIL, STELLA CARINA, LADY HOGARTH, escorting 2 tankers 33.09 12.01 240° 9. 5. IMPERIALIST on patrol off Lisbon. → 6. LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR in vicinity of 36.20 11.02. 7. LORD HOTHAM escorting 1 merchant ship estimated in vicinity of 41.30 17.01 to Gibraltar (?5). (F.O.C.N.A. 1242B/10)
1. One trawler POSTBOY (?4) tugs EARL KITCHENER, & Yachts, TEWERA 24.40 25. 23 173° 7. 2. DIOMEDE estimated in vicinity of 19.00 19.25 to Gibraltar 15. 3. SL.115, 18.55 21.45 345° 7½. S.O.LONDONDERRY. (F.O.C.N.A. 1416B/10).

VOLTURNO. VOLTURNO ready to proceed 12/7 p.m. to Huelva and Lisbon in order to join convoy H.G.86. Suggest Lisbon part of voyage be cut out. (V.A.C.N.A. 1556B/10 to Admty, T.D. for M.W.T.). Reply D.T.D.1809/11.

→ MIRROR. On completion of present programme and subsequent Cables. docking request cable ship MIRROR be sailed to Fayal for following work:- (a) Pick up German Emden - Fayal cable in vicinity of crossing Fayal - San Miguel cable and test to cut in English Channel. If cable is good, splice on and lay in 2½ miles new cable to join shore-end of abandoned Portuguese Horta - Pico. (b) Repair Waterville - Fayal 1901 cable approx. 14 miles from Horta. (c) Repair Fayal - San Miguel cable 140 miles from Horta. (d) Cut French Casablanca Dakar cable in position N.of 30° N. My 2033/26/6/41, and 1226/13/10/41 refer.

/Item.....

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Cables.
Contd.

Item (a) is intended to put this cable to our own use and Cable & Wireless have permission from Portuguese Govt. to pick up Fayal - Pico cable when required. At a later date it is intended to divert English Channel end to form new England-

Azores cable.

Items (b) and (c) will serve as convenient cover to avoid arousing suspicions of Portuguese Govt while working in territorial waters.

(Head of M. Approved by A.C.N.S.(F) 1727B/10 to F.O.C.N.A.).

U/B

Santander.

(LUIGI TORELLI.)

My 1727/6. A.N.A.'s report by bag.

He had limited view of S/M and as far as he can judge damaged hull sufficiently repaired to enable her to float but almost certainly could not submerge. S/M still in dock and one Spanish workman painting patch port side. 7 Italian ratings remain on board and are visited by an officer occasionally. 2 of them sometimes work inside S/M and hammering is heard. Remainder of crew confined to hotel. Officers in plain clothes other hotel. Telegram to Captain addressed Maglorini. Spanish guard over S/M, one sentry and 2 plain clothes watchmen. A.N.A. raised following points:-

(i) If ship interned why officer visits her?

(ii) Why is work by Italian care and maintenance allowed below deck?

(iii) Why are any Italians on board at all?

Consul is without assistant and cannot be relied on for quick information. I have arranged for Ambassador send temporary assistant purpose of watching S/M continuously. I have also posted (corrupt group) observer independently. Ambassador is pressing M.F.A. for reply and I am taking matter up again with M. of M. 11/7.

(N.A. Madrid 1819/10 to D.N.I.).

P.44.

My 1736/7. Sailed P.44

(F.O.C.N.A. 1858B/10 to Med.Fleet (R) Admty F.O.S. V.A.Malta etc)

U/Bs.

Following reports of U-Boat sightings have been received. Graded B.1. 27/6 32° 13' N. 54° 00' W about 1200 tons. 2 guns forward, 1 aft, heading W.28/6. 32° 20' N. (50)° 40' W. smaller than above, heading W. 30/6. 32° 28' N. 42° 16' W. about 800 tons, heading W. at 20 knots. (S.O.I Gibraltar 1920B/10 to Admty.).

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VALIANT Damage to both VALIANT and RAMILLIES was largely
RAMILLIES. structural, being due to underwater explosion.
Electrical damage to RAMILLIES (details).
(2) Simonstown cannot spare any chargemen or
mechanics and suitable men cannot be obtained in Union, nor as a
rule does time permit of sending equipment to Simonstown for
repairs.
(3) The only solution appears to be to erect a small shop and
man it with dockyard personnel who could do the work themselves.
(5) Intend to erect shop referred to in para (3) above forthwith.
(C. in C.S.A. 0208B/10 to Admty.).

Shipping A.M. 1608/1. para.4. Is it intended that ships
Positions, should report their positions every 3 days in
Reports South Atlantic? Consider present congested traffic
by W/T. lanes may be seriously compromised by excessive use
of W/T as most ships are sailing independently in
these waters.
(C. in C.S.A. 1057B/10 to Admty.).

Your 1010Z/8 given careful consideration, but decided that
advantages of knowing positions of ships with greater accuracy
outweighs danger of H/F D/F bearings giving an indication of
traffic lanes. Your warning will, however, be borne in mind and
watch kept for any indications that enemy is in fact making use
of these signals.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 1300B/10 to R.A.W.A.(R) C. in C.S.A.)
Further reply Admty 1159B/12).

Escort for Admty 2321B/5. (See B.A.D. Washington 0111/5). Will
U.S. Troops. ALCANTARA or CARNARVON CASTLE be available for
this duty? ASTURIAS will be engaged on another
operation.
(R.A.W.A. 1351Z/10 to C. in C.S.A. B.A.D. Admty.).
Reply C. in C.S.A. 1037/13.

PANAGHIS, My 1943Z/7. PANAGHIS arrived Buenos Aires 9th.
overdue. (S.O.I Montevideo 1739Z/10 to Admty.).

BUSHWOOD. Your 1549/9. BUSHWOOD is being retained at Durban
to lay D.G. range. Com. i/c Durban to report in due
course when ship will be ready to sail for
Kilindini.
(C. in C.S.A. 1831B/10 to Dep.C. in C.E.F. (R)
Admty. Com. i/c Durban. F.O.I.C. East Africa and
Zanzibar. A.S.D.G. Helensburgh).

WILLIMANTIC, 16 Survivors from WILLIMANTIC, sunk by U-Boat
(Sunk 24/6). by gunfire a.m./24/6 in 025° 55' N. 051° 58'
W. were picked up by TAMERLANE, Norwegian, a.m./29
in 021° 44' N. 056° 09' W. and landed here today.
Survivors comprised 2nd officer, Chief and 2 other
Engineers, 2 D. E.M.S. Gunners and 10 Ratings. 1 other boat got
away commanded by Chief Officer but Master stated to be taken
prisoner. 3rd Officer and 3 Ratings killed by gunfire and both

/Wireless.....

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(Sunk 24/6.)
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Wireless Operators reported missing. Ship was bound from Capetown to Charleston in ballast and carried no mails. All C.Bs reported destroyed. Action commenced 0355 ship's time when tracer bullets fired over bridge followed by shrapnel and later common shell. Ship hit in deep tank which contained oil fuel and was ablaze before daybreak. U-Boat approached boats later and was seen to be small, having 1 gun close forward and another close abaft C/T and 1 M/G on fore part of C/T. Periscopes housed out of sight and bow tubes seen to be empty. Boats parted company on evening of 24th other boat being left astern on same course. Only injuries amongst survivors comprised 1 case shrapnel wound. Ship stopped for about 40 minutes for engine repairs about 2 hours before attack commenced. (R.O., Rio de Janeiro 1909Z/10 to Admty.).

DONOVANIA.
suspicious
ship.

Intercept 2045 G.M.T. QQQQ(DONOVANIA) 02.46 17.34, followed suspicious vessel, speed 12 knots, course ? 291, controlling station ZHH2 - Portishead Radio. (Burnham-on-Sea Radio T.H.I. 2245/10). Intercept 2150 G.M.T. (Simonstown W/T) QQQQ (DONOVANIA), missed sight of suspicious vessel (unread). (Portishead Radio 2130 G.M.T/10). Now lost sight of suspicious vessel in dark, my 2130/10. (DONOVANIA. 2230/10 to R.A.W.A.F.).

ASAMA MARU,
CONTE VERDE,
GRIPSHOLM
repatriations.

Your 1503/9. ASAMA MARU and CONTE VERDE are arriving Lourenco Marques for exchange of Japanese and U.S. personnel. Japanese personnel will arrive in GRIPSHOLM and exchange is due to take place about 20/7.
2. This exchange is quite independent of the Anglo-Japanese arrangements.
(D.S.T. 2329B/10 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown).

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TURBULENT. Leave patrol 64 10th by route ordered in C. in C. Med. 1709/1 to arrive Haifa dawn 15/7.
(S.O. 1 S.F. Alexandria 0044C/10 to TURBULENT).
Possibility of damaged ship in position 090°
Ras-El-Tin 30 miles at 0500 making for Tobruk.
(S.O. 1 S.F. 1037C/10 to TURBULENT).

Malta Air Report. I.443 10/7. C.S.R. Malta.
9th. 2 alerts. 1656 20 plus Me. 109s, 6 Ju.88s, Ta Kali craters dispersals, 5 Me. 109s, 3 Ju. 88s destroyed, 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed, 2 Me. 109s damaged by 35 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire shot down sea, pilot rescued unhurt. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by A/A 3 German prisoners. 1757, 12 unidentified aircraft coast not crossed 2 Spitfires up, no interceptions.
Night 9/10. 4 Alerts. 2017, 7 Raiders, bombs land sea, no damage, Beaufighter up, no interceptions.
2315, 3 Raiders, no damage.
0028, 2 Raiders, Ta Kali damage, elsewhere 10 civilians killed 10 wounded.
0147, 1 Raider, bombs sea, Beaufighter up, no interceptions.
10th. 2 Alerts. 0406, 30 Me 109s, Macchi 200s, 11 Ju. 88s, Ta Kali 2 Spitfires slight damage craters aerodrome and dispersals, 2 Ju.88s 2 Me.109s 1 Macchi 200 destroyed, 1 Me. 109 probably destroyed, 2 Me. 109s 1 Ju.88 damaged by 22 Spitfires 0835. 20 Me. 109s, Macchi 202s, 6 Ju.88, Luqa 1 Beaufort previously damaged now destroyed, 2 Ju.88s, 2 Me.109s, 2 Macchi 202s destroyed. 1 Me. 109 damaged by 18 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing search unsuccessful. 2 Spitfires damaged in combat pilots unhurt.
(H.Q.R.A.F. Malta, 1644/10).

Suez Mines. Following received from F.C. Ismaïlia T.O.O. 1154/10 (details of 2 mark 4 units recovered from raid 3/7). Do you require unit.? (Ends.)
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 1734C/10 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Information for TAKU. U.boat reported between Haifa and Port Said and 1 N. of Haifa 10/7. Movements Haifa 11/7, arrivals Hospital Ship ABA 0700 direct form Port Said 7 knots, caique 1001 direct from Alexandria. Departures. Destroyer may leave at short notice. North and southbound convoy may be encountered in Sanctuary. 1 motor launch (? time of departure) no change.
(Capt. S.10 1812C/10 to TAKU).

Cositrep No. 444. 3. Air. Night 8/9. Liberators bombed shipping and harbour installations Benghazi. Results unobserved. Wellingtons and Fortresses bombed Tobruk starting fires in harbour. One large, many small fires accompanied by explosions near tank repair depot. Near misses on shipping caused considerable amount smoke. One Wellington missing.
(C. in C. M.E. 1825/10 to W.O.)

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AQUITANIA. Sailed 10/7.
(P.S.T.O. Suez 1845C/10 to Admty. for D.S.T.,
C. in C.S.A. P.S.T.O. Simonstown.)

Suez Canal Mining. My 2103/9. Mining situation in Canal Area
2100/10 as yesterday with exception of (d)
Gulf of Suez. 1 mine detonated by Sweeper, 7.7
miles 197° from Newport Rock. Approaches open.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 2109C/10 to Admty.)

Alexandria Minesweeping. Minesweeping summary 29/6 to 10/7.
0400/29 raid by 14 aircraft, bombs and mines.
12 mines outside harbour believed none in Great
Pass or entrance. 3 exploded on landing, 1 in
mid-air. Maximum sweeping continuously. Convoy sailed evening...
at 1630/29 Egyptian Pilot Tug PHAROS, 200 tons, mined and sunk in
31° 9.4 N. 29° 50.5 E. outside swept channel near position
promulgated as dangerous. (?) 2300/29, raid by 9 aircraft,
bombs and mines.
2 mines plotted inside harbour four outside including one
dangerously near entrance. Latter swept 0915/1 by Hafia,* blue
magnetic. 3 exploded spontaneously during day. 1030/4, TAURUS
swept one Pect D Acoustic mine in harbour. 0815/6, SEKSERN
and LANGLAAGTE swept red magnetic just outside 'C' channel....
believed two still in harbour 15 outside. Sweeping confined to
channels and anchorages and suspected area in harbour daily.
Boghaz closed. 144 vessels excluding minesweepers and local
patrols entered or left from 29th to 5th. * As received.
(R.O. Alexandria, 1545C/10 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

W.S.19P. Request destination of vessels W.S.19P.
Departure from Suez. Presume American vessels
may be used to clear prisoners of war and
personnel to South Africa.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt. 1716/10 to D.S.T.)

WELSHMAN. Following dispatched in WELSHMAN. (Details of
A. Stores, B. Personnel).
(D.O.D. (F) 1741B/10 to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C.
Med., F.O.C.N.A.)

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TRUSTY TRUSTY leaves Colombo at 1130Z/11 routed through
A. 005° 39' N., 079° 48' E. B. 005° 26' N.,
080° 54' E. C. 005° 30' N., (781°) 56' E.
D. 005° 56' N., 086° 04' E. E. 006° 25' N., 092°
10' E.
(S.O.S., Colombo, 0411Z/10 to TRUANT, (R) F.O.I.C.
Ceylon, TRUSTY).

Boom A.L. No. M.03168/42 dated 30/4. Govt. of India
Defences. have agreed to all recommendations therein
with exception of those in para. 2 (D) and in 2nd
sentence of para. 5 which is not considered
necessary.

2. Late C. in C. East Indies considered Boom Defence most
desirable at Madras and Cochin and on the advance of his B.D.O.
whom he sent to examine both ports, made available 1200 feet of
A/T net to be divided between Madras and Cochin. Workable
schemes for both ports have been prepared and Govt. of India
is willing to sanction necessary expenditure providing you accept
proposal and concur with C. in C. E.I's view.

3. Cochin net would have permanent open gate and it is
proposed to lay short guard loop to seaward.

4. Full demand for equipment required fast air mail but request
remarks by signal on above point.

(F.O.C.R.I.N., 0506Z/10 to Admty (R) D.C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C.
Colombo). *Concur. (D. of L.D., 1620B/18)*

Ships' A/A Owing to the weakness of shore A/A defences at
defence at Durban ships refitting there are to keep available
Durban. for long and close range fire as much of their
A/A armament as practicable without prejudice to
carrying out of authorized alterations and additions
and necessary inspections and repairs.

2. When deciding what proportion of armament is to be manned full
consideration should be given to importance of leave and
recreation.

(C. in C. E.F., 0644Z/10 to Eastern Fleet (R) C. in C. S.A.,
Cdre I/C Durban).

VELOX (Nor) due Kilindini 2/7 from Beira not
overdue. arrived.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 0803Z/10 to Admty,; (R) S.Os.
(I) Capetown, Bombay). Nothing known.
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 1047B/12).

Suspicious Received 0820 G.M.T./10 Q.S.A. 6° 25' S., 40° 53'
Ship. E., Oil Tanker acting suspiciously.
VILLE DE (VILLE DE STRASBOURG, 0815 G.M.T./10).
STRASBOURG.

Ceylon Question of complement necessary for Colombo and
Personnel. Trincomalee is under consideration and number that
Admty. will be asked to approve will be kept down
to absolute minimum. (Details). Request therefore
Eastern Fleet be informed that casualties relief
cannot at present be provided at Colombo.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 0845Z/10 to D.C. in C. E.F.)

/DEVONSHIRE...

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- DEVONSHIRE, MAURITIUS. Detach ORIZABA at daylight 12/7 to proceed independently to destination.
(ii) R/V MAURITIUS and W.S.19 L in 000° 27' S., 048° 40' at 0500Z/15.
(R) 000° 27' S., 048° 40' at 0500Z/15 (iii) Escort W.S.19 L to vicinity of Aden. Proceed Aden for fuel.
(iv) On relief MAURITIUS is to proceed to Kilindini.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1007Z/10 to DEVONSHIRE (R) MAURITIUS, Admty. Cdre. Aden, F.O.C.R.S.)
- NEWCASTLE. My 1628/3 not to Admiralty and Admty. 1711/3 request very early reply. NEWCASTLE sails from Aden about 15/7.
(C. in C. E.F., 1228Z/10 to F.O.C.R.I.N. (R) NEWCASTLE, F.O. 4 C.S., Admty).
- HEEMSKERCK, HERO. Your 1149/7 and your 1134/9. Will send Netherlands cruiser HEEMSKERCK for Red Sea, but in view of heavy escort commitments I should be grateful if you could see your way clear to organize release of HERO.
(C. in C. E.F., 1355Z/10 to C. in C. Med., (R) Admty)
- DECOY U/B attacks. DECOY carried out 5 depth charge attacks on firm contacts between 2000Z/8 and 2246Z/8 in 024° 20' S. 036° 32' E. DECOY remained in vicinity until dawn. No results observed.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1356Z/10 to Admty).
- TRUANT Your 0515/10 (N.T. in ^{N.T. in W.D.} W.D.) Comply with S.O. S/Ms Colombo's 0807/8. You are not to pass position X 005° 16' N., 081° 01' E., before 1600Z/13.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 1414Z/10 to TRUANT (R) TRUSTY, S.O. S/Ms Colombo).
- Mauritius, Rodriguez Seychelles, command. C.O.S. Committee approved at a recent meeting a recommendation by C.I.G.S. that command of Mauritius and Rodriguez should be transferred from C. in C. India to G.O.C. in C. East Africa and that the transfer should take place unless G.O.C. in C. East Africa produced weighty reasons against it.
2. It was also approved that, subject to the views of C. in C. India and G.O.C. in C. East Africa, the Command of Seychelles should be similarly transferred.
(Head of M., 1429B/10 to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A., F.O.E.A. & Z. F.O.C.R.I.N., Dep. C. in C. E.F., F.O. Ceylon).

/Reports...

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Reports. N.Os. I.C. pass to N.C.S.Os. and R.O.
(1) Cancel C. in C. E.F. 0700Z/15/6 and substitute
At an early date losses of or damage to merchant
ships through enemy action or otherwise are to be reported either
to S.O.(I) Colombo (3) or to S.O.(I) of Intelligence Sub - centres
who are informed by S.O.(I) Colombo. (4) S.O.(I) Colombo is
responsible for informing Admiralty. (5) S.O. (I) receiving such
information is to inform (A) S.O.(I) of area to which ship was
proceeding for information of relevant N.C.S.Os. or R.Os. (B)
S.O. Officers (I) of area of last ports.
(C. in C. .E.F., 1436Z/10 to E.I. Stn).

U/Bs Since 3/7 4 Japanese subs appeared to operate in
Mozambique Mozambique Channel, 2 in Area 15° to 20° S., and
Channel. probably 2 in area 21° to 29° S., and W., of 37°
E. Last known attack on shipping took place
early morning of 8th. No further indication of
sub operating to southwards.
There is possibility sub reinforcement approaching from eastwards
which could commence operations in Mozambique area on about 14/7.
(C. in C. E.F., 1739Z/10 to S. and A., E.I., Station, Admty,
A.C.N.B., Melbourne C. in C. S.A.)

REVENGE. Admty. 1224/24/6 Date of completion of REVENGE
now having been postponed until end of September,
I consider that special consideration should
be given to sending armour to Durban for fitting while this ship
is still in hand.
2. If this opportunity is missed, it will either mean the ship
will (corrupt group) without this vitally important additional
protection for a further 12 months, or more than one of R Class
battleships must be away from station at a time.
3. Shipping difficulties are fully appreciated, but if
practicable, it is hoped that special action may be taken so that
armour may be shipped to arrive Durban, by mid-August at latest.
(C.in C. E.F., 1733Z/10 to Admty. (R) V.A. 3) Reply: Admty 2341/11

LACONIA N.C.S.O. Durban's 0849/8. SS. LACONIA is to
leave fast convoy and join slow convoy forthwith.
Amend R/Vs as necessary.
(V.C.N.S. 1819B/10 to D.C. in C. E.F.)
1. Admty. instructed that LACONIA shall join slow convoy forth-
with.
2. Detach her now at best speed to meet W.S.19 P, in 025° 50' S.
047° 58' at 1200Z/11 course 026°
3. CHITRAL is to send Netherlands Cruiser HEEMSKERCK ahead to
meet LACONIA.
4. W.S.19 L is to press on at best speed.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 1949Z/10 to MAURITIUS (R) CHITRAL, Admty).

/NIGERSTROOM...

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NIGERSTROOM A.M. 1823/17/6 A.M. 2351/19/6 and A.M. 2253/1/7
last two signals not to A.C.N.B.
NIGERSTROOM is due Capetown 17/7, whence she
should sail in company with W.S.20 for escort in Cape waters.
2. As NIGERSTROOM is not now carrying Spitfires she may then
proceed independently so as not to delay STIRLING CASTLE.
(D.Q.D(F) 1834B/10 to D.C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A. (R) A.C.N.B)

Catalina,
E. Africa.

Ref. para. 4 of OZ 683 9/7 /42, urgent requirements
of Operational Catalina Squadrons both at Home
and Abroad make provision of a Catalina for
G.O.C. in C. East Africa impossible at the
present time.
(Air Min. 1850Z/10 to C. in C. India, G.O.C. E.
Africa, (R) C. in C. E.F. etc).

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Summary.

Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
MILFORD	23° S 39° N	261°	12½ knots.
C.T.19.	44½° N 57½° W	253°	13½ knots.

(D.O.D. (F.) 0959Z/10 to Opanav (R) Comnav, Cominch)

Enemy
Intelligence.

Cincpac's Bulletin No. 106 to Cominch, contained in former's 0219/9, informs as follows:
1 or both units of Cruiser Div. 7 arriving in Japanese ports escorted by destroyers from Destroyer Sqdn. 2. Auxiliary seaplane tender GOSHU MARU indicated as en route to Marshalls. Part of S/M Sqdn. 1 in Marshalls area. By R.D.F. bearing S/M located at 48° N 177° W. Sightings at Kiska Harbour on 7/7 show 1 heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, at least 4 destroyers, 2 tankers or transports and 3 seaplanes.
(Comnav 1256/10 to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S.

Your 0031Z/9. With respect to B.Y.M.S. only.
1. Base ships for vessels already allocated are:
8 vessels for U.K. MARSHAL SOULT.
12 vessels for Eastern Fleet. LANKA.
5 vessels for Gibraltar. CORMORANT.
5 vessels for Freetown. MOIRA.
2. Fresh allocations. Batches in order of delivery.
8 vessels U.K. BEAVER.
4 vessels Eastern Fleet. LANKA.
8 vessels Mediterranean. NILE.
8 vessels U.K. WATCHFUL.
4 vessels South Atlantic. AFRIKANDER IV.
8 vessels U.K. MINOS.
6 vessels Mediterranean. NILE.
4 vessels Eastern Fleet. LANKA.
(D.M.S. 1258B/10 to B.A.D.)

CHAMBLY.

CHAMBLY now providing cover for H.X.197. Intention detach as requisite to meet O.N.S.110 during daylight 12/7 and provide additional cover to prudent limit.
(F.O.N.F. 1422Z/10 to C.T.U. 24.1.17. (R) C.T. 24. N.S.H.Q. etc.)

ARCHER.

My 1903/9. ARCHER delayed 24 hours.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 1423Z/10 to Connav (R) Admty. etc.)

Convoy
Position
Report.

Modify previous instructions, effective 12/7, Connav daily convoy position report north of 040° N will be sent via L and B N broadcast in one part covering area from 047° W to Chop date at or about 026° W. C.O.A.C. Halifax will cover area 047° W to 070° W, north of 040° N.
(Connav 1441Z/10 to All U.S. Canadian Escort Units at sea, all British Mid-ocean Escort Units at sea, C.C.N.F. Force, (R) C.T.F. 24, Admty. etc.)

/Floating...

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Floating Dock, passage. Your 1517/18 (? 1517/8/7 intended) and 2257/7. Dock now due to leave New York about 17/7, approx. date of arrival St. Thomas 29/7, assuming 5½ knots S of A. A better speed may be made if weather conditions are good.
(2) Fuel for escorts arranged St. Thomas.
(3) Endurance of tugs now estimated only 22 days. They will therefore require fuel en route St. Thomas to Freetown. Proposed to embark 57 tons diesel fuel in barrels in the dock as an emergency supply which represents 3½ extra days per tug, but fuelling by this method is clumsy and would entail delays on passage, and is a very small margin. Request early information whether tugs can be given diesel fuel from escorts at sea. (B.A.D. 1443Z/10 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty.)
Reply: R.A.W.A. 1501/11.

O.N.S. H.X. and S.C. convoys. Your 1856/8 (see shipping) entirely concur. Agree C. in C. W.A. change to commence with O.N.S.114 and S.C.95. Cancellation of coastal convoy will be adjusted to fit in.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1527Z/10 to Admty. (R) Connav. C. in C. W.A. C.O.A.C. C.C.N.F. F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Ships in K.S. and W.A.T. convoys. Chop time and date for vessel which proceeds for part of her voyage in K.S. and W.A.T. convoys will not be given directions by Routeing Officer or included in his route message. This Chop will be transmitted to necessary addressees by Connav after ship has left convoy or convoy has dispersed.
(Connav 1554Z/10 to C.E.S.F. C.G.S.F. C.P.S.F. C.C.S.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. A.W.I. N.S.H.Q. S.O.I. Kingston.)

Dispositions. Section East. O.N.108 Task Unit 24.1.15. 048° 10' 047° 15' 221° 7.
C.L.45 WOODPEQUE 046° 35' (?) 163° 30' 8.
G.S.1. MOJAVE ALGONQUIN vicinity 049° 50' 058° 40' en route for Sydney (C.B.) 9 2 (sic) vessels TRAIL sailed Hamilton Inlet 10th to Quebec.
U.S. Dest. INGRAHAM vicinity 046° 40' 052° 20' en route Argentina VIBRAN 049° 35' 048° 15' 048° 14. MOSDALE 047° 30' 048° 50' 203° 15. IRISH PLANE vicinity 045° 50' 058° 30' to Inchcolm 9. IRISH WILLOW 042° 05' 050° 15' 095° 8, altering in 050° 00' W to 060°.
(C.O.A.C. 1601Z/10 to Admty.)

U/B Positions. 10/7 Submarine estimates.
(Washington 1628/10, 1633/10, 1639/10, 1643/10, 1647/10.)

Tankers, Curacao, suspension. Understand Lake Tanker traffic was suspended by order of authorities from 6th to 9/7. Report reason. Rely on you to report important incidents such as this without delay, giving explanation whenever known. (D.T.D. 1647B/10 to B.R.O. Curacao. (R) C. in C. A.W.I.) Reply:1033Q/11.

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- Transports proceeding independently. Your 2250B/9/5. Suggest PASTEUR be added. (N.S.H.Q. 1700/10 to Admty.)
- WITHERINGTON. My 2106/9. Trials delayed 24 hours. (B.A.R.M. 1706Z/10 to Admty. etc.)
- T.A.W.1. Convoy T.A.W.1 disperses 1100 G.M.T. off N.W. anchorage. (B.R.O. Key West 1729Z/10 to Port of Spain (R) Admty. N.S. Ottawa, S.O.I. Jamaica.)
- ACONIT. Efficient Free French organisations have been built up at Greenock and Freetown and we are being pressed by the French to concentrate their corvettes at one or other of these two bases. ACONIT remains the only French Corvette since loss of MIMOSA and ALYSSE which does not come within the scope of this organisation. Your agreement is sought to transfer of ACONIT to Greenock. Regretted that in view of additional commitments connected with North Russian convoys a replacement can not be made. (D.O.D.(H.) 1759B/10 to N.S.H.Q. (R) F.O.N.F. etc.)
- Shipping Halifax. My 1450/6 para 2. S.B. - B.S. convoys are to be recommenced as soon as escorts are available. Paras 3 and 4 are cancelled. Independent shipping may proceed in accordance with my 2030/15/5 and N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 1843/25/6. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1838Z/10 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty. etc.)
- MONTROSE aground. My 1708/8(N.T. in W.R.) MONTROSE (Pan) reported aground, breaking up, 6/7. (N.S.H.Q. 1852Z/10 to Admty. C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F.)
- ROBIN LOCKSLEY. My 2132/8 (ROBIN LOCKSLEY (U.S.) not arrived at Baltimore.) ROBIN LOCKSLEY U.S. arrived Baltimore 9/6 (as received.) (N.S.H.Q. 1904Z/10 to Admty. etc.)
- W.C.CLAIBORNE. My 2056/6/6 (re delay in arrival of PAN CRESCENT and sailing of CLAIBORNE) W.C. CLAIBORNE will sail Trinidad about 16/7 arriving Freetown about 28/7. Destination Marshall. Admiralty pass to R.A.W.A. R.A.W.A. pass to Alusnob Freetown. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1905/10 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C.T.F.23, Admty. etc.)
- PASTEUR. My 2001/29/6. PASTEUR delayed until 15/7. Admty. pass to R.A.W.A. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1906/10 to C.E.S.F.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.

T.A.W.
W.A.T.
Convoys. Tankers bound for Puerto de la Cruz shall be sailed in T.A.W. or W.A.T. convoys breaking off on order of convoy commander when north of that port with instructions to proceed independently to Puerto de la Cruz and independently to Curacao for inclusion in next northbound convoy. Tankers bound south and east of Trinidad shall proceed independently between Puerto de la Cruz and Trinidad. (Connav 1920Z/10 to C.E.S.F. C.G.S.F. C.C.S.F. C.P.S.F. C.A.F.A.C. N.O.B. Trinidad (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

CUYABA. My 1353/22/5. CUYABA scheduled to depart Lisbon 11/7 for Rio de Janeiro travelling under safe conduct. Opnav informed. Admty. pass to R.A.W.A. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2004/10 to R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A. F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

U/B. Shore watcher sighted S/M in 047° 35' N 052° 39' W at 1922Z/10. (C.O.A.C. 2008Z/10 to Admty.)

A/S defences Caribbean. F.O.I.C. Trinidad's 1662/7 giving position and extent of two baffles at Point a Pierre provides the only detailed information in Admty. possession regarding A/S defences in Caribbean oil ports. 2. Similar information is urgently required regarding A/T defences which have been established at following ports. Point Fortin and Guiria. Puerto de la Cruz. Caracas Bay and Bullen Bay. Paarden Bay and St. Nicolaas Bay. Cumarebo. Las Piedras. Covenas. Where no defences have been placed it should be so stated. 3. After compliance with this message the placing and position of any further baffles should be reported without delay. (D.T.D. 2009B/10 to F.O.I.C. Trinidad, S.B.N.O. Curacao, B.R.O. Aruba, S.O.I. Jamaica, (R) C. in C. A.W.I. B.A.D.)

Area Limits, promulgation. Your 2209Z/9. Your para. 3. Amendments arrived too late for inclusion in books before despatch. Amendment No.1 to include substance of your para. 2 is being signalled as "A" message including Cominch in address in next 24 hours. Propose that U.S. Navy Dept. issue this amendment temporarily with books quoting serial number of A.M. "P" series correction will be supplied as soon as printed which will also quote A.M. (D.M.S. 2047B/10 to B.A.D.)

Sub attack and sighting summary. Unknown vessel reported attacked at 19.56 N 75.32 W. 9/7, sub driven off by A/C. Doubtful. BENJAMIN BREWSTER attacked 28.59 N 90.20 W, 0415Z/10. ARIZONA attack 28.50 N 90.41 W, 1250Z/10. J.A.MOFFET JUNIOR, 2 torpedo hits, 10 to 15 shells.

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Sub attack and sighting summary. Contd. CARDINA, 3 shells.
 ALEHRETE, 22 rounds possibly boarded by sub crew.
 SAN PABLE attack 1706Z/22/5, U 88 type.
 SIXAOLA U 88 type white circle 2 feet in diameter on C/T.
 Schooner CHEERIO, swastika on C/T.
 ALCOA PILGRIM, Goat white circular background C/T.
 ALLISTER U 88 type 18" circular shield insignia on either side C/T. 2 blue fields divided in halves horizontally by two wavy white lines with a figure resembling a dragon in upper half.
 TABORFJELL, U 45 type.
 ALCOA GUIDE possibly 2 subs at scene of attack.
 CITY OF MELBOURNE U 88 type red crest after part C/T possibly 2 subs at scene of attack.
 TUXPAM, 1 torpedo, 40 shells. "Warfooll" Red Lion and Swastika on C/T. Details confirmed by survivors of SCHOAPAS.
 Plane attack on Sub about 1810Z/7 reported in our 082106 confirm finding of survivors, supplementary report will follow.
 Patrol craft sights Sub 11.36 N 63.19 W 0800Z/7.
 Surface craft attacks periscope wake 12.10 N 69.05 W 1200Z/8.
 Sub reported headed S 07.42 S 34.50 W 1430Z/9.
 Surface craft reports sound contact 37.05 N 74.40 W 1105Z/10.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2048Z/10 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

Ship torpedoed. Ship torpedoed at 0210Z/11 in 011° 28' N 060° 23' W.
 (N.O.I.C. Trinidad (P. of S.) 2242Q/10 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty. etc.)

ONONDAGA. My 1113/8. Ship arrived B.A.D. pass to Connav.
 (S.O.I.) Jamaica 2342R/10 to Admty. C. in C. A.W.I.
 B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. Connav. F.O.C. Trinidad.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Movements. Departure Auckland H.M.N.Z.S. MONOWAI and U.S. Destroyer TUCKER to R/V thence escort duty to westward.
 (N.Z.N.B. 0730Z/10 to Admty. (R) A.C.N.B.)

RUFUS KING aground. U.S. Maritime (gp. missing) cargo vessel RUFUS KING ran ashore outside Rake passage Moreton Island 7/7
 No prospect of salvage of vessel which is breaking up. Salvage of portion of cargo (which includes light aircraft) possible.
 (A.C.N.B. 0958Z/10 to Admty.)

P.G.5. U.S. Destroyer SELFRIDGE and H.M.A.S. WHYALLA escorting convoy P.G.5 left Brisbane 0135Z/10 for Sydney N.S.W.
 (A.C.N.B. 1126Z/10 to Admty. etc.)

/Movements...

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand - Contd.Movements.

H.M.I.S. MADRAS arrival Melbourne 1910Z/9.
 (U.S. dr. BLUE, ROCKHAMPTON and H.M.I.S. BOMBAY escorting convoy C.O.10 left Sydney 1850Z/9 for Melbourne. TOWNSVILLE escorting BABINDA arrived Thursday Is. 1116Z/9. U.S. Destroyer RALPH TALBOT left Sydney 2138Z/9 for Brisbane.
 (A.C.N.B. 1248Z/10 to Admty. etc.)

Situation.

Serial No.169 from G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific 9/7.
 6 Hudsons strafed barracks near Dilliat 0921Z/9 some bomb hits on adjacent buildings visibility poor.

- (2) R/C by enemy bombers and fighters over Port Moresby, Kokoda Buna and S.E. end Papua areas 9/7.
- (3) Reliably reported reinforcements of 100 men and cargo arrived Salamao from Lae 9/7.
- (4) Photographs of Lorengau 5/7 show runway unchanged, bomb craters not filled in.
- (5) Escaped natives from Rabaul report
 - (a) no tanks that area.
 - (b) Linekunai aerodrome enlarged.
 - (c) A/C camouflaged with Kunai Grass.
- (6) 4 large Vessels and 4 A/C reported at Rekata Bay (N. Coast of Ysabel Island) during 7/7.
- (7) Natives report 2 funnelled warship off Banin harbour (Bougainville Island) at 0700Z/8, course easterly.
 (A.C.N.B. 1259Z/10 to Admty. etc.)

Auckland Operating Base.

Your 1756/1. Quantities as in my 2223/8/3 scheme 2 para H.
 (N.Z.N.B. 1508M/10 to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

NEPAL.

H.M.A.S. NEPAL leaves U.K. 15/7 to join 7th D.F. in Eastern Fleet.
 Request mails from Australia be diverted accordingly.
 (D.O.D. (F.) 1736B/10 to A.C.N.B.) See p.271.

Movements.

Arrival Port Phillip 0019Z/10 STUART, LAUNCESTON, (as received) and LAUNCESTON escorting Melbourne portion of convoy (?C) 0 9.
 Departure Fremantle 2330Z/9 U.S. Seaplane Tender HERON for Exmouth Gulf.
 Sydney 0505Z/10 U.S. Destroyers PERKINS and FLUSSER escorting convoy V.K.7 to position 200 miles east of Sydney (N.S.W.) thence Tutuila.
 (A.C.N.B. 2005Z/10 to A.I.G. 115.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
 (D.D.I.C. 1443/10, 1518/10.)

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Of the 35 M/Vs which left Iceland on 27/6 in convoy P.Q.17, 4 have now arrived at the Dvina Bar. Of the remainder, 10 are known to have been sunk, 1 is believed to be in the ice near Kolguev Island, possibly 3 more with the damaged Tanker AZERBAIDJAN in Western Novaya Zemlya, and 1 returned to Iceland with ice damage - leaving 15 ships still unaccounted for of which 3 are reported by S.B.N.O. Archangel today to be probably sinking.

The R.F.A. ALDERSDALE and Rescue ship ZAAFARAN are also known to have been sunk. Doubts as to the wisdom of dispersing this convoy were expressed today to Admiral Miles by the Russian Admiral Kuznetsov, who also doubts whether the Russian S/M K.41 in fact succeeded in torpedoing TIRPITZ during the covering operations as originally claimed.

The search for stragglers continues.

The flag of Rear Admiral A.L. St. G. Lyster as R.A.C. Aircraft Carriers Home Fleet (short title R.A.A. H.F.) was hoisted today in VICTORIOUS.

KING GEORGE V returned to Scapa today from Liverpool; and VICTORIOUS arrived at Liverpool at 2030B for short refit.

British Air Operations.

25 aircraft bombed the U-Boat base at Danzig at dusk today. Two aircraft failed to return and 16 failed to reach the target. Three out of 6 aircraft detailed attacked the shipbuilding yard at Flensburg today.

Enemy Air Operations.

One enemy A/C flew over Scapa Flow at 2100 today and may have photographed the Fleet Anchorage.

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.Mining.

It is reported today that the L L Drifter BLIZZARD was damaged on 9/7 by the simultaneous explosion of 2 mines in Milford Haven.

2 Red Mines were exploded by sweepers today off Bembridge, and 4 at Milford Haven, and 2 explosions, believed to be of British mines, were observed today by a convoy off N.W. Ireland.

North Atlantic.

U.136 sunk.
(See 12/7. 6842.)
*PELICAN, SPEY, 1 F.S. LEOPARD.

PELICAN escorting convoy O.S.33 reported at 1623 that promising attacks had been made on a U-Boat by *3 escorts in 33.26 N, 23.01 W. The U/B was sighted 15 miles E. of convoy at 1557B by SPEY and dived 2 minutes later.

O.S.33.
attacked.

Convoy O.S.33 was attacked by U-Boat late tonight. (See 12/7.)

South Atlantic.

An unknown ship reported being attacked by a U-Boat about midnight last night in 01.57 N, 24.52 W.

Mediterranean.

A report to C. in C. indicates too much confidence cannot be placed in the friendliness of Greek small craft encountered in Aegean. Greek S/M NEREUS was advised to exercise caution to avoid falling into a trap.

Malta had no alert last night. No Service but some civilian damage was caused in 4 alerts today.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Fifty eight Wellingtons bombed in Tobruk Harbour last night the convoy which had been attacked en route yesterday. (See 10/7.) Reports as to whether a ship was hit are conflicting. Fires were started in the dock area.

5 Liberators made a dusk attack on Benghazi Harbour today. A possible hit is claimed on one ship. Matruh was effectively bombed today and a near miss was obtained on a 1500 ton vessel at a jetty: subsequent photographs show that the ship sank.

ONDINA sunk.
See 23/7.
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South African whalers PROTEA and SOUTHERN MAID in co-operation with Walrus aircraft, sank an Italian submarine in 34° 38' N, 34° 56' E (about 60 miles N.W. of Beirut.) at 1700 today and took some prisoners.

East Indies.

U.S. Navy Dept. has expressed concern regarding U-Boat attacks in Mozambique Channel, and B.A.D. has asked for information of any diversions made or planned in this area.

The Admiralty replied (13/7) that shipping in the Mozambique Channel is now routed as diversely as possible and given maximum air cover, which it is hoped to increase. In view of the lack of A/S escorts the only major alteration in routeing policy possible is to send all or a proportion of shipping east of Madagascar. No air protection would be available for ships so routed. Losses since 5/6 when the first attack occurred in this area are 16 ships by U-Boat and 2 by raider.

In view of the change in the strategical situation it has now been decided to develop full M.T.B. bases at Madras, Vizagapatam, Mandapam, Cochin and Bombay. Shipping facilities are being developed at Calcutta.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

Now that Caribbean convoys have been started C. in C. A.W.I. anticipates that U-Boats may move off to new soft spots, amongst which the convoy assembly anchorage at Trinidad must be included. He has not much confidence in the U.S. minefield and the lack of fast A/S vessels to patrol the loops is a matter for concern.

Australia.

Port Moresby was raided at 0150Z today by 19 heavy bombers escorted by 8 Zero fighters; shipping was attacked, but no damage or casualties occurred.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Hospital
Ship for
North
Russia.

Request reply may be given to my urgent request in my 2046/31/5 which Admiral Miles supported in his 1906/2/6. Although many cases have recovered fresh cases arrive and will doubtless continue to do so. Further explanation was sent in my 1941/16/6, but no reply has been received and so far as I am aware no action has been taken. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 0821B/11 to Admty.)

Flags of
R.A.A. and
V.A.2.

The Flag of Rear-Admiral A.L. St. G. Lyster C.B. C.V.O. D.S.O. as Rear Admiral Commanding Aircraft Aircraft Carriers Home Fleet, was hoisted in VICTORIOUS on 11/7.
2. The Flag of the V.A. 2 is now flying in ANSON
3. Admiral Lyster's short title in signals is R.A.A. but if addressees outside the Home Fleet are included the letters H.F. are to be added. (C. in C.H.F. 0955B/11 to H.F.)

Movements.

UREDD.

Request you will arrange for one S/M of 7th Flotilla to relieve UREDD at Scapa about 20/7. (F.O.S. 0309B/11 to Capt. S.7.)

It is expected that UREDD will be required for a full patrol leaving Scapa on 17/7. I hope you will be able to give her a good stand off prior to sailing.
My 0309/11. S.7 is now arranging for the relief S/M to reach Scapa as soon as possible after 13/7. (F.O.S. 1552B/11 to A.C.O.S.)

SUFFOLK.

My 1810/8. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 0402/11 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Scapa arrival SUFFOLK.
(A.C.O.S. 1635/11).

CUMBERLAND.

Scapa departure CUMBERLAND. *See next page*
(A.C.O.S. 0705B/11)

TRIBUNE.

Arrival TRIBUNE.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 0840B/11).

SOKOL.

(1) Intend sailing SOKOL escorted by JAN VAN GELDER at 1630B/12 via Sound of Islay and Mull and the Minches for Blyth. E.T.A. 1930B/15. (Capt. S.3, 0945B/11).

VIENNA.

My 2002/30/5. Request you will report as soon as possible whether VIENNA will be ready to leave U.K. on 28/7. (D.O.D.(H.) 1231/11 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements-Contd.

- CONQUEROR. A.M. 1653/30/6.
On completion of weapon trials request you will sail CONQUEROR for Plymouth.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1232B/11 to A.C.O.S.)
- HAWKINS. Your 1711/10. ^{/K.T. in W.D.} Approved.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1238/11 to HAWKINS).
- KENT. Proceed A.M. 12th to arrive Bar L.V. 0900B/13.
(C. in C. H.F. 1249B/11 to KENT.)
- MINERVE. MINERVE arrived.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 1321B/11).
- KING GEORGE V. Scapa arrivals KING GEORGE V with CUMBERLAND,
CUMBERLAND. MARTIN, MARNE, ESCAPADE.
(A.C.O.S. 1527B/11). ** See previous page*
- AVENGER. Admty. 1953/10. Operation of Type 79.M.
sufficiently satisfactory to carry out calibration yesterday for first time. Exercises are proceeding. Embarkation of 802 Squadron A/C and D.L.T. arranged for 13/7. Subject to arrival of Hurricane spares, continued satisfactory working of type 79 M., satisfactory deck-landings by 802 Squadron, AVENGER will be ready for operation by 23/7.
(AVENGER 1535B/11 to Admty.)
- P.219. (1) Intend sailing P.219 escorted by CUTTY SARK at 1730B/13 via searched channel, Minches, and West of Orkneys for Lerwick. E.T.A. 0630B/15.
(Capt. S.3. 1551B/11).
- HAMBLETON. Admty. 1955/10. Request you will sail Desdiv 19
*EMMONS. on 13/7 for Hvalfiord.
*MACCMB. (C. in C.H.F. 1559B/11 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).
RCDMAN.
** See p. 308*
- PHOEBE. 1635B sailed PHOEBE in accordance with my 1506B/10.
Add 2½ hours to all times.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1636B/11).
- O.24. When ready O.24 is to be sailed for Eastern waters via Gibraltar and the Cape.
(F.O.S. 1649B/11 to Capt. S.3.) *See p. 318*
- VICTORIOUS. Arrivals VICTORIOUS, KEPPEL anchored Bar L.V.
DOUGLAS, FOWEY, CARNATION.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2030B/11).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements-Contd.

ALBRIGHTON. My 2343B/9 para. 3. Arrived Needles 2230/11.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2255B/11).

Operations.

Operation Q.T.3. Operation Q.T.3.
1. Object. Destruction of enemy surface forces encountered.
2. Forces taking part. Two units M.G.B. (L) and one unit M.G.Bs.(S) from 5th or 7th Flotillas.
3. Execution. All units to proceed in company to centre of R.B. 14 arriving as early as practicable under conditions prevailing.
Then (A). One unit M.G.B. (L) Sweep on silent engines through 52° 32' N. 4° 31' E. 52° 37' N. 4° 33' E. thence 360° as long as time permits.
(B) One unit of M.G.B. (L) Sweep on silent engines to 52° 25' N. 4° 28' E. then 215° as long as time permits.
(C) One unit of M.G.B. (S) to remain at R.B. 14 until M.G.B. (L) are clear, then close Ymuiden whistle buoy, subsequently to act in support of either unit requiring assistance.
4. All units to be 30 miles off shore by daylight.
(C. in C. Nore 1124B/11 to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth.)

British Air Activity.

U.S.A. There has been no movement of U.S. Aircraft
A/C during the past 48 hours. Next Fighter Formation
movements. not now expected before 13/7.
(Air Ministry 1110/11 to 44 Group).

Air Bases Your Air 117 7/7. Party for Gryaznaya can be
in North reduced to 15 which will include small signals
Russia. section. This represents considerable reduction.
2. For main base at Lakhta detached flight will
consist of two officers 26 men. This includes
signals section.
3. Cannot understand your para. 3 in view of your Air. 71 4/7
para. 1. Confirm Russians agree to proposals and will provide
(a) Living accommodation and messing for party at Lakhta.
Establishment does not include cooks.
(b) Moorings, fuel and oil for 6 Catalinas at Lakhta.
(Air Ministry 1810/11 to 30 Mission.)

Lerwick A/A My 1632/4 and H.Q.F.C. C.M.D. A.683 6/7. T.O.O.
Protection. 1801/6. It is now anticipated that nine submarines
Sumburgh. will be at Lerwick from 12th to about 20th July.
(D.O.D.H. 1810B/11 to Air Ministry.)

Bombing Institute submerged bombing restrictions from
restrictions. 1800/12 until 0600/14 within 25 miles either
side of line joining 48° 52' N. 06° 28' W. and
47° 40' N. 07° 46' W. (H.Q.C.C. 2046B/11 to
R.A.F. Gibraltar.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.

6 Minesweepers Help "Yokel".
 attacked. (Guard on "Yokel" 1815/11).
 2 A/C Bearing 150°, height 9000 feet. My position
 50° 14' N. 3° 27' W.
 (ALBRIGHTON 1818/11).
 Help Convoy "Yokel". My position 50° 18' N. 3° 20' W.
 (Guard on "Yokel" No T.O.O. Recd. 1823/11).
 Help "Yokel" 063° Start Point 5 miles.
 (Guard on "Yokel" 1835/11).

A/C over One Junkers 88 over Flow above 30,000 feet at
 Scapa Flow. 2100. Approached from E.N.E., then turned South
 and finally East when over Wick. Ground defences
 opened fire and 3 sections of fighters up but
 failed to intercept. Cloud patches probably allowed photographs
 to be obtained.
 (A.C.O.S. 2135/11).
 My 2135. At 2036 A/C was plotted by R.D/F. 073° 84 miles from
 A buoy on course W. From visual reports A/C apparently circled
 fleet anchorage; 78 rounds were fired by heavy A.A. guns on
 Hoy, S. Ronaldshay, and mainland at seen target. Subsequently
 plotted by R.D/F flying S. to Wick and thence eastwards.
 (A.C.O.S. 2323B/11).

Convoy Convoy "Skipper" position 50° 20' N. 5° 41' W.,
 P.W.184 course 225°, speed 7, being attacked by enemy
 attacked. aircraft 1 AP.
 (Escort of "Skipper" 2344/11).

Mining.

BLIZZARD Reference written report of mine detonated by
 (LL. Drifter). BLIZZARD 1525B/9. From collated evidence 2 mines
 damaged detonated in same position. Damage caused to
 on 9/7. Consort as well as BLIZZARD.
 (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1701B/11 to Admty.)

Portsmouth. Two mines red detonated by L.L. close together
 in app. 109° 2 miles St. Helens Fort.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth 1816B/11 and 0944B/12).

Off Explosions believed due to British mines occurred
 Bloody in vicinity of convoy. (A) at 1120B in 055° 43' N.
 Foreland. 007° 45' W. (B) At 1707B in 055° 41' N. 009° 08' W.
 Nearest ship over 1 mile from explosion.
 (VISCOUNT 2147B/11).

Enemy Intelligence.

KÖLN. Preliminary P.R.U. of Kristiansand (S) shows KÖLN
 and one destroyer present.
 (D.D.I.C. 1803B/11).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats.

U-boats reported. A/C reported possible S/M in 056° 35' N. 012° 45' W. at 0317Z/11.
(C. in C.W.A. 0724Z/11 to C.T.F. 37.)
Am over Enemy Submarine in 44° 42' N. 12° 59' W.
Enemy was on surface and observed to submerge. When sighted was on course 220°, 10 knots.
(A/C GW6A, 0817/11).
Amended position U-Boat 44° 46' N. 12° 53' W.
(A/C GW6A 0836/11).
Bordeaux. Learn twenty different Italian U-boats either entered or were observed in port during four weeks end of May to end of June. Graded C.3.
(N.A. Stockholm 1231/11)
N.I.D. Comment.
This figure is considered an exaggerated total. It is improbable that more than 16 Italian U-Boats are based at Bordeaux.
My 1534/11. More probably convoy O.S.33. (Sighting report by U-boat).
(D.D.I.C. 1614B/11 to Escorts O.G.86, O.S.33).
Am investigating suspicious object (oil patch in 48° 20' N. 6° 40' W. 185°, E.
(A/C 7LGS 1850/11).
By D/F at 2059Z/11 U-boat probably inward bound, was anywhere within 25 miles of 46° 10' N. 6° 40' W.
(D.D.I.C. 2345B/11).

U-boats attacked. Unsuccessfully attacked westbound U-boat with torpedoes and guns in 063° 36' N. 002° 20' E. 4 torpedoes fired.
(P.45 1018B/11 to F.O.S.)
At 0848/11th unsuccessfully attacked U-boat in 063° 16', 002° E. Course and speed of enemy 050°, 12 knots. Six torpedoes expended.
(P.212 1515B/11 to Admty.)

Navigational.

Morecambe Bay Light Vessel. Morecambe Bay Light Vessel found to be 1.34 miles 063° from its charted position.
(CHALLENGER 1254B/11) (Hydrog 2319B/11).
(C. in C.W.A. 2330Z/11).

Technical.

Armament of Convoy Escort Destroyers. Fully concur in C. in C.W.A. 2237/10.
(C. in C.H.F. 1947B/11 to Admty.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

HERON. Admty. 1251/1. N.A.B. HERON now at Salcombe has a bent propellor shaft which will be renewed by 16/7 approx. Intend sailing HERON for Teignmouth for refit as soon as possible.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1209/11).

EVENING PRIMROSE. My 0930B/11. EVENING PRIMROSE sailing delayed owing to engine defect.
(F.O.I.C. London 1804B/11).

ERODONA. ELDOY. Propose EMPIRE LARCH to tow ERODONA, EMPIRE BASCOBELL to tow ELDOY to U.K. on return to Iceland after completion of tow of EMPIRE CHIEF.
(A.C.I.C. 2203B/10 to Admty.)

Shipping and Convoys.

P.Q.17. Merchant ship reported in Gribovay Fjord Bay latitude 073°. 2nd Ship 072° 56' N. 052° 53' E. in Bezimyannaya Bay. If you have picked up survivors in accordance with S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1557/9 endeavour to locate these ships and escort them to White Sea. Additional escort will be sent as soon as possible.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0059B/11 to DIANELLA).
Your 1235/10 and S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1051/9. It is essential that result of P.Q.17 should be known as soon as possible. Request you will report immediately the number of ships which (A) have arrived Archangel (B) are known to be in the White Sea (C) are known to be approaching the White Sea. Report also your assessment of numbers unaccounted for. Merchant vessels and escorts should be indicated separately in each case.
(1st S.L. 0220B/11 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).
P.Q.17. Archangel's 2201/10. Every escort vessel with sufficient fuel remaining is to continue search forthwith or, if fuel required, immediately after fuelling. S.B.N.O. Archangel is requested immediately he has fuller knowledge of ships available to detail each vessel for specific duty. See A.T. 1947/6, which cable does not appear to have been received by escort.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0524B/11 to S.B.N.O. Archangel, M.S.1. (R) Escorts P.Q.17.)
Your 0220B/11. (A) SALAMANDER, BRAMBLE, BRITOMART, HALCYON, LOTUS, POPPY, LA MALOUINE, PALOMARES, LORD AUSTIN, LORD MIDDLETON, NORTHERN GEM, POZARICA, Rescue ship RATHLIN ZAMALEK. Merchant ships DON BASS, BELLINGHAM, OCEAN FREEDOM, SAMUEL CHASE. (B) not known. (C) BENJAMIN HARRISON, EL CAPITAN, HOOSIER in ice near Kolguev Island. AZERBAIDJAN and two, possibly three, other ships in Western Novaya Zemlya. (? Harbour)
My 1235B/10. Add probably sinking DANIEL MORGAN, J. WITHERSPOON, and OLOPANA. Missing A/S Trawler AYRSHIRE. Number of ships unaccounted for 11. Further signal after interview with escorts. Search continues.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1206B/11 to Admty.)

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Arrived Dvina Bar. BRAMBLE, HALCYON, SALAMANDER, BRITOMART, LOTUS, POPPY, LA MALOUINE, PALOMARES, POZARICA, LORD AUSTIN, LORD MIDDLETON, NORTHERN (? GEM). Merchant Ships OCEAN FREEDOM and SAMUEL CHASE.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1444B/11).

Soviet Catalina left Gryaznaya 1900C to search W. coast Novaya Zemlya. Soviet auxiliary vessel MUNMAN sailing 2000C/11 from Kola Inlet to Iokanka, thence alongside coast of Novaya Zemlya to search for stragglers. Description. S.B.N.O. Archangel broadcast on port wave.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1818B/11 to S.B.N.O. Archangel, Escorts P.Q.17, M.S.1.)

Saw Admiral Kuznetsov today. Asked him about TIRPITZ, as "Pravda" and "Krasni Flot" have published glowing reports of K.41's attack. Submarine had not yet returned to harbour but Admiral said "I hope we have not made a sad mistake".

(2) He expressed doubt on wisdom of dispersing convoy. He thought known danger from air and submarine attack greater than threat of surface ship attack and considered TIRPITZ had achieved her object by causing convoy to scatter thus making it defenceless and easy prey for aircraft and submarines. Comment. Without knowledge of all the facts when I received Admiralty 0322B/5 I felt dispersal was premature for same reasons. Told Peoples Commissar I though he should reserve judgement until all facts known. I would welcome Admiralty's appreciation of situation at 2200B/4.

(3) The withdrawal of the destroyer escort was not mentioned by Peoples Commissar and I considered it better not to raise this question.

(4) He asked whether there is any general guidance given regarding conduct of ships when ordered to scatter. For instance presumably if order is given before reaching certain longitude ships would try to return to Iceland. If later than this, there are anchorages in Novaya Zemlya as well as Kola inlet and White Sea to make for. In latter case, if known in advance, it might be possible for Soviet Navy to help.
(Ad. Miles 1916C/11 to Admty.) *Reply: 1404B/20 - HUSH*

My 1206B/11. HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN bombed and sunk in attack lasting from 2200Z/9 until 0200Z/10.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 2151B/11 to Admty.)

O.N.S. 110.

Request U.S.D. BABBITT be detached from O.N.S. 110 not later 12/7. Recommend that ^{Captain} BIBB continue with O.N.S. 110 until about 15th then join escort Unit 24.1.5 with S.C.91 until met at Icomp by escort until 24.6.5. about 19/7.
(Comtask 1007/11 to C. in C.W.A.)

Icomp
instructions.

The following instructions are to be carried out for effecting Icomps which will be promulgated by C. in C.W.A.

If either (a) The main portion anticipate being more than one hour early or three hours late or (b) the joining portion anticipates being late, a report is to be made to C. in C. W.A. for action and repeated to the other escorts concerned and C.T.G. 24.6 for information.

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- Icomp instructions - Contd. This report is to include proposed new Icomp and is to be made at least 24 hours in advance prefixed Operational Priority of Immediate. If not met procedure laid down in Draft A.C.I's Art 28 paras. 3 and 4 is to be followed of which following is a precis.
1. Group joining convoy if not met within 1½ hours report to escorts of main convoy repeated C. in C. W.A. prefixed Immediate.
 2. If main convoy has not been met within 2 hours of appointed time S.O. Escort is to signal P.C.S. of convoy to escort which has failed to meet, repeated C. in C.W.A. and prefixed Immediate. (C. in C.W.A. 1052Z/11).
- Q.P.13 U. Which ships have arrived please?
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1309B/11 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe.)
- C.T.U. 24.6.4. Unless you have reason to consider U-Boats are in vicinity return to base forthwith.
(C. in C.W.A. 1440Z/11 to C.T.U. 24.6.4.)
- P.W. and W.P. Convoys. Until further orders P.W. convoys are to be routed as follows. From position (A) 50° 27', 30° N. 02° 48' W. to 180° Start Point six miles to position (C) 50° 09' N. 04° 20' W., thence as in route A.
2. W.P. convoys are to be sailed to Dartmouth by following route:- From position (P) 50° 09' N. 04° 20' W. to 180° Start Point 4 miles, thence to Q.Z.S. 174 to Dartmouth.
3. W.P. convoys are to be sailed from Dartmouth to Portsmouth by route M.
4. D.C.I. 33 routes A, B, F, J, are to be amended accordingly. (C. in C. Plymouth 1441R/11).
- Q.P.14. R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to sail 2 fleet destroyers and 2 Hunts A.M. 13th to Seidis Fjord for fuel and thence to Kola Inlet.
(11) Destroyers detailed are to provide escort for Q.P.14 and as at present visualised D, should be sailed joining convoy after it has passed Cape Gorodetski.
(C. in C.H.F. 1547B/11).
Your 1547B/11. ICARUS, OFFA, MIDDLETON, LEDBURY detailed.
(R.A.D. H.F. 2345B/11 to C. in C.H.F.)
- A.T.17B. A.T.17B will arrive 55° 29' N. 07° W. at 1000Z/12. Unless otherwise ordered BUCK will then proceed direct to Lough Foyle in accordance with Admty. 1820B/10. *EMMONS (S.O.), *MACOMB, and AORANGI will then proceed to Clyde.
(Comdesron 13 1553Z/11 to Admty.) * See p. 302.

/ORISSA.....

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- ORISSA. ^{N.T. N.W.D.} Sailed ORISSA in accordance with my 1156B/9. ^{N.T. N.W.D.}
(O.S. 34). My 1635B/11 refers. E.T.A. Freetown 31/7.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1638B/11).
- O.N.S. 114. O.N.S. 114 will be sailed from Liverpool on 18/7
and thereafter O.N.S. convoys will sail every
Saturday.
(D.T.D. 1800B/11).
- O.N.S. 114. My 1856/8. O.N.S. 114 will be sailed on 18/7 and
S.C. 95. thereafter O.N.S. convoys will sail every Saturday.
S.C.95 will sail on 5/8 and thereafter every
Wednesday.
(D.T.D. 1807B/11).
- Signals by independently routed ships. A.M. 1730B/8. The signals required by para (B)
1, 3 and 4 are to be made by the N.C.S.O.
2. Cancel para. 2 and substitute:-
When a N.C.S.O. desires fighter protection for
a ship he is to inform the appropriate N.O.I.C.
who will make a signal as laid down in M.O.9251/41.
3. The previous practice in certain ports of
combining ocean route signals and requests for
fighter protection is to cease.
(D.T.D. 1954B/11).
- Recognition Signals. A.G.M. 779A/6th June. 844A/17th June.
As distribution of S.P. 02296M is not completed
on South Atlantic Station, some Merchant Ships
will not be able to carry out new procedure as
from 0001 G.M.T. 15th July. Ships are reminded
that recognition signals are only one of the
factors in ascertaining friendly character.
(D.S.D. 2013/11. "A" Message 977A).
- O.G. 88. C.A.M. Ship HELENCREST has been allocated for
HELENCREST. inclusion in Convoy O.G.88.
(D.T.D. 2015B/11).
- E.N. 11, 14, My 1800/11 and C. in C. Rosyth's 1201/9.
and 17. Propose E.N. 11, 14, and 17 should now run as
medium convoys sailing three hours earlier.
(D.T.D. 2042B/11 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- C.T.20. My 2347/4 and 0524/8 para. 6. Date of C.T.20
now delayed until 18/7. Embarkation will take
place at Tail of Bank on 17/7 and 18/7.
(D.S.T. 2111B/11).
- EMPIRE SALE. Sailed SS. EMPIRE SALE at 2300/11 independently
escorted by PIROUETTE to Holyhead for convoy and
onward routeing to Cardiff. E.T.A. 0830B/12.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast 2345B/11).

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U/B Santander. Following received from Madrid. (Begins)
 Consul Santander has reported that Italian S/M is preparing to leave dry dock "presumably to be interned" (ends)
 N.I.D. Comment - On 2/7, Consul reported repairs completed and U/B ready to sail. On 3/7 N.A. Madrid expressed disbelief. It appears probable that U/B has been restored to at least limited seaworthiness and internment cannot be relied upon.
 (O.I.C. Sec. 8 E.G. Recd. 0934/11. Authorities informed C. in C. Plymouth. H.Q.C.C.)

Search for AVILA STAR (torpedoed 5/7.) Your 2028/10 to Admty. KONKAN and RAJPUTANA left Ponta Delgada 0015/11. Will search eastward and southward positions.
 (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 0910/11 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)
 KONKAN and RAJPUTANA left Ponta Delgada 0015 G.M.T. 11th. Ships will carry out search east and south of 038° 00' N 020° 40' W for survivors of AVILA STAR thence proceed to Bathurst for fuel.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1744B/11 to R.A. West Africa. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Gambia, Escort of O.S.33.)
 Following report in accordance with N.C.S. I.296/41. (A) AVILA STAR. (B) 5/7 2245 G.M.T. 038° 04' N 022° 45' W. (C) Thrown overboard. (D) Went down in ship. (E) In perforated steel box 2500 fathoms. (F) Nil. (G) Chief Officer, 1st Officer, 1st Radio Officer. (H) All C.Bs put on board at Freetown went down with ship.
 Request Freetown be informed.
 (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1110/11 to D.N.I.)

U/B O.S.33. My 1534/11. (N.T. in W.D.)* More probably convoy O.S.33.
 (D.D.I.C. 1614B/11 to Escorts O.G.86, O.S.33, F.O.C.N.A. (R) R.A.W.A. C. in C.W.A. H.Q.C.C.)
 * (Enemy S/M has made first sighting report of convoy or important unit, probably O.G.86 or O.S.33.)
 By D/F on 11,068 Kc/s at 1908Z U-Boat made a sighting report from vicinity of convoy O.S.33.
 (D.D.I.C. 2135B/11 to Escorts O.S.33. F.O.C.N.A. R.A.W.A. (R) Escorts O.G.86. Escorts S.L.115. C. in C. W.A. H.Q.C.C.)

U/B attacked. Am attacking U-Boat in 033° 26' N 023° 01' W. (PELICAN 1623/11 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc.)
 U.136 sunk. My 1623Z/11 U-Boat sighted 15 miles East of
 (Cm: 2643) (Cm: 2643) convoy 1557B by SPEY. Dived 1559B and promising attacks made by*3 escorts later. SPEY remaining until dark, remainder rejoining O.S.33 position 2359B/11 032° 10' 023° 00'. Weather.
 (PELICAN 2135Z/11 to F.O.C.N.A. etc.)*PELICAN, SPEY, 7ES. LÉOPARD.
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VOLTURNO.

Your 1556B/10. VOLTURNO must call Lisbon where large quantity cork awaits shipment. M.W.T. consider importance of shipping this justifies missing convoy.
 (D.T.D. 1809B/11 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/French...

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shipping.

Gibraltar 1214. Armed trawler LA⁶ETOISE (As received) Ships all laden CEVENNES, VILLE DU HAVRE, both deck cargoes lorries, GROIX passengers, trawler LOUP DE MER full, westbound. (S.O.I. Gib. 1817B/11 to Admty. etc.)

Daylight
sailings,
Lisbon.

Your 1206/10 (requesting reply to A.M. 1717/26/6) Most suitable time for sailing under constant review.

2. Generally speaking it is considered that no great advantage would accrue from confining ships departure to hours of darkness.

3. The long approach to these ports and slow speed of ships normally trading to them prevents sufficient offing being made seriously to handicap subsequent daylight location by A/C. R.M. accessibility of most ports under reference severely restricted by tidal conditions.

5. At all these ports enemy agents have ample scope, consequently exact time of sailing almost certainly immediately known to enemy and probably destination also.

6. Attacks on SARASTONA and BARON NEWLANDS, leaving Huelva, were carried out by A/C night 29/10/1941.

7. It is fully realised that the junction of a section from Lisbon must to some extent tend to compromise security of remainder of convoy, but alternative may be to give Lisbon section some 600 miles of extra steaming in dangerous waters, materially reducing time available for turning round, with corresponding risk of missing convoy and increasing demand for escorts. In any case position of main convoy is in all probability known to enemy within comparatively narrow limits and as enemy aircraft are frequently reported working in groups off Portuguese Coast its location should not be difficult. So far as I am aware, convoy H.G.84 was not attacked until it was off North Atlantic Station some 4 days after Lisbon section sailed. If it was continuously shadowed during this period it would appear to show that little importance attached to time of sailing of Lisbon portion.

9. In my opinion the severe losses in H.G.84, all of which occurred I believe after withdrawal of the fast escorts, were almost certainly attributable to their absence. (F.O.C.N.A. 1900B/11 to Admty.)

U/Bs.

At 2018 G.M.T. German U-Boat made a further sighting report bearing 268° from Gibraltar. At 2030 G.M.T. German U-Boat made further sighting report bearing 265° from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 2235B/11 to Ships escorting convoy O.S.33. LOWESTOFT, LEOPARD, KONKAN, RAJPUTANA (R) JONQUIL, Admty. R.A.W.A.)

Spain and
damaged
U/Bs.

Your 1719/29. The convention in terms prohibits only the supply of war materials whether directly or indirectly. It neither forbids nor requires a neutral to grant facilities in Government yards. The mere occupation of a Government dock is therefore open to political rather than legal

/objection,...

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North Atlantic.

Spain and
Damaged
U/Bs.
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objection, being liable to be interpreted as a sign of partiality.
2. Ambassador has been instructed to transmit a note to Spanish Gov. requesting immediate internment of ^{the} TORELLI, and again inviting them to ban belligerent submarines from their waters.
3. It may be desired to follow this with request for internment of ^{the} U-Boat at Cartagena. Three months is excessive period for repair, and if no work is being done, this is a ground for pressing for immediate internment. When TORELLI has been dealt with request report on position at Catagena.
(Head of M 2359B/11 to N.A. Madrid.)

*U.573.

South Atlantic.

LUKANGEI.

Overdue shipping, cancel LUKANGEI, ship arrived Capetown.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1010B/11 to Admty. etc.)

Suspicious
ships (?)

Aircraft sighted following ships:
1550/10/7, 3 M/Vs 1500/2000 tons, Portuguese Flag, 19° 50' N 17° 20' W course 000° 7 knots, 270° 8 knots, 060° 8 knots.
1657/10 1 M/V 17° 30' N 17° 40' W, course 000° 11 knots, possible Portuguese JOAO BELO.
1007/10, 1 M/V Spanish 1,000 tons, 4° 51' N 14° 16' W, course 030° 6 knots, possible RIO FRANCO.
1240Z/10/7, Vichy Hospital ship CANADA 11° 35' N 17° 23' W, course 140° 12 knots.
(S.O.I. Freetown 1058Z/11 to Admty.)

Dispositions.

Weekly state South Atlantic Station area. 11/7
St. Helena area, CILICIA. Lagos to Simonstown, ROCKROSE. Cape to Rio de Janeiro, H.T. QUEEN MARY. Cape to Durban, EXPRESS, BELLWORT, BARFOUNT, BARRYMORE, BRITTANY. Cape area, CARNARVON CASTLE. Area K 1 D, ALCANTARA, Cable ship LADY DENISON PENDER. Simonstown (? HECLA) DRAGON, CHESHIRE, MEAD, CECILE MAPLE(?SON). Capetown, EMILE BAUDOT, EMPIRE BIRCH, EMPIRE LINVAR, HATS(VENERE), AIGLON, DUSK, SOUTHERN PRIDE, SOUTHERN GEM. Cape, LOOKOUT. (corrupt group) KHETI, MAURETANIA. Durban, RAMILLIES, VALIANT, (?REVENGE)*QUEEN OF KENT, JASMINE, CYCLAMEN, GENISTA, THYME, BUSHWOOD, KELANTAN. (C. in C. S.A. 1105B/11.)

*See next page (Movement Summary)
* Paddle type - doubtful if actual*

Movements.

POSTBOY, 1 Trawler 3 tugs 2 yachts 019° 10' 023° 35' 7. HYDRANGEA 011° 30' 017° 15' to Bathurst 6 at 2000. CANTON 010° 30' 021° 35' to 011° 10' 024° 01' thence 320° 14½.
(R.A.W.A. 1129Z/11 to Ships in area P of S.A. Station N of 8' N, Admty. C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

/CILICIA...

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- CILICIA. On leaving Ascension proceed to patrol at S.O.A. 13 knots on following route (A) 009° (?30') S 007° 01' W. (B) 012° 40' 015° 30' (C) 008° 30' 020° (?20') (D) 012° 30' 025° 32' thence at best speed direct to Freetown.
(ii) Adjust movements so as to be in position (Q) 011° 00' S 011° 00' W at 1600Z/15.
(iii) My 0818/11 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(R.A.W.A.F. 1255Z/11 to CILICIA (R) C. in C. S.A. C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admty. C.T.F.23.)
- Force F. A.M. 0052/25. Flag of S.O. Force F transferred to NELSON at Freetown p.m./10.
(S.O. Force F 1406Z/11 to Admty. etc.)
- U/B reports from Lourenco Marques. Your 0924/5. Political repercussions of providing Consul General Lourenco Marques with W/T transmitter might be unwelcome. Quickest route for message would be probably line telegraphy to Simonstown and (?thence) direct W/T (?Simonstown) to Kilindini when Sandheads can manage this. In interim period line telegraphy to Durban and thence by service (corrupt group) to Diego Suarez and Group (corrupt group) CLE.
(C. in C. S.A. 1410B/11 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty.)
- (?) LOOKOUT. (? LOOKOUT) sailed noon/10 for Beira.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1411B/11 to Admty.)
Confirmed by measurements of H.M. S. 102.
- Floating Dock, passage. Your 1443/10/7. A.M.C. escort is fitted with oiling at sea gear trough method, and can supply diesel oil. Will this method be suitable for tugs?
(R.A.W.A. 1501Z/11 to B.A.D. (R) Admty.)
- O.S. Convoys. As Freetown escorts no longer normally meet O.S. convoys, E.T.A. 19° N is not required but suggest S.O. of escorts be instructed to report P.C.S. when Cape fast ships are detached.
(R.A.W.A. 1505Z/11 to C. in C. W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A. F.O.C.N.A.)
- Movement summary. 2000Z/11. Area Q. ALCANTARA with *LADY DENISON PENDER repairing cable about 026° 17' S 006° 39' E. CILICIA off St. Helena. EXPRESS 034° 07' S 026° 42' E to Durban, 20 knots. BELLWORT in tow, BARFOUNT, BARRYMORE with BRITTANY 031° 28' S 030° 21' E to Durban, 5 knots. CARNARVON CASTLE about 037° 00' S 019° 32' E to Capetown 15 knots. ROCKROSE about 017° 30' S 009° 40' E to Colombo 12 knots. DRAGON 034° 55' S 021° 44' E to Durban, 22 knots. CECILE MAPLESON from Simonstown E.T.A. Capetown 0600Z/12.
(C. in C. S.A. 1547B/11 to S.A. Stn.) *See previous page (Dispositions)*

* See next page

/Cable...

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ships.LADY DENISON PENDER is now repairing St. Helena -
Cape Town cable. *See previous page.*2. JOHN MACKAY sailed 10/7 to repair Freetown -
Accra cable in two places and thence to Cape.3. Wagon Lagos has proposed that old German
Lome-Duala cable should be cut and relaid between Duala and
Libreville. Also that Libreville - Pointe Noire cable should be
repaired.

4. Bathurst - St. Vincent cable is broken.

5. Request future programme of cable ships in this area.
(R.A.W.A. 1921Z/11 to Admty.)

U/B.

At 1905Z/11, German U-Boat made a convoy sighting
report bearing 329° from Freetown.
(R.A.W.A. 1923Z/11 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)

MILFORD.

MILFORD arrived a.m./11. Washington, please send
forward all items specified in ref. 2007B/4. *N.T.W.D.*
(N.A. Rio de Janeiro 2047Z/11 to Admty. (R) B.A.D.
S.O.I. Montevideo, C. in C. S.A.)"S"
Report.Following has been read (incompletely received)
S/M attack signal SSSS (Portion missed)
01.57 N 24.52 W.
(Ascension Radio No. T.O.O./11, Recd. 0133/12.)Mediterranean.Port Said
Movements.10/7 Port Said arrivals PAKENHAM, PALADIN,
DELPHINIUM, ERICA. Departures ABA, KLO, PRINCE
DE LIEGE, JERVIS, EXMOOR, WHITEHAVEN.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 0952C/11 to Admty. etc.)SOUTHERN
MAID.
PROTEA.10th Arrival 1935 SOUTHERN MAID, PROTEA.
11th Departures 1000 SOUTHERN MAID, PROTEA.
(S.O.I. Beirut 1113C/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)
These 2 South African whalers, in co-operation with
Walrus aircraft, sank an Italian*U-Boat about 60
miles N.W. of Beirut, 11/7. Prisoners were taken.
(C. in C. Med. 2012C/12, q.v. D.O.R. 1058, 13/7.)
**ONDINA - See 23/7.
A. 299*Greek craft
suspicious.British C. in C. has received report indicating
too much confidence cannot be placed in friendliness
of Greek small craft encountered in Aegean.
Caution must be exercised to avoid falling into
trap likely to be laid on above assumption.
(Capt. S.10 1126B/11 to G.S. NEREUS.)

/Bi-weekly...

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Opsum No.37.

Night 7/8/7. 30 Wellingtons bombed shipping and Harbour installations Tobruk. 3 fires 1 explosion Dock Area. 1 ship hit by incendiaries but no fire. Searchlight hit. A Swordfish bombed small ship off Matruh, no hits. 2 Hudsons crashed on return from offensive R/C for shipping west of Matruh.

Night 8/9/7. Shortly after dark 13 Liberators bombed shipping and harbour installations Benghazi, damage unobserved. 2 Fortresses, 36 Wellingtons bombed Tobruk harbour. 3 fires dock area; 1 large, several small fires with explosions near Tank Repair Depot; several bombs near shipping caused considerable amount smoke. 1 Wellington missing. 1 Wellington attacked ship 3,000 tons off shore near Qasaba, no hits. A Swordfish bombed ship 3 miles west of Matruh. Results unobserved.

9/7. 4 Martlets 12 Hurricanes shipping protection off Delta. Following operations against southbound enemy convoy 2 M/Vs, 7,000 tons, 3 M/Vs 300 (?3,000) tons, 2 destroyers, 5 torpedo boats, sighted morning 9/7 by R/C Maryland West of Crete. 5 Liberators despatched in afternoon attacked by about 20 Me. 109s off Sidi Barrani. 2 Me. 109s shot down, 3 Me. 109s probably destroyed, 1 Liberator missing remainder returned owing lack of ammunition. During night 9/10, 10 torpedo Wellingtons, 6 bomber Wellingtons, 9 Hudsons, (?8 or 89) Albacores despatched. 2 Hudsons crashed taking off, crews killed. 1 torpedo Wellington found 6 vessels 4 destroyers about (?150 or 100 miles) N. Tobruk, smoke screen hampered attack and results unobserved.

Second Wellington attacked 3 vessels protected by smoke screen about 65 miles N., Tobruk, result unobserved, remaining 8 did not find. Bomber Wellingtons claim 2 hits on 1 destroyer near miss on M/V. 4 Albacores found convoy and claim 2 possible hits with bombs on 1 vessel 5,000 tons, 1 near miss on each 2 other ships. 3 Albacores returned after searching till limit of endurance. 1 Albacore bombed Tobruk, starting fire on North side Harbour. 1 Hudson bombed convoy. Results unobserved. Remainder found in day-light and were driven off by intense A/A fire. 1 Hudson missing. 6 Beauforts despatched to make dawn attack. 1 Beaufort crashed on take off, crew killed, remainder did not find. R/C 10/7 reported convoy 3 or 4 M/Vs 3,000 to 5,000 tons, 3 vessels, 5,000 to 8,000 tons, 5 destroyers, 3 torpedo boats, 2 "F" boats entering Tobruk harbour at Midday. Approx. 60 Wellingtons bombed convoy in Tobruk, night 10/11. Preliminary reports indicate probable hit on 1 ship, fire started in dock area, full details to follow. Night 9/10/7 33 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk starting very large fires at or near tank repair depot power house and base of pipe line jetty near fuel tanks and north of town.

(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1146/11, 1151/11, 1154/11, 1157/11, 1159/11, 1218/11 G.M.T.) (C. in C. M.E. 1157/11.)

AQUITANIA,
NIEUW
AMSTERDAM.

Position 1800/9 and 10th. AQUITANIA.
A. Sailed south 9/7. B. Discharged 335 tons, embarkation figure not available.
NIEUW AMSTERDAM. A. Arrived from south 9/7.
B. Disembarked 6160 personnel, discharged 591 tons. C. 12th. agreed.
(S.S.T.O. Suez 1238C/11 to Transport, London.)

/Malta...

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Malta air report. I.448 11/7 C.S.R. Part 1. 10th. Alert 1445 hours, 12 unidentified aircraft turned back, coast not crossed. 21 Spitfires up, no interception. Night 10/11 no alerts. 11th. 4 German prisoners. 4 alerts 0354 hours, 2 unidentified aircraft, coast not crossed. 0625 hours 15 Me.109s, 7 Ju.88s. Ta Kali, "Y" Bowser destroyed, craters aerodrome, elsewhere (civilian casualties) 1 Me.109 destroyed, 1 Ju.88 damaged by 10 Spitfires, 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot unhurt. 1029 hours, 1 unidentified aircraft, coast not crossed, 4 Spitfires up, no interceptions. 1139 hours, 12 Me.109s, MC.202s, 8 Ju.88s. Luqa, Hal Far, no damage. 1 Ju.88, 1 MC.202 destroyed, 1 Ju.88, 1 MC.202 damaged by 26 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires damaged in combat, pilots unhurt.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1545/11, 1620/11.)

PARTHIAN. F.O.C.N.A.'s 1736B/7 and 1036B/5. Proceed on ordered route through Q B B 255 to arrive position E, 036° 10' N 014° 00' E, PARTHIAN 0200B/18, P.42 0200B/19, P.44 0200B/21.
(V.A. Malta 1702C/11 to PARTHIAN, P.42, P.44, F.O.C.N.A. Capt. S.10. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Situation Report 332. R.A.F. and aircraft attacked enemy convoy 5 M/V 5 M.T.B. 2 E/R bound for Tobruk from Crete night 9/10. 10 Albacores 821 and 826 Sqdns. made dive bombing attack at dawn/10 in 012° 52' N 023° 36' E. 1 M/V 5000 tons hit and left on fire, 2 others seen stopped. TURBULENT was in position to intercept but not known if she attacked. From subsequent R/C presumed convoy reached destination.
2. My 1329C/29/6 para 5. SS. STUREBOEG attacked by 2 torpedo aircraft, 1 of which hit, ship sinking soon after 0900/9. No allied aircraft were involved. Survivor Portuguese fireman, remainder of crew died from exposure. Ship 30 miles off route agreed upon by Axis and British Authorities.
3. My 2003C/9 (Parachutists dropped near El Kantara 9/7.) Authenticity of this report now considered doubtful.
(C. in C. Med. 2045C/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Canal mining. My 2109C/10, no change.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 2233C/11 to Admty.)

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LACONIA Deputy C. in C. E.F. 1949/10. LACONIA will reach
W.S.19.P. latitude 024° 20' S. by 1500Z/11. If not met by
them she will steer 026° at 13 knots for
position R until HEEMSKERCK joins.

(MAURITIUS, 0006Z/11, to CHITRAL (R) HEEMSKERCK).
MAURITIUS 0006Z/11. LACONIA not met (3 corrupt groups) My
P.C. and S at (time and date corrupt) 024° (?11') S. (? 048°) 52'
E. 026° 12 knots. Intend steering course position R after
daybreak.
(HEEMSKERCK, 1546Z/11 to CHITRAL(R) Deputy C. in C.E.F.
MAURITIUS).

C. in C.E.F. Personal from 1st S.L. C. in C.Ceylon 1009/30 and
C. in C.Ceylon.C. in C.E.F's 1439/3. It is realised that there
are many loose ends in the present organisation,
which can only be tied up by goodwill and
determination to make it work on the part of all concerned. I
hope it will be possible to resolve these difficulties on next
occasion of C. in C.E.F, visiting Ceylon.
(1st S.L. 0306B/11 to C. in C. Ceylon, C. in C.E.F.).

VELOX.(Nor:) Cancel my 0803/10 reference VELOX (Nor) overdue.
(D.C. in C.E.F., 0728Z/11 to Admty.).

M.T.B. Your 0050B/8. Following is a repetition of
Bases. my 1353/25. (not previously received in Admty.).
(begins)
Admty (R) C. in C.E.F.D.C. in C.E.F. F.O.Ceylon
from F.O.C.R.I.N. My 0433/6/5. Para.1. In view
of the change in the strategical situation it has now been decided
to develop full M.T.B. bases at Madras, Vizagapatam, Mandapam,
Cochin and Bombay. Shipping facilities are being developed at
Calcutta.
Para.2. Your 1925/28/5. Government of India agree to conditions
in regard to HENRICH JESSEN. Work of conversion is now in hand.
(Ends).
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 0900Z/11 to Admty.).

GEORGIOS Your 1949B/26/6 to C. in C.E.F. My 0630Z/3/5
AVEROFF. refers. Arrangements for burning oil on top of
coal complete, and ship now awaiting docking to
renew shaft bushes. (Corrupt group) Hughes Dry
Dock full to end of July and then reserved for *NEWCASTLE.
GEORGIOS AVEROFF will be docked as soon as possible and sea trials
carried out and a further communication made.
(D. S.R, Bombay, 0901Z/11 to Admty(R) C. in C.E.F. etc). * See next page.

Ammunition. A.M.1831/22/6. Request 15" and 4.5" ammunition
referred to in para.3. be transferred to Kilindini
naval store first instance, whence onward shipment
will be arranged as necessary.
(C. in C.E.F. 1226Z/11, to C. in C.Med.(R) A.S.
Alexandria, Admty.)

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O.21, O.24. ^{/N.T. & W.D.} Your 1727/10. Dutch S/M. O.21 and O.24. should be routed via the Cape. (D.O.D.(F) 1329B/11 to F.O.S.). ^{* See p. 302}

NEWCASTLE N.O.I.C. Aden is requested to sail NEWCASTLE to
C.M.29.B. join C.M.29 B. escorted by CORFU.
2. C.M.29 B. is to pass through position (P)
013° 12' N. 050° 40' on a course 067° 11 knots.
CORFU inform Commodore in due course.
3. Estimated time of passing position (P) 0900Z/16. CORFU is to signal amended time (?if necessary).
4. NEWCASTLE is to R/V in position (P) and is to accompany C.M.29 B to (?Bombay) provided she can maintain speed of convoy).
5. (?If) obliged to proceed independently or if requiring assistance NEWCASTLE may use her discretion (?in ordering) CORFU to stand by her. In these circumstances C.M.29 (?B) is to be (?dispersed) and the fact reported.
6. While in company convoy NEWCASTLE is to be S.O. of escort. (D.C. in C.E.F., 1330Z/11 to N.O.I.C. Aden. ROYAL SOVEREIGN. NEWCASTLE CORFU (R) Admty, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, F.O.4th C.S. Commodore R.I.N.)

Flag ^{/N.T. & W.D.} My 1330/11, Flag of C.S.4. has been transferred
C.S.4.. from NEWCASTLE to BIRMINGHAM.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1344Z/11 to Com.R.I.N., F.O. Ceylon).

Anticipated W/T traffic indicates that a convoy is leaving
Enemy Convoy. Japan for Bako and possibly Camranh Bay.
Comment: Message originated by Naval General Staff and addressed to various convoy (?escorts) in S.W. area of Pacific, also 6th base force.
(C. in C.E.F. 1522Z/11 to Admty. D.N.I. Flag Liaison Officer, Delhi, B.A.D. for Opnav. F.O.I.C. Ceylon, C. in C.S.A. A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).
N.I.D. Comment. The above may not be a troop convoy but there have been other reports of impending movements of troops into S.W. Pacific Area.

Mozambique U.S. Navy Dept. and attacks by U/Bs. (B.A.D. 1621Z/11)
Channel. See America & West Indies.

H.M.S. QUEEN Ref. 2057 from C. in C. Med. 9th not to B.A.R.M.
ELIZABETH. Following programme submitted.

Place.	Arrive	Depart.	Remarks.
Aden	a.m. 14th	p.m. 14th	Fuel. Water.
Kilindini	20th	a.m. 21st	Fuel. Water.
Durban.	p.m. 26th.	a.m. 30th.	disembark and embark ammunition fuel, water.
Simons- town.	a.m. 2nd.	p.m. 2nd.	fuel, water.

2. Endurance with 20% remaining at economical speed of 15 knots 3300. Ditto at maximum continuous seagoing speed of 16½ knots, 3100 at which speed it is intended to proceed when possible.

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ELIZABETH.

3. Further programme via St. Helena and/or West Africa or South America appears dependent on decision of C. in C.S.A. but approx. date of arrival Norfolk (Virginia) would seem between 24/28/8.

(QUEEN ELIZABETH 1627C/11 to C. in C.E.F.C. in C.S.A.
(R) C. in C. Med. Admty, B.A.R.M. Washington).

MANXMAN.

Was weatherbound entrance to Hooghli. Now arriving Calcutta a.m./12. Intend following revised programme; leave Calcutta a.m./14. Vizagapatam arrive 0900/16 leave 0900/18. Madras arrive 0900/19 leave 0700/21. Colombo arrive 1600/22, all local times.
(MANXMAN, 1700Z/11 to F.O.Ceylon, (R) C. in C.E.F., Admty. etc).U/B attacks
Mozambique
Channel.

Analysis of Japanese U-Boat attack in Mozambique Channel together with earlier experience in Ceylon Area shows clearly that those vessels who immediately open fire on or even in direction of their attacker stand a good chance of escape.

2. These facts should be impressed on masters of all ships. They should be encouraged to open fire in direction of their Attacker even if target cannot be clearly seen.
(C. in C.E.F. 1923Z/11 to F.O.Ceylon, etc).Transport
of Poles.

Question of transporting 10,000 of the 13,000 Polish civilians now in Persia to East Africa for Uganda and Tanganyika has become urgent and important.

2. 1,500 can be accepted forthwith and 1,500 per fortnight from middle August onwards.

3. Proposed to move them in returning B.P. Troopships from Basra to Bombay where they would tranship to returning W.S. ships and Indian Ocean troopships proceeding to East and South Africa for on-carriage to Mombasa.

5. Request your comments and proposals for dealing with first party of 1,500.

6. Numbers may be embarked up to ships lifesaving capacity. F.O. state that necessity for urgent movement justifies use of troopdeck accommodation.

(D.S.T. 1958B/11 to P.S.T.O. India).

Free French
and
Madagascar.

Following instructions are transmitted to you by direction of H.M.G. (Begins):-

H.M.G. are publicly committed to allowing Free French to play their due part in administration of Madagascar. Gen. de Gaulle has been informed that negotiations with Vichy authorities at Tananarive have been authorised under certain conditions, and although he does not think that the negotiations will succeed, he does not press for a share in the administration of Diego Suarez. He would, however, like Col. Pechkoff to pay a visit, to Diego Suarez at an early date.

/You.....

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and
Madagascar.
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2. You should therefore arrange the visit direct with Pretoria as soon as feasible. It is not suggested that Col. Pechkoff should take part in negotiations.

3. If the visit is a success, it should ease the position between H.M.G. and Gen. de Gaulle generally, and perhaps even postpone pressure from National Committee for a share in the administration.

4. You will appreciate that, as Gen. de Gaulle is our fighting ally, it would be very difficult to refuse indefinitely to allow his representative to pay a visit to Diego Suarez. (W.O. 2350/11 to G.O. C. in C. E. Africa).

REVENGE.

Your 1733/10. 430 tons armour will be shipped to arrive Durban approx. 25/8. It cannot arrive earlier.

2. Estimated time required to fit it in U.K. 3 months with ship in dock. This enables side plating to be removed to make access for plates which are of average size 8 feet by 6 ft by 2½"

3. If ship is not docked the time required would be much longer.

4. If protection is limited to over magazines time might be halved.

5. Date of completion of refit should not be delayed to fit armour.

(V.C.N.S. 2341B/11 to C. in C.E.F.(R) V.A.3 etc).

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Areas for Your 2008/26.
Situation Following has been arranged between N.S.H.Q. and
Reports. Navy Dept. Commencing 15/7 Southern limit of
area of C.O.A.C's 2000Z report as given in
N.S.H.Q. 1739/30/5 will be extended to 40° N.
Cominch C and R will cover area from 47° W., to Chop Time at or
about 26° W., and will not cover C.O.A.C's area.
(B.A.D., 0001Z/11 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.)

BRASTAGI My 2240R/7. Arrived San Pedro California 9/7.
(overdue). Balboa did not know she had been diverted.
(S.O.(I) Callao, 0931R/11, to S.O.(I) Jamaica (R)
Admty etc).

U/Bs. Report by Police Constable Grenada.
Sighted P/S and part C/T 2 S/Ms on E. course
between Islands of Ronde and Caille position
approx. 012.18, 060.35, no description.
Trinidad informed.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 0956R/11 to Admty etc).

Disposition. Operational Units in North Atlantic:-
Area Iceland (C) WASHINGTON, RENOWN, NORFOLK,
TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA 4 U.S. Destroyers, 3
Destroyers.
Area Scapa. KING GEORGE V., DUKE OF YORK, CUMBERLAND, KENYA,
KENT, LONDON, MANCHESTER, NIGERIA, 8 Destroyers.
Area Clyde ARGUS, FURIOUS, PHOEBE. Area Liverpool, VICTORIOUS.
Area Rosyth, DELHI, Area Gibraltar EAGLE, CHARYBDIS.
(D.O.D. (H), 1012Z/11 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) Opanav,
C. in C. Atlantic).

Tanker Your 1647/10. Lake Tanker traffic suspended from
Traffic 6th to 9/7 owing to presence of a S/M in Gulf
Curacao. of Venezuela which was attacked and possibly
destroyed. As escort vessels were very limited at
that time, due to variety of reasons, it was
considered advisable to hold up local traffic.
This had no importance relative to refined product of which tank
(corrupt group) is full. As this was purely temporary suspension
no report was considered necessary.
(S.B.N.O. Curacao, 1033QR/11 to Admty).

Trinidad Now that Caribbean convoys have started I
anchorage, anticipate U-boats may move off to new soft spots
A/S amongst which the convoy assembly anchorage at
protection. Trinidad must be included. I have not much
confidence in U.S. minefield, and lack of fast
A/S vessels to patrol the loops is a matter for
concern. Can anything be done to hasten
delivery of Fairmiles and M.Ls?
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1142P/11 to Admty (R) B.A.D.
F.O.I.C. Trinidad).

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A/S Your 2009/10. Point Fortin, my 1022/5 refers.
defences, (Details re A/T baffle at Point Fortin N.T. in
Caribbean. W.D.)
(F.O. Trinidad, 1143Q/11 to Admty).

Your 2009/10. Detailed report sent C. in C.

A.W.I. dated 19/5. Following is summary:

(A) St. Nicholas Harbour Aruba protected by 13 nets and a gate.
Orangestad Harbour, no nets. Eagle Pier protected by land
fencing nets (temporary and not very satisfactory).

(B) Curacao. Bullen Bay one loading pier protected by 11 nets
Willemstad Harbour protected by gate of 4 nets. Caracas Bay
protected by 20 nets to be increased to 42 shortly giving
protection to whole bay.

(C) Las Piedras. Protected by 24 nets with gate operated by tug.

(D) Puerto de la Cruz, Cumarebo and Covenas, no net protection.

(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 1410QR/11 to Admty).

Your 2009/10. Repeat from S.B.N.O. Curacao re nets at Caracas
Bay, Bullen Bay, Willemstad, St. Nicolas, Orangestad and Las
Piedras, being forwarded by air. Report re Point Fortin contained
in N.O.I.C. Kingston Jamaica's 1022/5. No information re other
oil ports has yet been received.

(C. in C. A.W.I., 2152P/11 to Admty).

ANGLO
CANADIAN
(torpedoed
25/6).

ANGLO CANADIAN on voyage from Capetown to
Baltimore torpedoed 0722/25/6 at (25°) 12' N.,
55° 31' W., by S/M approx. 200 feet long, newly
marked T.22 with 12 pdr. gun, apparently French
A/A gun looking like Oerlikon on aft deck.

2 Boats with 49 crew arrived at Anguilla thence

to St. Kitts 10/7. Only missing crew Housley presumed died on
ship. All in fair condition. 6 bags mails from Ascension
Isle for U.S.A. lost.

(R.O. St. Kitts and Nevis, 1421/11 to Admty) (Continued, see
1505/13).

U/B

Periscope sighted in 046° 21' N., 060° 09' W.,
at 1330Z/11.

(C.O.A.C., 1429Z/11 as amended 2011Z/11 to Admty).

ARCHER.

Leave Bermuda at 1900Z/12 and proceed New York
through 036° 30' N., 068° 55' W. S. of A. 12
knots. Normal British two lines wireless watch
is to be kept. U.S. Destroyer STANSBURY has been
detailed as escort by U.S.N.O.B. Bermuda.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1443Z/11 to ARCHER).

Escorts,
H.A. Convoys.

My 1401Z/8. It is intended to allot 6 R.C.N.
Corvettes to Gulf Escort Force. This will leave
6 corvettes for tanker escort force.

II. C.O.A.C. recommends H.A. convoys be recommenced

on 24/7 sailing every 10 days with 2 corvettes and 6 tankers.

III. An alternative would be to sail H.As. every 15 days with 3
corvettes and 12 tankers.

IV. Request your early remarks on 2 alternatives.

(N.S.H.Q., 1506Z/11 to Admty (R) C.O.A.C., Cominch, B.A.D.)

Replies: D.T.D., 0010B/13, Cominch, 1239/13).

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- ?Survivors. Sailed Tug ROODE ZEE escorted by 2 M.T.Bs. to rescue survivors reported by aircraft. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1512Q/11 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty etc).
- Mozambique U/B attacks. Navy Dept. has expressed concern regarding U-boat attacks in Mozambique Channel. Request information of any diversions made or planned in this area. (B.A.D., 1621Z/11 to Admty) Reply: A.C.N.S. (F) 0011B/13.
- WITHERINGTON My 2106/9. Trial unsatisfactory. New trial will be carried out on Wednesday 15/7. (B.A.R.M., 1706Z/11 to Admty (R) Cominch etc).
- U/B positions. C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1720/11, 1734/11, 1736/11, 1743/11, 1747/11 to Admty).
- "Monster" Liner positions. My 1727/16/5. Now that "QUEENS" will be employed on monthly ferry service suggest definite orders be given to masters to break W/T silence and report their revised E.T.A. at destination or R/V if they expect to be more than one hour different from original E.T.A. Report to be made 24 hours beforehand.
(ii) Further it is proposed that M.A.R.I. should not apply to these ships, particularly sec. 2 para. 12.
(iii) Suggest similar arrangements for AQUITANIA and that consideration be given to supplying her with naval codes and communication personnel.
(iv) Navy Dept. agree this is necessary and are instructing QUEEN MARY to act as in para. 1 for her forthcoming arrival at New York.
(B.A.D., 1741Z/11 to Admty).
- P.Q.17 Your 2331/6 para. 9. (2231B/6 intended)
Q.P.13 Request any further details regarding loss of 4 American ships as soon as possible. It is important to be able to answer U.S. queries on such a matter as U.S. Authorities are naturally concerned and failure to provide information gives the impression that we may not be taking matters equally seriously and unfounded rumours spring up in consequence.
(B.A.D., 2015Z/11 to Admty).

/Sub...

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Sub attack and sighting summary. TUAPSE torpedoed and sunk 20.22 N., 86.05 W., 5/7 position subject to possible correction. Fishing boat LALITA shelled and sunk 21.45 N., 86.40 W., 1800Z/06. STANVAC PALEMBANG torpedoed 11.28 N., 60.23 W., 0155Z/11. BENJAMIN BREWSTER, 2 torpedo hits. SOUTH AFRICA, 2 torpedo hits 1 miss, U-88 type, blue horse on C/T. NICHOLAS CUNEO shelled. WEST HARDAWAY 2 torpedo hits, 2 misses ship fired 6 rounds. KOENJIT U-88 type. PEDRINHAS 1 torpedo hit, 12 shells, possibly U-45 type. PORT MONTREAL, 1 torpedo 2 shells. FRANKLIN K. LANE 1 torpedo hit 1 miss. FLORA 2 subs, 55 shells, U-88 type ship fired 6 rounds. Attack on unknown vessel reported our 2048/10 later info. indicates position as approx. 12.30 N., 71.30 W. 2 M.Vs. attack sub C/T 28.45 N., 90.10 W., 1500Z/15/6. Plane attacks oil slick 25.15 N., 80.07 W., 2240Z/08. Plane attacks submerged oblong object 33.40 N., 78.28 W., 1805Z/09. Plane attacks sub. 29.45 N. 88.10 W., 0100Z/11. Plane attacks submerged Sub. 29.06 N., 80.09 W., 1105Z/11. Sub reported 11.34 N., 60.28 W., 0440Z/11. (Cominch, 2056/11 to Admty, for O.I.C.)

Movement of Air Units. Coming moves to M.E. and India, August to February. Re shipping required. (J.S.M., 2328/11 to W.O. D. Movements) See Lion Copy.

Fiji and Tonga. J.S.M. 298. Draft agreement for U.S. occupation. (J.S.M., 2341Z/11 to C.O.S. London) See Lion Copy.

Australia & New Zealand.

Enemy Intelligence. Intelligence Bulletin 118. Enemy S/Ms by D/F at E., 172°, S. 003°, E. 174°, N. 010°, E. 157°, N. 029°. Sighted one at N. 054° 40', W., 134° 30', at 0200Z/10. 19 Units of battleship division 3 en route for Yokosuka from north. Enemy in Mandates used magnetic sweep wires and grappling hooks contacting our S/Ms at 300 feet. Contact was followed by depth charge attack of 50 charges. Japanese seaplane carrier CHIYODA (seaplane tender) in Kiska area with escort of destroyer squadron 1. Indications of unit of destroyer squadron 6 in Rabaul - Tulagi area. In near vicinity of Wake of Maku seaplane tender located by D/F. Palau air units shows increased activity. En route Yokosuka one division of S/M squadron 8. (C. in C. Pacific Fleet (U.S.) 0621Z/11 to N.S.H.Q., C. in C. E.F)

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M E S S A G E

2328/11 July.
IN.

FROM. Brit. Joint Staff Mission,
Washington.

DATE. 13.7.42.

REF. 0810.

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ADDRESSED. The War Office.

IMMEDIATE.

~~OM/62 cipher 11 July. 272233.~~

~~Your 96600(2(11)2) 21 June.~~

For D.11ov. from D.1. Nov. (P).

R.A.F. Washington Marcus 835 24/6 and Air Ministry
Webber W662 25/6, in reply.

1. Following is availability of Air Corps Units for despatch

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Month ready</u> <u>For despatch.</u>	<u>United.</u>	<u>Personnel.</u>	<u>Shipping ton-</u> <u>cargo.</u>
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For Middle East.

1	August	Headquarters and 4000 Service elements	90,000
2	September	One pursuit group 2300 plus service elements	60,000
3	October	one bombardment 5400 group plus service elements	55,000
4	November	two purs it groups 4300 plus service elements	90,000
5	December	security units 500	5,500
6	January	security units 400	4,600
7	February	two pursuit groups plus service elements	3,000 75,000

For India.

8	September	two bombardment squadrons	500 5,500
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Owing to shortage of escorts only means of moving personnel appears to be in AQUITANIA and PASTEUR unescorted direct of in A.T. convoys to U.K. and thence in W.S. convoys. Terms of air agreement postulate that operational units Serials 2,3,4,7,8, should sail as soon as they are ready.

3. To enable us plan moves can you indicate assistance you are prepared to give. It is accepted that this will be equal to U.S. shipping saved through truly equivalent reduction in R.A.F. personnel and cargo to be moved from U.K. to Middle East. Balance shipping to complete moves must come from American BCLERO resources and presume cargo shipping you provide will be in the form of BCLERO tonnage for period which American ships carry air corps cargo on U.S.A. Middle East turn around.

4. Request your views in time for C.M.E.C. meeting morning 16th July.

5. Agreed with R.A.F. delegation Washington and Salter Mission.

2328/11.

Received in War Registry at 2255/12

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2341Z/11th July

From J.S.M. Washington.

Date 12.7.42.
Recd. 0815

Secret Cypher

Addressed Chiefs of Staff, London. U.S.A. and Fiji agreement.

IMPORTANT I.Z.837.

J.S.M. 298. 11.7.42. Reference COS(W) 210.

Following basis of agreement has been agreed on staff level and will be put to Combined Chiefs of Staff for approval. New Zealand Minister is being asked to obtain concurrence of his Government.

2. Text beings:

(i) Agreement shall be for the period of war and six months thereafter.

(ii) Terms and conditions under which United States forces occupy Fiji group of Islands and Tonga shall be, in so far as they are applicable, same as those now in operation for United States leased bases as set forth in the "Agreement for use and operation of United States bases" signed in London, 27th March, 1941, and supplemented by the Agreement regarding local defence signed in Washington, 30th August, 1941.

(iii) Such modifications or interpretations of above quoted agreements as may be found necessary to suit local conditions shall be agreed between Governor of the Fiji Islands (or High Commissioner) and Commanding General U.S. forces in Fiji. Should these parties be unable to agree on any point of substance, it shall first be referred for decision to New Zealand Government and United States Commander, South Pacific Area respectively.

(iv) As local British forces are equipped with British type equipment New Zealand Government shall be responsible for maintaining this equipment and shall collaborate with C. in C. South Pacific, regarding its shipment.

(v) Disposal of C D and A A equipment already in Fiji and Tonga shall be decided by mutual agreement between New Zealand Government and Commanding General, U.S. Forces in Fiji. Provision of additional equipment shall be responsibility of United States.

3. We realise this text does not follow suggestion made in COS.W.210. but there is no likelihood of Americans accepting New Zealand-Fiji Agreement, which appeared to give the Governor greater degree of control over military affairs. Americans are strongly averse to civilian Governors having any such powers and ABC-3 was specifically designed to meet this aversion while

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maintaining constitutional position of Governors, but(?) does, in fact, provide for Governor being kept fully informed of basic defence plan by virtue of his position as presiding officer of local combined defence committee. Point made in penultimate sentence of paragraph 1 of C.O.S.W. 210(?) therefore covered.

4. Identity of Fijian and Tongan defence forces would be preserved within framework of U.S. Command under clause 18 of ABC-3.

5. Reference para. 3(A) of C.O.S.W. 210, we consider sub-para. 4 of draft agreement preferable because quantities in question are comparatively very small and there is danger that if Americans were forced to follow somewhat cumbersome procedure suggested they might allow local forces to die of inanition. Supply by New Zealand therefore seems best way of preserving identity and continuance of local forces.

6. Further advantages of our draft is that it covers jurisdiction, customs and other essential subjects not mentioned in New Zealand-Fiji Agreement, which was not concerned with forces of foreign power.

7. Sir Philip Mitchell, who was consulted, agreed that if leased basis agreement and ABC-3 are working smoothly in other places and are acceptable to Americans, no useful purpose would be served by attempting to negotiate entirely fresh agreement, a process which would inevitably take considerable time and might lead to difficulties.

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Received from War Office 1510/12.

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Saturday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand - Contd.

Situation. Serial No. 170 from G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific 10/7
3 transports 1 destroyer sighted 008° 38' S.,
160° E., by air R/C at 0215Z/10. Course N.
(2) 21 type 99 heavy Bombers escorted by 8 Zero fighters raided
Port Moresby at 0013Z/10. Murray barracks and shipping attacked.
No damage or casualties. 2 bombers reported down in sea, another
probably shot down. All result of A/C fire.
(3) Unidentified A/C reported over Carnot Bay (50 miles N. of
Broome) at 1130Z/9.
(4) Indications of enemy A/C within 60 miles of Darwin at 0130Z/10
(A.C.N.B., 0956Z/11 to Admty etc).

Aerodromes Admty. 1245B/25 and your 2235/18. Outline
proposed arrangements.
(A.C.N.B., 1100Z/11 to B.A.D. (R) Admty etc).
See Lion Copy.

Solomon Islands. Telegram 169 from Resident Commr.
(High Commr. Western Pacific, Sir H. Luke, 1320/11
to S. of S. for Colonies).
See Lion and Tiger Copies.

H.D. M.Ls. My 2236/10. H.D. M.L. 1090 has been transferred
to R.N.Z.N. Flotilla. No. 124, 125 and 126 have
been allotted to New Zealand in respect of 12
H.D. M.Ls. building in U.S.A. and 10 H.D. M.L.
building in U.K. Request you will report pendant
numbers of boats allocated to each Flotilla.
(D.D.O.D. (C) 1611B/11 to N.Z.N.B.)

Movements. Departure Auckland LEANDER and U.S.S. CUMMINGS
escorting U.S. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE E.T.A. Suva
1830Z/14.
(N.Z.N.B., 2040Z/11 to Admty).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

List My 1916/9. Assessments made or received since
list published in C.B., 04050/42 (5) up to 6/7/42.
(D.A/S.W., 1601/11 to B.A.D.) See Lion Copy.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U-boat positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1325B/11, 1328B/11).

1100^z/11th July

SECRET MESSAGE IN

From Australian Commonwealth Naval Board. Date. 12.7.42
Recd. 1320

U S X by cable.

Addressed. B.A.D. Washington, repeated Admiralty, New Zealand Naval Board.

54. Admiralty 1245B/25 and your 2235/18 both June, Outline of proposed arrangements is as follows.

2. Locality of aerodromes - Sydney Area, Main aerodromes and bases one for United States one for Admiralty both within forty miles to westward of Sydney. Dispersal aerodromes six for United States two for Admiralty all within fifty miles of main aerodrome and spread from north to south.

3. Fremantle area. For common use - one main aerodrome fiftyfive miles north of Perth thirty miles from coast. Four dispersal aerodromes within fifteen miles of main aerodrome.

4. Brisbane area. It is for consideration that one main and two dispersal aerodromes be established to meet requirement of carriers using Moreton Bay. Country is very difficult and this number could not be exceeded without great difficulty.

5. Facilities. Main aerodromes are close to established rail and road communication and will have three runways approximately one mile in length. Dispersal strips single runways not less than fifteen hundred yards.

6. Where practicable fully concealed hide-outs to be provided but where not splinter-proof protection.

7. Material. All material required including hangars and cooking equipment can be provided locally within six months except machine and special tools which must come from overseas. This figure would include workshop facilities and accommodation for aircraft. Provision of all necessary buildings for accommodation of personnel is estimated at twelve months but improvised arrangements could be made pending completion.

8. Communication facilities - separate W/T transmitting and receiving stations will be provided at each main aerodrome, and portable W/T equipment supported by land lines at dispersal areas. Main aerodrome will have land line communication with area and sector fighter headquarters. Equipment is available locally.

9. Availability. Estimated all aerodromes ready for operation using improvised accommodation and communications within six months but both main and three dispersal aerodromes in Sydney area already in use or under construction could be used in three months.

In emergency

In emergency four squadrons of eighteen aircraft could be accommodated now in the Sydney area and two in the Fremantle providing three weeks warning could be given.

1100Z/11

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1st S.L.		
2nd S.L.		
3rd S.L.		
Vice Controller	T/P for Dep. Contr. (3))	
4th S.L.	D. of S.	} Bath } Br. 3398
5th S.L.	D. (4)	
V.C.N.S.	D. of V.	
A.C.N.S. (F)	D.A.S. (4)	
Civil Lord.	C.H. in C.	
Nav. Sec.	D.S.D. (3)	
N.A. 1st S.L.		
P.A.S. (O)		
P.A.S. (S)		
N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)		
Ops. (3)		
O.I.C. (2)		
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C.W. (2)		
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D.P.S.		
O.D. (5)		
T/P for D. of Stores Harrogate (HA 6912)		

N.I.D. COMMENT:- Taivu Kookum Lunga and Capo Esperance are all on the north coast of Guadalcanal, the largest of the Solomon Islands, which lies to the South of Tulagi. The latter, which is in Florida Island, has been in Japanese occupation since May of this year. Ysabel Island lies to the N.W. of Guadalcanal Island.

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1601/11 July.
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To: B.A.D. Washington.65.

DATE. 11.7.42.

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NAVAL CYPHER XD PLUG.

From. Admiralty.

My 1916/9. Assessments made or received up to 1st June, 1942 have been published in C.B. 04050/42 (5). Assessments since made or received up to 6th July, 1942 are as follows. For U.N. read name or number unknown.

PART A.

<u>U-Boat.</u>	<u>Ship or A/C concerned</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
U.208	Circumstances unknown	Probably December	Atlantic area
U.N.	TURBULENT	2nd. June	60 miles N. of Sollum.

PART B. Blank

PART C

U.N.	A/C of 233 Squadron (U-Boat entered Ferrol. Confirmation of internment awaited)	1st May	115 miles E. by S. of Cartagena.
U.N.	ALREDALE and DULVERTON	7th May	28 miles E. by N. of Tobruk.
U.N.	A/C of 608 Squadron	14th June	100 miles N. by W. of Muekle Flugga.
U.N.	A/C of 44 Squadron	15th June	370 miles N.W. by N. Finisterre.

PART D.

U.N.	A/C of 10 Squadron (U-boat entered Ferrol 12/6 and left 28/6/42)	11th June	180 miles West of Coruna.
U.N.	A/C of 58 Squadron	23rd. June	110 miles N.N.E. of Cape Ortegale.

PART E.

U.N.	A/C of 119 B.R. Squadron	23rd. March	200 miles S.W. of Cape Race.
U.N.	A/C of 48 Squadron	13th. June	205 miles N.W. of Bergen.
U.N.	A/C of 48 Squadron	14th June	220 miles N.W. of Bergen

/PART G...

<u>U-Boat</u>	<u>Ship or A/C concerned</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>PART G.</u>			
PERLA or DESSIE Class	A/C of 240 Squadron	9th June 1942	35 miles S.E. of Ibiza (Balearic Is)
<u>PART H.</u>			
LUIGI TORELLI	A/C of 172 and 10 Squadron (U Boat entered Santander. Confirmation of internment awaited).	4th & 7th June	90 miles N. of Aviles. and 15 miles N.E. of Santander.
<u>PART J.</u>			
U.N.	A/C of 10 Squadron	28th May	85 miles N.N.W. of Algiers.
<u>PART K.</u>			
U.N.	A/C of 202 squadron	7th June 1942	90 miles N.E. of Algiers.
U.N.	A/C of 202 squadron	13th June 1942	90 miles E.S.E. of Minorca.

2. Following is an amendment to list given in
C.B. 04050/42 (5). PART F, Number 41, second column should
read "MEDUSA".

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D.A./S.W. (Tel.No.698)

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5th S.L.	
N.A. 1st S.L.	
N.A. Ad. 1st S.L.	
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V.C.N.S.	Adml. Blake
A.C.N.S. (m)	W.D.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)	I.P. (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)	H.W.R. (2)
A.C.N.S. (H)	
D.O.D. (H) (2)	
D.O.D. (F) (2)	
D.N.I. (5)	
D. of P. (2)	
D.S.D. (2)	
D.N.A.D.	
Hd. of M. (2)	
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2. The following volumes should be used to supplement the War Diary: the dates given in brackets are those on which the series held by War Diary commences:-

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1 September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1 March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21 June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1 July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13 September 1939).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

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Sunday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

U.S. Battleship TEXAS, cruiser PHILADELPHIA and two U.S. destroyers, escorting convoy A.T.17 A arrived at the Clyde this morning.

S.B.N.O. Archangel reports that at 1200C today 18 M/Vs of convoy P.Q.17 have probably been sunk, 2 have been located by A/C in Novaya Zemlya, and 11 more with the A/S Trawler AYRSHIRE are unaccounted for. The corvette DIANELLA and Russian Ship MURMAN are searching the Novaya Zemlya coast, and 2 more Corvettes will assist them as soon as their defects can be repaired. Meanwhile an enemy military offensive against the Murmansk area is expected to begin within the next few days, and the 3 British M/Vs (HARMATRIS, OCEAN VOICE, TOBRUK) still remaining in the Kola Inlet are to be sailed to Archangel as soon as they are seaworthy: S.B.N.O. reports that the work on these vessels at Murmansk is intermittent and badly organised.

British Air Operations.

The Air Ministry have informed our Mission in Moscow that, owing to shortage of Flying Boats, it is impossible to release any to Russia at present, though the possibility of loaning one Squadron of them for special operations under British control might be considered if essential.

Enemy Air Operations.

A single enemy aircraft bombed Lowestoft at 0155B today, damaging several coastal force vessels and *destroying MINOS II (Coastal Force Base Ship) Yarmouth was also attacked last night but no damage was caused. * some buildings only - See p. 332.

Two F.W.190s. attacked Brixham harbour this afternoon. Dutch M.M.S. 174 newly completed was to have been renamed TERSCHELLING was sunk.

SS. TINY (Dutch 351 tons) in Convoy W.P. 185 was sunk by air attack off St. Ives about midnight last night.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Operation
S.N.3 C.

R.A.(M) returned to Port ZA. this morning,
having completed the operation.

Enemy minelaying between Cherbourg and Havre
during last night is suspected.

2 Magnetic Mines were exploded by Sweepers today
off Beachy Head, and 1 off Harwich.

North Atlantic.

Attack on
O.S.33

Convoy O.S.33 was attacked by U-boat last night.
SS. CORTONA was torpedoed at 2234 G.M.T./11 in
33° 57' N., 24° 32' W., and SS. PORT HUNTER
and SIRIS were also sunk. S.O. Force F., was
ordered to send 2 destroyers to assist the convoy
(PENN and QUENTIN were sent, to join at 0700Z/15
in 21° 10' N., 21° 12' W). The Sloop
LOWESTOFT, escorting convoy O.S.33, was seriously
damaged early this morning in collision with
Free French destroyer LEOPARD in 31.46 N., 23.19 W
and was taken in tow by LEOPARD for Gibraltar.
Two R.I.N. minesweepers were sent to relieve
LEOPARD and tug SALVONIA escorted by ARCTIC
RANGER to take over the tow.

Mediterranean.

Damage was caused at Takali by enemy air attack
this afternoon.

Beaufighters last night successfully attacked
2 small convoys of schooners and barges between
Sidi Barrani and Matruh.

Last night, 55 aircraft bombed shipping and harbour
installations at Tobruk. No ships are reported
hit, but near misses, and explosions in the dock
area are reported. DULVERTON, HURWORTH, ERIDGE
and BEAUFORT carried out last night a bombardment
of the port installations, harbour and back
areas of Mersa Matruh with air spotting and
simultaneous air attack. The attack drove ships
in harbour to sea, one ship carrying ammunition
being sunk by ships and Swordfish. Two Italian
T.Bs. escaped to the westward after being engaged
by our destroyers. Our forces suffered no damage.

late.

/Turkish...

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean. - Contd

Turkish tanker ANTARES was torpedoed at 2100 today whilst anchored inshore off Ruad Island (north of Tripoli); no Allied S/MS were involved.

East Indies.

It may be necessary for the Eastern Fleet to join up and work with the U.S. Pacific Fleet at short notice. In order to ensure full tactical co-operation between U.S. and British units the Admiralty propose that preparations be made for the Eastern Fleet to use American books and instructions.

SS. HAURAKI (Fremantle to Colombo) reported that she had been captured by a Japanese merchant ship raider at 1706 in 17° 32' S., 80° 25' E. (about 780 miles S.E. of Chagos Archipelago). F.O.I.C. Ceylon proposed (13/7) to transfer Catalinas from Ceylon to Diego Garcia for 3 days to carry out a search ahead of Convoy "Schooner" (troops for Fremantle and Melbourne) to locate and enable the escorting cruisers to sink the raider.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

<p>North Atlantic dispositions.</p>	<p>A.M. 1012Z/11. Area Iceland (C) add CUMBERLAND. Area Scapa delete CUMBERLAND. Area Clyde delete PHOEBE. Area Liverpool delete VICTORIOUS. Passage to Gibraltar: PHOEBE. (D.O.D. (H), 1004Z/12 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)</p>
<p>VICTORIA, VIKING (Proposed commissioning as H.M. Ships)</p>	<p>C. in C. Rosyth's 1121/11. ^{/H.T. L. W.D.} Strongly concur, particularly as these ships will be employed as night targets. (R.A.N.A.S., 1513B/12 to Admty.)</p>
<p>CAMELIA, EROS, FORMOSA.</p>	<p>A.M. 2014/10. Three Swedish ships chartered by Red Cross, CAMELIA, EROS and FORMOSA, due to pass Vinga about 0800/14 July, speed 12 knots, due leave Kristiansand noon 15th, due Skopenfjord 18/7. (D.O.D. (H), 1622B/12.)</p>
<p><u>Movements.</u></p>	
<p>WISHART.</p>	<p>Intend sailing WISHART from Lough Foyle at 0200B/12 by standard route, and searched channel to Newport (Mon.) Speed 25 knots. E.T.A. 1900B/12. (N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 0003B/12.) Sailed WISHART. (Cdre. Londonderry, 0230B/12.)</p>
<p>FURIOUS.</p>	<p>Arrival FURIOUS. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 0714B/12)</p>
<p>P. 212.</p>	<p>Arrived P. 212. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 0850B/12.)</p>
<p>TRIDENT.</p>	<p>TRIDENT arrived. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 0905B/12.) <i>See next page</i></p>
<p>P. 511. (Relief for UREDD.)</p>	<p>Your 1552/11. P.511 detailed, sailing p.m. 15th. Arriving Scapa p.m. 17th. (Capt. S.7, 0952B/12 to F.O.S.) ^{/Campbeltown}</p>

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Desdiv 19. My 1559/11. In view of A.M. 1719/11, I suggest that Destroyer Division 19 should first proceed to Scapa to work with R.A.(D) H.F. for a short period before joining your Flag. Request your remarks. (C. in C, H.F., 1021B/12 to C.T.F. 99.)
My 1559B/11. For 13/7 read 14/7. (C. in C. H.F., 1029B/12.)
Your 1021B/12. Agree Desdiv 19 should proceed Scapa Flow for (preliminary?) training. (C.T.F. 99, 1431B/12 to C. in C. H.F.)

RUBIS. My 1151/8, para. (1). Escort will be CHASE⁵ 8. (Capt. S.5, 1037B/12 to RUBIS.)

STURGEON. Arrival STURGEON. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1110B/12.)

*TRIDENT, MINERVE. In order to disperse submarines in view of possible air attack TRIDENT and MINERVE are to be sailed for Scapa as soon as practicable. MINERVE however may be sailed direct for Dundee with escort, provided P.54 is fit for patrol. (F.O.S., 1122B/12 to S.O. S/M Lerwick.)
* See previous page. (1) Intend to sail TRIDENT and MINERVE escorted by LOCH MONTEITH for Scapa 1800B/12. E.T.A. Switha Boom 0800B/13. A.C.O.S. is requested to arrange fighter protection for passage. Speed of advance $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots help message on 385 K/cs. Request you will keep ships at Scapa until further orders. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1127B/12 to A.C.O.S.)
My 1127/12. Ships sailed. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1831B/12 to A.C.O.S.)
My 1127/12, para. Four.
1. On arrival at Switha Gate LOCH MONTEITH has been ordered to proceed with MINERVE to Dundee via Swept Channel, E.T.A. 0500B/14. TRIDENT to remain at Scapa until further orders. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 2245B/12 to A.C.O.S.)

S.G.B. 3, Your 1256B/11. ^{/K.T. & W.D.} Approved.
S.G.B. 6. (D.D.O.D.(C), 1229B/12 to V.A. Dover.)

AVENGER. AVENGER's 1535B/11. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail AVENGER for Scapa on completion of defects on 15/7 to continue working up. If necessary radio trials personnel should accompany the ship. C. in C. H.F. is requested to take AVENGER under his operational control and to decide whether she can be made operational by 20/7. (D.O.D. (H.), 1243B/12.)

/WASHINGTON ...

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WASHINGTON, Direct WASHINGTON and Destroyer Division
MAYRANT, consisting of MAYRANT, RHIND, ROWAN, WAINWRIGHT
RHIND, ROWAN, report C. in C. Atlantic Fleet U.S. for duty and
WAINWRIGHT. routeing East coast of U.S.A.
(Comnaveu, 1347/12 to C.T.F. 99.)

SOKOL. Sailed SOKOL escorted by JAN VAN GELDER in
accordance with Capt. S.3 0945/11.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1707B/12.)

QUIBERON. On completion of satisfactory trials about 18/7
request you will sail QUIBERON for Scapa to
work up before joining Eastern Fleet.
(D.O.D. (H.), 2036B/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Operations.

Patrols. My 0932/12. ^{1/11.12.12 W.D.} Patrol 3 for WINDSOR read WALPOLE.
(C. in C. Nore, 1106B/12.)
Carry out patrol on latitude of 50° 25' N.
between 01° and 02° W. passing N.1 Buoy at 2245/12 and returning
so as to pass N.1 Buoy by 0530/13.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1227/12 to BLENCATHRA, FERNIE.)
M.Ls. 153 S.O., 155, 159, and 195 from Dartmouth are
to patrol on a line between 50° 10' N. 03° 17' W. and 49° 57' N.
03° 29' W. from 2300/12 till 0500/13.
2. M.Ls. 181 (S.O.), 179, 259, 186 from Falmouth are to patrol
on a line between 49° 55' N. 03° 50' W. and 49° 55' N. 04° 12'
W. from 2300/12 till 0500/13.
3. Object to intercept and destroy E-Boats attempting to attack
convoy P.W. 185.
4. On completion M.Ls. to return to base.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1337B/12, 1459B/12, 1722/12.)

Russian S/M Swedish warship escorting Swedish M/V LULEA
reported attacked and sank Russian S/M.
sunk. (N.A. Stockholm, 1159/12)
See Enemy Intelligence. p. 334

British Air Activity.

Bombing Amend times of our AC.122 11/7 serial G.130 to
restriction. read forthwith until 0600/14.
(H.Q.C.C., 0848B/12 to R.A.F. Gibraltar.)

Cherbourg At present P.R.U. Sortie to Cherbourg and Havre
and Havre is carried out daily. In view of shortage of
R/Cs. P.R.U. A/C and efficiency of Ventnor 271,
recommend most strongly that P.R.U. Sorties to
Cherbourg and Havre be reduced to twice a week.
C. in C. Portsmouth does not concur.
(A.O.C. in C. C.C., 0945/12 to Admty.)

/Bomber ...

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Bomber Command operations. On day 10/7 and night 10/11, no operations. On day 11/7, 3 A/C bombed the S/M building-slips at Flensburg, and 26 A/C bombed those at Danzig. On night 11/12, 27 A/C laid mines. (H.Q.B.C., 1400/12.)

Flying Boats for North Russia. Following from Air Ministry and Admiralty. Your Air 417, 11/5. Owing to shortage, release of our flying boats to Russia out of question at present. Would be prepared to consider possibility of loading a squadron of flying boats for special operations if essential. Would require squadrons to operate under our operational control. (Air Ministry, 1720/12 to 30 Mission.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Lowestoft bombed. Lowestoft bombed by single A/C at 0155B/12. (a) Nil. (b) 1 killed, 4 injured. (c) Nil. (d) Some buildings of MINOS II on southside of Hamilton Dock destroyed, others damaged. Several Coastal Force vessels damaged. (N.O.I.C. Lowestoft, 0249B/12 and 0525B/12.)

Yarmouth bombed. Gt. Yarmouth bombed night 11/12. A to D Nil. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 1012B/12.)

Convoy W.P. 185. TINY (Dutch, 351 tons) sunk. M/V TINY bound Par from Swansea, cargo coal, sunk by enemy A/C at approx. midnight 11/12 in approx. position off St. Ives. Crew landed St. Ives. No casualties. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 1150B/12.)

Brixham bombed. TERSCHELLING sunk. Following from R.N.O. Brixham, begins. At 1345 today 2 F.W.190s attacked Brixham Harbour diving from South West over the town across the outer harbour and breakwater and releasing 2 H.E. bombs. H.M.S. TERSCHELLING, M.M.S. 174 Royal Netherlands Navy was hit in the stern and sank in 5 minutes. Dutch casualties 6 wounded including C.O. No other damage or casualties at present known. Ends. 1450/12. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1524/12.)

R.N.N. casualties as follows. Names. Damage to M.M.S. 174 was caused by near miss and not direct hit. Ends. 1710/12. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1758/12.)

Jan Mayen. Jan Mayen reports A/C crossed defence area 0550/12 South to North. Weather foggy. (A.C.I.C., 2133B/12.)

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A/C attacked. Between 57 and 54 D Buoy fire was opened on twin-engine Bomber who (corrupt group) dropped correct flares. A/C last seen flying N.E. losing height, and may be in distress. (VERSATILE, 2355B/12 to C. in C. Nore.)

Mining.

S.N. 3C. Arrived R.A.(M) in SOUTHERN PRINCE, ADVENTURE, AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC, BRIGHTON, ST. MARYS. (N.O.I.C. Port ZA, 0846/12.)

Off Cherbourg. A movement of about 6 fairly large ships was reported by R.D/F during night 11/12 leaving and returning to Cherbourg at 14 knots and passing following positions: (a) 0220 049° 58' N. 000° 46' W. (b) 0305 049° 58' N. 000° 31' W. (c) 0336 049° 53' N. 000° 40' W. Suspect minelaying between these positions. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1217B/12.)

Explosions on 11/7. VISCOUNT's 2147/11 is being passed to you for information. (C. in C. W.A., 1235B/12 to Admty., (R) R.A.M.)

Beachy Head. Detonated white magnetic mine in position 095° Beachy Head Light 7.6 miles. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1334/12, 2031/12.)
Detonated red magnetic mine in 095° Beachy Head Light 7.0 miles. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 1545/12 and 2043/12.)

Milford Haven. 4 magnetic mines exploded by Sweepers at 1349B/11, 1517B/11, and 1740B/11 (two) respectively. Details. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1545B/12.)

Sweep of Convoy Route. 13th M/S.F. is required to sweep convoy route M from Dartmouth to Portland ahead of W.P. convoys returning following day from Portland sweeping ahead of P.W. convoy on route A as amended by my 1441B/11. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1603B/12 to M/S. 13.)

Harwich. At 1311/12 one red mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1658B/12.)

Portsmouth. At 0930/12 one red mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1800/12.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.LULEA
reported
sunk.Baltic Soviet U-Boat.
Press reports (A) Swedish LULEA 5659 tons
torpedoed and sunk in Swedish territorial waters
500 metres east of Handelopsgrund buoy near
Vastervierwood (B) Escorting Swedish warship
attacked and sunk submarine.
(N.A. Stockholm, 1159/12.) *See p. 331*
See also N.A. Stockholm, 1551/13.U-Boats.U-Boats
reported.At 0101/12 U-Boat in 072° 17' N. 47° 30' E.
Reliable fix.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0447B/12.)At 2323Z/11, 0016Z/12, and 0347Z/12 possibly
one or more U-Boats remain in vicinity of O.S.33, and may be
shadowing.
(D.D.I.C., 0651B/12.)Am over enemy S/M in 45° 10' N. 8° 35' W. Enemy
was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first
sighted was on course 110°, 6 knots.
(A/C 1USP, 0923/12 to 19 Group.)Bearings at 0721Z/12, 0731Z/12, 0756Z/12, 0947Z/12,
at 1028Z/12, and at 1058Z/12 indicate that you are still being
shadowed by at least two U-Boats.
(D.D.I.C., 1411B/12 to Escorts O.S. 33.)Navigational.Milford
Haven.Light on No. 3 navigational buoy Milford Haven
extinguished.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1015B/12.)Ice in
Barents
Sea.U.S.S.R. Destroyers reported floating ice on 10/7
in following positions 070° 30' N. 043° 44' E.,
070° 40' N. 044° 30' E., 071° 05' N. 044° E.,
070° 19' N. 045° 22' E. Can you inform me
whether this field extends to Koaguey Island.S.B.N.O. Archangel is requested to arrange ice R/C of area
later next week if possible.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1414B/12 to M/S. F.1.)Casualties and Defects.

UBARI.

Arrival SS. UBARI from F.N.757 with engine
trouble.
(N.C.S.O. Gt. Yarmouth, 0920B/12.)

NEPAL.

NEPAL is due to arrive Clyde for special H/F
D/F calibration at 1500B/14. Two complete days
to complete will be required.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1034B/12.)

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- L.C. 1. L.C. 1 sustained damaged to bulkhead and side during towage from Barry to Cardiff. Arrangements made for minimum essential repairs to be carried out at Barry to enable vessel to proceed on operations as soon as possible.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1309B/12.)
- KALAN. Arrived Fishguard your 1255B/4 KALAN with broken tail shaft. ^{/N.T. & W.D.}
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1652B/12 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- S.G.B. 4. Your 1000B/12. Intend to sail tug ST. MELLONS (if C. in C. Nore concurs) escorted by CHASSEUR 43 at 0730/13 by inshore route for Newhaven for tow of S.G.B. 4 to Southampton. E.T.A. 1100.
2. It is considered that tow can be safely handled by rescue tug ST. MELLONS singly.
3. N.O.I.C. Newhaven is requested to sail ST. MELLONS as soon as S.G.B. is in tow. CHASSEUR 43 will continue as escort.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1813B/12 to N.O.I.C. Newhaven.)
- NASTURTIUM. Am returning to Liverpool with engine defect.
E.T.A. 2115B/12.
(NASTURTIUM, 1815B/12.)
- EVENING PRIMROSE. My 1804B/11 and 0930B/11. Ship should be ready to sail about noon tomorrow.
(F.O.I.C. London, 1905B/12.)
- RUNSWICK. A.M. 1417B/12 and A.M. 1416B/12. ^{/N.T. & W.D.} Submit ^{/N.T. & W.D.} ABEILLE IV should tow RUNSWICK to Middlesbrough in lieu of ATTENTIF and ATTENTIF be ordered to Invergordon for B.P.T. 22 tow in view of known unreliability of Tug ATTENTIF observing that RUNSWICK is the most important tow.
(N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 2030/12 to F.O.I.C. Aberdeen.)
Your 2030/12/7. Programme is to be carried out as arranged. Two tugs ATTENTIF and EMPIRE HENCHMAN with RUNSWICK.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 2131/12 to N.O.I.C. Peterhead.)
- M.G.B. 312. My 1101B/12. ^{/N.T. & W.D.} "Pugdog" cancelled owing to engine defects in M.G.B. 312.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 2240/12.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.Reserve
Ammunition
for North
Russia.Your 1547/11 and Admiralty's 2005/2.
EARLSTON, PAULUS POTTER, BOLTON CASTLE, have not
yet arrived. If they have been sunk it will
be necessary to send more ammunition for P.Q.14
ships and probably also for escort.S.B.N.O. Archangel is to report as soon as
requirements can be ascertained.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0902B/12 to C. in C. H.F.)

Following ammunition urgently required. Request despatch
if possible by destroyers referred to in your (?1547)B/11.

Particulars.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1328^B/12 and 0956B/13.)

A.T. 17A.

A.T.17A arrived Clyde escorted by C.T.F. 37 in
PHILADELPHIA, TEXAS, HAMBLETON, and RODMAN.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0946B/12.)

C.B. 117.

C.B. 117 due 1730 approx.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 0950/12.)E.N.11, 14,
and 17.Your 2042B/11. Concur.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1100B/12.)

A.T. 17.

A.T.17. Amend E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 1300Z/12.
(LUDLOW, 1101/12.)A/S Trawlers
as Escort
for P.Q.
Convoys.Your 1820/27/6. Confirmed that it is intended
to continue operating trawlers next winter.
(C. in C. H.F., 1108B/12 to Admty.)E.N.Convoy
sailings.

My 1201/9 is amended as follows:-

E.N. 11 (medium) 1530/15.

E.N. 14 (medium) 2000/22.

E.N. 17 (medium) 1500/29.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 1117B/12.)

LADY OF
MANN,
AMSTERDAM,
PRAGUE.Intend sail transports LADY OF MANN, AMSTERDAM,
and PRAGUE 0045/15. Speed 17 knots routed Q.Z.S.
150, 352, 163, to 032° Copinsay Light four
half miles whence LADY OF MANN and AMSTERDAM to
Kirkwall. E.T.A. 0825.PRAGUE will escort to 059° Auskerry eight miles, 054° Start
Point seven and a half miles, three miles West of Fair Isles
to Lerwick. E.T.A. 1215.

(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 1257/12.)

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W.S. 21P. R/V 16, 055° 26' N. 010° 29' W. R/V 17, 052° 18' N. 018° 41' W. E.T.A. 17/7.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1450B/12 to N.C.S.O. Clyde.)
A.M. 2019/11. Sailing postponed 48 hours. Amend time of Oversay R/V accordingly.
R.A. West Africa is requested to sail convoy W.S. 21P to comply with Connav 1860/11.
(A.C.N.S. F., 2253B/12.)

TRITELIA, 2156 today estimate position TRITELIA in
NAMSOS. Faxafli: NAMSOS off Malanif: both to N.W.
(A.C.I.C., 1455B/12.)

P.Q. 17. Following is latest information regarding merchant ships of P.Q. 17.
(a) Four arrived in White Sea BELLINGHAM, SAMUEL CHASE, OCEAN FREEDON, DON BASS.
(b) In ice off Kolguev Island BENJAMIN HARRISON.
(c) Observed in Western Novaya Zemlya AZERBAIDJAN.
(d) Ten sunk RIVER AFTON, EMPIRE BYRON, NAVARINO, CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT, PAN KRAFT, WILLIAM HOOPER, WASHINGTON, WINSTON SALEM, HOOSIER, EL CAPITAN.
(e) Six probably sunk EARLSTON, EMPIRE TIDE, SILVER SWORD, DANIEL MORGAN, JOHN WITHERSPOON, OLOPANA.
(f) Eleven unaccounted for HARTLEBURY, PAULUS POTTER, BOLTON CASTLE, ALCOA RANGER, FAIRFIELD CITY, CARLTON, HONOMU, PAN ATLANTIC, IRONCLAD, PETER KERR, TROUBADOUR. Of these two or three were reported to be in harbours on west coast Novaya Zemlya.
(g) Two returned to Iceland RICHARD BLAND, EXFORD.
2. One A/S Trawler missing. One rescue ship and R.F.A. Oiler sunk.
(D.T.D., 1541B/12 to B.A.D. Washington.)
P.Q.17. State of affairs 1200C/12. 18 merchant ships definitely or probably sunk. To my 2151B/11 add PAN ATLANTIC*. 11 ships and trawler AYRSHIRE still unaccounted for. 2 ships located by Soviet Catalina in Moller Bay, Novaya Zemlya. DIANELLA and Soviet ship MURMAN searching Novaya Zemlya coast. 2 Corvettes will reinforce when defects made good.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1557B/12 to Admty.)
* Sunk by air attack night 9/10 July.

Murmansk Military offensive on Murmansk area is expected area. to commence within next few days. C. in C.
Prospective Northern Fleet considers Ribachi Peninsula military likely objective. This may combine with attack attack. on Murmansk. The occupation of the Peninsula by the enemy would certainly be an advantage to them as it provides good shelter for M.T.Bs. operating in Varanger Fjord and Russian guns now command entrance of Petsamo. Every effort will be made to send remaining 3 British ships from Kola Inlet to Archangel as soon as they are seaworthy and ready.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1623B/12 to Admty.)

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Channel Convoys. Your 1214B/6. While fully realising that on four day cycle it is desirable to sail C.E. and C.W. Convoys on same day to ensure quick discharge and turn round, it is pointed out that the Destroyer Escort will be away from Portsmouth five days under this scheme. Present escort is very thin and increase in the escort to two destroyers which may be desirable in face of the high standard of skill in interception and torpedo practice displayed by the German E-Boats in the recent attack on the W.P. convoy can only be carried out at the cost of having two of the small Portsmouth Destroyer force lying idle at Sheerness for three days. The M.L. escort has been increased, but the possibility of the permanent patrols on Convoy nights of M.G.Bs. or Chasseurs in addition to the light forces operating from Dover, to cover the Convoys during dark hours appears worthy of consideration.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1717/12 to C. in C. Nore.)

C.T. 20, Convoy C.T.20 will embark as Convoy T.A.17
T.A. 17. comprising the following ships:-
U.S. Transports SIBONEY, MONTEREY, BARRY,
ARGENTIA from Clyde; and U.S. Merchant Ship

LIGHTNING from Liverpool.

2. Convoy will be ready to leave U.K. on 18/7 and will sail direct to New York.

3. Speed 14 knots.

4. Admiralty will promulgate route.

5. Escort will be provided by U.S.S. TEXAS, PHILADELPHIA, BUCK, BRISTOL, EDISON, LUDLOW, WOLSEY, TRIPPE.

6. C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to:-

(a) sail convoy as requisite to Oversay R/V; (b) arrange for escorts to R/V with convoy as requisite.

(D.O.D. H., 2025B/12.)

S.L. 114. Your 2055B/12. To save time suggest BRIDGEWATER and BANFF escort Loch Ewe portion. BRIDGEWATER routed at Loch Ewe. My P.C.S.

2100Z, 050° 28' N. 019° 40' W. mean course 022°, 7 knots.

BRIDGEWATER is astern with ~~SUB~~ USK expecting to rejoin 1200Z/13.
(PHILANTE, 2227Z/12.)

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CORTONA torpedoed. Following received (begins) Admiral Plymouth, intercept 2234 G.M.T. SSSS CORTONA 32° 57' N. 24° 32' W., torpedoed. Controlling Station G.L.D. 0035/12 Lands End Radio. (Ends).
See next page
(C. in C. Plymouth T.O.R. 0045/12 to Admty.)

LOWESTOFT. LOWESTOFT seriously damaged in collision with
LÉOPARD. F.S. LÉOPARD in 031° 46' N. 023° 19' W. Salvage
collision. doubtful. LÉOPARD standing by.

See H. 343
364 (PELICAN 0615B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)
Hole in forward boiler room. Funnel cone. Am
in tow of F.S. LÉOPARD maximum 5 to 6 knots, main engine
unworkable. P.C. and S. 031° 40' N. (023°) 26' W. 354° 5 to
6 knots.

(LOWESTOFT 0922Z/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)

Following collision with LOWESTOFT have her in tow.
My position 031° 40' N. 023° 26' W. with 2½ days fuel remaining.
Pending further instructions am making for Azores.
(LÉOPARD, 0950Z/12 to PELICAN (R) Admty. etc.) See also Admty.
1250B/12 to R.A.W.A. in South Atlantic.

LÉOPARD and LOWESTOFT are to steer to pass through
33° 30' N. 22° 01' W. and then steer 80°.

2. KONKAN and RAJPUTANA join LOWESTOFT as soon as possible, one
take over tow of LOWESTOFT toward Gibraltar. Other acting
as escort.

3. LÉOPARD is then to proceed Ponta Delgada to fuel subsequently
proceeding to Freetown.

4. Tug SALVONIA escorted by ARCTIC RANGER is being sent to take
over tow.

5. LOWESTOFT 0922/12 has been passed to KONKAN.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1522B/12 to LOWESTOFT, F.S. LÉOPARD, KONKAN, (R)
RAJPUTANA, Admty., C. in C.W.A., R.A.W.A., Escorts O.S. 55.)

Ref. A.M. 1532/28/2 and 1840/1/3. F.S. LÉOPARD
proceeding Ponta Delgada for fuel. Request immediate confirmation
that this visit is in order. E.T.A. and quantity of fuel required
will be signalled when known.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1604B/12 to N.A. Lisbon.)

Your 1604/12. Strictly speaking Portuguese M. of M.
maintain they can only accept visits from Free French Warships
on account of stress of weather or reasons Force Majeure.
Preferably she should wear white ensign and B.N.L.O., if borne
should act as Captain during visit. This was done on previous
occasions.

(N.A. Lisbon 1910B/12 to F.O.C.N.A.)

ARCTIC RANGER and Tug SALVONIA sail 1730B/12 for 033°
30' N. 022° 01' W. speed 10 knots.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1738B/12 to P.37.)

My 1522/12. When 100 miles clear of LOWESTOFT report
E.T.A. Ponta Delgada and quantity of fuel required.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1924B/12 to LÉOPARD.)

Sailed ARCTIC RANGER escorted by SALVONIA to R/V with
LOWESTOFT and tow to Gibraltar.

(F.O.C.N.A. 2116B/12 to LOWESTOFT etc.)

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North Atlantic.-Contd.

- P.42. Your 1702/11. P.42 crosses 009° E. at 1300B/16. Do not consider she can reach position E. by 0200B/19. Suggest she be ordered to arrive position E at 0200B/20.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0910B/12 to N.O.I.C. Malta (R) P.42.)
- IMPERIALIST F/W A/C. 1 F.W. unknown course 360° in position bearing 360° 10 miles from Cape St. Vincent.
(IMPERIALIST 0938/12 to Gib. W/T).
- French Shipping. Passings 11/7. Westbound CEVENNES, GROIX, VILLE-DU-HAVRE, LOUP-DE-MER.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0945/12 to Admty. for M.E.W.)
- SPEY O.S.33. attack on U/B. *U.136 sunk 11/7. See p.310.* My D.R. Position 1000Z, 031° 41' N. 022° 15' W. Request P.C. and S. of O.S. 33. Nothing more seen of U.boat heavily attacked from 1530Z/11 to 1730Z/11 by SPEY, PELICAN, and F.S. LEOPARD in 035° 30' N. 022° 52' W. at end of which time contact was lost. Faint traces very widely dispersed oil encountered in area 3 hours later. Special uncoded weather report.
(SPEY 1005Z/12 to Admty.)
- PARTHIAN. P.42. P.44. PARTHIAN, P.42 and P.44 all proceed to Malta crossing 009° E. as follows. PARTHIAN in 038° 15' N. at 0001B/14 from 037° 20' N. 001° 25' E. P.42 in 038° 02' N. at 1300B/16 from 038° 52' N. 000° 49' E. P.44 in 038° 08' N. at 0001B/18 from 038° 59' N. 006° 12' E.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1006B/12 to P.211).
- O.S.33. PORT HUNTER, CORTONA, SIRIS, torpedoed. ** See previous page* O.S. 33, 28 ships intact, position at 0900B, 031° 08' 023° 52' A. 165° 8½. Found 3 survivors from PORT HUNTER. CORTONA and SIRIS also (? torpedoed) Attacked S/M (0301?)B/12 astern of convoy. Please pass position and course to SPEY who has not rejoined. Weather report.
(?PELICAN 1045B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)
- Situation report, Area X. (i) P.37, 36.24 07.54 to Gibraltar dive during daylight 12th 2 knots thence on surface 8½ knots Situation 2001B/12.
(ii) O.G.86, 36.25 10.40 98 7½. S.O. STORK.
(iii) LORD HOTHAM (a) escorting one merchant ship 38.28 (?51).20 134° 5.
(iv) LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR vicinity 36.20 (?11).02.
(v) IMPERIALIST escorting 3 merchant ships 36.53 07.40 through 36.40 through 36.50 07.08 to Gibraltar 8.
(vi) WELSHMAN 38.23 11.26 to 36.15 09.50 at 18½ knots thence to Gibraltar 12 knots.
(vii) DIOMEDE 29.05 12.51 through 32.27 10.40 thence 46.15.
(viii) LADY HOGARTH, STELLA CARINA expected escorting tanker ALEXIA 30.55 16.41 60° 9¼.

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report,
Area X
- Contd.

- (ix) KONKAN, RAJPUTANA, searching vicinity 38.00 19.30. (for survivors of AVILA STAR.)
 → (x) SCOTTISH off Huelva coastwise 10 knots to patrol off Lisbon.
 (xi) LOCH OSKAIG off Cape Trafalgar coastwise 10 knots to patrol off Cape Roca.
 (xii) JONQUIL 29.25 18.37 to join O.S.33, 12 knots.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1230B/12 to N.A. Stn.)

AVILA STAR
(torpedoed
5/7).

AVILA STAR was torpedoed amidships starboard hand (side) at 2245 G.M.T./5 038° 04' N. 022° 45' W. 20 minutes later 2nd torpedo hit just abaft 1st position smashing 2 boats lying alongside. Ship sank about 20 minutes later.
 (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1247/12 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

CABO
VILLANO
overdue.

Ibarra SS. Co. state their SS CABO VILLANO which left Montevideo 11/6 for Cadiz with general cargo and grain is 6 days overdue and does not answer signals. They think she may have been taken into some British control port. We have not been approached by Spanish Govt. yet. Can I make any reply?
 (N.A. Madrid 1357/12 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc. No information (Admty. 2130B/13).

AFRICA
OCIDENTAL.

Censorship H.Q. state mails were landed at Gib. 8/7 from SS. AFRICA OCIDENTAL when vessel bound to Bissau from Lisbon. As no instructions for removal of mail from this ship can be traced request confirmation of name of ship or that this mail is that reported in your 1836/6.
 (D.E.W.D. 1645B/12 to F.O.C.N.A.) Reply: 1803/13.

PHOEBE.

C. in C.W.A. 1157/9 from (D) pass through position (E) 036° 30' N. 009° 30' W. thence Gibraltar.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1714B/12 to PHOEBE).

SCOTTISH.

→ SCOTTISH sailed 1700 for escort duty Lisbon - Trafalgar Cape thence assuming Y.3 Patrol.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1747B/12 to Admty.)

French
Shipping.

Gibraltar 1255. Mine ~~laying~~ ^{laying} ENGAGEANTE, CARIMARE, LIEUT DE LA TOUR, FAUZON, PONTET CANET all laden eastbound.
 (S.O.I. Gib., 1803B/12 to Admty.)

/ROYAL.....

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→ ROYAL ULSTERMAN. To avoid U-boat alter course forthwith to (K) 029° 05' N. 020° 50' W. thence in accordance with R.A. West Africa's 1113Z/8. (F.O.C.N.A. 2356B/12 to ROYAL ULSTERMAN).

South Atlantic.

INDOMITABLE. My 0721 (N.T. in W.R.) Intend landing 3 aircraft at Durban at 0600Z tomorrow Monday. (INDOMITABLE, 0723Z/12 to Cdre I/C Durban.)

C. in C.S.A. Flag of C. in C.S.A. rehoisted at 0200 today 12/7. Para. 2 of my 1201/18/6 is cancelled. (C. in C.S.A. 0801B/12 to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Weekly state 11/7/42.

Freetown. EDINBURGH CASTLE, PHILOCTETES, VINDICTIVE, NELSON, RODNEY, PENN, PATHFINDER, QUENTIN, DERWENT, CORINTHIAN, LARGS, ASTURIAS, BACHAQUERO, IBIS, ABERDEEN, ENCHANTRESS, WALNEY, VIMY, 2 Corvettes.

Freetown area. CANTON, DANAE, EMERALD, 8 Corvettes.

→ Cape Verdes Area. ROYAL ULSTERMAN, LONDONDERRY, HASTINGS, LULWORTH, BIDEFORD.

Takoradi, VELOX.

→ Pointe Noire, BLACKMORE.

Point Noire Area, MALAYA, BOREAS, ^{xx}WIVERN, ^{*}BRILLIANT, CARADOC, Gibraltar VANSITTART.

Cape 1 Corvette.

On passage to Cape, 3 Corvettes, U.K. 3 Corvettes. (R.A.W.A. 0915Z/12 to Admty. etc.)

* See next page
xx See p. 344

→ BLACKMORE. Arrival 11/7 BLACKMORE, departure 1830/11 for R/V. (B.N.L.O., W. Africa, 1030/12 to Admty.)

VELOX (Nor). Your 0803/10, movements VELOX (Nor). not known overdue. here. (S.O.I. Capetown 1047B/12 to D. C. in C.E.F.)

ANTHONY. Now ready for sea. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1110Z/12 to Admty. etc.)

SHROPSHIRE. Sailed SHROPSHIRE by route R (?). Speed 19 knots. E.T.A. Capetown 0715B/14. (Cdre I/C Durban 1112Z/12 to Admty. etc.)

/DRAGON.....

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DRAGON. Departure Simonstown 1200Z/11 DRAGON for Durban. Route R.8. S. of A. 20 knots. E.T.A. 13/7. (C. in C.S.A. 1114B/12 to Admty. etc.)

BRILLIANT. ¹¹²⁹⁰⁵ Arrival 11/7 BRILLIANT, departure 0600/12 for R/V. (B.N.L.O. W.Africa 1115/12 to Admty.)

Shipping Routeing. A.M. 0210/10 (Repetition of A.M. 1151/7. Re routeing of ships in South Atlantic). Alarm and southern general diversion scheme. After passing through positions indicated ships should proceed as follows.
(A) Northbound to U.K. North America or West Indies, rejoin route at lettered position nearest to a line joining St. Pauls Rocks and St. Vincent (C.V.)
(B) Northbound to West Africa. Direct to destination.
(C) Southbound. Direct to destination.
2. Variation to standing instructions may be ordered in General Executive signal. Example, all ships with code word "Southern Cross" move longitude of southern 010° W. Northbound shipping maintain this longitude for 600 miles then as ordered.
3. Suggest C. in C.S.A. issues this signal on receipt of general instructions from Admty.
(C. in C.S.A. 1150B/12 to Admty. (R) R.A.W.A.)

Shipping Positions, Reports by W/T. Your 1057B/10. Yes. My 1300B/10 to R.A.W.A. and C. in C.S.A. only refers. Only a small proportion of ocean going shipping is fitted with H/F transmission.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 1159B/12 to C. in C.S.A. (R)
C. in C.W.A., C. in C.E.F., F.O.C.N.A., B.A.D., R.A.W.A., Connav, C. in C.A.W.I. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C.)

CILICIA. Arrival St. Helena 1,000/12 CILICIA. Dep; same day 1200, on operation. (Gen. St. Helena, 1215Z/12 to Admty. C. in C. S.A., etc.)

PELICAN O.S.33. PELICAN 0615/12 not to S.O. Force F. Sail 2 destroyers of Force F. to assistance of O.S.33. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1250B/12 to R.A.W.A. (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.O. Force F.) (See also North Atlantic.) ^{b 3397}

RIO SEGUNDO aground. Argentine ship RIO SEGUNDO run aground on Uruguay coast night of 10/7. Weather conditions will now permit salvage operations. (S.O.I. Montevideo 1357Z/12 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A., B.A.D.) ^{b. 1344}

/QUEEN.....

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QUEEN MARY. QUEEN MARY arrived and is expected to sail 1200Z tomorrow.
(B.R.O. Rio de Janeiro, 1414Z/12 to Admty; etc.)

WIVERN. Arrival ^{Lagos} 12/7 WIVERN, departure 1300/12 for R/V.
(B.N.L.O., W. Africa 1500/12 to Admty.)

Convoy A.S.4. B.A.D. 1501Z/12. See America and West Indies.

BATORY. Your 0956/11. Request report why BATORY was retained two days in your port. Most important quicker despatch be given this ship at Lagos and return call Takoradi in view of requirements her proceeding Freetown/Bathurst and date she is required for outward convoy.
(S.S.T.O. Freetown 1515Z/12 to S.S.T.O. Takoradi.)

O.S.33. Ref. A.M. 1250B/12. ^{Various page.} PENN, QUENTIN will R/V with
PENN. convoy O.S.33 in 021° 10' N. 021° 12' W. at
QUENTIN. 0700Z/15 and join escort.
(R.A.W.A. 1925Z/12 to Escorts of O.S.33 (R)
S.O. Force F, F.O.C.N.A., Admty.)

Enemy Unit. D/F bearings taken at 1715Z/12 indicate Japanese unit call sign E.K.I. in approx. position 025° S. 048° 30' E.
(C. in C.S.A. 1942B/12 to C.O.I.S. Kilindini (R)
C. in C.E.F. F.O.I.C. Ceylon.)

Overdue shipping. British MARCELLA from Durban and U.S.S.R. VLADIMIR MAYAKOVSKY from Capetown both due Buenos Aires 6/7 have not arrived.
(S.O.I. Montevideo, 2121Z/12 to Admty.)

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Cositrep No. 446. Air. 3. Ref. Cositrep 445 para. 5. 58 Wellingtons bombed convoy in Tobruk Harbour night 10/11. Direct hit on one ship followed by fires and explosions. Several fires and explosions started in dock area. One very large fire with several explosions visible for 80 miles. Ships were difficult to locate. One Wellington force-landed Sidi Barrani. Crew rescued by R/C Baltimore following day.

4. Albacores bombed shipping Matruh and M.T. battle area. Near misses on ships, direct hits on vehicles.

8. (11/7) Baltimores effectively bombed Matruh scoring near miss on 1500 ton vessel at jetty.* Other bombs on jetty and near M.T. on road. Large fire started still burning four hours later.

9. Beaufighters intercepted 25 Ju.52s full of troops bound for Tobruk destroying 3, probably destroying 1, severely damaging 10, some of which probably failed to reach land. Troops inside Ju.52s replied with M/G fire damaging 5 Beaufighters. No casualties to crews.

10. Fighters damaged a R/C Ju.88 over Alexandria.
(C. in C. M.E., 1136/12) *Ship was sunk, see Cositrep 448, 1640/13.

Canal Minesweeping. C. in C's 1850/25/7/41, Canal M/S weekly summary 3rd to 11/7.

1. On night of 2/3 and 3/4, 14 mines were reported dropped in canal and 33 on land. Of those in the canal 20 or D, (as received) were detonated by sweepers. 2 K type were destroyed by divers, one doubtful G type cancelled after search by swimming and diving and a clearance sweep. 1 G type chimney found in shallow water charge fired in crater and after clearance considered dead, leaving total of 8 remaining.

2. Static clearance sweeps for C.D. and G mines carried out a.m. and p.m. or just ahead of convoys each day. Also intensive sweeping by D.W.1 aircraft in combination with S.A. when possible searching sweep of all sectors of canal made when possible.

3. Diving and trawling carried out 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th also when possible between convoys 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th.

4. Canal closed 3rd and 4/7. 5/7 2 ships from Port Said to Ismailia; 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th unrestricted movements between Port Said and Ismailia. Also restricted movements in convoys of 2 to 5 ships between Ismailia and Suez. Small craft moving behind convoys in restricted sectors.

5. Of 33 mines dropped on land 4 rendered safe and 29 exploded.
(F.O.R.S.C.A., 1215C/12 to Admty (R) C. in C. Med).

Black Sea. C. in C. Black Sea Fleet, V.A. Oktyaberski, C.O.S. and majority of Black Sea naval staff now at Tuapse.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 1437C/12 to Admty, Adm. Miles).

/STRALE...

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STRALE, American report that 6/7 Italian vessels APRILE and salvage. MAGGIO (formerly French BRESCOU and VILLE DE TISAZA) arrived off Sidaoud, Cap Bon, with material for refloating dismantled Italian destroyer STRALE, which is subsequently to be towed to Italy. (Consul Gen. Tangier, 1536/12 to Admty (For D.N.I.) and S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

Comment by N.I.D. Previously reported by B.A.D. Washington (1641/5/7) ashore off Cape Bon, believed abandoned, equipment being salvaged.

W.R. Note. Message has been passed to V.A. Malta and C. in C. Med. for information at request of N.I.D.

Malta Air Report. WX.7574 (Part 1). I.453 12/7. C.S.R. 11th? Alert 1548 hrs., 20 plus Me. 109s, 7 Ju.88 Takali, 1 Spitfire destroyed, 1 damaged, another slight damage, craters dispersals aerodrome. 3 Me. 109 destroyed, 3 Me. 109 damaged by 31 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing search unsuccessful, another crash-landed, pilot unhurt. Night 11/21. 2029 hrs., several raiders, coast not crossed Beaufighters up, no combat. 12th. 2 alerts. 0754 hrs. 21 Ju.88s, Macchi 202s, and Me. 109s. Takali craters dispersals, elsewhere 1 army officer 3 soldiers wounded. 1 Macchi 202 destroyed, 1 Me. 109 probably destroyed by 17 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire missing search by 2 Spitfires unsuccessful but 2 Macchi 202 on similar mission destroyed by these 2 Spitfires. 0823 hrs. 11 Ju.88 and Fighters. Takali, no damage, 8 Spitfires up, no combat. (H.Q., R.A.F., Med., 1700/12).

Torpedo aircraft. In view of important part being played by torpedo aircraft in attacking enemy sea communications in Mediterranean it is requested that at least one of my fleet air arm torpedo bomber squadrons should be rearmed with long range Grumman-Avenger aircraft as soon as they become available. 2. Experience here has shown necessity of all torpedo bomber aircraft being fitted with short range A.S.V. (C. in C. Med., 1752C/12 to Admty (R) H.Q., R.A.F., M.E.)

TRITON. Greek Sub. TRITON sailed from Alexandria at 1900/12 through 036° 10' N., 026° 40' E., thence to patrol off Tobruk. (S.O. 1 S.F., Alex. 1917C/12 to C. in C. Med. (R) S/Ms on patrol etc).

Cositrep No. 447. 4. Air. 11/7. 5 Liberators made dusk attack on Benghazi Harbour claiming a possible hit on 1 ship and on converted wreck used as landing stage. 5. Night 11/12. 54 Wellingtons 1 Fortress, 1 Halifax bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Near miss on one ship. Many bombs near jetty with ship alongside. Fires and explosions started dock area and north of harbour. Tank repair depot and power house also attacked. 3 Wellingtons missing. (C. in C. M.E., 1935/12)

/TURBULENT...

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TURBULENT. S.O.(S) Alexandria 0044/10. Proceed through 032° 46', 029° 49' and 033° 58' 034° 59' to arrive Beirut p.m./15 or a.m./16 as ordered by Capt. (S)1
At least one U-boat north of Haifa on 11/7. Destroyer and aircraft may be despatched at short notice for sweep within 50 miles of coast.
(Capt. S.10, 2001C/12 to TURBULENT).

Situation
report 233.

Operations Western Desert.

DULVERTON, HURWORTH, ERIDGE and BEAUFORT night 11/12 carried out bombardment of Mersa Matruh back areas at request of 8th Army. A/C spotting very successful. *(400 rounds fired, 2233/13)*
Simultaneous air attack drove ship in harbour to sea. 1 schooner* was blown up and a supply ship attacked by Swordfish (plural) - result unobserved. 2 Italian torpedo boats proceeded westward at high speed being engaged by "HUNTS" result unobserved. No damage to our force. Brief communique on above being issued to Press tonight.

(2) Levant. Italian U-boat* sunk by PROTEA and SOUTHERN MAID in co-operation with ~~WALROS~~ 1700/11 in position 034° 38' N., 034° 56' E. S/M sank 13 minutes after attack and prisoners taken.

(C. in C. Med., 2012C/12 to Admty).

*Amended to M/V of 2,000 tons, not schooner, see 2233/13.

* ONDINA (2023C/23/7, page 699)

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Co-operation with U.S. Pacific Fleet. 1. It may be necessary for British Eastern Fleet to join up and work with U.S. Pacific Fleet at short notice.
2. Unless Eastern Fleet is familiar with American orders, procedure, etc., a considerable delay would ensue before the combined Fleet could be efficient.
3. After careful consideration Admty view is that the quickest and only satisfactory way to ensure full tactical co-operation between American and British Units is for all to use American books and instructions.
4. It is desired that American Signal Officers, Liaison Officers and communication ratings should be lent to Eastern Fleet until ships are fully conversant with books.
5. Request you will take this up with Navy Office, Washington, and if they agree we would like the American personnel, books and such flags used as are not in international code to be sent to Eastern Fleet as soon as possible.
6. Books required in British ships would be those carried in same class of American ships to cover the following subjects:
(a) Battle and tactical instructions.
(b) Signal publications.
(c) Technical instructions where applicable.
(V.C.N.S., 0048B/12, to B.A.D., (R) C.in C., E.F.).

Madagascar. Re developing commodities of highest importance to British and American war effort including particularly wild rubber, rice, maize, sugar, raffia, sisal, manioc.
4. Apart from immediate advantages from our supply and shipping aspects such action would seem to have best possible effect native or French opinion.
(W.O., 0330/12, to G.O.C.in C., E. Africa (R) 121 Force).
0300Z/12 sailed ALAUNIA.
(N.O.I.C., Diego Suarez, 0506Z/12, to Admty, etc.).

TRUANT Proceed so as to R/V with TULIP in position 180°
TULIP. Dondra Head 10 miles at 0900Z/13 who will escort you to Colombo. Total bombing restrictions in force now until 1500Z/13 within 20 miles of line joining position (?B) position 005° 07' N. 084° 32' E. and R/V. If TULIP not met by 1300Z/13 report your position.
(F.O. Ceylon, 0644Z/12, to TRUANT, (R) S.O. S/M's Colombo, TRUSTY).
Your 0644Z/12 my position 004° 52' N. 084° 45' E. Since 0400Z/11 both main engines defective. Hope to have one engine available at reduced power later today.
(TRUANT, 1032Z/12, to F.O. Ceylon (R) TRUSTY S.O. S/Ms Colombo).
TRUANT 1032/12 close TRUANT.
(F.O. Ceylon, 1312Z/12, to TRUSTY (R) TRUANT).
Your 1032/12, proceed toward position 180° Dondra Head 10 miles. SCOUT proceeding to escort and if necessary tow you.
(F.O. Ceylon, 1315Z/12th, to TRUANT (R) TRUSTY).
My P.C. and S. 004° 55' N. 084° 32' E. 282° 4 knots.
Do not expect assistance will be necessary.
N.U.S. 748 not received.
(TRUANT, 1932Z/12, to (? F.O.I.C., Ceylon, (R) TRUSTY, SCOUT, S.O. Subs. Colombo).

/Fairmiles ...

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Fairmiles and M.M.S. for R.I.N. For R.I.N.L.O. Bath. Additional 7 Fairmiles (of which 4 have been sanctioned) and 6 M.M.S. are required for R.I.N. Before approaching S.of S. for sanction for balance of craft Govt. India desire assurance that they would be available in a reasonable time. They cannot be constructed in India for some time. Request you approach Admty to release 7 Fairmiles and 6 M.M.S. from U.K. or alternatively to transfer to R.I.N. M.M.S. and Fairmiles on Admiralty account ex Burma now completing in India, balance of craft being supplied from U.K. (F.O.C.R.I.N., 0652Z/12, to Admty).

Japanese Whale Factory Ships. Ref: S.O. (I) Capetown's 1532B/7. Possibility that Japanese are using Whale Factory ships, such as TONAN MARU Nos. 2 and 3, as supply ships for submarines operating in Indian Ocean. Ships are reported as fitted to carry aircraft and midget submarines and might have a secret base in extreme S. of Indian Ocean where they habitually work in peace time. (D.N.I., 0949B/12, to C.in C. E.F., C.in C. S.A.).

Disposition Summaries. For information of adjacent command intend to issue numbered weekly summaries of general disposition of main units of Eastern Fleet. 2. A.C.N.B. is requested to keep Comsowespacfor informed who it is presumed will pass to Cincpacas desired. Summary No. 1. A. Battleships - WARSPITE, RESOLUTION at Kilindini. *VALIANT at Cape working up. ROYAL SOVERIEGN escorting convoy off East Africa. RAMILLIES (damaged) and REVENGE refitting at Durban. B. Carriers - ILLUSTRIOUS, FORMIDABLE at Kilindini. INDOMITABLE detached. *See p. 342* C. 8" cruisers - DEVONSHIRE escorting convoy in Arabian Sea. D. 7.5" and 6" cruisers - BIRMINGHAM, FROBISHER at Kilindini. GAMBLA escorting convoy in South Indian (?Ocean). → MAURITIUS, ENTERPRISE escorting Convoys off East Africa. NEWCASTLE (damaged) to go Bombay. E. Available Battleships and carriers will carry out training exercises from 15th to 21/7. (C.in C. E.F., 1005Z/12, to C.in C. S.A., C.in C. Med. A.C.N.B. F.O.R.S.C.A., F.O. Ceylon, V.A. 3., (R) Admty). * *See p. 409.*

→ W.S.19 L. W.S.19 L. E.T.A. Aden advanced to 17/7. S. of A. 16½ knots. MAURITIUS pass to Comdre. (D.C.in C. E.F., 1021Z/12, to N.O.I.C. Aden, (R) F.O.R.S.C.A., Admty, MAURITIUS, P.S.T.O. Egypt (Port Said) H.Q. Middle East).

Navigation. Bahreir North Sitrah light buoy is not burning. (Bombay Fort W/T, Colombo W/T, 1112Z/12, to All concerned W.C. 137).

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Burma Air Intelligence Summary No. 119 on information
Report. received up to 1800 hours 12/7. Burma - 1
Blenhiem bombed and machine gunned River Steamer
2 miles South of Sittaung 9/7 - bomb burst 5 feet
from stern others within 20 yards - left with stern awash.
No other movement seen. A.A. seen. Bay of Bengal - two
fighter patrols to cover movement Naval Vessel failed locate
11/7. One? Hudson shipping escort 11/7 no movement seen.
Supply dropping - 31 Squadron 5000 lbs. Kamku - 10/7.
American Air Force operations - objectives Mogaung bombed 10/7 -
sidings and factory damaged. Railway bridge and abutment-
direct hits.
(A.H.Q., India, 1331/12, to Air Min:).

U/Bs. Your 1739Z/10. Request you will consider
Mozambique routeing all or a proportion of shipping to
Channel. eastward of Madagascar.
(A.C.N.S.(T), 1544B/12, to C.in C. E.F., (R)
C.in C. S.A.).

Mauritius, My 2145/9 and 1429/10. Request Flag Officers on
Rodriguez, E.I. Station and C.in C. S.A. may be informed
Seychelles when this transfer takes place.
Command. (Head of M., 1734B/12, to C.in C. E.F.).

Japanese H.M.G. are asking Axis Governments for safe
Repatriations. conduct for 2 vessels (probably CITY OF PARIS and
CITY OF CANTERBURY) to transport Japanese
repatriates to Lourenco Marques from India and
Australia respectively.
CITY OF CANTERBURY would leave Sydney 8/8 and
CITY OF PARIS would leave Bombay 10/8.
Request early proposals for routes.
(Hd. of M., 1815B/12, to D.C.in C., E.F. A.C.N.B.).

HAURAKI Following has been read QQQQ 17.12 S. 80.25 E.
"Q" HAURAKI ordered heave to 1736/12.
Report. (Slangkop Radio, Recd. 2021/12).
(Passed via Bombay Fort W/T to C.in C., E.I.
C.in C. E.F. Deputy C.in C. E.F. Admty).

Following has been read: QQQQ 1732 S. 80.25 E. unread captured
by Japanese 1746/12 de VRS (Mauritius W/T Station) T.O.R.
1750 G.M.T./12 de ZSC (Slangkop Radio) T.O.R. 1810 G.M.T./12.
(Slangkop Radio, No. T.O.O./12. Recd. 2048/12).
See also Australia.

Ref: Admty message A.F., position 17.32 S. 80.25 E.
(Kilindini W/T and Colombo W/T 1842Z/12, to B A M S 7 B,
B A M S 7 C).

HAURAKI. British 7113 tons, routed from Fremantle to Colombo
Position about 780 miles S.E. of Chegog Archipelago. (D.O.R.1058)

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with U.S.
Pacific Fleet.

Admty. 0048B/12 to B.A.D. See East Indies.

U.701.
Sunk.German U.701 sunk by U.S.A/C on 7/7 in
vicinity of Cape Hatteras. 7 Survivors and 10
bodies recovered on 9/7.
(D.O.R., 1058 no signal in W.D.)"Q"
Messages.My 2209/9. (Re new arrangements for areas for
originating authority for Q messages). Para.5.
In order to indicate to Navy Dept. exactly what
will be involved in promulgating this by Signal
request proposed A.G.M on this subject may be
signalled to B.A.D. for Cominch's information. Presume message
would be a Basegram.
(B.A.D. 0117Z/12 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C.A.W.I.).Enemy
A/S
Tactics.For information from American Aleutian operations
U.S.S/Ms report enemy A/S patrol craft working
in pairs. One stops and listens or pings other
attacks if contact established. Enemy destroyers
lie to listening. One pinged while following
up contact. After attack following sighting the destroyers
stopped to listen, regained contact and attacked pinging.
(C. in C. Pacific Fleet 0315Z/10 to C. in C.E.F.(R) A.C.N.B.
Recd. 0159/11, recirculated 15/7).EMPIRE
EXPLORER.EMPIRE EXPLORER torpedoed thrice, sunk by gunfire
from 2 submarines. Attack commenced 0052G.M.T/9.
in 1140 N. 60.55 W. 61 survivors, 3 missing believed
drowned. No details of submarines available.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 0922Q/12. to Admty.)

ARCHER.

Bermuda Departures ARCHER escorted by U.S.S.
STANSBURY for New York in accordance with my
1443/11. U.S. Submarine R.9 to patrol.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 1003P/12, to Admty (R) B.A.D. etc).
87903 - 5-11-42-322EMPIRE
KAMAL.Your 1101/30/6 not to S.O.(I) Kingston, EMPIRE
KAMAL (British) not yet arrived.
(B.R.O. Trinidad 1054/12 to R.A. West Africa (R)
C. in C.A. & W.I., Admty, S.O.(I) Kingston).Shipping
Route Signals.Admiralty 1911/28/6 para 2 and N.S.H.Q. 1821/28/6.
Route signals are no longer required by C. in C.
A. & W.I., and it is intended to instruct B.R.Os to
omit C. in C. from address of these signals as
from 15/7. Do Admiralty and N.S.H.Q. still require route signals
and Vescas in British Code from Non British Ports?
(C. in C.A.W.I. 1102P/12, to Admty, N.S.H.Q.) Reply from N.S.H.Q.
2051/13.
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PALEMBANG
(Sunk 11/7).My 2242/12 (Presume 2242/10 intended). Ship
STANVAC PALEMBANG sunk by torpedo and gunfire.
45 survivors out 50 crew and armed guard landed
Port of Spain. 5 missing believe killed.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1252Q/12 to C. in C.A.W.I.).Reports of
Sinkings.Are L/T reports required of sinkings already
promulgated by Comnav in signals not addressed
to you please?
(S.O.I. Jamaica 1303R/12, to Admty. B.A.D., C. in C.
A.W.I.) Reply 2118B/14.Slow Ships
in
Caribbean.We are doing our best to stop the allocation of
ships of less than 8½ knots to Gulf and Caribbean
ports. There will, however, for some time to come
be a certain number of slow ships in these areas,
e.g. Canadian controlled DALWARNIC, 7 knots. now at
Trinidad for Jamaica and Mobile. Also damaged tankers:- - SAN
ELISEO at Barbados, expected to be ready to sail for Key West via
Trinidad on 25/7, and BRITISH CONSUL (estimated speed 7 knots)
at Trinidad which should now be ready to proceed to Key West.
2. The only practicable means of providing protection of such
vessels appears to be for the speed of an occasional slow convoy
to be reduced to enable them to be included. At suitable
opportunity request you will discuss this problem with Navy
Dept.

(A.C.N.S.(T) 1323B/12 to B.A.D.).

Reply: B.A.D. 2259/13.

Troop
Transport from
Bermuda etc.Your 0439/1. Urgently request very early
information when alternative proposals may be
expected. I cannot stress too strongly
seriousness of present situation regarding
transportation of service and other passengers
from West Indies and Bermuda to U.K. Numbers given in my
1154/20/6 are increasing daily and with present manning situation
it must obviously be undesirable and uneconomical to keep
Army, Navy and Merchant Service personnel waiting passage
indefinitely, especially since many of them are highly trained.
(C. in C.A.W.I. 1326P/12. to D.S.T.(R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D. etc).
Suggestion from Navy Dept.(B.A.D. 2015Z/13).Convoy
A.S.4.Your 0025/3rd para.2. 1 Since one of the 3 ships had
to be transferred from B. to A. and no other ship
is available to load in time to sail with A.S.4.
portion of the cracking plant still remains to be
shipped. 2.M.S.M. estimates 2 ships of minimum speed 14 knots
can be ready to sail with more important remaining parts of plant
by about 20/7. 3. U.S. troop convoy to Ascension will probable
sail 25/7. Could British escort be provided from Ascension
onwards if U.S. agree to include ships in troop convoy?
(B.A.D.1501Z/12 to Admty.(R) C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.F., R.A.W.A.).

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U/B My 1246/9. Incident not seen battery 75s West of
sighted Bay. Fisherman interrogated by U.S. Consular Agent
4-5/7. reaffirm truth, claiming out of sight battery.
U.S. agent doubtful nationality ship but believes
balance story. Understand U.S. planes investigated
(S.O.I Jamaica 1616R/12 to Admty. B.A.D. etc).

BRASTAGI Your 1442/4. BRASTAGI, Dutch, arrived Los
(overdue). Angeles 9/7.
(N.S.H.Q. 1618Z/12 to S.O.I. Kingston).

JURKO Overdue Trinidad Yugoslav JURKO TOPIC.
TOPIC. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1722R/12 to Admty. N.S.H.Q., C. in C
A. & W.I., B.A.D. Connav).

Search for My 1512/11. ROODE ZEE and escort returned Port
Survivors. of Spain.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1732Q/12 to C. in C.A. & W.I.
(R) Admty. S.O.(I) Kingston).

U/B (C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1732/12 to Admty.).
Positions.

U/B. Sub. contacted 3 miles East from Cape Ann Whistle
buoy at 1745Z/12.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 1817Z/12 to Admty).

Sub attack and HAMPTON ROADS 1 torpedo hit 2 shells. CLAN MACQUARRIE,
Sighting 1 torpedo hit 11 shells. POLYBIUS U-88 type,
Summary. white insignia possibly eagle or horse. Surface
craft attack sound contacts 28° 38' N. 80° 15' W.
1230Z/11/5 21° 59' N, 77° 28' W. 0835Z/4/6. 08°
08' N. 55° 07' W. 1320Z/14/6. Air and surface craft attack
periscope and magnetic contact 36° 02' N. 74° 50' W. 1150Z/25/6.
Surface craft attack sub contact 39° 20' N. 74° 11' W. 1830Z/11/7.
Plane attacks sub 10° 18' N. 81° 45' W. 0925Z/12. Plane sights
sub 19° 50' N. 69° 30' W. 1200Z/11, course 300°. Sub reported
10° N. 82° W. 0330Z/11. Sub contact reported 42° 27' N. 70° 32'
W. 1745Z/11. B.A.D. and Opnav informed.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet 2046/12, to Admty for O.I.C.).

CARMEN. Report received from Ciudad Trujillo that San
(sunk 11/7). Domingo sailing vessel CARMEN sunk by submarine
near coast about 40 miles from Puerto Plata just above
Sosua at 1700/11, further details awaited.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 2115R/12 to Admty, etc).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand.

Movements. Arrivals:- Sydney - 2200Z/10 U.S.(D) HELM.
Brisbane - 0545Z/11 U.S.(D) RALPH TALBOT.
Departures:- Brisbane - 0735Z/11 U.S.(D) HENLEY
for Sydney.
(A.C.N.B. 0316Z/12 to Admtly etc).
Departures: Brisbane 2200Z/11th U.S. BAGLEY on escort duty.
Sydney: N.S.W. 2210Z/11th U.S.S. TANGIER for Melbourne.
(A.C.N.B. 1156Z/12 to Admtly, etc.).

Situation. Serial No.171 from G.H.Q.S.W. Pacific 11/7.
Port Moresby raided by 19 heavy bombers escorted
by 8 Zero Fighters 0150Z/11. Shipping in harbour
attacked. No damage or casualties. 12 Aircobras claim, 3 Bombers,
1 Zero destroyed, 3 Bombers damaged. Allied losses 2 Aircobras
missing.
(2) 6 Fortresses detailed to attack Rabaul intercepted by 5 Zeros
100 miles N. of Buna 0015Z/11. 2 Zeros destroyed, 1 probably,
2 Fortresses damaged.
(3) Enemy Bombers reconnoitered Milne Bay and Deboyne Island 11/7.
(4) 2 Hudsons bombed and strafed Porapora village (New Britain)
0650Z/11, fires started.
(5) Unconfirmed report 9/7 states enemy strength Faisi 20, also
large fuel dumps established Lofung.
(6) 2 Liberators attacked shipping Guadal Canal area without
results 0200Z/10.
(7). Air R/C 11/7 reports no activity at Saumlaki. Merchant ship
5000 tons aground and apparently damaged by fire between Boei
and Tengah Islands (Kai Group).
(A.C.N.B. 1316Z/12, to Admtly etc).

HAURAKI
captured.

Following intercepted at 1738Z/12th (Begins)
QQQQ 017° 32' S. 080° 25' E. HAURAKI ordered to
heave to. 1756. At 1750 QQQQ 017° 32' S. 080°
25' E. HAURAKI captured by Japanese 1706/12.
Boat alongside now. (Ends).
(A.C.N.B. 1951Z/12 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon, C. in C.S.A.
C. in C.E.F.).
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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1427B/12, 1435B/12)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Photographic R/C of Trondheim at 1220B today showed only LUTZOW present in Lofjord. P.R.U. of Kristiansand South at 0920 today showed that KÖLN and one destroyer have left.

P.Q.17.

The situation with regard to the ships of Convoy P.Q.17, so far as it is known today, is as follows:-

Arrived at Archangel.	4	
In Novaya Zemlya.	5	(including AZERBAIDIAN)
Known to have been sunk.	19	(in addition to ZAAFARAN, rescue ship)
Returned to Iceland.	1	
Stranded at Iceland.	1	
Unaccounted for.	5	
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The only escort vessel unaccounted for is AYRSHIRE. Two Russian patrol ships have been sent to assemble the ships in Mollera Bay (Novaya Zemlya), and DIANELLA, BRAMBLE, LEDA and HAZARD have been searching the approaches to the White Sea.

SS.SAGAING was shelled by a U-Boat at 1215 today, about 710 miles west of the Butt of Lewis.

British Air Operations.

The air requirements by both British and ^{Russian} ~~German~~ aircraft during the passage of P.Q.18 are the subject of various messages today. It is intended that 3 long range P.R.U. Spitfires shall operate from Vaenga and that Gryaznaya shall be used in emergency only.

Enemy Air Operations.

CHASSEUR 8 was sunk by aircraft attack at 1900 today in 50° 18' N. 3° 5¼' W. whilst escorting S/M RUBIS on return from patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

56 aircraft were detailed to lay mines last night from the Frisian Is. to the Elbe; 6 at St.Nazaire and 6 at Lorient; 44 aircraft laid their mines.

About 40 enemy aircraft operated in the Thames Estuary between 0045 and 0200 today. Minelaying is suspected.

About 6 E-Boats entered the Eastern Approach Channel to Portsmouth from the southward at about 0145 today and are believed to have laid mines. They were not intercepted. Portsmouth eastern entrance was closed until 1305B when it was opened to controlled traffic by day only.

Mediterranean.

Some damage was caused at Luqa and elsewhere at 0600 today when 18 JU.88 with large fighter escort attacked. There were two further attacks during the day, damage being caused at Takali during the afternoon.

There has been increased enemy air activity against the Malta aerodromes during the past week, in an attempt to neutralise the striking force. A total of 108 JU 88 and 121 Italian bomber sorties with fighter escorts were employed during daylight; 18% of JU 88 were destroyed and these have now adopted high level bombing tactics. The total number of night raiders was 60. Little damage has been caused except craters to the aerodromes. In all at least 69 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Last night, 4 Halifaxes and 59 Wellingtons bombed shipping at Tobruk. One ship was hit, causing a violent explosion followed by fire; another ship was hit or near missed and fires were caused in the dock area. Six Liberators bombed shipping at Benghazi at dusk today and claim to have hit and set on fire two ships and done other damage.

H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived at Aden at 0730Z today, escorted by 2 destroyers. 5... p.378

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America & West Indies.

The master of SS. ANGLO CANADIAN, sunk 25/6 by U-Boat in approx. 25° 12' N. 53° 31' W. reports that the Commander of the submarine gave the impression that he knew the movements of ships. The survivors of the American SS. THOMAS MCKEAN, sunk 29/6 in 23° 33' N. 60° W. told the survivors of SS. ANGLO CANADIAN that the Commander of the submarine told the American crew that their ship had ammunition in No.1 hold and indicated knowledge of their cargo. THOMAS MCKEAN sailed from Philadelphia 13/6 and New York 21/6 for Trinidad and Bandar Shapur. The total number of ships so far reported sunk by U-Boats in the Western Atlantic during June is 127 of 670,724 tons.

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Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

North Atlantic dispositions. A.M. 1012Z/11. Area Scapa. Delete KENT. (D.O.D. (H), 1118B/13 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet).

Movements.

HAMBLETON, EMMONS, MACOMB, RODMAN (Desdiv 19) My 1559/11 amended by my 1029/12. ^{1/b.330} For "Hvalfiord" read "Scapa". (C. in C. H.F., 0031B/13 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

WASHINGTON. Have received Comnavu 1347/12 which orders WASHINGTON to report to Cinclant U.S.
2. In reply to your 2003Z/9 para 4A, it was suggested in my 2321B/11 that WASHINGTON and her 4 destroyers should be retained until after P.Q.18 which sails on 18/7.
3. Have you been able to discuss this with Admiral King and has Comnavu 1347/12 taken this into account? (1st S.L., 0107B/13 to B.A.D.)
Your 0107/13. Am seeing Admiral King today. Comnavu is therefore not yet aware of any proposal to change WASHINGTON's programme.
(B.A.D., Washington, 0555Z/13 to Admty).
Your 2321/11 and my 0555/13. Admiral King refused proposal to retain WASHINGTON and destroyers. There is no likelihood of obtaining change of this decision.
(B.A.D. Washington, 1657Z/13 to Admty (R) C. in C. H.F.)
Iceland. WASHINGTON four destroyers due proceed New York. Bermuda. BROOKLYN, Task Force 37 PHILADELPHIA, TEXAS 6 destroyers due depart U.K. 18/7 escorting T.A.17. Task Force 22 RANGER, AUGUSTA, 5 destroyers eastbound in South Atlantic. (C. in C. Lant, 2032Z/13 to Admty).

URSULA Arrived URSULA.
(S.O.S/M Lerwick, 0651B/13).
My 1627/12 and my 0803/13.
(i) WHITE BEAR will now escort URSULA to Holy Loch.
(ii) Intend to sail both ships 1000B/13 by same route. E.T.A. Holy Loch 0800B/16.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 0831B/13).
My 1627/12 and 0831/13 vessels sailed.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1100B/13).

TRIDENT, MINERVE. Scapa arrival ^{*}TRIDENT. MINERVE and NOMAD III proceeded to Dundee.
(A.C.O.S., 0837/13). * *See next page*

INGLEFIELD, INTREPID. Intend sailing INGLEFIELD, INTREPID, after daylight 14th to Hvalfiord to relieve SOMALI, ASHANTI.
(R.A.D. H.F. 1115B/13)

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WHEATLAND. Request you sail 1 Hunt today to Lerwick. Object to act as A/A Guardship while S/Ms are using harbour.

(C. in C.H.F. 1124B/13 to R.A.D.)

When ready proceed to Lerwick.

2. You will be required to act as A/A Guardship while S/Ms are using the harbour.

3. Failing further instructions you are to leave Lerwick on 19/7 and return to Scapa.

(R.A.D. 1149B/13 to WHEATLAND.)

OPHELIA. Subject to trials intend sailing OPHELIA 2000B/14 to Scapa. E.T.A. 0800B/17. Speed 8 knots. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1140B/13).

P.48.

P.511.

* TRIDENT.

* See the source page.

(1) Intend sailing P.48 and P.511 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE at 1100B/15 via searched channels and Minches for Scapa. E.T.A. 2300B/16.

(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail TRIDENT so as to R/V with LA CAPRICIEUSE on arrival.

(3) Thence TRIDENT and P.48 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE proceed Lerwick. E.T.A. 1400B/17.

(Capt. S. 3rd S.F. 1359B/13).

BLUE RANGER.
DOUGLAS.

C. in C.W.A. 1412B/12 para. C. Intend to sail BLUE RANGER at 1200B/14 to R/V in 270° Oversay Light 6 miles at 2130B/14 with DOUGLAS from Londonderry, thenceforth in accordance with C. in C. W. Approaches 1231B/13. E.T.A. Hvalfjord 1800B/17.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1716B/13).

P.219.

Sailed P.219 and CUTTY SARK in accordance with S.3's 1551B/11.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1808B/13).

Operations.

Sweep.

FERNIE.

BLENCATHRA.

Sweep through position 060° W.W.11, then position 294° W.W.13, then return latitude 050° 25' N.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 0120/13 to FERNIE).

Cancel my 0120. Proceed position 45° W.W.35 miles. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0150/13 to FERNIE).

Carry out patrol of latitude 050° 25' N. between 001° and 002° W. passing N. one buoy at 2245/13 and returning to pass N one buoy by 0530/14. Book(s) to be landed in accordance with S.149/41.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1307B/13 to BLENCATHRA, FERNIE).

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Offensive
Patrols.

Weather permitting carry out the following offensive patrols tonight.

(1) One unit M.T.B's and one unit M.G.Bs. vicinity R.B.5. (2) One unit M.T.Bs and one unit M.G.Bs vicinity R.B.4. All units to be 30 miles off shore by daylight.

(C. in C. Nore 1050B/13 to BEEHIVE).

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Patrols.
- Contd.Departure M.T.Bs. 234, 233, 34, 70.
M.G.Bs. 67, 65, 64, 61.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 2000B/13).Light off
North
Foreland.At 0200/13 during operation N.U.2 a Light Buoy flashing 3 every 10 seconds suddenly appeared in approx. 51° 21' 24" N. 02° 35' 48" E. Control of light by W/T is suspected and further investigations will be made when opportunity permits.
(V.A. Dover 1647B/13 to C. in C. Nore.)P.Q.17.
TIRPITZ and
HIPPER
sighted on
5/7. S/M
reports.

Following is extract from brief reports from submarines employed during recent operations in connection with P.Q.17.

(a) At 1922/5 P.54 in 71° 40' N. 28° 19' E. sighted smoke in maximum visibility. She closed on the surface until put down by A/C at 1930. P.54 closed at full speed submerged for 25 minutes but all attempts to close to attacking range were unsuccessful. At 2013 P.54 identified tops of tower and funnel as TIRPITZ with probably HIPPER close astern. 6 Destroyers and at least 8 A/C were in company. Enemy's course and speed was estimated at 060°, 22 knots. P.54 continued to close hoping for a zig towards, but broke off the attack at 2029 when the enemy bore 130° 10 miles, disappearing along this bearing. At 2118 as soon as clear of A/C P.54 surfaced to make an enemy report but was put down by one. Half an hour later P.54 again surfaced and broadcast her report but received no acknowledgement. At 2241 P.54 was again put down and unsuccessfully bombed by an A/C. Twenty minutes later while deep, P.54 was circled by an enemy vessel though no charges were dropped. At 2350 the H.E. faded and at 0031/6 P.54 surfaced and broadcast the enemy report (T.O.O. 2029/5) which was acknowledged at 0221/6. P.54 reports that tower and funnel of TIRPITZ appeared painted dark grey or black with diagonal white stripes. The clinker screen appeared bigger than in photograph.

(b) D/F beacon reported in my 1412/17/6 appears to be on Ingoy Island (71° 05' N. 24° E).

(c) U-boats were sighted as follows:-

(1) By TRIBUNE, at 0154/5 in 73° 08' N. 23° 42' E. Conning tower only. (2) Two Southbound in company by TRIDENT at 1925/6 in 72° 03' N. 31° 28' E.

(3) Periscope only by P.45 at 2215/26 in 65° 03', 03° 27' E. P.45 unsuccessfully attacked U-boat.

(4) U.45 class by P.45 at 1005/11 in 63° 36', 02° 20' E., course 255°. P.45 unsuccessfully attacked U-boat by torpedo and gun.

(5) Possibly U.27 class by P.45 at 1542/11 in approx. 63° 25' N. 02° 05' E., course 270°.

(6) One by P.212 at 0848/11 in 63° 16', 02° 00' E., course 050°. P.212 unsuccessfully attacked U-boat.

(d) Nothing was sighted by STURGEON or MINERVE when patrolling 15 and 30 miles respectively 270° from Skomuaer (Vest Fiord) on 7 and 8/7.

(e) STURGEON patrolled within one mile of Villa 64° 33' N. 10°

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P.Q.17.
TIRPITZ and
HIPPER
sighted on
5/7. S/M
reports.
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43' E. from 2300/9 to 0400/10 sighting only patrol craft and 3 merchant vessels with escort. Approach to patrol position was made through German declared area (N to M 1275T) through positions 64° 37.3', 10° 19' 64° 36' 10° 22', and 64° 36.7' 10° 27' at 80 feet. Possible mine contacts obtained on either side of this position. Withdrawal made, North of Nylandsk (64° 41', 10° 33' E.)
STURGEON had the main channel within visual range from 2000/9 to 0630/10.
(f) Whilst in Northern patrol areas all S/Ms reported numerous sighting of enemy A/C.
(F.O.S. 2016B/13)

British Air Activity.

A/C in
AVENGER.

Admty. 1243/12. Cancel my 1151/12.
(AVENGER 0937B/13 to R.A.N.A.S.)
802 Squadron embarked.
(AVENGER 1700B/13 to Admty.)

Your 1243B/12. Under consideration to employ proportion AVENGER A/C on A/S patrol with convoy. To this end request three Swordfish A/C with adequate spares be provided and arrangements made for them to be ready to embark in AVENGER at Scapa at earliest opportunity in place of three Hurricanes now on board.
(C. in C.H.F. 1811B/13 to Admty.)

Loan of
Flying Boats
to Russia.

Your 1720/12. Question not again raised by Russians. No further action required from us.
(30 Mission 1140Z/13 to Air Ministry.)

Bomber
Command
operations.

On night 12/13, 44 A/C laid Mines.
(H.Q.B.C. 1205/13).

U.S.
Aircraft.

There has been no movement of U.S. Aircraft during the past twenty-four hours. Next fighter formation not now expected before 15/7.
(Air Ministry 1354/13 to 44 Group.)

A/C for
North
Russia.

A.C. 186 13/7. E.T.A. Lake Lakhta 1300/14.
Catalina N.210 left U.K. 1300/13.
(H.Q.C.C. 1426B/13 to Party A.)

Convoy
P.Q.18.

Principal air requirements.
(C. in C.H.F. 2203B/13 and 2226B/13).
See Shipping.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity-Contd.

Air Bases in North Russia. My A.X. 908 11/7. It is now intended that 3 long range P.R.U. Spitfires should operate from Vaenga during passage of P.Q. Convoys. This will involve establishment of small photographic section and interpreting staff. Request you obtain permission from Russian authorities for this project. Discussion with pilots recently returned from North Russia has resulted in decision to use Gryaznaya in emergency only. Amended personnel requirements are therefore now as follows. Lake Lakhta 1 Group Captain I/C 1 Flight Lieutenant Engineer, 1 Warrant Officer Signals and 21 other ranks. Vaenga 1 Intelligence Officer and 9 other ranks. Total 3 officers 1 Warrant officer and 30 other ranks. Above includes 1 Flight Lieutenant and 3 other ranks already arrived in P.Q.17 who should now be retained Archangel to join Lake Lakhta party. 2 Marconi transportable W/T stations are being provided for erection at Lake Lakhta and Vaenga respectively. These will be under W/T control of 18 group. Essential that W/T stations and Flying Boat base are in in operation before 23/7. All personnel and necessary equipment will therefore be transported by air. (Air Ministry 1825 G.M.T./13 to 30 Mission.)

Enemy Air Activity.

P.12. A.P. Vessel P.12 attacked by 2 F.W. 190 with Cannon and 1 bomb off Dartmouth Harbour Entrance (STRIJDT VOR CHRISTUS) at 2220 this evening. Three slightly wounded. attacked. Names. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0036/13).

POLABJORN sunk. Faeroese POL^{AS}BJORN attacked by Blohm and Voss engine A/C at 1750/8 with bombs and machine guns 180 miles north of Fuglo. Plane made 3 attacks dropping 1 small bomb each time, securing direct hits second and third attack. Ship sank. Crew of 8 abandoned ship in ships boat arriving at Klaksvik 0600/12. Total casualties 2 slightly injured. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1101B/13).

Mining.

Dover. Mine swept yesterday in Q.Z.X. 750. No. 66. Blue or possibly acoustic. Position. (V.A. Dover 0042B/13).

Peterhead Minefield. Intend sailing MINER ~~4~~ 0800/14 by inshore route to Peterhead to complete laying observation minefield. (Capt., Port Edgar 0943/13).

/Portsmouth....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining-Contd.

Portsmouth. About 6 E-boats entered Eastern Approach channel from southward at about 0145/13 and are believed to have laid mines between 'F' and 'E.A.4' buoys. Whilst doing so, they split into two groups and then retired in a general S.S. Wly. direction. FERNIE and BLENCATHRA were carrying out an offensive sweep north of Cherbourg and were diverted to intercept returning enemy force. Accurate plots were obtained of E-boats but contact was not made owing to superior speed of enemy. It is also possible that presence of destroyers was revealed to enemy by aircraft flares. Latter point is being investigated.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1157B/13). *10.35g*
My 0346B/13 and 1126B/13.

Port of Portsmouth Eastern entrance Q.Z.S. 111 and 169 open to controlled traffic by day only. All traffic will be swept at arranged times.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1305B/13).

Off Bloody
Foreland.

Norwegian HJALMAR WESSEL reports observing drifting mine at 0415/12 G.M.T. in 55° 33' N. 8° 40' W. and at 0915/12 G.M.T. in 55° 29' N. 7° 20' W.

(A.B.O. Belfast 0940/13 to F.O.I.C. Belfast).

Beachy
Head.

Detonated red magnetic mine in 095° Beachy Head Light 7.5 miles. Details.

(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1238/13, and 2147/13).

Thames
Estuary.

On night 12/13 there are records of some forty enemy aircraft operating between 0045 and 0200 over all Swept channels between North Foreland and Harwich. No mines were seen to fall but

noise of falling objects was heard between B.4. and B.5. Buoys and also to the northward of Warden Point.

At 0058 an explosion similar to that of a premature mine was seen in 50° 37' 48" N. 1° 14' 12" E. Minelaying is suspected.

(S.O. T.L.D.F. 1811/13).

Enemy Intelligence.

E-boats.

6 E-boats 090° St. Catherines Point 18. (Portsmouth Port Wave 0151B/13).

Number of groups of E-boats operating appears to be 2.

(Portsmouth 0220B/13).

My 0220B/13. Position 1, 104° St. Catherines Point 15. Position 2, 100° St. Catherines Point 22.

(Portsmouth 0221B/13).

KÖLN.

P.R.U. Kristiansand South at 0920/13 shows KÖLN and one destroyer departed.

(D.D.I.C. 1524B/13).

/Attacks.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.-Contd.

Attacks by Soviet S/Ms in Baltic. On good authority U-boat attacks in Baltic.
 (A) All vessels attacked in Swedish waters were southbound except MARGARETA.
 (B) My 1159/12 para. (B) There is insufficient evidence to presume U-boat was damaged by Swedish Navy.
 (C) It is most unlikely there is any truth in Soviet claim to have sunk 5 German transports. Almost certainly OTTO CORDS is only German vessel sunk to date. Graded A.2.
 (N.A. Stockholm 1551/13 to D.N.I.)
 N.I.D. Comment. Reports indicate that one German and three Swedish Vessels have been sunk. One attack on a Swedish Vessel failed.

Trondheim. R/C by photograph of Trondheim shows only LÜTZOW present in Lofjord at 1220B/13.
 LÜTZOW. (D.D.I.C. 1853B/13).

U-boats.

U-boats reported. Am over enemy S/M in 46° 42' N. 4° 55' W. S/M was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 090°, speed 12 knots.
 (A/C N.5ZH 0100/13).
 Am investigating suspicious object as wake or swirl. My position 64° 18' N. 22° 28' W.
 (A/C 1 BB.W. 1615/13).
 1 unknown bearing 090° distant 3 miles, course 157.
 (A/C 1 B.B.W. 1645/13 to No. 1 School of Technical Training.)

Casualties and Defects.

RUNSWICK. My 0950/13. S. of A. 6 knots.
 (N.O.I.C. Peterhead 1050/13). *See next page*

KONGSHAVN. At 0415/12 by Runnelstone Buoy Lands End, SS. EDERN. KONGSHAVN Norwegian and SS. EDERN in collision. Both ships damaged. No casualties.
 (N.C.S.O. Plymouth 1207B/13).

BRIGHTON. My 1624/7/6 and 1223/8/7. ^{/N.T. m. W. 3} Boiler room fan and new separators for BRIGHTON will be available 28/7. Request whether ship can be made available at Glasgow on or soon after that date.
 (N.O.I.C. Glasgow 1325B/13 to R.A.M.)

AVON VALE. A.M. 1448B/28/6. Further defects having developed do not anticipate being able to sail AVON VALE before p.m. 28th. This will not allow any time for working up.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 2120B/13).

/BRUNSWICK.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects-Contd.

BRUNSWICK. Sailed SS. BRUNSWICK in tow of tugs ATTENTIF (S.O.) and EMPIRE HENCHMAN escorted by H.M.T. LOCH BLAIR by standard route to Middlesbrough. E.T.A. a.m. 15th.
(N.O.I.C. Peterhead 2205/13). *In previous page 2/20 12/7-12.335.*

EMPIRE BASCOBEL. Tug EMPIRE BASCOBEL arrived with engine trouble.
(N.O.I.C. Peterhead 2225B/13).

Shipping and Convoys.

Q.P.13. Following is brief account of events leading up to mining of five ships in Reykjavik portion of Q.P.13 as far as is at present known. Full report not yet received.

Convoy was split at 1400/4 in 6800 N. 1201 W. to enable 16 Vessels bound for U.K. to proceed east of Iceland (C).

3. Reykjavik portion consisting of 19 ships escorted by NIGER (S.O.) and four other escorts were routed through positions:-
66° 40' N. 18° 50' W. 66° 32' N. 22° 48' W. - Within three miles of Straumness Light- 66° 24' N. 23° 26' W. thence to destination.

4. Weather had been thick through out the passage from Russia and no sights had been obtained.

5. At 1710Z/5 July NIGER signalled Acting Commodore (Captain Hiss, Master of U.S. AMERICAN ROBIN) asking if he intended to form convoy in 2 columns before passing between Straumness and the minefield. Acting Commodore was not aware of existence of minefield since this information is only given to H.M. Ships. Commodore acted on S.O. Escorts' suggestion.

6. At 2000/5 when convoy was on course 222° NIGER sighted what was believed to be North Cape bearing 150° 1 mile and instructed Commodore to alter course to 270°.

7. At 2045 NIGER informed Commodore that what was believed to be land was an Iceberg and suggested resuming course 222°.

8. At 2105 whilst convoy was altering back to 222° third ship in line was mined in approx. 66° 34' N. 23° 14' W. Subsequently NIGER and 4 other ships were mined. Of these RODINA (Russian) HEFFRON (U.S.), HYBERT (U.S.), JOHN RANDOLPH (U.S.), and MASSMAR (U.S.) sank. EXTERMINATOR (Pan) was damaged but reached harbour. Forward portion of JOHN RANDOLPH from 15 feet abaft Number 2 hold towed to Onunda Fiord and beached.

9. Further information will be signalled on receipt of written report from A.C.I.C.

10. It appears that primary cause of accident was uncertainty of position and sighting of Iceberg which in low visibility prevailing gave illusion of land and caused NIGER TO alter course of convoy to 270°, thus leading ships into danger.

11. It appears that Captain Hiss handled convoy in able and seamanlike manner throughout in difficult circumstances.
(A.C.N.S.T. 0110B/13 to B.A.D. Washington.)

/My.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - Contd. -

Q.P.13 My 0110B/13. Chief of Staff to A.C.I.C. now in
- Contd. London reports that a joint investigation was
carried out by A.C.I.C. and Admiral Beary assisted
by their respective Chiefs of Staff and C.Os. of
all ships and escorts and a full report has been prepared.
Not considered that Board of Enquiry would produce any further
information especially as C.O. NIGER who was S.O. Escort is
unfortunately missing.
2. We are actively considering steps which can be taken to
prevent a recurrence of such events. Route northabout may have
to be abandoned during foggy season.
(A.C.N.S. T. 1401B/13 to B.A.D. Washington).

P.Q.17. 49 survivors of PETER KERR arrived Kola Inlet
PETER KERR in two boats 13th July. Master and 8 Officers
survivors. included none missing. Master confirms attack
on EARLSTON and EMPIRE BYRON.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0317B/13).

In view of large numbers of survivors here request
instructions as to whether Rescue ships should be used for
passengers of Q.P.14 or kept solely for Rescue work.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0745/13 to Admty.)

Form O from J/240. Contacted CHILTERN position 74°
04' N. 38° 57' E. Nil result of search by trawler or aircraft.
Area searched 72° 00' N., 74° 04' N. 36° 45' E. 42° 46' E.
90% efficient. Visibility 15/20 miles, wind 7/080, cloud
nil South of 72° 30' N. 10/10 at 500 (?limit) N. No fog at
sea level.

Admiralty, pass to Air Ministry - H.Q.C.C.
(Harpham, Murmansk 0845B/13 to Party A.)

Your 0230/13. P.Q.17. From a.m. 2nd July convoy was
continuously shadowed by Blohm and Voss A/C. 1625Z/3rd faint-
hearted attack by 6 (?Heinkel) torpedo-bombers. No casualties.
0240Z/4th CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT torpedoed by A/C. 1830Z/4th
determined attack by 24 Heinkel 177 torpedo-bombers. NAVARINO
and WILLIAM HOOPER abandoned and sunk by gunfire. AZERBAIDJAN
torpedoed and abandoned. Crew went back and ship rejoined
convoy. 4 enemy A/C destroyed during this attack.
2030Z/4, convoy ordered to scatter in 076° N. 027° 14' E.
It is difficult to say what took place after this as the
convoy (?disintegrated) into single ships or small groups, (?
but) it is clear that U-boats were in a position to deal with
such an eventuality (?and) were supported by A/C which took a
heavy toll of unescorted ships. DIANELLA escorted the 2
British S/Ms to their patrol areas and (?proceeded) to
Archangel without incident.

Other ships steamed to the Eastward and eventually OCEAN
FREEDOM, HOOSIER, BENJAMIN HARRISON, EL CAPITAN, SAMUEL CHASE,
(?with) PALOMARES, POZARICA, LOTUS, POPPY, LA MALOUINE,
BRITOMART, HALCYON, SALAMANDER and ZAMALEK collected together
and anchored at Western end of Matochkin Strait at 2130Z/6th
being joined later by trawlers LORD MIDDLETON, LORD AUSTIN and
NORTHERN GEM. Last communication from AYRSHIRE was that she
was proceeding towards Edge Island with one merchant ship a.m.
5th July.

At 1700Z/7 ships weighed and proceeded in convoy towards Archangel
BENJAMIN HARRISON lost touch in fog shortly after and at 1400Z/8
(?convoy) encountered heavy ice and turned to Northward to get

/clear.....

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - conts:-

P.Q.17. clear. At 2340/8 clear water was reached and fog lifted revealing EL CAPITAN, HOOSIER, POPPY, LOTUS, PETER KERR survivors. LA MALOUINE, LORD AUSTIN, ZAMALEK, and the 2 A/A - Contd. ships in company in approx 072° 34' N. 049° 38' E. Convoy steered 270° along ice edge in maximum visibility. Meantime survivors from J.WITHERSPOON

and (?PAN AMERICAN) were found at interval and picked up. 3 U-boats were reported to the Westward by (PAN AMERICAN) crew and at 1845Z/9 (?seen) shadowing convoy.

From 2200Z/9 until 0200Z/10 convoy was continuously bombed by about 40 Junkers 88 resulting in loss of HOOSIER and EL CAPITAN. 4 A/C were shot down. Remainder of escort with SAMUEL CHASE and OCEAN FREEDOM were following some 20 miles astern and were subjected to a heavy bombing attack off Iokanka but reached port Ismid safely. RATHLIN and BELLINGHAM proceeding in company were attacked in 070° 28' N. 043° 53' E. by 4-engined Fockewulf which RATHLIN shot down.

19 ships are known to have been sunk beside ZAAFARAN and 4 in addition to AZERBAIDJAN are in Western Novaya Zemlya harbours. 4 (?only) arrived Archangel and 5 are still unaccounted for. It is possible some ships are attempting to return to Iceland (C) Russian patrol ships MURMAN and Number 38 have been sent to assemble these ships in Moller Bay and DIANELLA has also been searching. BRAMBLE, LEDA, and HAZARD have been searching approaches to White Sea. It is proposed to detach minesweepers after leaving Q.P.14 to escort Novaya Zemlya ships to Archangel. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1237B/13 to Admty.)

38 survivors from SS. BOLTON CASTLE have arrived at Polyarnoe.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1414B/13).

C.O.S. White Sea after telling me you had agreed with C.O.S. Northern Fleet not to sail RATHLIN and two Sweepers from here, proposed that HALCYON and SALAMANDER should sail P.M. tomorrow to Moller Bay, South of Kolguev Island, where there is clear water all the way to Novaya Zemlya. Naval Captain Ice Expert will sail in HALCYON. Ships will provide A/S and A/A cover for M/Vs in Moller Bay and meanwhile MURMAN and patrol Vessel 38 will collect ships from Matochkin and other Bays and assemble them in Moller Bay. Four other sweepers after escorting Q.P.14 out of White Sea will R/V with 2 Russian Destroyers S. of Kolguev and will proceed towards Novaya Zemlya and escort convoy to Archangel. Request your approval, observing that this plan will not interfere with escorts of Q.P.14.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1651B/13 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

C.E.105. My 0033B/13 and my 0346B/13. Intend to sail all ships of C.E. 105 suitable for this route by inshore route through Looe to join ships from Sussex Ports at Newhaven. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0423B/13).

LADY OF MANN. Your 1257/12.
AMSTERDAM. OAKLEY will provide escort arriving Invergordon p.m. 13th.
PRAGUE. (A.C.O.S. 1019/13 to N.O.I.C. Invergordon.)

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- W.S.21P. Admiralty 1751/28/6, 0043/8, 2019/11, 2253/12.
(1) (A) Ocean Escort ORION from Clyde.
(B) A/S escort BUXTON, TJERK HIDDERS from Liverpool
GEORGETOWN, NEPAL from Clyde.
(C. in C.W.A. 1036B/13 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool,
F.O.I.C. Greenock).
- P.Q.18. Proceed to pass ^{? Swift} SWIFT 2230B today to Hvalfjord.
Route.
(2) You will be required to provide additional
escort for P.Q.18 to North Russia sailing from
Hvalfjord 18/7.
(R.A.D.H.F. 1051B/13 to SHARPSHOOTER).
- P.Q.18. C. in C.H.F. 1447/13.
(1) ALYNBANK cannot now leave Belfast before 1500B/17 and her
speed of 10 knots is insufficient for ULSTER QUEEN's Convoy.
(2) N.O.I.C. Londonderry is requested:
(a) To detail 2 Corvettes of escort to R/V ALYNBANK as arranged
by N.O.I.C. Belfast and escort to Seidis Fjord.
(b) To sail remainder of escort to arrive Seidis Fjord 19/7.
(3) Should ALYNBANK be delayed so that she has to join convoy
without calling at Seidis Fjord corvette will need fuel on
passage.
(4) C. in C.H.F. is requested to signal in due course R/V for
ULSTER QUEEN whose cruising speed is 14 knots.
(C. in C.W.A. 2057B/13).
- Q.P.13U. Your 1309B/11. MOUNT EVANS, EMPIRE SELWYN,
PIETER DE HOOGH, AREESK, ILMEN, BUDENNI,
ATLANTIC, EMPIRE BAFFIN, ST. CLEARS, ALMA ATA,
EMPIRE MAVIS, EMPIRE METEOR, KOMILES, PETROVSKY,
CHUMLEIGH.
Reported arrived Seidis Fjord (Iceland) EMPIRE
STEVENSON.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1116B/13 to S.B.N.O. North
Russia.)
- Q.P.14. S.B.N.O. North Russia's 2104/12 indicates no
corvettes will be available for Q.P.14 as two
will be employed searching for ships of P.Q.17
and remainder will have had insufficient rest.
(ii) Sailing of convoy may also be delayed by need for
replenishment of ammunition in Merchant Ships and escorts, and
possibly by coaling of trawlers.
(iii) Any delay beyond 19/7 may result in P.Q.18 and Q.P.14
crossing east of Bear Island, and this is not acceptable.
(iv) Assuming that P.Q.18 cannot be delayed, propose that
Q.P.14 is postponed until sailing of P.Q.19.
(v) Postponement will have the advantages
(a) The enemy will not receive the usual indication of the P.Q.
sailing as a result of sighting the Q.P.
(b) The destroyer situation will be eased, if U.S. destroyers
now in Hvalfjord have to be withdrawn.
(C. in C.H.F. 1146B/13 to Admty.)

/F.S.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

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F.S. and Forecast of convoy sailings.
F.N. Timetable as in my 1521B/9/4 as amended by
Convoys. my 1745/5.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1201B/13).

Murmansk. Great difficulty is being experienced in
Ship repair organization of repair work at Rosta Murmansk
organisation. R/V on Merchant shipping. SS. HARMATRIS, OCEAN
VOICE, and TOBRUK are concerned.
Making due allowance for air attacks and bomb
damage, work is intermittent and badly organized.
Could you mention our deep concern at long delays
when ships are so valuable and scarce.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1234B/13 to Ad. Miles).

Torpedo As the enemy is now attacking shipping with
A/C attack. E-boats and low Flying Fighter A/C as well as
Precautions. Bombers, it is probable that attacks by
torpedo aircraft will also take place in the near
future as this is about the only form of attack
they have not tried on as yet.
2. N.C.S.Os. are to warn all Masters of the danger of Torpedo
Aircraft attack. Senior Officers of Escorts Groups are to
ensure that their groups are ready for all forms of attack.
3. Attention is called to D.C.Is. 27 and 49.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1325B/13).

O.N.(?111) O.N. (?111) B.Q. alter forthwith to (M) omitting
(L).
(C. in C. W.A. 1437Z/13 to C.T.U. 24.1.4)

LEINSTER. Sailed my 1401B/12 at 1410B/13. E.T.A. 0200B/16.
SIBONEY. (A.C.I.C. 1440B/13).

T.A.17. A.M. 2025/12. Proposed route. R/V in 270° Oversay
6 miles at 0400Z/19 thence through positions:-
E. 55.35 10.25, F. 55.25 17.00, G. 54.30 26.32,
H. 52.27 34.55, J. 48.58 43.45, K. 44.25 50.35,
L. 41.50 61.52, thence to New York.
(D.O.D.H. 1608Z/13 to Cominch).

Convoy T.A.17. A.M. 2025/12 - para. 1. Delete U.S. merchant
ship LIGHTNING. This ship sailed with O.N.111.
(D.O.D.(H) 1710B/13).

AMARAPOORA. Scapa departure Hospital ship AMARAPOORA.
E.T.A. Liverpool p.m./15.
(A.C.O.S. 1623/13).

S.C.89. Average speed 6.71 knots. Weather good on whole.
EL COSTON left convoy 0130Z/27. All ships
now reported.
(D.T.D. 1653B/13 to Connav.)

/M.Vs.....

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M.Vs fitted with A.N.D. gear A.M. 1146/6/6, para. 2 add. BRITISH MERIT, EMPIRE GUIDON, EMPIRE ISEULT, AVRISTAN, OCEAN MIGHT, OCEAN VICTORY, OCEAN VIRTUE, OCEAN FAME.
(D.T.D. 1932B/13).

P.Q. convoys. The principal additional air requirements for next P.Q. convoy are as follows.

2. A/S patrol in vicinity of convoy. It is appreciated that this may not be possible throughout but even periodical reconnaissance would make U-boat reconnaissance and attack much more difficult.

3. Reconnaissance of the fiords and their approaches, between Narvik and Banak. It appears that this can best be provided by Mosquitoes working from Murmansk. It should be sufficiently frequent to give reasonable assurance, subject to conditions of visibility, of enemy movements being reported.

4. Depending upon reliability of (3), prereconnaissance of southward of our submarine patrol lines, to provide information for our submarines. Once enemy surface forces have been sighted it is essential they should be shadowed persistently.

5. Normal P.R.U. of Trondhjem daily.

6. The Russians must be persuaded to

(a) Attack the enemy surface forces with torpedo bombers at the first opportunity. The known presence of these aircraft will have a strong deterrent effect on enemy forces operating within their range.

(b) Reinforce long range fighter and A/S patrols as far out as possible in approaches to their harbours.

(c) Increase their bombing effort on enemy aerodromes.

(C. in C.H.F. 2203B/13 to Admty.)

My 2203B/13, para. (2). Estimate that in order to give cover for 12 hours in each 24, or for 3 periods of 4 hours, the minimum requirements are:-

(a) Akureyri. 3 Catalina (2 with long range tanks).

(b) Reykjavik. 4 Liberators.

(c) Archangel or Murmansk. 6 Catalinas (1 with long range tanks).

2. Requirements are based on the assumption that A/S cover will be provided by A/C already in Iceland as far as Jan Mayen.

3. Para. (c). Estimate that, in order to carry out 3 full flights on each day for about 6 days, 8 A/C (long range Spitfires or Mosquitoes) would be required.

4. Alternative methods are:-

(a) To operate long range Mosquitoes from Sumburgh to area and back.

(b) To operate shuttle service long range Spitfires or Mosquitoes from Sumburgh to North Russia and back.

5. Both methods would require more A/C than estimated in para. (3) and would be more liable to weather interference. On the other hand they should not be so dependent on facilities for service and (?repairs) available at North Russia.

(C. in C.H.F. 2226B/13 to Admty.)

O.N.S.112.

Request you sail H.M. Canadian ship BATTLEFORD when completed on 14th to overtake O.N.S.112.
(C.T.U. 24.7 2330B/13 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

→ ROYAL
ULSTERMAN

To avoid reported U-Boat alter course forthwith to pass through 027° 00' N. 020° 30' W. to new position C 032° 00' N. 021° 00' W. thence to Ponta Delgada. 2. Onward route as in R.A. W. Africa's 1113/8.
(D.O.D.(F) 0031B/13, to ROYAL ULSTERMAN (R) F.O.C.N.A., C.in C. W.A., R.A., W.A.).
Comply with Admty 0031/13.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0217B/13, to ROYAL ULSTERMAN (R) Admty C.in C. W.A., R.A. West Africa).

U/B
O.S. 33

At 0744 G.M.T. German U-Boat made a further sighting report bearing 252° approx. from Gibraltar) (F.O.C.N.A., 1012B/13, to Escorts of O.S. 33 (R) Admty, JONQUIL, R.A. West Africa). *also p. 373*

LE TRAIT

Departure from Viana 1602B/12 LE TRAIT, French, for Lisbon.
(Oporto, 1047B/13, to M.W.T.).

Damaged U/B
Santander
(LUIGI TORELLI)

Santander telephones S/M will leave dry dock this forenoon.
(N.A. Madrid, 1213/13, to Admty).

LEOPARD
P. Delgada.

To avoid difficulties arising over recognition of Free French by Portugal, white ensign should be worn when calling at Ponta Delgada and ship represented as H.M.S. LEOPARD. B.N.L.O., should be represented as C.O. for period of visit.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1214B/13, to F.S. LEOPARD, (R) Admty B.N.A. Lisbon, N.C.S.O., San Miguel (Ponta Delgada)).

DIOMEDE.

E.T.A. 0945B/14.
(DIOMEDE, 1301Z/13, to F.O.C.N.A.).

Situation
1958B/13.

(i) S.L. 115 27.23 24.41 through 29.00 26.00 thence 354°, 7½, S.O. LONDONDERRY.
(ii) ROYAL ULSTERMAN 27.55 20.34 through 32.00 21.00 thence 322°, 12.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1304B/13, Situation Report for Area Y of N.A. Station i.e. that area bounded by 20° W. and 30° W. and 43° N. and 27° N.).

/WILD SWAN ...

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- WILD SWAN
Spanish
Trawlers. Ref: loss of WILD SWAN and Spanish Trawlers 17/6. Can I inform Minister of Marine Spanish survivors will be repatriated and that Spanish Embassy knows about them ? Minister informs me Spanish vessels are forbidden to fish on Grand Sol Bank where presumably action took place but they go there just the same. This does not mean any action will be taken against survivors on repatriation.
(N.A. Madrid, 1529/13, to D.N.I.).
- Gunfire. Firing reported off Sines about 1000B/12. B.2. (2) British ship sighted A/C and reports gunfire but was not attacked.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1609B/13, to S.O. (I) Gib.(R) Admty).
- CORTONA
(sunk
11/7). Portuguese N.O.I.C. Azores informs me British ship CORTONA sunk in 032° 57' N. 024° 32' W. night 11th. This is outside range search of his aircraft. If news is (?received) of boats, destroyers will be sent.
(N.C.S.O., Ponta Delgada, 1737/13, to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty).
- AFRICA
OCIDENTAL. Your 1645/12. Mail was removed from AFRICA OCIDENTAL and was reported in my 1000/11. Ship was on Voyage from Lisbon to Cape Verde and Bissau. Only mail for latter port removed as no undertaking given to call Bathurst vide your 0321/15/12/40 para. 5. My 1836/6 referred to mail removed on inward voyage.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1803B/13, to Admty).
- French
Shipping. Gibraltar 0910 (or 0710). Armed trawler L'AJACCIENNE, ships AGEN, BONIFACIO, both light, latter dock cargo Carboys and agricultural machinery, FORT DE DOUAUMONT laden dock cargo sectional stool work, SURVILLE laden dock cargo Harbour Launch, westbound.
(S.O.I., Gibraltar, 1803B/13, to Admiralty R.A. W.A.F. S.O.I. Kingston).
- German
A/C. German Aircraft seen off Sagres 0735, off Cape Roca 0837, and off Peniche 0855/11 flying North. (2) German Aircraft seen off Cape Roca 0900 and off Leixoes 1020/12 flying north. (3) German aircraft seen off Sagres 0930, off Cape Roca 1020, and off Peniche 1050/12 flying north.
All times G.M.T.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1909B/13, to S.O.I. Gib., (R)Admty).

/LORD HOTHAM ...

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LORD
HOTHAM
U/B.

Received 1731 G.M.T. German U-Boat made a first sighting report bearing 302° from Gibraltar. This report may possibly refer to you. (F.O.C.N.A., 2052B/13, to LORD HOTHAM (R) Admty).

CABO
VILLANO,
overdue.

Your 1337/12. Admiralty have no information. (M. Branch, 2130B/13, to N.A. Madrid).

Operation
"Pinpoint".

Sailing ST. DAY escorted by HAARLEM to vicinity Cape de Gata. (F.O.C.N.A., 2214B/13, to Admty (R) EAGLE).

CONTRAMAESTRE
CASADO
Spanish Naval
Transport.

Left Teneriffe 0800/11 for Ceuta. Consul Teneriffe reports her carrying 85 bales of skins destined for Italy.
2. If boarded and skins prove to be on board ship should be sent in to Gibraltar. After landing bales release ship reporting facts to Admty (R) Ambassador, Madrid, but if bales heavily overstowed detain ship and report immediately, (R) Madrid.
3. If this naval transport should refuse to go to Gibraltar she must be allowed to proceed on her voyage and matter will be dealt with through diplomatic channels.
(D.E.W.D., 2237B/13, to F.O.C.N.A., (R) C.C.S.O., Gib.).

Was intercepted 1400/19, refused to stop. (FOCNA, 1148/20)

South Atlantic

U/Bs.

Bearings of an enemy sighting report at 0745/13 G.M.T. indicate that one or more U-Boat are still in contact with O.S.33 or possibly S.L.115. (D.D.I.C. 1022B/13, to Escort O.S. 33, S.L. 115, (R) JONQUIL R.A.W.A., F.O.C.N.A., C.in C. W.A.). D/F bearings at 1723Z/13 indicate U-Boat still shadowing Convoy O.S. 33 or Convoy S.L. 115. (D.D.I.C., 2001B/13, to same as 1022B). *See 13.371*

Escort for
U.S. Troops.

Your 1351/10. CARNARVON CASTLE will be available. (C.in C. S.A., 1037B/13, to R.A. West Africa (R) B.A.D. Admty).
Cancelled, see 1433B/14.

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S.L. 116. Intend to sail S.L. 116 a.m./15.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1047Z/13, to Admty).

Overdue shipping. My 1205/9. Cancel PANTELIS, ship returned Aden 5/7 and REEDPOOL, ship arrived Kilindini 8/7.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1110B/13, to Admty etc.)

DALLINGTON COURT, torpedo. Torpedo fired at DALLINGTON COURT travelled parallel with ship for 200 feet jumped out of water to 50 feet and exploded about 30 feet from ship's side caused terrifying concussion with shrapnel bursting in all directions. Length about 15 feet, painted black with red war head.
(2) Ship was apparently undamaged by explosion.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1525B/13, to Admty, C.in C. S.A., C.in C. E.F.).

STENBY STENBY due Capetown 5/7 from Thevenard not arrived.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1535B/13, to Admty, etc.).

COWSLIP CROCUS ASTURIAS LARGS. (1) Sail COWSLIP and CROCUS for Port of Spain Trinidad routed through position
X. 011° 00' N. 020° 36' W.
B. 011° 00' N. 045° 00' W. E.T.A. P.M./24.
(2) After fuelling at Port of Spain ships will proceed to St. Thomas to escort floating dock to Freetown.
(3) Sail ASTURIAS and LARGS for patrol in vicinity Equator 25° W. thence to position B.
D. (2005°) 00' N. 030° 00' W. at 1200Z/20, 34.
(4) From position (d) ASTURIAS and LARGS proceed to St. Thomas for same escort duty through position
E. 018° 50' N. 063° 10' W.
F. 018° 43' N. 063° 33' W.
G. 018° 09' N. 064° 30' W. E.T.A. St. Thomas 27/7.
(5) Ships keep W/T watch as follows -
(6) Request you inform U.S. Authorities concerned.
(R.A.W.A., 1700Z/13, to B.A.D.(R) C.in C. A.W.I. Admty, F.O.I.C. Trinidad ASTURIAS, CROCUS, S.O. Force "F", LARGS, COWSLIP).

QUEEN MARY. Ref: my 1414Z/12. Ship sailed 1630Z.
(B.R.O., Rio de Janeiro, 1709Z/13, to Admty etc.).

Routeing of ships. 1150/12. It is intended to insert the general diversion scheme in M.A.R.I., in accordance with proposal in your 2214/27/6, and it is considered that the instructions in your para. (1) and (2) should be included in order that all N.C.S.O's may be in a position to give Masters full instructions. Have you any specific objection?
(D.T.D. 1754B/13 to C.in C. S.A., (R) R.A.W.A.).
Agreed (C.in C., S.A., 1658Z/14).

/Ascension ...

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Ascension. U.S. Troops. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2201/13)
See America and West Indies.

Japanese Unit. At 2024Z/13 on 5450 k/cs bearing of Japanese Unit E.K.I, Simonstown 072B, Milverton 074, Bulawayo 098B, Durban 065C, Port Elizabeth 070A. (C.in C. S.A, 2317B/13, to Admty (R) C.O.S. Colombo, C.O.S. Kilindini). Unreliable bearing at 2024Z/13 on (?54) 50 k/cs, fixed Japanese unit E.K.I. in position 51° E. 21° S. (C.in C. S.A., 2321B/13, to C.O.I.C. Kilindini (R) C.in C. E.F. F.O. Ceylon).

Mediterranean

D'IBERVILLE. French sloop D'IBERVILLE and S/M^{LE} GLORIEUX have arrived at Toulon from Madagascar, according to LE GLORIEUX. the Vichy News Agency. (The Times). 14/7/42).
See p. 413.

TALMA G.H.Q. M.E. requests shipping Suez Basra for one troop transport. labour battalion strength 1370. TALMA is only vessel available in near future and propose allocating her ex Suez about 20/7 subject to your concurrence. F.O.I.C. Ceylon requested advice if escort will be available. (P.S.T.O., Egypt, 1030C/13, to P.S.T.O. India, (R) F.O. Ceylon, etc.).

P. 42. F.O.C. N.A. 0910/12. If unable to comply with my 1702/11 arrive E 0200B/20. No E.T.A. signal required. (V.A. Malta, 1056B/13, to P. 42 (R) F.O.C.N.A., P. 44, PARTHIAN).

Cositrep No. 448. Night 11/12. (4) Beaufighters attacked 2 small convoys schooners and barges between Sidi Barrani and Matruh. 1 schooner holed below waterline. Barge hit and A.A. gun crew killed. (5) A Swordfish bombed a 3000 ton M/V off Matruh, 1 hit causing it to stop, Vessel subsequently sunk by gunfire from H.M. Ships. (9) Ref: Cositrep 446 para 9. Photographs reveal ship sunk Matruh Harbour by Baltimore attack on 11/7. (C.in C. M.E., 1640/13).

/HEEMSKERCK ...

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HEEMSKERCK. E.T.A. 0400Z/18 route B final M.L.A. 233° 186 miles 19 knots. N.O.I.C. Aden pass to Authority concerned.
(?HEEMSKERCK 1710Z/13 to N.O.I.C. Aden).

*See next page -
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Malta Air Report. I.457 13/7 CSR Malta. 12th Alert 1312 hours. 15 plus ME 109s Macchi 202s 12 JU 88s, Takali dispersal hut destroyed, 5 Spitfires slight damage, another Spitfire one lorry 2 pens damaged. Craters dispersals aerodrome. Elsewhere 2 civilians wounded. AFJ centre and buildings destroyed. 1 Macchi 202 destroyed, 2 Macchi 202s one ME.109. damaged by 22 Spitfires. Night 12/13, no alerts. 12th 3 alerts, 0403, 2 ME 109s, coast not crossed, 4 Spitfires up, no interception. 0600, 18 JU 88s and large fighter escort, 9 forced to jettison bombs in Sea. Luqa, one night Beaufighter damaged, craters runway dispersals. Elsewhere 3 soliders killed, 4 soldiers 2 civilians wounded, slight damage ammunition stores. 2 JU 88s, 1 ME 109, 1 Macchi 202 and 1 RE 2001 destroyed, 1 Macchi 202 probably destroyed, 4 JU 88s 2 RE 2001s damaged by 31 Spitfires, 1 Spitfire shot down sea, pilot rescued wounded, 3 Spitfires damaged in combat, pilots, unhurt. 0925, 12 plus fighters, 7 JU 88s. Luqa 1 airman killed, 2 wounded, 1 seriously, 1 Hurricane 1 Beaufort destroyed. 2 Beauforts 1 Wellington 8 slight damage, buildings damaged, elsewhere 2 civilians wounded. 1 JU 88 probably destroyed 1 JU 88 damaged by 13 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire damaged in combat, pilot unhurt. (H.Q.R.A.F. Malta 1822/13.)

Enemy Intelligence, (Operation "Pinpoint") Photographs a.m./13 Palermo, 1 destroyer, 4 E-Boats. Trapani, 3 submarines, 2 torpedo-boats, 1 destroyer, 3 M.A.S. Lampedusa, 4 F-Boats. Zea, Inner harbour, 1 Littoridò in dock, 10 destroyers, 9 submarines and MIRAGLIA. Outer harbour, 1 Littoridò and 3 "Cavours" one of which is being moved by tug. Messina. 2 (?8) inch cruisers joined by destroyer. Cagliari later. F.O.C.N.A. pass to ships concerned.

(V.A. Malta 1840B/13 to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty, F.O.C.N.A. S.O. (I) Med.).
Photographs p.m./13. Cagliari, 1 destroyer, 6 submarines, 8 merchant ships over 2,000 tons 5 under. St Elmas. 16 torpedo bomber planes, 17 Cant 506, and 8 Cant 501 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2) C. in C.Med. pass to S.O. (I) Med. (3) F.O.C.N.A. pass to EAGLE and WELSHMAN. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 2212B/13 to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. F.O.C.N.A., S.O. (I) Med. EAGLE, WELSHMAN).

Demolitions Abadan, Policy. Following for Minister of State from Deputy Prime Minister, on behalf of Defence Committee.
1. Responsibility for demolitions set out in your CC/72 of 26/6 is delegated to Middle East Defence Committee.
2. Middle East Defence Committee must not delegate this responsibility.
3. We attach greatest possible importance to our continued use of Abadan and consider premature destruction must be avoided at all costs.
4. As we see it, petroleum output from Abadan can only become available to enemy by -

/(a).....

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- Demolitions, (a). Military advance through Persia and Iraq;
Abadan, (b). Military advance through Caucasus and North
Policy. Persia;
(c). Our loss of control of sea communications in
Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf.
5. Should (a) eventuate, enemy would possess Iraq and Persia
oilfields with Kirkuk and Khanaquin refineries.
6. Should (b) eventuate, enemy would possess Caucasus oilfields
and Khanaquin area.
7. Should (c) eventuate, enemy would have whole resources of Borneo,
Dutch East Indies and Burma oilfields.
8. Possession of Abadan facilities would therefore not appear
essential for continued enemy operations, since presumably he
could ensure supply from one of the sources en route.
9. On the other hand, Abadan is absolutely essential for continu-
ation of our war effort in Middle and Far East, to say nothing
of Chinese requirements.
10. Destruction of Abadan would therefore be enemy's object in
every operation directed towards that area. Its protection from
damage should be our object so long as it is desired to maintain
allied war effort in Middle and Far East.
11. There is also the danger of a raid, either air or seaborne,
on Abadan, with the object of destroying the refinery, having its
main object fulfilled for it by a premature decision that our
own demolition measures should be put into force.
12. Decision to destroy the essential refinery of Abadan should
therefore only be taken if the enemy approaches Abadan in real
force.
(Air Min. 1850Z/13 to Mideast).

Ammunition Your 1226/11/7 (N.T. in W.D.) and A.M. 1831/22/6.
for Eastern Total stocks in Egypt were reported to S. A.S.O.
Fleet. Eastern Theatre by N.A.S.O. E.M. 1140/10. Freight
will be arranged from Egypt to Kilindini as
requested. Assume you will collect from Massawa by

A.S.C.
(C. in C. Med 1924C/13 to C. in C.E.F. (F) A.S.L. Admty).

HERO Your 1335/10 and Admty. 1134/9.
HEEMSKERCK. Under present circumstances it is necessary to
divide 15th C.S. into 2 forces each requiring
adequate A/S screen of Fleet Destroyers of which
I have only 9 including your 2 Ps and 2 out of action. This and
my heavy escort commitments make it impossible to release HERO
at present but I will do my best to do so when situation returns
to normal and particularly when NUBIAN returns from her refit.
(2) There is no hurry to send HEEMSKERCK but she would be
useful as a reinforcement to A.A. defences of anchorage south
of Canal.
(C. in C. Med 1925C/13, to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. F.O.R.S.C.A.)

/Malta....

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Malta Situation. 1. Increased enemy air activity against aerodromes in attempt neutralise striking force. Total of 108 JU.88 and 12 Italian bomber sorties with fighter escorts during daylight, 18 per cent of JU.88 destroyed and these have now adopted high level bombing tactics. Total of 60 raiders by night. Little damage except craters to aerodromes. Occasional jamming of R.D.F. continues. Good week for our fighters.
2. A.A. destroyed 2 JU.88, 1 Cant, 1 ME.109 damaged 1 JU88 R.A.F. destroyed 20 bombers 45 fighters, probably destroyed 4 bombers 11 fighters, damaged 23 bombers 30 fighters.
3. Military casualties 9 killed 6 wounded. 10 tons UXBs disposed of plus 300 or more anti-personnel bombs.
(Govr.Malta. 2045/13 to C. in C.M.E.).

Situation Report (?3). My 2012/12* DULVERTON and HURWORTH fired 400 rounds in target area, harbour and installations. ERIDGE and BEAUFORT covering sank merchant ship 2000 tons carrying ammunition (not schooner as signalled).
(2) QUEEN ELIZABETH escorted by NAPIER has left Port Sudan^{*12/17} for refit.
(3) Turkish Tanker ANTARES torpedoed in engine room 2100/12. Ship anchored inshore off Ruad Island (North of Tripoli) salvage believed possible. No allied S/Ms were involved.
(C. in C.Med 2233C/13, to Admty (R) V.A.Malta etc).
* Situation report. Passed to F.O.(S).
** Arrangement of N.M. Ships
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TRUSTY.

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TRUANT's 1932Z/12, resume your patrol.
(F.O. Ceylon 0009Z/13 to TRUSTY, (R) TRUANT).Shipping,
Mozambique
Channel.A.C.N.S.(F) 0011B/13 to B.A.D. See America and
West Indies.Enemy
Unit.By D/F at 1715Z/12 position of unknown enemy
unit was 025° S. 048° 30' E. unreliable fix.
(C. in C.E.F. 0401Z/13 to Admty. E.I. Stn.)Raider,
Catalina
Search.Ref. HAURAKI's raider report. Propose (?2)
Catalinas from Ceylon should be transferred to
Diego Garcia for 3 (?days) from 15/7 so that search
may be carried out ahead of "Schooner" Durban 17/7
Object sinking of raider by GAMBIA or U.S. Cruiser
PHOENIX A.O.C. Ceylon concurs.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 0502Z/13 to C. in C.E.F. (R)
D. C. in C.E.F., A.C.N.B., A.O.C. Ceylon.)? Diego
Suarez.From Deputy C. E. in C. Further to my 0620/11/7
? (N.T. in W.D.). (?If) requirements in Admty.
1256/5/6 (N.T. in W.D.) (? are to) be carried
out it is essential:-

- (a) To send all necessary labour with complete equipment, and transport. Less than 200 men now available for (? use) naval requirements. There is hope of substantial local increase. Army is recruiting labour in (?Zanzibar), as (?Madagascar) cannot meet their essential demands.
 - (b) Instruct Army who occupy nearly every available building hand over those formerly used by French Navy to accommodate Naval and Dockyard Staff as required.
 - (c) Clearly to (?define policy) for importance of place, such as alternative (?functions).
 - (d) Immediately take in hand situation re pumping machinery in dry dock. Chamber may require complete reconstruction and machinery replacement by unit with repair (?installations) before dock can be efficient.
 - (e) Supply of lifting appliances at dry dock, as none exists.
 - (f) Consider augmenting water supply.
- (ALAUNIA 0704Z/13 to Admty. for C.E. in C., (R) C. in C.E.F.
F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, N.S.
Ceylon for S.C.E.)

FROBISHER.

My 0356/10 (N.T. in W.R.). FROBISHER is being
sailed a.m./14 E.T.A. Durban 17/7, for additional
escort C.M.30 on 20/7.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 0728Z/13 to Cdre in Charge Durban
(R) C.S.4, C. in C. S.A., Admty., FROBISHER, RANCI

/Transports.....

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Transports, Diego Suarez. Your 2305B/1/7 para. C, request early information: (A) Ships employed. (B) Berthing capacities. (C) Future movements. Information under (B) urgently required for berthing arrangements at Diego Suarez. (S.T.O. Diego Suarez, 0805Z/13).

GAMBIA. My 1442/?7 not to C. in C.S.A. and Com I/C Durban.
WORCESTERSHIRE. (1) On relief detach WORCESTERSHIRE and proceed (? so as to) arrive Grand Port, Mauritius, Wednesday 22/7.
(2) Refuel and sail for Durban to arrive 25/7 if possible. You will be required for important escort duties on arrival.
(3) WORCESTERSHIRE is to proceed at best speed to arrive Mauritius 23/7.
(4) Pass to WORCESTERSHIRE.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 0835Z/13 to GAMBIA (R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon, N.B. Melbourne, C. in C.S.A., Com. I/C Durban.)

Dhows and Sampans in Combined Operations. Chiefs of Staffs India consider that (A) Power-driven Dhows and (B) Sampans driven by outboard motors would have considerable value in combined operations. Information is requested as to date sixty 100 to 120 H.P. engines for (A) could be made available if ordered and likely date of delivery. Information is also requested as to the availability of up to 300 outboard motors of about 12 to 15 H.P. for (B). (F.O.C.R.I.N. 0903Z/13 to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

Movements. Summary No. 6 12/7. Ref. summary No. 4 (5) DAUNTLESS arrived Diego Suarez 9/7 Ref. summary no. 5. (1) DEVONSHIRE now to R/V (?MAURITIUS) and W.S.19L. 000° 27' S. 048° 40' 14/7 and escort convoy to Aden. (2) FRITILLARY due Kilindini 14/7 with GUARDIAN. (6) FROBISHER due Kilindini 12/7 with DUNCAN, ACTIVE and ARROW. *Ann. 9. - See p. 349.*

Ship.	Depart.	Date.	Arrive.	Date.	Remarks.
(1) (corrupt group)	Kilindini	5/7	Capetown.	15/7	Blank
<i>See p. 381</i> (2) ALAUNIA,	Kilindini	7/7	Mauritius	¹⁶ 12/7	Via Diego Suarez.
(3) H.M.S. FARA.	Colombo	6/7	Seychelles	15/7	?Blank
(4) H.M.S. ROSALIND.	Durban	7/7	Kilindini	17/7	Escorting W.S.19(?)L to R/V with DEVONSHIRE 14/7.
→ MAURITIUS.					
(5) HEEMSKERCK. <i>See p. 376.</i>	Durban	12/7	(Corrupt group)	(?13/7)	Escorting W.S.19P.
(6) FOXHOUND.	Kilindini	9/7	Aden	13/7	Blank.
(7) HURSLEY.	Kilindini	7/7	Aden.	11/7	Blank.
(8) BELVOIR	Kilindini	8/7	?Aden	12/7	Blank.

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Movements. Summary No. 6 continued.

Ship.	Depart.	Date.	Arrive.	Date.	Remarks.
(9) ROYAL SOVEREIGN.	Kilindini	10/7	R/V with C.M.29.	Blank	Escorting to R/V 006° 30' N. 051° (730') E. thence Kilindini.
(10) CORFU	Bombay	9/7	R/V with ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Blank	Escorting C.M.29 through (?Guardful) channel thence Bombay section to Bombay.
(11) CHITRAL	Mauritius	5/7	Blank	Blank	Escorting W.S.19P.
(12) DECOY	Durban	Blank	Kilindini	12/7	Blank.
(13) NEWCASTLE	Aden	13/7	Bombay	Blank	Blank.
(14) ENTERPRISE	Aden.	9/7	Kilindini	14/7	Escorting MONARCH OF BERMUDA.
(15) ENGADINE	Kilindini	10/7	Capetown	22/7	East of Madagascar
(16) RANCHI	Kilindini	11/7	Durban	16/7	Blank.
(17) CERES	Bahrein	10/7	Bombay	Blank	Via Khor Kuwait.
(18) CROMER	Kilindini	12/7	(?Kilindini)	14/7	To R/V with W.S.19L and escort WARWICK CASTLE.
(19) DRAGON	Durban	19/7	Vicinity Seychelles	Blank	Escorting BRITANNIC
(20) AQUITANIA.	Suez	11/7	Diego Suarez	Blank	Blank.
(21) ALAUNIA	Mauritius	16/7	Addu Atoll	21/7	Blank.

B.A.28.

LANCASHIRE with troops and stores for Suez sailed 1015/15 escorted by MARGUERITE to position (L). (2) routed through (L) 018° 37' N. 067° 47' E. (M) 018° 18' N. 059° 46' E. (N) 013° 52' N. 050° 38' E. (3) S. of A. 11 knots, E.T.A. Aden 0400Z/20. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 1020Z/13 to Admy. (R) F.O.C.R.I.M. etc.)

/SUMATRA.....

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SUMATRA.

Your 1738/4 (N. T. in W.D.)
(a) Will be arranged (b) On paying off propose
Netherlands Cruiser SUMATRA proceeds U.S.A.
for complete refit, subsequently to be manned
by R.N. Although not a first class unit she
will be of value and we should make best possible
use of her. Meantime she will be used for
convoy escort.
(C. in C.E.F., 1226Z/13 to Admty.)

CEYLON,
distress.

From tanker CEYLON, drifting 3 miles S.E. of
Jezerat Tunb Island Light. Pressure cylinder
cover completely burst. Unable to reach harbour
(? by) own power. Master ends.
(N.O.I.C. Bahrein 1313Z/13 to Admty.)

Abadan.

Re proposed demolitions. (Air Min. 1850Z/13 to
Mideast). See Mediterranean.

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Escorts, Your 1506/11. Of your 2 alternatives that in
H.A. Convoys. para III is preferred, but it is hoped that you
will give full consideration to other means of
escort in Gulf of St. Lawrence before allotting
these valuable ocean-going escort vessels to this service.
We had hoped that minesweepers, Fairmiles and other small A/S
craft, in combination with aircraft, could give reasonable
protection.
(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(T) 0010B/13 to N.S.H.Q. (R) C.O.A.C.,
Cominch, B.A.D.)

Shipping. Your 1621/11. Shipping in Mozambique Channel is
Mozambique now routed as diversively as possible and given
Channel. maximum air cover which it is hoped to increase.
Occupation of Mayotta Island should assist.
2. In view of lack of A/S escorts only major
alteration in routeing policy possible is to send all or a
proportion of shipping east of Madagascar, but desirability of
so doing has to be assessed against existing scale of attack,
bearing in mind that no air protection would be available for
ships so routed and that they would be more liable to attack
raiders. C in C. E.F. has been asked to consider this change
in routeing.
3. Losses since 5/6 when first attack occurred in this area
are 16 ships by U-boat and 2 by raider.
(D.T.D. Appd.A.C.N.S.(F) 0011B/13 to B.A.D.)

Movement 1800 G.M.T. 13/7. No ships in the area.
Summary. (D.O.D.(F) 1010Z/13 to Opnav (R) Comnav)

EMPIRE U.2 D., article 13. (A) EMPIRE EXPLORER.
EXPLORER (B) 9/7 0052 G.M.T. 11.40 N. 60.55 W.
(sunk 9/7) (C) and (D) thrown overboard.
(E) Perforated locked metal box about 500 fathoms.
(F)? and (H) ELAND ?(G) Master.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1023Q/13 to Admty.)

DIOMEDE. Grateful if I might be kept informed of movements
of DIOMEDE, arrived Freetown 7/7 en route to
Clyde via Gibraltar.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 1032P/13 to R.A.W.A.F., F.O.C.N.A.
C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy Mercantile convoy arrival and sailing telegrams
Telegrams, are to be made to Admty. C. in C. A.W.I.,
Caribbean. N.S.H.Q. and S.O.(I) Kingston in accordance with
CB. 04024 (41) using items applicable. Connav
should also be included if similar signals are not
being made by U.S. authorities at your port.
My 1853/30/6 is cancelled.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 1043P/13 to B.R.Os Jamaica,
Trinidad, Cristobal, Aruba, Curacao.)

/Tanker ...

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Tanker
Routes.

A.M. 1350B/27/5, not to Connav. Alternative route to Gibraltar is now only required for tankers proceeding to U.K. via Freetown and not discharging at that port.
(D.T.D. 1228B/13 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) B.R.O. Trinidad, S.B.N.O. Curacao, S.O.(I) Kingston, Connav.)
Reply: C. in C. A.W.I. 1003/16.

Escorts,
H.A.
Convoys.

Ref. N.S.H.Q. 1506Z/11, Cominch cannot concur in proposal to escort H.A. convoys with 2 or 3 Corvettes. S/M menace and shortage of Tankers does not warrant the risk. While appreciating your situation, Cominch feels that if adequate escort is not available for direct route to Halifax it is necessary to accept delay of moving Aruba Tankers via U.S. coastal Convoy system.
(Cominch 1239/13 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., C.O.A.C.)
Reply: D.T.D. 1851/14.

ANGLO
CANADIAN
(sunk 25/6)
THOMAS
MCKEAN
(sunk 29/6)

Continuation of my 1421/11 Master ANGLO CANADIAN reports as follows: (Begins) S/M attacked afternoon which missed, chased ship for 15 hours. 4 torpedoes fired. Commander of S/M asked crew questions such as, Did you see torpedo? Did you hear sound of torpedo being fired? Were merchant ships being fitted with listening apparatus? Advised crew not to get on ship coming from northward or another from southward as he intended sinking both. Gave impressions he knew movements of ships. Survivors SS THOMAS MCKEAN told survivors off ANGLO CANADIAN that Commander of S/M told American crew their ship had ammunition in No.1 hold, indicated knowledge of cargo.
(R.O., St. Kitts and Nevis 1505/13 to Admty., S.O.I. Jamaica.)

NORBRYN.

Overdue Trinidad, Norg. NORBRYN.
(S.O.I.) Jamaica 1524R/13 to Admty. etc.)

Convoy
Escorts.

Your 1241Z/13. (Requesting escorts of O.N.S.J.112) This is my 1010(?43). O.N.S.J.112 escort unit 24.6.5 composed of DUANE and U.S.S. BADGER depart Reykjavik 14/7. This unit will meet S.C.91. (Ends) U.S.S. BABBITT will be sailed about 16/7 to augment escort (?for) S.C.L.91.
(C.T. 24.6 1525Z/13 to C. in C. W.A.)

SAGAING,
U/B.

Received 1304 G.M.T. From GLDZ. (SAGAING)
58.45 N. 27.11 W. shelled by S/M 1215/14.
(Portishead Radio, No T.O.O. 13 Recd 1530/13)

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U/B

U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 1151Z/13.

(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1540/13 to C.T.U. 24.1.14
(R) C.T.U. 24.1.13 C.T.U. 24.1.4. C.T.24,
C. in C. Lant, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)

Ottawa

Convoy
Conference.

My 1656Z/25/6 and B.A.D's 17012/30/6. Confirmed that conference will be held at N.S.H.Q. at 1400/23/7 and addressees are requested to signal names of Officers attending. Following is proposed agenda.

- A. Re-inforcement of mid-ocean escort force during winter months.
 - B. Suitability of R.N. Destroyers in Western Local Escort Force for winter conditions.
 - C. Continuation of H.A. Convoys.
 - D. Organization for Northern Convoys to Air Bases.
 - E. Re-organization of O.N.S. and S.C. Convoys to enable them to be routed to and from Sydney direct instead of via Halifax.
 - F. Alternative to E desirability of sailing S.C. Convoys from Halifax instead of from Sydney.
 - G. Improvement in assembly arrangements for B.X. Convoys.
 - H. Submarines for A/S Training in C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F. and C.O.P.C.S. Commands. B.A.D. is requested to obtain C. in C. U.S. Fleet's view on above points where applicable.
(N.S.H.Q. 1555Z/13 to B.A.D., C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.)
- Reply: Cominch 2227/14.

EMPIRE

KAMAL.

My 1054/12. EMPIRE KAMAL (British) arrived.
(B.R.O. Trinidad 1602Q/13 to R.A.W.A.)

Caribbean
Shipping.

Following is Comcarib's 1817/12 (begins)
Addressed N.O.B. Trinidad, N.O.B. Guantanamo, C.A.F.A.C., Port Director, St. Thomas, from Carib. Vessels under 15 (?knots) unescorted will remain in port due to existing situation. When necessary air coverage may be used as substitute for escort. Bauxite vessels from Paramaribo and Georgetown to St. Thomas proceed unescorted via diversified outside routes. Bauxite vessels to Trinidad continue as at present. Request names and destinations of vessels being held in accordance with this order and vessels considered necessary to sail due to urgency of supplies (Ends).
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1606Q/13 to C. in C. A.W.I., S.O.I. Kingston)

N.A.13.

Convoy N.A.13. A.M. 1845/26/6. Proposed route from Halifax to position X, 48.02, 51.00 thence through H. 53.25 42.42, J. 55.58 35.15, K. 57.14 27.35, L. 57.14 17.08, M. 56.36 09.45 thence to North Channel.
(D.O.D.(H) 1610Z/13 to Cominch (R) Connav.)

/Dispositions ...

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Dispositions. Section East. S.C.91, Task Unit 24.1.5, 049° 20' 048° 50' 046° 6.5.
O.N.108, Task Unit 24.18.3, 043° 45' 056° 45' 261° 7, alter in 059° 40' W. to 291°.
H.X.198, Task Unit 24.18.6, 044° 30' 059° 00' 071° 9.
L.C.29, (A) MALPEQUE 046° 30' 058° 30' 8.
Task Unit 24.18.5, vicinity 048° 00' 051° 00' to St. Johns N.F.
OLAF FOSTENES 043° 20' 054° 15' 266° 14 altering in 061° 30' W. to Halifax.
(C.O.A.C. 1615Z/13 to Admty.)

Section North-West. Q.S.17. CLAYOQUOT, KITCHENER, CHEDABUCTO, VISON, RACoon 1 Fairmile, 049° 20' 064° 50' 7.5.
CHEDABUCTO detach 064° 25' W. patrolling to Bic Island.
S.Q.19, LETHBRIDGE, SUMMERSIDE, BURLINGTON, 2 Fairmile 047° 05' 060° 20' 8.
N.B. MCLEAN, LADY RODNEY, TRAIL vicinity 049° 30' 066° 45' in bound 14. ERICUS 049° 25' 066° 40' in bound 8. Labrador Convoy SHAWINIGAN 048° 55' 062° 35' out bound 7. S.B.12 REINDEER 046° 55' 060° 10' 8. PHILIP T. DODGE 046° 40' 061° 55' to Sydney (C.B.) 7.5.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 1623Z/13 to Admty.)

H.A.2. 1. Sailing of H.A.2 has been postponed till
H.A.1. 24/7 owing to escort being unavailable. This
A.H.1. may involve shortage of oil in Halifax.
2. Request therefore Task Unit No.24.18.9 now
escorting H.A.1 may proceed to Trinidad with
BRITAMK (sic) F.Q. BARSTOW, and CHRISTY PAYNE and return with
them to Curacao when loaded.
3. A.H.1 then to be sailed from Curacao on or about 24/7 and
should be made up to a total of 12 tankers.
4. STANVAC CAPETOWN should be sailed by T.A.W. convoy to
Halifax rather than await A.H.1.
(N.S.H.Q. 1626Z/13 to C.A.F.A.C., F.O.I.C. Trinidad (R)
Connav, Admty. etc.)

EMPIRE B.N.L.O. West Africa's 1645/30 EMPIRE PINTAIL
PINTAIL. not arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1702Q/13 to Admty.)

PENNYWORT. Expects to be ready to sail for Halifax on 29/7.
(B.A.M.R. 1706Z/13 to Admty.)

U/B C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1721/13, 1726Z/13, 1729/13,
Positions. 1732/13, 1737/13.

/W.S. Convoy ...

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W.S. Convoy Escorts. Your 1501/13 (N.T. in W.D.) para 3. Escort can be provided by joining these two ships with escorted ship given in your 0111/5, not to C. in C. E.F. from Ascension to a M.O.M.P. with W.S.21 with which they could then continue.
2. W.S.21 is expected to leave Freetown about 15/8. Details of M.O.M.P. should be arranged direct with R.A.W.Af.
3. Request names, speeds and destinations of ships joining W.S.21 P. and W.S.21.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1834B/13 to B.A.D. (R) R.A.W.A., C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F.)

Navigation New London. Special Warning No. 186. Obstructions have been placed across the entrance to New London harbour. Vessels desiring to enter must contact coastguard vessel near S.W. Ledge Lighthouse before proceeding.
(U.S. Naval H.Q. 1847/13 to Admty.)

NIDAREID, food for Bermuda. B.R.O. Norfolk (Virg.) reports that NIDAREID Norwegian with 1600 tons coal and 800 tons general food for Bermuda refused to sail without escort. Request you will represent to U.S. Authorities urgent necessity for safe delivery of food to Bermuda where stocks are low and press for provision of escort which is considered justifiable. Should this cargo be lost I am afraid the effect on the civilian population would be bad.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 1932P/13 to B.A.D. (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)
Reply: B.A.D. 2227/15.

REGENT. Request destination of REGENT on completion of refit.
(B.A.M.R. 1934Z/13 to Admty. (R) F.O.S.)
Reply: Gibraltar.
(F.O.S. 1051B/14)

ARCOLA TAIGETE. Sail ARCOLA and TAIGETE when ready about 24/7 to Freetown to lay down a cargo. Route positions (F) 11.40 N. 68.20 W. (G) 11.35 63.10 (H) 11.45 60.05 (J) 07.06 56.57 (K) 06.53 46.47 (L) 06.40 36.35 (M) 06.20 26.28 (N) 06.01 17.02 thence to destination. Report sailing date. Speed.
(Connav 1940/13 to C.A.F.A.C. (R) C. in C. Atlantic, C.T.F.23, C.C.S.F., N.O.B. Trinidad, Admty. N.S.H.Q., R.A.W.A.)

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Troop Transport from Bermuda. Your 1326/12. Navy Dept. suggests following arrangements might be made to remove some personnel from Bermuda.
(A) U.S.S. PASTORES arrives Bermuda shortly and will be returning to Norfolk about 22/7.
On such a short passage she could carry more than her allotted complement.
(B) Another more capacious U.S. ship will be carrying out similar programme about 14 days later. They request you arrange direct with N.O.B. for facilities in these 2 ships.
2. There is now a regular service between Guantanamo and U.S. It is possible to ferry personnel from Jamaica to Guantanamo thence to U.S. for onward passage to either U.K. or Bermuda. Do you wish any such arrangements made?
(B.A.D. 2015Z/13 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) N.S.H.Q., D.S.T. etc.)

WASHINGTON etc. C. in C. Lant 2032Z/13 to Admty. see Home Commands.

Shipping, Route Signals. Your 1102/12. Route signals and Mercos Jamaica's area are now being received direct from Connav. Consequently route signals and Vescas in British Code from non-British ports may be discontinued.
(N.S.H.Q. 2051Z/13 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty., S.O.(I) Jamaica, B.A.D.)

U-Boat Campaign. Connav Serials 12 and 13. WAIWERA British serial 29 now confirmed sunk. 77 crew 20 passengers survivors landed New York. 8 crew killed.
EMPIRE EXPLORER British serial 9 confirmed sunk. 61 survivors landed Tobago. NICHOLAS CUNEO serial 9 sunk. ANGLO CANADIAN now confirmed torpedoed sunk 25/6 25.12 N. 55.31 W. TUAPSE Russian Tanker torpedoed sunk 4/7 20.22 N. 86.05 W. RIO SEGUNDO Argentine reported aground Uruguayan Coast. RUFUS KING U.S.A. aground near Brisbane salvage doubtful. CARMEN DOMSCH sunk by S/M 12/7 19.43 N. 70.12 W.
(Connav 2110/13 to Commaveu.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. Schooner CARMEN shelled and sunk 19.43 N. 70.12 W. 12/7. P.W. GALLAGHER attacked 28.50 N. 91.05 W. 0600Z/13. NUEVA ALTA GRACIA, entire crew taken aboard sub. and schooner sunk with scuttling charge after provisions had been removed therefrom.
Galleon type insignia on caps of sub. crew members, also tricolor disc red centre white and black circles on cap of Captain. U-88 type. S.B.59 in black letters on C/T and stamped on removable plates various parts of deck. Damage to forward starboard corner of C/T. About 2200Z/16/6 survivors of NUEVA ALTA GRACIA placed aboard the COMERCIO from which vessel Sub. removed fruit and vegetables. Position given as 13° N. 68° 53' W. GREEN ISLAND, U-88 type T-37 or T-31 approx. 20 feet from stern. U-88 type 3 or 4 playing cards arranged fanwise

/painted ...

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S/M attack and sighting summary - contd. painted in white edged in black on C/T. MILLINOCKET, "Westward Ho" painted each side C/T in Gothic letters possibly U-45 type. CASTILLA fan shaped design possibly on bow U-88 type. PEDRINHAS possibly U-45 type red tortoise on C/T. Surface and aircraft attack 2 submarines at scene of torpedoing of MORDAL and MANUELA 0000Z/25/6 and at approx. 35.34 N. 74.56 W. 0930Z/25/6. Plane attacks submerged S/M 28.43 N. 80.30 W. 1814Z/11. Surface craft attacks oil slick approx. 39.19 N. 74.18 W. 2000Z/12. Plane attacks periscope 35.38 N. 74.54 W. 2050Z/12. Possibly damaged. Plane attacks S/M on surface 37.34 N. 74.41 W. 2244Z/12. Possibly damaged. Plane attacks S/M 11.06 N. 61.27 W. 2130Z/12. 18.40 N. 67.10 W. 2100Z/12. Plane attacks suspected S/M 39.15 N. 74.13 W. 1545 to 2005Z/12. Planes sight S/M on surface 20° N. 73° 50 W. 1255Z/12, course 350, 19.50 N. 73.45 W. 1320Z/13. Course 350. 20.20 N. 74.10 W. 1507Z/13 course 315. Surface craft sights periscope 34.21 N. 76.25 W. about 1613Z/13. Periscope sighted 31.54 N. 80.39 W. 1445Z/13. (B.A.D. and Opnav informed)
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2114/13 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

A/S Craft Trinidad. Your 1142P/11. Re-inforcement of Trinidad by 30th Fairmile M.L. Flotilla from U.K. now under consideration. Further signal will be made. In order to hasten arrival of H.D.M.Ls (72 ft), one Flotilla is sailing from U.K. probably in August under own power with escort.
(D.A/S.W. Approved A.C.N.S.(T) 2119B/13 to C. in C. A.W.I. (R) B.A.D., F.O.I.C. Trinidad.)

Wreckage. Master of Polish ROZEWIE reports 7/7 in 020° 45' N. 064° 16' W. 2 rafts and several hundred full barrels oil, mostly grey with green bands, some had white ends. Drifting Westward.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 2146R/13 to Admty. etc.)

QUEEN OF BERMUDA. Probably ready to sail on 5/8. It is intended she should sail with U.S. troops on board in convoy A.T.20 about 19/8 in accordance with Admty. 1725/23/5.
(B.A.M.R. 2154Z/13 to Admty.)

U.S. Troops for Ascension (A.S.6.) Modify my 1607/26/6. U.S. A.T. JAMES PARKER substitute for COAMO. Ship will proceed from Ascension Island to Pointe Noire Equatorial Africa, under British escort instead of returning U.S. Possibility of 2 A.Ks British charter carrying parts for oil cracking plant will

/accompany ...

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U.S. Troops accompany ^{JAMES} PARKER to Ascension proceeding thence to
for Ascension Middle East with British escort. Speed of slowest
(A.S.6). ship 14. Admiralty pass to R.A.W.A.
Contd. (C. in C.U.S.Fleet 2201/13 to C. in C.Atlantic
Fleet (R) C.T.F. 23 Admty. etc).

Slow Ships Your 1323B/12.
in Caribbean. Navy Dept. has requested Comcarib to forward
detailed list of all ships in Caribbean of under
8 knots now being held in port. Instructions
for sailing ships of this category will be issued later.
2. It is forecasted that method described in your para.2. will
be adopted but at long intervals. Therefore ships of below
8 knots will be subjected to much delay.
(B.A.D. 2259Z/13, to Admty. (R) C. in C.A.W.I. F.O.I.C. Trinidad).

POTTER. H.X. 198. Panamanian POTTER returning towards
Halifax. Her P.C. and S at 1800Z/13 044° 30' N.
059° 50' W. 090° 10 unescorted. My P.C. and S.
044° 50' N. 057° 56' W. 070° 9.5 fog.
(C.T.U. 24.18.6. 2301Z/13 to C.O.A.C. (R) Connav
Admty. etc).

A/S Defences Your 2009/10 and C. in C.A.W.I. 2152/11. Following
Caribbean. additional information received from Navy Dept;
Port-au-Prince 100 yards anti-torpedo net en route
to be laid as baffle to protect dock. Guiria nil.
Puerta La Cruz nil. Cumarebo nil. Covenas nil.
(B.A.D. 2307Z/13 to Admty.).

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Australia & New Zealand.

Situation. Serial 172 from G.H.Q., S.W.P.12/7.
Air R/C 12/7 report.
(a) 2 enemy flying boats Lae Harbour, small number enemy aircraft on aerodrome 0330Z/12. (b) 4000 ton cargo vessel anchored east Simberi (Tabar Islands) and one merchant ship 5000 tons apparently beached north side of island 2345Z/11. (c) 2 medium sized cargo vessels anchored off Lunga (Guadal Canal) with small launches proceeding inshore and 2 small float planes overhead 0150Z/12. One other vessel between Lunga and Tulagi. (d) 2 mooring buoys Gizo Harbour (Bougainville).
2. Natives report 1 transport, 3 warships returned Rekata Bay (Ysabel Island) 9/7. 3. Reliably reported Japanese from 5 warships occupied Kieta (Bougainville) 3/7.
4. Some enemy air R/C Buna area 12/7. 5. Vessel reported my serial No.171 para.7 now identified as Dutch Govt. vessel previously destroyed.
(A.C.N.B. 1106Z/13 to Admty etc.).

Movements. Arrival Port Phillip Bay 1515Z/12 U.S.S. BLUE H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON and H.M.I.S. BOMBAY escorting Melbourne Portion Convoy C.O.10 U.S.S. HENLEY arrived Sydney (N.S.W.) 2211Z/12. (A.C.N.B. 1423Z/13, to Admty.etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/MS Reported.

Estimated U/B positions.

(D.D.I.C. 1326B/13, 1332B/13).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

A report graded B.2 states that one cruiser and 3 destroyers with two escorting aircraft passed Bommel Fiord (59° 38' N. 5° 20' E.) at 1180 today, course north.

U.S. Battleship WASHINGTON left Hvalfiord this afternoon for the U.S. with 4 destroyers. Comtask 99 transferred his flag to the cruiser WICHITA.

British Air Operations.

The Russians have agreed to establish a flying boat base at Lake Lakhta for our use, together with a W/T station and P.R.U. establishment. (Note: This appears to have been postponed on 17/7 when P.Q.18 was cancelled. See H.Q.C.C. 1229/17)

162 aircraft out of 194 which took off attacked the inland port of Duisburg last night.

Enemy Air Operations.

Yesterday and again today determined bombing attacks were made on Vaenga Aerodrome. Three bombers were destroyed on the ground and others were damaged. Four enemy aircraft were shot down. There were no British casualties.

Recently captured airmen state that the aircraft at the German aerodromes at Kirkenes and Petsamo are to be reinforced shortly.

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORT.Mining.

Several more ground mines were detonated in the Thames Approaches today: M.M.S. 68 sustained some damage. Some more mines were detonated off Beachy Head.

North Atlantic.Operation
"Pinpoint"

EAGLE, CHARYBDIS, CAIRO, WESTCOTT, WRESTLER, ANTELOPE, VANSITTART and ITHURIEL left Gibraltar at 0552B today, to fly off to Malta 32 Spitfires brought by SS EMPIRE SHACKLETON to Gibraltar.

WELSHMAN arrived at Gibraltar at 0042B today and sailed again at 0442B with stores for Malta.

At 0001Z today LOWESTOFT damaged in collision on 12/7 was in tow of RAJPUTANA in 33° 22' N. 22° 22' W. speed of advance 4½ knots, steering for Gibraltar.

U-boat
sunk.
(PIETRO CALVI.)

At 10 p.m. today LULWORTH, escorting ^{S.L.115} ~~G.S.33~~ sank the Italian U-boat CALVI 100 miles south of the Azores, taking 30 prisoners. A second U-boat was attacked and the hunt continues.

Explosions occurred today in the commercial anchorage at Gibraltar, apparently due to small free limpet type mines with rubber belt flotation. SS SHUNA, BARON DOUGLAS and EMPIRE SNIPE were damaged and BARON KINNEAR was slightly damaged. F.O.C.N.A. considers that the mines were almost certainly placed by divers in D.S.E.A. gear, probably working from Spanish fishing boats.

The Italian submarine ¹¹⁶¹ TORRELLI which was stated by the Spanish Naval Authorities to have been interned at Santander escaped at 1630 G.M.T. today. Santander reports that the vessel carried out full trials, but Madrid reports that the repairers state the submarine cannot submerge.

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Mediterranean.

Operation
"Pinpoint".

The air reconnaissances and strikes to be carried out during Operation "Pinpoint" are given in a message from V.A. Malta today.

Attacks on the Malta aerodromes continued today, but little damage was caused other than craters. There were no alerts last night.

White oil tanker ADINDA was torpedoed by a U-boat at 0426 today in 33° 33' N. 35° 10' E. but reached Haifa under her own power.

Mr. Roosevelt today broadcast an offer made by the U.S.A. to take the French warships at Alexandria to a safe port and hand them back to the French at the end of the war. The offer was refused.

Three Halifaxes, 5 Fortresses and 47 Wellingtons bombed shipping at Tobruk last night. A direct hit on a ship was followed by explosion and fire, and there were several fires and explosions in the dock area.

East Indies.

There are indications that the Japanese may be about to commence a submarine campaign in the approaches to the Persian Gulf. C. in C. E.F. asks urgently for A/S reinforcements. (On 17/7 the Admiralty issued instructions that CROMARTY, ROMNEY and CROMER of 14th M/S Flotilla which arrived at Kilindini on 15/6 on passage to join the Mediterranean Fleet, were to remain on the Eastern Station until further orders.)

Shipping in the Mozambique Channel is now being thinned out. The current routing policy is described in a message from the Admiralty to B.A.D. Washington today.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

The first Halifax to Curacao Convoy (H.A.1) arrived at Curacao today.

U.S. ARCATA was sunk by gunfire today by a Japanese submarine in 53° 35' N. 157° 30' W.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Flag of
Comtask
99.Transferred my flag to WICHITA this date.
WASHINGTON and Destroyers detached from my command
and will depart for U.S. 1100Z today.
(Comtask 99,1328B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).*Sailed 1405 - See next page.*Movements.AMAZON
BOADICEA.C. in C.W.A. 1411Z/13. ^{11.11.13} Intend to sail AMAZON (S.O)
and BOADICEA at 1000Z/15. E.T.A. St. Johns
Newfoundland 0200Z/21.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0854Z/14).

SEAWOLF.

Intend sailing SEAWOLF escorted by CUTTY SARK
1100B/15 for Holy Loch. Route.
E.T.A. Holy Loch 1500B/17.
(S.O.S/M Lerwick 1002B/14 and 1401B/14).AVENGER,
SKATE,
SCIMITAR.
SALISBURY.A.M.1243B/12. SKATE, SCIMITAR are to arrive
Greenock by 1500B/15 to escort AVENGER to Scapa.
Destroyers to Londonderry on completion of escort.
(C. in C.W.A. 1123B/14 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).
Admiralty 1243B/12. Intend sailing AVENGER,
SCIMITAR, and SKATE passing Clyde boom at 1800B/15,
thence via Minches to Scapa. E.T.A. Hoxa boom 2200B/16.
(2) Flying practice will be carried out in Cumbræ Mull of Kintyre
area between 1900 and 2200B 15th and in Loch Ewe - Dunnett Head
area between 1100 and 2100B/16th.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1214B/14).
My 1123/14. For SKATE read SALISBURY.
(C. in C.W.A. 1709/14 to Capt. D. Greenock).INGLEFIELD
INTREPID.INGLEFIELD with INTREPID proceed passing Switha
2200B today. to Hvalfiord routed through 058°
50' N. 007° 02' W, thence through Reykjanes
passage.

2. When relieved RENOWN is requested to sail SOMALI

ASHANTI to Scapa.

(R.A.D.H.F. 1146B/14 to RENOWN, etc).
Sailed INGLEFIELD, INTREPID for Hvalfiord. E.T.A. 1000Z/16.
(R.A.D. 2211/14).

RUBIS.

M. L.186 is to escort RUBIS to Dartmouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1153B/14).

My 1153/14. RUBIS is to be sailed for Portsmouth

with W.P.186.

(C. in C. Plymouth 1209/14 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).
C. in C. Plymouth's 1153B/14 and 11209B/14 and my 1607B/14. Intend
to sail RUBIS with W.P.186 at 0530/15 to Portsmouth. Special
escort LORD STONEHAVEN.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 2251B/14).

/BUCK....

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BUCK, Intend sailing C.D.S. 13 in BUCK plus LUDLOW,
LUDLOW, BRISTOL, TRIPPE, WOOLSEY and EDISON, for Greenock
BRISTOL, to arrive p.m./16th. Request ships may be
TRIPPE, fuelled to capacity on arrival.
WOOLSEY. (C.T.G.24.7 1200B/14 to Capt.D.Greenock).
EDISON.

WASHINGTON, Hvalfiord departures WASHINGTON, MAYRANT, RHIND,
MAYRANT, ROWAN, WAINWRIGHT in company at 1405/14.
RHIND, ROWAN, (A.C.I.C. 1443B/14). * *See p. 417.*
WAINWRIGHT.

BLACK SWAN. On completion of ammunitioning p.m. tomorrow
sail for Scapa.
(C. in C.Rosyth. 1535B/14 to BLACK SWAN).

GLAISDALE. Proceed passing Switha 1400B tomorrow to Portsmouth
routed through Minches, North Channel QZL 15 and
Needles Channel.
(R.A.D. 1620B/14 to GLAISDALE).
Request you sail GLAISDALE on 15/7 to join Portsmouth
command.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1724B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

AVON VALE. */N.T. in W.D.*
Your 2120/13. When ready about 28/7 request
you sail AVON VALE for Scapa for short work-up
before rejoining Mediterranean Fleet.
2. A.M. 1448/28/6 is cancelled.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1625B/14 to C. in C.Plymouth).

PUCKERIDGE. On completion of satisfactory trials about 20/7
request you sail PUCKERIDGE for Scapa to work
up before joining Mediterranean Fleet.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1720B/14 to F.O.I.C.Milford Haven.).

P.219. */S. p. 403*
F.O.(S) 1053/14. Request you will sail P.219
for Seidisfjord at 1800/15. Submarine to proceed
on surface at C.O.'s discretion routed as follows.
(A.C.O.S. 1757/14 to S.O. S/M Lerwick).

A.C.O.S. in Scapa departure A.C.O.S. in CHIDDINGFOLD E.T.A.
CHIDDINGFOLD. Sorvaag 1000/15.
(A.C.O.S. 1816B/14).

UREDD, P.48. F.O.S's 1552B/11 and Capt.(S) 3 1359B/13. Intend
sailing UREDD with TRIDENT to join LA CAPRICIEUSE
and P.48 for Lerwick.
(A.C.O.S. 1840B/14, to S.O.S/M Lerwick).

/MENDIP.....

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MENDIP, C. in C.Nore's 1554B/14. Proceed to Harwich
 MEYNELL, with MEYNELL, COTTESMORE, HOLDERNESS, and
 COTTESMORE, BERKELEY, leave for Sheerness at 0830B/15.
 HOLDERNESS. MEYNELL act as my 0859B/14. *M.T. & H.D.*
 BERKELEY. (Capt.D.21 1915B/14 to MENDIP).

Operations.

Patrols. M.Ls 155 (S.O.) 157, 118, and 195 from Dartmouth
 are to patrol on a line between 50° 10' N. 03°
 17' W. and 49° 57' N. 03° 29' W. from 2300/14.

till 0500/15.

→ 2. M.Ls. 181 (S.O) 179, *259, 186 from Falmouth are to patrol
 on a line between 49° 55' N. 03° 50' W. and 49° 55' N 04° 12' W.
 from 2300/14 till 0900/15.

3. M.Ls 292, 343 and 344 are to patrol 5 miles ahead of
 convoy during dark hours.

4. Object to intercept and destroy E-Boats attempting to
 attack convoy P.W. 186.

5. On completion Dartmouth and Falmouth M.Ls return to harbour.

6.8th M.G.B. Flotilla will be co-operating.

(C. in C.Plymouth 1155B/14).

Consular 50, 240° Portland Bill 32 bound Plymouth 6
 knots.

Two M.Ls on patrol 10 miles S. of Portland Bill.

Four M.Ls on patrol 15 miles Mull E.Start Point from dusk to dawn.

Four M.Ls on patrol 27 miles S by E Plymouth from dusk to dawn.

Four M.G.Bs sail Dartmouth 2100 bound S.E.

(C. in C.Plymouth 1544B/14).

→ Your 1155/14. Departure Range VII. (M.Ls 181, 179, *259,

186)

(F.O.I.C.Falmouth 2020B/14 to C. in C.Plymouth). * *S. p 402*.
 See also F.O.I.C.Falmouth 2059B/14).

10 E/R Boats and 12 M Class minesweepers possibly
 fitted for minelaying were in Cherbourg on 13th July. Patrol
 vessels may be off enemy coast.

2.Forces taking part M.G.Bs.77 (S.O) 78, 76,74.

3.Object. To attack any enemy forces sighted, particularly E/R
 boats which may threaten convoy P.W.186.Secondary object is to
 intercept any enemy returning to Cherbourg.

4.Execution. M.G.Bs to be sailed so as to reach line joining
 position ZA. 342° Alderney light 10 miles and position B. 010°
 Cap La Hague Light 22 miles by 2300/14.

5. If no enemy forces have been reported by 0200/15. S.O.
 has discretion to close enemy coast. M.G.Bs are to return to
 Dartmouth so as to be 20 miles from French Coast at first light.

6. S.O. has discretion to abandon operation if circumstances
 require.

7. Any known movements of enemy forces near Cherbourg will be
 passed with reference to positions A or B.

(C. in C.Plymouth 1605B/14 to N.O.I.C.Darmouth.).

S.G.B. Carry out patrol of latitude 050° 25' N.between 1° and 2° W,
 patrol. passing N One buoy at 2245/14 and 0530/15.

Books to be landed in accordance with S.149/41. Codeword "Pugdog"
 Attention is called to A.M. QZX. 762.

(C. in C.Portmouth 1727/14 to S.G.B.8, S.G.B.6.).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity.

Patrols.

A/S patrol as defined R.O.GREEN 4 10th will commence 0700/14 and be repeated once only, commencing 2nd Sortie at 1300/14. Patrol Vaaro Green and North Bert are being flown to reach enemy coast at 0600.
(C. in C.Rosyth 0259B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

A/C for
Convoy
P.Q.18.

Your 1811/13. It is most desirable that 819 Squadron should provide any Swordfish to be embarked observing that they have worked up with AVENGER.
(AVENGER 0930B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

Your 1811/13.

Should you desire it three Swordfish of 825 Squadron now at Hatston are available for temporary embarkation in AVENGER.
(D.N.A.D. 1917B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

Bombing
Restrictions.

Request surface bombing restrictions from 2100/14 to 0700/15. in area bounded by Start, Cap.La Hague, Cap Barfleur, St.Catherines.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1335B/14 to H.Q.C.C.).

North
Russian
Air Bases.
(Lake Lakhta
and Vaenga).

Russians have agreed to establish flying boat base at Lake Lakhta together with W/T station as requested by you.

2.Suggest that officer of rank of W/Cdr. would be adequate for post of O.I.C. Lake Lakhta as officer selected to command 6 fighter squadrons at Vaenga only Group Captain and it appears

inconsistent that the officer commanding 6 flying boats should be the same rank.

(30 Mission 1407Z/14 to Air Ministry).

Your 1825/13. Russians have agreed establishment P.R.U at Vaenga and will accept staff of ten.

2. Recommend aircraft conveying personnel and Marconi set for Vaenga should land at Gryaznaya and not on Lake Lakhta.

Communications between Archangel and Murmansk indifferent.

(30 Mission 1423Z/14 to Air Ministry).

Bomber
Command
Operations.

On day 13/7, 12 A/C bombed the Outreau marshalling-yard at Boulogne. On night 13/14, 161 A/C attacked Duisburg.
(H.Q.B.C. 1430/14).

A/C in
North Russia.

Your 2205Z/15. (sic) No relief possible in view of P.Q. 18 commitments.
(H.Q.C.C. 1855/14 to Party A, (R) 30 Mission).

Lerwick.
Fighter A/C
Protection.

Admiralty 1632B/14 (1632B/14) Fighter command air strength at Lerwick has been increased from one section to one flight of Spitfires with reinforcement available at Kirkwall Sector.
(H.Q.F.C. 1910/14 to Air Ministry).

/New.....

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New Service Types of A/C. The following types of aircraft have been released for service by the Ministry of A/C Production:- (1) Fortress II and IIA to Coastal Command. (2) Kingfisher I. landplanes to the Fleet Air Arm. (3) Seafire IIC to the Fleet Air Arm. Descriptions.

2. Request all concerned may be informed. (Air Ministry No. T.O.O. Recd. 2005/14).

Communication between A/C and S/Ms. Procedure during passage of P.Q. Convoys. (F.O.S. 2236B/14) See Lion Copy.

Enemy Air Activity.

Off Valentia A/S Trawler DERBY COUNTY when escorting M.L.^{ARIE} LOUISE MACKAY reported sighting Dornier 17 in 051° 45' N 010° 35' W, course 000°, height approx. 3000 feet at 0750B/9. Ships presumed to have been sighted but were not molested. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1207B/14).

CHASSEUR 8 Sunk. M.G.B. 78 has picked up one survivor from CHASSEUR 8 in 50° 18' N. 3° 5¼' W. Name. Ship was sunk by A/C at 1900/13. M.G.Bs 77 and 76 still searching among wreckage. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1439/14).

Wreckage in 050° 18' N. 003° 05¼' W. Keep a good lookout for survivors. (C. in C. Plymouth 1658B/14 to Escorts W.P. Convoy).

A/C for North Norway. According to recently captured airmen two squadrons of F.W. 190 (single engine fighter) and one of HE.111 T.Bs are likely to arrive at Kirkenes and Petsamo shortly. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1514B/14 to Admty.).

Mining.

Thames Approaches. 2 Ground mines detonated by "LL" Trawlers at 1118 and 1237/14 respectively. Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1437B/14 and 1912B/14.) One Red Mine exploded by Sweepers at 1605/14. Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2053B/14).

Beachy Head. Detonated one red magnetic mine in 095° Beachy Head Light. 9 miles. (Lt. Cdr. Newhaven 1757/14.) (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2230B/14, 2254^B/14).

Detonated Red Magnetic mine 095° Beachy Head Light 8 miles. (Lt. Cdr. M/S Newhaven 1809/14.) (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2230B/14).

2236B/14th July.

SECRET.

MESSAGE.

IN
Date. 14.7.42.

From. F.O.S.

Recd. 2323.

P/L BY T/P.

Addressed Captains S. Home. S.O. S/ms. Lerwick.
Repeated Admiralty. C. in C. Home Fleet. H.Q.C.C.
A.C.O.S. S.B.N.O. North Russia. C. in C. Rosyth
18 Group.

IMPORTANT.

932 34 S H Z Pass to S/ms.

(A) During operations involving the passage of P Q Convoys Coastal Command will provide air patrols transmitting frequency 13,333 K/cs. from 0700Z to 1900Z and 6000 K/cs. from 1900Z to 0700Z. Care is to be taken in tuning all S/ms. to these frequencies and to 385 K/cs. before sailing.

(B) Enemy reports from aircraft will be transmitted to 18 Group call sign 'Sugar Five King'.

(C) Aircraft reports will be coded from Naval Aircraft Code.

(D) Aircraft call signs change at 0001Z and will be signalled.

(E) Homing procedure given in A.F.O. S.2 Article 165 para (G) will be employed.

(F) During period of air patrols S/ms. will be ordered to cease watch on 4740 K/cs. and maintain constant watch while on the surface on 13,333 K/cs. or 6000 K/cs. as appropriate shifting if necessary to 385 K/cs.

(G) Under normal circumstances reports should be made on the ship shore frequency but in the possible event of the most vital consideration being the receipt of the report by other submarines then it should first be broadcast on 13,333 K/cs. or 6000 K/cs. or 4740 K/cs. as appropriate and immediately afterwards retransmitted on the correct ship shore frequency.

(H) The attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the following points.

- (1) The necessity for selecting the correct frequency from the frequency guide.
- (2) Admiralty messages 915 AZ and 919 AZ.
- (3) Only Flag Officers carry Table O. The quickest form of reporting the enemy is self evident code.

A.C.O.S. pass to TRIDENT and UREED.

S.B.N.O. North Russia pass to P. 614 and P. 615.

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Advance copy sent Ops. O.D.

A.C.N.S. (T)	C.I.C. (2)	M. (2)	D.T.D. (0)
A.C.N.S. (H)	D.A/S.W.	N.I.D. 10 (2)	H.W.R. (2)
N.A. 1st S.L.	D.N.A.D.	W/T. Rm. (2)	I.P. (3)
Ops. (3)	C.C.L.S.	D.T.D. (4)	W.S.
O.D. (5)	D.S.D. (2)	D.T.D. (M)	

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Tuesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Force. Report graded B.2. states 1 cruiser, 3 destroyers with two escorting A/C passed Bommel Fiord (59° 38' N. 5° 20' E) at 1100/14, course North.
(D.D.I.C. 1530B/14 to A.I.G.21).

North Cape W/T Beacon. My 1412/17/6. Further details have been reported as follows:- Para.(2) Position fixed by 3 S/MS is on Ingoy Island 71° 05' N. 24° E. Para.(3) Additional frequencies used are 205 K/Cs 230 K/Cs 272 K/Cs 438 K/Cs 530 K/Cs and 560 K/Cs.
Para.(4). Duration of long dash is 14 seconds.
Para.(5). Call sign and frequency appear to change about twice daily.
(F.O.S. 1754B/14).

U-Boats.

U-Boats attacked. Am over enemy S/M in 60° 3' N. 17° 6' W.
(Scapa W/T 1030/14).
Enemy's course and speed is 200°, 5 knots.
(Scapa W/T 1058/14).

From Iceland Patrol A/C. Have attacked enemy with 4 depth charges and estimate one hit.
(Iceland W/T 1100/14).

S.D.30. Aircraft reports U-Boat in 060° 03' N 017° 06' W. at 1230B/14.
(C. in C.W.A. 1329B/14 to CASTLETON, CHARLESTOWN).

SAIGAING. SAIGAING's enemy report 1215/13. (N.T. in W.D.)
A/C search of position reveals small quantity of wreckage. Further A/C and trawlers being sent to search for possible survivors.
(A.C.I.C. 1258B/14).

S/M sighted. S.L. 115. In view of LULWORTH's 2040/14 (N.T. in W.D.) cancel my 1556/14.
(C. in C.W.A. 2359B/14 to LONDONDERRY).

Casualties & Defects.

PORT CAROLINE. Sailed Tug AMSTERDAM in accordance with Admiralty's 1442/10.E.T.A.p.m/15. Routed west of Skye, Sounds of Mull and Islay.
(N.O.I.C. Aultbea 0505B/14 to N.O.I.C. Holyhead).

SHEFFIELD. My 1240/13. SHEFFIELD delayed.
(F.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne 1000/14).

/FURIOUS.....

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- FURIOUS. Examination has revealed loose rivet caused heavy leak from sea through outer bottom "B" port reserve feed tank.
As rivet is difficult of access for replacement with bolt by divers, temporary repair has been effected. Some minor leaks in bilges have been started by vibration normal to high powers but those are not considered sufficient to affect steaming. Other defects reported in my 1745/11/7 being dealt with by ship's staff. S.E.O. is satisfied ship now fit for service. Intend to adhere to programme.
(FURIOUS 1150/14 to C. in C.H.F.).
- DUCHESSA D'AOSTA. SS DUCHESSA D'AOSTA turned over to Admiralty Marshal on 7/7 caught fire in James Watt Dock about noon 13th. Ship on bottom of dock. After hold flooded, forehold still burning. 1500 tons of cargo discharged. 1700 tons of cargo on board. Very extensive damage to ship and cargo.
(F.O. Greenock 1625B/14).
- M.L.259. My 2020/14. ^{p. 328} M.L.259 returned to Harbour with engine defects.
(F.O.I. C.Falmouth 2059B/14).

Shipping & Convoys.

- T.A.Convoys. Your 0145/12, para.two.
Following forecast sailing-dates T.A.Convoys, from U.K. T.A. 17, 18/7. T.A. 18, 10/8. T.A.18, 25/8. T.A. Convoys normally sail 10 days after arrival A.Ts except "QUEENS" which sail 3 days after arrival. No intervening C.T.Convoys foreseen. Agreed.
(War Office 0215/14 to British Army Staff, Washington).
- P.Q.17. My 1651/13. In view of Admty 1333B/13 propose to sail Corvettes instead of minesweepers as soon as defects are made good.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0835B/14 to S.B.N.O.North Russia).
- E.T.A. with LEDA, SEAGULL Dvina bar 1915 today. Nothing sighted in area Svyatoi Nos, to Kanin Nos, to 069° 40' N. 049° 20' E and 20 miles north of this line. Drift ice 8 10th B 3 from north westward to 070° N. 048° 30' E. to 069° 55' N. 049° 10' E., and then running eastward. HAZARD 4 uppers loose with boiler defect.
(S.O. M/S. F.1 1201B/14 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).
- P.Q.17. Were any instructions other than those set out in H.Y.4 and Mersigs. Art. 64 para. J given to the merchant ships of P.Q.17 in the event of the convoy being scattered.
(D.O.D(H.) 1222B/14 to C. in C.H.F. (R) C.S.1., KEPPEL). *Reply: p. 436*
My 1008/10 and Admty.1619/10 giving approval. There are still several boats known to be approaching coast and probably others not, for which search should be made. Relief for Catalina J.240 might be requested to operate from Gryaznaya. Russians co-operate, but have only two Catalinas here for all services.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1457B/14 to Admty.).

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O.N.S.112. PRIMROSE plus DIANTHUS, ASSINIBOINE, ORILLIA, CHILLIWACK sailed to meet O.N.S.112. NASTURTIUM, BATTLEFORD, sailing to overtake. None equipped HF/DF.
(C.T.G. 24.7. 0915B/14).

P.Q.18. Request you will sail P.219 for Seidisfiord on 15/7 and arrange necessary bombing restrictions. P.219 will join P.Q.18 as escorts. *See p. 397*
(F.O.S.1053B/14 to A.C.O.S.).

P.Q.18 trawler escort: CAPE PALLISER, VIZALMA, NORTHERN SPRAY, NORTHERN PRIDE.
(A.C.I.C.1146B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

During recent operations to cover P.Q.17 there were many mutual encounters by S/Ms owing to proximity of patrol zones and routes. To facilitate recognition it is intended that during forthcoming operations S/Ms shall paint their pendants in white on the conning tower sides.
(F.O.S. 2112B/14).

Propose following W/T arrangements for escort S/Ms in the event of convoy scattering.
(A) If the S/M is ordered to remain with surface escorts. W/T watch in accordance with A.F.O. S. 2/42 article 27 (B).
(B) If the S/M is ordered to proceed independently she is to report the fact when well clear and automatically shift to H.S. routines.
(F.O.S.2237B/14 to C. in C.H.F.).

Channel Convoys. Your 1717/12. Inconvenience of C.E. and C.W. convoys sailing on the same day is fully realised. It is however, essential to make the best use of merchant shipping whilst summer lasts. Whilst conditions on the East Coast remain comparatively quiet it is possible for me to render some assistance with the escorts of Channel convoys. It is suggested that it would be beneficial for ships of 21st flotilla to gain some experience of the English Channel and for ships of the 1st Flotilla of the East Coast. The following arrangements are therefore suggested:-
Destroyer escort of every alternate C.W. and C.E. to be provided from this command. After completion of C.W. escort and whilst awaiting sailing of C.E. these destroyers will be available to operate in your command. Likewise after escort of C.E. and whilst awaiting next C.W. Portsmouth destroyers will be available to operate in this command. Thus escorts would be provided as follows:- C.W. 108, C.E. 107, Nore, C.E.106, C.W.109, Portsmouth, C.W. 110, C.E.109 Nore, C.E.108 C.W.111 Portsmouth and so on. Request your remarks or concurrence.
(C. in C.Nore 1058/13 to C. in C.Portsmouth).

B.B.98. My 1012B/13. B.B.98 add 24 hours to all times.
(F. O.I.C.Belfast 1118B/14).

/S.L.115.

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- S.L. 115. Request one escort from S.L.115 be detached to
KATANGA. proceed to Ponta Delgada to escort KATANGA to
join convoy, reporting E.T.A. Ponta Delgada to
F.O.C.N.A. 24 hours before arrival.
KATANGA should be ready to sail p.m./16th and F.O.C.N.A. is
requested to arrange R/V.
(D.T.D. 1218B/14 to C. in C.W.A.).
- U.R.33. U.R.33 will be sailed from Loch Ewe on 20/7
and thereafter U.R. Convoys will sail every
Monday.
(D.T.D. 1259B/14)
- Channel No ship is to sail unaccompanied between
Shipping. Portland Bill and Start Point.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1331/14).
- AMSTERDAM. Intend sailing transport AMSTERDAM at 0400/16 to
R/V in accordance with N.C.S.O. Lerwick 1535B/13
Request Fighter protection to R/V.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall 1445B/14 to A.C.O.S.).
- S.L.114. BRIDGEWATER in company. BANFF with SAINT USK.
My position at 1957Z/, 054° 42' N. 012° 37' W.
071°, 7½ knots.
(PHILANTE 2007Z/14).
- EL CIERVO. My 2345/10/4/41 and my 1847/13.
OCEAN VETERAN. S.L. 114 EL CIERVO bound Milford Haven with 7,599
tons diesel oil to Admiralty account is required
discharge Portsmouth. Urgency two. It is
requested that OCEAN VETERAN (HX.197) destination Southampton
which is a new vessel of 7000 tons be sailed with EL CIERVO
from Milford Haven to gain advantage of cover provided for the
tanker.
(D.T.D. 2016B/14).
- LADY OF MANN. Your 1217. Regret no destroyer escort is
AMSTERDAM. available. LADY OF MANN should be instructed to
PRAGUE. part company at 35 buoy and proceed at best speed
to Hoxa Gate.
(A.C.O.S. 2106/14 to N.O.I.C. Invergordon).
- W.P.186. Admiralty 1713/14. Intend sailing convoy W.P.186
P.W.187. from Dartmouth at 0630/15. If you can manage it
will you meet the convoy in Lyme Bay with a
destroyer. It is desired to keep to the present
convoy schedule and it is hoped that you will be able to escort
P.W.187 to vicinity of Start Point where SLAZAK will take over,
your destroyers proceeding into Dartmouth and returning next
day with W.P.187 and so on. If at any time Plymouth is short of
destroyers I will ask you to take P.W. convoy on to D. One Buoy
with one destroyer which would then return at high speed and catch
up W.P. from Dartmouth.
(C. in C.Plymouth 2255B/14 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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A.M.1829B/8. This tanker has now arrived. No further reliable indication of present position of 3 German raiders at sea.

2. At 1938B/12, SS. HAURAKI reported being stopped and later captured by Japanese raider in 17° 32' S., 80° 25' E.
(D.D.I.C., 2316B/14 to A.I.G. 13 etc).

North Atlantic.

LOWESTOFT
(damaged,
collision).

Am in tow of RAJPUTANA position 033° 22' N., 022° 22' W., S. of A 4½ knots course 080°, KONKAN will have parted company with me 0600Z/17 and RAJPUTANA at 1800Z/18 and proceed Gibraltar to fuel.

(LOWESTOFT, 0001Z/14 to F.O.C.N.A.)

LOWESTOFT in tow RAJPUTANA P.C. and S. at 0200/14 033° 22' N., 022° 22' W., 080° 4½ PUNJAB (?KONKAN intended) in company.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1420B/14 to SALVONICA (R) Admty, C. in C. W.A., R.A. West Africa, LOWESTOFT) *See also next page - (Situation)*

WELSHMAN

Arrival WELSHMAN (2) Admty. pass to R.A.(M) (F.O.C.N.A., 0042B/14 to Admty etc).
My 1224/13 ("Hush" circulation, N.T. in W.D.)
Sailed WELSHMAN Q.B. messages.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0442B/14 to Admty, V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med).

PELICAN
attack on
U/B.

Am attacking enemy submarine in 25.57 N., 21.59 W. (PELICAN 0230Z/14 to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., R.A.W.A.F.)
Western Approaches general orders 00201 para. 4.
A. 25.57 N., 21.59 W. B. 0100/14. C. 0320/14 to rejoin convoy. D. PELICAN, SPEY, charge expended, S/M very deep.
(PELICAN, 0345Z/13 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. W.A. R.A.W.A. Escort S.L.115).

Operation
"Pinpoint".

Departure for "Pinpoint" EAGLE, CHARYBDIS, CAIRO, WESTCOTT, WRESTLER, ANTELOPE, VANSITTART, ITHURIEL.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0552B/14 to Admty. V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med). Flying off aircraft to Malta.
(D.O.R., 1060).

LÉOPARD.

E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 0730/15. Require 750 tons fuel. Anticipate carrying out small repairs lasting 24 hours.
(LÉOPARD, 0925Z/14 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) R.A.W.A. Admty).

/Report...

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LÉOPARD
Contd.

Report situation.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1300B/14 to LÉOPARD, (R) Admty. R.A.W.A.)
Your 1300/14. P.C. and S. 034° 13' N., 024° 56' W., 350° 12 knots.
(LÉOPARD, 1345Z/14 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, R.A.W.A.)

French
Shipping.

Passings 13/7. French, Westbound 0910, ADEN, light, FORT DE DOUAUMONT, laden deck cargo, SURVILLE, laden deck cargo, BONIFACIO light deck cargo.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1011B/14 to Admty for M.E.W.)

U/B at
Santander
(LUIGI TORELLI).

S/M remains in dock, evidently trials unsatisfactory.
(Santander, 1025/14 to Admty (R) Gib. and Madrid).
R.O., Santander has obtained list of repairs carried out. This will be sent by bag.

Main points: all hulls and tanks repaired. No mention repairs to machinery which is known to be damaged. Repairers state S/M(s) can not submerge and that some repairs are purely accomplished by special floating inlet. Further facilities do not exist at Santander. Ref. my 1213/13.

(Madrid, 1319/14 to D.N.I.)

My 1319/14. M. of M. has just informed me (A) S/M should have undocked yesterday but when dock was flooded water entered through broken Kingston and dock had to be emptied. She should undock today and go down basin. (B) She is in no condition to go to sea. (C) There has been no change in his orders already reported. (D) He has received no communication from M.F.A. but will tell me as soon as he does.

(N.A. Madrid, 1712/14 to Admty).

S/M left dock full trials and sailed 1630 G.M.T. Tuesday 14th.
(Santander, 1930/14 to Admty (R) Gib. Madrid).

"Italian S/M TORELLI, which was stated by Spanish naval authorities to have been interned at Santander, completed repairs and escaped by a trick at 8.30 p.m. 14th".

(D.O.R., 16/7, 1061).

Situation
2003B/14.

1. PHOEBE 37.20, 10.19 to Gibraltar 20½.
2. LADY HOGARTH, STELLA CARINA escorting ALEXIA approx. 33.32, 11.21 060° 9¾.
3. LOCH OSKAIG on patrol off Cape Roca.

See next page 40
4. LORD NUFFIELD escorting MIRROR in vicinity of 36.20, 11.02.
5. (Corrupt group) and SALVONIA 34.33, 14.42 260° 10 to R/V damaged ship.

6. SCOTTISH escorting 3 merchant ships off Cape St. Mary coastwise to Gibraltar to Gibraltar 8½ SCOTTISH part company off (corrupt group) (?to begin) patrolling Huelva Bight.

See p. 405
7. KONKAN escorting RAJPUTANA towing LOWESTOFT (E) 33.40, 20.45 080° 4½.

8. (?SPIREA) CHAMOIS sailed 1900/14 through 350° Spartel 5 miles thence 244° 12.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1222B/14 to N.A. Stn).

See documents of H.M. S. 14

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DREPANUM Arrived Bilbao 14th to load iron ore.
Italian. (Consul Bilbao, 1240/14 to Admty)
W.R. Note: H.Q.C.C. and C. in C. Plymouth informed

P.211 P.211 is to leave patrol p.m./17 and return to
Gibraltar diving by day passing through
(F) 038° 32', 009° 01' at 0400B/18.
(G) 038° 18', 001° 04' at 1400B/21.
(H) 036° 33', 002° 13' W. at 0330B/23. to arrive Gibraltar
0830B/24. Width of bombing restriction increased to 20 miles
either side of route. Report if outside restricted area.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1336B/14 to 8 S/M F.)

DIOMEDE Intend sailing DIOMEDE at 2230B tonight routed
through positions A. 36° 30' N., 07° 01' W.
B. 36° 40' N., 09° 25' W. C. 43° 01' N., 15° 59'
W., S. of A 15 knots.
2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to issue onward route from position
(C).
3. DIOMEDE requests permission to proceed direct to Rosyth
calling at Scapa if necessary for fuel.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1548B/14 to Admty, C. in C. W.A., (R) DIOMEDE)
Situation report X. My 1222B/14.
Add new para. (9) DIOMEDE sailing 2230B/14 through A. 36.30.,
07.01. B. 36.40, 09.25 thence 321° 15.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1624B/14 to N.A. Stn).
My 1548/14 DIOMEDE sailed.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2242B/14 to Admty).

U/B At 1412 G.M.T. German S/M made a sighting report
bearing 259° from Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1627B/14 to RAJPUTANA, SALVONIA,
F.S. LEOPARD, KONKAN, LOWESTOFT, ARCTIC RANGER,
(R) R.A. West Africa, Admty).

ST. NECTAN My 1222 and my 1624 add new para. (10)
(~~lost for MIRROR~~) ST. NECTAN sails 1000/15 to relieve LORD NUFFIELD
275° 10.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1718B/14 to A.I.G. 63). *See MIRROR 15/7/42*

M/V Explosions occurred today in commercial anchorage
Explosions, close to following ships (A) BARON KINNAIRD at
Gibraltar. about 0430. (B) SHUNA at about 0830 (C) SHUNA
at about 1530. (D) BARON DOUGLAS at about 1530.
2. (?Extent) of damage unknown but SHUNA and
probably BARON DOUGLAS require docking.
(3) No indication as to cause of explosions except (B) is
believed to have been accidentally caused by gunfire. (A) (C)
(D) definitely underwater cause at present unexplained but
almost certainly external.
(4) Further information follows.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1814B/14 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A., V.A. Malta).

(continued)

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M/V Explosions, Gibraltar, Contd. My 1814B/14. Further explosion at 1915. SS. EMPIRE SNIPE engine room, boiler room and two forward holds flooded. Ship aground.
(2) Further explosion vicinity SHUNA, about 2000. 1, 2 and 3 holds making water. Now in shallow water. Uncertain if vessel will remain afloat.
(3) Small free limpet type mine located about 5 lbs. charge with rubber belt flotation about 15" in diameter.
(4) Investigation proceeding.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2236B/14 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A., V.A. Malta).
Later details, See 1912/16.

U/Bs LULWORTH Enemy S/M sighted 015° 14 miles. Estimate course 15°. My position 030° 07' N., 026° 07' W.
PIETRO CALVI
S.M.R. (LULWORTH, 2000Z/14 to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A., etc).

Have sighted 2nd submarine bearing 350° 12 miles. S/M has dived, my position 030° 15' N., 026° 08' W.
(LULWORTH, 2040Z/14 to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A. etc).
LULWORTH sank an Italian U-boat 10 p.m. on 14/7, taking 30 prisoners, 100 miles S. of Azores. A second U-boat was attacked and the hunt continues.
(D.O.R., 1060 - no signal in W.D.) *PIETRO CALVI.

South Atlantic.

Ship Fired On? Following received on 500 K/cs, addressed All ships, from Rio de Janeiro:-
Received gunfire today from 1000 to 1330 G.M.T. position 22° 56' 12" S., 42° 08' 06" W., 23° 003' 43° 12' 36" W., 23° 59' 06" S., 42° 11' 03" W.
Hydromar. TTT San Luis.
(Ascension W/T, T.O.R., 0723 G.M.T./14).

ORCADES. H.M.T. ORCADES sailed 12/7 E.T.A. Freetown 21/7 E.T.A. New York 4/8. Requirements Freetown.
(S.S.T.O. Capetown, 0852Z/14 to D.S.T. etc).

Overdue Ships. ST. BERNARD due Lourenco Marques 9/7 from Bombay and ATHINA LIVANOS due Capetown 9/7 from Karachi not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 0948B/14 to Admty etc).

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ALCHIBA
(Dutch)
(torpedoed
8/7).

H.M. ship arrived here with one A.B. survivor of ALCHIBAT (?ALCHIBA) torpedoed and gunned by S/M in position very approx. 15° 20' S., 42° 20' E. at 1530Z/8. Disposal of C.Bs. unknown but ship was not boarded. Survivor's name Willem Van Der Wielegm.
(N.C.S.O. Durban, 1044Z/14 to Admty. S.O.(I) Capetown, S.O.(I) Colombo) ALCHIBA, Dutch, 4427 tons, (D.O.R., 1060).

COWSLIP

Departure 1015Z/14 COWSLIP in accordance with your 1159Z/11 not to C. in C. S.A. and Admiralty. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 1102Z/14 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A., Admty).

EMERALD.

Sailed EMERALD to Gibraltar for onward passage to U.K. Route. (e) 010° 40' N., 018° 34' W.
(f) 015° 00', 020° 00' (g) 022° 00' 019° 05'
(h) 027° 42', 013° 41' (k) 032° 25', 010° 41'
(l) 035° 40', 006° 40'. E.T.A. Gibraltar a.m./19 (R.A.W.A., 1200Z/14 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty etc).

Dispositions. ALCANTARA with *LADY DENISON-PENDER 042° 40' S., 013° 20' E., to Capetown 8½. ROCKROSE 030° 10' S., 015° 20' E., to Simonstown 12.

W.S.20 and escort 020° 55' S., 010° 18' E., 155° 14. ATHENE about 037° 00' S., 022° 40' E., to Capetown E.T.A. 1700Z/15. Position Area Q. at 2000Z/14.

(C. in C. S.A., 1216B/14 to S.A. Stn (R) Admty).

→ My 1216B/14. Add VALIANT, EXPRESS, ANTHONY about 030° 43' S., 031° 34' E., to Capetown 20 knots.

(C. in C. S.A., 1435B/14 to S.A. Stn (R) Admty).

* See p. 47.

→ VALIANT.

Re practice in False Bay. See East Indies. Sailed VALIANT to Capetown 15 through following positions A. 029° 35' S., 032° 00' E.

B. 031° 00', 032° 00' C. 034° 10', 028° 40' D. 037° 20' 021° 40' E. 037° 20', 019° 30' F. 034° 40' 017° 45'.

S. of A 20 knots, E.T.A. 0800B/17.

(N.O.I.C. Durban, 1301Z/14 to Admty C. in C. S.A., etc).

See No. 415-1443

CHESHIRE,
CARNARVON
CASTLE,
→ ALCANTARA.

My 1336B/8. Owing to CHESHIRE now being unable to maintain more than 12½ knots it is intended to sail her independently for Freetown and U.K. about 16/7.

(ii) CARNARVON CASTLE will escort ESPERANCE BAY to Falkland Islands leaving Capetown about (?22/7)

(iii) ALCANTARA (?will be) sailed for Ascension to (?provide) escort in accordance with Admty. 2321/ (?5/7).

(iv) Cancel my 1037/13.

(C. in C. S.A., 1433B/14 to Admty (R) B.A.D. etc).

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DRAGON,
BRITANNIC.

Sailed DRAGON escorting BRITANNIC routed as N.C.S.O Durban 1539Z/14 (N.T. in W.D.) DRAGON only has endurance to approx. latitude of Diego Suarez. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 1524Z/14 to Admty etc).

JONQUIL,
VIMY.

Propose to detach JONQUIL from convoy O.S.33 p.m./16 to refuel at Bathurst and to join escort of convoy S.L.116 a.m./18. Request you will then detach JONQUIL as necessary.
(ii) Intend VIMY to remain with convoy S.L.116 until about 21/7 fuelling at sea, then to join escort of convoy W.S.21 P.
(R.A.W.A., 1525Z/14 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, IBIS, Capt. D.18). Reply from F.O.C.N.A., 1140B/15.

Routeing of
ships.

A.M.1754/13. Agreed.
(C. in C. S.A., 1658Z/14 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.)

Transfer of
T.E.
Alexandria to
S.A.

C. in C. Med. 1552/30/6, all officers and ratings ex Training Establishment at Alexandria are being temporarily accommodated in tented camp at Pietermaritzburg until permanent camp vide A.M. 1128/11/7 is completed.
(2) All ratings in transit will shortly be accommodated in temporary camp and centralized control of personnel under R.A.T.E. in conjunction with the 3 Cs. in C. drafting offices will commence
(R.A.T.E., 1748B/14 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Med., D. C. in C. E.F.)

BRILLIANT,
WIVERN.

Admty. 1959/5 refers. In view of retention of VANSITTART and ANTELOPE at Gibraltar, likelihood of further S/M attacks on O.S. and S.L. convoys, and scarcity of destroyers for troop movements in this area, it is requested that BRILLIANT and WIVERN may be returned to Freetown as soon as possible after arrival of W.S.20 at the Cape.
(R.A.W.A., 1857Z/14 to C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty).

CAMBRIA,
cables.

2000/14. CAMBRIA (British). To effect repair to cable at 2. 15 S., 38.14 W., direct 16/7. Knots (B) 9 days 13 (18 and 19).
(Pernambuco, 1930/14 to Admty).

TITANIA
(Norwegian)
aground.

Your 1108Z/14 (N.T. in W.D.) Following is repetition of my 1600/12. Ref. ground TITANIA, A.B.D.O. has investigated and reported ship is fast aground with forward ballast tank hole. Master estimates necessary to discharge 3,000 tons cargo to render salvage possible. This should be completed within 10 days to avoid endangering ship. Discharge commenced but local facilities unable to cope with more than 300 tons per day. Pass via BOREAS.
(B.N.L.O., W. Africa, 2100Z/14 to N.O.I.C. Lagos).

/U/B...

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U/B S.L.115 A.M. 1915B/14. Further bearings confirm U-boat in your vicinity. Bearings at 1825Z suggest U-boat may be shadowing.
(D.D.I.C., 2254B/14 to Escorts S.L.115, R.A.W.A. F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. W.A.)

Cables. Your 1921/11. Diversion Lome-Duala cable has been approved in principle but is still under technical discussion.

2. LADY DENISON-PENDER has completed St. Helena - Capetown repair and is proceeding Capetown for docking. She will then return to Freetown and if required could repair Libreville - Pointe Noire cable en route North.
(D.S.D., 2312B/14 to R.A.W.A.)

HANLEY U.S.S. HANLEY arrived Capetown today 14/7. No route received. Last report vessel attacked off Trinidad 18/6. Your 1743/19/6 refers.
(C. in C. S.A., 2357B/14 to S.O.(I) Jamaica
(R) C. in C. A.W.I.)

Mediterranean.

Movements. Arrivals FOXHOUND 0730Z/13 H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH and NAPIER.
(Cdre. Aden, 0505Z/14 to Admty etc).

TURBULENT, U/B informa- U-boat carried out attacks vicinity 034° 48' 035° 45' at 0949C/13 and 033° 36' 035° 09' at 0428C/14.
tion. (Capt. S.10., 1023C/14 to TURBULENT (R)
S.N.O. Levant, Area, for Capt. (S) 1).

U/B sunk T.L. congratulate PROTEA and SOUTHERN MAID
11/7. (ON > INA) on destruction of an Italian U-boat on 11/7/1942.
2. C. in C. Med., is requested to convey congratulations of T.L. to crew of the Walrus for the part played by the A/C.
(1st S.L., 1052B/14 to PROTEA, SOUTHERN MAID, C. in C. Med).

T.L. have noted with pleasure that H.M. South African ships PROTEA and SOUTHERN MAID destroyed an Italian U-boat in Eastern Med. on 11/7/1942.
2. They request that their congratulations may be conveyed to Govt. of Union of South Africa.
(Approved 1st Lord, 1707B/14 to Dominions Office) (W.O. 2015/14 to South Africa H.C.)

/Cositrep...

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Cositrep 4. Air. Night 12/13. 4 Halifaxes 59 Wellingtons
449. bombed shipping Tobruk. Hit on one medium ship
caused violent explosion followed by fire.
Possible hit or near miss on another vessel.
One large fire with explosions several smaller fires dock area.
4 Wellingtons missing.
(C. in C. M.E., 1125/14).

Operation Following R/C is intended.
"Pinpoint" 1. 14/7 a.m. and p.m. P.R.U. Sicilian ports,
R/C. night A.S.V. watch North Messina.
2. 15/7 dawn P.R.U. Sicilian ports, noon P.R.U.
Sicilian ports, night A.S.V. Sicilian and Malta
Channel.
3. Beauforts and F.A.A. will stand by to strike.
4. Search will be adjusted as necessary if cruiser moves.
5. Communication. (A) P.R.U., V.H.F. R/T only.
(B) A.S.V. Wellingtons 3460 K/cs call sign night 14/15 K.R.8 and
15/16 M.3 P.
(V.A. Malta, 1135B/14 to WELSHMAN, EAGLE (R) Admty. F.O.C.N.A.
C. in C. Med).

Operation Confirm R/T frequencies channel and Malta call
"Insect". sign as for "Pinpoint".
(1/7) 2. Aircraft call sign "Oxo" "Bullet" "Tiger"
and "Dumbell".
3. Flight to land "Oxo" Takali; "Bullet" Luqa, "Tiger" Takali, A,
"Dumbell" Luqa.
4. F.O.C.N.A., pass to Air H.Q. Gibraltar and EAGLE.
(V.A. Malta, 1307B/14 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C. in C. Med., Admty. etc)

Malta Air I. 462 14/7. C.S.R.
Report. 13th. Alert 1512 hours, 20 plus Me. 109s. Mc.202s
15 Ju.88s. Takali, 1 damaged Spitfire destroyed
1 Spitfire slight damage, craters dispersals
aerodrome. U.X.Bs. Elsewhere, 1 soldier wounded church damaged.
1 Me. 109 probably destroyed, 4 Ju.88s, 1 Me. 109, 1 Y.W.202
damaged by 31 Spitfires. 2 Spitfires damaged in combat,
pilot unhurt.
Night 13/14. No alerts.
14th 2 alerts, 0810 hrs. 15 plus Me. 109s, 7 Ju.88s Luqa, 1
petrol bowser and ambulance destroyed, craters aerodromes.
U.X.Bs. Elsewhere 2 civilians wounded several houses damaged
slight damage Army equipment store. 2 Ju.88s, 1 Me. 109
destroyed, 1 Me. 109, 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed, 1 Ju.88, 1 Me.
109 damaged by 28 Spitfires. 1 Spitfire shot down, wounded
pilot rescued. 5 Spitfires damaged in combat, 2 pilots wounded.
1037 hours, 6 Me. 109s 7 Spitfires up, no interception.
13th R/C. Lampedusa, 4 F.boats left and shadowed till 1840 hours
180° Lampedusa 20 miles course 180° 8 knots. 9 Beaufighters
despatched to attack, 2 returned early mechanical trouble, 4
failed to find.
1843 hours. 3 attacked from 100 feet scoring many hits with
cannon and M/C on engine room of 3 F.boats stern attacks. One
Beaufighter damaged by flak, crew unhurt. Wellington 8 found
2034 hours 3 F.boats 195° Lampedusa 35 miles course 198° - 190°
8 knots. 4 500 lb. G.P. 1 second delay from 1500 feet, near
misses on 1 F.boat.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1825/14)

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TURBULENT,
information.

SIKH and 1 destroyer will sweep at high speed on course 20° to 034° 03', 035° 09' at 0101C/15 and return on opposite course.
(Capt. S.10, 2003C/14 to TURBULENT (R) S.N.O. Levant Area for Capt. (S) 1).

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N.O.I.C. Port Said's (?10)33/13. ^{/N.T. W D.} Proceed direct 032° 53', 034° 29' adjusting speed to enter searched channel submerged about 0630C/16 well astern returning sweeper to surface between No. 4 and 5 Buoys, between 0903 and 1001.
No surface craft is to be attacked and vigilance still required for U-boats in vicinity Haifa from ('where) destroyer may operate at short notice.
(Capt. S.10., 2015C/14 to P.35 (R) C. in C. Med. etc).

LIEBENFELS
Floating
Dock.
Massawa.

You should proceed with repair and fitting out of LIEBENFELS and Floating deck. Vessels and cargoes raised by U.S. Salvage Units should not be put in prize until further instructions are received.
(Head of M. Approved Vice-Controller 2020B/14 to N.O.I.C. Massawa, (R) C. in C. Med).

Telegrams in Brief

Tians ————— *14.7.42*
The French sloop *D'Iberville* and the submarine *Glorieux* have arrived at TOULON from Madagascar, according to the Vichy news agency.—*Reuter.*

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Diversion of Your 1608/1, para. 4, last sentence. (See Shipping. Reporting by Ships. Shipping 1/7). It is not considered that higher standard of accuracy of Merchant ship plot resulting from these reports would prove of much assistance in protecting shipping on this station.

In addition there are other serious objections to this procedure which may not have been brought to the notice of T.Ls. in connection with Indian Ocean shipping.

(2) Average number of Merchant ships at sea in Indian Ocean is about 300. At a conservative estimate these instructions will entail about 40 signals being made by W/T per night.

(3) It is assumed that raiders are fitted with H/F D/F and thus will be able to estimate present whereabouts and movements of Merchant ships with much increased ease. Possibility that U-boats also have H/F D/F cannot be excluded.

(4) Covering and A/S forces and escorts are practically non-existent and large majority of ships sail independently.

(5) Resultant increased volume of signalling which would be considerable would cause heavy wear and tear on codes and call signs. It would also most probably choke ship H/F services, to the detriment of own ships' traffic.

(6) Material and personnel are not available at Kilindini or Colombo where the principal M.S. plots of East Indies are kept to set up an extra ship shore H/F Service for Merchant ships.

(7) In view of above remarks, and since no advantage is at present to be gained on this station by endeavouring to con Merchant ships through submarine or raider areas, request confirmation that these instructions are to be extended to Indian Ocean.

(8) Pending further decision instructions on last sentence of para. 4 are not being promulgated to N.C.S.Os.

(C. in C.E.F. 0741Z/14 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A., as amended by W.R.16/7)

QUEEN H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH's 1627/11, concur.
ELIZABETH. (C. in C.E.F. 0835Z/14 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., QUEEN ELIZABETH, BA.R.M. Washington.)

A/S Forces C. in C.E.I. 0631/22/3 and my 1855/14/3 both to needed. Admty. only. Reports from various sources during last 3 months indicate probability that Japanese have been carrying out submarine R/C in Approaches to Persian Gulf similar to that carried out in Mozambique Area prior to S/M campaign commencing there.

(2) At present there are only 3 A/S vessels operating in Persian Gulf and I can spare no more. It is intended to allocate 2 "Bathursts" there this autumn on arrival from Australia.

(3) I am unaware of the air forces not allocated to Persian Gulf area and extent to which these can be used or are trained for A/S work.

(4) A/S reinforcements are urgently required and any that can be spared from Mediterranean would be welcomed.

(C. in C.E.F. 0935Z/14 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

Reply: Admty. 1052B/26/7, page 799.

/VALIANT.....

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VALIANT.

Do you consider U-boat situation at Cape makes it undesirable for VALIANT to carry out working up practice using False Bay?
(C. in C.E.F., 0947Z/14 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty.)
Your 0947Z/14. Consider situation is such that VALIANT can carry out practice in False Bay.
(C. in C.S.A. 2140B/14 to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty.) *See P. 409.*

TRUANT.

If not met when you reach position 180° Dondra Head 10 miles proceed to Colombo keeping within 15 miles of the coast.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0954Z/14 to TRUANT (R) SCOUT).

Overdue
Ships.

For S.O.(I)
Request estimate of ships overdue in Indian Ocean since 1/5.
(C. in C.E.F. 1344Z/14 to F.O. Ceylon (R) A.C.N.B.)

→ HEEMSKERCK.

(1) Detach HEEMSKERCK now to refuel at Diego Suarez 14/7 and rejoin you.
(2) Continue escort of W.S.19P with HEEMSKERCK proceeding to Aden with Middle East Section.
(3) ENTERPRISE will join you on 16/7 for escort of Indian Section to Bombay.
(4) On arrival Diego Suarez HEEMSKERCK is to report by signal prefixed immediate (A) Estimated time W.S.19P. will pass position (T) 06° 10' S. 47° 03' and S. of A.
(B) Whether (corrupt group) and CHATEAU THIERY are in company and max. speed of each.
(C) Estimated S. of A. Bombay section.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1428Z/13 to CHITRAL).

B.M.25.

Convoy B.M.25 arrived 13.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 1444Z/14 to Admty. (R) F.O. Ceylon, etc.)

RAMILLIES.
QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

C. in C.E.F. 1607Z/14. See his 0600Z/16.

Shipping.

Routeing in Mozambique Channel.
(D.T.D. 1700B/14 to B.A.D.) See America and West Indies.

→ HEEMSKERCK.

Sailed HEEMSKERCK 1800Z/14 in accordance with Dep. C. in C.E.F. 1428Z/13. (~~N.O. in W.R.~~) *See above.*
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 1814Z/14 to Admty. etc.)
Escorting W.S.19P. (D.O.R. 1061)

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REVENGE.

Ref. Admty. (?2341)/11. In view of paras. (1) and (5) it is recommended that shipment of armour be cancelled.

(2) It had not been appreciated that so much lead was required nor that ships should be placed in dock.

(3) The docks at Durban cannot possibly be spared for a prolonged period for work of this nature.

(4) It is accepted therefore that for purposes of fitting this important protection, R class Battleships should proceed to U.S. or U.S.A. (as received), this to be undertaken on occasion of next refitting.

(C. in C.E.F. 1951Z/14 to Admty. (R) R.A.3 etc.)

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WASHINGTON

Cinclant's 1539/13 to U.S.S. WASHINGTON informs as follows:- Route for WASHINGTON. Great Circle course to 40° N. 50° W. thence to New York. Cominch (C. and R.) requested to effect required diversions.
(Comnaveu, No T.O.O./14, to Admty). *S. p. 297*

ST. FRANCIS,
attack on
U/B.

Asdic contact classified as S/M gained 1400Z/13 in 056° 14' N. 028° 40' W. 5 Pattern 6 charges fired. Hunt abandoned 0001Z/14 to rejoin convoy. Weather report.
(ST. FRANCIS, 0001Z/14 to C. in C., W.A.C.T.U. 24.1.14. (R) C.T.F. 24, Admty C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

U/B.

D/F bearings at 2219Z/13 indicate U-Boat still in the vicinity of convoy H.X.197.
(D.D.I.C. 0058B/14 to Escorts of H.X.197, (R) Escorts of O.N.110, Cominch, N.S.H.Q. C. in C. W.A. H.Q.C.C.)

W.A.T.5.

Convoy W.A.T.5 will proceed Key West north anchorage at 1100 G.M.T./14 S. of A. 8 knots, escorted by HAVELOCK, GODETIA, LAVENDER, P.C.462 and 463. (List of details) (B.R.O. Key West, 0516Z/14 to Admty).

Movement
Summary

1800 G.M.T. 14/7.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
ARCHER & U.S. Escort)	Approaching New York	315°	12½
CANTON	18½° N. 27° W.	007°	14½

(D.O.D.(F), 0913Z/14, to Opnav (R) Comnaveu).

REGENT.

B.A.M.Rs Washington's 1934/13. Destination of REGENT is Gibraltar.
(F.O.S., 1051B/14, to Admty)
(D.O.D.(F) 1603B/14 to B.A.M.R.)

THUNDER
U/B.

Following received by Halifax W/T and passed to Admty and C. in C. W.A. for information: S/M has been contacted 044° 23' N. 063° 21' W. Am carrying out A/S search with GODERTY (?GODERICH). (THUNDER, 1220Z/14).

HAMILDOC.

Overdue Georgetown British ship HAMILDOC. (S.O.I., Kingston, 1236R/14, to Admty etc.).

/BARFLEUR ...

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- BARFLEUR U.S. Liaison Officer, Trinidad, confirms information from intercepted letter that BARFLEUR sailed Martinique Casablanca 1/9. 1/7. No signals are received here from Martinique, Giro Chap. II para. 25 refers.
(S.O.(I), Jamaica, 1249R/14, to Admty, C.in C., A.W.I., B.A.D.).
- WESTERN QUEEN, torpedo attack. Following received from Kingston Radio (begins) - Intercepted SSSS, WESTERN QUEEN 18.57 (N) 74 58 (W) torpedo attack but missed (ends). B.A.D. pass to Cominch.
(Bermuda, 1328P/14, to Admty).
Following from Kingston Radio (begins). Intercepted SSSS de WESTERN QUEEN 19. 16 N. 75. 03 W (Ends).
B.A.D. pass to Cominch.
(Bermuda, 1448B/14, to Admty). *See 10.421*
- Fleet Tactics in absence of Air support. This is repetition of C.in C. Pacific Fleet 0309/12 "From C.in C. Pacific Fleet addressed All T.F. Commanders Pacific, C.in C. U.S. Fleet, Comsopacfor, Comsowestpacfor, Comalsec. Repeated engagements in the Pacific prove that even when air support is absent a resolute, well organised, and well handled naval force can successfully operate within range of shore based aircraft except against heavy close-in attack. Small numbers of dive bombers and torpedo planes can usually be repelled without serious loss to force by effective screening, gunfire and high speed manoeuvring. High altitude bombers seldom hit manoeuvring ships". Admty, pass to S.O. Comnav. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1448/14, to Eastern Fleet, Comnav, Admty).
- Shipping Diversion Reporting by Ships. My 1608B/1, para. 4 (see Shipping 1/7). Request information whether U.S. managed ships will conform. If so, propose to cancel first sentence of M.A.R.I. Section II para. 12 (a) and (b) and of para. 16 (1).
(D.T.D., 1457Z/14, to Connv, (R) B.A.D.).
- H.A.1. Convoy H.A.1 arrived less Aruba portion detached, REGINOLITE returned to Halifax, IROQUOIS put into Bermuda.
(B.S.N.O., Curacao, 1615QR/14, to Admty etc.)
- Slow Ships Caribbean Pass to N.C.S.Os. Arrangements have been made with M.O.W.T. that ships of less speed than 8½ knots shall not normally be sailed from U.K. to ports in the Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico.
(D.T.D., 1619B/14 to C.in C. W.A. C.in C. Rosyth, C.in C. Nore).

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Situation Section S.W. O.N. 108 C.T. 24.18.3 043° 35' 060° 10' 291° 7' alter in 0° 44° 20' N. to 270° and in 063° 26' W. to 215°.

O.N. 109 C.T. 24.18.2 043° 15' 064° 30' 215° 10' alter in 042° 14' N. to 224° and in 040° 45' N. to 253°.

H.S. 27, LUNENBURG, 045° 40' 060° 00' 7. LUNENBURG continued to Gaspé increasing to 13.

H.S. 28, QUINTE, NORANDA, UNGAVA, sailed 19(?00) Z/14 7.

ARROWHEAD, 045° 10' 061° 00' to Cap Chat 13 via Gut of Canso.

WASAGA 044° 35' 062° 35' to Pictou, 12.

OLAF FOSTENES 043° 05' 061° 35' to Halifax 14.

2 vessels U.S. Destroyer SCHENCK 043° 55' 066° 30' to Boston, 11.

Tug and tow MELVILLE due Halifax p.m./14, MELVILLE returning to Shelburne.

(C.O.A.C., Halifax, 1623Z/14, to Admty).

ACONIT Your 1759/10. Regret no R.C.N. Corvette available for relief of ACONIT. If requirements in other parts of world dictate that the Mid Ocean Force should lose a Corvette without relief it is realized that the situation must be accepted. ALYSSE and MIMOSA have been replaced by R.C.N. Corvettes, and reliefs for Corvette withdrawn to Russian convoys and CLARKIA transferred to C.in C. A.W.I. have been accomplished by putting additional strain on the already heavily burdened R.C.N. Escort Forces.

(N.S.H.Q., 1650Z/14, to Admty).

Shipping My 0011B/13. Shipping in Mozambique Channel is now being thinned out and following signal from Mozambique Channel. C.in C. E.F. shows current routing policy. Corrections of corrupt groups will follow when received. (Begins).

To reduce traffic in Mozambique Channel where danger from U-Boats is increasing and to avoid narrow ocean shipping lane on which raiders can operate, trade in Indian Ocean is to be routed as diversely as possible.

2. Existing instructions for (?routing) in Indian Ocean area are modified and trade is to be routed as follows.

3. Homeward and South Africa trade. (A) to East Africa Gulf of Aden and Middle East from South; through Mozambique Channel between line joining following positions, western limit:

- (S) 026° 00' S. 037° 30' E.
- (R) (position omitted) 30' S. 042° 00' E.
- (Q) 011° 00' S. 042° 00' E. eastern limit.
- (G) 027° 00' S. 042° 00' E.
- (H) 017° (?00') S. 042° 40' E.
- (J) 015° 00' S. 044° 00' E.
- (K) Comoro (?Island).

(B) To the South, from East Africa, Gulf of Aden and Middle East; (?from) Mozambique Channel to west of line Q.R.S.

(C) To and from Persian Gulf and North coasts of Arabic Sea as far east as and including Karachi; between Madagascar and Seychelles keep west of a line L 029° S. 048° E. M. Mauritius; N. 010° S. 062°.

(D) To and from India south of Karachi (? including) Ceylon; route east of line L.M.N.

4. Australian Trade. (A) From Persian Gulf and Middle East: west of line joining following positions

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Shipping (T) 007° S. 072° 30'.
Mozambique (V) 027° S. 092°.
Channel. (B) To Persian Gulf and Middle East: east of Line
Contd: V.T. and west of line joining following positions:-
(W) 001° S. 073°.
(X) 025° S. 096°.
(C) To and from India and Ceylon: East of Line X.W. and west of
line joining following positions.
(Y) Equator 080° E.
(Z) 023° S. 100°.
5. N.C.S.Os are to be particularly careful that turning points
and other causes of congestion are avoided. Drastic diversion
preferable to attempt to shorten voyage.
6. This is to be brought into force forthwith but ships are not to
be (?diverted) at sea. (Ends).
(D.T.D., 1700B/14, to B.A.D.).

U/B Positions Cominch 1731/14.

U.S. Navy May I expect to receive instructions as to which
and activities here will be retained by us and which
Trinidad. taken over by the Americans? I should like to
have this settled if possible before my relief
arrives. Adm. Olendorf is excellent to deal with
and considers with me that in addition to such matters as
contraband control and examination service, we should undertake
all ? defensive measures inside the Gulf and leave everything
outside to him. The whole, of course, under him as S.N.O.
Once we receive Fairmiles and H.D. launches, we shall be in a
good position to do this and it would be a clear cut arrangement
satisfactory to us both if permitted to carry it out.
(F.O.I.C., Trinidad, 1741Q/14, to C.in C. A.W.I., (R) Admty).
Reply: C.in C. A.W.I., 1912P/15.

U/B S/M sighted by aircraft at 1545Z/14., in 048°
06' N. 069° 40' W.
(? C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1742Z/14, to Admty).

Escorts Your 1239/13. Concur.
H.A. 2. If alternative proposals put forward in my
Convoys. 0010/13 are not considered practicable, it is
recommended that Tankers should be included in
Coastal Convoy.
(D.T.D., 1851Z/14, to Cominch (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.
C.O.A.C.).

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U.S. Cominchs Serial No. 30, contained in his 2058/13, Dispositions informs as to changes in locations given in his 2037/6 as follows:
Atlantic. WASHINGTON, TUSCALOOSA and WICHITA at Iceland. TEXAS and PHILADELPHIA at Clyde. MASSACHUSETTS at Casco Bay. RANGER and AUGUSTA left Trinidad 8/7. OMAHA at Trinidad. CINCINNATI left Norfolk 11/7. MEMPHIS on patrol out of Recife.
Pacific. NORTH CAROLINA at Pearl Harbour. WASP, SARATOGA, QUINCY, VINCENNES, MINNEAPOLIS, ASTORIA, NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JUAN and TRENTON at sea. IDAHO, NEW MEXICO and MISSISSIPPI left San Francisco 11/7. LONG ISLAND due Pearl Harbour 16/7. RALEIGH and HELENA at San Diego. CONCORD at Balboa.
South Pacific. BOISE at Auckland. (Commaveu, 1858/14, to Admty).

Ice C.T. 24, 1859/14, to Admty.
 Bulletin
 14/7.

ALBACORE U.S. S/M notice. Destined Coco Solo ALBACORE proceeds from New London unescorted through following positions at times indicated. (Details).
 Total bombing restrictions 15 miles either side track one hundred miles astern 50 miles ahead.
 (Cominch, 1952/14, to Admty, N.S.H.Q. etc).

→ U/B Connav Serial 14. STANVAC PALEMBANG Serial 11 Campaign now sunk. ANDREW JACKSON U.S. torpedoed 13/7 023° 22' N. 081° 10' W. R.W. GALLAGHER U.S. Tanker torpedoed sunk 13/7 028° 50' N. 091° 05' W. (Connav, 2102Z/14, to Commaveu).

Reports of Your 1303R/12, it is not clear to what reports Sinkings. you refer. (D.T.D. 2118B/14, to S.O.I. Jamaica (R) B.A.D. etc). Reply: 1636/15.

→ Sub attack WESTERN QUEEN 1 torpedo miss 18-57 N. 74-58 W. and sighting about 1645Z/14 R.W.GALLAGHER sunk 2 torpedo hits. summary, ANDREW JACKSON 2 torpedo hits about 23-22 N. 81-10 W. 0102Z/13. CARMEN later informed sunk 1700Z/11. U.S. Net Tender MIMOSA 3 torpedoes miss 10° N. 82° W. 0253Z/12. STANVAC PALEMBANG sunk 2 torpedoes and gunfire. WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON 2 torpedoes misses besides 1 hit previously reported. HERMIS 2 torpedo hits 26 shells. Surface craft sights S/M on surface about 37-53 N. 75-39 W. 1734Z/14. Planes sight S/M 11-25 N. 79-52 W. 1210Z/14. 20-20 N. 74 W. 1520Z/13. 33-30 N. 65-45 W. 1200Z/11. Planes attack S/M 38-24 N. 74-02 W. 2130Z/13. 26-15 N. 83-20 W. 1948Z/13. 31-54 N. 80-39 W. 1700Z/13. 35-52 N. 72-11 W. 1911Z/13. S/M sighted 26-47 N. 82-39 W. 2357Z/13. Plane sights S/M on surface 27-34 N. 90-22 W. 1710Z/13. Surface craft sights wake of periscope 28-52 N. 89-52 W.

/1830Z/13

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Sub attack and sighting summary Contd: 1830Z/13. Surface craft attacks S/M 09-32 N. 81-41 W. 1500Z/12. Plane attacks submerged S/M 28043 N. 80-30 W. 1814Z/10. (B.A.D. and Opnav informed)
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2119/14, to Admty for O.I.C.).

MIMOSA (sunk 9/6). Following received from F.N.F.L. London, (begins) - "Please inform N.S.H.Q. Ottawa that message of sympathy conveyed by Royal Canadian Naval Board on occasion of loss of MIMOSA and 66 of her men has been highly appreciated. Admiral Auboyneau F.N.F.L." (Ends).
(Head of M. 2224B/14, to N.S.H.Q.).

Convoy and escort organisation Your 1555Z/13. Cominch reserves judgment until recommendations of conference are presented for his consideration.
(Cominch, 2227/14, to N.S.H.Q., (R) Admty).

G.I.R.O. Amendment. This is Connav 2132/14 pass to you for action G.I.R.O. amendment 5, chap. 2 para 25, delete Bogota as reporting centre and routeing officer substitute Commander Panama Sea Frontier.
Chap. 3 Sec. A para 7, cancel and substitute following "Routeing instructions shall not be issued to vessels sailing singly carrying more than 60 passengers until approval is obtained from Connav. C.E.S.F. C Gulf S.F. C West S.F. C N W. S.F. pass to routeing officers your frontier. Reporting centre pass to all routeing and reporting officers your area N.C.S.O. Montevideo pass to S.O. (I) Montevideo.
(Connav, 2239/14, to N.O.B. Guantanamo, N.O.B. Bermuda, N.O.B. Iceland, All Sea Frontier Commanders etc.).

LIEBENFELS, Floating Dock, Massawa. U.S. salvage unit, provided by U.S. under President's scheme of Technical Assistance to British Forces, has now raised a floating dock and s.s. LIEBENFELS at Massawa. It is necessary that sooner or later either we or U.S. should put salvaged vessels and cargoes in prize and early action may be necessary in respect of cargoes. You should, therefore, inform U.S. authorities that unless they have any objection, we propose to put LIEBENFELS and floating dock in prize and proceed with repairs.
(Vice Controller, 2259B/14, to B.A.D.)

L. 27 Allied S/M notice. L. 27 departs Delaware Capes 1000Z/16, for New London via 38.30 N. 74.30 W. and 41.01 N. 71.46 W. Speed 12. TRILLIUM will escort. Total bombing restrictions 15 miles ahead and astern and on both sides of course.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2320/14, to C.T.Fs. 21, 24, 28 C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q., Admty).

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defect

L.P. bottom end burnt out. Proceeding Shelburne at slow speed for repair., E.T.A. 0400Z/15th. (MONCTON, 2335Z/14, to C.O.A.C., (R) WITCH, N.O.I.C. Shelburne).
My 2335/14. Due to reduced visibility am proceeding Halifax. E.T.A. 1430Z/15. Negative results search for life boats. (MONCTON, 2352Z/14, to C.O.A.C., Halifax, N.S.(R) WITCH, N.O.I.C. Shelburne).

Australia and New Zealand

Movements

Arrival Sydney U.S. destroyer SELFRIDGE 0011Z/13th. (A.C.N.B., 0139Z/14, to Admty etc.)
U.S. Cruiser PHOENIX left Fremantle 00(?01)Z 13th for patrol. (A.C.N.B., 1034Z/14, to Admty etc.).
U.S. Transport TASMA arrived Port Moresby 13/7 departing 13th due Thursday Island 14th thence Darwin 17th. Dutch naval store ship MINJAM TANNAH departing Brisbane 14th due Cairns 18th. A.S.I.S. POYANG departing Sydney (N.S.W.) 14th due Brisbane 16th in convoy. (A.C.N.B., 1637Z/14, to Admty, Connav, Washington).
Arrival Suva, LEANDER and U.S.S. CUMMINGS escorting PRESIDENT COOLIDGE. (N.Z.N.B., 1851Z/14, to Admty (R) A.C.N.B.)
U.S. Destroyer RALPH TALBOT arrived Brisbane 2115Z/13.
Departures Sydney (N.S.W.) 1352/14, CAIRNS and U.S. Destroyer MUGFORD escorting convoy G.P. 6 for Townsville. U.S. Seaplane Tender HERON arrived Exmouth Gulf 13/7. U.S. Destroyer BLUE left Port Phillip Bay 0134Z/14. (A.C.N.B., 2112Z/14, to Admty etc).

Situation

Serial 173 from G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific area 13/7.
1 cruiser, 1 destroyer reported at Kakoom 009° 24' S. 160° 02' E. 342° 0335Z/13. Fire observed on plains near Tetere 11 miles E. of Lunga (Guadal Canal).
(2) Air R/C reports S/M in 005° 27' S. 159° 46' E. at 0245Z/13.
(3) Enemy destroyer arrived Salamoia 2300Z/12 departing to North 0220Z/13. Considerable air activity during vessel's stay. 4-engined flying boat landed Salamoia harbour at 0030Z/13.
(4) Air R/C 13/7 reported 7 Merchant ships, 1 Warship, several small vessels in Rabaul harbour, 2 very small boats at Kavieng, nil enemy activity Bougainville area, Gasmata, Lorengau, Madang. (A.C.N.B., 1639Z/14, to Admty etc.).

/Japanese ---

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Japanese Intelligence 141859. Cincpac Bulletin 120, contained in his 0227/13, informs as follows:-
Exchange of New Britain area air units continues. A salvage unit is believed on route Yokosuka to Kiska area, presumably to work on damaged destroyers located in that area. Most of Destroyer Squadron 3 in Nonshu ports.
Japanese landing force and special pioneer battalions are clearing area near Lunga, Guadalcanal Island (Solomons) apparently for a landing field. Report received that enemy made landing at Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel Island.
Slight indications that carriers RYUJO, ZUIKAKU and ZUIHO and cruisers TONE, CHIKUMA and HAGURO are leaving Ominato area for Inland Sea area. Believed that Battleship Division 3 is arriving in Yokosuka area.
(Comnavcu, No T.O.O./14, to Admty).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarines Reported

Estimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1419B/14, 1431B/14).

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Home Commands.

④ M.G.Bs from Dartmouth patrolling last night against suspected minelayers from Cherbourg, attacked a small escorted tanker in 49° 46' N. 2° 6' W., and set it on fire and left it sinking. It is considered that damage was caused to some of the escorts. M.G.B.77 (Senior Officer) was severely damaged. *See pp 429 & 430.*

Our A/A defences of Barentsberg (Spitzbergen) are now complete. It is reported that since 27/6 enemy A/C have visited Barentsberg only 3 times; no attack was made.

P.Q.17.

Trawler AYRSHIRE has been located in Matochkin Strait, Novaya Zemlya. She reports that 4 ships are anchored with her. Two others are in Mollera Bay, and AZERBAIDJAN is in a northern bay. The number of ships now unaccounted for is three. All the escorts are now accounted for.

S.O. 1st M/S. Flotilla sends today some pertinent remarks based on considerable experience of North Russia and the North Russian convoys.

Enemy Air Operations.

Enemy fighters early this afternoon attacked 2 M.Ls. and 2 H.S.Ls. employed on air-sea rescue duty near Bullock Buoy (Dover area). H.S.L. 138 was sunk and the other boats were damaged, M.L. 139 seriously, and all had casualties. M.L. 141 claims to have shot down one A/C and another is claimed as damaged.

Mining.

Operation
D.F.7.

ADVENTURE completed this operation (Experimental minefield off Gallon Head) this afternoon.

Restrictions on the port of Milford Haven were removed this evening.

Several magnetic and 16 ground mines were detonated today in Portsmouth eastern approach channel.

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SITUATION REPORT.

North Atlantic.

O.S.33.

SS. EMPIRE ATTENDANT, (a straggler from O.S.33 reported that she was torpedoed at 0143 today in 23° 48' N. 21° 51' W. (about 380 miles S.W. of Tenerife). At 0901B PELICAN reported that PENN and QUENTIN had joined and 28 ships in convoy were intact. A U-boat was attacked in 25° 57' N. 21° 59' W. and is known to have been hit and damaged.

LEOPARD (damaged in collision 12/7) arrived at Ponta Delgada at 0800 G.M.T. today.

The Portuguese authorities estimate that 10 days will be required to make her seaworthy. LOWESTOFT (damaged in collision with LEOPARD) was in 35° 55' N. 19° 41' E. at 1800 G.M.T., steering for Gibraltar. *1-12-443 from P.L. 198*

The Spanish Ministry of Marine has asked the N.A. urgently to represent the serious situation that may arise at any time owing to the persistent practice of British aircraft flying low over Spanish harbours.

Mediterranean.

Operation
"Pinpoint".

31 Spitfires flown off from EAGLE landed safely at Malta this morning. One failed to take off and crashed. It is no longer practicable to maintain the two Naval T.B.R. Squadrons at Malta owing to general shortage of these types of aircraft and urgent requirements of Fleet units. Temporary reduction in the strengths of the three squadrons in Egypt may become necessary.

Last night 42 Wellingtons attacked shipping and harbour installations at Tobruk and 5 Wellingtons mined the entrance to the harbour. Benghazi was bombed at dusk this evening.

A Turkish S/M, stated in the press to be the SALDIRAY, was sunk in the Dardanelles.

26 aircraft attacked Poti today.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

The lack of training of A/S vessels in the Eastern Fleet is causing the C. in C. grave concern.

The Admiralty report that any further losses of colliers on the coal shuttle service from Durban and Lourenco Marques northward will have serious repercussions on the coal position at Mombasa and in the Middle East generally. They ask that special escort through the Mozambique Channel should be provided for 5 cruisers now loading at Durban and Lourenco Marques.

Colliers
Pg.

America and West Indies.

R.A. A. Poland, D.S.O. (Retd) is appointed S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic (H.Q. at Bermuda) with acting rank of V.A. to date 17/7, in succession to Admiral Sir Charles E. Kennedy-Purvis, C. in C. America and West Indies; the latter title will lapse.

The present delays to shipping between Cape Cod Bay and Hampton Roads is causing concern to the Admiralty who propose that the H.A. and A.H. (Halifax - Curacao) convoys should be discontinued and that a continuous coastal convoy should be run from Buzzards Bay (New York) to Key West at the most frequent intervals possible. There is difficulty in maintaining the present cycle of H.A./A.H. convoys and the lack of destroyer escort with these convoys is a weakness which the enemy may seek to exploit. However, it is understood that U.K. and Canadian oil requirements probably cannot be met by the present tanker fleets using coastal routes, and the A.H. and H.A. convoys are an acceptable expedient pending the inauguration of Guantanamo - New York convoys in the latter part of this year. A direct Key West - Buzzards Bay convoy is not possible with present available escorts.

Three ships in Convoy K.S.520 were torpedoed today and two of them subsequently struck mines (U.S.) whilst approaching Cape Hatteras anchorage under escort.

An unknown ship reported being attacked by gunfire today in 53° 41' N. 157° 45' W.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

A.C.O.S. in Your 1816/14. Arrived.
CHIDDINGFOLD. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1015B/15 to A.C.O.S.)

Russian See Lion Copy.
Military
Situation.

Movements.

P.48 Sailed P.48. P.511 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE
P.511. in accordance with S.3's 1359B/13.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1108B/15.)

SEAWOLF. My 1002B/14. Sailed.
LUTTY SARK. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 1125B/15 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

DIOMEDE. A.M. 1447/27. F.O.C.N.A. 1548/14. Destination
DESPATCH. of DIOMEDE is Rosyth, due about 21/7, fuelling at
Scapa if necessary.

2. Arrangements are being made for DESPATCH to
call at Rosyth probably on 24/7 to take over from DIOMEDE before
proceeding to relieve her in the Western Atlantic.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1224B/15.)

My 1224/15. Cancel my 1440/30/6. When ready for
sea request you will sail DESPATCH for Rosyth to meet DIOMEDE.
2. On completion of turn-over, C. in C. Rosyth is requested to
sail DESPATCH for Scapa to work up.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1405B/15 to C. in C. Nore.)

F.O.C.N.A. 1548/14 and A.M. 1224/15. Onward Point
from (C) (D) 051° 046' N. 016° 00' W. (E) 055° 03' N. 010°
02' W. (F) 270° Skerryvore 10 miles, thence through Minches
to destination.
(C. in C. W.A. 2027B/15 to DIOMEDE.)

O.21. (1) Intend to sail O.21 escorted by JAN VAN
GELDER from Dundee at 1400B/16 for Holy Loch.
E.T.A. 1230B/18.
(Capt. S.9 1245B/15.)

ASHANTI. C. in C. H.F. 1111B/15 and my 1316B/15. */K.T. 24.2. INT. 24.2.*
Request ASHANTI may be retained at Hvalfjord
until arrival F.O.C. 1st C.S.
(R.A.D. H.F. 1335B/15 to RENOWN.)

NT. 442 Your 1146B/14 para 2. and your 1316B/15. *p.436* I assume that
ASHANTI is now to remain at Hvalfjord and is not to sail for
Scapa.
(RENOWN 1531B/15 to R.A.D. H.F.) *Sum p.431. 1436.*

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SECRET

MESSAGE

2300/15th. July.

IN.

Date 16.7.42.

From: 30 Military Mission Moscow.

Recd. 0155.

CYPHER

Addressed: The War Office.

061561. IMPORTANT.
Mil 6319 cipher 15th. July.
D.M.I. from Exham.

1. Passed contents 168/MI.14 of 13th. July and 169/M. I. 14 of 14th. July Soviet G. S.
2. Panfilov at present inaccessible so saw Evstigneev today. He would give no detailed information but made following statements 1 (A) Object present German offensive is to finish war. (B) Objective Volga to cut off Caucasus Astrakhan and communications with Iran. (C) Red Army has sustained serious reverse and suffered very heavy casualties but strong (repeat strong) reserves available morale of army high and heavy toll taken of enemy. (D) Withdrawal is controlled and orderly. Communications working well. (E) Germans will not (repeat not) reach Volga. (F) Combined operations in Azov sea not (repeat not) considered imminent. (G) Situation Rzhev area in hand.
3. Regret unable obtain detailed information but Soviet Staff extremely preoccupied and difficult press under existing circumstances.
4. If you wish me demand more news please send directive.

2300/15.

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STRAIDE. Intend to sail STRAIDE at 1700/16 unescorted for Port D. via Sound of Islay, Sound of Mull and Minches. E.T.A. Tobermory 1400/17. E.T.D. Tobermory 0400/18. E.T.A. Port D 2100/18. (N.O.I.C. Ardrossan 1629B/15 to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

P.219. A.C.O.S. 1757/14. Sailed. E.T.A. 2300B/17. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 1803B/15 to A.C.I.C.)

AVENGER. Sailed AVENGER escorted by SCIMITAR and SALISBURY. My 1214B/14. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1838B/15.)

ARGONAUT. After acceptance ARGONAUT should be sailed for Scapa to work up. (D.O.D. (H.) 1946B/15 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

LONDON
KENYA. Scapa departure C.S.I in LONDON with KENYA, ICARUS, OFFA, FORESIGHT. E.T.A. Hvalfiord p.m.17th. (A.C.O.S. 2030B/15.) *See p. 436.*

H.43.
Z.5. At 2000B/16 intend to sail Z.5 from Rothesay to arrive Plymouth 0800/18. On arrival C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail H.43 escorted by Z.5 to Rothesay. If possible C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail H.43 earlier in convoy and to arrange R/V from which Z.5 can take over escort of H.43. (Capt. S.7 2315B/15.) *See p. 431.*

Operations.

Convoy interception by M.G.Bs 77, 75 and 76. Tanker sunk. 2 Escort Trawlers damaged. M.G.B.77 damaged.

Following report received from S.O.8th M.G.B. Flotilla reference your 1605B/14. Arrived in 49° 58' 30" N, 2° W. at 2315 in company with M.G.B. 76 and M.G.B.75 and cut engines (Wind W.N.W, force 3-4). In view of message received before sailing and no noticeable E-boat activity, closed Race of Alderney to investigate possible convoy activity.

At 0138 on silent engines in 49° 46' N. 2° 3' W. sighted steady light on starboard beam, closed and, at 0141, picked up R.D.F. echoes of several ships. At 3000 yards sighted proceeding West at 7 knots in 49° 46' N., 2° 6' W. a Convoy consisting of small tanker about 1000 tons escorted by two Flak trawlers astern and three R. Boats in arrow head formation ahead.

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Convoy interception by M.G.Bs 77, 75 and 76. Tanker sunk. 2 Escort Trawlers damaged. M.G.B.77 damaged. contd.

M.G.Bs closed to $\frac{1}{2}$ cable on starboard beam of Flak trawlers and engaged with all armament. M.G.B.77 proceeded across bows of tanker and dropped depth charge set to 50 feet from 30 feet ahead. M.G.Bs 76 and 75 proceeded up Starboard side of convoy at close range engaging escorts. M.G.B.77 caught fire and received severe damage to hull from heavy enemy fire and five casualties on danger list. Proceeded clear of convoy and joined M.G.B.75 and stopped to observe damage. Tanker was seen glowing dull red from stem to stern and sinking. Consider extensive damage to Flak trawlers. Three M.G.Bs expended 178 rounds of Pom-pom and 380 rounds of Oerlikon at point blank range. Returned to harbour in company M.G.B 75. M.G.B.76 returning independently. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1015/15.)

Lt. Com. Stickers received D.S.C. for this action

Operation "Gearbox"

A. Since 27/6 enemy A/C have visited Barentsberg only 3 times: no attacks.
B. Our A/A defences now complete.
C. Submit that A/C for special flight can be accommodated with reasonable safety and should be sent. Mooring positions and landing beaches should be ready 24/7.
D. When may fuel, ground crew, and beaching gear be expected. (Gearbox 1403Z/15 to Admty. Reptd. 18 Group for 210 Sqdn.)

Patrols. My 0938. ^{/N.T. in W.S.} Patrol 6 for CAMPBELL read HOLDERNESS. (C. in C. Nore 1416B/15.) Carry out patrol of latitude 050° 25' N. between 1° and 2° W, passing N.1 Buoy at 2245/15 and 0530/16. Land books in accordance with S.149/41. If ships leave patrol line they are not to enter area south of 50° N. and East of 1° 20' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1517B/15 and 1817B/15 to PYTCHLEY, BLENCATHRA)

Exercises.

Exercise XCC My 1111/15. C.S.1 will carry out exercise XCC before arrival at Hvalfiord.

2. Object to exercise a cruiser covering force in defence of a convoy (in accordance with recent 1st Cruiser Squadron operation orders)

3. Comtask 99 is requested to sail in WICHITA with NORFOLK and TUSCALOOSA to meet C.S.1 in 000° Skagi 3 miles at zero hour 17th when an imaginary convoy is in 340° Skagi 20 miles, course 180°, speed 8 knots.

4. KENYA will represent 2 pocket battleships.

5. Ships are to have steam for full speed and be ready to make smoke.

6. A/C may be used by all ships after zero hour.

7. Zero hour will be 0900Z/17 unless otherwise ordered.

8. Comtask 99 pass to NORFOLK, RENOWN, and TUSCALOOSA. (C. in C. H.F. 1422B/15 to Comtask 99.)

/My 1422B/15 ...

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Exercise XCC - contd. My 1422B/15 para (3). ^{1/mission page.} Request you also sail ASHANTI with cruisers for exercise XCC. (C. in C. H.F. 2347B/15 to Comtask 99)

H.43. My 1641/14. Delete reference to Dartmouth S/M area and substitute H.43 will be exercising off Plymouth in area A from 0900/16 to 2115/16 and in area C from 2300/16 to 0500/17. (C. in C. Plymouth 1741B/15.) *See p 429.*

British Air Activity.

Operation "Knocker" My 1606B/6, my 1101B/7, and your 0050/8. Request notice may be given to Stornoway of all flights from Iceland to U.K. 4-hour warnings are required to get patrol in position. No information has yet been received from you regarding today's flight. Request immediate information may also be given when flights are postponed. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 1056B/15 to A.C.I.C.)

Bombing restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions 30 miles either side of a line joining following positions. From Lerwick through (A) 90° Out Skerries 5 miles to (B) 61° N. 00° 31' W. from 1800/15 to 0200/16. From (B) to (C) 63° 15' N. 05° 25' W. from 0001/16 to 2200/16. From (C) to (D) 66° 03' N. 12° 08' W. from 1200/16 to 0400/18. From (D) through (E) 66° 03' N. 12° 55' W. and (F) 65° 43' N. 13° 38' W. to Seidisfjord from 1200/17 to 1800/18. (A.C.O.S. 1058B/15 to H.Q.C.C.)

U.S.A. Aircraft. Position of U.S. aircraft A.M.15/7. Fighters (P.38) U.K.7, Iceland 12, Blue West 1 42, Blue West 2 4, Goose 15. Transports (D.C.3) U.K. 7, Iceland 24, Blue West 1 1, Blue West 8 4, Goose 16, U.S.A. 2. Bombers (B.17) U.K. 13, Iceland 6, Blue West 1 14, Blue West 8, 2, Goose 6, U.S.A. 1. Anticipate movement of 10 D.C.3s to U.K. 15/7. Next fighter formation expected 16/7. (Air Ministry 1245/15 to 44 Group.)

Rearmament of Sea Hurricanes. Extract from EAGLE's report of Operation "Harpoon". (C. in C. H.F. 2349B/15) See Mediterranean.

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.

Vaenga bombed. My 1623/12. On 13/7 and 14/7 determined bombing attacks were made on Vaenga Aerodrome using 100 and 200 pound bombs which burst in the air causing considerable casualties. Three bombers destroyed by fire and others damaged. Various tactics employed which have somewhat baffled defences and fighters. Four enemy shot down. No British casualties.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1551B/15 to Admty.)

H.S.L.138 sunk. Between 1321 and 1419 today M.Ls 141 and 139 and H.S.Ls 138 and 140 employed on air-sea rescue duties in the vicinity of Bullock Buoy were attacked several times by hostile fighter A/C. H.S.L.138 was set on fire and sunk. The other boats were all damaged, M.L. 139 seriously. Casualties sustained were as follows. H.S.L.140, one airman killed and one wounded. H.S.L.138, C.O. and one airman seriously wounded and six airmen slightly wounded. M.L.139, two officers and five ratings wounded. M.L.141, one officer killed and three ratings wounded. One seriously. M.G.Bs 328 and 322 sent to support rescued one pilot and another was picked up by an R.M.L. from Newhaven. M.L.141 claims to have shot down one A/C and another is claimed to have been damaged.
(V.A. Dover 2007B/15.)

Mining.

Thames Estuary. M.M.S.68 damaged. Six ground mines detonated 14/7 during sweeping in vicinity of North Knob outside the swept channels. Last of these detonated approximately 30 yards on port quarter of M.M.S.68. Vessel sustained damage to auxiliaries and tail shaft. No casualties.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 1040/15.)

Western Channel sweep. Your 2245B/14. Intend to sail ILFRACOMBE, FELIXSTOWE and EASTBOURNE at 0800/16 to sweep route "A" as far as 193° Start Point 6 miles, thence to Dartmouth sweeping in accordance with M.S.13's 1236B/14.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1101B/15 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

Q.Z.X.762 My 1217/12. About 7 ships were plotted from Cherbourg through following positions. Apparently covering force operated at same time between 50° 03' N. 01° 21' W. and 50° 10' N. 00° 30' W, and probably returned to Cherbourg by same route. This may indicate further minelaying eastward of QZX 762.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1507B/15 to Admty.)

D.F.7. Operation D.F.7 completed.
(ADVENTURE 1528/15.)

/Milford ...

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Mining - contd.

Milford
Haven.

Cancel my 0637B/7.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1813B/15.)

Thames
Approaches.

Details of one ground mine detonated each
on 14/7.
(Capt M/S Sheerness 1125/15, 1127/15, 1129/15,
1133/15, 1131/15, 1135/15, 1230/15)

Enemy Intelligence.

Norway.

As air communication has been interrupted one month following is our appreciation from (?reports) during this period framed on basis of your telegram 1921A (?February 19th).

(i) North Norway and North Finland. (a) Increased air defences at new fleet anchorage Bogen.

(b) (i) Strength of T.B. and heavy bomber squadrons temporarily stablized at Banak, Bardu Foss, Bille, Tromso mainly in accordance with my 1901/18. Total believed to be about 70 Heinkel 115 T/B and 60 Heinkel 111 long range R/C bombers for use against ships.

(ii) Seaplane bases are being developed at Tromso, Persanger, and Hammerfest.

(c) U-boat activity has been increased at temporary base Tromso and Kirkenes in conjunction with Arctic Convoy attacks.

(d) Evidence of defensive mine laying at Helgoy.

(e) Military reinforcements have been moved Northwards to Tromso in connection with stiffening of Coastal defences.

(ii) Trondheim Southwards. (a) Trondheim base is still developing.

(i) Evidence increasing U-boat repair work, under water defences and harbour defence craft.

(ii) Powerful defence perimeter is being formed on landward side to make this large area an impregnable fortress.

(b) No evidence long range fighter strength as reported in Admiralty Signal.

(iii) Deduction generally.

(a) There has been increasing tendency to concentrate units of the fleet further North for offensive on Arctic Convoys. Consequent Coastal and land protection has also developed in these areas.

(b) Presence of additional German divisions in North Finland, reports of invasion craft proceeding Northwards, and other relevant intelligence is implication that attack on Fisherman's Peninsula and later Murmansk is projected.

(iv) Your comment would be appreciated.
(N.A. Stockholm 1751/15 to D.N.I.)

N.I.D. Comment: This report is generally agreed to, with the addition of the following comments:-

Para.(i) (c) There is no evidence that Tromso is being used as a U-Boat base, although reports persist of great activity in that area. Reccos reveal nothing abnormal. (i) (e) Tromso is only one of the places being reinforced by troops.

Para (ii) (a) (ii) No evidence of this.

Para (iii)(b) Believed correct.

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HOME COMMANDS.

U-Boats.

SAIGAING. My 1258/14 and my 1942/14. Further air
(Report of search results negative. BUTE recalled.
U-Boat on (A.C.I.C. 0230B/15.)
13/7) My 0230/15. BUTE returned.
(A.C.I.C. 1939B/15.)

U-Boats Am over enemy S/M in 45° 8' N. 10° 57' W.
reported. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to
submerge. When first sighted was on course
270°, estimated speed 8 knots.
(A/C A.Q.I.B. T.O.R. 0915B/15 to 19 Group.)
Am over enemy S/M in 44° 55' N. 12° 0' W. S/M was on surface
and observed to dive. Course 250°, speed 8 knots.
(A/C 3 YST 1510/15.)

Navigational.

Dover. S.W. Gate buoy has dragged 3 miles 030° and
may be still moving.
(V.A. Dover 0912B/15.)

Yarmouth. 6 A Buoy confirmed extinguished.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 1212B/15 and 1943B/15.)

Tyne. Should it prove impossible to remove BRABO
BRABO. from the Tyne entrance before the end of the
Summer, the problem will have to be faced how
to maintain the flow of coal out of the Tyne
sufficiently to keep pace with the production of the Durham and
Northumberland pits. No relief is to be expected from the
railways which will already be bearing an increase on the load
carried at the same time last year.
2. A meeting will be held in Admiralty Trade Division at
1530/23 to consider this. Request you send a representative.
(D.T.D. 1319B/15 to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

Technical.

Dangerous Following from Newcastle under Lyme to S.A.S.O.
Drill Priddys Hard begins. 3 in number B bombs mark
Bomb. 111 Drill despatched on 26/6 received in
Newcastle 8/7. Head of one bomb has been
removed and contains an intensely combustible
substance which appears to be explosive. Bomb itself has
"Drill" painted on it. Ends. Passed for information and with
reference to Admiralty's 1439/3/7.
(R.A. N.A.S. 1730B/15 to Admty.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- ? DOMALA. Following received from Tیره radio third class 207° (? in) distress (? (DOMALA)). (Portpatrick Radio 0143B/15 to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
- BRUNSWICK. Your 2205/13. Arrived. (N.O.I.C. Middlesbrough 1020/15.)
- EMPIRE CHIEF. EMPIRE CHIEF in tow of EMPIRE LARCH escorted by CELIA and THIRLMERE arrived. (N.O.I.C. Newcastle 1030/15.)

Shipping and Convoys.

- P.Q.17. Report from A/C now establishes fact that 4 merchant ships, DIANELLA, and Soviet Patrol vessel 38 are at Western end Matochkin Strait and 2 others Moller Bay. Soviet Ice-Ship MURMAN¹⁵ is bringing Soviet Tanker AZERBAIDJAN and any other vessel in northernmost Bay to assemble with other ships. As soon as 3 Corvettes have effected repairs due to ice and repeated bombing they will be sent with Russian ice (? vessel) by clear water route south of Kolguev Island to meet and escort vessels to Archangel. Escort will be reinforced (? during) latter part of voyage by British M/S and Soviet Union destroyer. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 0021B/15 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
- From interviews with Masters of P.Q.17 ships it is apparent that (when) signal to scatter was received ships remained in groups of 2 or 3 and kept in company with object of affording each other better anti-aircraft protection. Six escort vessels arrived with both anti-aircraft ships in Matochkin Straits. It would be preferable if, after scattering, they attached themselves singly to the most valuable ships of convoy and remained with them. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1014B/15 to Admty., C. in C. H.F.)
- Written report received by Catalina from AYRSHIRE stating following ships are at anchor 9 miles up Matochkin Straits IRONCLAD, TROUBADOUR, SILVER SWORD, BEN HARRISON and AYRSHIRE. (?5667) has picked up 34 survivors from FAIRFIELD CITY and 6 from WILLIAM HOOPER. Awaiting escort. Wireless watch being kept on 8290 and 500 k/cs. S.B.N.O. Archangel is to send all available escort to escort this group and 4 other ships reported (? on) coast of Novaya Zemlya. If escorts are short of ammunition minesweepers are to be sent instead of proportion of their outfit transferred to escort vessels at your discretion. Report if either PALOMARES or POZARICA can be sent with them and has sufficient ammunition for operation. S.B.N.O. Archangel pass to S.O. 1st M/S F. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1042B/15 to S.B.N.O. Archangel.)
- Your report 13th July received. Well done. Escort will be sent as soon as ready to leave Archangel. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1101B/15 to AYRSHIRE.)

/Trawler ...

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- P.Q.17 contd. Trawler AYRSHIRE located in Matochkin Strait Novaya Zemlya keeping constant watch on 8290 k/cs. Request my 1101/15 (55/823) be broadcast on this frequency by G Z Z once between 1800 G.M.T. and 2000 G.M.T. and again between 2200 and 2359 G.M.T. 15th July. Murmansk W/T is also broadcasting this signal. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1104B/15 to Admty.) Report your position and what ships are in company. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1205B/15 to DIANELLA.) A/C (N/210), which has instructions to carry out ice R/C to E. of Sea Horse Island, may carry out search for survivors at the same time, but this additional commitment should not be allowed to prejudice the serviceability of the A/C for duties in connection with P.Q.18. (D.O.D. H. 1406B/15 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.) Following from Cdr. Broome. Admiralty's 1222/14. No instruction issued by KEPPEL other than the signal "Convoy scattered and proceeding to Russian port". (N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1720B/15 to Admty.)
- O.N.S.112. BATTLEFORD is expected to join convoy about 0300B/16. (C. in C. W.A. 0750B/15 to C.T.U. 24.1.11.)
- H.X.197. On completion of escort duties CELANDINE will be proceeding Liverpool and will sail from Londonderry with O.N.S.116. (C. in C. W.A. 0902Z/15 to C.T.U. 24.1.14.)
- O.N.S.116.
- P.Q.18. Your 2237/14. Concur. (C. in C. H.F. 1018B/15 to F.O.S.)
- C.S.1 is requested to sail for Hvalfiord p.m. today in LONDON with KENYA and Destroyers detailed for Cruisers covering force. (C. in C. H.F. 1111B/15.) *Sailed Sun 6.42g.*
- ~~LOITANKA~~ *lokanka* LOITANKA. Request ships in P.Q. convoys be issued with information contained in S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1023A/8/2 in their routeing instructions. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1225B/15 to Admty.) Your 1111B/15. ICARUS, OFFA, FORESIGHT from Scapa and ASHANTI from Hvalfiord detailed. (R.A.D. H.F. 1316B/15 to C. in C. H.F.)
- H.Y four paragraph (4) (A) P.Q.18. (B) (1) CAPE PALLISER, VIZALMA, NORTHERN SPRAY, NORTHERN PRIDE. (2) As ordered by C.S.1. (C) (one) (A) from Hvalfiord SHARPSHOOTER. (B) from Seidisfiord - A/S escort: MARTIN S.O., MARNE, MIDDLETON, MALCOLM, MANSFIELD, BLANKNEY, BRYONY, BLUEBELL, BERGAMOT, CAMELLIA, WOLVERINE. A/A ship ALYNBANK. S/M P.219. (C) From Londonderry. A/A ship: ULSTER QUEEN. (two) Sunday 19th July. (D) EMPIRE MORN.
2. C.S.1 in LONDON with WICHITA, TUSCALOOSA, and four destroyers will provide cover.

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- P.Q.18. contd. 3. C.S.1 is requested to :-
(A) Sail Seidisfiord ships to join convoy.
(B) Order R/V for ULSTER QUEEN.
4. Intend to provide additional cover in DUKE OF YORK with RENOWN, VICTORIOUS, MANCHESTER, CUMBERLAND and 11 destroyers.
(C. in C. H.F. 1602B/15.)
It is requested that Russian Naval Officers taking passage in SS STALINGRAD be transferred to EMPIRE MORN, as convenient. Ice pilot for Tanker SAN UBALDO is also taking passage in STALINGRAD.
(D.T.D. 1251B/15 to A.C.I.C.)
- CLYDE COAST. Intend sailing CLYDE COAST escorted by STELLA PEGASI from Sorvaag to Kirkwall at 1955 today for onward routeing to Aberdeen. Route. E.T.A. 2015/16. Request air escort and codeword. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1102B/15 to A.C.O.S.)
- T.A.17 MUSA. A.M. 2025/12. Route. From R/V in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0400Z/19 through position E. 55° 35' N. 10° 25' W. F. 55° 25' N. 17° 00' W. G. 54° 30' N. 26° 32' W.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1106B/15 to H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C.)
A.M. 2025/12, 1608/14, and 1101/15.
(1) F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail MUSA independently to R/V with main convoy in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0400Z/19.
(2) F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail main convoy and escort in compliance with above Admiralty signals.
(C. in C. W.A. 1507Z/15.)
- W.N. Convoys. Proposed W.N. programme. (W.N.10 to 14 inclusive) (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1250B/15, 1650B/15, 1734B/15) Your 1250B/15 as amended by your 1650B/15. Concur. (C. in C. Rosyth 1924/15 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe.)
- S.C.90 O.N.115. C.T.U. 24.1.13 in WETASKIWIN and SKEENA, SAGUENAY, GALT, SACKVILLE, LOUISBERG arrived *L. Jersey* from S.C.90. This unit designated ocean escort for O.N.115.
(C.T.G. 24.7 1640B/15.)
- S.C.U.90. Your 0725/15. S.C.U. 90 should have consisted of 9 ships only. Report forthwith name of ship detached.
(C. in C. W.A. 1346B/15 to LOUISBURG.)

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W.S.21 P. Your 1834/13 para 3. Following ships joining W.S.21 P.

Name	Speed	Destination
HAWAIIAN SHIPPER	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Suez
EMPIRE ORIOLE	16	Suez
FAIRPORT	16	Suez
EXHIBITOR	16	Suez
TARN	16	Suez
ZAANDAM	16	Suez
SANTA CRUZ	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Suez
AMERICAN	14	Abadan
MANUFACTURER		
MORMACDALE	14	Abadan

(B.A.D. Washington 1437Z/15 to Admty.)

Channel Convoy Route. My 2323B/7 and my 1627B/4. It is understood that moored mines are now suspected on northern edge QZX 753 in vicinity Royal Sovereign shoal. In view of this and heavy mining with ground mines of this area which will take some time to clear, it is considered desirable divert Channel Convoy route temporarily into deeper waters.
(2) If QZX 750 can be considered clear on line C.1 buoy to D. buoy propose channel convoy sailing on 17/7 should be routed in an average depth 17 fathoms through QZX 753. The proposed route is as follows (A) 050° 38' 30" N. 009° 06' W. (B) 050° 38' 30" N. 000° 27' 30" E. (C) C.1 buoy. (D) D.buoy. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1443B/15 to Admty.)

S.L.U.114 Every endeavour should be made to arrive Loch MOLDE. Ewe by 1600B/16 so ship can join W.U.10 sailing Loch Ewe at 1730B/16.
(C. in C. W.A. 1453B/15 to PHILANTE, BRIDGEWATER)
Request you will sail MOLDE to meet S.L.114 at position A. at 0100B/16.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1622B/15 to Cdre. Londonderry.)

OCEAN My 2016B/14 not to N.C.S.O. Swansea. OCEAN VETERAN. VETERAN has been ordered to Swansea for discharge of aircraft then Southampton, but it is still requested she be sailed in same W.P. convoy as EL CIERVO. EL CIERVO.
(D.T.D. 1838B/15.)

P.Q. and Q.P. Following remarks based on considerable Convoys. experience of North Russia and North Russian convoys are submitted.
(a) Scale, range, and efficiency of bombing of defence is for convoy to remain concentrated until enemy surface ships are sighted.
(b) Gun power of escorts other than destroyers is so limited that no practical defence to convoy is given.

/(c) ...

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(c) Escorts other than destroyers have little if any margin of speed over some ships of convoy. Rounding up operation after scattering of convoy is therefore impracticable.

(d) Departure of all destroyer escorts of P.Q.17 has had severe damaging effect on morale of British and American merchant crews especially the latter.

(e) Doubtful whether Russian fighter protection will ever be effective owing to small numbers, inexperienced and inherent lack of sea sense.

(f) Evident that special squadron of expert bombing pilots was employed against P.Q.17. Unanimous escort opinion on remarkable accuracy of bombing especially from A/C with orange tipped wings.

(g) Communications in north Russia suffer not only from bad natural conditions but from lack of traffic control W/T discipline and inexperience of operators.

(h) S.B.N.O. Archangel has only reserve officers on his staff who have no experience of naval operational work. It is no reflection on individuals to state that staff work in north Russia for some months has suffered from inexperience and over work.

(i) Food situation may become very serious. Any H.M. Ships proceeding to North Russia should be stocked to maximum stowage capacity. Merchant ships sunk and large number of survivors aggravate this difficulty. Any medical stores including anaesthetics always acceptable. Regret geographical circumstances prevent me from submitting above remarks through usual channel of my immediate S.O. but if political consideration necessitate the continuance of slow convoys through an area in which the enemy has at present nearly absolute command consider unorthodox methods are warranted in recommending any steps which might strengthen our ability to get the convoys through.
(S.O. 1st M/S F 2214B/15 to C. in C. H.F.)*

S.C.U.90

Request you will obtain report from Commodore as to why KEILEHAVEN bound Ardrossan proceeded to Loch Ewe.

(C. in C. W.A. 2336B/15 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe.)

* Reply of S.B.N.O. Archangel, 18/25/18, page 533.

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"Q" Messages. Your 0117Z/12. Proposed text of "A" Message re introduction of new "Q" Message system (D.M.S, 1204B/15 to B.A.D.) See Lion Copy.

North Atlantic.

EMPIRE
ATTENDANT
torpedoed. Received at 0147 G.M.T. De Tires Radio SSSS DE GDMV(EMPIRE ATTENDANT) 23°, 48' N. 21° 51' W. torpedoed 0143/15. (Port Patrick Radio, No. T.O.O./15 to Navycharge, Greenock.).

CAIRO
gun
accident. In view of your 1504/5/7/42, decision on your 1904/29/6/42 is deferred pending receipt and consideration of minutes of Board of Inquiry. (Hd. of Gunnery Br. 0218B/15 to F.O.C.N.A.).

U/B.
O.S.33. D/F at 2131Z/14 places U-Boat in vicinity of O.S.33. (D.D.I.C. 0350B/15 to Escorts O.S.33 QUENTIN. PENN (R) F.O.C.N.A. R.A.W.A. C. in C. W.A.).

U/B
damaged. 4/7. O.S.33 position 021° 26' N. 021° 09' W. (a) 175° 9¼ knots. 28 ships intact. No further sign of S/M. PENN, QUENTIN joined. S/M attacked 025° 57' N. 021° 59' W, known to be hit and damaged. (PELICAN 0901B/15 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, C. in C.W.A. R.A.W.A.).
See also Admty 1054 B/22/7 - U/Boat Campaign.

LÉOPARD. F.S.LÉOPARD arrived Ponta Delgada 0800 G.M.T./15th. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 0910/15 to S.O.(I) Gib.(R) Admty).

Request you will instruct LÉOPARD to proceed by following route to Freetown (A) 037° 10' N. 025° 50' W. (B) 018° 01' N, 020° 01' W. thence as ordered by R.A.W.A.F.

(2) Request you include S. of A. in sailing signal. (F.O.C.N.A. 1254B/15 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada (R) Admty. R.A.W.A.F.) LÉOPARD's stem fractured, fore compartment flooded and leaking into second. Portuguese Authorities estimate time for repairs sufficient to render her seaworthy 10 days. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1445/15, to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, Admty pass to C. in C.W.A. R.A.W.A.). N.C.S.O. San Miguel (Ponta Delgada) 1445/15. Presume you will issue necessary instruction. (F.O.C.N.A. 2246B/15 to Admty.). *See 15.443. (situation)* Cannot be docked at Freetown. See R.A.W.A.1709/17.

PHOEBE. Arrival 0800. PHOEBE. (F.O.C.N.A. 0928B/15 to Admty.(R) C. in C.W.A. N.O.I.C.Greenock, R.A.W.A.F.).

/Intend...

SECRET

MESSAGE 120 EB/15th July

OUT

Date: 15/7/42.

Addressed: B.A.D. Washington 170

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C in C America & West Indies 171

NAVAL CYBER X PLUG

From: Admiralty.

Your 01174/42.

Following is proposed text of A Message to be sent as Rosegram begins:

1. It is intended to bring into force shortly new Q message system which will include U.S. Authorities as issuing authorities. This system is fully explained in C. S. 01318L/42 now in distribution, but system will be brought into force beforehand if all stations indicate that this signal is understood.

2. Originating authorities under new system will be:-

Home Station. As at present.

North Atlantic Station. As at present.

Mediterranean Station. As at present.

South Atlantic Station As at present but excluding South West Atlantic Sub Area.

Australian Station Present boundaries of South West Pacific Area with Australian Commonwealth Naval Board issuing Q.F. and Q.F.A. Messages.

New Zealand Station Present boundaries of South Pacific Area with Commander South Pacific force originating authority for Q.M and New Zealand Navy Board originating Authority for Q.M.A. messages.

North and Central Pacific area with present boundaries with following originating Authorities at Bases indicated.

Q.P. Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet, Honolulu

Q.P.A. Commandant Alaskan Sector Kodiak. Q.P.B.

Commandant North West Sea Frontier Seattle. Q.P.C.

N.S.H.Q. Canadian Coastal Zone Pacific Ottawa. Q.P.D.

Commandant Western Sea Frontier San Francisco. Q.P.E

Commandant Hawaiian Sea Frontier Honolulu.

South East Pacific area with present boundaries with following originating authorities. Q.S. Commander

South East Pacific Force. Q.S.A. Commander Panama Sea Frontier (Pacific)

Western Atlantic Area whose eastern limit follows the coast of Greenland to the south and west to 26 degrees W.

Thence along the meridian of 26 degrees W to Northern edge of the North Atlantic Station boundary.

From Southern edge of North Atlantic Station boundary at 26 degrees W South along the meridian of 26 degrees W to 40 degrees South thence West along the parallel of 40 degrees South to the coast of South America.

The following are Originating Authorities,

/Q. J. Commander...

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(2)

Q.J. Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
Q.J.A. N.S.H.Q. Canadian Coastal Zone Ottawa.
Q.J.B. Captain i/c Bermuda Q.J.C. Commandant Eastern S
Frontier. Q.J.D. Commandant Gulf Sea Frontier. Q.J.E.
Commandant Caribbean Sea Frontier. Q.J.F. Commandant
Panama Sea Frontier (Atlantic) Q.J.G. Commandant South West
Atlantic Sub Area.
Originating Letters Q.N. are reserved for U.S. Navy
Department.

3. To distinguish British Secret U.S. Confidential
Messages from British Confidential U.S. Restricted Messages
the former are to be prefixed Red, the latter Blue.
Thus Q.K. Red 102. Q.J.A. Blue 104.

All messages are to be addressed to Cominch Admiralty,
Flag Officers afloat. Other Originating Authorities, Major
War vessels Commandants of U.S. Naval districts, British
S.O.(I) in the main area of the originator and also to
Commander in Chief and authorities responsible for the
safety of Major War Vessels in contiguous main areas.
Blue messages are in addition to be addressed all British
and U.S. N.C.S.O. Routing Officers and consular shipping
advisers on own and contiguous main Stations.

4. The medium of transmission must ensure the receipt of
messages by British and Allied War vessels at sea and authorities
addressed whilst preserving security.

5. South Atlantic and South West Pacific are to be re arded
as contiguous although their boundaries do not touch, South
West Pacific is also to be regarded as contiguous to South
East Pacific. South Atlantic and Home Stations will
continue to be regarded as contiguous.

6. All instructions in C.B.01618L/40 not modified in
this message will remain in force.

7. It is requested that Commanders in Chief Foreign
Stations, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Australian Commonwealth Naval Board
and New Zealand Navy Board will indicate whether the purport
of this signal is understood and the date when it could be
brought into force. Ends.

It would be convenient if the short titles of U.S.
Originating Authorities could be included in lieu of Commandant
and also the bases at which they function where not stated.

1204B/15.
D.M.S. (262)

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| 1st. Lord. | | |
| 1st. S.L. | O.D. (5) | N.I.D. 10(2) |
| V.C.N.S. | D. of S.T. (2) | Hydrog. (3) |
| A.C.N.S. (H) | I.P. (3) | W.D. |
| A.C.N.S. (F) | D.T.D. (4) | D.M.S. (2) |
| A.C.N.S. (T) | D.T. (M) | D.M.S. Citadel |
| A.C.N.S. (W) | D.T.D. (C) | D.A/S.W. |
| N.A. 1st. S.L. | D.N.I. (5) | D. of N |
| Ops. (3) | O.I.C. (2) | D.D.O.D. (M) |
| U.S.N. (3) | M. (2) | Ad. Blake |
| | | D. of P. (3) |
| | | I.P. (3) |
| | | H.V.R. (2) |

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PHOEBE. Intend sailing PHOEBE at 0700B/16 routed
Contd. through position:
(a) 035° 50' N. 006° 40' W. (b) 033° 28' N. 009° 25' W
(c) 029° 40' N, 011° 45' W. (d) 026° 05' N. 015° 42' W
(e) 020° 30' N. 019° 01' W. (f) 012° 59' N. 019° 01' W.
(g) 010° 16' N. 017° 30' W., thence Freetown S. of A. 21 knots,
E.T.A. Freetown 1800B/20.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1244B/15 to R.A.W.A.F., (R) Admty, EMERALD, PHOEBE.).

See 10.4.43. (Instructions)

Force H. Enemy aircraft reported sighting a force
consisting of 3 types of units at 0830 B and
0845 B. This may refer to you.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0954B/15 to Force H. (R) Admty,
N.O.I.C. Malta.)

Damaged U/B Your 2349B/15/6. In view of categorical
at Ferrol. denials by M. of M. that any wounded or dead
(U.105.) were removed from German S/M at Ferrol I have
conducted extensive investigations and cannot
find any confirmation of Consul at Corunna's report. He
himself now agrees information was rather vague and unconfirmed.
(N.A. Madrid 1010/15 to Admty.).

Brit. A/C M. of M. represents serious situation that may arise
flying over owing to persistent practice of British A/C
Spanish flying over Spanish Harbours. He gave as latest
Harbours. instance A/C over City of Vigo 3 days ago
A/A will sooner or later shoot down one of
these A/C with deplorable results on political
relations. He asked what we gain by such low and provocative
flights. I told him orders were clear British A/C were not to
enter territorial waters (your 0105B/28/6). Minister is
aware Coastal Command is controlled by Admiralty. Request
instructions reply.
(N.A. Madrid 1133/15 to Admty.)

JONQUIL R.A.W.A.F.'s 1525/14 para 1, concur.
HARTINGTON. 2. On parting company with S.L.116 propose
JONQUIL pick up SS . HARTINGTON at Las Palmas and
escort to Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1140B/15 to Admty, R.A.W.A.F.).
(Reply: D.T.D.1258/16).

LUIGI
TORELLI. Owing to inevitable telephone and telegraph
(Italian U/B) delay between Santander and Madrid confirmation
(left Santander, S/M was leaving dock yesterday afternoon 14/7.
14/7). to mooring in basin was only received this
morning. An hour later news received she had
sailed. Spanish D.N.I. states only information so
far received that she was in tow with 2 Spanish Officers and
Pilots on board. These were apparently overpowered and tow cast
off. Not clear how Italians (?got) on board. Am seeing M. of M
in an hour.
(N.A. Madrid 1240/15 to Admty.).

/My....

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Luigi

TORELLI.
(Italian U/B)
(left
Santander
14/7)
Contd.

My 1240/15. M. of M. has given me following explanation.

1. S/M was ordered to leave dry dock yesterday afternoon and be moored in basin. His orders to Port Captain, Santander were that no more of Italian crew than barely necessary were to be on board and that every precaution was to be taken against attempt by S/M to leave harbour.
 2. Commandant replied every precaution had been taken, that S/M could not cruise under own steam, and that Italian Capt. had given guarantee to observe Spanish instructions.
 3. Minister had previously ordered draining of all fuel and reduced air pressure to zero. Commandant had replied this had been done except for one ton of fuel remaining. This was not considered of any consequence.
 4. S/M left dock in tow of tug which then secured alongside to turn her into basin. Italian Captain then ordered tow cast off and Spanish on board were seized. These were Second Commandant of Port, an Engineer Officer, and Pilot. S/M then proceeded seaward under one engine. When well outside harbour fishing boat - probably there by arrangement - was called alongside and Spaniards were literally thrown into her. S/M then set course east. She must have met other craft which refuelled her or Commandant must have reported fuel on board erroneously.
 5. Only portion of crew was on board. Remainder believed to have escaped in other fishing vessels but this is not yet clear.
 6. S/M could not submerge and 1 engine was utterly unserviceable. Other was much less damaged and repairs must have been executed by crew, though this was against his orders to Port Commandant.
 7. He had originally told me propellers would be removed. He had had to countermand this by representations from M.F.A. on basis that final decision must await return of M.F.A. and had only consented because he regarded engine damage as too serious any way and relied on precautions ordered. Similarly owing to representations by M.F.A. he had to rescind original order by which all crew were to be taken ashore and agreed care and maintenance party remain on board.
 9. He ascribed escape to (A) Pressure on M.F.A. while in Rome with consequent order to Ministry here. (B) Bad faith of Italian Captain (C) Negligence of Port Commandant. (D) Bribery locally. But he himself was responsible for not insisting on stronger precautions.
 10. He has ordered full enquiry and offered Franco his resignation describing matter as worst (?political) incident concerning Spain and as slur on his personal honour and of Spanish Navy. I agreed and pointed out I had relied on his undertaking. I was not concerned with political aspect but had trusted Spanish Navy and been let down. He agreed but said it was worse for him as his own countrymen had betrayed him.
- I have seldom seen a man so angry and so are all the Naval Staff. This is not an act. They have been negligent and made fools of. Whatever action we may take, matter internally will not rest as it is.
- Under Secretary of State and Head of European Section, M. of F.A. told our Minister yesterday that they had seen no communications from M. of M. about S/M. M. of M. showed me today copies of two letters dated 7/6 in which he specifically informed M.F.A. he has given orders to intern S/M. He has never had any acknowledgment. H.M. Ambassador has asked to see M.F.A. as soon as possible. M. of M. asked that no reference should be made to his remarks re M.F.A.'s complicity. (N.A. Madrid 2025/15, to Admty) W.R. Note no para 8 included by originator. /Situation.

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- Situation, 1959B/15. (1). DIOMEDE 038° 05' 010° (? 50'). 321° 15.
(2). LADY HOGARTH, STELLA CARINA escort Tanker ALEXIA 035° 26' (? 07°) 09' to Gibraltar, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$.
(3). SPIREA, GERANIUM 034° 08' 010° 42' 240° 12.
(4). ARCTIC RANGER, KONKAN, RAJPUTANA escort SALVONIA towing LOWESTOFT 033° 57' 018° 49' 080° 6. *See next page*
(5) ?LORD NUFFIELD escorting (? MIRROR) vicinity 036° 20' 011° 02'.
(6) LOCH OSKAIG patrol off Lisbon.
(7) SCOTTISH patrol Huelva Bight.
(8) PHOEBE sails 0700/16 through 035° 50' 006° 40' thence 223° 21. *See p. 441.*
Area X. 1 S.L.115(E) 032° 22' 10' to 037° 01' 021° 03' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
S.O. of escort LONDONDERRY.
2. CANTON. 023° 54', 026° 25' through 027° 38' 025° 50' thence 357° 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.
3. ROYAL ULSTERMAN 036° 19' 025° 12' to Ponta Delgada, 12.
4. F.S. LEOPARD sail from Ponta Delgada 0900/15. through 037° 10' 025° 50' thence 165° 15. *See p. 440.*
(F.O.C.N.A. 1258B/15, 1302B/15).

RIO FRANCOLI Spanish SS. RIO FRANCOLI in 004° 51' N. 004° 16' W. enemy 6 knots due Las Palmas 19/7 has 1 German and 1 Italian stowaway on board. 2. May claim ill-health. If medical certificates visaed by British Vice-Consul, Fernando Po, they are false.
3. If vessel met, stowaways are to be removed.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1315B/15 to S. and A.N.A.S.).

German Pilots My 1241/6. Persons of dual nationality (Argentine from Argentine. born of German parents) should be removed as enemy subjects.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1329B/15 to S. and A.N. Atlantic).

P.222. Intend sailing P.222 p.m./18 for patrol off West Coast of Sardinia.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1536B/15 to Admty, (R) F.O.S. V.A. Malta)
1244/15th for E.T.A. Freetown 1800B/20th read 1100B/20th.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1630B/15 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty. EMERALD, PHOEBE).
(N.T. of former in W.D.).

Oil for Portuguese Trawlers. Your 2028/27/5. and my R.S. to D.N.I. 190 16/5 para. (3) (C) Cod Fishing Guild requests 3 Trawlers MARTINS HOMEN, SANTA JOANA, SANTA PRINCESA may be supplied with 50 tons of gas oil each preferably St. John's N.F. or Halifax if former not convenient. Reason for request - these vessels forced to return to Newfoundland Bank from Greenland through lack of fish and now require to proceed again to Greenland.
(N.A. Lisbon. 1634B/15 to Admty.).

/LOWESTOFT....

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- LOWESTOFT
(collision
damage) My position 1800 G.M.T. 033° 55' N. 019° 41' E.
course 050° 5 knots altering 082° at 2230 G.M.T.
(LOWESTOFT 1215Z/15 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) SALVONIA
ARCTIC RANGER, 200 Group R.A.F.). *See previous page.
(situation)*
- French
Shipping. Gibraltar 1250 armed trawler, ALGEROISE, MARECHAL
LYAUTEY light, VENDOME laden deck cargo 25 motor
lorries, MONTAGEL ballast deck cargo 4 motor
lorries, LORRAIN, Westbound. 1455 Minesweeper
COMMANDANT BORY, SAVOIE, JAMAIQUE, both light,
KITA, MONTAIGNE, both laden, Eastbound.
(S.O.I Gib. 1841B/15. to Admty. etc).
- LLANGIBBY
CASTLE
(boatswain). Your 1714/7 Reardon arrived Lisbon 12/5
threatened with amputation of leg after
unskilled treatment at Horta. Now in Naval
Hospital, Lisbon, who hope to save leg. I
raised question of internment on arrival on
grounds of non-combatant status but M. of M. still maintains
his ship was treated as warship at our request and cannot now be
considered as merchant ship. Question will be raised again when
cured in several months' time.
(N.A. Lisbon 1854B/15 to Admty).
- EMERALD. Officers for NELSON now in PHOEBE and officer
for RODNEY ex LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE should be sent to
U.K. in EMERALD.
(.D.O.D.F. 2150B/15 to F.O.C.N.A.).
- S/Ms
Gibraltar. S/Ms operating from Gibraltar are at present
entirely dependent on MAIDSTONE for their
maintenance and accommodation of crews. To ensure
that S/Ms shall be able to continue to operate or
make use of the port should MAIDSTONE be damaged or have to be
withdrawn for any reason, essential that provision should be made
for shore basing. Urged that early action be taken to prepare
for such an eventuality and that F.O.C.N.A. may be instructed to
proceed immediately with necessary measures.
(F.O.S. 2219B/15 to Admty).
- LULWORTH. From:- War Registry, Following is an extract from
LULWORTH's 2345Z/15., the whole of which has been
circulated as Most Secret to D.N.I. & D.D.I.C. only
(begins). "Addressed: Admty (R) C. in C.W.A. R.A.W.A.
Cdre. i/c Londonderry, F.O.C.N.A. From LULWORTH. My Position
32.43, 25.51. weather report. 2345Z/15".

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VALIANT My 1301/14. EXPRESS, ANTHONY sailing in company.
escort. (N.O.I.C. Durban 0658Z/15. to Admty. etc).
Your 1900/15. (N.T. in W.D.). Intend proceeding
direct to Simons Bay as D.G. has been damaged
by weather. E.T.A. 0800/17. Requirements on arrival are contained
in my 6364/04 of 4/7.
(VALIANT 2133B/15. to C. in C.S.A. (R) N.O.I.C. Capetown).

CABO Your 1337/12. CABO VILLANO sailed Montevideo 11/6
VILLANO for Las Palmas.
overdue. (S.O.I. Freetown 0840Z/15 to N.A. Madrid (R) Admty
etc).

Dispositions. PELICAN, 1 trawler, 3 tugs, 2 yachts, about 011° 36'
018° 10' to 010° 45' 017° 30' thence 122° 7½'.
CROCUS, COWSLIP, 011° 00' 022° 08' 270° 11 at

2000Z/15.

EMERALD. 015° 10' 020° 00' 007° 21.

2 M.Ls about 010° 35' 019° 30' to Freetown, 11.

IBIS with S.L. (?116) ?008° 49' 014° 10' 290° 8.

→ DANAE 008° 57' N. 014° 19' 292° 15.

(R.A.W.A. 1201Z/15 to Ships in Area "P" of S.A.S. N. of 8° N.
Admty etc).

MARPESSA. Ascension reports:- Following received on 500 K/Cs.
Greek ship MARPESSA from Berne. Got order from
Berne following message (portion missed) unadvised
to touch British Territorial Waters of the Mandate and South
African Union. Captain 8 T.O.R. 1749 ends.
(R.A.W.A.F. 1215Z/15 to Admty (R) C. in C.S.A.). *See next page.*

MARCELLA My 2121Z/12 MARCELLA arrived Capetown 21 /6.
(reported (S.O.I. Montevideo 1439Z/15 to Admty. etc).
overdue).

Passage of Your 1443/10/7. Last sentence. Confirmed.
Floating Dock. (R.A.W.A.F. 1447Z/15 to B.A.D. Washington).

WIVERN, Sailed 1430Z/ today Wednesday.
BRILLIANT. (N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay. 1453Z/15 to Admty. C. in C.
S.A.).

→ DANAE. Sailed DANAE for Gibraltar for passage to U.K.
routed through positions:- (E) 010° 40' N. 018° 34'
West. (F) 015° 00' 020° 00'. (G) 022° 00' 018° 05'
(H) 027° 42' 013° 41'. (K) 032° 25' 010° 41'. (I) 035° 40' 006°
40' S. of A. 15. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0600Z/21. (2) Ship carrying
bullion which it may be required to disembark before reaching
final destination in U.K.
(R.A.W.A. 1500Z/15, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty etc).

/Jibuti.....

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Supplies.

Report graded C.3. that Madagascar Govt. propose use French coaster MARECHAL GALLIENI for sending supplies to Djibouti.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1552/15 to Admty (for D.N.I.) C. in C.E.F. S.O.(I)'s Aden, Kilindini, Colombo. N.O.I.C. Mauritius, for Chesor).
N.I.D. Comment. MARECHAL GALLIENI 1550 tons engaged in Madagascar coastal trade, last reported at Majunga in April 1942.

*MARPESSA
EIGER.

Ascension reports interceptions following message on 500 K/Cs (begins):- to Greek Ship *MARPESSA. Got order from Berne unadvisable to touch British territorial waters of the Mandate and South

African Union. From Capt. EIGER (Ends). Admty's 1712/30/6 refers these two ships.

(S.O.I. Freetown 1727/15 to Admty (R) C. in C.S.A.).

Reply: Admty 1826/16. * See previous page.

EMPIRE
PINTAIL.

Your 17020/13th to Admiralty H.M.S. EMPIRE PINTAIL sailed from Freetown 7th ~~Freetown~~ for New York direct.

(N.C.S.O. Freetown 2333/15 to N.O.I.C. Trinidad).

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R/C of
Enemy Units.

P.R.U. p.m./14. At 1640 1 destroyer and 1 submarine 180° Marsala 20 miles course 160° estimated speed 15 knots. My 1810B/14. P.R.U. p.m./14 shows no change, except (1) 3 E-boats had arrived Palermo. (2) 1 submarine had left Trapani. C. in C. Med., pass to S.O.(I) Med.
(V.A. Malta, 0039/15 to C. in C. Med., etc. EAGLE, WELSHMAN).

Suez Canal
Company
Control.

Your 1146/8. We are interested in securing maximum efficiency of Company's repair and dredging organisation but we require more information of commitments before we can decide on proposal to take control of their repair organization.

2. We hope position will be clearer after meeting of Company's Directors in London on 16/7. Meantime, glad to know what arrangements you contemplate, and also basis on which negotiations are already proceeding between S.N.O.R.S. and Baron Benoist.

5. From para. 5 of your 1950 of 29/6 we presume control of dredging organisation is also intended.

6. Your proposals should be formulated on basis that no additional staff or labour could be expected from England.
(Head of M. Approved by A.C.N.S. (F) 0201B/15 to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.R.S.C.A., A.S. Alex).

Movements.

Departures, NEWCASTLE at 0416Z, QUEEN ELIZABETH NAPIER, FOXHOUND at 0651Z, SILHOUETTE, SNOW ~~2017~~
(Com, Aden, 0729Z/15 to Admty etc). See 5/7 p. 137.

Operation
"Insect".
-Pinpoint"

1st Flight over Island.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 0925B/15).
2nd Flights landed, 3rd landing now, 4th in touch.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 1027B/15).
31 Spitfires landed safe. Thanks.
(V.A. Malta, 1108B/15 all to EAGLE (R) F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. Med., Admty).

Bi-weekly
Opsum No.38.

Night 10/11. 58 Wellingtons bombed convoy in Tobruk Harbour. Hit on 1 ship started fire and explosions. Several large fires and explosions dock area visible for 80 miles. Wellington unable to reach Tobruk. Bombed M.T. on Bardia Road. 1 Wellington forced landed Sidi Barrani. Crew rescued following day by a Baltimore. 1 Wellington 9 Albacores bombed M.T. battle area and shipping Matruh. Hits on M.T., near misses on shipping. 8 Baltimores bombed Matruh Harbour from 18,000 feet. Hit on jetty with merchant vessel 1500 tons alongside started large fire visible 100 miles. Photographs following day confirm ship sunk.

/Wellesley...

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Contd.

Wellesley attacked S/M with 4 250 lb. depth charges 20 miles west Jaffa. Oil and bubbles seen on surface after attack. A Walrus co-operating with H.M. Ships damaged with depth charges S/M which ships had forced to surface. S/M subsequently sunk by gunfire. 8 Martlets shipping protection off Port Said. At dusk 5 Liberators bombed shipping Benghazi, claiming 2 possible hits on ship and converted wreck respectively other bombs on Outer Mole.

Night 11/12. 1 (corrupt group) 1 Fortress 54 Wellingtons bombed shipping Tobruk Harbour, 1 near miss on 4 ships in centre harbour, many bombs near jetty with ship alongside, number of violent explosions deck area followed by fire.

Tank repair depot and power house also bombed. 2 Wellingtons missing. 4 Beaufighters attacked 2 small convoys schooners and barges towed by tugs between Sidi Barrani and Matruh. 1 barge hit and A.A. gun crew killed. 1 Schooner holed below water line. A Swordfish bombed M/V 3000 tons off Matruh. Direct hit stopped Vessel which was sunk by gunfire from H.M. ships. Vessel blew up with violent explosion. Cargo believed ammunition. Second Swordfish attacked another M/V and small craft in vicinity without result.

Night 12/13 4 Halifaxes 59 Wellingtons bombed shipping Tobruk. Direct hit 1 medium ship caused violent explosion followed by fire. Possible hits or near misses on 3 ships. 1 Large fire with explosions several small fires in dock area. 3 Wellingtons unable locate Tobruk bombed Gazala landing grounds and shipping in inlet. Results unobserved. 4 Wellingtons missing.

13/7. At dusk 6 Liberators bombed shipping Benghazi Harbour. 2 ships claimed hit and set on fire. 4 near misses with 1000 pound bombs on large ship. Direct hit on converted wreck. 1 Liberator shot down by A.A. fire.

Night 13/14. 3 Halifaxes 5 Fortresses 47 Wellingtons bombed shipping Tobruk. Direct hit 1 ship followed by explosion and fire. Several fires and explosions started Dock area. Ground haze hampered observations.

1 Wellington bombed lights east of Tobruk starting fire and explosion. 1 Halifax 2 Wellingtons crashed. 2 Wellingtons missing (?of) which 1 believed forced landed. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1036/15, 1121/15, 1143/15, 1156/15, 1212/15, 1229/15).

SALDIRAY
Turkish S/M
sunk.

Addressed. S.O.(I) Med. (R) D.N.I. and B.N.A. Ankara. Report A.1 that Turkish S/M has sunk in Dardanelles. This is not (?either) of (?the) 2 recently delivered which are (?both) in dock (?here)

(S.O.(I) Istanbul, (?1120/15 to Admty).

N.I.D. Comment. According to the press the S/M is the SALDIRAY completed at Kiel (Germania Werft) in 1939. She is of 820 tons.

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WELSHMAN S/Ms crossing 009° 00' E., as follows. PARTHIAN in 038° 15' at 0001B/15. P.42 in 038° 02' at 1300B/16 P.44 in 038° 08' at 0001B/18. Thence through A. 038° 00' N., 011° 45' E. B. 037° 10' N., (013°) 12' E. C. 36.10 N., 14.00 E. to arrive end of S.E. searched channel a.m./18th, 20th and 21st respectively. S. of A 100 to 120 miles per day.

(2) Light. Gozo light N.W. Sector will be shown from 0400/16 till dawn.

(3) Route. In event of low visibility making fix in S.E. channel impossible you may use approach route W. (V.A. Malta, 1155B/15 to WELSHMAN).

P.R.U. today 15/7. Naples, 0650 3 6" cruisers. Messina, 0605 Visual, 2 cruisers.

(V.A. Malta, 1414B /15 to WELSHMAN, C. in C. Med., Admty, F.O.C.N.A.) Messina not covered at Noon owing to cloud.

(N.O.I.C. Malta, 1511B/15 to WELSHMAN, C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A. Admty).

Bombers leaving Sicily between 1625B and 1640B probably to attack you.

(V.A. Malta, 1701B/15 to WELSHMAN).

Delivery A/C reports 1 destroyer 180° Zembra Is. 3 miles course 015° speed 5 knots at 1700B.

(V.A. Malta, 1932B/15 to WELSHMAN)

P.R.U. Messina, at 2015B/15. 2 cruisers in harbour.

(N.O.I.C. Malta, 2120B/15 to WELSHMAN (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., Admty).

→ P.42 Enter Harbour by S.E. searched channel, see Q.B.B
P.44. 197, dive at periscope depth. Adjust speed to surface in position 072° Saint Elmo Light 1.5 miles, P.42 at 2045B/20 P.44 at 2045B/21 and enter M.M. Harbour.

2. Channel is swept for 5 cables each side of centre line. Accurate navigation is essential. Disregard Dan buoys in vicinity of channel.

3. If visibility is bad retire to seaward outside 100 fathoms line. P.42 keeping between line 230 and 250 and P.44 to N.W. of line 250 from Delimara and repeat operation 24 hours later.

4. Permission enter harbour will not be made. Cancel my 1046/13 (?1056/13 intended). (V.A. Malta, 1500B/15 to P.42, P.44).

T.B.R. Your 2359 of 27/5. It is no longer practicable to maintain 828 and 830 Naval T.B.R. Squadrons at Malta owing to general shortage of these types of aircraft and urgent requirements of Fleet units.

2. Shipment of T.B.R. aircraft to Egypt will continue but some temporary reduction in strengths of 815, 821 and 826 Squadrons may become unavoidable.

3. V.A. Malta's 1449C/11/7 concerning despatch of surplus Naval aircrews to Middle East, is concurred in. (D.N.A.D., *1557B/15 to C. in C. Med., (R) V.A. Malta, 201 Group, Air Min). *Approved by V.C.N.S.

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Malta Air Report. I.466 15/7. C.S.R. 14th. My I.462, Alert 0810 hours, 1 Army Barracks destroyed, another damaged, large amount military kit and stores destroyed.

Night 14/15. 2 Alerts. 2040 hours, 2 raiders? bombs land sea. 2110 hours, several raiders, coast not crossed, Beaufighter up, no interceptions.

15th. Alert, 1321 hours, 20 Me. 109s, Re. 200ls, Mc. 202s, 1 Me. 109 damaged by 23 Spitfires.

(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1715/15).

Night 14/15. 1 Wellington 8, 0001 hours 4 500 lb G.P. 1 second delay on? Messina from 6000 feet, no results seen.

(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1755/15).

French Fleet, Alexandria. U.S.A. have broadcast their offers to French Fleet at Alex. and stated that refusal of conditions offered would give us freedom of action to prevent these ships falling into hands of Germans.

This threat by America may cause Admiral Godfroy to take precipitate action and you must be extra vigilant. (C. in C. Med., 1935C/15 to R.A. Alex. (R) C.S.15., R.A.D. Med. Admty. Capt. (S) 1, H.Q., R.A.F. Mid East, 201 Naval Co-op. Group., R.N.G.H.Q., Cairo, Minister of State Cairo.)

Situation Report 235. Levant. White Oil Tanker ADJINDA torpedoed by U-boat 0426/14 in 33.33 N., 35.10 E. but reached Haifa under own power.

2. M.A/S.B.2 has arrived Port Said with 6 Italian prisoners from Cant Bomber down with engine trouble west of Damietta.

3. Malta, 31 Spitfires have reached island from EAGLE. *P. 447*
(C. in C. Med., 2001C/15 to Admty).

Operation "Harpoon". Your 2119/12 (2118/12 intended re armament of Sea Hurricanes). Following is an extract from EAGLE's report after operation "Harpoon".

"It is considered that to afford adequate fighter protection to deal with such enemy air attacks as might be expected during operation "Harpoon" sufficient Fighters armed with cannons should be available to ensure 20 being air-borne instantly to deal with a raid. Out of this number of 20, 4 should patrol over the carrier in order to protect the all-important source of supply. In my opinion it is most surprising that very much more damage was not sustained by our ships in this operation, as undoubtedly would have been the case had we been dealt by the Germans only or the Japanese, or had the Italians used more high level bombing. Another point which should be emphasized is that a Fighter without a cannon is quite ineffective against most modern shadowing aircraft."

(C. in C. H.F., 2349B/15 to Admty (R) R.A.N.A.S., C.D.B.)

AIREDALE (sunk 16/6) It is not intended to hold a board of enquiry into loss of AIREDALE.
(C. in C. Med., 2205C/15 to Admty).

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DEVON CITY Intended that Boom Carrier DEVON CITY shall sail from U.K. August with stores to complete under-water boom defences for Diego Suarez and Mauritius, and any additional boom stores that can be stowed. (D.B.D., 0013B/15 to C. in C. E.F., (R) D.C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.)

TRUANT, Report your P.C. and S.
SCOUT. (F.O. Ceylon, 0442Z/15 to TRUANT, (R) SCOUT).
Following received from SCOUT (Begins): F.O. Ceylon (R) TRUANT, From SCOUT, TRUANT still not met, latest P.C. and S. 006^b 48' N. 079° 42' E., 165° 9: T.O.O. 0230Z/15 (Ends).
(F.O. Ceylon, 0445Z/15 to TRUANT).
Colombo arrivals 15/7 0840Z SCOUT. 0900Z TRUANT (S.O.(I) Colombo, 1237Z/15 to Admty. S.O.(I) Bombay, S.O.(I) Kilindini, S.O.(I) Aden)

See next page (documents)

Enemy 1 gun emplacement on Little Sitka and on 11/7
Intelligence. 1 cruiser or destroyer off shore. In Ominato area
flagship of Destroyer Squadron 1 (ABUKUMA).
Japanese Cruiser ATAGO believed in yard at Kure.
Freighter attempting salvage MARU aground (?Eastern) ~~RONGELAP~~ P.
2 patrol boats in area. Enemy wireless station on northern end Shimushuto at Kokutanzaki east 156° 29' N., 050° 52'. On southern end Paramushiro Island at Kurabuzaki east 155° 24' N., 050° 01' Japanese landing field being used by heavy bombers type 97. Anchorage ? (Musashiwan) 2 miles to westward of field used by Japanese ships. At Gasmata believed part of Yokohama flying boat squadron. One S/M squadron 7 S/Ms en route Truk area from home port. At present in Saipan. 122 intelligence bulletin. En route from Horomushiro area to Attu, 1 MARU escorted by Destroyer Squadron 1 unit.
(C. in C. Pacific Fleet, 0738Z/15 to C. in C. Eastern Fleet, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

BARRDALE Following from S.N.O. Persian Gulf (begins).
Request information whether BARRDALE left New York 8/5 (?due Basra) 27/6 is a casualty. Information urgently required by 10th Army so that new demands can be made for stores if lost. No T.O.O.
(Ends). Nothing is known of this vessel here.
Request any information may be signalled.
(D.C. in C. E.F., 0928Z/15 to Admty. (R) S.N.O. P.G., C. in C. S.A.)

HEEMSKERCK On reaching Aden you are to place yourself under orders of C. in C. Med. and act as directed by him.
(C. in C. E.F., 1210Z/15 to HEEMSKERCK (R) C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Aden, S.N.O. Red Sea, Admty. B.S.O.)

/Rescue...

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Rescue Ref. Admty. 1158/24th (being passed to F.O.Ceylon)
Tugs. (A) Rescue tugs are allocated in following priorities - (1) Kilindini (2) Mayotte (3) Ceylon (4) Diego Suarez (5) (?) Seychelles or Colombo

Request tugs may be sailed accordingly, that for Mayotte, Trincomalee, Kilindini in first instance.

(B) Further base tugs required in following priority - (1) Trincomalee (2) Diego Suarez (3) Colombo (4) Trincomalee 2nd tug (5) Diego Suarez 2nd tug (6) Mauritius (?West Africa).

(C. in C. E.F., 1300Z/15 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., R.A.W.A. F.O.E.A. and Zanzibar, F.O. Ceylon).

S/Ms for A/S training. 1. Lack of training of A/S vessels in my Command gives me cause for grave concern. It is so long since most operators have heard a S/M that they and C.Os. are rapidly losing confidence in their ability to detect and counter-attack a U-boat before she can carry out her attack.

2. Only S/Ms available in E.F. for A/S training and for use at A/S school at Baraaho are - (1) Dutch S/M K.11 for Bombay A/S school. This S/M is not expected to last out this year, F.O.C.R.I.Ns. letter No. Op. 1099/5 for 6.42 to Admty refers. (2) Dutch S/M Q19, to be lent to Kilindini for one month by Dore proceeding to U.S.A. for refit. Consider it essential that 2 A/S training submarines be allocated to E.F. station. One for Kilindini (1 group missing) (?and one for Bombay A/S school).

4. My 2516 E.F.400 dated 1/6 by Air Mail also refers. (C. in C. E.F., 1346Z/15 to Admty (R) F.O.S., etc).
Reply: Admty, 1743/17, see South Atlantic.

Movements. Ceylon movement summary No.7 15/7 Ref. summary No. 6 (2) SONAVATI arrived Colombo 14/6.7. Summary No. 7 (1) SHOREHAM leaves Colombo 17/7.

Escorting M.B.12, NEVASA and ERINPURA. (2) FALMOUTH leaves Colombo 17/7, Escorting M.B.13, TROCAS (Nor.), and JACABALA. (3) HINDUSTAN due Bombay 15/7 From Escort. (4) SUTLEJ left Colombo 13/7 as escort for Schooner, returning 16th, leaves 17th to escort TAIPING to Addu Atoll thence Seychelles (5) JUMNA, ASTER and TULIP left Colombo 13/7 as escort for Schooner returning 16th (6) MARGUERITE left Bombay 13/7 escorting B.A. 28 through focal area, thence returning Bombay. Leaves Bombay 16/7 escorting LUCIA to Colombo. (7) WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN left Colombo 12/7 escorting REIJNST (Dut.) to Male thence returning Colombo. (8) SCOUT arrived Colombo 15/7 escorting TRUANT. *See previous page.* (F.O. Ceylon, 1441Z/15 to Admty etc).

M.Ls. M.L.366 and 367 building at Dar Es Salaam should be ready for trials early September, 1942. Request trained Officers and Crews and Fotilla Repair and Maintenance Staff be sent to Kilindini urgently. No personnel of K.R.N.V.R. or other local Naval Volunteer Forces available. (F.O.E.A.Z., 1442Z/15 to Admty).

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Jap U/Bs Your 1005/7 (U-boat disposition required for Cape and Indian Ocean area) Estimated disposition of Japanese boats is being made weekly see my 1542/3 and 1739/10 (Jap. subs. operating in Mozambique Channel) and will be made more frequently if situation requires.
(C. in C. E.F., 1542Z/15 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty).

Aircraft for Consider initial equipment strength of Fleet
A/A Training. Requirements Units for A.A. training at Eastern Fleet bases should be as follows (A) at Fleet Base 3 towing and 3 marking Rocs, Skuas, or equivalent aircraft. 3 DISB aircraft Rocs, Skuas, or Chesapeakes. 3 Fulmar or Hurricane type of which at least 1 should be capable of R.D.F. calibration runs at 25,000 feet. These aircraft required initially at Kilindini. (B) To provide co-operation in Ceylon until main Fleet Base moves there, 2 towing and 2 marking Rocs, Skuas, or equivalent aircraft. (C) At Durban as for Ceylon subject to concurrence of C. in Cs. for ships (?loading) up at and visiting the port.
2. Numbers even 88 Squadron was disbanded in April (my 0346/22/4 refers) - but is being reformed at Kilindini as facilities permit. Following aircraft can be made available: 7 Skua, 1 Fulmar, 2 Hurricane, 1 Shortly, two Swordfish. Further Rocs Skuas or other fast (flying?) aircraft will be required to maintain 788 Squadron at Kilindini and to establish proposed unit in Ceylon and Durban. Shipments of target towing gear are expected shortly but until they arrive the position regarding these items cannot be stated.
3. Request I.M.M. strength for Eastern Fleet FRs proposed in para. 1 (A) (B) and (C) be approved and necessary aircraft with replacements and personnel be sent to maintain them at strength.
(C. in C. E.F., 1640Z/15 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., V.A.3., Comnas, R.N.B., Lee on Solent, F.O. Ceylon).

Losses of M.W.T. are most concerned at losses to colliers
Colliers, on coal shuttle service from Durban and Lourenco
Mozambique Marques northward and it is understood that any
Channel. further loss will have serious repercussions on
 coal position at Mombasa and Middle East generally.
2. There are now 5 colliers loading at Durban and Lourenco Marques and their safe arrival would temporarily ease situation.
3. Request you will given consideration to possibility of providing special escort for them through Mozambique Channel.
(A.C.N.S. (T) 1814B/15 to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. S.A., D.C in C. E.F.) Reply from C. in C. S.A., 1415/16.

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- Troop Transport from Bermuda. Ref: C.in C. A.W.I. 1326/12 propose that Troopship H.F. ALEXANDER en route from San Francisco to New York should call Jamaica and Bermuda to carry out these movements. 2. If this is concurred in request necessary arrangements be made. 3. Personnel for U.K. would have to be on-carried from New York as convenient. (D. of S.T., 0420B/15, to B.A.D., C.in C. A.W.I.) Reply: B.A.D. 2045/16.
- P. 554 R/V with me in position 041° 07' N. 071° 49' W. immediately. (P. 554, 0425Z/15, to AMHERST).
- MONCTON Unable to make Halifax. Steering toward Shelburne in (?dense fog). Request assistance tug, my position dead reckoning 0520Z 299° Gull Rock 22 miles. (MONCTON, 0515Z/15, to C.O.A.C., (R) N.O.I.C. Shelburne).
- NORSEMAN Sailed cable ship NORSEMAN escorted by U.S. Ship OPAL and M.T.B. 334 to repair cable in 012° 52' N. 059° 21' W. (N.O.I.C., Trinidad, 0822Q/15, to C.in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty, B.A.D. Washington, S.O.I, Kingston).
- BARFLEUR Your 1249/14. Presume that BARFLEUR was not reported to you by U.S. Reporting Centre at Martinique on account of her being a Man of War. Do you know of any Merchant ship movements to and from Martinique which should have been reported to you and were not? (C.in C. A.W.I., 0952P/15, to S.O.I. Jamaica (R) Admty, B.A.D.). Reply: No. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1607R/16).
- NORSEMAN Following from NORSEMAN. On completion of operations near Barbados request Admiralty's approval before proceeding toward other operations without escort. (F.O.I.C., Trinidad, 1102Q/15, to Admty (R) C.in C. A.W.I., B.A.D.). Reply: D.S.D., 1358B/16. My 0812/15 and 1102/15. Estimated date completion of work off Barbados 21/7. No escort from local forces available from then on. Future programme repairs St. Thomas St. Croix Cable. Position 17° 52' N. 64° 40' W. thence Jamaica. Pouce Cable position 17° 50' N. 68° 04' W. Speed of NORSEMAN 7 knots. (F.O.I.C., Trinidad, 1212Q/15, to C.in C. A.W.I. (R) Admty, B.A.D.).

/N.A. 13 ...

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N.A. 13 A.M. 1845/26 and A.M. 2349/2. S.S. EMPRESS OF CANADA will not sail. Convoy will consist of S.S. LETITIA and S.S. DOMINION MONARCH.

Escort from position (x) AMAZON and BOADICEA.

Route from position (x) in 48.02 N. 51.00 W., through

(h) 53. 25, 42.42 (j) 55.58, 35.15 (k) 57.14, 27.35

(l) 57.14, 17.08 (m) 56.36, 09.45. Thence to Clyde.

(D.O.D.(H) 1115B/15 to C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., AMAZON, BOADICEA).

P.556

My 1653/10. ^{H.T.W.D.} Owing to error my 1353/9 was not transmitted. P.556 completed 14/7. Sea trials take place 16th and if satisfactory ship will sail 17/7.

(Cdre. i/c Bermuda, 1143P/15, to Admty (R) C.in C. A.W.I. etc.).

Movements

Departures SAXIFRAGE, U.S.S. LEA, U.S.S. ^{ILARY} H.P. JONES, U.S.S. P.C. 461, P.C. 498, P.C. 500, escorting T.A.W.5. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1202Q/15, to C.in C.A.W.I.(R) Admty).

Appt. of
S.B.N.O.,
Western
Atlantic.

R.A. A. Poland, D.S.O., retired, is appointed S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic, with acting rank of V.A., in succession to Adm. Sir Charles E. Kennedy Purvis, to date 17/7 1942. Telegraphic address remains Navycom, Bermuda, and Group for C.in C. A.W.I., is to be amended to read S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic in all cyphers and codes. This title is to be used in all future correspondence and signals. (C.in C. A.W.I., 1204P/15, to A.W.I. Stn. etc.).

Shipping
Routeing

Personal from D.T.D. to Capt. Morey. We are anxious to promulgate Chop Date instructions as soon as possible in M.A.R.I. and should therefore like you to ascertain whether Connav concurs with the suggestions in our 2113Z/7., not to B.A.D., namely (a) Chop for ships dispersed from O.S. convoys and bound for South American ports to be date of crossing Equator, and (b) amended wording of para. 6 of our 2135Z/4 not to B.A.D. (D.T.D., 1249B/15, to B.A.D.).

U/B Campaign,
leakage of
routes.

Norwegian SIEJESTAD, Yugo Slav KUPA and British BARRDALE, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, SUTHERLAND and HARPERLEY left New York on 5th and 6/5 (BARRDALE 8th). First three ships were sunk within a radius of 40 miles of approx. position 15° 20' N. 52° 45' W. on 14th 15th and 17/5. CAPE OF GOOD HOPE was sunk on 11/5 in 22° 45' N. 58° 55' W. 2. Survivors from SIEJESTAD picked up by KUPA and again torpedoed, state that it was same U-Boat in both cases and that Commander said that he was aware that 3 other ships left New York independently at about the same time by the same routes. These statements indicate a leakage of information concerning routes.

3. Request you will investigate fully and report any possible

/leakage ...

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U/B Campaign, leakage of routes
 Contd: leakage of information from your Routeing Office at the material time. R.C. St. Kitts and Nevis 1505/13 also requires investigation. (D.T.D., 1318B/15, to B.R.O. New York, (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.).

Routeing Caribbean. For all routeing officers. Temporary routeing. Ships of over 15 knots proceeding to or from Caribbean Sea ports shall be routed through Mona Passage or Anegada Passage avoiding Windward Passage. N.O.B. Trinidad pass to Port Director. (Connav, 1351/15, to Coms. East, Panama, Gulf, Caribbean Sea Frontiers, Port Director Trinidad, C.A.F.A.C., (R) S.O.(I) Kingston, N.S. H.Q., Admty).

Escorts, H.A. Convoys. Your 1239/13. (1) It is pointed out that alternative proposed in Para. 3 of my 1506/11 and favoured by Admty only changes existing and agreed system by opening out cycle of Convoys. (2) In order to ensure adequate oil supplies for Ocean and other escort forces based in Canadian Newfoundland Ports, some direct tanker convoy system is essential unless a number of additional tankers can be made available to offset loss of time occasioned by Coastal Convoys. (3) Request you will state what is maximum number of tankers you can consider can be escorted by 3 corvettes. (N.S.H.Q., 1421Z/15, to Cominch (R) B.A.D., Admty, C.O.A.C.).

A.S. 5 A.S. 5 departing, Ambrose light vessel 1500Z/16 for Freetown.
 J. 035° 43' N. 066° 35' W. K. 029° 17' 058° 06'
 L. 023° 50' 047° 03' M. 016° 21' 036° 54'
 N. 010° 28' 024° 38' O. 009° 20' 018° 06'
 S.of A. 20.25 knots. Chop 22/7 E.T.A. 1700Z/24.
 C.E.S.F., pass to Port Director, New York.
 (Connav, 1512/15, to Admty (R) C.E.S.F. C.in C., A.F., C.T.F.23, N.S.H.Q. N.O.B. Bermuda, Port Director New York, R.A.W.A.F.).

ONEIDA U.S. ONEIDA torpedoed 1600 G.M.T. 13/7 near Cape Maysi, 6 of crew reported drowned, remainder rescued. (S.O.I., Jamaica, 1514R/15, to Admty etc.).

Mine Mine sighted 10 feet below surface at 1318 G.C.T. 15/7 in 37.05.2 N. 74.46.5 W. (Navcom, Hydrographic Dept. Washington, 1538/15 to any U.S. Naval Ship).

/CAPE ...

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(sunk 9/7).

M/V CAPE VERDI bound direct to New York from Port Sudan via Aden and Capetown but redirected by radio from S.N.O. Freetown to proceed Trinidad sunk by S/M 9th at 2100 ships time in 11.32 N. 60.17 W. 2 of complement killed. Remainder

landed 12th in Bay of St. Vincent and arrived here 14th. Master reports all C.Bs. thrown overboard by himself and 1st (corrupt group) in perforated weighted boxes and definitely lost beyond recovery.
(Treasurer, St. Vincent, 1550/15, to Admty).

A.S. 6

My 1607/26/6 and 2201/13. Convoy designated A.S. 6 consists of U.S.A.T. JAMES PARKER, carries troops, S.S. CHINA MAIL and AMERICAN PRESS carries cargo only, sailing Charleston about 25/7. Providing convoy Charleston to Ascension Island via Pernambuco for fuel. Coverage all ships Ascension required for about one week during unloading, PARKER after which British will provide onward convoy. JAMES PARKER returning U.S. from Pointe Noire unescorted. (C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1625/15, to C.in C. Atlantic Fleet U.S.(R) B.A.D. C.in C. S.A. C.E.S.F., C.T.F. No. 23, Ct. 6th U.S. N. District Charleston, Admty, R.A. W.A.).

Your 1834/13. Convoy A.S.6 for Ascension will include CHINA MAIL 16 knots and AMERICAN PRESS 14 knots both for Abadan. 2. Convoy will sail from Charleston 25/7 and should arrive at Ascension about 12/8. 3. U.S. Transport JAMES PARKER will require about 7 days to unload at Ascension during which time U.S. escorts will give protection to anchorage. U.S. Authorities assume CARNARVON CASTLE * will escort JAMES PARKER and ships mentioned in para. 1, from Ascension to M.O.M.P. with W.S. 21 thence with JAMES PARKER to Pointe Noire. See C.in C. S.A. 1037/13. They will issue route to Ascension and they assume all details of onward route and M.O.M.P. will be arranged by R.A.W.Af. (B.A.D., 1627Z/15, to Admty (R) R.A.W.Af. C.in C. S.A. C.in C.E.F.) * ALCANTARA to be used instead. See C.in C. S.A., 1457/16, and Admty 2102/17.

U.S.
DispositionsA.M. 1151/8. Further dispositions of U.S. Forces in Atlantic. Battleships. WASHINGTON left Iceland 14/7 for New York. TEXAS at Clyde. Due to depart 18/7 with T.A. 17. MASSACHUSSETS at Casco Bay.A/C Carriers. RANGER left Trinidad 8/7. 8" Cruisers. AUGUSTA left Trinidad 8/7, TUSCALOOSA and WICHITA at Iceland.6" Cruisers. CINCINNATI left Norfolk 11/7. MEMPHIS on patrol from Pernambuco. PHILADELPHIA at Clyde; due to depart 18/7 with T.A. 17. OMAHA at Trinidad.
(D.O.D. (F) 1627B/15 to C.in C. H.F., C.in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q.).Reports of
SinkingsAdmty 2118/14. Connav promulgates regularly reports of casualties A. and W.I. area. Admty C.in C., A.W.I., B.A.D. are not in addressees. Are these received by you please?
(S.O.I., Jamaica, 1636/15, to Admty B.A.D. C.in C. A.W.I.).
Reply: No. (D.T.D., 1252B/17).

/ANDREW ...

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JACKSON

U.S. ANDREW JACKSON torpedoed O112 G.M.T. 13/7.
Position 023° 32' N. 081° 02' West.
3 boats with 15 survivors each landed Varadere.
17 men missing, 3 casualties on board.
(S.O.I., Jamaica, 1637R/15, to Admty etc.).

U/B Positions C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1659/15, 1706/15, 1709/15
1711/15.

L. 27

My 1512/12 to Admty, F.O. (S), Capt.(S) 7 only,
it is anticipated L. 27 will be ready to leave
New London on Thursday 30/7 having completed 2
weeks working up practice.
(B.A.R.M., 1754Z/15, to Admty (R) L.27 Cominch etc).

Schooner
Losses
W.Indies.

In view of heavy losses to schooners engaged in
West Indian Trade, question of co-ordinating
supplies for Islands has been discussed with
Colonial Office. 2. Proposals involving monthly
steamer service from Trinidad to main islands and
further distribution by schooner on short journeys preferably by
night are being sent by Colonial Office to Colonial Supply
Liaison, Washington, who will approach you with a view to raising
question of protection of steamer service with U.S. Authorities
when detailed proposals prepared.
(A.C.N.S. (T) 1815B/15, to B.A.D.).

Shipping
Cape Cod,
Hampton Roads

Present delay to shipping between Cape Cod Bay and
Hampton Roads is causing concern and further it
appears that there are difficulties in maintaining
cycle of present AH/HA convoys.
2. It would appear that were a continuous coastal
convoy to be run from Buzzards Bay to Key West at the most
frequent intervals that escort situation permits and AH/HA convoys
discontinued, an economy in use of escorts and in shipping time
would result. 3. It is appreciated that these proposals would
entail longer voyages for Canadian tankers but this should be
compensated for by the steadier flow which would result. Further,
the lack of destroyer escort with AH/HA convoys is a weakness
which the enemy may well seek to exploit. By concentrating
protection on the coastal route, it should be possible to drive
the U-Boats away and ensure a high degree of safety for this route.
4. Without the figures for U.S. shipping, it is not possible to
obtain a complete picture of effect of above proposals, and it is
requested therefore that you will approach U.S. Authorities with
a view to detailed consideration being given to these suggestions.
We should appreciate any information which these investigations
produce.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 1817B/15, to B.A.D.)
Reply: B.A.D., 2245/18.

/ W/T ...

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W/T watch in U.S. Ships Your 1733Z/4. Use of International Alarm Signal and Auto Alarm is considered of little value. Presume Navy Dept. is aware that the average effective range is not likely to exceed 200 miles and that consequently ships on Ocean Voyages would be out of range for some 90% of their passage. In addition communication by Auto Alarm intended for 1 ship would actuate Auto Alarms in all ships in that particular area, with consequence that operators would in a very short time cease to regard the ringing of the Alarm as worth attention. We understand that Navy Dept. are taking steps to supplement number of W/T operators. It is nevertheless desirable that matter be kept before them as one of urgency.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 1831B/15, to B.A.D.).

U.S. Navy at Trinidad Ref: F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1714/14. (Presume 1741/14/7 intended re instructions as to which activities will be retained by British and which taken over by the Americans). Local U.S. co-operation has much improved since the arrival of Adm. Oldendorf and these joint proposals if agreed to would appear to be a most satisfactory arrangement. Request an early decision may be obtained.
(C.in C. A.W.I., 1912P/15, to Admty (R) F.O.I.C., Trinidad).

ZWARTE ZEE Anticipated ZWARTE ZEE will be available to sail for Bermuda about 17/7. No escort available. Request I may be informed if she should be sailed direct or routed via Halifax by J.H. and H.A. convoys.
(F.O.N.F., 2005Z/15, to C.in C. W.A. (R) C.O.A.C., Admty).

U.S. Forces My 1150/8. Following changes in disposition of U.S. Forces.
Battleships NEW MEXICO, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, Left San Francisco 11/7. NORTH CAROLINA - At Pearl Harbour.
Aircraft Carriers. WASP, SARATOGA, LONG ISLAND. At Sea.
8" Cruisers. QUINCY, VINCENNES, MINNEAPOLIS, ASTORIA, NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO. At Sea. 6" Cruisers. SAN JUAN, TRENTON At Sea. RALEIGH, ~~HELENA~~. San Diego. CONCORD. At Balboa.
(D.O.D.(F) 2120B/15, to C.in C. E.F., N.Z.A.B., A.C.N.B., N.S.H.Q.).

NIDAREID Your 1932/13th. NIDAREID is Control War Shipping Administrators. U.S. Authorities have no escort available at present.
(B.A.D., 2227Z/15, to C.in C. A.W.I. (R) B.R.O. Norfolk, M.W.T. New York, Admty).

/Sub ...

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Sub attack and sighting summary, PENNSYLVANIA SUN attacked and presumed sunk 24° 05' N. 82° 42' W. 0555Z/15. EDITH steering wheel device on C/T in Red Buff and Gray with letters WUR at centre. PUTNEY HILL 1 torpedo hit 63 shells U.88 type. CADMUS apparently crown device in C/T. SEA THRUSH 2 torpedo hits U-88 type Turquoise Green possibly number 17 on bow. MOIRA 1 torpedo hits 36 rounds. BRITISH COLONY 3 torpedo hits 1 miss, ship fired 1 round. U-88 Type. Possibly 2 subs participating. THOMAS MICKEAN 1 torpedo hit 57 shells NILLINUCKET U-88 Type. FRED W. GREEN later information indicates position of attack 30° 20' N. 62° W. 0045Z/31/5. U-35 or 353 on starboard side C/T U-88 Type. Possibly more than 1 sub attacking. HERMIS 2 torpedo hits approx. 35 shells 2 subs established as participating in attack. Both U-88 type. Ref: your 1849/14 para. 1 YP. 389 vessel was sunk with 62 rounds shellfire after having attacked sub with depth charges. COMAYAGUA 2 torpedo hits possibly U-88 type. DELVALE 3 torpedo hits. GUNDERSEN 1 torpedo hit 8 shells U-88 Type. PONTYPRIDD 3 torpedo hits. Snorting Bull etched in White on C/T. U-45 Type. Plane attacks sub on surface approx. 17° 23' N. 76° 58' W. 2105Z/24/5. Plane attacks sub at time and position of attack on WILLIAM ROCKERFELLER. Plane attacks sub approx. 18° 33' N. 66° 03' W. 2330Z/12. Plane sights sub on surface 37° 40' N. 73° 40' W. 2350Z/13. Course 200°. Speed 8. Planes attack subs on surface 35° 15' N. 73° 43' W. 1855Z/13. 34° 52' N. 75° 38' W. 1842Z/14 course 270°. Speed 4. Possibly U-45 Type. Possibly damaged. Plane attacks oil slick 38° 49' N. 73° 51' W. 2155Z/13. Patrol craft sights sub on surface 43° 54' N. 69° 02' W. 1915Z/14. Plane sights submerged sub 33° 13' N. 78° 08' W. 2308Z/14. Doubtful. Fisherman reports sighting sub on surface 43° 58' N. 69° 05' W. 1230Z/14. Sub reported sighted 18° 48' N. 75° 13' W. 0150Z/15. Sub contact 34° 15' N. 76° 27' W. 1905Z/15. Surface craft report sound contact 43° 33' N. 69° 51' W. about 1900Z/15.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2229/15, to Admty for O.I.C.).

Refit of ~~RUSSELL~~ Your 1222/29/6. Unless U.S. Authorities have accepted your views and matter is regarded as decided suggest you reconsider question bearing in mind.

- (a) that Bermuda is in area of U.S. strategical control and majority of H.M. Ships in area are operating under U.S. Orders.
- (b) risk of passage of valuable craft to U.S. Port.
- 2. As regards (c) of your signal, could not U.S. Authorities assist with skilled men?
- 3. In any event presume you will afford all assistance with urgent items of work to keep vessel operating as long as possible.
(Head of M. Approved by Controller, 2236B/15 to C.in C. A.W.I.).

Co-operation ...

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Co-operation with U.S. Pacific Fleet. Your 0048B/12. Cominch is in full agreement and will take early action. In order to work out requirements of books and personnel, request you signal:
1. The (?entire) composition of Eastern Fleet and
2. Allowance which should be made for possible future expansion in each class of ship, together with your view on what composition of liaison personnel should be.
(B.A.D., 2303Z/15, to Admty (R) C.in C. E.F. as amended 1735Z/16).

HAMILDOC My 1236/14. (re S.S. HAMILDOC overdue). Ship arrived.
(S.O.I., Jamaica, 2347R/15, to Admty etc.).

Australia and New Zealand

N.Z. Situation. Maori No. 23. (1) Enemy S/M reported attacked off Bulari Passage New Caledonia 0137Z/15.
(2) Enemy air R/C Gilbert Islands, 10/7, Maiana, Beru, Kuria, 11/7; Abemama, Maiana, Beru, Kuria, Nonouti; 13/7, 14/7 Ocean.
(N.Z.N.B., 0234Z/15).

CITY OF CANTERBURY, DEVONSHIRE Your 1815B/12. Route for H.T. CITY OF CANTERBURY and H.T. DEVONSHIRE in company Melbourne to Fremantle direct, thence
(A) 035° 30' S. 100° 00' E.
(B) 036° 50' S. 080° 00' E.
(C) 034° 30' S. 060° 00' E.
(D) 028° 50' S. 040° 00' E. to Lourenco Marques.
(A.C.N.B., 0856Z/15, to Admty (R) D.C.in C.E.F., C.in C. E.F., C.in C. S.A.).
Amended see 0611/18.

Movements. Departure Brisbane 0650Z/14 for Parana, AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, HOBART U.S. Cruisers CHICAGO, SALT LAKE CITY, U.S. Destroyers, PATTERSON, JARVIS and RALPH TALBOT.
(A.C.N.B., 0932Z/15 to Admty etc.).

Situation Serial No. 174 from G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific Area. Ref. Serial No. 170, para. 3, report now discounted.
2. Flying Fortresses bombed Salomoa at 2043Z/13.

Bombs fell on runway and dispersal area.
3. Examination of photographs air R/C Rabaul 13/7 reveal 1 light Cruiser, 1 minelayer 8 other vessels probably merchant ships 6 flying boats, 5 float planes in harbour, 12 fighters, 4 bombers at Lakunai. My serial No. 173 para. 4 refers. 13 bombers 2 fighters at Vunakanau, where new dispersal bay completed and 6 buildings observed destroyed.

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4. One 10,000 ton cargo vessel, one 2,000 ton cargo vessel and small M.T.B. observed at 0045Z/14 in 023 S. 150 W. course 150 .
5. Reliable report enemy strength Faisi 100 and not 20 as reported my serial No. 171 para. 5; 2 A/A guns on Island.
6. 3 warships 1 transport Rekata going (Ysabel Island) reported joined by 6 large vessels 10 aircraft 12/7; latter force departed same day.
7. Air R/C at 0135Z/14 reported 4 vessels resembling cruisers at anchor Rekata, 1 four-engined flying boat 1 float plane, 1 aircraft catapulting from Cruiser.
8. Reliable report 4 A/A guns Tulagi 1 Bungana Island. 2 float planes air-borne daily at Tulagi. 13 float planes reported Gavutu 12/7.
9. Large armed M/V reported visited Lunga 12/7. Air R/C 0215Z/14 reported 3 merchant ships at anchor Lunga. 1 small merchant ship approaching from north.
10. S/M reported sighted by Civil aircraft 033° 16' S. 151° 40' E. at 0600Z/14. Graded. B.3.
(A.C.N.B., 1056Z/15, to Admty etc.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNSubmarines ReportedEstimated U/B positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1439B/15, 1453B/15).