

1. The arrangement of the War Diary is as follows:-

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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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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

SS. LAVINGTON COURT, torpedoed in the North Atlantic on 19/7, suddenly disappeared at 0155Z today in 49° 40' N. 18° 4' W. whilst in tow. Apparently the vessel foundered through collapse of a bulkhead.

Vice-Admiral Sir H.D. Pridham Wippell K.C.B., C.V.O. today succeeded Commodore Cunliffe as F.O.C. Dover.

M.G.Bs of the Nore Command had a short engagement in the early hours of this morning off the mouth of the Scheldt with E-Boats which escaped. Our forces suffered no damage or casualties and claim no serious damage to the enemy.

F.O.(S) considers that an enemy main unit may shortly proceed from Norway to Germany. STURGEON and P. 54 are to leave Lerwick p.m./4 to patrol in zones K.2 and K.3 respectively.

British Air Operations.

For the second day in succession a Sunderland sent to escort Convoy W.S. 21 has been lost. About 0557Z today the Sunderland escorting the convoy landed on the sea, sank after 2 minutes and blew up. The rescuing destroyer could find no survivors.

Mining.

Minelaying in the early hours of this morning by enemy aircraft is suspected in the Humber area.

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North Atlantic.

The Admiralty have informed F.O.C.N.A. that if the U-Boat at Cartagena sails she may be attacked in Spanish territorial waters (notwithstanding the instructions given on 21/7) provided the attack is not made in harbour or in the approaches to Cartagena, and that care is taken to avoid damage to neutrals. It is reported today that the vessel is to be purchased by the Spanish Navy and that she will require 6 months to repair.

South Atlantic.

The R.N.V.R. of South Africa and the S.D.F were combined with effect from today, to form a new unit to be known as the South African Naval Forces.

Mediterranean.

During the last few days the enemy has changed his tactics of air attacks on Malta. Following successful interceptions by fighters and the destruction of a complete bomber formation the enemy now carry out only strong fighter sweeps, and their bombers, which have sometimes approached have invariably turned back or jettisoned their bombs.

Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations at Tobruk last night; two ships (one small) are claimed hit and another set on fire.

Wellingtons also bombed Matruh. Small craft were successfully attacked off the coast of Egypt today. A force of heavy Allied bombers attacked a large merchant ship north of Derna this evening; two direct hits are claimed and the vessel was reported to be sinking at the close of the attack. Two Liberators bombed shipping in Navarino harbour last night and claim hits and near misses on a merchant vessel.

A few enemy aircraft again last night operated against the Alexandria area. It is believed mines were laid in the Gulf of Suez.

America and West Indies.

The progress of Japanese occupation in the Aleutians is described in a message from J.S.M. Washington today.

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F.O.C. Vice Admiral Sir H.D.Pridham Wippell K.C.B.
Dover. C.V.O. has this day succeeded Commodore
Cunliffe as Flag officer Commanding Dover.
(V.A.Dover 0900B/1).

North Dispositions of Operational Units in North
Atlantic Atlantic.
dispositions. Area North Russia. 2 Destroyers. Area Iceland
(C) DUKE OF YORK, LONDON, CUMBERLAND, 1
Destroyer, 2 Destroyers (U.S.). Area Scapa.
KING GEORGE V, NELSON, RENOWN, RODNEY, *TUSCALOOSA, NORFOLK,
7 Destroyers, 2 Destroyers (U.S.). Area Clyde. FURIOUS, DELHI,
KENYA, MANCHESTER, NIGERIA, Area Gibraltar, EAGLE, CHARYBDIS,
Passage to South Atlantic. HAWKINS, Passage to Gibraltar Area,
VICTORIOUS, ARGUS. 4 Destroyers.
(D.O.D.(H) 1231B/1 to C. in C.U.S.Fleet). * See below

Movements.

22nd M/L My 1030/25. Sailed.
Flotilla. (N.O.I.C.Stornoway 0526B/1 to N.O.I.C.Lerwick).

H.34. Sailed H.34 and Z.5.
(Cdre.Londonderry 0735B/1).

EXMOUTH. Southend departure to Scapa EXMOUTH in
tow of CAROLINE MOLLER and ST.MELLONS escorted,
by LOCH HOPE bound for Hartlepool and CASTELNAU
bound for Granton.
Estimated S. of A. 6 knots.
(N.C.S.O.Thames 0902B/1).

STURGEON. Sailed STURGEON escorted by JAN VAN GELDER in
accordance with S.3's 1155B/29/7.
(F.O.I.C.Greenock 1004B/1). *See p.6*

FERNMOOR. My 1759/31. For 0500/2 read 1730/2.
(F.O.I.C.Glasgow 1100/1 to FERNMOOR).
Cancel my 1402/31. FERNMOOR is not
to be sailed pending further instructions.
C.O. to report to Admiralty D.B.D. 4/8.
(D.B.D. 2030B/1 to C. in C.W.A.).

TUSCALOOSA. Sailed TUSCALOOSA escorted by INGLEFIELD. Passes
May Island 1120/1. E.T.A. Hoxa 2145/1.
(C. in C.Rosyth. 1121B/1 to A.C.O.S.).
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/TALISMAN...

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TALISMAN (1) Intend sailing TALISMAN and P.212 escorted by WHITE BEAR at 1200B/3 for (a) 290° Bishop Rock 5 miles, E.T. A.2359B/4.
(3) Thence H.M.S TALISMAN diving by day through (b) 049° 14' 012° 15'. (c) 046° 01' 012° 14' (d) 043° 02' 012° 13' E.T.A.(D) 0030A/11.
(4) Thence P.212 diving by day through. (e) 049° 50' 007° 01' (f) 049° 45' 013° 10' (g) 046° 01' 013° 09' (h) 043° 01' 013° 08' E.T.A.(H) 2230A/11.
(5) Thence TALISMAN and P.212 from (d) and (h) to Gibraltar as routed by F.O.C.N.A.
(Capt.S.3. 1137B/1).

PINDOS. A.M. 1930/28. Route to Gibraltar via QZL 18 to (L) 180° Fastnet Rock 10 miles. (M) 049° (704')N. 015° 59' W. (N).042° 01' N. 016° W. Thence as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.
(C. in C.W.A. 1514B/1).

BUXTON. My P.C.S. at 1800Z/1 056° 11' N. 013° 47' W, 268°, 13½, altering course 262° at 2100Z/1.
(BUXTON 1804Z/1).

M.T.Bs 78 and 82. Request you will arrange for M.T.Bs 78 and 82 to be sailed to the Clyde to arrive by 7/8 for shipment to the Eastern Mediterranean.
(D.D.O.D.(C) 1810B/1 to R.A.C.F.).

BLENCATHRA. BLENCATHRA remains with convoy till first light 2/8, thence join "REVIEW".
(C. in C.Plymouth 1839B/1).

MANSFIELD. Admiralty 1323B/31. ^{INTEND} Intend sailing MANSFIELD mid-August to join WLEF.
(C. in C.W.A. 1846B/1).

TUSCALOOSA. Scapa arrivals U.S.Cruiser TUSCALOOSA H.M.S. INGLEFIELD.
(A.C.O.S. 2143/1). *See previous page*

IMLA LAYTERI, Submarine attendant M.V.IMLA LAYTERI for Turkey is to leave Milford Haven on 15/8 escorted by BARDELL, BARDOLF, BARBRAKE, BARDOLF, and BARBRAKE.
2. She is to be sailed to Milford Haven to conform.
3. Endurance of IMLA LAYTERI is 5,000 miles at 9 knots, she requires Diesel fuel and is not fitted with W/T.
4. Bar Vessels are coal burning and route should be by Horta (Azores), Freetown, Port Harcourt, Walvis Bay, Capetown, Durban, Mombasa, and Aden.
5. In the event of IMLA LAYTERI requiring fuel at the Azores she must part company and proceed to Ponta Delgada rejoining convoy as directed by S.O. of escort.

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BARDOLF,
BARBRAKE,
BARDELL.
Contd.6.C. in C.W.A. is requested to provide route sailing ships south of Ireland.
7. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail ships accordingly when ready and to make necessary arrangements for fuelling at the Axores.
(D.O.D.(H) 2205B/1 and 1806B/5).

LANDGUARD.

My 1302B/1. ^{1/17.2.42.} Delayed owing to having to deperm.
Please add 20 hours to all times.
(F.O. Humber 2256/1 to Cdre. Londonderry).Operations.Off
Flushing.
Interception
of Enemy
Convoy by
Coastal
Force.M.G.B. 21. (S.O) and M.G.Bs. 20, 18, 17, in company with M.T.B. 70. and M.T.Bs 72 and 69, were ordered to carry out an offensive patrol between R.B. 4 and R.B. 5.
At 0125/1 engines were heard on hydrophone by M.G.B. 21 bearing S.E. and at 0130/1 an enemy force consisting of 4 E boats and one M.V. was sighted in 51.34 N. 03.12' E. Enemy was engaged by M.G.Bs in two runs at about 800 yards range and hits were observed, but no serious damage to enemy is claimed. M.T.Bs 70, 72, and 69 report sighting same force at 0130/1 while M.G.Bs were attacking to cause a diversion. The enemy at once turned S.E. and entered the Spleet Channel. No contact was made by M.T.Bs. No damage or casualties to our forces.
(C. in C. Nore 1042B/1).Western
Channel
Patrols.M.Ls 155 S.O., 159 and 118 from Dartmouth are to patrol on a line between 50° 10' N. 03° 17' W. and 49° 57' N. 03° 29' W. from 2300/1 till 0500/2
(2) M.Ls 181, S.O. 179, and 186 from Falmouth, are to patrol on a line between 49° 55' N. 04° 12' W. and 49° 55' N. 03° 50' W. from 2300/1 till 0500/2.
(3) Object to intercept and destroy E-Boats attempting to attack P.W. 195.
(4) On completion M.Ls return to base.
(5) M.G.Bs 80 S.O., 76, and 75 will be on Patrol off Casquets.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1211/1).

→ M.T.Bs 237 (S.O.) 233, 241, patrolling to the south passing E.A. 5, Buoy at 2230/1 and 0530/2.

Chasseurs 13 (S.O) and 41 and NORLAND patrolling south of E.A. 5 Buoy.

M.T.Bs exercising between Portland Bill and St. Albans Head from 2300/1 until 0100/2.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1527B/1).

My 1535B/30. M.G.Bs 80 (S.O) 76, 75 are to patrol near line X.Y. tonight. They are not to cross line Portland Bull to Cap La Hague unless engaging the enemy. 2 Other orders as in my 1535B/30, dates amended accordingly. 3. M.T.Bs 237 (S.O), 233, and 241 will be operating from Portsmouth. *See also next page*
(C. in C. Plymouth 1537/1 and 1925B/1 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).

/3.M.Ls.....

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Operations.

Western Channel Patrols. Contd. 3 M.Ls on patrol 20' S.E. Eddystone 1959 disposition
3 M.Ls on patrol 13 S.E. Start. 3 M.G.Bs sail Dartmouth 2245 southeast bound.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1551/1).

→ Your 1537/1. Intend sailing M.G.Bs 80,76,75 at 2245/1.

(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 1731/1 to C. in C. Plymouth)

Strong attack E.Boats and Torpedo Boats from Cherbourg is considered possible tonight.

(C. in C.Plymouth 1957B/1 to Escorts P.W.195, BROCKLESBY).

My 2137. Return to pass N three Buoy at 0530/2. My 1427B/1. M.T.B sweep cancelled. Do not proceed west of line Cherbourg - Anvil Point unless in pursuit of enemy. M.G.Bs from Dartmouth operating to westward. Four torpedo boats, some M-class minesweepers, and considerable force of E-Boats reported Cherbourg by air R/C.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 2157B/1 to GLAISDALE, BLEASDALE).

Cancel my 1257. GLAISDALE and BLEASDALE patrolling 20 miles south of Saint Catherine.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 2217B/1).

→ My 1731/1. Sailed plus M.G.B.78.

(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 2248/1 to C. in C. Plymouth).

3 E-Boats by D/F in 149° from Portland Bill. Enemy's course and speed 349°, 24 knots.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 2350B/1 to BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE).

Seine Bay Patrol.

Tonight M.T.Bs 237, 233, 241 sweeping enemy coastal route south eastwards from Cap Barfleur.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1257B/1). *See previous page*

Interception of Enemy Main Unit. STURGEON and P.54 Patrols.

1. I appreciate that an enemy main unit may shortly proceed from Norway to Germany.
2. It is considered probable that the enemy will take advantage of the forthcoming dark period.
3. It is likely that the main unit will as far as possible use the inner leads and in order to avoid air attack proceed through open water between Skudesnes Fjord and (corrupt group) during hours of complete darkness. The remaining passage to Germany will probably be made via the Kattegat.
4. Capt.(S) 9 is to sail STURGEON and P.54 from Lerwick p.m.4th for zones K2 and K3 respectively.

5. To avoid being sighted S/Ms on passage are to proceed diving by day as far as possible in order to conserve battery power as much as possible.

6. When north of 059 degs 30' N. object of S/Ms is to be as laid down in F.S.B.2 providing a full salve is kept for the main unit. South of above latitude the object of S/Ms is to be the cruiser and above until main unit is known to have passed when object of S/Ms is to revert to F.S.B.2.

(F.O.S. 1326B/1).

East Coast Patrols.

Weather permitting one unit of M.G.Bs is to patrol in vicinity of R.B.one tonight, taking up position as early as circumstances permit. Unless in

action unit should not proceed West of 2° 15' E. without reporting movement.

(C. in C.Nore 1730B/1 to BEEHIVE).

/Departure.....

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Coast
Patrols.
Contd.Departures M.G.Bs. 63, 58, 64, and 65.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich. 2033/1).Dover
Patrols.M.Ls 450 and 220 from Ramsgate patrolling between
Dumpton and North East Spit buoys, E.T.D. 2245 E.T.R
0545/2. NETSUKIS and YASHIMA at D. Buoy. M.Ls
138 and 293 at 'C' one Buoy. Ten M/S trawlers
and 4 M.M.S sweeping in vicinity of the Varne, E.T.D. 0200/2,
E.T.R. 0800/2. "CONSULAR" Group, eastbound, E.T.A. off Dover
0400/2. M.T.Bs 229, 202 and M.G.Bs 10, 13, and 9 from Dover
patrolling between Etaples and Le Treport E.T.D. 2200 E.T.R. 0430.
M.G.Bs 329, 331 and 324 patrolling at South Varne E.T.D. 2300,
E.T.R. 0415.
(V.A. Dover 1927B/1).British Air Activity.Own A/C
~~shot down.~~
*then landed.*Sunderland sighted and identified in maximum
visibility at 0557Z, circled convoy twice, said
she was returning home. Landed on sea 5 miles on
(?corrupt group) of convoy, floated for 2 minutes,
then sank and blew up. Very much regret rescuing destroyer
reports no survivors. Reason for landing unknown.
(HAWKINS 0706Z/1 to C. in C.W.A.).

"Knocker"

My 2330/31. Postponed until 1100Z today at the
earliest opportunity.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland 0925B/1).
My 0925/1. Operation cancelled today.
(A.C.I.C. 1142B/1)
(T.A.C. Prestwick 1636Z/1).A/C in
FURIOUS.Your 1909/31. Carry out trials with R.A.F.
Officers now on board, result of which will
determine whether operation will take place or be
cancelled.
(V.C.N.S. 1049B/1 to FURIOUS).Bomber
Command
Operations.On day 31/7, 12 A/C bombed the docks at St Malo.
On night 31 July/1st Aug. 430 A/C bombed Dusseldorf.
(H.Q.B.C. 1600/1).Bombing
Restrictions.Institute surface vessel bombing restrictions from
1400Z/2/8 until 1400Z/8/8 in area bounded by (A)
latitude 50° N. (B) Line joining Lizard Head to Ile
Vierge Light and thence by French West Coast to 46°
30' N. (C) latitude 46° 30' N. Line joining 50° N. 07° W. and 46°
30' N. 04° 30' W.
(H.Q.F.C. 1950/1 to H.Q. 10th Group).

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NORTHERN
REWARD
attacked. Have been attacked by Junkers 88, driven him off in S.W. direction, may have hit him. My position 060° 22' N. 011° 34' W. (NORTHERN REWARD 0745B/1).

Humber Area
bombed. M/LD. 1814/41 of 8/11/41. (A) Bomb causing slight damage dropped on Saltend O.F.D. 0250/1 by one of about 35 enemy A/C operating over Humber area. Another bomb in Hull and report of bombing north of Saltend. 24 Baskets lit H.U.5 0255. (B) Before and after. (C) Attack did not develop. Small number bombs over widespread area. (F.O.Humber 0940B/1).

Off
Valentia. A/S Trawler DERBY COUNTY reports following seven A/C contacts (from 23 to 31/7), while escorting *M.L.MACKAY. Details. Ships were not attacked. (F.O.I.C.Milford Haven 1653B/1).
*MARIE LOUISE MACKAY.

R/C of
Hvalfiord. German A/C carried out R/C of Hvalfiord p.m.today (D.D.I.C. 2135B/1).
Mining.

Humber
Area. Between 0215 and 0345/1, 35 enemy A/C operated over the Humber area. Bombs dropped in several places were not in proportion to number of planes employed. Minelaying suspected between Humber light to 62 D Buoy, thence to Flamborough Head. No mines seen to drop in the Estuary but at least 6 planes were over the river mouth. (F.O.Humber 0415B/1).

Thames
Estuary. One ground Mine detonated by Sweepers at 0620/31. Details. (Capt.M/S Sheerness 0945B/1).

Western
Channel
Sweep. Admiralty's 2011/31. 1.Intend sailing POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE, EASTBOURNE at 0520/2, sweeping ahead of W.P.195 to Portland. Codeword "Review." 2. Intend sailing BLYTH, STORNOWAY at 0520/4. Sweeping ahead of convoy W.P.196 to Portland. Codeword "Multiple!" (N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 1155/1 to F.O.I.C.Portland).

Off
Swanage. Ground mine detonated by Sweepers at 1348/31. Details. (C. in C.Portsmouth 1810/1 and 1815B/4).

Portsmouth
Area. Traffic may now move uncontrolled during daylight in QZS.111 and 169, but C.E. and C.W. convoys will continue to be swept. All ships are to adhere closely to the searched channels. QZS.239 is still closed to all traffic. (C. in C.Portsmouth 1853B/1).
/Harwich....

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Harwich. 1 magnetic mine detonated in approx. 51° 56.4' N.
01° 39.4' E at 2122.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 2305B/1).

Enemy Intelligence.

LEIPZIG P.R.U. (1) Swinemunde 1730/31. Cruisers LEIPZIG
EMDEN and EMDEN present.
SEYDLITZ. (2) Bremen 1730/31. SEYDLITZ still fitting out.
(D.D.I.C. 1022B/1).

Possible D.D.I.C. 1739B/16. This tanker had returned to
Supply La Pallice by 30/7.
Ship. (D.D.I.C. 1833B/1).

U-Boats.

U-Boats Am over enemy S/M in 69° N. 14° 52' W.
reported. When first sighted S/M was observed to submerge.
(A/C A7RZ 0038Z/1 to ALDERGROVE)
Over enemy S/M in 46° 21' N 7° 8' W. on a
course 350°, speed 8 knots.
(A/C VT29.1355/1).
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 38' N. 13° 49' W. S/M on surface
and then observed to submerge. Course 150°, speed 10 knots.
(A/C 19th Group 1630/1).

U-Boat Am over enemy S/M in 43° 57' N. 14° 25' W.
attacked. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to
submerge. Have attacked S/M with depth-charges
and estimate one hit.
(A/C TRI.B. 1415/1).
A/C reports U-Boat in 043° 57' N 014° (??25') W at 1415B/1,
course 080°. U-Boat may have been (?damaged by) depth charges.
Another U-Boat reported in 046° 38' N. 013° 49' W, course 150°
at 1630B/1.
(F.O.S. 1816B/1 to RORQUAL).

U/B SKEENA's 1234Z/31. Hearty congratulations on the
destroyed. successful attack carried out by SKEENA and
U. 588. WETASKIWIN.
(~~2~~ 31/7. p. 442) (C. in C.W.A. 1946B/1).

Navigational.

Ice in 31/7 Denmark Strait ice R/C. Details.
Denmark (A.C.I.C. 0031B/1 to Admty, R.A.M. C.S.1).
Straits.

Rother. Re dredging at entrance to river Rother in
connection with land drainage.
(V.A. Dover 1947B/1 to Admty).

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Navigational. - Contd.

FURIOUS in Clyde
FURIOUS has cleared the channel and this ship is the longest ever brought up the River Clyde. Ship lay aground on soft mud 1 foot forward and 2 feet aft at low water in deepest available berth.

Inlets being under bottom and 4 hours being required to raise steam, an important point is that risk of fouling condensers precludes raising of steam in time to sail at the best time, namely 2 hours before high water. It follows that some margin should be allowed if this operation has to be repeated because, in indifferent weather conditions it might be unwise to sail ship so near high water as was done today and better weather might have to be awaited. Alternatively ship might discharge a quantity of oil fuel before coming up harbour on a future occasion.
(F.O.I.C.Glasgow 2021B/1 to Admty).

Technical.

Ships with A.N.D. gear.
My 1146/6/6 para, 2 add OCEAN TRADER, OCEAN VAGABOND OCEAN WANDERER.
(D.T.D. 1256B/1).

Casualties & Defects.

Unknown Vessel.
113°, 3rd grade S.O.S., F.F.U.
(Portpatrick Radio 0203G.M.T./1).

LAVINGTON COURT.
(Torpedoed 19/7).
M.L.1150. salvaged.
At 0155Z/1 in 049° 40' N. 018° 04' W, steering 042°, 5 knots, LAVINGTON COURT suddenly disappeared. Have carried out A/S and star shell search with negative results. No explosion heard by any accompanying ship do not consider vessel was torpedoed. Consider vessel foundered through collapse of bulkhead. Request further instructions. Amsearching in vicinity until daylight.
(RHODODENDRON 0300Z/1 to C. in C.W.A.).

Your 0300/1. Return to U.K. in company with Tugs, passing through Q.Z.L. 18.
(C. in C.W.A. 0951B/1 to RHODODENDRON).
Your 0950Z/1. Have salvaged M/L 1150 which floated off undamaged. Being towed by PRUDENT. My P.C.S. 049° 50' N. 017° 48' W. 075° 8½ knots.
(RHODODENDRON 1050Z/1 to C. in C.W.A.).

M.T.B.30.
M.T.B.30 arrived with fractured centre engine intermediate top shaft. Completion of repairs dependent upon the arrival of spares.
(HORNET 0955/1 to N.O.I.C.Weymouth).

STROMBUS.
Wreck Buoy removed marking wreck of STROMBUS Swansea Bay. Portions of wreck beached. Position approx. 56° 9.5 cables from Mumbles Head lighthouse.
(N.O.I.C.Swansea 1500B/1 to Hydrog).

/M.L.245.....

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- M.L.245. A Board of Inquiry is to assemble at Coastal Force Base Portland at 1000/4 to investigate the circumstances attending explosion in M.L.245 on 28/7. Composition. Admiralty's 2134/31 addressed F.O.I.C. Portland refers.
(F.O.I.C.Portland 1527/1 to ATTACK).
- BOADICEA. My 1625B/2/7. ^{/N.T. 2143.} She will be taken in hand 3/8. Firm consider that they will require 8 weeks to complete all defects but will endeavour to reduce this if possible. Maximum date of completion 28/9. In view of possible reduction in duration of refit, suggest that ship should not be paid off. Capt.(D) concurs.
(F.O.I.C.Glasgow 1556/1 to Admty).
- GEORGETOWN. Completed repairs and proceeded down river to Tail of Bank 1/8.
(F.O.I.C.Glasgow 1558/1).
- EMPIRE SCOTT. My 1933/26 and 1200/1 EMPIRE SCOTT has been diverted into the Clyde for repairs.
(D.T.D. 1807B/1).
- Convoy O.N.S.118. KIRUNA. 2 vessels have been in collision. SS.KIRUNA is unable to proceed with ocean convoy and intends to proceed Glasgow for repairs. Request instruction (DRANGEY 2201B/1 to C. in C.W.A.).
- Shipping & Convoys.
- W.N.17. My 1340B/31 and my 0756B/1. W.N.17 will run as 7-knot Convoy after Orkneys R/V.
(N.C.S.O.Loch Ewe 0920B/1).
- S.L.116. Your 2241/31. Greenock Destination of EMPIRE SCOTT is now Clyde.
(C. in C.W.A. 1041B/1 to IBIS).
- O.S.O.36. It is anticipated O.S.O. 36 may be about 2 hours late at R/V.
(C. in C.W.A. 1042B/1 to BODO).
- P.S.1 P.S.1 sailed 1120.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 1128B/1).
- W.N.18. My 0010B/28/7. Propose postponing approx 13 hours.
(N.C.S.O.Loch Ewe 1150B/1 to C. in C.Rosyth).
Your 1150/1. Approved.
(C. in C.Rosyth 1424/1 to N.C.S.O.Loch Ewe).

/T.A.19.....

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping & Convoys - Contd.

- T.A.19. 1.Convoy T.A. 19 comprising QUEEN MARY carrying service personnel will leave Clyde p.m.10/8. for New York unescorted.
CURACOA. 2.Admiralty will promulgate route.
3. F.O.I.C.Greenock is requested to sail ship accordingly.
4. C. in C.W.A. is requested to sail CURACOA to provide A/A escort from daylight to dusk on 11th and to arrange necessary A/S destroyer escort for the same period.
5. H.Q.F.C. is requested to provide maximum Fighter escort. (D.O.D.(H) 1344B/1).
- W.S.21. KEPPEL is required to arrive at Gibraltar not later than p.m./8th.
KEPPEL 2.She should be detached to fuel at Ponta Delgada when necessary in order to carry out this duty and be instructed to proceed accordingly.
SALISBURY. 3. SALISBURY may be retained as necessary in order that not less than two destroyers remain in company with the convoy. (D.O.D.(H.) 1346B/1 to HAWKINS).
- EL NIL. Diplomatic steamer EL NIL position 54° 33' N 17° 44' W at 1316 G.M.T.
 (Master 1400/1 to Admty)
 (EL NIL 1534B/1).
- W.S. 21.S. W.S.21 S. sailed Liverpool section (DORSET, WAIMARAH, BRISBANE STAR, PORT CHALMERS) escorted by WOLVERINE at 1506B/1st.
 (N.O.I.C.Liverpool 1521B/1).
- Archangel C. in C.H.F.2146B/30.
Hospital The treatment and care of British sick and wounded, facilities. in Archangel while not coming up to British standards is reasonably good but I do feel that they would be happier and better cared for in the hands of British doctors and Nursing staff. Linguistic difficulties, Russian food although supplemented by us, and such (?practices) as head shaving, their somewhat crude methods, and their indifference to alleviating pain all tend to depress patients and to lengthen their convalescence and I am taking immediate steps to secure premises suitable for dealing with 50 cot cases without jeopardising Russian medical co-operation. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1743B/1 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).
- R.U.34. N.C.S.O. Iceland's 1351/31. Request confirmation
(P.Q.18) that COPELAND will be sailed and that ship retained is EXFORD.
 (D.T.D. 1851B/1 to A.C.IC.)

/O.N.119.....

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O.N.119.
O.N.121.

There is a possibility that O.N.119 and O.N.121 will be sailed two days early. (D.T.D. 1928B/1).

Convoy 195.

Strong attack E-Boats and Torpedo Boats from Cherbourg is considered possible tonight. (C. in C.Plymouth 1957B/1 to Escorts P.W.195).

O.N.117.

Chop 1200Z/4. My 1313Z/29. For ^{/H.T. in W.D. GEORGE M. SAMUEL D.} ~~BIBB~~ read ^A INGHAM. (C. in C.W. A. 2004Z/1 to C.T.U.24.1.5).
RIPLEY anticipates joining O.N.117 at 1500B/2. (N.O.I.C.Londonderry 2327B/1 to FIRE Drake).

S.P.1.

S.P.1 arrived. (C. in C.Portsmouth 2116B/1).

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

Exercise. Your 0233* and my 1752/29th. Exercise cancelled, my 2346/31st~~ø~~ refers.
(F.O.C.N. A. 0402B/1 to Admty.)
* Given a limited personal distribution.
/ Re sailing EAGLE and CHARYBDIS.
ø Hush - Most Secret distribution.

SPIREA. 1500/2 028° 54' N. 021° 42' W. 062° 12 knots
GERANIUM. requesting instructions arrival 1200B/4
GERANIUM in company 4882 2015.
(SPIREA 0800B/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

DURHAM. C. in C.W.A. 0951B not to Admiralty.
Request tugs and escort may return Gibraltar as soon as practicable in order to try and get DURHAM to U.K. before bad weather season sets in, and relieve congestion in harbour.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1650B/1 to Admty.)

U/B at Cartagena. My 1051/21 para. C. If U-boat at Cartagena sails she may if necessary be attacked in Spanish territorial waters provided:-
(U.573) (a) Care is taken to avoid damage to neutral shipping or persons and property ashore;
(b) Attack is not made in harbour or in approaches to Cartagena.
Pass to A.O.C. Gibraltar.
(1st L. 1730B/1 to F.O.C.N.A., V.A. Malta, N.A. Madrid, Air Min.) *See next page*

Attempted sabotage by mine at Seville. Following are particulars of mine now rendered safe and removed on 31/7 from Bilge Keel of British steamer recently arrived from Seville.
(4) Pieces of Spanish newspaper and bill were found as packing.
(6) Mine will be sent to D.T.M. first opportunity after further examination and drawings have been made.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1816B/1 to Admty. C. in C. Med., R.A.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, V.A.M. C. in C.W.A.)

PARTHIAN. PARTHIAN proceed diving by day through S.P. 038°
CLYDE. 37' N. 004° 28' E. at 0530/5th, S.S. 180 Cape de Gata four miles at 0230/8th.
(2) CLYDE proceed diving by day through S.Q. 038° 27' N. 004° 28' E. at 0500/5th.
S.R. 036° 42' N. 001° 36' W. at 0200/8th S.S. at 0430/8th.
(3) From S.S. both submarines are to proceed diving by day on 8th and on surface on 9th within 5 of coast of Spain, keeping outside of territorial waters to arrive at Gibraltar, PARTHIAN at 0830/9th and CLYDE 0930/9th. Bombing restrictions from S.S. arranged within 6 miles of Spanish coast.
(4). If unable to comply within 2 hours report position, course and speed.
(5) All times zone minus 2.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1940B/1 to 8th S.F.)

/U/B.....

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U/B at Minister of Marine informs me U-boat Cartagena
Cartagena. is to be purchased and will be handed over 3/8.
(U.573.) I have seen telegrams between Minister and N.A.
Berlin. Council of Ministers approve purchase.

Details follow.

Submarine requires 6 months repair.

Spain buys because model required for study and new construction
and because price absurdly low.Ship's company remain under naval control pending orders from
Franco. Minister agree they should be interned 3/8 but fear
if we do not take matter up immediately they will remove from
his control.(B.N.A. Madrid 2315/1 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)^{also}Further details, see B.N.A. Madrid 0301/3. *See previous page*

? MITIDJA. My 1915/29 (N.T. in W.R.) Ungraded American
report dated Algiers, 31st: Ship reported
to have been stopped by submarine but believes
complete search not possible, informant insists
that no cobalt on board. French destroyer *RESPONSIVE sent
in response to Captain's request. Same source states Spanish
schooner about 1500 tons will shortly be sent to Nemours to
load 500 tons cobalt for Germany. Her arrival will be
reported.

(Consul-Gen., Tangier, 2318/1 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Gib.)

** Not a C.B. 1515 re France
fighting ships.*

GIL EANES. Your 1627/31 July. Facilities being arranged.
(Admty. 2320B/1 to B.N.A. Lisbon.)

South Atlantic.

Weekly S.A. Station 1/8. Area Q.
statement. (C. in C.S.A. 1003B/1)

Light Your 1900/30/7. A warning for Masters has
Signals been issued in Q.G.B. 117.
Brazzavilla. (R.A.W.A., 1045Z/1 to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A.)

CARNARVON On arrival ESPERANCE BAY at Port Stanley
CASTLE. CARNARVON CASTLE proceed to Freetown by following
route (a) 040° 00' S. 024° 00' W.
(b) 008° 00' S. 012° 30' W. thence to Freetown
as directed by R.A.W.A.

(2) E.T.A. at position (b) is to be reported to R.A.W.A.
repeat C. in C.S.A. before leaving Falkland Is.(3) Cancel para. (5) of my 1235/23. (N.T. in W.R.)
(C. in C.S.A. 1113B/1 to CARNARVON CASTLE (R) N.O.I.C. Falkland
Is., Admty., Com. Task 23, R.A.W.A.) *See p. 17*

/GLUCESTER.....

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GLOUCESTER CASTLE. (O.S.32.) Overdue shipping convoy O.S.32 GLOUCESTER CASTLE due Capetown 25/7 not arrived. (S.O.I. Capetown 1215B/1 to Admty., C. in C.S.A., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Connav, S.O.I. Freetown (R) N.C.S.O. Capetown.)

SHROPSHIRE. A.M. 1932/30/7 para. 2 and A.C.N.B. 1102/27/7 para 4 neither to all addressees. SHROPSHIRE will be available to escort a convoy from Durban to U.K. Sailing early September. (C. in C.S.A. 1227B/1 to Admty.)
A.M. 1555/29/7. SHROPSHIRE will be used for local escort until early September when she will escort a convoy to U.K. My 1227/1/8 refers. (C. in C.S.A. 1238B/1).

ALCANTARA. Left Capetown 0920Z/1 in accordance with my 1145/30/7 not to C.T.F. 23 or N.O.I.C. Ascension.
(2) ALCANTARA will report E.T.A. lat. 015° S. after relief by CARADOC.
(3) E.T.A. Ascension 0800Z/14 for escort of CHINA MAIL and AMERICAN PRESS. A.M. 2102/17/7 refers.
(4) Request R.A.W.A. pass M.O.M.P. (?M) W. (?5) 21 to ALCANTARA. (C. in C.S.A. 1449B/1 to Admty. R.A.W.A., CORINTHIAN, N.O.I.C. Takoradi, B.A.D. Washington, C.T.F. 23, N.O.I.C. Ascension, Cominch, H.M.S. ALCANTARA.)

→COMMANDANT DUBOC. Following is a repetition of my 1449 addressed Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A., C. in C. Med., C. in C., E.F., D.C. in C.E.F., Capt. (D) 18, N.C.S.O. Duala B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire from R.A.W.A. (begins) - My 1817Z/31 delete reference to 2435 COMMANDANT DUBOC. COMMANDANT DUBOC will proceed direct to Capetown as additional escort to convoy W.S.21P. E.T.A. Capetown about 14/8. (Ends). (R.A.W.A. 145Z/1 to Admty.)

Weekly state 1/8. Freetown PHILOCTETES, EDINBURGH, (CASTLE), VINDICTIVE, FOLKESTONE, WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, ORISSA, Freetown area, ORION, NEPAL, BOREAS, VELOX, VIMY, CHESHIRE, TJERK HIDDERS, 4 corvettes,
→COMMANDANT DUBOC. Bathurst area, F.S. LEOPARD, RAJPUTANA, KONKAN. Ascension area, 1 Corvette, St. Helena Area, CORINTHIAN. West Indies, ASTURIAS, LARGS, 2 Corvettes. Gibraltar, VANSITTART. U.K., BRIDGEWATER, 2 Corvettes. Rio de Janeiro MILFORD. Cape, WIVERN, BRILLIANT, 4 Corvettes. On passage Gibraltar to Freetown, 1 Corvette. On passage Freetown to U.K., 1 Corvette. Detached 2 Corvettes. (R.A.W.A. 1501Z/1 to Admty., F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

/H.M.S. QUEEN.....

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- H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. MALAYA. Request intended route, speed and time of sailing of QUEEN ELIZABETH and MALAYA. Intend VIMY and BOREAS from W.S. 21P to provide escort to battleships from approx. lat. 12° S. to Freetown, destroyers can refuel if necessary from RAPIDOL returning from Duty in Ascension Area with W.S. 21P.
(R.A.W.A. 1637Z/1 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty.)
- Movements Summary 2000Z/1. Area Q. → CARNARVON CASTLE with escort ^{to} 35° 00' S. 007° 30' W. 270° 14.5 knots. *See p. 15.*
→ H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, ARROW, DUNCAN, HOTSPUR, 037° 00' S. 021° 40' E. to Capetown 18 knots.
ALCANTARA 031° 40' S. 015° 20' E. 325° 18 knots.
(C. in C.S.A. 1649Z/1).
- Reading merchant ships' signals. R/C aircraft continually report that they are unable to read merchant ship signal letters at 1500 yards which is the minimum range to which they may approach by present regulations.
2. These regulations were drawn up with C.'s in C. concurrence and the limit was imposed to conform with home stations and thus avoid confusion in ships.
3. In the Cape area ships are often on long voyages and plots may be inaccurate.
4. A common result is that a ship which cannot be identified by aircraft is sighted in position where none is shown on the plot.
5. This is most unsatisfactory as
(a) the aircraft is left in doubt as to the correct action which should be taken.
(b) Shore Authorities do not know whether ship is hostile or not.
(c) if vessel is friendly an opportunity of correcting its position on the plot is missed.
6. A further difficulty is that signal letters of some ships are not known. My 2218/31/5 and 1246/29/7 and R.A. West Africa's 1032/29/7 not to all addressees refer.
7. Request information whether
(A) 1500 yard rule is rigidly observed.
(B) Limit can be reduced to 750 yards.
(C) Any solution of the problem has been found in other areas.
(C. in C.S.A. 1700Z/1 to Admty.)
- QUEEN VICTORIA. Have you any news of QUEEN VICTORIA overdue Aden from Capetown since 9/7. Next of kin have received cables from two members of crew.
(D.T.D. 1901B/1 to S.O.(I) Capetown, S.O. Kilindini
(R) S.O.(I) Colombo).
Reply: S.O.I. Capetown 1020/2. S.O.I. Kilindini 1313/3.
- W.S.21P. Convoy sailing telegram WINDSOR CASTLE, ORONSAY, EMPRESS OF JAPAN, DUCHESS OF YORK, DUCHESS OF ATHOL.
11. Troops equipment and stores.
12. All ships for Capetown.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 1953Z/1).
Sailed 1115/1. Route etc.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 2135Z/1)

/SS. KALEWA.....

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SS. KALEWA. Position 30 R. 16 S. 13.38 E. collided. Need immediate assistance.
(G.R.P.Q. T.O.R. 1958/1).
BDYJ (SHAHJEHAN) proceeding to your assistance distance 35 miles.
(Colombo W/T T.O.R. 2045 G.M.T./1).

Hurricanes
for M.E.

Hurricanes stowed on deck of following ships en route India are now required in Middle East. BANGKOK 5, CITY OF ORAN 7, CLAN MACILWRAITH 6, FORRESBANK 10, MAIHAR 7, MARTABAN 6, CURACOA 10. Request arrangements be made for discharge and onward shipment to M.E. by earliest opportunities. Details of arrangements should be reported.
(D. of S.T. 2140B/1 to S.T.O. Capetown, Durban).

Mediterranean.Joint War
communique.

A small number of enemy bombers operated in the vicinity of Alexandria and Cairo last night. 3 were shot down by our night fighters.
At Malta our fighters shot down one enemy aircraft.
(Mideast T.O.O. 0940Z/1).

P.35.

Ref. my 1615/29. P.35 has been delayed 24 hours and will sail from Haifa 2001/1.
(Capt. (S) 1 0946C/1 to C. in C.Med. (R) N.O.I.C. Malta, 201 Group, S.O. Subs. Alexandria, Capt. (S) 10th S.F. N.O.I.C. Haifa, F.O. 1st C.S. 235 Wing, Subs. on Patrol)

Bi-weekly
Opsum No. 43.

28/7. 11 Liberators despatched to attack south-bound convoy 1 merchant vessel 5000 tons 2 destroyers. 1 was located by Malta R/C off Zante Island. Did not find as Malta Beauforts had torpedoed merchant ship which was subsequently towed into Navarino.
Liberator bombed alternative target shipping in Suda Bay, Crete, at dusk from between 20 and 23,000 feet claiming 1 hit on each of 2 ships, 2 hits on wrecked cruiser YORK.
Night 28/29 July. 4 Halifaxes 59 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Direct hit set 1 ship on fire. Many bombs among shipping and on docks main jetty area where several large fires started. Other fires started on south side of north west of harbour also near new power house and Naval fuel tanks and east of town 3 ships off shore along coast also attacked. No hits. Fires started on shore near jetty with small ship alongside at Mersa El Audu (?west) of Tobruk. Low cloud prevented accurate assessment details damage.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1017/Z/1).

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6 Wellingtons laid 12 mines in harbour and approaches (? Tobruk).
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1057Z/1).
30/7, 4 Beaufighters on offensive R/C attacked 2 barges west of Matruh. Barges apparently protected by armour plating as shells bounced off. 1 escorting Ju.88 driven off. 2 Martlets 7 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and in Gulf of Suez. At dusk 7 Liberators bombed shipping in Navarino Harbour, no hits claimed.
Night 30/31st July, 1 Halifax 4 fortresses 49 Wellingtons bombed shipping and Harbour installations Tobruk. Large fire started at Naval fuel tanks and medium fire at petrol installations N.W. of harbour, several bombs near shipping off jetties. 1 jetty hit and many burst on waterfront. Smallfires in N.W. corner of harbour. 1 Halifax 1 Wellington attacked (?L.P.O) ships in shore east of Tobruk, results unobserved. 2 Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk bombed railway Matruh and Daba areas. 11 Bostons 4 Albacores attacked M/V 2500 tons previously reported by R/C Matruh harbour and other objectives near harbour. Albacores scored 1 hit on M/V causing smoke, 1 hit on 1 small craft, latter believed sunk.

(H.Q. R.A.F.M.E., 1117Z/1).

2 hits on tank workshops followed by good fire. Boston scored near misses on M/V and small craft probably E-boats in harbour, bombs also dropped on Jetties Barracks and town, 2 Bostons damaged landing. (?6) Baltimores despatched at dawn following day to repeat attack on M/V did not see ship and bombed jetty and waterfront, damage unobserved. 3 torpedo Wellingtons, 2 bomber Wellingtons made offensive R/C for enemy shipping west of Crete. No sightings. About 6 enemy aircraft operated against Alexandria Burg El Arab Area. No military damage reported but civilian casualties.
31 July. (? 4) Beaufighters offensive R/C for enemy coastal shipping between Matruh and Tobruk.

(H.Q. R.A.F.M.E. 1138Z/1).

14 Martlets 5 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and in Gulf of Suez. Night 31st July/1st August. About 5 enemy aircraft operated against Alexandria area, no details, damage or casualties received. 3 Beaufighters up shot down 2 enemy aircraft. Another enemy aircraft believed laid mines in Gulf of Suez.

(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1149Z/1)

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No. 468.

Air.

4. Night 30/31 July. Halifaxes, Fortresses and Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Bombs burst near ships off jetties and along water front. Large fire started at naval fuel tanks and medium fire at petrol installations North West of harbour. One Wellington missing.
5. Bostons and Albacores bombed merchant ship in Matruh, direct hit being followed by smoke. One small craft believed sunk. Two hits on tank workshops started good fire.
8. About six enemy aircraft operated over Alexandria area. No military damage reported but some civilian casualties.
9. 31/7. Operations restricted by dust storms.
10. Baltimores made dawn attack on Matruh harbour. Damage unobserved.
Night 31 July/1 August. About nine enemy aircraft attack Heliopolis aerodrome and five operated over Alexandria area.
(C. in C.M.E. 1055/1)

/UNA.....

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UNA.
P.43. UNA, E.T.A. 1001B/2 approved. Instructions for entering Malta. (Capt. (S) 10 1115B/1 to P.43, UNA).

1 M.V.
2 destroyers. Aircraft reports one merchant ship two destroyers P.C. and S. 035° 44' 023° 22' 220° 12 at 0925 and one merchant ship, one destroyer, P.C. and S. 035° 24' 023° 26' 220° ten at 0910/1. (S.O. S/Ms Alexandria 1202C/1 to THORN.)

CLYDE.
P.31. 1/8 CLYDE sailed P.31 Arrived. (V.A. Malta 1305B/1).

2
minesweepers. F.O.R.S.C.A. 1657/18/6. Concur proposal the 2 (?Norwegian) manned minesweepers now in India should be transferred to Med. Suggest they should join the 168th M/S Group. (C. in C. Med. 1345C/1 to Admty.) See Admty. 1123B/3/8.

Enemy
Units. My 1202/1st. Probably only one convoy consisting of one merchant ship two destroyers. Air co-operation tonight impossible, single aircraft attacking at 0200. Estimated position, at 0500 032° 50' 020° 22'. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1857C/1 to THORN).

Malta
C.S.R.1/8. During July R.A.F. destroyed record number of 140½ enemy aircraft. Previous highest record was 122 in May A/A destroyed 8½ in July. A/A record stands as 102 in April. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1815/1).

EMPIRE
ORIOLE.
EMPIRE
PINTAIL. EMPIRE ORIOLE carrying British and American service cargo is due Suez about 1/9.
2. EMPIRE PINTAIL carrying similar cargo will sail from New York for M.E. in August.
3. Both ships still retain their commissioned crews and are wearing White Ensign but will be discharged in M.E. by Agents of Regular American Lines.
4. You are requested to take any action necessary to ensure that no difficulties arise. (D. of S.T. 2301B/1 to P.S.T.O. Egypt.)

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East Indies.

Position Reports by M/Vs. Following are in continuation of message 746 C of 14/7. These two messages should be shown to Masters of ships concerned and their co-operation invited. Daily position report by merchant ships. Admiralty instructions are: Masters of British managed ships fitted with H/F are to report by night every 3 days after leaving harbour stating position by W/T in form laid down in C.A.M.S.152.

2. Messages are to be in P.L. and are to contain in preamble passing instruction "Pass to Admiralty" also in P.L. No other passing instructions are to be included.
3. Admty will originate a daily signal to diversion authorities, Admty 1232/29/6 refers, giving summaries of all positions.
4. T.O.O. of message should be time at which ship is in given position.
5. As temporary measure merchant ships are to use their war wireless call sign. It is hoped shortly to introduce a new system for varying these call signs.
6. Merchant ships are to report on 6300 k/cs or 8290 k/cs.
7. Call sign of shore stations is MXJ37 and shore station will answer on wave calls.
8. Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Kilindini wireless stations are to conform with above procedure and any station hearing is to answer and pass on information to other authorities.
9. Pass to N.C.S.Os.

(D. C. in C. E.F. 0750Z/1 to E.I. Stn. (R) Admty.)

U-boat campaign. Japanese U-Boats. 2 ships attacked off Cocanada on 29/7 both safe. U-boat probably new arrival from Penang. Estimated dispositions. One Cocanada Area. At least 2 in area (corrupt group) to 010° S. (corrupt group) to 080° E. Possibly one in 005° N. to 005° S. (055°?) to 065° E. At least one 004° N. 094° E. 29/7 probably returning to N. from Mozambique area. One unconfirmed sighted near Massawa 21/7.

(D. C. in C. E.F. 0824Z/1 to S. and A. E.I.S., Admty., C. in C. S.A., A.C.N.B.) See 1824Z/1

TROMP, STIRLING CASTLE, GAMBIA. (1) Cancel my 1907/28 Netherlands Cruiser TROMP's endurance necessitates new R/V. (2) E.T.A. STIRLING CASTLE and GAMBIA in 032° 10' S. 096° 37' E. is 0900Z/6. M.L.A. 100° 16 knots towards position T.

(3) In view of reduced S. of A. making E.T.A. in above position late in the day C.T.F. 51 is requested to instruct TROMP to meet convoy as much earlier and further westward along the M.L.A. as her prudent endurance will permit. (4) GAMBIA and STIRLING CASTLE are to comply with para 2. If meeting is not effected by dark 6/8 GAMBIA is to continue escort until relieved following day proceeding thence to Fremantle for fuel if endurance will not allow of her return to Mauritius.

(5) A.C.N.B. is requested to signal onward route from position T and final destination of STIRLING CASTLE. (6) C.T.F.51 acknowledge. (D. C. in C. E.F. 0921Z/1 to GAMBIA, C.T.F.51, (R) A.C.N.B. Cdre. W. Australia, Comsowestpac Unit, C. in C. E.F., C.S.4.)

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- Movements summary No.9
- (1) WORCESTERSHIRE detached from W.S.20 due Durban approx. 5/8.
 - (2) FROBISHER escorting W.S.20 in 08° 45' S. 48° 37' E. at 0200Z/2nd. Escorts Aden section due 7/8.
 - (3) DEVONSHIRE meets W.S.20 3/8. Escorts Bombay section. 7/8.
 - (4) CHITRAL left Diego Suarez 31/7 escorting R.F.A.'s BACCHUS and EASDALE to Kilindini.
 - (5) DRAGON is off Diego Suarez.
 - (6) CALEDON left Diego Suarez 31/7 due Durban 5/8 routed East Madagascar.
 - (7) CORFU left Bombay 28/7 escorting B.A.29 due Aden 4/8.
 - * (8) H.N.M.S. (?Group missing) left Colombo 31/7 escorting O.19 (due?) Kilindini 8/8.
 - (9) D.S. SUMATRA left Colombo 31/7 due Addu ^{Atoll} 3/8.
 - (10) GERALDTON left Fremantle 26/7 escorting tanker BAHREIN to Addu ^{Atoll}.
 - (11) S/M K.15 left Colombo 30/7 due Diego Suarez 10/8 8½ knots.
 - NASMINE → (12) NIGELLA, SOR⁵ (ADIV), BUSHWOOD left Durban 25th July escorting coal convoy C.M.30 Z (?3) ships due Kilindini 8/8 6½ knots. *See 25/7 p. 766. + movement of H.M. 31/7 25/26/7.*
(D. C. in C. E.F. 1008Z/1.)

* COLOMBIA (P.A. List.) *See also 22/7 p. 674*

Scuttling of M/Vs. In order to prevent (? their) falling into enemy hands consider merchant ships in Indian Ocean should be instructed to scuttle when it is clearly beyond reasonable doubt that ship is about to be boarded by enemy or crew have been ordered to abandon ship by enemy.
(C. in C. E.F. 1021Z/1 to Admty. (R) A.C.N.B. Melbourne, C. in C. S.A., D. C. in C. E.F.)

B.P.50 Sailing telegram, 2 ships. NEVASSA, CAP SCT JACQUES.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 1222Z/1 to Admty.)

Bombay. Your 0230/26 (N.T.in W.D.)
(a) Berthing plan being worked in conjunction with port (?concerned) keeping ships to northward as far as possible but ships still anchored down as far as Sunk Rock. (b) Harbour patrol consists of 5 local Motor Boats augmented by 2 H.D.M.Ls. Hope shortly to increase this by at least 4 H.D.M.Ls and 2 Fairmiles. A temporary Dhow barrage between Prongs Buoy and (?Thal) Knob employing 12 Dhows is established October to May only. (c) Progress on local boom (?defences). C. in C. E.F. has been approached with scheme for A/B - A/T from U.K. Copy of scheme being forwarded by fast air mail to Admiralty. (2) Present situation is a matter of grave concern.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 1303Z/1 to Admty.)

/Landing ...

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Landing craft. My 1426/30/7. D. C. in C. E.F., 1435/31 and C.O.S. (India) 71 of 29th July. Subject to agreement of C. in C. India, and provided they will not be unduly delayed, KEREN, KARANJA and SS SOBIESKI are to take as many landing craft as possible to Kilindini on passage to U.K. Crews, Beach parties and communication ratings should also be embarked. Subsequently, as many landing craft and crews as possible are to be carried to Kilindini by other ships.
(D. of P. 1340B/1 to F.O.C.R.I.N., (R) D. C. in C. E.F., C. in C. E.F., C. in C. India, P.S.T.O. India, G.O.C. East Africa)

Aircraft for A/A Training. (1) Your 1500B/18 to Com. N.A.S. and my 1640Z/15. Following have been proved necessary and it is intended to equip 795, 796 and 788 Squadrons and communicated flight accordingly.
(2) 795. 3 Fulmars, 5 Hurricanes, 2 Martlets increasing to 3 Fulmars, 6 Hurricanes and 3 Martlets when aircraft available. 3 of these Hurricanes are for fighter defence of Mombasa. Experience has shown essential to train Martlet gun crews pilots on Martlets.
(3) 796. 6 Albacores, 3 Swordfish for training T.B.R pilot observers and air gunners in pool. To be increased to (?12) T.B.R. aircraft when number permits.
(4) 788. 2 Swordfish 1 Fulmar or Sea Hurricane, 3 Fulmar and 3 Sea Hurricanes and 4 Skua or Roc.
(5) Communication flight. 2 Walrus, 1 Moth Minor.
(6) Request ratings and stores be provided accordingly. Officers are being provided from Eastern Fleet pool.
(D. C. in C. E.F. 1532Z/1 to Admty.)

Mauritius, Greek refugees. Middle East military requirements necessitate immediate removal from that area of all refugees whose services not required. These include 4,000 Greeks at present in Turkey whom if not moved Turks would return to Greece, also about 1,000 arriving shortly at Mombasa. Request whether Mauritius could accept say 1,000.
(S. of S. for Colonies 1730/1 to Govr. Mauritius.)

Japanese U-Boats. 2 ships attacked off Cocanada on 29/7 both safe. U-boat probably new arrival from Penang. Estimated dispositions. 1 Cocanada area. At least 2 in area Equator to 010° S. (70°?) to 080° E. Possibly 1 in 005° N. to 005° S. 055° to 065° E. At least 1 004° N. 094° E. 29/7 probably returning to base from Mozambique area. 1 unconfirmed sighted near Massawa 21/7.
(D. C. in C. E.F. 1824Z/1 to S. and A. E.I. Station, Admty., C. in C. S.Q., A.C.N.B.)

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E.A.C. report, 1/8. 1 Hudson 113 BR while on instruction flight attacked U-Boat PSQE 0208 at 1455. 1 Canso 162 BR 1 Hudson 113 BR sent to assist on patrol 1527 off 0152/1. Swept area 40 miles in every direction from point indications that attack was successful. U-Boat attacked position QMCP 1717 at 2125 G.M.T. disposition 20 miles southeast of estimated fix. No apparent results of attack. (H.Q. E.A.C., 0745/1.)

Explosion at Port Castries. British Routeing Officer St. Lucia 2030/31st M/Ss have been despatched from San Juan. U.S. Authorities taking all necessary measures. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1002Q/1 to S.B.N.O. W.A.)

CRANFORD & MISSISSIPPI. My 2116R/30. Second ship arrived Caripito 29th. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1108Q/1.)

O.N.115. After western local escort joins proceed with unit to St. Johns Newfoundland. (Comtask 24, 1151Z/1 to C.T.U. 24.1.13.)

Division of activities at Trinidad between British & Americans. Admty. 2126/30*. I read this as meaning that arrangements described in your 1714/14* are concurred in. (S.B.N.O. W.A., 1201P/1 to F.O.I.C. Trinidad.) * ?2124/30 intended which read. Addressed: S.B.N.O. W.A., Your 1001/28. See B.A.D's 1933/24 which crossed your tel. 1933/24 at 1001/28 also re position at Trinidad re command. * ?1741/14 intended.

H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, RAMILLIES re escort. Your 2155/31/7. Concur in proposals of U.S. Authorities. Request you will arrange details direct with R.A. West Africa. (V.C.N.S., 1257B/1 to B.A.D.)

American P/C boat. C.C.C.S. 1650/1. Concur if you consider that Halifax is a suitable base for this craft and that she can be usefully employed therefrom. (D.O.D.(H), 1327B/1 to N.S.H.Q.)

L.S.T. L.C.T. Gen. Eisenhower's requirements. (D. of P., 1343B/1 to B.A.D.) See Lion Copy.

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET MESSAGE 1343B/1st August OUT,

To: B.A.D. Washington 679 Date 1.3.42.

Naval Cypher (KD) Plug.

From: Admiralty

Landing Craft Programme.

General Eisenhower has asked in his telegram 553 of 22nd July for 300 L.S.T. and 540 L.C.T. by 1st April 1943. This being an additional 100 and 200 respectively over paragraph 2 of Admiralty 1948/29 May.

2. Since the Admiralty signal was made the Force Commanders have considered a slightly different plan and are agreed that there is a considerable shortage of lift of M.T. and stores. It is therefore very desirable that every L.S.T. and L.C.T. that can be produced by 15th February 1943 should be sent over, though Admiralty recognises that the numbers originally asked for may be the maximum.

3. With reference to Paragraph 4 of above quoted Admiralty signal it is requested that the programme subsequent to 15 February 1943 may be revised to provide 50 L.S.T. and 70 L.C.T. 5 per month for 4 months over and above what is in fact produced by that date. This will give similar total figures to those requested by General Eisenhower.

1343B/1.
for D of P. (434)

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L. (2)
- Controller.
- Vice Contr.
- 4th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- Sec.
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- N.A. 1st B.L.
- P.A.S. (S)
- D of P (2)
- E.P.S.
- D.C. (2)
- I.P. (2)
- W.D.
- H.A.S.
- Ad. Cunningham
- D.T.S.D. (CO)
- D.N.E. (CO)
- Ad. Blake.

- D of P (Q) (2)
- C. in C. X.F. (3)
- C.C.O. (2)
- Hd of M (5) (for War Office and C. in C. Home Forces).

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Norwegian P.C. boat. Your 1650/31. An additional escort vessel manned by the Royal Norwegian Navy will be a very welcome addition to the western local escort force. Admiralty pass to C. in C. Norwegian Navy. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1424Z/1 to C.C.C.S.)

U.S. mine notices. Your 1227B/31. From today's date the purport of all U.S. plain language notices relating to mined and dangerous areas will be promulgated in appropriate W.J.A. and W.J.C. series.

Clarification is requested.

(1) Is it intended that Ottawa should promulgate all these messages regardless of the area to which they refer?

(2) Is it permissible to broadcast this information in P/L? (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1607Z/1 to Admty.)

S/M estimate 1/8. C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1615/1.

Martlets for carriers in E.F. B.A.D. Washington's 2251/31. Owing to lack of escort and to delay involved in para. 2(b) it is considered that ATHENE should remain in Indian Ocean and aircraft should be freighted out. (V.C.N.S., 1645B/1 to B.A.D.)

ASCANIA. H.M.S. ASCANIA due Balboa about 3/8 and bound U.K. for subsequent operation by M.W.T. as a merchant ship should normally be able to maintain 15 knots or more during voyage and it is therefore desired that she should be sailed and routed from Cristobal to U.K. as if she were an independently sailing merchant ship.
2. If any factor unknown to Admiralty has reduced speed below 15 knots, ship should be sailed in convoy to Halifax where she will load a cargo, and subsequently be sailed in H.X. convoy.
3. Request you will ascertain and report as soon as possible if speed that can be maintained is less than 15 knots in order that arrangements may be made for cargo at Halifax. (D.T.D., 1713B/1 to B.A.D.)

M.A.R.I. Your 2305B/31. Concur in proposed amendment to M.A.R.I. Section (sic) para. 9 sub-paras. 3, 4 and 5. (Connav, 1717/1 to Admty.)

O.N.115. Your 1959Z/31st. WITCH and HAMILTON sailed St. Johns N.F. to join during daylight/2. (F.O.N.F., 1729Z/1 to C.T.U. 24.1.13. (R) C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admty., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.O.A.C. Halifax, C. in C. W.A., C.T.G. 247)

/Convoy ...

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Convoy G.M. 1. Convoy G.M. 1 arrived.
(B.R.O. New Orleans, 1801Z/1 to Admty.)

Fuelling non-Brazilian ships in Brazilian Ports. Your 1617/29.
It is understood that the ban does not apply to M.O.W.T. stocks held in Brazilian ports.
(D.T.D., 1805B/1 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

BUXTON. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 1400Z/6. My P.C. and S. at 1800Z/1 056° 11' N. 013° 47' W. 268° 13½ alter course 342° at 2100 (?N).
(BUXTON, 1805Z/1 to N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F.)

U/Bs attacked. Re assessments.
(N.S.H.Q., 1810Z/1.)
See U-Boat Campaign.

MAURETANIA. Your 1725B/25th B.M.W.T. New York reports that MAURETANIA too large for New York dry dock. U.S. War Dept. have requested that vessel embarks Hampton Roads in which case would endeavour to arrange dry dock Newport News Navy Yard. Admiralty pass to D. of W.T.
(British M.W.T., 1831Z/1 to D. of W.T. London.)

SS. POTLACH. American party landed Nassau 1/8 SS. POTLACH U.S. 1952 G.M.T. 27/7 19.20 N. 53.18 W. submarine fired 2 torpedoes both hit aft ship sank 3 minutes 6 of crew killed 2 since died. U.S. Naval Authorities have details of fraying. Confidential books and documents destroyed overboard. Submarine not identified but Master reports officers distinctly German.
(R.N.O. Nassau, 1850/1 to Admty., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

SS. BROOMPARK torpedoes in O.N. 113 25/7. BROOMPARK sank in 047° 41' N. 051° 50' W. at 1813Z/1 90 fathoms. Am proceeding St. Johns N.F. in company with CHEROKEE and FRANKLIN.
E.T.A. 2130Z.
(AMHERST, 1855Z/1 to F.O.N.F., as amended 1411Z/2.)

Escort of tankers. Your 2253/31/7 para. 2. Concur provided Connav and N.S.H.Q. agree to arrangements for release of B.7 group proposed in C. in C. W.A. 2055/31/7.
(A.C.N.S.(T), 1931B/1 to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.O.A.C. Halifax, F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A.)
Reply: B.A.D. 1845Z/2.

/ U/B ...

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U/B. S/M sighted by A/C 046° 45' N. 062° 30' W. at 1905Z/1.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1935Z/1, 2037Z/1 to Admty.)

B.X. 31C. Convoy B.X. 31 C No.
(N.O.I.C. St. John N.B., 2002Z/1 to Cdr. 1st U.S. Naval District Boston.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. Plane attacks sub on surface 28.45 N. 90° W. 2105Z/31. Aircraft attacks sub contact approx. 39.56 N. 74.01 W. 30/7. Plane sights sub on surface purportedly tied to barge 21.50 N. 97.22 W. 1800Z/31.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2021/1 to Admty.)

Vescas and route signals. Comments Urdis 1243/31/7.
(A) Med. Station satisfactory.
(B) Freetown area satisfactory.
(C) Capetown area completeness of information satisfactory. Exception Lobito vide my Dis 311442 July. Time lag for Capetown about three days believed caused by relaying via Ottawa.
(D) Melbourne area satisfactory exception do not require route messages in local area or into Indian Ocean such as Melbourne 0424Z/30 July routing ATHEL VICTOR etc. to Abadan.
(E) Wellington area satisfactory though majority of traffic relayed through Ottawa.
(F) Gibraltar area satisfactory. General comment recommend for above areas Vescas and route messages be transmitted hence forth to Connav only. Further recommendations regarding specific items will be made should deficiencies arise.
(Connav, 2024Z/1 to Admty.)

Connav Serial 1. U-Boats &c. sinkings. PRESCODAC (Br.) torpedoed sunk 0840Z/30/7 008° 50' N. 059° 05' W. 5 survivors.
FERDINAND BOL (Du.) sunk in collision with NORSE KING 30/7 045° 21' N. 059° 28' W.
WEIRBANK serial 30 sunk 26 British and 40 Lascars survivors.
(Connav, 2025/1.)

Washops 98. Aleutians. Situation to date: Kiska Attu Agattu occupied in force. A/A emplacements on Little Sitkin. Greatest activity on Kiska where there are 2 camps. A landing strip and numerous A/A emplacements are being installed there. North of Aleutian no Japanese activity observed.
(J.S.M., 2055Z/1.)

/Routeing ...

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- Routeing. Cancel A.M. 2001B/18/6 not to S.O.(I) Jamaica. It is requested that N.C.S.Os and B.R.Os may be instructed that all British managed shipping of under 15 knots bound from U.S. or Canadian east coast ports or Gulf of Mexico to Australia or New Zealand should be routed by Panama Canal and sailed in convoy via Guantanamo. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa pass to Sparks and Huband to ensure loading for ports in correct rotation.
(D.T.D., 2109B/1 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Connav, (R) S.B.N.O. W.A., C. in C. S.A., B.A.D. Washington, S.O.(I) Jamaica.)
- Attack on U/B. Submarine attacked by U.S. aircraft in 010° 55' N. 60° 14' W. at 0050Z/2. Result unknown.
(N.O.I.C. Port of Spain, Trinidad, 2122Q/1 as amended 1002Q/2.)
- AQUITANIA. A.M. 1445/30. Navy Dept. suggest following communication arrangements for AQUITANIA.
(B.A.D., 2133/1 to C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty., R.A.W.Af.)
- AWATEA, Bermuda Passages. N.A.15. Your 1935/30/7. My 0424/1 refers regarding omission of NEA HELLAS from N.A.15 in view of fall in numbers.
2. We are most anxious to take advantage of AWATEA to clear from Bermuda some of the long outstanding personnel. S.B.N.O. W.A. is requested to limit numbers of cabin passengers embarked to those whose removal is urgent. Balance will have to await U.S. escorted sailing later in August.
3. N.S.H.Q. is requested to arrange if possible for oncarriage of these personnel in N.A.15, even if reberthing and reallocation between ships is involved.
(D.S.T., 2209B/1 to N.S.H.Q., (R) B.A.D., S.B.N.O. W.A., etc.)
- U/B information for O.N.115. U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of convoy or important unit at 1936Z/1st 10510 k/cs ENIGMA. Another at 1739Z/1 locality 42.30 N. 43.00 W. 13768 k/cs ENIGMA.
(Cominch, 2227/1 to C.T.U. 24.1.13, (R) SKEENA, Comtask 24, Admty., Cinclant, C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)
- Aircraft for Trinidad. My 2021/17/7 personal for 1st Sea Lord para. 4. No. 53 Squadron has been ordered to operate from Waller Field Trinidad. The 1st echelon of 7 aircraft leave Quonset on 3/8, undertaking a coastwise anti S/M sweep on way South. Remaining aircraft of this squadron will follow when ready.
Marcus 295 to Air Ministry refers.
(B.A.D., 2303Z/1 to Admty.)

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Australia and New Zealand.

- Digest No.191 Indications enemy submarine operating Gabo area
31/7. 31/7.
 (2) One cruiser two destroyers one flying boat
 sighted by Allied air R/C 4° 35' S. 130° 20' E.
at 0300Z/31. Cruiser attacked probably hit. At least one
other warship probably cruiser this (? area) last sighted approx.
0700Z/31 5° 4' S. 130° 53' E. course 280°.
(5) Reliably reported small parties Japanese landed at three
points N.W. coast Malaita Island 30/7 from schooners.
(7) Single unidentified enemy aircraft dropped one bomb in open
country North of Cairns 0700Z/30.
(9) Two Catalinas attacked Katuna (near Gona) night 30/7.
One merchant vessel two schooners observed in area.
(10) Four Fortresses attacked Gona noon 31/7 no shipping
observed.
(11) One B.24 unsuccessfully attacked small merchant vessel
off Tuki Point (Kulambangra Island New Georgia) 30/7.
(12) Kukum (Guadalcanal) attacked by three Catalinas 29/7.
Store dump hit fires started, one large vessel one small
vessel observed at anchor.
(13) Indications possible enemy landing Dobe (Aru Islands)
and Tocai (Kai Islands).
(G.O.C. S.W. Pacific, 0037/1.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U-Boat positions.
(Admty., 1451B/1, 1509B/1.)

Submarines Attacked.

Assessments. Ref. C.A.F.O. 834/41, 13(?11)/41 and Admty. 1916B/9, it has been agreed that Cominch shall assess reports of A/S attacks made in his strategic area. Therefore effective

immediately, that ships making an attack in Atlantic (?west) of 26° W. or in N.O.I.C. Esquimalt command are to repeat to Cominch any signals of attacks reported made. One copy of written report including from (? form intended) S.1203 and narrative of attack is to be sent direct to D.A/S.W. Bath. One copy of written report including S.1203 narrative of attack and Photoprint of recorder trace is to be sent through administrative authority to Admiralty, Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. Original recorder trace is also to be sent to Cominch.

(2) H.M. Canadian Ships making an attack in Atlantic east of 26° W. are to forward original recorder trace to Admiralty with Photoprint.

(3) It is observed that reports of attack are frequently much delayed with consequent loss in value. Every effort is therefore to be made by all concerned to expedite handling and despatch of reports to permit early assessment and immediate promulgation of useful information from them.

(N.S.H.Q., 1810Z/1 to C.O.A.C. Halifax, N.O.I.C. Esquimalt, F.O.N.F., (R) Admty., Cominch.)

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

A concentration of enemy naval light forces is reported in Cherbourg and an armed raider is reported (O200B/2) flooded up in dock at Le Havre. R.A.F. were informed and dispositions were made by C. in C. Plymouth. E-boats were reported by R.D.F., just before midnight last night (probably covering mine laying by enemy E-boats 15 to 20 miles north of Cap La Hague). S.O.8th M.G.B. Flotilla in M.G.B. 80 with M.G.Bs. 76, 78, 75 were on patrol, but did not manage to engage the enemy until 0240 today, a mile off Cherbourg to which the E-boats had turned back some two hours earlier, presumably on account of fog. Two E-boats are reported to have been sunk and two damaged, and the M.G.Bs. disengaged at 0252 under the fire of the shore batteries and two T.Bs. Our forces suffered only minor superficial damage and 2 slight casualties.

Rosyth was closed from 1335 to 2206B today on account of fog. Convoy F.S. 271 was cancelled for the same reason.

S.O. Force F. in NELSON with RODNEY and 67 destroyers left Scapa this afternoon.

M.V. FLORA II was torpedoed at 0930 today 60 miles S.E. of Vestmannaeyjan Island (Iceland).

Enemy Air Operations.

The R.A.F. M/F D/F station at Hofn (Iceland (C)) was destroyed at 1026 today by attack with guns and small bombs.

Mining.

Minelaying by enemy E-boats last night is suspected in position 15 to 20 miles north of Cap la Hague.

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SITUATION REPORT.

North Atlantic.

Documents taken from Italian S/M PERLA give details of night fuelling arrangements from the FULGOR which is lying in Cadiz Harbour. There is no evidence that PERLA actually used this refuelling base.

South Atlantic.

SS. RHESUS made submarine attack signal at 1045 today and reported a submarine in 5° 13' N. 4° 9' E. (Gulf of Guinea).

It is anticipated that as U.S. counter measures improve the U-boats will intensify their attack on South Atlantic and West African trade. The Air Ministry were asked today to reinforce West Africa by additional aircraft for A/S work.

Mediterranean.

Shipping and targets at Tobruk harbour, Sollum and Bardia were attacked by our aircraft last night. A barge was sunk today off Sidi Barrani.

East Indies.

Operation
"Stab."
(Diversion by
E.F. to assist
U.S. offensive
in Solomons)

C. in C.E.F. reports that the operation was carried out according to plan. One Japanese 4-engine Navy type flying boat was shot down by a Martlet from FORMIDABLE at 0525Z today in 9° 2' N. 82° 49' E.

WARSPITE, FORMIDABLE, ILLUSTRIOUS, BIRMINGHAM, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERK, NAPIER, NIZAM, NORMAN, INCONSTANT and VAN GALEN arrived at Trincomalee at 1305Z today to refuel the destroyers in view of report from A.H.Q. Bengal that there are indications of a possible attack on Madras tomorrow morning. Here C. in C. learnt that A.H.Q. India did not authorise this message from A.H.Q. Bengal and he intends to proceed to Colombo at 0001 tomorrow. (Force sailed at 0038/3).

/Deputy.....

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Deputy C. in C. E.F. today puts forward proposals for a measure of convoy in order to safeguard the very valuable traffic both to and from the Persian Gulf against the increasing U-boat menace. Only tankers and important ships can at first be included in the scheme, which will be applied first of all to traffic outward from the Gulf.

The Admiralty today informed C. in C. E.F. that it is unlikely they will be able to send back his third carrier before the end of this year. The matter is explained in A.M.0022B/2.

America & West Indies.

Convoy N.J.1. (ports on east coast of Newfoundland and Labrador southbound to St. Johns N.F.) arrived today.

Two further mines were exploded at Port Castries today by acoustic sweep and one by an M.T.B. entering harbour.

Australia.

A trawler was shelled by a submarine about 1445Z today some 12 miles west of Momya (south of Jervis Bay, New South Wales coast).

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

CELIA,
MACBETH. Your 1809/24. My 2145/10, 1535/9 and Iceland letter 259/3/1/39 of 25th July not to all addressees. CELIA and MACBETH are already attached to the Iceland Command. In view of the greatly increased U-Boat activity in Icelandic waters the probability of having to reduce patrols and necessary escorts, if CELIA and MACBETH are allotted to Air Sea Rescue duties, is not considered desirable.
(A.C.I.C., 2121B/1 to Admty., (R) A.C.O.S., C. in C. W.A., C. in C. H.F., Air Min.)

Movements.

L. 23. Admty. 1938/25/7. L.23 is to be sailed to arrive Greenock by 15th August to be taken in hand for fitting at Messrs. Scotts.
(F.O.S., 0013B/2 to Capt. S.6.)

DELHI. DELHI is to proceed Rosyth arriving p.m./2. DELHI report intended time of sailing and E.T.A.
(C. in C. H.F., 0051B/2.)

NELSON,
RODNEY.
(*to be F.*) NELSON and RODNEY screened by seven destroyers pass 000° Strathie Point 8 miles at 1900B/2 routed through 000° Cape Wrath 6 miles via Minches to arrive 055° 38' N. 007° 59' W. at 1000B/3. S. of A. 16 knots. Request A/S air escorts from 1900B/2.
(C. in C. H.F., 0109B/2 to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A.) *See next page*

M.Ls for Thorshavn. Thorshavn arrival H.M. M.Ls 445, 452, 467, 252.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 0640B/2 to A.C.O.S.)

UPRIGHT. My P.C.S. at 0900B/2, LOCH MONTEITH, P.54 in company, 058° 32', 002° 49', 327°, 5 knots, visibility 1 cable.
(UPRIGHT 0901B/2 to A.C.O.S.)

BORDE. Your 1829B/14/7 para. 3 request final destination of BORDE.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1017B/2 to Admty.)
Your 1017B/2. Persian Gulf.
(D.M.S., 1752B/2 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

/STURGEON ...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.STURGEON,
JAN VAN
GELDER.

Except (as received) D.S. JAN VAN GELDER unable to proceed due to weather. Request onward escort. My position 224° Cape Wrath 14 miles. Weather report. Am proceeding Loch Laxford. (STURGEON, 1432B/2 to Capt. (S) 3, (R) A.C.O.S.)

Bullion
on board
SENNEN.

IBIS, ABERDEEN, ENCHANTRESS, WALNEY on arrival are to tranship 74 boxes bullion each to SENNEN. 2. SENNEN is to arrive Greenock to land bullion by 0800B/4 and return to Londonderry on completion. (C. in C. W.A., 1538B/2 to Admty., N.O.I.C. Londonderry, N.O.I.C. Greenock, (R) Capt. (D) Greenock, SENNEN, IBIS, ABERDEEN, ENCHANTRESS, WALNEY.)

Force F
(NELSON,
RODNEY.)

Scapa departure S.O. Force F in NELSON with RODNEY, ASHANTI, TARTAR, ESKIMO, SOMALI, PATH-FINDER and QUENTIN. (A.C.O.S., 1645/2.) *see previous page.*

Large ships
in Clyde.

Further to my 2021/1/8. It is for consideration in future movements of large vessel for immediate loading of special cargo that

A. The movement probably entails the vacating of two berths in K.G.V. basin and possible missing of convoy by one or more ships.

B. The closing of all down traffic on one tide on day of movement up river and vice versa all movement "up river" on day of departure.

C. The resulting possible missing of convoy by ships in K.G.V. basin who may not be able to vacate their berths on same tide as movement takes place.

This signal and my 2021/1/8 are being repeated to C. in C. Western Approaches and F.O.I.C. Greenock. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 1729B/2.)

S/M Patrol.

My 1324/1. Amend para. 5 to read: to avoid being sighted, submarines on passage are to proceed diving by day as far as possible but batteries must not be allowed to fall unduly low. (F.O.S., 1756B/1 to Capt. S.9, (R) Admty., C. in C. H.F., H.Q.C.C., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, Capt. S.3, S.U. Subs Lerwick.)

PENN.

On completion of repair to bulkhead valve about midnight tonight Sunday proceed to Merville with all despatch.

2. On arrival complete with fuel and proceed R/V with NELSON at position (B).

3. Report E.T.A. Merville to me before sailing. (R.A.D.H.F., 1910B/2 to PENN.)

PEN/V...
/(Note ...)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.MovementsPENN
(Contd.)

(Note: No para. 1 received by W.D.)
2. Request you will sail PENN for Londonderry with all despatch on completion of repair. N.O.I.C. Londonderry is requested to sail PENN to join W.S. 21S on completion of fuelling. (C. in C. H.F., 1919B/2 to R.A.D.H.F.)

Information
for SEAWOLF.

At 0800B/3 position S.C. 93 059° 12' N. 022° 42' W. speed 7½ knots to 057° 05' N. 014° 10' W. at 2000B/3rd.
Position S.C.L.93 058° 33' N. 020° 01' W. to Reykjavik speed 8½.
(F.O.S., 2027B/2, 2241B/2 to SEAWOLF.)

Operations.Western
Channel
Patrol.

My 1731/1. Returned to harbour M.G.Bs 80, 76, 75.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 0624/2.)

Engagement
with E-Boats
and T.Bs off
Cherbourg.
2 E-Boats
sunk.
2 E-Boats
damaged.

Following report received from S.O. 8th M.G.B. Flotilla. [Left Dartmouth at 2240/1 in M.G.B. 80 with M.G.Bs 76, 78, 75 in company, passing through thick belt of fog 10 miles from shore, vis. 50 yards. At 2345/1 first R.D.F. report of E-Boats was received showing that they were proceeding W.S.W. Correcting signal was received at 2353/1 showing that E-Boats were proceeding towards Portland Bill in two groups. At 0004/2 in 49° 52' N. 03° 10' W. M.G.Bs altered course for Cherbourg and increased speed to 30 knots. R.D.F. signals T.O.O. 0040/2 and 0047/2 received 0050/2 and 0059/2 respectively showed me that the E-Boats had turned back - I presumed on account of fog. Speed was increased to 38 knots and M.G.Bs arrived 360° Cherbourg 5 miles at 0144/2. Engines of E-Boats could be heard just entering Cherbourg and they stopped at 0152/2. It seemed possible that 2nd Group had not entered, so M.G.Bs waited. At 0158/2 R.D.F. signal was received showing vessels approaching from the N.W., the last signal having T.O.O. 0152/2. At 0227/2 in flat calm slight sound of engines was heard bearing West. At 0229/2 closed the shore on course 210° and at 0240/2 in 330° Cherbourg 1 mile intercepted 4 E-Boats proceeding very slowly towards the harbour. M.G.Bs engaged them at very close range from 1 cable to 1/2 cable for 12 minutes circling them three times. One E-Boat bursting into flames almost immediately and lying stopped. The return fire was negligible at first and then very erratic. After about 9 minutes two torpedo boats lying about 4 cables to the S.E. and shore batteries opened up with star-shell, 4-inch H.E. and pompom, and M.G.Bs disengaged at 0252/2 proceeding due North for 4 miles where they stopped at 0300/2.

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - conts. -

Engagement
with E-Boats
and T.Bs off
Cherbourg.
2 E-Boats
sunk.
2 E-Boats
damaged.
(Contd.)

One E-Boat could be seen burning furiously and shortly afterwards another burst into flames and also burnt like a beacon about a cable from the first. During the run-out enemy continued a spirited action between themselves and the shore.
At 0316 M.G.Bs proceed to Dartmouth, arriving at 0630/2. 2 slight casualties and minor superficial damage only on M.G.Bs and they will be ready for sea tonight.

Ammunition expended: Pompom - 241 rounds.

Oerlikon - 518 rounds. Lewis - 950 rounds.
Considered 2 E-Boats destroyed remaining 2 damaged and several hits on the torpedo boats.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 0945/2 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Patrols. No Nore destroyers with convoys tonight Sunday.
Patrol No. 1 PUFFIN, 2 SOUTHDOWN, 3 BERKELEY,
4 GARTH, 5 COTTESMORE, 6 VESPER.

(C. in C. Nore, 0946B/2.)

Weather permitting one combined unit of M.G.Bs and M.T.Bs is to operate tonight between R.B.5 and R.B.4. Area is to be approached by the northern route.

(C. in C. Nore, 1044B/2 to BEEHIVE.)

(4) 2 Chasseurs and NORLAND patrolling in vicinity of E.A5.

(5) CALPE, ALBRIGHTON, patrolling to the southward.

(6) 3 M.T.Bs patrolling to the southward.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1537B/2.)

Tonight 2/3 August CALPE, ALBRIGHTON M.T.Bs 237, 233 patrolling to southward. M.T.Bs may enter eastern end of Plymouth Command.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1827B/2.)

M.T.Bs 218, 35, and 38 patrolling off Blanc Nez and M.G.Bs 41, S.2, and S.3 at N.E. Varne E.T.D. 2245, E.T.R. 0200/3.

M.G.Bs. 10, 13, 9, 7 and 6 from Ramsgate patrolling between Gris Nez and Etaples, E.T.D. 2215, E.T.R. 0330/3.

(V.A. Dover, 1918B/2.)

Visit of
destroyers
to Akureyri.

It is suggested the 3 destroyers now at Hvalfjord should pay a visit to Akureyri of about 24 hours duration sailing Hvalfjord a.m. 4th. On passage both ways they would pass north of minefields with extra A/S air patrol in vicinity of patrol "White".

During 3 days absence of destroyers Walrus from ships present can be used to reinforce A.C.I.C's local A/S patrol.
(C.S.1, 1622B/2 to C. in C. H.F., (R) A.C.I.C.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity.Cherbourg
and Havre.
Proposed
attacks.

In confirmation of telephone conversation to Duty Director, request strike as early as practicable on concentration of enemy naval light forces reported in Cherbourg, also on armed raider reported flooded up in No. 7 dock at Le Havre.
(D.O.D.H., 0200B/2 to Air Ministry.)

"Knocker".

Operation commences 0900Z/2, weather permitting.
(A.C.I.C., 0346B/2.)
My 0346/2nd postponed until 1100Z today Sunday

at earliest.

(A.C.I.C., 0930B/2.)

My 1402/2nd postpone for today 2nd until 0900/3 at earliest.

(A.C.I.C., 1524B/2.)

Sunderland
shot down
by ship of
W.S. 21.

Your 2249/31st. A full report should be forwarded at earliest opportunity of circumstances connected with shooting down of this easy recognisable aircraft of whose arrival the convoy had been warned.
(C. in C. W.A., 1047B/2 to HAWKINS.)

Russia A/C.

My 1836B/27, para. three. Following present Soviet Naval Air strength in Archangel and Murmansk area as supplied by Naval staff 1/8.

(2) Bombers. Eight D.B.3. Seven S.B. 19 P.E.2. Total 34.

(3) Fighters. 53 Hurricanes, 20 Tomahawks, 10 P.E.3, 10 Yak 1, 9 I.153, 11 I.16, 7 I.15, 3 M.I.G.3, 13 I.A.G.3. Total 136.

(4) These figures comprise all A/C which are serviceable.

(Ad. Miles, 1158C/2 to Admty.)

Force P,
escort.

Expect air escort of 1 Hudson from 2100B/2nd until dusk.

(C. in C. W.A., 1326B/2 to Force P.)

Expect air escort of two sorties of one Sunderland from 0545B/3rd till dusk. Codeword allotted to convoy W.S. 21S and to complete force after R/V at 1000B/3rd "Faith".

(C. in C. W.A., 2133B/2 to S.O. Force P.)

Opening
fire by
ships on
aircraft.

F.O.I.Cs and N.O.I.Cs pass to N.C.S.Os in your command. Recent serious accidents emphasise the necessity for a distinctive signal to warn ships in convoy and their guns crews that fire is not to be opened on A/C unless hostile character is definitely established. This signal to be

hoisted and kept flying by the escort and all ships in convoy when air escort is expected or present.

2. Propose one Blackball hoisted at yard arm be employed with signification:- "Friendly aircraft are in the vicinity. Fire is not to be opened on any aircraft while this signal is hoisted unless a definitely hostile act is committed."

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity.Opening
fire by
ships on
aircraft.
(Contd.)

3. If approved request promulgation as soon as possible with instructions that all gunners and guns crews are to be instructed in the meaning of this signal.
(C. in C. W.A., 1744B/2 to Admty., (R) N.C.S.Os in W.A., Cdre. Londonderry, 15 Group, Capt. D. Greenock. Capt. (D) Liverpool.)

Enemy Air Activity.Hofn D/Fs
destroyed.

F.W. flew 5 times over R.A.F. signal station at Hofn at 1026Z/2. Carried out attack with machine guns and 2 small bombs, destroyed R.A.F. M/F/D.Fs. (A.C.I.C., 1341B/2.)

Mining.

S.N. 82.

^{/Port Z.A.}
Arrived R.A.(M) in SOUTHERN PRINCE, ADVENTURE, AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC, LANCASTER, and NEWARK.
(TRELAWNEY, 0720B/2.)

Harwich.

Details of magnetic mine detonated 2122/1.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1039B/2.)

Off Cap
La Hague.

See C. in C. Portsmouth 1507B/2 (in Enemy Intelligence.)

Yarmouth.

At 0712/22 one magnetic mine exploded by Sweepers. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 1841B/2.)

Enemy Intelligence.GNEISENAU, GRAF
ZEPPELIN.

P.R.U. Gdynia 1530/1st shews GNEISENAU and *GRAF ZEPPELIN in same berths.
(D.D.I.C., 0116B/2.)

* See /# 50.

From
Portsmouth
R.D.F. plot.

It is considered that movements of E-Boats during night 1st/2nd August were probably defensive patrols of E-Boats established to cover inshore movements consequent on enemy patrol trawlers having twice been recently destroyed. Request your opinion on the chances of the tracks in the area of radius six miles centre 360° Cap De La Hague 13½ miles being mine-laying. Meanwhile this area will be avoided as far as possible by our patrols and kept under R.D.F. Observation.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1117B/2 to Admty.)

/Enemy ...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

From Portsmouth R.D.F. plot. (Contd.)

Enemy shipping plotted by Portsmouth R.D.F. night of 1/2 August.

E.29Q 2312-0047. 6 or more vessels approx. speed 19 knots from 350° Cap La Hague 13½ to 024° Cap La Hague 10' turned N.W. through positions:-
352° Cap La Hague 16½. 358° Cap La Hague 15.
348° Cap La Hague 16¾. 352° Cap La Hague 19½.

Turned east for 5 miles then south and faded 008° Cap La Hague 14¾ miles.

Possibly M Class M/S laying a further minefield.

E.28Q 2305-0121. 3 or more vessels speed 22 knots from 352° Cap La Hague 13½ to 346° Cap La Hague 21' turned N.E. to 000° Cap La Hague 29' then S.E. to 012° Cherbourg 25' then south and retired towards Cherbourg fading 027° Cherbourg 10½' probably E-Boats covering E.29Q. Intercepted by 3 M.G.Bs from Plymouth who reported engaging 4 E-Boats and 2 T.Bs. 350° Cherbourg 1' at 0243.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1507B/2.)

U-Boats.

U-Boat tactics. The following signal received by an escort vessel is promulgated for information: begins: Recent attacks U-Boats on the surface give indications that U-Boat when being chased continues on approximately the same course after diving at speed 8 to 10 knots for about half an hour. They then surface once more and make off at high speed if unobserved.

(C. in C. W.A., 1156B/2 to S. and A in W.A. Command, (R) Admty. A.C.I.C., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, A.C.O.S., F.O.C.N.A., R.A.W.A.F., C.O.A.C. Halifax.)

U/B attacked. Attacked U-Boat in approx. 062° 10' N. 013° 48' W. at 1040B/2. Regain contact at 1235B.
(OPHELIA, 1245B/2 to A.C.I.C.)

Your 1245B/2. 1 A/S Trawler is to remain in vicinity for at least 24 hours.
(A.C.I.C., 1430B/2 to OPHELIA.)

Your 1245/2nd expect Hudson, Whitley and U.S. Catalina.
(A.C.I.C., 1450B/2 to OPHELIA.)

Your 1245B acknowledged. Lost contact with S/M 1420B.

OPHELIA proceeding. THIRLMERE standing by.
(OPHELIA, 1457B/2 to A.C.I.C.)

Your 1245/2. Report if you actually sighted submarine.
(A.C.I.C., 1822B/2 to OPHELIA.)

U/B positions. Estimate one or two U-Boats bound Northwest between Shetlands and Norway.
(F.O.S., 1519B/2 to S/Ms N. of 51° N.)

Estimate 10 U-Boats inward bound in area 044° 30' to 047° 01' and 012° 59' to 004° 59'.
(F.O.S., 1521B/2 to Subs. operating S. of lat. 51° N.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Navigational.Ice in
Denmark
Strait.My 0908/24/7. As your 0031/1 and 2358/30 conflict presume the latter signal is cancelled. Request two further R/C flights may be made this week as convenient.
(R.A.M. 1030/2 to A.C.I.C.)

Rosyth.

Port closed at 1310 owing to low visibility.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1335B/2.)
Cancel my 1335/2.
(C. in C. Rosyth 2206B/2.)

55A Buoy.

55A Buoy damaged and light extinguished.
(LEEDS 1955B/2 to C. in C. Nore (R) Ships employed on E.C.C.D.)→Wreck
Buoy.WINCHESTER 0036/2. Wreck Buoy in 052° 58' 12" N 001° 28' 24" E reported missing.
(C. in C. Nore 2239B/2.)

Tyne.

Have cancelled all sailings Tyne command.
(N.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne 2330/2 to VERSATILE.)Casualties and Defects.KIRUNA.
AGIA
MARINA.O.N.S.118. Your 2201B/1. KIRUNA is to proceed Glasgow. Report forthwith whether she can proceed independently or not.
(C. in C. W.A. 0029B/2 to DRANGEY.)
Your 0029B/2. KIRUNA is able to proceed independently.
(DRANGEY 0525B/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

(Corrupt Group) have just been informed AGIA MARINA in collision with KIRUNA and has hole starboard side 6 feet below main deck. Request instructions.

(DRANGEY 0801B/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

My 0801B/2. SS. AGIA MARINA will attempt to continue voyage.

(DRANGEY 0945B/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N.118 your 0801B/2 if Master of AGIA MARINA considers vessel unseaworthy she is to proceed to Clyde.

(C. in C. W.A. 1102B/2 to DRANGEY.)

→WINCHESTER.

Have fouled wreck-buoy in the vicinity 8 B. Am at present stopped and unable to clear it. Request tug with diver at daylight and fighter protection.
M.L.340 standing by.

(WINCHESTER 0036B/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

Am dragging my anchor and wreck-buoy on to wreck now distant 1 cable 055° from me, and am liable to foul wreck at turn of tide. If tug is fogbound, request suitable ship in the vicinity of 8 B Buoy be detailed to stand by me. No sign of fighter.
M.L.340 in company.

(WINCHESTER 0903B/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

Departure H.M. Tug DIVERSION with diver and gear, to assist WINCHESTER.

(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0907B/2.)

/Your...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.WINCHESTER.
Contd.

Your 1037. Tug is now on its way. Make every endeavour to swing to the tide either head or stern.

(C. in C. Nore 1129B/2 to WINCHESTER.)
Report situation.

(C. in C. Nore 1503B/2 to WINCHESTER.)

Your 1503/2. Hope to be able to proceed by 1630. Intend then to escort*diversion (as received) with wreck buoy in tow to Yarmouth proceeding thence B.2 Buoy to escort F.N.77 tomorrow Monday. Have ordered M.L.340 to remain at 8 B Buoy all night to warn ships of wreck, proceeding Yarmouth at dawn tomorrow. Temporary Dan Buoy with fixed green light has been laid in position.

(WINCHESTER 1552B/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

Tug DIVERSION parted company at 8 Buoy proceeding independently direct Great Yarmouth speed 6 knots. (Corrupt Group) Report no damage expect to arrive B.2 Buoy 0600/3. Weather report.

(WINCHESTER 1820B/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

*DIVERSION

TORTEAU.

/N.T. in W.D.
Your 1737/31. Arrived.

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 0949B/2 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

LAVINGTON
COURT.

Your 0300/1. Upon arrival in harbour report details of disappearance of LAVINGTON COURT and whether there were any casualties.

(C. in C. W.A. 1137B/2 to RHODODENDRON.)

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N.A.B.
UNDINE./N.T. in W.D.
Cancel my 1030B/2. N.A.B. UNDINE damaged.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1245B/2 to Admty.)

N.A.B. UNDINE has damaged stern in collision. Repairs will be necessary before vessel can be sailed. Crew is being retained while cause of

collision is investigated.

It is hoped to discharge them on 4/8.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1818B/2.)

SHARPSHOOTER.

A.M. 1642/15 to SHARPSHOOTER but not to C. in C. H.F. or R.A.D. H.F. It is for consideration whether degaussing equipment should be made fully effectively and ship depermed before proceeding

North Russia. If so suggest SHARPSHOOTER reinforces escort of R U sailing 3/8 and proceeding to Clyde.

(F.O.C. 1st C.S. 1440B/2 to C. in C. H.F. (R) R.A.D. H.F. C. in C. Rosyth, A.C.I.C. Admty. SHARPSHOOTER.)

H.M.T. SIR
AGRAVAINE.

Re oil leaks.

(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1534/2 to Admty.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

Convoy "Carnage" "Carnage" weighed and proceeded. Visibility $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
(VERSATILE 1153B/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

F.S.871. F.S.871 anchored in the Channel from 2 miles west of Rathground North Buoy to westward. Visibility nil.

(WESTMINSTER 1513B/2 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

F.S.871 cancelled owing to fog.

(C. in C. Rosyth 1812/2.)

My 1513 F.S.871 proceeding.

(WESTMINSTER 1830B/2.)

My 1812. Convoy "Trigo" was at sea when cancellation was ordered and was instructed to return to Methil. Request fighter protection until convoy has returned to Methil.

(C. in C. Rosyth 2242B/2 to 13 Group.)

F.S.871. Returning Methil owing to fog.

(N.C.S.O. Methil 2246/2.)

Atlantic Convoys. My 1931/1 (Not to C.T.F.24.) In anticipation of concurrence C. in C. W.A. is requested to take preliminary steps to implement his 2055/31/7.
(D.T.D. 1639B/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

Information for S.C.93 S.C.L.93. S.C.93 and S.C.L.93. Position of submarine H.M.S. SEAWOLF at 0800B/3rd 059° 01' N 018° 20' W probably on the surface speed about $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots through 059° 03' N 028° 30' W.
(C. in C. W.A. 2145Z/2 to C.T.U.24.6.4 C.T.U. 24.1.17. (R) Admty. C.T.G.24.6. F.O.S. A.C.I.C.)

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2.8.1942.
Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

AFRICANA.

My tel.No.297 of July 28th.
Italian ship 58 still at anchor outer Harbour
fully loaded.
(Consul Bilbao No.T.O.O./2 to D.N.I.).

Italian Vessel 58 sailed 9-30 G.M.T/2.
(H.M.C.Bilbao 1215/2 to Admty (R) M.E.W. Madrid Commercial
B.N.A.Madrid S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

French
Shipping.

Passings 1/8. Westbound 0905 IMERETHIE II Light,
ALGERIE laden deck cargo timber.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1002B/2 to Admty).
Gibraltar 1520 armed trawler ALGEROISE,
ship FORT-ARCHAMBAULT light, CONDE light, MONT-AGEL
laden, SIMON-DUHAMEL-2 full, eastbound.
(S.O(I) Gib, 2225B/2 to Admty).

Situation
2003B/2nd.

(1) RORQUAL 43.52.12.08 through 43.01 12.08
45° 164° 11. On surface.
(2) 24 sailed 1300/3 through 000° Spartel 5 at
1600/3 thence 232° 12.

(3) SPIREA, GERANIUM, 32.26 13.50 62° 12. SCOTTISH and LOCH OSKAIG
patrolling off Lisbon.

(5) ALOUETTE patrolling Huelva Bight.

(6) LORD HOTHAM, KINGSTON, CHRYSOLITE, 34.38 09.22 241° 10.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1242B/2 to A.I.G.63).

(1) O.S.35, ROCHESTER, LEITH, SANDWICH, ERNE, D'ESTIENNE
D'ORVES 30.55 21.30 178° 7, Southbound.

(2) (?CURACOA) escorting one Merchant Ship 35.21 23.49 through
39.00 23.00 thence 03° 12.

(3) S.L.117, PELICAN, ROTHER, SPEY, AUBRETIA, 25.22, 26.16, 353°
7. *See 10.54.*

(4) Convoy ^{W-3} 21, HAWKINS, RANPURA, CATTERICK, (?KEPPEL), BICESTER,
→ BRAMHAM, LEDBURY, WILTON, SALISBURY, PETARD. 45.06 23.20 185° 13½
(F.O.C.N.A. 1318B/2 to A.I.G. 64).

WILTON.
BRAMHAM.

My P.C. and S. 045° 50' N. 020° 57' W. 138° 15
knots. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A/5. BRAMHAM in
company. Have following passengers etc. Weather
report.
(WILTON 1701A/2 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C. in C.W.A.).

Movements.

Arrival 2035. BLACK SWAN, FOWEY, CARNATION, STONECROFT
escorting convoy O.G.87. 2245, CAMPION.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2248B/2 to Admty, C. in C.W.A.).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.EMPIRE
VOICE
Raider
report.QQQQ Have been ordered to stop vessel not using
correct challenge 6 R 38 N. 13 R.57 W.
(G.N.F.L. T.O.R. 0024Z/2. C. in C.Rosyth 0253/2).

W.S.21.P.

Departure 1/8 ORION, NEPAL, TJERK HIDDÉS, BOREAS,
COMMANDANT DUBOC, VIMY with W.S.21.P.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 0101Z/2 to Admty, C. in C.S.A.).
My 1046Z/31. (Sailing of W.S.21.P.) In viewof possible presence of U-Boats in Ascension area would it be
possible for American aircraft from Ascension to provide A/S
patrol or R/C while convoy and RAPIDOL are in vicinity?
(R.A.W.A. 1015Z/2 to B.A.D.(R) C. in C.S.A., etc).
Reply B.A.D. 1441Z/3.Convoy W.S.21 P, sailed 1st. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, ORONSAY,
DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, DUCHESS OF YORK, WINDSOR CASTLE. Water and fuel
taken and passengers embarked.

(S.T.O. Freetown 1857Z/2 to S.T.O. Simonstown).

C.M.30 Y.

Sailed SOBKRA, SOLVRA, escorting C.M.30 Y routed
as in N.C.S.O. Durban's 0711Z/2. E.T.A. Kilindini
0700/14th. (2) Continuous wireless watch betweenthe 2 ships will be maintained on 500 K/Cs per sec.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 0715Z/2 to Admty, C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.F. F.O.E.
A & Zanzibar. S.O.(I) Kilindini, S.O.(I) Colombo, Deputy C. in C.
E.F.).QUEEN
VICTORIA.Your 1901B/1. QUEEN VICTORIA departed Capetown
21st for Aden due 11/7. No further news.
(S.O.(I) Capetown 1020/2 to Admty.(R) S.O.(I)
Kilindini).RHESUS.
"S"
Report.Following has been read. 9SS RHESUS. Position
05° 13' N. 04° 09' E. sighted submarine.
(RHESUS 1045/2) Considered doubtful, See R.A.W.A.
1150Z/4.U.S. Convoy
Ascension
Area.Following is repetition of my 1135/2. addressed
N.O.I.C. Ascension (begins). (1) For your information
U.S. Convoy of 8 ships escorted by U.S. Warship will
R/V with British convoy W.S.21.P. expect to arrive
position 008° 45' S. 011° 20' W. at 0900Z/5.(2) There are reasons to believe that U-Boats are
in Ascension area. Request you will inform U.S. authorities. (Ends).
(R.A.W.A. 1137Z/2 to B.A.D. Admty, C. in C.S.A.)

/Dispositions.

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Dispositions. 5 M.Ls patrolling Sector T.
 TERNARA 005° 36' 011° 32' 128° 8 at 2000Z/2.
 ORION with W.S.21 P. 003° 00' 010° 36' to 001° 33' 009° 35' thence 190° 12.
 CHESHIRE 001° 10' 012° 05' to 001° 15' 012° 24' thence 338° 12½.
 VELOX 002° 55' 008° 45' to join CHESHIRE at ?1200Z/3.19.
 TAMARISK with O.S.S. 34. 002° 55' 007° 45' 085° 8½.
 M.L.301, with convoy 002° 20' 007° 45' (?310°) 7.
 SNOWDROP about 006° 00' S. 009° 00'.
 W.S.(?19) Q. 001° 15' S. 002° 55'. 300° 19.
 Friendly Naval unit with A.S.4 (? about) 009° 00' S. 021° 20' 091° 12.
 (R.A.W.A. 1159Z/2 to A.I.G.150).

Movements Summary 2000Z/2. Area Q. CARNARVON CASTLE fast escort vessel, ESPERANCE BAY, 35° 00' S. 14° 00' W. to Falkland Is. 14½ knots. CORINTHIAN with Cable ship about 19° 00' S. 07° 30' E. 145° 11 knots. ALCANTARA 25° 40' S. 11° 20' E. 325° 18 knots. (C. in C.S.A. 1201B/12 to S.A.Stn).

DESPATCH DIOMEDE. A.M. 1645/24. DESPATCH is delayed approx. 3 weeks due to defects.
 2. Estimated that DIOMEDE will be ready for service about mid-January 1943.
 (D.O.D.(F) 1246B/2 to C. in C.S.A.(R) R.A.W.A., C. in C.U.S.Fleet etc).

SHAFTESBURY. My 1812Z/8. SHAFTESBURY sunk by one torpedo from U/ Boat 517 ~~tor~~type with word Trudel painted roughly on forward gun. Master taken prisoner. 23 survivors arrived Freetown report other boat with further 21 survivors last seen 13/7. making for Las Palmas.
 LAVINGTON COURT. My 1811Z/1/8. LAVINGTON COURT sunk by one torpedo from U-Boat unseen, 6 crew killed. 39 survivors landed Freetown. See p.42.
 (R.A.W.A. 1431Z/2 to Admty).

STRATHMORE A.T.18. Your 0708/28 para.2. Owing to defective turbine STRATHMORE speed to be 16 knots. Estimated that assuming ship stayed 24 hours at Freetown she cannot now reach New York before 19/8 and departure convoy A. T.18 will need to be postponed accordingly. Para.3. Assumed STRATHNAVER is first class ship mentioned, not STRATHMORE. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown. 1504B/2, to D.S.T. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. etc).
 Reply B.A.D. 2331Z/3.

/ASTURIAS.

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South Atlantic - Contd.

ASTURIAS
dock
convoy.

1st Report
ASTURIAS sailed ~~which~~ LARGS, COWSLIP, CROCUS, tugs
AIMWELL and FAVOURITE, and dry dock (as received
*?Floating Dock intended) 1600Z Sunday 2/8.
2. E.T.A. Freetown approx. p.m. 24/8. Passing
through (?following) positions.
C. 018° 30' N. 063° 50' W. D. 018° 55' N. 063° 40' W
E. 018° 55' N. 062° 00' W. F. 009° 00' N. 050° 00' W
G. 007° 00' N. 030° 00' W. H. 008° 30' N. 014° 25' W.
3. Ref. your 1700Z/13/7 ship will keep W/T watch in accordance with
para.5. changing from group B.M. to group F.T. at 1200Z/9.
(ASTURIAS 1615Z/2, to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty C. in C.S.A. S.B.N.O.W.A.
B.A.D.). *See p. 57. *A.F.D. 25*

A/S
Aircraft
W.Africa.

1. It is anticipated that as U.S. counter-measures
improve, U-Boats will intensify their attack on
S. Atlantic and W. African Trade. Therefore,
important to reinforce W. Africa by additional
aircraft for anti-submarine work as soon as
possible.

2. Question has been discussed with A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command
and it is requested that following reinforcements may be despatched
provided strength of the present A/S offensive in Coastal Command
is not reduced thereby: (a) Additional Hudsons to bring No. 200
Sqn. up to strength of 24 aircraft. (b) 2 additional Sunderlands
to each of No. 95 and 204 Squadrons; these to be withdrawn when
the new Catalina Squadrons arrive in W. Africa.
(A.C.N.S. (H) 1630B/2 to Air Min (R) C.C.). Reply: Air Min. 2320B/4.

Saldanha
Bay
Defences.

A.M. 1648B/24/5. para 2, phase 1 (a) are guns and
searchlights now installed?
(D. of L.D. 1721B/2 to C. in C.S.A.).

M.A.R.I.

Amendment No. 57.
(D.T.D. 1828B/2 to C. in C.S.A. R.A.W.A. N.S.H.Q.
C.O.A.C, F.O.C.N.A., A.C.I.C. S.B.N.O.W.A.,
S.O.(I) Jamaica, (R) Connav, B.A.D.).

Mediterranean.

U/Bs use
of Cadiz.

Documents taken from Italian U-Boat PERLA give
details of night refuelling arrangements from
FULGOR, which is lying in Cadiz Harbour. There
is no evidence that PERLA actually used this refuelling base.
Original sketch chart and typewritten instructions are being
forwarded by air.
(S.O.(I) Med. 0847C/2 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A.).

/Joint....

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean - Contd.Joint War
Communique.

In the evening (1/8) a force of heavy Allied bombers attacked a large merchant ship north of Derna. Two direct hits are claimed and the vessel was reported to be sinking at the close of the attack.
(Mideast T.O.O. 0955/2).

Enemy Units
THORN.

Aircraft report one merchant ship one destroyer P.C. and S. $35^{\circ} 08' 22^{\circ} 44' 220^{\circ} 10'$ at 0855/2nd. (S.O.S.Alexandria 115C/2 to THORN (R) S/Ms on Patrol).

(1) My 1115/2nd. Proceed $035^{\circ} 10' 020^{\circ} 35'$ operation "Pigeon" from 2300 to 0300. Flares will be dropped close to N.E. of target until 0130. Homing on 214 K/Cs aircraft call sign QZ7 suffixed S. or U.

(2) During night search for a convoy (?) aircraft reported A/S patrol craft 50 miles N.N.E. of Benghazi. (S.O.S.Alexandria 1817C/2 to THORN).

Cositrep No.
469.

Night 31/1. Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed shipping and Harbour installations Tobruk. 1 large ship straddled and claimed hit, second ship set on fire. Small vessel near jetty claimed

hit. Large fires started main jetty area and one fire at patrol installations 1 Halifax and 1 Wellington missing.

4. 2 Liberators bombed shipping Navarino Harbour, claiming 2 hits 3 near misses on M/V. No damage to ship was visible in photographs taken following day.

5. Wellingtons also bombed Matruh, starting small fires at Barracks.

7.A Wellington attacked with torpedo a 2,000 ton vessel escorted by destroyer north of Tolmota. No hit.

10. Beaufighters on offensive R/C for enemy coastal shipping destroyed 1 barge off Sidi Barrani, set another on fire, damaged 2 more. Also attacked 2 schooners off Matruh with unobserved results. One Beaufighter shot down, by A.A.fire.

11. Liberators bombed convoy north of Derna. 2 hits several near misses claimed on large M/V later reported settling at stern. Wreckage seen following morning.

(C. in C.M.E. 1125/2).

P.44.

My 1301/29. para.2. P.44 sailed for Area K. $035^{\circ} 01' 010^{\circ} 59' - 000^{\circ} - 60 - 70$.
(Capt.S.10. 1230B/2 to C. in C.Med. F.O.C.N.A.).

Malta
Torpedoes.

My 1627/23/7. para.3. Only 6 torpedoes have been sent owing to unavoidable delay in sailing of PORPOISE.
(C. in C.Med 1250C/2 to H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.(R) Admty, N.O.I.C.Malta, F.O.C.N.A.).

VIENNA.

My 1508/1/6 para.1. Owing to defects VIENNA will not now be ready to leave U.K. until early September
(D.O.D.(F) 1754B/2 to R.A.D, Med (R) C. in C.Med).

/Malta....

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean - Contd.

Malta Air Report. I.537 2/8. C.S.R.
1st. Alert 1445 hours, 20 plus ME 109s at great height approached 15 crossed coast R.D.F. interference, 12 Spitfires up, 8 of them intercepted 10 Me 109s 20 miles North of Island without decisive results 1623 hours, 4 Spitfires up for raid which turned back before reaching Malta.

Night 1st/2nd. 2015 hours, 3 raiders, 1 crossed coast dropped bombs causing no damage. Interference to both R.D.F. and Beaufighter partially effective, 1 Beaufighter up intercepted 1 raider 9 miles from coast but failed to sight it.

2/8 Alert 0715 hours, 4 JU 88s escorted by 20 plus fighters including ME.109 serious R.D.F. interference, attacked Luqa no damage, 8 Spitfires up ineffectively intercepted enemy raid over coast before bombs were dropped 4 Spitfires up as cover to Minesweepers.

0919 hours 7 Spitfires up for raid which turned back before reaching Malta.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Med. 2000/2).

Situation Report 245. My 1927/27th/7. para.2 Greek S/M NEREUS sank 3 Caiques (?North) of Scarpanto on 15th July and left another to rescue survivors. 3 Dodecanese taken prisoner.

2. Levant U/Boat activity continued. Schooner sunk about 35 miles N.W. of Beirut late on 1/8. An M.T.B picked up survivors.

3. My 1308/30 para 1, CONFEDERATE undertaking salvage of FAWZIA. (C. in C.Med 2222C/2 to Admty).
M/V sunk off Suez night of 27-28/7, previously reported as FAWZIA, now known to have been EL AMIRA FAWZIA, Egyptian, 1881 tons.
(D.O.R. 1078).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.Eastern
Fleet
Carriers.

It is unlikely that we can send you back your third carrier before end of this year.

2. In view of completion of GRAF ZEPPELIN in near future and as she will no doubt carry very efficient aircraft it is desirable to increase

H.F. strength in Seafires which cannot be operated from VICTORIOUS.

3. It is desirable from the supply point of view, and also for some operational reasons, that fighters of the same type should be allocated to carriers in the same Fleet.

4. For reasons in para. 2 and 3 consideration is being given to VICTORIOUS taking the place of INDOMITABLE in Eastern Fleet, provided VICTORIOUS can be equipped with Martlets in place of her Fulmars.

5. If this arrangement were adopted, Seafires would operate in the Atlantic from FURIOUS, EAGLE and INDOMITABLE, and Martlets in Eastern Fleet.

6. The few Hurricane bombers, Fulmars and Seafires now in transit would remain at your disposal, but would be regarded as a wasting asset.

7. Request your remarks.

(V.C.N.S. Approved 1st S.L., 0022B/2 to C. in C. E.F. (R)

R.A.A.E.F.) *Reply: 1045Z/6, HUSH distribution.*Enemy
Activity.
Expected
Attack on
Madras.

Following received addressed 222 Group, 225 Group, (R) Air H.Q. India from Air H.Q. Bengal A.834 1/8. Most Secret source indicates Naval activities South Andamans 2300 hours G.M.T. 31/7. Established considerations of time and space suggest possibility of attack Madras dawn 3/8 T.O.C. 2000Z/1. (Ends). Passed to C. in C.E.F. as my 0223Z/2nd. (F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0336Z/2 to Admty., Dep. C. in C. E.F.)

W.R. Note. Message 0223/2 from Colombo W/T is undecypherable W.R. Repetition has been requested.

My 0223/2 not to Arminia. Air H.Q. India state they do not agree with deductions and did not authorize Air H.Q. Bengal's report.

(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0744Z/2 to C. in C.E.F., (R)Admty., Arminia, Dep. C. in C.E.F.)

See also 1215Z/2.

B.P.50.

B.P.(750) sailed from Bombay 1/8 for Basra. NEVASA has on board. (numbers). E.T.A. 1500Z/8th CAP ST. JACQUES (numbers. E.T.A. 2000Z/9. Both ships to return to Karachi with Poles. (P.S.T.O. India 0629Z/2 to D.S.T.O., P.G.)

CORFU.

Amend Movements Summary Number 9, CORFU due Aden 5th or 6/8.

(D. C. in C.E.F. 0714Z/2 to E.I. Stn. etc).

/Persian.....

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies-Contd.Persian
Gulf
Convoys.

(1) In order to safeguard the very valuable traffic both to and from the Persian Gulf against increasing S/M menace, it is necessary now to start some measures of convoy. S.N.O. P.G., F.O. Ceylon, and F.O.C.R.I.N. are requested to remark as early as

possible (on) following schemes.

(2) As a first step, F.O. Ceylon would be requested to detail 3 escort vessels to proceed as escorts for a B.P. convoy and subsequently to work from the Persian Gulf in conjunction with such part of present Persian Gulf division as S.N.O. P.G. considers advisable and in accordance with following plan.

(3) The ultimate objective is:

- A. Traffic between Aden and Gulf to be in convoy throughout.
- B. Other Persian Gulf traffic outbound to be in convoy as far as suitable dispersal point, except Bombay traffic which would be convoyed throughout.
- C. Other traffic inbound to assemble at Bombay for onward convoy with Karachi portion joining.

(4) The following considerations apply.

- A. Only tankers and important ships can at first be included in the scheme.
- B. Existing monsoon weather precludes convoys all the way to Aden, and until this alters all Aden to Gulf traffic must therefore be independent.
- C. Escort would start and finish close west of Straits of Hormuz?
- D. Present anti-S/M and anti-surface vessels patrol in Hormuz with cruisers as long stop should continue, but if necessary on reduced scale.

(5) 3 stages are visualised: 1st stage. Outward bound only. To include tankers to any destination and other important ships at discretion of S.N.O. P.G. Convoy to disperse in about latitude of Ras El Hadd. 2nd stage. As above for Aden traffic. Inward and outward bound traffic between Bombay (including Karachi) and Gulf to be in convoy throughout. 3rd stage. As above, including all tankers and important shipping from southward calling at Bombay for inclusion and when weather eases convoys to and from Aden throughout.

Forces required.

(6) In 1st stage, 3 escort vessels additional from Ceylon escort group together with 1 of the present Persian Gulf A/S patrol working on a 6 day cycle (2½ days out 2½ days back and 1 day to replenish). 3 on each convoy with 1 standing tanker.

(7) In 2nd stage. Estimated that at least 8 escort vessels would be required running with 2 resting, making total of 10.

(8) In selecting vessels to send as first step in accordance with para. 2, F.O.I.C. Ceylon should withdraw escort from B.M. rather than from J.C. convoys or escorted sailings to bases in that order of preference. As Japanese tactics have shown a distinct reluctance to operating close inshore, F.O.C.R.I.N. is requested to release as many suitable craft as can be spared for F.O.I.C. Ceylon for allocation to escort duty.

(9) As system will start with outward bound convoys only S.N.O. P.G. would be requested to undertake organization of convoys and allocation of escorts.

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies. conts:-Persian
Gulf
Convoys
- Contd.

(10) S.N.O. P.G. is requested to state to which port vessel should proceed for assembly of convoy and whether scheme can be implemented with existing fuel arrangements at Khor Kuwai and Bahrein.

(11) Reallocation of all construction of A/S vessels is at present under consideration and will be promulgated shortly.

(D. C. in C.E.F., 0953Z/2 to F.O. Ceylon, S.N.O.P.G.
(R) Admty. etc.) Reply S.N.O. P.G. 1509Z/4.

Fleet
Movements.
Operation
"Stab".*(Diversion by E.F.
to assist U.S.
offensive in
Solomon Is.)*

In view of somewhat vague reports from A.H.Q. Bengal (A.834 of 1/8) which I have asked to be amplified that there are indications of a possible enemy attack on Madras A.M. 3/8, Force A has proceeded to Trincomalee to refuel destroyers.

(2) intend to sail as soon as destroyers are refuelled. Subsequent movements will be governed by information received. Unless this clearly suggests possibility of enemy action intend returning to Colombo in order not to delay preparation for operation "Extend". My 0439/1 refers.

(3) One Japanese A/C navy type 97 4-engined flying boat intercepted and shot down by Martlet from FORMIDABLE at 0525Z/2 in 009° 02' N. 082° 49' E. Force A not sighted by enemy A/C but possibility exists force may have been sighted at 0600Z in 009° 00' N. 081° 56' E. on 1/8 by A/C which was thought to be a Catalina.

(4) Operation "Stab" carried out according to plan. Wireless diversion "Spark" together with necessity to home A/C by W/T must have given clear indication of air activity in Bay of Bengal.

(5) One Fulmar unable to find fleet on return from R/C and crew missing.

(C. in C.E.F. 1215Z/2 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon, Admty. (R) C. in C. Colombo, D.C. in C.E.F., F.L.O. Delhi.)

My 1215/2nd. It was not until after Force "A" had arrived at Trincomalee that I received a message from Air H.Q. India which states they did not agree to deductions or authorize message from Air H.Q. at Bengal.

2. In view of this, intend sailing from Trincomalee at 0001Z/3 arriving Colombo 0100Z/4.

3. I assume that Armindia is taking steps to ensure that reports such as that of Air H.Q. Bengal which obviously I cannot ignore are not transmitted in future.

4. F.O.I.C. Ceylon pass to Comchief, Colombo F.L.O., Delhi, to Barclay.

(C. in C.E.F. 1649Z/2 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon Admty. (R) F.L.O. Delhi, D. C. in C.E.F., C. in C. Colombo.)

Attacks on
U/Bs.

A.M. 1916/9 (1916/9/7 requesting appreciation of results of attacks on U-boats).

E.F. returns July. (A) E.F.1. E.F.2.
(B) 8, July 5. (C) DECOY, ARROW, (D) 24° 20' S.
36° 32' E. 15° 23' S. 41° 26' E. (E) H (F) Nil.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1152/1 to Admty. Recd. 1303/2).

/Force "A".....

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies-Contd.Force "A".
(Op: "5 to 6.")

Arrivals WARSPITE, FORMIDABLE, ILLUSTRIOUS, BIRMINGHAM, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERK, NAPIER, NIZAM, NORMAN, INCONSTANT, VAN GALEN.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 1305Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

W.S.21P.,
VALIANT.

R.A.W.A's 1046/31.

(1) As W.S.21P.s arrival Capetown is delayed until 14/8 VALIANT cannot await its onward passage.
(2) Request you will sail VALIANT from Kilindini as soon as 2 destroyers become available and you can arrange their refuelling during daylight on passage.
(3) It appears then that escort arrangements will be as follows. Request you will arrange accordingly. (a) ARROW to be withdrawn from escort of QUEEN ELIZABETH as in my 0821/26. ARROW and EXPRESS to escort VALIANT to Kilindini, leave Capetown about 9/8.
(b) ANTHONY, TJERK HIDDERS, and NEPAL to escort W.S.21P. with ORION as in my 1542/28 refuelling during daylight where necessary Convoy will be routed Mozambique Channel as before, destroyer proceed Kilindini and ORION continues Aden.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1931Z/2 to C. in C.S.A., (R) C. in C.E.F., R.A.3., Admty.)

Catalina
Sqdns.

Ground personnel for a further 7 Catalina sqdns. will be sent to Indian Ocean to make up the total of 12 as follows:-

- (A) Two in Convoy W.S.22, one for N.W. Indian coast for operation in approaches to Gulf of Oman and one to form a second squadron at Kilindini.
(B) No. 321 Dutch Squadron will almost certainly be doubled in strength by end of October, bringing up the squadrons in Ceylon to the equivalent of four. Final agreement on this point has not yet been reached.
(C) Remaining four sail one at a time in W.S.23 and succeeding convoys.
2. It has been agreed with South African Govt. that one Sqdn. should be based at Durban as soon as more immediate requirements in Indian Ocean permit.
 3. Request your views on bases for the three squadrons unallocated and priority of allocation of these three sqdns. and that for Durban.
 4. Request you will take up question of base for the squadron in N.W. India with A.O.C. in C. India. Air Ministry are informing him and other Air Authorities concerned of the sense of this signal.
- F.O.C.R.I.N. pass to F.L.O. India.
(Admty. 2114B/2 to C. in C.E.F. (R) D. C. in C.E.F., etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Dispositions. Section East, my 1550Z/1, CHEROKEE in 047° 38' N. 052° 07' W. 10 knots at 2000Z/1 en route for Argentia.
(Cdre. Halifax 0135Z/2 to Admty.)

U/B. Possible S/M sighting by Fisherman 8 miles off Portno (?V) A 2 miles East of Louisburg at 2130Z/1.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 0226Z/2 to Admty.)

Convoy N.J.1. St. Johns N.F. 1/8. Arrival WASAGA escorting N.J.1 from Botwood. COWICHAN ^{AMHERST} with tug FOUNDATION FRANKLIN from assisting SS BROOMPARK. Q.060 escorting merchant ship from Wabana.

Departure WITCH, HAMILTON, to O.N.115, Q.060 to escort merchant ship to Wasaga.
(F.O.N.F. 0311Z/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. C.T.24, Britman Washington.)

U/B. O.N.116. D/F at 2010Z/1 indicates a U-boat in your vicinity, probably ahead of you.
(D.D.I.C. 0337B/2 to Escorts O.N.116 (R) Cominch N.S.H.Q. C. in C. W.A. 24.7.)

Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 2/8.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
S/M P.556	33° N. 60° W.	078°	9
Convoy S.L.117	26½°N. 26½°W.	352°	7½
PELICAN.			

(D.O.D.(F) 0920Z/2 to Connav (R) Comnav.)

KASTOR torpedoed. SS KASTOR reported by U.S. aircraft torpedoed in 010° 54' N. 059° 12' W. at 0900Z/2nd.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 0950Q/2 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

At first believed to be CASTOR (Dutch), 1830 tons, left Ceara, Brazil, 27/7 for Trinidad (D.O.R.1078) but now known that it was KASTOR (Greek) 5497 tons, from Bombay and Table Bay for Trinidad and Canada. (D.S.1065)

Attack on U/B by U.S. aircraft. My 2122/1st. For 064° 10' W. read 060° 14' W. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1002Q/2 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Admty. S.O.(I) Kingston.)

U/B. U-Boat estimated your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of convoy or important unit at 0710Z/2nd and at 0739Z/2nd.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1009/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.13 (R) N.S.H.Q., C.T.U. 24.18.5, C.T.U.24.1.14, C.O.A.C., C.T.24, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Admty.)

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- ORANGELEAF. C.S.A. New Orleans 1321/1 (1821/1 intended ? N.T. in W.D.) Presume Admty. will issue instructions for loading and future employment of Oiler ORANGELEAF. Ship is no longer required as Station Oiler.
(S.B.N.O.W.A. 1032P/2 to Admty. (R) C.S.A. New Orleans S.O.(I) Jamaica, M.W.T., Capt. i/c Bermuda)
- O.N.115. U.Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 1131Z/2nd.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1255/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.13, for information, C.T.U. 24.18.5, C.T.U.24.1.14, C.T.24, Admty., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., C. in C.A. Fleet, C.C.N.F.)
- BILL
(sunk
29/7.) SS BILL, Norwegian torpedoed and sunk 1810 G.M.T. 29/7 in approx 12.50 N. 55.30 W. Master taken aboard S/M. Third officer and six men picked up by WEST DURFEE 1/8 and landed here today. 2 boats containing chief officer and 7 men and second officer and 6 men still adrift. Only casualty galley boy (Brazilian) presumed killed.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1352Q/2 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.(I) Jamaica.)
Norwegian BILL sunk by torpedo 29/7 1810 G.M.T. 011° 58' N. 056° 30' W. about 175 miles southward and eastward Barbadoes. 3 Life-boats away, 1 arrived here today with 7 survivors uninjured. Other Life-boats contain respectively 7 and 8, whereabouts unknown. Total of crew 24. Master Christian Evensen Prisoner of War on board German S/M. 1 killed. S/M about 200 tons, colour grey, condition new, armament 1 3" forward 1 quick firing gun aft, C.Bs went down with ship which sank within 3½ minutes of S/M attack. Names of 7 rescued follow in due course. N.O.I.C. Trinidad is requested to advise Norwegian Consul.
(Treasurer, Grenada 2040/2 to S.O.(I) Jamaica (R) F.O. Trinidad, B.R.O. St. Lucia.)
- BROOMPARK
(torpedoed
25/7) Amend AMHERST's 1855Z/1 to read 47.41 N. 51.50 W.
(F.O.N.F. 1411Z/2 to C.O.A.C. (R) AMHERST.)
- "S"
Report. Following from Demerara Radio. SSSS PUWU MAUA (Braz) at 1700Z/2 position 10.33 N. 57.10 W.
(Navycom Bermuda 1453P/2 to Admiracirc, Admty.)
- U/B. One S/M bearing 100 distance 7 miles true course 100° position 45 (? 49) N. 45.52 W.
(AGASSIZ 1510Z/2 to Connav (R) C.T.F.24, Admty. etc.)

/U/B ...

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- U/B. U-boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 1315Z/2nd, 1345Z/2nd and at 1401Z/2. (Cominch 1530/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.13 (R) C.T.U.24.18 (?).5, C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U. 24, Admty., C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., Cinclant, N.S.H.Q.)
- U/B. U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 1446Z/2nd. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1545/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.13, C.T.U. ?24.18.5 (R) C.O.A.C., C.T.U. 24.1.14 Comtask 24.F.O.N.F., C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S) Admty., N.S.H.Q.)
- St. Lucia mines. While attempting to enter Port Castries, St. Lucia, a.m.2/8, 2 M.T.Bs exploded another acoustic mine. No serious damage was sustained. (D.O.R. 1078)
- Connav, Shipping Signals. N.S.H.Q. assumes that diversions ordered by Connav for ships proceeding to C. in C. S.A. and R.A.W.A. and F.O.C.N.A. portions of British Strategic Control Area are to be passed by N.S.H.Q. to those authorities as amendments to routed signals which have already been passed to them by N.S.H.Q. Request advice that this view correct and that passing of these diversions is not also being effected by Admty. (N.S.H.Q. 1647Z/2 to Admty.)
Reply: D.T.D. 1540B/4.
- Expediting Tanker Movements. Agree to proposal in C. in C. W.A. 2055/31st. (2) Consider however that normal S.C cycle should be resumed by 15/9 in order not to interfere with inauguration of proposed U.S. coastal set up which involves first S.C. sailing from New York on 18/9. (3) B.7 group could be used for one round trip Halifax to Curacao and return with same cycle and should be returned to mid ocean escort force mid Sept. (4) It is intended 6 Canadian Corvettes continue in 2 groups as at present until they are due for transfer New York - Guantanamo service about 1/9. (N.S.H.Q. 1651Z/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., B.A.D., C.N.A. Washington, C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F., C.T.F.24.)
Reply: Admty 1835B/4.

/U/B ...

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- U/B attacked. S/M attacked by aircraft (?043°) 40' N. 061° 38' W. at 1637Z/2nd.
(C.O.A.C. 1653Z/2 to Admty.)
- U/B Positions. 2/8 S/M Estimate.
(Cominch 1711/2 to Admty.)
- Floating Dock. Departure 2/8 A.F.D 25, COWSLIP, CROCUS, H.M. Tugs AIMWELL, FAVOURITE, ASTURIAS, LARGS.
(R.N.O. St. Thomas 1721/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. A.W.I., B.A.D., S.O.(I) Jamaica.) *See p.47.*
- U/B. U-Boat by D/F your vicinity at 1501Z/2nd.
(Cominch 1735/2 to C.T.U. 24.18.5 (R) C.T.U.24.1.13 Admty., C.T.F. 24, Cinclant, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q.)
- A.T.19. This is Port Director New York 011515. A.T.19 will depart Point Z Seaward End of Swept Channel 1730Z/2. S. of A. 25.2 knots. "Chop" 1530Z/6. Arrival R/V point V.0500Z/7. Sailing dispatches follow. (S.B.N.O. W.A. deliver to C.T.G. 26.5 for info.)
(Navicom Washington 1813/2 to Cominch C. and R. (R) C.E.S.F., Cinclant, C.T.G.26.5, S.B.N.O. W.A.)
- U/B. U-boat on the surface bearing 330° 8 miles position 045° 49' N. 045° 40' W. HAMILTON and WITCH chased, S/M dived at 7 miles range.
(WITCH 1820Z/2 to C.O.A.C.)
My 1820Z/2nd. U-boat was 10 miles on starboard bow of convoy O.N.138 when sighted. A/S contact was gained near diving position but subsequently lost. This contact was attacked and slight traces of oil were seen. WITCH and HAMILTON still hunting.
(WITCH 2003Z/2 to Connav (R) C.T.24, C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7 LOUISBURG, Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.)
- A.T.19. Departed Ambrose at 1730Z/2.
(Commandant 3rd Naval District 1834/2 to Cominch (C. and R) (R) Admty., Cominch, Cinclant, C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q. C. in C. A.W.I., N.O.I.C. St. Johns, C.E.S.F.)
- Escort of Tankers. Your 1931/1. Cominch approved reduction of Mid-Ocean Escorts in his 281546 (1546/28?).
(B.A.D. 1845Z/2 to Admty.)

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W.I.M.R.I.

Amendment 224.
(S.B.N.O.W.A. 2043P/2 to A.I.G. 129, 130)Sub attack
& sighting
summary.

MAUA torpedoed 10.33 N. 57.10 W. 1705Z/2.
EBB U-45 type, 50 shells. TOLKEN, COCLE, 2
torpedo hits each. ANTE MATKOVIC, no torpedoes,
approx. 25 shells, U-45 type. BEATRICE approx.
30 shells. J.A. MOWINCKEL 1 torpedo hit,
second explosion possibly a mine. Attacking sub also possibly
hit a mine. BARRDALE possibly U-88 type. Insignia with red
background white towers surmounted by gold lion and tree in
dark green. TACHIRA three words on C/T first and longest
commencing with "D" apparently DEUTSCHLAND. Also coat of arms
in blue and gold. Surface craft attacks sound contact 34.13 N.
76.32 W. 1854Z/21/5. M/V sighting at 2354Z/31 corrected
position 37.22 N. 73.36 W. Plane attacks sub on surface
43.02 N. 64.52 W. 1455Z/31. Subs reported 49.47 N. 45.23 W.
1600Z/31. 42.17 N. 71.35 W. 2143Z/31. Patrol craft sight
sub 26.01 N. 80.03 W. 2337Z/31. Surface craft attacks sound
contact 28.45 N. 89.51 W. 0950Z/1. Plane attacks sub 28.37 N.
90.45 W. 1838Z/1. Surface craft reports sub contact 41.38 N.
68.22 W. about 0110Z/2. Sub reported approx. 29.43 N. 81.14 W.
0415Z/1 doubtful. Plane sights sub 25.35 N. 80.02 W. 1030Z/2.
Surface craft sights sub 45.49 N. 45.52 W. about 1500Z/2, course
100.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2104/2 to Admty., for O.I.C.)

GIL EANES.

Following from B.N.A. Lisbon (begins) "My 1751/6/6
GIL EANES now off St. Johns N.F. urgently requires
water and provisions for assistance of
Charlottetown fleet Greenland Waters. Portuguese consul St.
Johns N.F. informed Charlottetown Guild that authorities St.
John N.F. have agreed to offer facilities. In view of
objection to use of St. Johns N.F. I have suggested she should
enter Bulls Bay until confirmation received she may enter
St. Johns N.F." (Ends) 2. You should arrange facilities
consulting D.N.I. Ottawa beforehand.
(M. Branch, 2151B/2 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Opnav.)

Rocket
Report.

Following has been received from ESSO WILLIAMS-
BURG rocket observed position 013° 25' N. 060°
(?26') W. at 2240 G.M.T. (?2/8)
(Bermuda W/T 2250Z/2 to Admty.)

BRITISH
MERIT.
Torpedoed,
25/7.

BRITISH MERIT in tow of FRISKY arrived 2033Z/2.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 2257Z/2 (as amended
1251Z/3) to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., N.C.S.O.
Sydney.)

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Overdue.Honduran Motor Schooner FANTASY 2 days overdue
at Belize from Tampa.
(S.O.(I.) Jamaica 2318Q/2 to Admty. etc.)Australia and New Zealand.

Situation.

Serial No.192 1/8.

Continued indications enemy submarines operating
off Port Jackson Area and off Gabo Area.

- (2) 1 enemy cruiser sighted by air R/C 6° 32' S. 129° 52' E.
at 0225Z/1, course 340°.
- (3) 3 Hudsons attacked barges and wharves Tocal (Kai Is.) 1/8
A.A. fire encountered. No shipping or activity Saumlaki
(Tanimbar Is.) or Dobo (Aru. Is.) Enemy floating planes
observed patrolling Tanimbar Islands 31/7.
- (4) Photographs Rabaul 31/7 show 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer,
1 seaplane tender, 1 minelayer, 4 merchant vessels, 1 landing
craft carrier, 11 flying boats in harbour. 25 fighters, 6
bombers Lakunai. Air R/C same area 1/8 reported 4 possible
cruisers, 6 merchant vessels, 1 15,000 ton vessel in harbour.
1 destroyer with large M/V similar Tonan Maru class sighted
4° 8' S. 150° 10' E. course 138°.
- (5) 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 1 10,000 ton 2 funnel M/V attacked
by 1 Fortress 070° 14' S. 148° 32' E. U.T.B. 0417Z/1 course 245°.
- (6) Air attacks Gona-Kokoda area by B.17s Catalinas and
Aircobras 1/8.
- (7) Enemy strength Jokoda 28-29/7 estimated 400.
- (8) Reliably reported 263 Japanese and 4 New Guinea natives
landed Katuna 29/7 N.S.F. encamped Kumusi River Area.
- (9) Warship possibly destroyer Kamikaze class reported
Nightingale Bay. (near Wowak New Guinea), 2/7 departed 31/7.
- (10) Increased air activity Dilli Area where 10 fighters
observed 3187.
- (11) Natives report aerodrome Grassy Plains Guadalcanal almost
completed, work continues night and day.
- (12) 3 Catalinas attacked Kukum area (Guadalcanal) night 31/7
1/8 without observing results.
- (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0700Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

Suva
Movements.Arrivals Suva (Fiji) LEANDER, U.S. destroyer
CUMMINGS, (?escorting) (?U.S) ship PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE.
(S.O.(I.) Wellington 1905Z/2 to Admty.)

/TROMP ...

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TROMP.

Netherlands Cruiser TROMP departed Fremantle 0615Z/2 to R/V U.S.S.*PILLSBURY and STIRLING CASTLE in 032° 10' S. 096° 37' E. not later than 0900Z/6.

(ii) If fuel consumption permits, TROMP will pass through R/V earlier than 0900Z on 6/8, mean line of advance 280°.

(iii) If not met by nightfall 6th TROMP's mean line of advance will be 100° 16 knots (?until) daylight 7th.

(iv) TROMP guard (corrupt group) continues and set watch on group N U at 0400Z/3.

(C.T.F. 51 0751Z/2 to GAMBIA (R) Naval Board, Melbourne, Cdre. Western Australia, Cdr. S.W. Pacific Force, Deputy C. in C. E.F. TROMP.)

*? GAMBIA in line 29 - See 10.21.
PILLSBURY not completed
Call Jan: 1943. (C.13.1815)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Positions, approximate.
(D.D.I.C. 1418B/2, 1455B/2.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands

At 0036 today a unit of M.G. Bs. on patrol between Gris Nez and Boulogne made a very brief contact with 4 enemy small craft but were unable to bring them to close action.

*U. 335 was torpedoed and sunk at 2131 today by submarine
P. 247 about 120 miles N. by E. of Muckle Flugga.
42° 45' N. 0° 12' W. (Gr: Rowbotham.)*

Enemy Air Operations.

About 6 torpedo carrying Heinkels attacked Convoy P.W. 196 about 2230 today some 4 miles south of Start Point. Tanker EL CIERVO was hit and was towed to Devonport.

South Atlantic.

Norwegian tanker ARAMIS is reported to have been torpedoed by an E-boat on the evening of 16 July in approx. 5° S., 6° W. about 600 miles N.E. of Ascension (but the first report, on 30/7, gave the position as 5° 40' S., 0° 40' W). The vessel was seriously damaged, but proceeded until attacked again on the evening of 17 July by E-boats with a 3,500 ton raider and a 10,000 ton supply ship when the ship broke in half. R.A. W. Africa considers it possible that the raider was the same as that which on 16/7 sank the WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY by gunfire and torpedoes of ship-borne M.T.B.

SS. HARRY LUCKENBACH reports sighting a periscope this afternoon in 0° 14' S., 7° 19' W.

R.A.W.A. replied today to the Admiralty instructions of 29/7 that two lines of approach to Freetown for shipping were to be established from a radius of 400 miles from the port, in order to facilitate maximum air cover. The method suggested could not be adopted since his aircraft and A/S vessels are insufficient to provide effective patrol of two approach lines. The principle he has followed is to concentrate shipping only where adequate protection can be provided, otherwise to disperse it as widely as possible. Sixteen ships have been sunk by U-boats during the last 4½ months; only two have been within 400 miles of Freetown.

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Mediterranean.

Malta fighters successfully fought off two enemy formations which attempted to raid the island today.

Shipping and harbour installations at Tobruk were bombed by 45 aircraft last night and a ship is reported to have been probably hit. Shipping at Sollum and Bardia was also bombed.

East Indies.

SS. EVAGORAS (Calcutta for Durban) has reported being unsuccessfully attacked by an enemy S/M at 0150Z/28 in 0° 28' S., 70° 35' E (near the Maldive Is).

America & West Indies.

U/B attack
on QN.115.

Convoy O.N.115 was attacked by U-boat about 0200 today and Tanker G.S. WALDEN and SS. BELGIAN SOLDIER, and LOCH KATRINE were torpedoed in 45° 52' N., 47° 13' W.

A S/M was reported by U.S. aircraft in the early hours of today in 48° (755') N., 123° (740') W.

Australia.

A Japanese dummy periscope has been found off the New South Wales coast.

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Atlantic
dispositions.Disposition of Operational Units in North
Atlantic.Area N. Russia
Area Iceland (C)

2 destroyers.

DUKE OF YORK

LONDON

CUMBERLAND

1 destroyer

2 destroyers (U.S)

KING GEORGE V.

RENOWN

TUSCALOOSA

NORFOLK

3 destroyers

2 destroyers (U.S)

FURIOUS

MANCHESTER

DELHI

EAGLE

CHARYBDIS

HAWKINS

Area Scapa

Area Clyde.

Area Rosyth

Area Gibraltar

Passage to S. Atlantic
Passage to Gibraltar
area.

NELSON

RODNEY

VICTORIOUS &

ARGUS

KENYA

NIGERIA

SIRIUS

11 destroyers.

(D.O.D. (H.) 1006Z/3 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

Orkneys.
Prohibited
fishing.At 1005B/31 trawlers were fishing in the
prohibited area as follows:- SWALLOW in 58°
49' N. 03° 52.5' W. CLEMENTINA in 58° 48' N.
03° 53.5' W. SEMNOS 58° 52.5' N. 03° 43' W.
at 1325B. Request necessary action.
(A.C.O.S. 1723B/3 to Admty.)Iceland
Air/Sea
Rescue
Patrol.Your 2121/1 (N.T. in War Diary) Concur that
necessary patrols and escorts must be maintained
but every effort should be made to provide the
Air Sea Rescue patrol as required.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1836B/3 to A.C.I.C.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

- BLYSKAWICA. Have steam for 30 knots from 0800B/3. You are to precede FURIOUS through Gate at time to be signalled later and are to act as escort for flying trials South of Cumbrae. If trials are satisfactory you are to act as escort until FURIOUS has joined W.S.21 S, subsequently acting in accordance with instructions which will be signalled by C. in C. W.A. If trials are unsatisfactory act as ordered by FURIOUS.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0024/3 to BLYSKAWICA.) *See p.70.*
- CHESTERFIELD. When ready sail CHESTERFIELD to Argenta to rejoin B.7.
(C. in C. W.A. 1115B/3 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- RHODODENDRON. My 0951B/1. Proceed to Milford Haven whence you will sail in convoy to Plymouth.
(C. in C. W.A. 1129B/3 to RHODODENDRON.)
- BACHAQUERO. C. in C. W.A. 2028/2 directs that destination of BACHAQUERO is Belfast for Falmouth. Admiralty 1908/21/6 refers.
(C.C.O. 1145B/3 to S.O. A.S.C.)
- TALISMAN
P.212. Sailed TALISMAN and P.212 escorted by WHITE BEAR in accordance with Capt.(S) 3 1137B/1.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1216B/3.) *See p.74.*
- P.311. Intend to sail P.311 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE 0645B/5 Northabout for Clyde. E.T.A. 2100/5.
(N.O.I.C. Barrow 1529B/3.)
- MANCHESTER. Remain in harbour at short notice.
(FURIOUS 1601B/3 to MANCHESTER.)
- CLACTON. Leave harbour at 0900/4 and proceed independently and with moderate despatch by searched channel to The Nore for onward routing Portland.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1749B/3 to CLACTON.)
Your 1749B/3. E.T.A. Nore 1030B/5, speed 15 knots.
(CLACTON 1940B/3 to C. in C. Rosyth.) *See next page.*
- P.511. Intend sailing P.511 escorted by JAN VAN GELDER at 0600 tomorrow. Fighter protection arranged.
E.T.A. 2200/5.
(A.C.O.S. 1833/3.)

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CAPE ARGONA, Your 0952/2 (N.T. in War Diary) A/S Trawlers
 CAPE MARIATO, CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO, and DANEMAN are to be
 DANEMAN. sailed to arrive Stornoway 14/8.
 30th M/L Flot. 2. They are to be sailed from Stornoway to
 Reykjavik as escort to 30th M.L. Flotilla on
 or as soon after 16/8 as weather conditions permit.
 (D.O.D. (H.) 1901B/3 to F.O.I.C. Belfast.)
 A.M. 2321/18 and your 1535/19. 30th M.L. Flotilla will
 be sailed from Stornoway 16/8 escorted by CAPE ARGONA, CAPE
 MARIATO and DANEMAN to Reykjavik.
 2. These trawlers will be available for duty in Icelandic
 Waters. Request you will arrange for one local trawler other
 than the above to provide onward escort to St. Johns N.F.
 calling at Narsartsuak near Julianshaab for fuel for the M.Ls.
 3. If necessary one less trawler on Air-Sea Rescue duty can be
 accepted to enable you to conform.
 (D.O.D. (H.) 1909B/3 to A.C.I.C.)

SEAWOLF. Spoke to SEAWOLF in 059° 01' N. 021° 01' W. at
 2130Z/3.
 (C.T.U. 24.6.4 2235Z/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

Operations.

Akureyri. Your 1622/2. Not approved while presence of
 Proposed visit U-Boat is suspected in area south west of
 of Destroyers. Reykjanes.
 (C. in C. H.F. 1105B/3 to C.S.1.)

M.G.B. At 0036/3 a unit of M.G.Bs 10, 13, 9, 7 and 6 on
 engagement patrol between Gris Nez and Boulogne made very
 with small brief contact with four enemy small craft
 craft. possibly E/R Boats but were unable to bring them
 to close action before they entered Boulogne.
 Hits with Oerlikon and 0.5 guns were however
 observed on two enemy craft. An indeterminate R.D.F. plot of
 enemy vessels in the area had previously been passed to M.G.Bs
 who, observing also that shore lights were exhibited indicating
 the probable passage of enemy vessels, laid R mines in the
 channel off Ambleteuse. There is no evidence to show that the
 enemy small craft crossed to R mine lay and there was some
 firing by shore batteries.
 (V.A. Dover 1223B/3.)

CLACTON. Your 1317B/2. CLACTON is urgently required for
 operational purposes at Portland where her
 flotilla has been ordered to assemble on 4/8.
 (D.M.S. 1249B/3 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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/Western ...

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Channel
Patrols.
Operation
H.N.1.

M.Ls 155 S.O., 159, and 118 from Dartmouth are to patrol on a line between 50° 10' N. 08° 17' W. and 49° 57' N. 03° 29' W. from 2300/3 till 0500/4.

2. Object to intercept and destroy E-boats attempting to attack P.W.196.

3. On completion M.Ls return to base.

→ 4. M.G.Bs 76 S.O., 75, 74, and 81 will be on patrol off Casquets. (C. in C. Plymouth 1459B/3 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

→ Tonight GLAISDALE, BLEASDALE patrolling 25 miles southward Needles and M.T.B.56, 53 and 49 sweeping south eastward from Cap Barfleur. Destroyers will not cross line Cherbourg to object (as received)

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1537/3.)

→ Operation H.N.1. Object to attack enemy E-boats they may operate from Cherbourg or Alderney. Information own forces. Two destroyers from Portsmouth will operate south of the Needles and M.T.Bs near Cape Barfleur. Execution. You are to proceed with M.G.Bs 74, 75 and 81 leaving Dartmouth at last light tonight to initial patrol line between position (x) 049° 50' N. 002° 33' W. and position (y) 049° 40' N. 003° 00' W. Thereafter you are to act on information received of enemy movements. You are not to cross the line Cherbourg-Anvil Point unless engaged with the enemy or so ordered by C. in C. Portsmouth. You are to return to Dartmouth so as to be not less than 20 miles from French coast at first light. Codeword "Obstacle".

(C. in C. Plymouth 1647B/3 to M.G.B.76.)

2 Destroyers patrolling 25 miles S. of Needles, 3 M.T.Bs operating to the southward.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1707B/3.)

→ My 1537B/3. For BLEASDALE read ALBRIGHTON.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1744B/3.)

My 1931/3. Sailed "Obstacle".

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 2236/3 to C. in C. Plymouth)

Faroes
A/S
Patrol.

My 1550B/29/7. M.Ls to establish patrol on bearing 140° from Lille Dimon distant 5 to 45 miles forthwith until noon tomorrow.

(A.C.O.S. 1753B/3 to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

Your 1753/3. Thorshavn departure M.Ls 445,

452, 467. 252.

(N.O.I.C. Faroes 1952B/3 to A.C.O.S.)

Dover
Patrols.

M.Ls 220 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 2200, E.T.R. 0545/4. M.T.Bs 44, 48 and 45, M.G.Bs 329, 324 and 331 patrolling in Dunkirk channel, E.T.A. 2200. E.T.R. 0415/4. (V.A. Dover 1842B/3.)

East Coast
Patrol.

Wind fresh, sea rough, intend to return to harbour.

(Capt. D.16 2311B/3 to C. in C. Nore.)

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UNIQUE. UNIQUE will be exercising in area D, S.E. of Plymouth, between 0930 and 1900/3.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1709B/3)
(F.O.S. 1929B/3.)

British Air Activity

Bombing Request surface bombing restrictions.
restrictions. (A) from 2245/3 to 0500/4 between Start Point, Alderney, Cap La Hague, and Portland Bill.
(B) From 0500/4 to 0700/4 10 miles either side of line joining Cap La Hague and Dartmouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0944/3 to H.Q.C.C.)
From 2300/4 to 0600/7 institute submerged bombing restrictions 40 miles either side of a line joining 290° Bishops Rock 5 miles and 49° 30' N. 12° 15' W.
(H.Q.C.C. 1800B/3 to Gibraltar.)

"Knocker". My 1524/2. First plane airborne 1152Z/3.
(A.C.I.C. 1417B/3.)
Last planes airborne at 1237Z/3.
(A.C.I.C. 1507B/3.)
Two additional planes airborne 1335Z/3.
(A.C.I.C. 1547B/3.)

Opening Your 1744/2. Concur generally with your
fire by proposal regarding black ball procedure but
ships request you will consider possibility of a
upon A/C. pyrotechnic signal for use in addition.
Unless some immediate means is provided for
cancelling the order not to open fire there is
serious risk of a sudden and unexpected attack developing
without counter action. It is therefore suggested that if
hostile A/C are sighted whilst the black ball is hoisted the
vessel sighting should fire one snowflake to be repeated by
escorts but not by Merchant Ships. The signification of the
snowflake would be Hostile A/C in sight. Cancel black ball
procedure. It is also considered that the above procedure
should apply only to Ocean Convoys when West of 7° W.
(D.T.D. 1542B/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.S.870 bombed. Enemy aircraft are bombing convoy "Ocean" in 53° 24' N. 0° 57' E. (WOLSEY 1226/3.)

Convoy attacked. Help. 350° Cromer 10. (CHALCEDONY T.O.R. 1840/3.)

Convoy P.W.196 bombed. Convoy "Cloak" in 50° 8' N. 3° 41' W, course 270°, speed 7 knots, is being attacked by enemy A/C. (Convoy W/T Guard 2244/3.)

Mining.

Off Aberdeen. Request you issue orders for ADVENTURE to lay a line of Mark (XVII) mines in a direction 035° from 57° 17' N. 01° 10' W. (A.C.N.S. H. 1536B/3 to R.A.M.)

Yarmouth. LL Sweepers detonated red mine at 1450 in 52° 57' 20" N. 1° 57' 12" E. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 1549B/3, 1658B/3, 1338B/5.)

Q.K.12. Prepare to carry out operation Q K 12 with 2
Q.K.13. M.Ls of 51st Flotilla on 6/8 or first suitable night after that date. Alternative operation Q.K.13. (C. in C. Nore 1620B/3 to BEEHIVE.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Off Cherbourg. Enemy shipping plotted by Portsmouth R.D.F. night 2/3. E.44.O. 0235 - 0427. Four or more craft, speed 24 knots, from 22' N. of Cherbourg to 30' N. Pte. Barfleur. Out patrol about 12' away to N.E. ordered to position. Plots finally appeared to be cloud. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1237/3.)

E-Boats on Night 1/2. Your 1117/2. In view of average speed of vessels it is agreed that these E-Boats were on defensive patrol. Minelaying is not suspected. (D.M.S. 1419B/3 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence - contd.

Enemy Vessels off Helder. S.O. 12th M.G.B. Flotilla in M.G.B. 320 with M.G.Bs 323, 315, and 321 in company report sighting 5 unidentified vessels in 52° 43' N. 04° 05' E. steering 150° at approx 18 knots at 2340/2. M.G.B. 320 closed to identify but was unable to do so due to the vivid phosphorescence. Believing they were the 5 M.G.Bs of 7th Flotilla no action was taken, but subsequent investigation showed this was not so and that the vessels concerned must have been hostile. (C. in C. Nore 1846B/3.)

KÖLN. Photographs show KÖLN in previous berth, Foetten Fiord, at 1410/3. Lo Fiord not covered. (D.D.I.C. 2155B/3.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Am over enemy S/M in 45° 12' N. 5° 14' W. Periscope only sighted. When first sighted was on a course 310°, speed 8 knots. (A/C 19 Group 1135B/3.)
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 8' N. 6° 20' W. Periscope only sighted on course 270°, 3 knots. (A/C 19 Group 1755/3.)

U-Boat attacked. Am over enemy S/M in 63° 38' N. 23° 12' W. Enemy on surface and observed to submerge, course 045°, speed 3 knots. (A/C 1 BBW 2055Z/3.)
Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate zero hits. (A/C BBW 2105Z/3.)
Am over enemy S/M in 205° 30 miles Laconic. (A/C 1 BBW 2125Z/3 to VZ1)
I am remaining in 63° 38' N. 23° 12' W. until further instructions. Much oil on sea. (A/C 1BBW 2315Z/3 to VZ1.)
Am over enemy S/M in 63° 38' N. 23° 12' W. Periscope only sighted. When sighted was on a course 070°, speed 7 knots. (A/C 1 BBW 2340Z/3.)

Navigational.

Lady Rock beacon. Light on Lady Rock beacon reported extinguished. (N.L.B. Edinburgh 1200/3)
(N.O.I.C. Oban 1515B/3.)

Floating spar. Large floating spar dangerous to navigation off The Nore buoy at 1708/3. (C. in C. Rosyth 1822B/3.)

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at Sea.Can reply now be given to my 0042/8 June.
(C. in C. W.A. 1519B/3 to Admty.)Casualties and Defects.

WINCHESTER.

My 0907/2. Arrived in Roads towing wreck buoy.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0024B/3.)

KIRUNA.

Arrival KIRUNA ex O.N.S.118 for repairs after
collision.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 0832/3.)WILLIAM
HOOPER,
FAIRFIELD
CITY.
(P.Q.17.)Your 1647B/2.* Survivors from WILLIAM HOOPER 45.
Missing from FAIRFIELD CITY 88. Total number
of survivors 999.
(Archangel 1509B/3 to Admty.)
* W.R.Mge asking for repetition of the number
of survivors from WILLIAM HOOPER and FAIRFIELD
CITY. *See p 72.*

DELHI.

Have approved DELHI being at extended notice
till noon 6th for stripping and reassembly of
fire control equipment.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1911B/3 to Admty. Reptd.
C. in C. H.F.)

BEAGLE.

H.T. & H.D.
Your 1342/20/7 concur. Is BEAGLE remaining
until dynamo is fitted. Request every
endeavour be made to expedite completion.
(C. in C. W.A. 2130B/3 to Capt. D. Greenock.)

YEWGLEN.

Arrival in Roads SS YEWGLEN from F.N.777 with
engine trouble.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 2200B/3.)Shipping and Convoys.

W.S.21 S.

BLYSKAWICA is to escort FURIOUS, MANCHESTER from
Clyde when ready, probably a.m.3rd.
(2) SARDONYX is to join from Londonderry as
arranged by N.O.I.C. Greenock. (3) BLYSKAWICA, SARDONYX are
to return to respective bases when main convoy is met or at
prudent limit of endurance which ever is earlier. *See p 64*
(C. in C. W.A. 0057B/3.)
My 1645/2. PENN sailed to overtake.
(A.C.O.S. 0451B/3.)
Arrived, fuelled and sailed PENN to overtake W.S.21 S.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1745B/3.)

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- P.W.196. TYNEDALE, CORIOLANUS, FLUELLEN, LORD HAILSHAM, LORD STANHOPE are to collect P.W.196 in Sound at first light and proceed as escort to D.1 Buoy. SLAZAK to take over damaged Tanker to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0445B/4 to TYNEDALE, etc.)
TYNEDALE is to pass the Gate at 1900/3 and proceed to R/V with BLENCATHRA escorting P.W.196.
2. BLENCATHRA is to remain with P.W.196 until first light/4 and then join W.P.196.
3. Chasseurs 13 and 43 are to be detached to arrive Dartmouth before dark tonight.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1339/3.)
- F.S. and F.N. Convoys. Forecast of convoy sailings. F.S. 875 to 880 and F.N. 781 to 786. Time table as in my 1521B/9/4 as amended by my 1745/5/5.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1106B/3.)
- Hospital Unit for North Russia. C. in C. H.F. 2146/30 and S.B.N.O. North Russia 1611/1. Preparations for the despatch of a hospital unit were given up on receipt of replies to A.M. 1249B/16/6 given in S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1941/16/6 and S.B.N.O. Archangel's 1905/18/6 which, with S.B.N.O. Archangel's 0827/11/6, make it clear that such a unit was not required.
2. The additional surgeon, L.S.B.A., and stores for Murmansk and the additional surgeon for Archangel, which were stated in the above-quoted messages to be the only requirements, were embarked in P.Q.18. P.Q.18 was postponed and these personnel and stores were not embarked in the 4 destroyers which sailed with ammunition for North Russia on 19/7 owing to the short notice.
3. The Admiralty share the anxiety of C. in C. H.F. for the welfare of sick and wounded in North Russia but were unable to assess the requirements in view of the contradiction quoted in para 1 above until receipt of S.B.N.O. North Russia 1611/1.
4. On receipt of S.B.N.O. Archangel's reply to S.B.N.O. North Russia 1611/1, action will be taken to implement final sentence of C. in C. H.F. 2146/30.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1110B/3 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
- D.S.31. My 0914/28/7. Delete "and as escort D.S.31" also reference A.M. 1738/15/7.
(R.A.M. 1134/3 to C. in C. W.A.)
- R.U.34. (SHARPSHOOTER) My 1440/2 and C. in C. H.F. 0206/3. SHARPSHOOTER is to proceed to Clyde for deperming and adjustments to degaussing equipment. (2) She is to act as escort for R.U. Convoy sailing today.
(3) Request you will issue sailing orders.
(C.S.1 1206B/3 to A.C.I.C.)

/Situation ...

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- R.U.34. (SHARPSHOOTER) contd. Situation estimated at 2158/3. R.U.34, SKATE, SABRE, EGLANTINE, PIROUETTE, ANGLE, INKPEN, SHARPSHOOTER and 31 merchant ships off Skai to southward.
(A.C.I.C 1401B/3.)
- O.N.119. My 1928B/1. O.N.119 is to be sailed from Mersey on 5/8.
(D.T.D. 1221B/3.)
- W.N. Convoys. Proposed programme for W.N.19 to 22 inclusive. (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1306B/3 and 2200B/3.)
Your 1306/3. Approved.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1750B/3 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe.)
- P.Q.17. survivors. Your 1647B/2. Survivors from WILLIAM HOOPER 45. Missing from FAIRFIELD CITY 8. Total number of survivors 999.
(Archangel 1509B/3 to Admty.) *5. p. 70.*
- S.C.94. Sailing telegram.
(D.T.D. 1632B/3 to C. in C. W.A.)
- EL NIL. Diplomatic Steamer EL NIL position 45.59 N. 26.43 W. at 1353 G.M.T. James Master. 1644/3.
(C. in C. Plymouth T.O.R. 1652/3.)
- E.N.22. As O.N.121 will be sailing two days early propose E.N.22 sails at 1530A/10, fast.
(D.T.D. 1710B/3 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- W.P.197. EMPIRE JILL. C.A.F.O. 1009/41. Request special protection may be afforded to EMPIRE JILL in W.P.197 with cargo of special importance. It is possible that this ship may have to leave convoy to re-secure cargo; she should therefore be suitably placed and an escort specially detailed to look after her in the event of trouble.
(D.T.D. 1754B/3 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- NIEUW ZEELAND. My 1507B/3. Add: SS NIEUW ZEELAND 053° 50' N. 005° 02' W., Southbound, 13½.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1831B/3.)
- A.T.19
T.A.19. My signal of even date regarding A.T.19. Ship concerned is C.B. No.2668.
(D.S.T. 1935B/2.)

/Convoy ...

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A.
S.T.19
T.A.19
contd.

Convoy A.T.19 is due Clyde p.m. 7/8 with approximately 15,000 U.S. personnel on board.
2. All personnel will disembark 8/8 except for party to be retained for cleaning ship on 9/8.
3. Convoy T.A.19 will sail Clyde p.m. 10/8. Approximately 2500 personnel will embark on 10/8. (D.S.T. 1936B/2.)

LETITIA.

My 0457/1. Code number of LETITIA should read A.5.
(D.S.T. 2356B/2.)

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.U/B at
Cartagena.
(U.573)

My 2315/1. Price 1,400,000 Reichs Marks but Minister expressly asked me not to let out that we knew this. Torpedoes which are described as electric to be valued separately.

Minister swore there was no private agreement with Germany for release of crew "unless M.F.A. has made one". Terms of purchase include payment through clearing and stipulations that method construction should not be disclosed to other countries. Minister said this was rather absurd as she was merely welded instead of rivetted and there was no startling feature. She is second Italian tonnage. Spain wants her as her own latest S/M D Class was pre-Civil War design. He expected no difficulty over our recognition of sale but was not very concerned as "she cannot go to sea for at least six months". He then emphasized importance of pressing matter through M.F.A. as crew might be taken out of his control at any moment. Details of rest of interview by bag.

(B.N.A. Madrid 0301/3 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Your 2315/1. Please see F.O. telegram to H.M. Ambassador No. 924. Internment of crew is our major objective.

(M. Branch 2235B/3 to N.A. Madrid.)

TALISMAN
P.212.*See p. 64*

(1) TALISMAN and P.212 pass Bishop Rock at 2359B/4 and will cross latitude 043° 00' as follows, TALISMAN at 012° 13' W at 0030A/11 and P.212 at 013° 08' W at 2230A/11, both S/Ms proceed thence as ordered by F.O.C.N.A. Surface S.O.A. 10 knots.

(ii) Wireless watch (a) on home station A.F.O.'S' 2/42 table 2.

(iii) (b) On N.A. station A.F.O. 'S' 1/42 table 2. (i) line 10. TALISMAN shifting watch at 0030A/11 and P.212 at 2230A/11.

Both S/Ms are painted grey and P.212 has figures in white on C/T.

(iv) Only S.P.02373/74 and S.P.02319 (28) and (29) are carried.

(Capt. S.3. 1033B/3 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) F.O.S. Admty. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Med. Capt. S.1. Capt. S.8. Capt. S.5.)

LIMA.

My 1314B/24. Portuguese LIMA examination discloses 20 packages fish skins and small quantity of wool. (F.O.C.N.A. 1058B/3 to Admty. (R) H.M. Ambassador, Lisbon.)

U/B
attacked
by A/C.

Following has been read. Am over enemy S/M in 43.18 N 16.36 W. Have attacked with 4 depth charges, 1 and 2 hung up.

(A/C using call sign UM9M. 1305/3.)

Following has been read. My 1305. Enemy S/M previously reported was on surface. 2 destroyers

hunting.

(A/C using call sign UM9M. 1345/3.)

If fuel endurance permits proceed with despatch and search for S/M believed damaged by aircraft at 1305 in 043° 18' N 016° 36' W.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1437/3 to BRAMHAM, WILTON, C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth. (R) Admty.)

Have been hunting with BRAMHAM in position indicated by aircraft since 1230A without result.

Fuel will permit continuing hunt until 2100A. Special uncoded weather report.

(WILTON 1743A/3 to F.O.C.N.A.)

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- U/B attacked by A/C. Contd. Gib. Ops. 157 3/8. Resume for 3/8. 1 Catalina A/S patrol SV 4 0500-2300 U-Boat attacked in 43.18 N 16.36 W at 1305B and one hit estimated. (A.H.Q. Gibraltar 1800Z/3.)
- O.24. My 1640/31. Sailed D.S. O.24. Admiralty messages QGA 96, QGB 119 (2) Admty. pass to DZS and COLUMBIA. (F.O.C.N.A. 1334B/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty. F.O.S. C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F. D.Z.S. Dutch Ship COLUMBIA, Capt. S.4.) *See p. 80.*
- UTMOST. Submarines cross 000° 36' E as follows:
P.46. UTMOST in 036° 46' at 0001B/4.
P.222. P.46 in 036° 56' at 0500B/4.
P.211. P.222 in 037° 06' at 2330B/4. By day, from these positions all 3 submarines proceed dived by day, course 79°. 3. Sailing P.211 delayed, route will be signalled later. *See next page* (F.O.C.N.A. 1508B/3 to 8th S/M Flot.)
- P.556. S.B.N.O. W.A's 2032/30. Adjust speed to arrive position F at 1200Z/8. Report P.C.S. 24 hours beforehand if unable to reach position F within 2 hours of time stated.
2. Onward route will be signalled later.
3. At 1200Z/8 shift wireless watch to S 1/42 Sect. N.A. Table 2 (1) line 10. (F.O.C.N.A. 1608B/3 to P.556, 1640B/3 to Admty. etc.)
- RORQUAL. Located trawlers are on patrol off Lisbon. (F.O.C.N.A. 1636B/3 to RORQUAL.)
- Reports of S/M movements. In order to deny W/T intelligence to enemy concerning movements of submarines to and from Gibraltar propose following arrangements -
(a) A level of two messages per day each originated from Whitehall and Gibraltar be maintained by dummies on GS routines with occasional dummies routed on both GS and HS.
(b) Maintain a level of one message per day routed on Gibraltar broadcast and MS and one message per day routed on MCS only.
2. If above proposals approved assume messages would bear DGs for dummy message and have E table indicators.
3. Consider it desirable these dummy messages should occasionally be broadcast on special operational routines. (F.O.C.N.A. 1644B/3 to Admty. (R) F.O.S. V.A. Malta. C. in C. Med.)
- H.G.87. Intend to sail H.G.87 7/8. (F.O.C.N.A. 1658B/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A.)

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P.211. P.211 leaves Gibraltar a.m./4 on the surface at 11 knots until about 1300B/5, then diving by day routed through $037^{\circ} 16' 000^{\circ} 36' E$ at 1015B/5 and $038^{\circ} 28' 009^{\circ} 00' E$ at 2230B/8. (F.O.C.N.A. 1708B/3 to 8 S.F.) *See Mission page.*

BUSTLER, PRUDENT, VETCH. Your 1650/1. Intended that Rescue Tug BUSTLER which is capable of towing SS. DURHAM unaided should be sailed in company with Rescue Tug PRUDENT to join O.G.88 and proceed in company with this convoy to Gibraltar where PRUDENT will remain under the orders of F.O.C.N.A.

2. Your 0912/31. No temporary relief can be made available at Gibraltar. ~~by~~ VETCH will be sailed mid-August to escort DURHAM from Gibraltar to U.K.

3. Request you will provide second escort signalling your proposals in due course.

(D.O.D. (F) 1958B/3 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C. in C. W.A.)

Amended by D.O.D. (H) 1633B/5. p.127

IRISH FIR. Is there an Eire ship IRISH FIR? Vessel entered Lisbon 2120B/3 from N.W. Unable to intercept. (SCOTTISH 2120B/3 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Trawlers of Western Patrol.)

^R
PATHIAN. Starboard engine defective. My P.C.S. $038^{\circ} 17' 008^{\circ} 33' E 276^{\circ} 5$ knots. (PARTHIAN 2126B/3 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Capt. S.8. CLYDE.)

PARTHIAN 2126/3. Estimate S of A 70 miles per 24 hours, bombing restrictions arranged accordingly. (F.O.C.N.A. 2310B/3 to 8 S.F.)

South Atlantic.

VIMY attack on U/B. Your 0013/3 (N.T. in W.D.) Lost contact after first attack, type 271 defective. Consider U-Boat if any may have escaped on surface in pitch darkness. E.T.A. 1500/3 ?(with) 75 tons fuel stocks remaining. (VIMY 0231/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) Capt. D.18.)

TURKISTAN U/B. Following has been read. SSSS $0^{\circ} 5' S, 18^{\circ} 05' W$. sighted periscope at 0710 G.M.T. (TURKISTAN T.O.R. 0712Z/3.)

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H.M.S. QUEEN Can reply now be given to my 1637Z/1/8.
ELIZABETH. (R.A.W.A. 0907Z/3 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.)
MALAYA. See p. 79

ARAMIS, ARAMIS, Norwegian, reported sunk by S/M 17/7.
(sunk Position according to the plot 04° S 06° W.
17/7.) Possible she may have been sunk by same raider
which attacked WILLIAM P. HUMPHREY.
(R.A.W.A. 1138Z/3 to Admty. (R) Connav. N.S.H.Q.
S.O.(I) Kingston. C. in C. S.A.)

My 1520/2 not to Admiralty. Following from R.O. Forcados (begins)
My 1100/2. Tanker ARAMIS torpedoed evening 16/7 by E Boat approx.
005° S 006° W, not S/M attack. Vessel continued (? seriously
damaged) having been again attacked by E Boats with 3500 tons
raider and 10,000 tons (? armed) supply ship evening 17th.
Tanker broke amidships, fore part still afloat. Part of crew
landed vicinity of Dodo River, 2 arrived Forcados and launch
despatched for remainder. Survivors 4 Norway, 11 Chinese, 3
British (ends) T.O.O. 1400/3rd.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 2030Z/3 to Admty. (R) R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A.
S.O.(I) Capetown.)

Dispositions. RUMBA off Freetown to Marshall 8. 3 M.Ls.
patrolling sector T. CHESHIRE, VELOX 005° 30'
014° 05' to Freetown 12½. TEWERA 003° 40' 008° 55'
to Lagos (Nigeria) 8½ at 2000Z/3. M.L.301 with
convoy 004° 10' 010° 01' 310° 7. W.S.19Q 001° 55' 009° 58' to
003° 45' 014° 33' thence 006° 19. TAMARISK with O.S.S.34 003° 20'
003° 50' to Takoradi 8½. ORION with W.S.21P 001° 50' S 009° 57'
190° 15. SNOWDROP in I 35 D. Friendly Naval unit with A.S.4.
(? about) 008° 50' S 016° 30' 091° 12.
(R.A.W.A. 1150Z/3 to Ships in Area "P" of S.A. Station. S of 8° N.
Admty. C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, R.N.O. Lagos.)

Troop My 1357/31 (? 1257/31 intended re shipments of
Movements. East African personnel in NIEUW AMSTERDAM.)
? para 3 amend to read (? Begins) Above moves
will clear all Middle East troops from Union but
there will remain about 2600 for India who will
have to await first available ship. It is intended to reserve
ILE DE FRANCE for next W.S. transhipments for Middle East
(escorted).
(P.S.T.O. Simonstown 1209B/3 to D.S.T. (R) D.C. in C. E.F. etc.)

CROMARTY. Your 2104/30 (N.T. in W.R.) CROMARTY departed
Capetown 31/7 for Trinidad due 24/8.
(S.O.(I) Capetown 1215B/3 to N.S.H.Q.)

Shipping Appr- Your 1039B/29. Principle I have followed is to
oaching Freetown concentrate shipping only where adequate
protection. protection can be provided, otherwise to disperse
it as wide as possible. Method suggested had been
considered, but although completely agreed in principle could not
be adopted owing to lack of sufficient air and surface A/S forces.
2. Following are relevant considerations:

(A) A/C...

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Freetown,
protection.
Contd.

(A) A/C available do not permit effective patrol of two, and for short periods four, 400 miles lines. At this time of year outer end of approach route would be without air cover for 20 hours in 24.

(B) Aircraft could not patrol two approach lines and give protection to convoy as is now done.

If convoy also uses approach line extra distances often involved would preclude use of M.L. escort, e.g. Freetown, Takoradi using the route one south adds 400 miles.

(C) Use of certain approved routes precludes effective use of aircraft based on Bathurst.

(D) A/S vessels are insufficient to provide any effective patrol for two in number 400 miles route.

(E) Concentration of shipping will occur at distances outside air cover and whenever A/S forces can be available.

(F) If compromised, system enables U-Boats to concentrate on one line.

(G) Use of certain approach routes entails shipping remaining longer in dangerous waters.

3. Owing to lack of forces 300 mile sector system in use has already been reduced to 200 in order to comply with principle in para 1, and A/S forces available have only been sufficient to patrol one sector concurrently. (Amendment W A F 1 to S A O 306 refers).

4. During past 4½ months no merchant ships have been attacked in sector and during this period in which 16 ships have been sunk by U-Boats only two have been within 400 miles of Freetown.

5. Unless there are other overriding considerations I therefore would prefer to continue present system of wide dispersion and protect approach routes until increased A/S forces and long range aircraft can be provided.

(R.A.W.A. 1216Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.) *Reply: 0047/b. Page 165.*

SAINTONGE.

F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1622Q/31 (GREYSTOKE CASTLE reports distress signal may be SAINTONGE due Trinidad 29/7 not arrived.) Lagos Vesca 1800Z/14. My 1115Z/15 to C. in C. A.W.I. and S.O.I. Kingston only. SAINTONGE returned to Lagos 14/7. (S.O.I.) Freetown 1240Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

South
African
Naval
Forces.

Your 1548/31 and 1203/19. Following are details in connection with establishment of new Force to which importance is attached. (Head of M. app. 2 S.L. to C. in C. S.A. 1318B/3.) See Lion Copy.

U/B.

Following has been read. HARRY LUCKENBACH position 00° 14' S 07° 19' W sighted periscope, WX15181 031040. (Freetown T.O.R. 1330Z/3.)

Ascension,
information.

In view of possibility of U-Boat activity and Raider activity in vicinity, it appears necessary that Ascension should receive information concerning them and be informed of movements of

/British...

1318B/3rd August.

To: C. in C. South Atlantic 623.

Date: 3.8.42.

NAVAL CODE (X).

From Admiralty.

DEFERRED.

Your 15⁴⁸ 31st July and your 12⁰³ 19th July. You will have seen message No. 1275 from Dominions Office to High Commissioner welcoming information of Force by H.M. Government. Further personal message from 1st Lord not contemplated.

2. Following are details in connection with establishment of New Force to which importance is attached:-

(a) Retention with Fleet of ex R.N.V.R. (SA) personnel on loan. These number approximately 2500 ratings and 72 officers plus 120 ratings given temporary commissions in Imperial R.N.V.R. Their services have been most valuable.

(b) Continuance of existing quota of 40 a month if possible.

(c) Confirmation that Union Government accept liability for difference in rates of pay of personnel on loan.

(d) Agreement to transfer of ratings given commissions in Imperial R.N.V.R. to similar commissions in South African Naval Forces, so they may benefit from higher rates of pay and pensions while loan to R.N. is continued.

(e) Confirmation that, as from 1st August, 1942, all South African personnel on loan will enjoy pension benefits applicable to those seconded for service before 1st February, 1940, i.e. South African rates, of which U.K. will pay equivalent of U.K. rates and Union Government pay the balance. Union Government should also be asked to consider extension of this arrangement to all ex R.N.V.R. (SA) personnel and dependants already granted war pensions.

(f) Confirmation that satisfactory arrangements will be made for bringing personnel of South African Naval Forces on loan under Naval Discipline Act, e.g. as set forth in C.A.F.O. 891/42 for personnel of Seaward Defence Force on loan.

1318B/3

for Head of M (558)
Approved by 2nd S.L.

* Amalgamation of R.N.V.R. (SA) & SDF to form South African Naval Forces commencing 1st August.

Dist:

M (36) (M.08361/42)

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information.
Contd.

British and U.S. Warships and convoys in this area. If this information is not already supplied suggest (a) in future Ascension should be among the addressees of relevant signals (b) meantime necessary information should be passed to Ascension by R.A.W.A.F.
(R.A.W.A. 1337/3 to Admty. B.A.D. (R) C. in C.S.A.)
Reply from B.A.D. 1659Z/4.

Vichy
Convoy.

My 0959/29. Vichy convoy sighted 003° 30' N 010° 52' W 098° 7 knots. BELLE ISLE, ARIZONA, LINOIS, escorted by A.74 or A.75 at 0108/3.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 1501Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. F.O.C.N.A.)

H.M.S. QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
MALAYA.
MONARCH OF
BERMUDA.
EMPRESS OF
RUSSIA.

Your 1637Z/1/8. Ships mentioned in para 3 of my 1410B/23/7 will not now leave Capetown.
(C. in C. S.A. 1503B/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty.)

S.S.
QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

W.S.19Y sails (?18)30/4 route
Q 034° 30' S 017° 30' E.
R 034° 30' S 000° 00' E.
S 023° S 015° W.
T 029° 20' S 030° W. S.O.A. knots 27, E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro 1400Z/9 Chop (?8/8) Requirements.
(?N.C.S.O. Capetown 1520Z/3 to Consap Admty. C. in C. S.A. Cominch, C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Opnav, S.O.I. Capetown. S.O.I.) Montevideo.)

Suspicious
ship.

Following from Punta Arenas, Chile. Chilean authorities at Bahia Blanca report unidentified vessel passed there to Atlantic 1630 G.M.T. 31/7.
(S.O.I. Montevideo 1523Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. S.O.I.) Freetown, B.A.D.)

RAJPUTANA.

Your 1903Z/28/7 (re route to Bathurst for H.M.S. RAJPUTANA.) Vessel not arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Gambia. 1558Z/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

DANMARK
(sunk
30/7.)

British ship DANMARK sunk by one torpedo 35 rounds gunfire at 1705/30/7 in 07° 00' N 24° 19' W. No casualties. 49 crew landed Freetown. U-Boat type not identified, did not approach survivors. High flared bow and cut away stern. Guns 12 pdr. forward, 4" or above aft. Painted fresh light grey or green.
(S.O.I. Freetown 1846Z/3 to Admty.)

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Experimental Marine Craft. Mr. Hook, Engineer, recently escaped from France has submitted revolutionary idea for marine craft. (details)
2. Request early information whether Hook should be given facilities for experimenting with model locally.
(Simonstown 2017B/3 to Admty.)

O.24. Onward route from position F.
G. 014° 48' N 019° 32' W.
H. 010° 32' N 017° 07' W. thence Freetown.
(Cable version says "Thence 095°")
(R.A.W.A. 2127Z/3 to Dutch S/M. O.24. (R) Admty.
A.I.G.102. F.O.C.N.A.) *see 10.75*

Mediterranean.

Alexandria Minesweeping. Weekly M/S summary 2/8 Channel sweeps daily, one magnetic mine detonated 312 Mex high light 28 cables near plotting position on 28/7 by SEKSERN and IMHOFF.
Dangerous area in harbour swept daily.
(R.A. Alexandria 0905C/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

MARIT MAERSK. KORITZA. To Admiralty for D of S.T. (R) Navycharge Kilindini for Deputy C. in C. E.F., Comchief Colombo for F.O. Ceylon, Admty. from P.S.T.O.(E) (My 2023/22/7.) Greek Naval Authorities now state MARIT MAERSK was only released temporarily by them when cruiser ^{AVEROFF} was immobilised owing to extensive repairs and are pressing for return as depot ship and training centre Greek subjects to be mobilised shortly for manning new Naval units.
(2) Instructions requested as to action to be taken with regard to this vessel and also KORITZA if further application is received.
(C. in C. M.E. 1050/3 to Admty.)

TRAVELLER. Leave patrol p.m. today through following positions
(i) 035° 55' N 020° 48' E.
(ii) 034° 02' N 024° 20' E. to arrive Beirut dawn 12/8. Estimate your noon position 4/8 039° 32' N 019° 20' E daily S of A 125 miles. Further signal will be made regarding Beirut sanctuary.
(Capt. S.1. 1052C/3 to TRAVELLER. (R) C. in C. Med. S.O.S. Alexandria. V.A. Malta. Capt. S.10. S/M on patrol.)

/Cositrep...

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No.470.

5. Air. Night 1/2 Aug. Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour claiming near misses on shipping. Large fires at petrol installations. One fire main jetty area. Albacores bombed Bardia, starting two large petrol fires on jetty with barge alongside.

6. 2/8. A Hudson sank a barge off Sidi Barrani. (C. in C. M.E. 1100/3.)

OTUS.

Proceed direct to $035^{\circ} 22' 014^{\circ} 12'$ and through $035^{\circ} 37' 014^{\circ} 12'$ to R/V sweepers a.m. 7/8 as in my 1847/26. Follow sweepers to position H and proceed Marsaxlokk which will have been swept and bottom in position 205° Delimara Light 3 cables until 2001B when you are to surface if no raid is in progress and proceed to Shell Pier to discharge cargo during the night.

(V.A. Malta 1112B/3 to OTUS. (R) S/MS on patrol, C. in C. Med. Capt. S.I.)

Minesweepers.

Your 1343C/1 (Re 2 Norwegian manned minesweepers to be transferred to Mediterranean.) These two ships have already been allocated to Persian Gulf. (D.M.S. 1123B/3 to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.R.S.C.A.)

Aircraft
and Pilots
for
E. Africa.

Understand surplus F.A.A. fighter pilots can be absorbed in East Africa. Propose to send 805 Martlet Squadron complete with 12 Martlet 3 aircraft. 14 pilots and 70 squadron personnel plus about 12 surplus fighter pilots and 8 T.B.R. pilots previously asked for by you. Anticipate 4 aircraft could be flown.

Remainder and personnel with about 40 metric tons of stores including 5 spare engines could proceed in ENGADINE and would be ready to embark by 14/8.

(C. in C. Med. 1123C/3 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. C.O.N.A.S. M.E. H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. D.C. in C. E.F.)

Enemy
Convoy
THORN,
TAKU.

Southbound convoy of large ships sighted off Otranto at (?10)35/3 probably bound for Benghazi and Tobruk. Proceed to patrol: THORN on line between $034^{\circ} 48' 022^{\circ} 04'$ and $033^{\circ} 52' 021^{\circ} 52'$ being in former position at 1801C/4, TAKU on line between $032^{\circ} 40' 023^{\circ} 15'$ and $032^{\circ} (?22') 023^{\circ} 36'$ by dawn/5th. (S.O. S/MS Alexandria 1201C/3 to THORN, TAKU.)

* See u/30 p.83

Axis
Shipping.

Extract from a Fairmiss Telegram:- Departure 1st 1800 ST. BRIEUC, French, Sete. Arrival 2nd. MAURO CROCE, Italian. (Barcelona 1234/3 to M.W.T.)

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NEBOJSCA. Your 1312/28 and related signals Yugoslav Gov. have been approached and you will be informed of result as soon as possible.
(M. Branch 1623B/3 to C. in C. Med.)

PAPANICOLIS. On completion of operation, proceed direct to Beirut, reporting your (? P.C.S.) as soon as possible.
(Capt. S.1. 1702C/3 to Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS.
(R) No.201 N.C.G. C. in C.Med. Capt. (S)
CORINTHIA.. S.O.S. Alexandria, S/Ms on patrol.)

Malta Air Report. I.538 3/8 CSR Malta.
2nd. 2 afternoon alerts. 1212 hours, 3 Ju.88s. escorted by 20 Me.109 approached great height. Incomplete R.D.F. information. 23 Spitfires intercepted just north of Malta and forced bombers to return without crossing coast. 1 109 probably destroyed, other Me.109s with height advantage shot down 2 Spitfires. 1 pilot killed, another missing. Search unsuccessful. 2 Spitfires up to cover Catalina. 1457 hours, 4 R/C Me.109s. crossed coast great height, R.D.F. interference. 3 Spitfires up but lacked sufficient height to intercept.
Night 2/3. 2046 hours, 1 raider approached and returned without crossing coast, 2 Beaufighters up but could not intercept owing serious R.D.F. interference.
3rd. 3 alerts. 0415 hours, 4 fighters approached. No interference, 4 Spitfires intercepted 10 miles east of Malta enemy broke up and fled home. 0610 and 0733 hours, total 7 Spitfires up but raids turned back without approaching Malta. 0910 hours, fighter sweep 27 Me.109s approached to 5 miles N.E. of Malta. V.H.F. and serious R.D.F. interference. 23 Spitfires up, 1 shot down in sea, pilot rescued injured, Me.109s then avoided combat and returned home. 2 Spitfires up cover to Minesweepers. 1048 hours, 3 raiders approached, no interference 3 Spitfires up but enemy turned back when 18 miles east of Island.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1714/3.)

Greek S/MS. Ref. your 1612/30/7. (N.T. in W.R.)
It is considered NEREUS and TRITON can be kept running with help of EPHAISTOS, CORINTHIA, MEDWAY II and what can be done at Port Said during routine dockings, provided certain gear can be sent from England, particularly wiring and junction boxes details of which could be sent by air mail. These submarines have shown themselves keen and efficient on patrol and everything possible should be done to keep them running.
(b) Admty. 1210B/30/7. (S/M for A/S training.)
Adm. Sakellariou is now in Ismailia. My own view strongly supported by Capt. (S) CORINTHIA is that while we can keep these submarines carrying out operational patrols they should remain at this critical time in Mediterranean.
(S.1. 1736C/3 to C. in C. Med. F.O.S.)

*HEPHESTOS (Mediterranean Ship)
in transit.

/PROTEUS...

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PROTEUS.

Keep north of 036° 00' from 0001/6 to 0001/9. Escapée reports that a 3 masted schooner of about 1000 tons is fitted out as Q ship and patrols between Igoumenitsa and Lefkabella. (Capt. S.l. 1845C/3 to PROTEUS (R) S/Ms on patrol)

PORPOISE.

Intend sailing PORPOISE from Haifa at 2015/5 direct to 033° 05' N 024° 20' E. Details of patrol will be signalled later. N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports is requested to sail PORPOISE to comply. (Capt. S.l. 1910/3 to C. in C. Med. (R) No. 201 N.C.G. S.O.S. Alexandria, 235 Wing, PORPOISE, N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, F.O.C. 15th C.S. S/Ms on patrol, Capt. S.10.)

Enemy Convoy, THORN, PROTEUS.

P.C.S. of 3 merchant ships 8 destroyers 039° 27' N 019° 42' E 140° 11 knots at 1400B/3. (Capt. S.10 1930B/3 to *THORN, PROTEUS (R) C. in C. Med. Capt. S.l. S/Ms on patrol.)* See p. 81.

Aircraft State.

Following is statement of aircraft of 201 Naval Co-Operation Group on 31/7.

Squadron.	Type of aircraft.	Estab-lish-ment.	No. servi-ceable.	No. unservi-ceable.
A 203	Maryland II	20	5	6
-	Blenheim IV	-	4	5
459	Hudson III	16	12	7
221	Wellington IC and VIII	16	7	8
B 39	Beaufort I & II	12	11	9
38	Wellington (torpedo)	16	9	4
C 252	Beaufighter	16	7	2
272	Beaufighter	16	6	7
A 47	A E Wellesley	nil	3	3
230	Sunderland I II and III	5	1	5
E 13th (h)	Blenheim IV	11	6	4
F Sea Rescue Flight	Wellington	6	5	1
-	Fairchild	1	nil	1

2. Following squadron fitted with A S V 221, D 47 A E, 230. (C. in C. Med. 2348C/3 to Admty.)

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Force A. Departure WARSPITE, FORMIDABLE, ILLUSTRIOUS, BIRMINGHAM, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERCK, NAPIER, NIZAM, NORMAN, INCONSTANT, VAN GALLEN at 0020Z/3rd. (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 0034Z/3 to Admty, (S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay, S.O (I) Kilindini, S.O.(I) Aden.).

Mauritius etc., Scale of attack. Further our 52076/18/7. (T.O.O.0045/19 /7).
1. In existing circumstances scale of attack Mauritius, Seychelles, Diego Garcia and Addu Atoll likely to be limited to attacks by one or more A.M.Cs. S/Ms and midget S/Ms. Such attacks may be preceded by air R/C by aircraft from A.M.Cs or S/Ms.
(W.O. 0345/3 to C. in C. India, (R) G.O.C. in C.E.A O.C.Troops Mauritius, O.C.Troops, Seychelles).

SUTLEJ, TAIPING. Sailed passing through following positions:-
(a) 003° 10' S. 057° 03. (b) 002° 05' S. 067° 16' E.T.A. Addu Atoll 1100 G.M.T.7/8. Colombo pass to Addu.
(N.O.I.C.Seychelles. 0400Z/3 to Admty. S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay, S.O.(I) Aden, S.O.(I) Kilindini).

Operation "Stab." Your 1215Z/2nd, para.3. As far as can be ascertained at present no Catalina was in this vicinity at 0600Z/1. Force A. was sighted by Catalina at 0050Z/1st in approx. 009° 25' N. 082° 40' E. when flying in N.E. direction.
(F.O.Ceylon 0639Z/3 to C. in C.E.F.(R) Admty. D.C. in C.E.F., C.in C. Ceylon F.L.O.Delhi).

My 1215/2. para.3. As it is now reasonably certain that aircraft referred to on 1/8 was Japanese and must have sighted Force "A" question arises whether recent 'sweep by British Naval force' in Bay of Bengal should form subject of communique. Had Fleet not been sighted I should have preferred no reference so as to keep enemy guessing concerning our movements and in doubt as to reason for non-return of flying boat. Effect of divergence on Japanese reaction to diversion already must also be considered but is difficult to assess from this end. Other aspect is to dispose of Japanese claim to domination of this area.
2. Should communique be issued suggest "A routine sweep during the course of which no Japanese ships sighted but 1 Japanese flying boat shot down in flames by our fighters."
3. Incidentally the flying boat was caught entirely off its guard and did not open fire in spite of the fact that attack by 1st Martlet abortive due to gun switch not being made. Directly enemy hit it started to burn and disintegrate.
4. War correspondents in fact can furnish stories if communique is being issued.
(C. in C.E.F. 0643Z/3 to Admty).

/KARMOY....

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OKSOY.

Admty 1722/16 and (?Cdre.R.I.N)'s 1105/27
KARMOY and OKSOY are to be sailed (5 groups
omitted)(Presumably "for Persian Gulf" intended)
programme to be reported.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 0721/3 to Cdre.R.I.N.(R) S.N.O.P.G.
Admty).

Lights.
South Africa.

Q.C.A. 530 South Africa.

(1) All coastal lights in Union of South Africa
will shortly be extinguished without notice
except Cape Agulhas and Cape Point.

(2) All Harbour Lights are extinguished except
when actually required.

(3) Radio Station Beacon and fog signals normally remain operative
but may be closed in emergency without warning. (Ref.Q.G.A.97).
(S.O.(I) Colombo 1007Z/3).

Destroyers
A/A Barrage.

Your 1143B/26 and C. in C.Home Fleet's 2347/28,
stationing of destroyers by day.

1.Your para.1. Presume distance of 4,000 yards
for Screen based on standard barrage range 1,500
yards from high angle/low angle guns and 2,000
from low angle guns.

2.Consider 4,000 yards barrage from low angle guns supported by
1500 yards barrage from high angle/low angle guns presents
more formidable deterrent than one barrage concentrated off any
particular range. 4,000 yards barrage naturally involves pushing
screen out to 6000 yards.

3. Your para.2. Consider merits of screen at 1,000 yards as
follows:- Advantage A. Physical obstruction to aircraft.

B.Destroyers well placed for their high angle fire.

Disadvantages,

C.Restriction to heavy ships' gunfire.

4. I consider heavy ships' gunfire is likely to prove more
effective than that of average fleet ?destroyers and that this
outweighs advantage of (?physical) obstruction.

5. Views of C. in C.Med and S.O. Force H are requested.

(C. in C.E.F. 1158Z/3, to Admty (R) C. in C.Med., C. in C.H.F.
R.A.A. S.O. Force H).

Floating Dock. Sailing telegram.

1.CJ.2. 2. Sandheads departure 1200Z/3. 3. R/V
with Vizagapatam portion in 017° 35' N. 083°

43' E. at 0700Z/5. 4. 8 knots to R/V. 5. A. 019°

48' N. 086° 19' E. at 0440Z/4. B. 017° 45' N. 083° 50' E.at
0430Z/5. 6. PANSY.

(N.C.S.O.Calcutta 1215Z/3 1218Z/3.to Admty).

QUEEN
VICTORIA.

Your 1901B/1. No but vessel believed sunk
south Mozambique about 1/7.

(S.O.(I) Kilindini, 1313Z/3, to Admty (R) S.O.is.
Colombo and Capetown.).

85A

SECRET.

M E S S A G E

1846/3 August.
IN.

FROM. F.O.R.S.C.A.

DATE. 29.8.42.

RECD. 2150.

ADDRESSED. Admiralty, repeated C. in C. Eastern Fleet.
+
Your 2153/23/6.

Neither threats nor force were needed. Information was given on request. All prisoners were evacuated in H.M. Ships. 2 Generals in DIDO, Capt., Bolla in INDUS, the latter was subsequently transferred to DIDO when accommodation became available.

1846/3.

See 17/7.10.514

1st Lord.	
1st S.L.(2)	+ Minefields at Assab.
V.C.N.S.	D. of P.(3) I.F.(3)
A.C.N.S.(F)	O.D.(5) W.D.
P.A.S.(S)	M.(M2416/42)(5) and for F.O.
N.A.1st S.L.	Ops.(3)
D.N.I.(5)	N.L.

[Recd. in WD. 30.8.42]

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W/T at
Lourenco
Marques.

A.M.1417B/31. Request you will consider provision of suitable equipment and personnel for this service from sources in South Africa and keep me informed of proposed organization.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1348C/3 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. C. in C.E.F.).

MADRONO.

Have you any news of MADRONO(Norwegian) due Abadan 20/7 from Melbourne?
(D.T.D. 1505B/3 to N.C.S.O. Abadan (R) S.O.(I) Colombo).

Burma
Air
Report.

Intelligence Summary No.141.
Bay of Bengal 2/8 - Hudson armed R/C Arakan Coast south of Akyab to position 19° 20' N. 93° 15' E., bombed Akyab Jetty; 4 near misses. 3 Hudson R/C Bay of Bengal all report no enemy movement

seen.
(A.H.Q.India.1700Z/3).

EVAGORAS.

SS.EVAGORAS reported unsuccessfully attacked by enemy S/M in 000° 28' S. 070° 35' E. at 0150Z/28.
(D.C.in C.E.F. 2156Z/3 to S.and A.E.I.Stn.(R) Admty. etc).

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- A.T.19. Sailed 1730Z/2 S. of A knots 25.2 (?) E.T.A. R/V VICTOR 0500Z/7, Chop 1530Z/6 escorted by 2 destroyers for 12 hours.
(Connav 0158/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A.)
- A.T.19 N.K. amend route, steer forthwith for new position (y) 041° 50' N., 042° 30' W., new position (z) 056° 30' N. 023° 30' W. thence to (v) omitting (q) (r) (s) (t) (u).
(Connav, 1606/3 to SHEIK (R) C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C.E.S.F., Cdr. 1st U.S. Naval District, Boston, C.T.24, Admty., C. in C. W.A. N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., C.C.N.F.)
- U/B. U-boat estimated in your vicinity has made sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 0157Z/3.
(Cominch 0257/3 to C.T.U. 24.1.13, (R) C.T.U. 24.1.11, C.T.U. 24.1.14, U.S.S. ARIES, C.T.F. 24, (?Cinclant) Admty., C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q.)
- O.N.115. 3 ships torpedoed, BELGIAN SOLDIER, GLENELG*, Ships and LOCHKATRINE in ~~to~~ 045° 52' N. 047° 13' W, Torpedoed. all still afloat. Request tug may be sent if possible. SACKVILLE attacking U-boat.
(WITCH 0320Z/3, to Connav (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). * Deleted see 1250Z/3.
- SACKVILLE is screening AGASSIZ who is towing tanker G.S. WALDEN also torpedoed last night making good 4 knots for St. Johns, N.F. She reports 1 Merchant ship still afloat in 045° 48' N. 047° 20' W. Request air cover may be despatched. Lack of air cover yesterday was keenly felt.
(C.T.U. 24.1.13 1011Z/3 to Connav (R) C.T.F. 24, Admty.etc.)
My 0320Z/3. Delete GLENELG which was a mistake. (?It would) appear 3 ships in all were torpedoed last night, 2 U-boats for certain being involved of which one is considered to have been sunk. Survivors have been picked up from all 3 ships.
(C.T.U. 24.1.13, 1250Z/3 to Connav, (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.)
1. Tanker G.S. WALDEN ex O.N. 115 torpedoed at approx. 0200Z/3rd. Ship afloat and in tow of AGASSIZ at 0800Z/3 in 45.55 N. 47.40 W. 300° 3 knots. SACKVILLE screening.
 2. R.T. TENACITY escorted by NAPANEE sailed St. Johns N.F. 1315Z/3rd 12 knots to take over towing, when AGASSIZ and SACKVILLE will rejoin O.N. 115.
 3. BELGIAN PRINCE and LOCHKATRINE torpedoed in approx. 45.52 N. 47.13 W. all reported afloat at 0320Z/3. FRISKY escorted by MOOSEJAW sailing to assist. FOUNDATION FRANKLIN also detaching from C.L.49 to render assistance.
 4. R.C.A.F. aircraft carrying out R/C of areas.
 5. Admiralty pass to C.C.R.T.
(C.C.N.F., 1450Z/3 to Admty. (R) C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q., C.T.F.24, Connav).
CHEROKEE proceeding immediately at 14 knots to assistance torpedoed vessel O.N. 115. WITCH 0320Z/3rd.
(C.T.24 1455Z/3 to F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q. (R) Connav, Admty.) * ~~See above 9 B.R. 1327.~~

/U.B.....

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U/B. S/M reported in 048° (755') N. 123° (740') W. by U.S. aircraft. S/M stated to have crash dived, C/T reported disguised as debris. A/S (?vessel) sent to investigate.
(C.O.P.C. 0340Z/3 to Admty., N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O., W.A. Opnav, Cdr., N.W. Sea Frontier.)

Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 3/8.

Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
Convoy S.L.117)	29 N. 26½ W.	352°	7
PELICAN)			
S/M P.556	33½ N. 57½ W.	078°	9.
(D.O.D.(F) 0910Z/3 to Opnav (R) Comnaveu).			

U. S. Navy and Trinidad. Your 2245/1. (N.T. in W.D.) I quite agree and am actively engaged in settling these matters with Adm. Oldendorf to I hope our mutual satisfaction but what I fear is interference from Concarib after I have left. If we can be left alone there should be little or no difficulty but with 3000 British Naval Personnel, 25 Patrol and Coastal Craft, shortly to be practically doubled, not to mention British escorts, borne on BENBOW's books I am naturally anxious that my successor's status and powers should be such that he can exercise proper control and administration over a force considerably larger than that of the Americans and which has definite duties as regards defence of the Gulf.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 0931Q/3 to B.A.D. (R) Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A.)

CASTOR (sunk 1/8) My 0950/2. SS. CASTOR torpedoed and sunk by Italian S/M at 2220Z/1 in 011° 06' N. 059° 05' W. Master and 30 men landed by U.S. ship TOURMALINE today. 1 Ships Staff killed, 3 others drowned.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1002Q/3 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O.W.A. etc.)

Tankers, A.H.2. 4 tankers for U.K., BRITISH GLORY, BRITISH CHARACTER, ATHOS, EMPIRE GOLD all ready to sail by 31st could have caught T.A.W.10 on 1/8, held for A.H.2 expected to sail 4/8 or 5/8. A.H.2. now not sailing until 11/8 or 12/8 earliest, due to Canadian escorts being again ordered to Trinidad.
(N.C.S.O. Curacao 1023QR/3 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A., N.S.H.Q., Cominch, C.A.F.A.C.)
Reply: Admty. 1723B/4.

AWATEA, Bermuda passages. Your 1547/1 para. 2. Following numbers will be embarked in AWATEA at Bermuda. (Total 212). D. of S.T. 2209/1. Removal of all foregoing is considered urgent and leaves approx. 160 passengers in Bermuda for U.S. escorted convoy at end August.
(S.B.N.O.W.A. 1206P/3 to N.S.H.Q.)

/BROOMPARK.....

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BROOMPARK. My 1340/27. BROOMPARK sank in 47.42 N. 51.55 W. at 1813Z/1 in 90 fathoms. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 1337Z/3 to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q.)

L.27. Anticipate S/M L.27 will be ready to proceed p.m.4/8. (B.A.M.R. 1354Z/3, as amended 1928Z/3, to Admty. (R) C. in C.U.S. Fleet, N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.A., S/M L.27, F.O.(S), Capt (S) 7, C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F.)

W.S.21P,
Ascension.

Your 1015/2. U.S. Authorities do not anticipate being able to operate Army aircraft from Ascension until sometime after arrival of A.S.6 with stores and ground personnel. They suggest you inform C.T.F. 23 in case any naval aircraft are available R.A.W.A. pass Alusnob, Freetown. (B.A.D. 1441Z/3 to R.A.W.A.F. (R) C. in C.S.A. Admty., ORION, Alusnob, Freetown.)

St. Lucia
mines.

Your 1114Q/2. Request exact positions where mines exploded. Also that any mines swept be signalled as in Minesweeping Report number 5 in C.B. 1937.

Acoustic ground mines laid by submarines have not yet been encountered but are practicable. (D.M.S. 1456B/3 to B.R.O. St. Lucia (R) S.B.N.O.W.A., N.O.I.C. Trinidad).

Your. 1456B/3.

Date.	Zone Time.	Estimated position bearing and distance in cables from Tapion Rock.	Height of splash.	Immediate course of detonation.
29/7.	1420Q	090° 1.6.	180 ft.	Motor Launch
2/8	0850	335° 1.8.	100 ft.	M.T. Boat.
2/8	1045	340° 3.3.	180 ft.	Acoustic sweep.
2/8	1053	030° 1.2.	250 ft.	Acoustic sweep.

(B.R.O. St. Lucia 2105Q/3, as amended 1523Q/4 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O.W.A. F.O. Trinidad).

U/B.

Following has been read. 1 S/M, 45.55 N. 47.40 W. (Halifax W/T 1500Z/3).

Navigation.

Con Hydro Atlantic No. 56. Due to change in location of Overfalls Lightship since issuance of Con Hydro Atlantic No. 14, distress point P. is now incorrectly described. Description should read "point P is located in 038° 47.2' N. 075° 02.89' W." Con Hydro Atlantic 40 and 41 are cancelled. (Hydro 1545Z/3 to Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) C'dant I through 10 C'dant 15 ships N.T. convoy, Atlantic Sea Frontier, Atlantic, N. S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.A. C.O.A.C. C.C.N.F., U.S.S. BOWDITCH, Opnav).

/Dispositions....

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Dispositions. Section N.W. S.Q. 25 CHARLOTTETOWN, CLAYOQUOT 047° 05' N. 060° 25' W. 7.5.
Q.S. 23, VEGREVILLE, ARROWHEAD, CHEDABUCTO, Q.065, Q.083, 049° 25' N. 064° 35' W. 7.5.
BURLINGTON, LETHBRIDGE, SUMMERSIDE en route Gaspé from (corrupt group).
RIMOUSKI, LADY RODNEY, TRAIL, LUNENBURG, 050° 05' N. 064° 30' W. 091° 13.5 through Bell Straits.
(?X) B.17 sailed 3rd (2 groups missing) en route 049° 20' N. 059° 12' W. 108° 8.
(C.O.A.C. 1553Z/3 to Admty.)
Section S.W.
X.B.32, T.U.24.18.1, 042° 50' N. 067° 15' W. 268° 7.5 altering in 068° 49' W. to 244°.
St. John, N.B. portion X.B.32, VILLE DE QUEBEC, Q.0272 Q.0284 043° 25' N. 066° 35' W. 347° 7. 7.5., altering in 043° 59' N. to St. John N.B., O.N. No.114, Task Unit 24.18.2, 042° 30' N. 065° 50' W. 265° 8.5.
U.S. Ship CAMPBELL 043° 10' N. 064° 40' W. 238° 15 altering in 065° 36' W. to 260°.
U.S. Ship Y (?P) 62, 043° 45' N. 068° 45' W. 088° 10, en route U.S.N. Operating Base, Argentia, Coastwise. S.H.30, NIPIGON, UNGAVA Q.0257, Q.0261, Q.0275, Y.M.S.78, Y.M.S.79, 044° (?50') N. 061° 20' W. 8.
IRISH ROSE 043° 00' 060° 45' 270° 7.5. ELCOSTON 042° 10' 066° 45' 270° 14 to Boston.
MEDINA 042° 05' 059° 25' 264° 13 altering in (?060° 01') W. to 271° to Halifax. CAMERONIA 042° 54' 059° 40' 312° 14.2 to Halifax.
(C.O.A.C. 1609Z/3 to Admty.)
Section E.
S.C.94, Task Unit No.24.1.11 049° 20' N. 049° 55' W. 054° 7.
H.X. 201, Task Unit No. 24.18.6, 044° 35' 058° 30' 081° 9 altering in 054° 04' W. to 041°.
O.N. 115 Task Unit No. 24.18.3, 044° 15' 050° 50' 240° 9.5 altering in 051° 30' W. to 264°.
(AGASSIZ and tow, SACKVILLE, 046° 05' 048° 00' 300° 2.2.
See p. 87 Tug TENACITY, NAPANEE, 047° 20' 051° 00' 12 to assistance AGASSIZ, LOUISBURG, GALT, en route St. John's N.F. from O.N.115. * See p. 92.
ST. FRANCIS E.T.A. St. Johns, N.F., 2030Z/3 from O.N.116.
BROADWAY E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 2030Z/3 from Halifax.
L.C.34, GEORGIAN, MALPEQUE, Q.056, 046° 25' 056° 10' 8.
C.L.49, COWICHAN, WASAGA, 046° 35' 056° 25' 8.
THORSTRAND 041° 10' 049° 50' 081° 13.5 alter in 049° 15' W. to 073°.
A.T.19, 040° 45' 060° 25' 049° 25.2 alter in 052° (?56') W, to 025°.
(C.O.A.C. 1601Z/3 to Admty.)
Section E. Add to my 1601Z/3.
See p. 87 FRISKY, MOOSEJAW, 047° 20' N. 051° 50' W. 115° 12.
CHEROKEE, 046° 35' N. 053° 35' W. 099° 14(?5).
FRANKLIN, 046° 30' N. 054° 15' W. 097° 12.
U.S. Destroyer SWANSON sailed Argentia 1730Z/3 to join O.N.115.
Amend A.T.19 to read 040° 15' N. 060° 05' W. 083° 25.2.
(C.O.A.C. 2139Z/3 to Admty.)

/Shipping.....

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Shipping Signals, U.S. Strategic Area. As Route signals for ships in U.S. strategic Area and Vescas from all stations are now being received satisfactorily by Connav Washington, repetition of these signals to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa is to be discontinued.

2. Request necessary instructions may be passed to N.C.S.O.'s and R.O.'s concerned.

3. Inter-station Route Signals for vessels entering Ottawa Intelligence Area should be sent to N.S.H.Q. by S.O.s. (I) of contiguous stations as heretofore, subject to any local arrangements now in force.

(D.T.D. 1555B/3 to A.I.G. 19 (R) Connav, B.A.D.)

U/B Positions. 3/8 S/M report.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1626Z/31, 1627Z/3, 1628/3, 1629/3, 1630Z/3.)

3/8 S/M estimate. 3 estimated patrolling as follows not recently located. 023° N. 054° W. 010° N. 054° W. 010° N. 037° W.

(C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1630Z/3 to Admty.)

Atlantic Convoys. Escort of Tankers. Referring to lettered paras. of Cominch 1451/28 (N.T. in W.D.) in accordance with agreement at conference 1-2 August of representatives of addressees, confirm paras. A, B, C., D, F. As to para. E. as of 17th Sept. New York designated as terminal H.X., O.N., C.M.A., S.C. - O.N.S. Convoys.

Sail first H.X. 17/9 and first S.C. next day and similarly at 7 day intervals thereafter with Canadian trade joining and leaving off Nova Scotia. N.S.H.Q. to make necessary adjustments as to Western escorts with and through C. in C. Lant and C.T.F.24. Intervals for convoys from Caribbean and Gulf will be such as to make New York with adequate leeway prior departure Eastbound Convoys. B.5. group and Canadian corvettes now in H.A. - A.H. service will be in New York - Guantanamo ru. Details as to convoy schedules and changes in allocations of escorts to sea frontiers will be airmailed to all addresses within 2 or 3 days.

(Navcom 1633/3 to C.C.E.P. and G.Sea Frontiers, C. in C.Lant, C.T.F.24, (R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., Comnav, B.A.D., Canadian Joint Staff, Washington).

AQUITANIA. SS. AQUITANIA will be docked at Navy Yard, Boston, about mid-August. Job number S.254. Certain other work will also be carried out while ship is in dock.

(B.A.M.R. 1844Z/3 to Admty., (R) B.M.W.T. New York, N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O. W.A.)

U/B. S/M sighted 45.52 N. 50.15 W. at 1830/3.
(Halifax W/T 1855Z/3 to Admty.)

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TOPDALSFJORD. Following received from TOPDALSFJORD. My 1855Z/3, attacked.
(Halifax W/T, 1915/3).

Have picked up EMPIRE OCEAN for Halifax and TOPDALSFIORD for New York an escorting them to Placentia Bay for local escort owing to close proximity of U-Boats. Thence St. John, N.F. with 30 survivors from BELGIAN SOLDIER. Weather.
* (GALT 2229Z/3 to Newfoundland Force, WITCH) .

* see p. 90 (Dispositions)

Ammunition Reserves. In order to be prepared to implement policy foreshadowed in para. 1 of A.M. 0048/12/7, it is desired to make arrangements with A.C.N.B. regarding location of ammunition reserves.

2. This may mean that the first intimation of a possible move of units of Eastern Fleet into the Pacific may reach U.S. Pacific authorities through British channels, which is clearly undesirable

3. You are therefore requested to take this up with Navy Office and find out whether C. in C. Pac. and Comsowespac are aware of this possibility.

(Head of M., Approved by V.C.N.S. 2025B/3 to B.A.D.)

Reply: B.A.D. 2217Z/4.

U/B. U-boat had made sighting report at 2024Z/3 on best estimated position 046° N. 044° W.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet 2059Z/3 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U. 24.1.13 (R) C.T.U. 24.1.11, C.T. 24. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C.)

U.S. Forces. Serial 33, changes in location of my 2138/27. Atlantic. MASSACHUSETTS, TEXAS, CLEVELAND at Norfolk.

RANGER, AGUSTA due Norfolk 5/8. OMAHA, JUNEAU left Recife 30/7. WICHITA at Rosyth. MILWAUKEE at San Juan. MEMPHIS at Recife. Pacific. PENNSYLVANIA, TENNESSEE, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO, MARYLAND at sea.

LONG ISLAND left Pearl 3/8. SAN FRANCISCO at Suva. RALEIGH at Pearl. RICHMOND on patrol S.E. Pacific.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet, 2107/3 to Admty. (R) Comnav, etc.)

U/Boat Campaign. Connav serial 2 and 3. BROOMPARK British serial 28 sank 1/8 47.42 N. 51.55 W. Corrected position WEIR BANK 11.20 N. 58.51 W. MAUA Brazil torpedoed 2/8 10.33 N. 57.10 W. BILL Norway, Torpedoed sunk 29/7 12.50 N. 53.30 W. KASTOR Greece Torpedoed sunk 1/8 11.06 N. 58.52 W. Following ships reported torpedoed Convoy O.N.115 3/8 position 45.48 N. 47.20 W. G.S. WALDEN British, BELGIAN SOLDIER (Belgian). LOCH KATRINE, British. WALDON under tow for St. Johns, N.F. (Connav, 2108/03, to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q., etc.)

/A.F.D.24.....

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A.F.D. 24. My 2201/9/6.
Estimated completion date of A.F.D. 24 now 22/9.
2. Propose to use BAT 6, MASTERFUL, in place of BAT 8, BOLD, and sail latter independently to X.
3. If you concur request any suggestions as to route.
4. Request C. in C.E.F. informs me port to which base spares should be sent for BOLD, FAVOURITE, INTEGRITY, and LARIAT.
5. "BATS" are single screw diesel oil ocean going rescue tugs. (details.)
(B.A.D. 2125Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., etc.)

Shipping Signals. In future it is intended to pass Route Signals of sailings to Capetown and Freetown Areas via West Indies Ports to S.O.I. Jamaica only. S.O.I. Jamaica has agreed to be responsible for passing routes and amendments on to Authorities concerned.
(N.S.H.Q. 2128Z/3 to S.O.I. Kingston, S.O.I. Freetown, S.O.(I) Capetown (R) Admty)

Unknown ship and MIRLO, U/B attacks. Following received by Georgetown W/T.
(1) At 2035 G.M.T. 3/8 from SS. GEORGIAN, ship torpedoed $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from us 11.36 N. 54.51 W.
(2) At 1835 G.M.T. MIRLO (Nor.) attacked by S/M at 1835 G.M.T. 10.45 N. 53.54 W.
(S.B.N.O.W.A. 2228P/3 to Admty. N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C. Opanv, C. in C.U.S. Fleet.)

A.T.18. P.S.T.O. 1504/2 (see South Atlantic). U.S. Authority anxious to avoid delay if possible but might accept up to 2 days. R.A.W.A. pass to S.B.N.L.O. W.A.
(B.A.D. 2331Z/3 to D.S.T. (R) N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. etc.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Situation. Digest Serial No. 193 2/8.
Enemy patrol engaged by light Allied Patrol Kokoda Area 0200Z/2 causing enemy to withdraw with 9 casualties. Enemy stores dump reported 10 miles East Kokoda.
(2) 4 Aircobras attacked Kokoda 1/8 scoring direct hits on buildings and causing fires. Light machine gunfire encountered. Enemy activity on Aerodrome reported same date.
(3) Fortress on R/C ineffectively attacked small cargo vessel off Salamua 2/8. Several Zeros intercepted, 1 believed destroyed.

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- Situation
- Contd.
- (4) 2 Catalinas bombed A.A. Positions Lae 1600Z/1. Results unknown.
- (5) 5 Fortresses en Route Gona intercepted by 9 Zeros. 1 Zero possibly destroyed. 1 Fortress dropped bombs Gona Area. 1 Fortress missing.
- (6) 5 Marauders escorted by 12 Aircobras intercepted vicinity Buna 2310Z/1. 2 Zeros 1 Twin engine aircraft resembling Me. 110 shot down another Zero possibly destroyed. 2 Aircobras missing. Indications enemy fighters were possibly based Gona.
- (7) Air search Salamaua to Cape Ward Hunt 2/8 reported no shipping.
- (8) Ref. serial 192, para. 4, later report indicates 8 M/Vs Rabaul Harbour 1/8.
- (9) Reliably estimated enemy strength Buka passage now 50 Troops.
- (10) 4 Destroyers reported Balgai Bay (near Kavieng) 0235Z/2 also 1 4000-ton cargo vessel escorted by 1 Destroyer approaching Kavieng from South.
- (11) 2 Hudsons unsuccessfully attacked Cruiser vicinity Banda Is. 1/8.
- (12) Air R/C Saumlaki (Tanimbar Is.) Dobo (Aruis) 2/8 reported nil activity. 2 Invasion Barges Tocai (Kai Islands). (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 1015Z/3 to Admty., B.A.D. etc.)

Dummy
P/S.

A Japanese dummy periscope has been found off New South Wales Coast. It consists of 8 foot bamboo pole 3 inch diameter with mirror attachment. Pole weighted by 2 bottles (Marked Damarati Brewing Company Tokio) at Base and has as clearance 2 feet 6 inches above water. (A.C.N.B. 1219Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

DURENBEE
U/B.

Trawler DURENBEE (223 tons) was shelled by a S/M 1445Z/2 approx. 12 miles W. of Moruya (N.S.W. Coast). 2 of crew killed and 4 injured. (A.C.N.B. 1359Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

Ammunition
Reserves.

Admty. 2025B/3. See America and West Indies.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Approx. positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1440B/3, 1446B/3).

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Submarine activity is now taking place in Mid-Atlantic, necessitating the continued aggressive use of destroyer escorts for distant sweeps. This inevitably results in the early detachment of the destroyers on account of fuel shortage. BURNHAM and ST.CROIX with O.N.113 (attacked 25/7 and 29/7) and SAGUENAY and SKEENA with O.N.115 (attacked 3/8) were forced to detach at a critical moment for this reason. C.T.F. 24 today makes recommendations to ensure that destroyers have sufficient fuel for the critical portion of the voyage.

Convoy P.W.196 was attacked by E Boats several times during about 3 hours from 0115 today in the Plymouth area. The convoy took avoiding action by steering for Plymouth and BLENCATHRA drove off the enemy. Hits were seen on at least two of the enemy.

British Air Operations.

In order to prosecute a vigorous offensive against U-Boats on passage by means of aircraft sweeps the control of such of these sweeps as are carried out by Liberators, Lancasters, Catalinas and certain Hudson Squadrons is to be centralised in Coastal Command. For this purpose, the A.O.C. in C. will keep under the general direction of H.Q.C.C. certain specified long range squadrons, leaving the remainder available to meet normal requirements of the Naval Commanders in Chief. Aircraft at Gibraltar are to co-operate in the general offensive.

South Atlantic.

Troop convoy R.T.1 sailed from Capetown to Freetown today, escorted by QUEEN ELIZABETH, MALAYA and 2 destroyers.

Mediterranean.

Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour last night, 2 ships are believed to have been set on fire and fires are reported at the fuel tanks and petrol installations. Albacores bombed Matruh Harbour. Further air attacks were made last night and today on barges off the coast. Liberators at dusk today bombed a southbound convoy of 3 large merchant vessels and 8 destroyers 150 miles north west of Derna and believe that one ship was hit. 6 Liberators also bombed objectives at Tobruk today.

/SIKH...

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean - Contd.

U. 372 ~~sunk~~
 (Lt. T. H. ...
 list 2 cm 2: 6843)

SIKH, on A/S sweep with aircraft hunted a German U-Boat throughout last night. CROOME and TETCOTT were sailed to assist. ZULU was also engaged in the operations. At noon today SIKH sighted the U-Boat on the surface and observed oil leakage. TETCOTT reported at 1348 that the U-Boat had surrendered and subsequently sunk about 90 miles S.W. of Haifa and that prisoners had been taken.

A Swordfish attacked with depth charges and machine gun fire a submarine about 40 miles north of Alexandria, after which the submarine appeared unable to dive. A second Swordfish attacked the same submarine 4 hours later, about 30 miles N.W. of the first position. The submarine was last seen on the surface steering N.N.W. at 10 to 15 knots.

East Indies.

SS. MALANCHA (Table Bay for Bombay) reported a suspicious ship at 1228 G.M.T. today about 250 miles S.W. of the Chagos Archipelago. D.F. bearings taken by South Africa Stations during the past month indicate that the area Diego Garcia - Chagos Archipelago is being used by Japanese units, especially submarines.

C. in C. E.F. with Force A (see 2/8) arrived at Colombo in the early hours of today, FORMIDABLE, BIRMINGHAM, MANXMAN and two destroyers left again this afternoon.

Australia.

U-Boats
 off
 Western
 Australia.

SS. KATOOMBA (Fremantle to Adelaide) was shelled at 1100Z today by a submarine in 36° 53' S 123° 34' E and at 1315Z today in 36° 50' S 124° 25' E. The positions are about 200 miles south of the south coast of Western Australia. KATOOMBA arrived in port safely on 7/8.

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Tuesday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

- SENNEN. Sailed SENNEN in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 1538B/2. E.T.A. destination 1030B/4. (Commodore , Londonderry 0204B/4).
- P.511. My 1853/B. Sailed.
JAN VAN GELDER. (A.C.O.S. 0602B/4).
- BACHAQUERO. Sailed BACHAQUERO with B.B.6. to Milford Haven for onward routeing to Falmouth. Ship has 28 survivors on board. Request arrangements may be made to land these at Milford Haven. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 0750B/4).
- CLACTON. C. in C. Rosyth's 1749/3. Ship is urgently required operationally at Portland. (D.M.S. 1133B/4 to C. in C. Nore).
- SALISBURY. SALISBURY, GEORGETOWN and MANSFIELD are required to relieve V and W Class Destroyers in Western local escort force sailing about the 3rd week in August. (C. in C.W.A. 1336Z/4).
- LANCASTER. A.M. 1819/27 and C. in C.W.A. 2005/30. Intend to sail LANCASTER to pass Sleet Gate at 2030/5. E.T.A. Londonderry 0500/6. (R.A.M. 1454B/4). *See p/p 103 & 104.*
- UNIQUE. Intend to sail UNIQUE escorted by WHITE BEAR at 1200/5 for Holy Loch. (C. in C. Plymouth 1544/4). *Cancelled - See 5/8 p. 126*
- BLANKNEY. BLANKNEY passed Dvina Bar 1700B/4. E.T.A. Kola Inlet 1400B/5. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1701B/4).
- H.D.M.Ls. My 1658/7th July, R.A.C.F. reports that for H.D.M.Ls. will be ready to sail from equipping Gibraltar and W.I. ports as follows:-
(a) Gibraltar party. 2 from Brightlingsea on 4/8, 2 from Portsmouth on 11/8.
(b) West Indies party. 8 from Portsmouth on 14/8
2. In order to fit in with escots it is essential that party (a) should be ready to leave Milford Haven by 15/8 and party (b) to leave Milford Haven by 18/8.
3. R.A.C.F. is requested to expedite the completion of all boats as much as possible and C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail them so as to arrive Milford Haven in time to comply with para. 2.
(D.D.O.D.(C) 1914B/4)

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RHODODENDRON, Arrived ^{*}RHODODENDRON and HAARLEM and Tug
HAARLEM, PRUDENT, CHARON and M.L. in tow.
PRUDENT, (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 2239B/4).
CHARON. ^{*} See p.101.

Operations.

Engagement N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0945/2. Please congratulate
off Cherbourg those concerned in the planning and conduct of
on Night 1/2. this most successful operation.
(1st S.L., 0141B/4 to C. in C. Plymouth).

Western Tonight CALPE, BLENCATHRA patrolling south of
Channel Isle of Wight. M.T.Bs. 234, 232, 241 searching
Patrol. Cherbourg Area.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1207B/4).
My 1207B/4. Delete "CALPE, BLENCATHRA patrolling
south of Isle of Wight".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1517B/4).
M.T.Bs. 234, 232, 241 patrolling to the southward.
Chasseurs 42 (S.O.) 11 with ADONIS on patrol south of E.A.5 buoy.
4 M.T.Bs. 1 M.G.B. exercising between Weymouth and St. Albans
Head from 2230/4 to 0100/5.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1527B/4).

Norway STURGEON left Lerwick proceeding on surface at
Coastal S/M C.O.'s discretion as far as 002° E. thence diving
Patrol. by day passing through (a) 090° Out Skerries, 7
STURGEON. miles at 1715B/4 (b) 061° 07' N., 001° 01' E.
P.54. (c) 061° 08' N., 002° 50' E. (d) 058° 37' N.
005° 22' E., to patrol in area K two.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 1235B/4).

P.54 left Lerwick at 1705B/4 proceeding unescorted and on the
surface at C.O.'s discretion as far as 002° E., then diving by
day routed (a) 090° Out Skerries 7 miles (b) 061° 07' N., 001°
01' E., (c) 061° 06' N., 002° 50' E., (d) 058° 37' N., 005° 22'
E., thence patrolling in area K.3.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1709B/4).

British Air Activity.

A/S 1. Great importance is attached to the prosecution
Aircraft of a vigorous offensive against U-boats on
Sweeps. passage by means of aircraft sweeps.
2. It has been decided to centralise the control
of such of these sweeps as are carried out by
Liberators, Lancaster, Catalinas, and certain specified Hudson
Squadrons in Coastal Command. This should ensure flexibility and
economy in the use of available A/C and making the best use of
enemy intelligence.
3. For this purpose the A.O.C. in C. will keep under the general
direction of H.Q.C.C. certain specified long-range squadrons,
leaving the remainder available to meet normal requirements of
the Naval Cs. in C.

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Aircraft
Sweeps
- Contd.

4. The Admiralty will inform A.O.C. in C. C.C. of the general requirements and the A.O.C. in C. will give daily a general directive to the A.O.Cs. in C. concerned for the use of the long range aircraft, also indicating in what other areas profitable offensive air action may be expected.

5. When offensive sweeps are being carried out a strike will be retained in each command ready to back up the sweep or to meet any emergency call for convoy escort.

6. This offensive action against U-boats on passage will be pressed with all available resources subject to the overriding conditions that threatened convoys are adequately escorted. The Naval C. in C., concerned may at any time therefore request assistance from the long-range A/C under the control of the A.O.C. in C.C.C. who will himself take action to support the group concerned immediately he judges a threat to be developing.

7. In order that A/C at Gibraltar may co-operate in the general offensive, F.O.C.N.A. and A.O.C. Gibraltar will be informed daily where co-operation will be valuable. It is requested that A/C should conform to this provided that the patrols indicated would not prejudice such local Naval and Air operations as may be essential.

(1st S.L. 1126B/4 to Cs. in C.W.A., Plymouth, Rosyth, F.O.C.N.A.)
See also Admty. 2215B/5.

Opening
fire by
Ships
upon A/C.

Your 1542/3. Concur, but consider firing of "Snowflake" should be accompanied by firing of gun by initiating escort. Remaining escorts repeating "Snowflake" only.
(C. in C. W.A. 1202B/4 to Admty.)

"Knocker".

No movements today.
(T.A.C. Prestwick 1528Z/4).

Mining.Sweep off
Start
Point.

Suspect minelayers on convoy route round Start Point. At daylight carry out sweep of route from 050° 09' N. (004°) 07' W. to 180° Start Point 4 miles, then to 180° Start Point 6 to 050° 08' 30" N. 004° 08' W.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0503B/4 to BLYTH).

S.N.16G.

Intend to carry out as follows. Details.
(R.A.M. 1120B/4). See Lion Copy.

Off Cape
de la Hague
on Night 1/2.

Cancel my 1419/3. Minelaying is now considered probably. Q.Z.X. message is being issued.
(D.D.I.C. 1332B/4 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Needles.

One Mine red detonated by L.L. in 228° 5.5 miles from Needles L.T.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1815B/4).

/Harwich.....

Amended
2215 B/5
p. 130.

MOST SECRET

1120B/4th August
 MOST SECRET MESSAGE IN
 Date 4.8.42
 Recd. 1720
 From R.A. (M)

R.A.F. CYBER BY T/P

Addressed Admiralty, C. in C. Rosyth, repeated
 A.C.O.S., F.O.(S), C. in C. Home Fleet, H.M.S. ADVENTURE,
 Air Ministry Whitehall, H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C., H.Q. No. 18
 Group, H.Q.No 14 Group.

Admiralty's 1536 3rd not to all addressees.

Intend to carry out operation S N 16 G as follows:-

(a) Surface mine field from North East to South West.

(d) H.M.S. ADVENTURE.

(c) Fighter protection is requested from 2300 6th August until return to Pentland Firth.
 (?Estimate) R/V between Stro'n and Swona at that time

(f) From 057 degs 22' 48" North 001 degs 02' 36" West to 057 degs 17' 00" North 001 degs 10' 00" West.

(g) 1400 Thursday 6th August

(j) Direct to Pentland Firth then by searched channel to Number 31 buoy thence direct to start of lay.

(k) 18 knots when westward of Pentland Firth and 22 knots when eastward of it.

(l) 0400 Friday 7th August

(n) From end of lay direct to Number 29 buoy thence by searched channels

(o) Port Z A 1830 Friday 7th August

(w) 7 miles at 15 knots

(x) Mark XVII A/XVII one star set to 10 feet below chart datum

(y) 280

(z) B N and H D routine throughout.

1120B/4 and 1100B/5.

A.C.N.S.(H)	D.D.O.D.(M)	I.P.(2)
N.A.1st S.L.	D.T.M.	V.D.
D.O.D.(H)(2)	D.D.T.M.	D.A/S.W.
Duty Capt.(2)	D.M.S.	

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining-Contd.

Harwich. At 1330/4 one Magnetic Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1837B/4).

Operation About 14/8.
F.D.41. Laid in groups of two or three between 044° 40' N.
RUBIS. 001° 39' W. and 045° 10' N. 001° 33' W. Details.
(F.O.S. 2139B/4 to Capt. S.5).
(i) Request you will sail F.S. RUBIS p.m. 8th escorted (a) 120° Lizard Island 10 miles. Thence unescorted diving by day through
(b) All positions are North and West
048° 22' 005° 44', (c) 047° 46' 005° 40', (d) 047° 03' 004° 32',
(e) 045° 46' 003° 20' (f) 044° 36' 001° 51' thence as necessary fixing position before carrying out laying.
(ii) On completion of laying RUBIS is to patrol in area between (045°) N. and 046° N. and 002° 30' W. and French coast.
(F.O.S. 2144B/4 to Capt. S.5.)

RUBIS is to leave patrol so as to pass through position (E) at 0001B/16. If unable to conform within 4 hours RUBIS is to report her P.C.S. as soon as practicable.

4. From (E) RUBIS is to return by reverse of outward route, R/V as ordered by Capt. (S) 5th.

5. Capt. (S) 5 is to arrange bombing restrictions between Lizard Head and position (F). F.O.(S) will arrange bombing restrictions to cover lay and patrol.
(F.O.S. 2146B/4 to Capt. S.5.)

U-Boats.

U-boats Enemy obviously damaged. Awaiting further instructions.
attacked. (A/C 1BBW 0010Z/4 to V.Z.1.)

Am over enemy S/M in 63° 10' N. 23° 8' W. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to submerge on course 180° estimated speed 4 knots.
(A/C I.BBN 0635Z/4).

S/M attacked 0750 63° 10' N. 24° E.

(A/C H.L.6B 0810B/4 and 0815B/4 to V.Z.1.)

S/M attacked 63° 10', 24° 00', with 8 depth-charges, course 220° at 0750. (two corrupt groups) after dive black oil on surface.

(A/C H.L. 6B 0830Z/4 to V.Z.1.)

Proceed with all despatch with HAMBLETON, MACOMB, and OFFA to hunt S/M which was in 063° 10' N. 024° W. at 0750Z. Route via Reykjanes Channel. A/C are already over S/M.

(F.O.C. 1st C.S. 1108B/4 to Com. Dest. Div. 19).

Proceed to hunt enemy sub. in 063° 10' N. 024° W. at 0750Z/4. A/C in the vicinity.

(N.O.I.C. Iceland 1130B/4 to KIRKELLA).

At 1101Z searching area 062° 58', 023° 26'.

(WILLIAM J. DUANE 1152Z/4 to HAMBLETON).

Am over Enemy S/M in 63° N. 23° 50' W. Observed to submerge.
(H.L.6E. 1425Z/4).

Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate no hits.

(A/C H.L.6 Duty E. 1445Z/4 to V.Z.1.)

/U-boats.....

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U-Boats-Contd.

U-boats reported.

D/F bearings at 2120Z/3 and at 2145Z/3 indicate U-boat in area within 60 miles of 46° N. 21° W. (D.D.I.C. 0109B/4 to C. in C.W.A., H.Q.C.C.) An investigating wake or swirl in 61° 32' N. 15° 5' W. (A/C 5 V.F. Duty U 1417Z/4).

Navigational.

Belgian and Dutch Coasts.

Following navigational information has been obtained during recent C/F operations. (Details of 10 Buoys and Vlieland Lighthouse). F.N. Ms. not required. (C. in C. Nore 1114B/4).

Spar.

Spar dangerous to navigation was reported near 27 buoy at 1715/3. Report if sighted. (C. in C. Rosyth 1128B/4 to ARDROSSAN.)

Thames Estuary.

S.1 Buoy marking Skegness Middle Sand is reported missing from station. (N.C.S.O. Thames 1136B/4).

Technical.

Remote Power Control trials.

On completion of working up, ARGONAUT should be sailed for the Clyde, where trials of the accuracy of the 5.25 inch Remote Power Control equipment will be carried out by H.M.S. EXCELLENT. (A.C.N.S.(H.) 1855B/4 to C. in C.H.F.)

Casualties and Defects.

Unknown Vessel.

Received at 0329 G.M.T. De Gallon Head Radio begins at 0325 G.M.T. heard S.O.S. No further particulars. (Wick Radio 0532/4).

RHODODENDRON.

My 1500B/3. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours late owing to between decks leaking badly in bow necessitating frequent pumping. Towing stern first 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. My position eastern end Q.Z.L.18. (RHODODENDRON 1107B/4 to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven).
See P. 98

FLORA II torpedoed.

British motor vessel FLORA II torpedoed in position 60 miles South East of Vestmannaeyjan Island at 0930/2nd. Crew and passengers landed at Reykjavik. No casualties. (A.C.I.C. 1233B/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects-Contd.

→ EL CIERVO. Tanker EL CIERVO damaged in engine room by air attack, has been towed to Devonport for repairs. 1 casualty 4th Engineer. (See Shipping). (C. in C. Plymouth 1743/4.)

AGIA MARINA. Text message received M/220 from S.N.S.O. O.N.S.118. "Pass. Greek steamer AGIA MARINA slightly holed below main deck in collision with SS. KIRUNDA in Irish Sea. Request instruction from owners as to repairs before return voyage. 1845B/4." (BALYKELLY 2350/4 to C. in C.W.A.)

Shipping and Convoys.

Convoy P.W. 196. SLAZAK joining you from Dartmouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 0001B/4 to TYNEDEALE).
Attack by ROMAN is to be sent into Plymouth to turn over A/C and E-Boats. tow to trawlers and then return to damaged tanker.
→ EL CIERVO (British Tanker 5841-tons) bombed. (C. in C. Plymouth 0011B/4 to BLANCATHRA, TYNEDEALE).
Departure Rescue Tug GOLIATH to assist ship in P.W.196. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 0045B/4).
Proceed direct to Rame Head Elbow. (C. in C. Plymouth 0059B/4 to TYNEDEALE).
Tug GOLIATH sailed Falmouth 0045/4, 10 knots, to assist Tanker. You may meet.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0147B/4 to BLENCATHRA).
Am engaging E-boats in 50° 7' N. 4° 2' W. (BLENCATHRA 0213/4).
Enemy's position is 210°, 7 miles from Eddystone Rock. (BLENCATHRA 0216/4).
SLAZAK is joining convoy. (C. in C. Plymouth 0233B/4 to BLENCATHRA).
Number of enemy E-boats operating appears to be two. (BLENCATHRA 0242/4).
Proceed first light in accordance with my 1339/3. (C. in C. Plymouth 0427B/4 to BLENCATHRA).
Report by signal brief account of attack. (C. in C. Plymouth 0511B/4 to BLENCATHRA).
Your 0612. Detach A/S trawler to tow barges into Plymouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 0755/4 to TYNEDEALE).
Tanker EL CIERVO holed aft, engine room and stokehold flooded to water level. All cargo tanks intact, drawing 37 feet aft. Have place suction hoses on board from INDUSTRIOUS and ATLAS who are standing by on each side. Am holding vessel as close in to JENNYCLIFFE BAY as possible by tug, as vessel is unable to anchor until tide allows for berthing alongside. Casualties one missing presumed killed, four injured. Vessel in ballast.
(K.H.M. Plymouth 0805/4 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Following is preliminary report.

2. Air attack by a number of very low-flying A/C which took place about 2300/3. Tanker EL CIERVO seriously damaged in engine and boiler room. Fourth engineer killed, 8 other casualties. EL CIERVO is being examined at Plymouth and is reported to have an unexploded torpedo in her stern.

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Convoy P.W.
196.
Attack by
A/C and
E-Boats.
EL CIERVO
(British
Tanker
5841-tons)
bombed,
-Contd.

3. Supposed attacks by E-boat, possibly in 2 groups of 4 each, took place about 0200/4. Interrogation of Master SS. ZUIDLAND showed that A/C dropped flares at about 0130/4 and he saw BLENCATHRA and other escorts engaging one very fast craft. No damage was done to either escorts or convoy in this second attack.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1623/4).

C. in C. Plymouth's 1623B/4.

Following is preliminary report from BLENCATHRA of attacks on convoy P.W.196 on night 3/4.

1. At about 2230/5 convoy was attacked by approx. 6 torpedo-carrying Heinkels approaching from

East. Enemy were engaged by TYNEDALE stationed on port bow and by BLENCATHRA on starboard bow and by close range weapons of convoy. Hits were observed on at least 2 planes of the 3 or 4 planes attacking from starboard hand of convoy. Planes were seen to drop torpedoes. Tanker EL CIERVO was seen to be hit and emitting steam. TYNEDALE stood by tanker with tug ROMAN, and BLENCATHRA was instructed by TYNEDALE to take over S.O. of convoy and proceeded with remainder of convoy, taking station on port bow.

2. At about 0115/4 E-boat transmissions were heard bearing about 180°. By signals intercepted E-boats were approaching and had sighted convoy and were about to deliver torpedo attack. BLENCATHRA turned to bearing and, having fired star shell, sighted 4 E-boats which immediately retired under smoke screen. After the first attack BLENCATHRA returned to convoy and subsequently during the next 3 hours located and dispersed E-boats on several occasions which fired at least 5 torpedoes. at BLENCATHRA tracks which were seen. From intercept transmission and bearing estimate E-boats in 2 groups of 4 or 5 boats. Hits were observed on at least 2 E-boats.

3. During these engagements convoy took avoiding action by steering for Plymouth, and BLENCATHRA remained on patrol between convoy and E-boats during remainder of dark hours.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2357B/4).

F.N.778.

As F.S.871 has been cancelled request permission for F.N.778 to proceed by the Would route.
(ROXBOROUGH 0208B/4 to C. in C. Nore)

A.T.19.
(QUEEN MARY).

My 1936/2. Understand that to ensure disembarkation of 14500 on 8/8, provision of total of six tenders is necessary and also part time use of one berth at Gourock additional to single berths normally used at Gourock and Princes Pier. Request you will arrange as necessary.
(D.S.T. 0425B/4).

1. Onward route from position V 056° 50' N. 014° 30' W. through W 056° 50' N. 012° 58' W. thence Clyde. S. of A. 25 knots.

2. CURAÇOA,*LANCASTER, NEWARK, BROKE, (and BLYSKAWICA and SARDONYX* if available) are to sail from harbour at 1000Z/6 and sweep along route to R/V. A.T.19 in position V at 0500Z/7.

* See p. 47

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A.T.19. 5. A. CURAÇOA is to escort to Clyde.
(QUEEN MARY). B. On reaching North Channel BROKE will be proceeding Londonderry and LANCASTER and NEWARK as ordered by R.A.(M) 379 S.O. escorting CURAÇOA. S.O. A/S escorting LANCASTER.

5. No risk of weather damage is to be taken. CURAÇOA is to use discretion as to reducing speed of convoy or detaching escort should weather deteriorate. If it is obvious on the way out that close escort will be impossible CURAÇOA is to turn escort to sweep ahead of A.T.19 reporting his intention.

8. Admiralty 1819/27 refers.
(C. in C.W.A. 1856B/4).

O.N.121. Your 1710/3. Concur.
E.N. 22. (C. in C.Rosyth 1120B/4 to Admty.)

P.W.197. Request you will delay sailing P.W.197 for 24 hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1825B/4 to C. in C. Portsmouth)
Your 1825B/4. This has been arranged.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2212B/4 to C. in C. Plymouth)

O.N. Convoy Submarine activity in mid-Atlantic requires continued aggressive use of Destroyer Escorts for distant sweeps. This inevitably results in the early detachment of the Destroyers due to fuel shortage. BURNHAM and ST. CROIX with O.N.113 and SAGUENAY and SKEENA with O.N. 115 were forced to detach at critical moment for this reason. Recommend that Destroyer Escorts of O.N. Convoys changed from 24 to 48 hours late when the Submarine situation in the Eastern Atlantic permits and overtake at economical speed in order to conserve fuel for the critical portion of the voyage. Also suggest possible advisability of employing eastern local escorts to strengthen the mid-ocean Corvettes until the mid-ocean Destroyers (?can) overtake.
(C.T.F. 24 1855/4 to C. in C.W.A.)

Mid-Ocean Escort Groups. Following arrangements affecting Mid-ocean groups are intended:-

1. B.7 on arrival with O.N. 117 to remain temporarily in American waters for Tanker escort.
2. Mid-ocean escort for rest of summer to be run by ten groups i.e. 1 A group, 5 B groups, 4 C groups.
3. B. groups to escort O.N.S. and H.X. Convoys.
- A. and C. groups to escort C.N. and S.C. convoys.
4. Convoy sailings to be adjusted so that groups spend about 8 days at home base and 4 days in harbour away from home.
(C. in C.W.A. 1904B/4).

/My.....

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Escort
Groups.
- Contd.

My 1904B/4.

(1) Cancel my 1553B/21/7.

(2) Order of sailing:-

Group.	Take Out.	Sail Liverpool	Bring Back
B2	O.N.S.118	1/8	H.X.203
B1	O.N. 119	5/8	H.X.201
B4	O.N.S. 120	8/8	H.X.204
40	O.S. 37	10/8	S.L.121
36	O.G. 88	11/8	H.G. 88
B3	O.N. 121	12/8	H.X.202
B6	O.N.S.122	15/8	H.X.205
41	O.S. 38	20/8	S.L.122
C1	O.N. 123	21/8	S.C. 99
B1	O.N.S.124	22/8	H.X.206
A3	O.N. 125	28/8	S.C.100
B3	O.N.S.126	29/8	H.X.207
45	O.S. 39	30/8	S.L.123
37	O.G. 89	31/8	H.G. 89

(3) O.N. 119 and O.N. 121 are sailing two days early to meet H.X. 201 and H.X.202 respectively in Mid-Ocean where R.N. escorts will change with R.C.N. escorts. B.1 will escort O.N.119 to M.O.M.P. and return from M.O.M.P. with H.X.201. Arriving about August 15th B.3. will escort O.N.121 to M.O.M.P. and return from M.O.M.P. with H.X. 202, arriving about August 22nd. (C. in C.W.A. 1909B/4).

S.C.92.

Average speed 7.33 knots.

Fog for first two days followed by fine weather. No stragglers, all ships now reported.

(D.T.D. 2013B/3 to Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

W.S.21S.

C. in C.W.A. 0057B/3. Request you sail SARDONYX to R/V in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0640B /5.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock 2036B/4 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry)

LLANSTEPHAN
CASTLE.

SS. LLANSTEPHEN CASTLE from Clyde and SS. SIBAJAK from Liverpool both carrying military personnel will be ready to leave U.K. on 15/8.

2. Destination of LLANSTEPHEN CASTLE is Gibraltar and of SIBAJAK is Durban calling at

Gibraltar, and Freetown, Speed of slowest ship is 12½ knots.

3. Escort will be provided throughout by PANTHER allocated to Eastern Fleet and by AVONVALE, allocated to Mediterranean.

4. R.A.D.(H.F.) is requested to sail both destroyers to arrive Clyde not later than a.m. 15th.

5. C. in C.W.A. is requested to sail convoy and escorts to R/V off Oversay as requisite.

6. Admiralty will promulgate route.

7. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to sail SIBAJAK for Freetown escorted by PANTHER and AVONVALE for onward routeing by R.A.W.A. to Durban.

8. C. in C.S.A. is requested to sail PANTHER and AVONVALE from Durban as desired by C. in C.E.F. and C. in C. Med. respectively.

(D.O.D.(H.) 2250B/4).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Raiders.

Intelligence. My 1021/28.

1. Report of survivors confirms that WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY was probably sunk by Raider "J". Attack was by gunfire and torpedoes of ship-borne M.T.B.
2. ARAMIS reports being hit by torpedo from E.Boat on 16/7 in same area as sinking of WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY and being attacked again on 17th and sunk by E-Boats operating from a 3,500 ton Raider which was in company with a 10,000 supply ship.
3. No further reliable evidence of present position of Raider E, Raider H. or Japanese raiders.
(D.D.I.C. 1344B/4 to A.I.G. 13 etc.)

North Atlantic.

LUGANO In company with Ex Italian SEMIEN now alleged intercepted. sold Swiss Nautilus Company renamed LUGANO. Dakar to Lisbon via Saffi and Casablanca. No papers except cables from Companhia Suissa Navegacao referring to sale and ship warrant 3304 of 12/5/1942. Very little oil fuel remaining. Instruct.
(SCOTTISH 0035B/4 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)
Your 0035/4. Release ship.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0531B/4 to SCOTTISH (R) Admty.)

PARTHIAN. My 2310/3. P.C. and S. of PARTHIAN at 2126/3rd, 038° 17' 008° 33' E. 276° 5 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0740B/4 to 8 S.F.)

RORQUAL. My 1440/31. Your escort will be a corvette.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1136B/4 to RORQUAL.)

U/B, Spanish colours worn by U-boat Cartagena from Cartagena. afternoon 2/8. H.M. Ambassador seeing M. F.A. today.
U.573.
(N.A. Madrid, 1140/4 to Admty.)

Explosion, Heavy unexplained explosion occurred 0735 today Gibraltar. at head of bay within about 5 cables Mala Point Campamento. Investigation proceeding.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1234B/4 to Admty.)

U/B. At 1625B German S/M made a sighting report bearing 305° approx. from Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1632B/4 to S. and A. N.A.S.)
Your 1632B/4. Transmission was from vicinity of convoy O.N.116 in approx. 48° N. 44° W.
(D.D.I.C. 2130B/4 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/U/B

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U/B attacked by A/C 3/8. Your 1437B/3rd. Can you estimate U-Boats speed and say whether able to dive?
(C. in C. Plymouth 1715B/4 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) 19 Group.)

Dispositions. (1) Fleet unit CHARYBDIS 3 destroyers pass position 350° Cape Spartel 10 miles about 0500 tomorrow thence steer 260°.
(2) WILTON, BRAMHAM due Gibraltar p.m. tomorrow from N.W.
(3) French sloop LA GRANDIERE escorting French S/M ARCHIMEDE pass Almina Pt. westbound 1400 today.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1836B/4 to RORQUAL.)

South Atlantic.

Enemy Supply Ship. Your 2030/3 (ARAMIS torpedoed by E-Boat in company with supply ship) Endeavour to obtain description of supply ship.
(D.D.I.C. 1018B/4 to N.O.I.C. Lagos.)

Further to my 2030/3, Forcados reported raider particulars not known. Carrier flying Sweden colours with Sweden flag painted on side. States further (?information) will follow.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 1850Z/4 to R.A. W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A. S.O.(I) Freetown. S.O.(I) Capetown, Admty.)

SNOWDROP U/B. Periscope sighted 006° 27' S. 11° 06' W.
(SNOWDROP 1130Z/4 to Freetown as amended 1305Z/4)
Contact doubtful, dropped pattern contact not (? regained).
(SNOWDROP 1220Z/4 to Freetown.)

SNOWDROP escorting RAPIDOL sighted periscope in 006° 27' S. 011° 06' W. at 1130/4.
(R.A.W.A. 1448Z/4 to ORION, Sec. W.S., Convoy 21P, SNOWDROP, (R) Admty., Simonstown.) *See next page.*

RHESUS "S" Report 2/8. RHESUS (?S.O.S) T.O.R. 1045/2, presence of U-Boat considered doubtful.
(R.A.W.A. 1150Z/4 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)

/CARADOC ...

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JOHN MACKAY.

Simonstown departure 0605Z/4 CARADOC to R/V with ALCANTARA in 029° 00' S. 013° 50' E. at 0800Z/5, and take over escort of JOHN MACKAY to Capetown, S. of A. 16 knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 1239B/4 to Admty., ALCANTARA (R) R.A.W.A.F.)

A.S.4.

B.A.D. Washington's 1441Z/3. Alusnob Freetown informed me that 2 U.S. army aircraft are proceeding to Ascension to give cover to A.S.4. (R.A.W.A. 1347Z/4 to ORION, SNOWDROP (R) C. in C. S.A., B.A.D. Admty., Escort W.S.21 P.)

Orders to
SNOWDROP,
BOREAS,
VIMY.

1. After escorts of W.S.21 P have completed fuelling from RAPIDOL near position E, 010° 10' S. 008° 22' W. on 6/8, *SNOWDROP is to escort RAPIDOL to position X, 006° 00' S. 009° 35' W. thence to position A 007° 50' N. 014° 06' W. *See Me - 1200Z/8*

2. BOREAS is to join escort of RAPIDOL.

3. VIMY from Freetown is to R/V with RAPIDOL and join escort in position X 006° 00' S. 009° 35' W. at 1500Z/8. VIMY has defective R.D.F.

4. VIMY and BOREAS after topping up with fuel will be detached by R.A.W.A. to R/V with H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, MALAYA, about 007° S. about 10/8 to provide escort to Freetown.

5. SNOWDROP is to continue escorting RAPIDOL to Freetown through position A.
(R.A.W.A. 1401Z/4 to ORION, VIMY, BOREAS, SNOWDROP, (R) Capt.(D) 18, C in C. S.A. Admty., Escorts W.S.21 P.)

Delay in
Shipping
Signals.

Following is paraphrase of message received from Connav:- "Time lag in receipt of Vescas and Route Signal from Capetown Intelligence Area about 3 days believed caused by relaying via Ottawa" My 1555/3 refers.

2. Admty. experience similar delays in receipt of these messages.
3. Request your remarks.
(D.T.D. 1547B/4 to C. in C. S.A. (R)N.S.H.Q.)

M.A.R.I.

Pass to F.O.I.Cs and N.C.S.Os. Amendment No.58.
(D.T.D. 1717B/4 to C. in C. S.A., R.A.W.A, S.B.N.O.W.A., N.S.H.Q. etc.)

Enemy
Units.

D/F bearings taken by South Africa stations during the past month indicate that area of Diego Garcia - Chagos Archipelago is being used by Japanese units, especially submarines.
(C. in C. S.A. 1732B/4 to Admty., C. in C. E.F. Deputy C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N.)

/CHESHIRE ...

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CHESHIRE Intend to sail CHESHIRE 1800Z/5 for U.K. Route:
S.L.118. A 011° 23' N. 019° 00' W.
B 014° 00' 026° 00'
C 018° 00' 027° 00'
D 031° 00' 025° 00'
E 038° 35' 022° 46'
F 052° 00' 022° 00' thence as ordered by
C. in C. W.A. If desired CHESHIRE could
overtake and join convoy S.L.118 to U.K. Speed
of CHESHIRE 12½ knots.
(R.A.W.A. 1851Z/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.
C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Belfast, CHESHIRE,
FOLKESTONE.)
Concur. (D.O.D. F. 1307B/5.)
Departure 4/8 FOLKESTONE, WELLINGTON, WOODRUFF, GORLESTON
with S.L.118.
(S.O.(I.) Freetown 1921Z/4.)

Fairmiles Request report whether endurance of Fairmile
endurance. Flotillas is limited by that of the crew or by
fuel capacity. 2. Would the installation of
diesel engines giving a greatly increased
endurance make them much more useful to you, and would the
crews stand up to it?
(V.C.N.S. 1945B/4 to R.A.W.A.)
Reply: R.A.W.A. 1531Z/8.

C.T.F.23 C. in C. S.A. 1025/19/4. Details of Cerrito
W/T routines and Montevideo receiving watches are
arrangements. being promulgated in C.A.F.O. restricted to
submarines, corvettes and above.
(M. Branch 2011B/4 to C. in C. S.A. (R) R.A.W.A.
etc.)

A/S A.X.659 4/8. Your 1630B/2.
Aircraft, 1. There are now 21 Hudsons of 200 Sqdn. in
W. Africa. It is intended to despatch a
further 3 Hudsons to bring strength up to 24.
Crews will be provided by Coastal Command and
aircraft from A.S.Us.
2. Sunderland strength in W.A. today is 8. In addition 6
aircraft belonging to 95 and 204 Sqdn are under overhaul in U.K.
2 of these are leaving for W. Africa during next 3 or 4 days.
A further 2 Sunderlands are available from stored reserve and
crews can be provided by Coastal Command. This will bring
strength up to 12. If a further 2 are provided immediately
these must come from Coastal Command Squadrons which are already
under strength. Therefore intended that the next 2 to be
delivered from makers should be allotted to W. Africa. Even
so this will inevitably be at the cost of Coastal Commands
effort.
(Air Ministry 2320B/4 to Admty. (R) C.C.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

P.44. One merchant ship, one torpedo boat, 308° Z
 Enemy Units. Kuriat 5 miles course 270° at 2345/3. All
 torpedoes fired, expect to arrive searched
 channel 0500/6.
 (P.44, 0105B/4 to V.A. Malta, Capt. S.10)
 Your 0105/4 acknowledged. You may expect Sweeper at
 end of Channel about 0959B/6.
 (Capt. S.10, 1029B/4 to P.44 (R) H.M.S. OTUS.)
 Your 1029B/?4 (?1029/4 from S.10 intended)(?amend) time
 of arrival to (?19)00/5.
 (P.44 2342B/4 to V.A. Malta (R) Capt. S.10, OTUS.)

THORN. My 1201/3. Shift patrol to between 034° 48' 022°
 30' and 033° 52' 022° 30'.
 (S.O.S. Alexandria 0925C/4 to THORN.)
 My 0925/4th. You have freedom of movements in your area
 after 2001C today.
 (S.O.S. Alexandria 1847C/4 to THORN (R) TAKU.) *See next page*

Cositrep Air. Night 2/3 August. Liberators, Halifaxes
 471. and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour. One ship
 claimed hit, near misses other shipping including
 one possible hit. Fires and explosions on land.
 Sollum and Bardia harbours and tank workshops Matruh also
 bombed. Explosions and fire at Sollum.
 (C. in C. M.E. 1016/4 to W.O.)

P.35. You are not to arrive Malta a.m. 13th or 14th.
 At your discretion you may proceed on the
 surface during daylight between 020° and 017° E.
 if considered possible arriving searched channel before 1800B/12,
 otherwise adjust speed to arrive 1001B/15. Report position
 during the night after crossing 19° E. and make E.T.A. Malta.
 (Capt. S.10 1059B/4 to P.35 (R) S/Ms on patrol, C. in C. Med.,
 V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 1.)

TURBULENT. TURBULENT leaves vicinity of position 000° for
 R.P.C. Beirut 5 miles at 2000/5 through 034°
 52' N. 027° 09' E. thence within 30 miles of
 South coast of Crete to patrol in an arc bounded by
 (1) Cape Kephali, preceding time 11(?21)
 (2) Cape Matapan.
 (3) 035° 32' N. 019° 59' E.
 (4) 038° 59' N. 017° 53' E.
 TURBULENT will be running on the surface during daylight 6/8.
 (Capt. S.1 1124C/4 to C. in C. Med. (R) Capt.(S) 9, TURBULENT,
 Capt.(S) 10, Subs. on Patrol, S.O. Subs, Alexandria.)

Orders From 2100/4 to 1200/7 in area Q, South of 035°
 to S/Ms. 00' N. between 019° 00' E. and 024° 30' E.
 Submarines are not to be attacked unless
 definitely identified they are enemy.
 (Capt. S.1 1128C/4 to S/Ms on Patrol (R) C. in
 C. Med. S/Ms Alexandria.)

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THORN. Leave patrol p.m. 6/8 through following position
See previous page 033° 34' N. 025° 52' E.
 033° 37' N. 034° 30' E.
 to arrive Beirut dawn 11th. Further signals will be made
 regarding Beirut sanctuary and searched channels.
 (Capt. S.1 1134C/4 to THORN (R) C. in C. Med., 201 N.C. Group,
 S/MS on Patrol, S/MS Alexandria.)

TAKU. My 1201/3rd. Cancel your patrol line and
 substitute between 032° 25' 023° 35' and 032°
 14' 023° 44' by dawn 5th, aircraft will be
 attacking about 0200. Flares will be dropped.
 (S.O. S/MS Alexandria 1155/4 to TAKU (R) THORN.)
 (1) At 2305/4, P.C. and S. 1 merchant ship 4 (? destroyers)
 033° 36' 022° 32' 143° 13 knots. (2) Act (?independently) after
 0901/5.
 (S.O.S. Alexandria 2345C/4 to TAKU (R) THORN.)

ALBARO My 1119C/30 (not repeated S.1) Now reported
 CELENO. B.3 ALBARO, CELENO ordered from Constanza
 to Russian port about 30/7.
 (Beyoglu 1245C/4 to S.O.(I) Med. (R) D.N.I.,
 S.O.(I) Beirut, N.L.O. Black Sea.)

Black Sea. Situation Report. Russians expect attack by
 sea on Taman Peninsula at any moment but I
 consider enemy may wait to see what progress he
 can make in (corrupt group) drive towards Yeisk.
 (2) Enemy advancing slowly (?down) coast of Sea of Azov have
 occupied Azov and are advancing towards Yeisk.
 (N.L.O. Black Sea (?1514/4) to Admty., Adm. Miles.)

Enemy From D/F bearings at approx. 0900C/4 an Italian
 Unit. warship call sign 5 B G was in approx. position
 033° N. 029° E.
 (C.O.I.S. Alexandria 1609C/4 to A.I.G. 71, A.I.G.
 72, (Spares for C. in C. Med.) Med. Fleet, (R)
 V.A. Malta, Admty. for D.N.I.)

Malta. Military situation report for week-ending 1/8/42.
 1. First 2 days bomber attacks by total 33 Ju.88
 continued against aerodromes. Successful inter-
 ceptions by fighters and destruction of complete bomber formation
 has made enemy change tactics. Thereafter strong fighter sweeps
 only. Bombers have sometimes approached but invariably turned
 back or jettisoned bombs. 1 Italian float plane Cant 506 B.
 captured and flown intact with Italian crew to Malta by crew of
 Beaufort previously shot down and rescued in Ionian Sea. 9
 Beauforts and 6 Beaufighters attacked convoy bound for Libya
 immobilising one M/V 5000 tons.
 (Govr. Malta 1630/4 to C. in C. M.E. (R) W.O.)

/Tobruk ...

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Tobruk R/C. Air photographs up to 31/7 show no effective damage from air bombing at Tobruk. Axis use of port increasing. 38 F-boats present 3/8. 2 petrol storage tanks intact at (A) 032° 05' 07" N. 023° 48' 10" E. (B) 032° 04' 40" N. 023° 59' 36" E. Total capacity about (correct group) thousand tons. Of 11 motor vessels in harbour on 3/8 1942, 3 large vessels have been present since 18/7, namely, LERICI 6500 tons, MENES 5600 tons, ARGENTEA 3300 tons, length of stay may indicate damage which is not apparent. (S.O.I. Alexandria 1730/4 to Admty., for D.N.I. (R) S.O.(I) Med. Port Said.)

Malta Air Report. I. 542. 4/8 C.S.R. 3rd. 3 afternoon alerts. 1248 hrs. 4 raiders approached. Partial R.D.F. interference. 8 Spitfires up but enemy turned back when 12 miles east of Malta. 1406 hrs. 2 raiders approached to within 12 miles of Malta. Partial R.D.F. interference. 4 Spitfires up but raiders fled homewards. 1542 hrs. Fighter sweep 15 Me.109s at great height of which 8 crossed coast. Serious R.D.F. interference. 7 Spitfires could not intercept owing to lack of height. 1655 hrs. 3 Spitfires up but raid did not approach Malta. Night 3rd/4th. During all 3 alerts serious R.D.F. interference prevented interception by Beaufighters. 1954 hrs. 1 raider crossed coast and bombed Yald? O? no damage. 2027 hrs. 2 raiders, 1 of which crossed coast but dropped bombs in sea. 2157 hrs. 2 raiders approached. 1 crossed coast and dropped bombs near Ta Kali, no damage. 4th 2 alerts. 0555 hrs. 4 Spitfires up intercepted 2 Mc.202s 50 miles east of Malta. 1 Mc.202 probably destroyed. 0717 hrs., fighter sweep, 4 Me.109s crossed coast great height. 4 Spitfires up but lacked height for interception. 0910 hrs. 4 Spitfires up but raid did not approach Malta. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1801/4.) Part 2 of My I. 542 4/8. Night 3rd/4th. 5 Wellingtons left Gibraltar for Malta. 1 crashed sea before reaching Malta and not found by subsequent searches by Beaufighters, Spitfires and Baltimore. 4 landed Malta of which 1 was damaged landing and another burnt out engine test on 4th, crew unhurt. Crews of these Wellingtons more inexperienced than usual. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1824/4.)

U/B Sunk. Situation report 246. At 2123C/3 A.S.V. Wellington of 201 Squadron obtained contact of S/M S.W. Haifa. SIKH and ZULU on A/S Sweep with aircraft hunted throughout night 3rd and a.m.4/8. Owing to heavy expenditure of depth charges CROOME and TETCOTT were sailed to assist. At noon SIKH sighted submarine on surface and oil leakage. At 1337 TETCOTT reported U-Boat surrendered and had sunk in approx. 32° 30' N. 34° 20' E. U-Boat was German and prisoners taken. Details follows. (C. in C. Med. 2002C/4 to Admty. as amended 1224C/7.)

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ARNDALE. Loaded ARNDALE with about 400 - 500 tons diesel oil and sail ship as soon as ready to Diego Suarez. F.O.I.C. E.A. and Zanzibar is requested to provide local A/S escort. (D.C. in C. E.F. 0745Z/4 to F.O.I.C. E.A. and Zanzibar. (R) N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez. Admty.)

PETRONELLA. Dutch tanker PETRONELLA is available for Naval use in Persian Gulf (para 10 your 0953/2 refers) or as harbour oiler at Bombay (? S.N.O. Kilindini's 0647/12/7) refers. If C. in C. Netherlands Forces in the East (B.S.O.) agrees on conditions PETRONELLA is returned at 48 hours notice if urgently required by him. (F.O.I.C. Ceylon 1002Z/4 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) B.S.O. C. in C. E.F. S.N.O. P.G. Commodore R.I.N. Admty.)

Japanese Intelligence. My 1951Z/20. Following amendments are additional to my 0931Z/28.
Home Waters. Cruiser KASHIMA.
Mandated Area. Converted aircraft carrier BRAZIL MARU, seaplane carriers KAMOI, KAMIKAWA, MARU, KENSO MARU, AZUMA MARU. *Not Seaplane Carriers - see 12/8 - p.370*
Solomon Is. Cruiser CHOKAI. 6th Destroyer Squadron.
and New Guinea. KIYOKAWA MARU, possibly a seaplane tender. *(Conf. by C. B. 1515.)*
Area.
Korea. Seaplane carrier NOTORO. (C.O.I.S. E.F. 1227Z/4 to C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A. Admty. C. in C. Ceylon, A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. B.A.D. F.O.C.R.I.N. F.L.O. Delhi, F.O. Ceylon, V.A. 3 R.A.A. C.S.4. Comd. D.4.)

French Somaliland, Portuguese E. Africa. Madagascar. Intelligence for W/E 1/8. (G.O.C. in C. East Africa 1314/4 to W.O.) See Lion Copy.

Movements Colombo. Colombo arrival 4/8 0035Z HINDUSTAN, 0050Z BIRMINGHAM, MAURITIUS, MANXMAN, HEEMSKERCK, 0140Z WARSPITE, ILLUSTRIOUS, FORMIDABLE, NORMAN, NAPIER, INCONSTANT, NIZAM, VAN GALEN. Departure 4/8 1255Z FORMIDABLE, BIRMINGHAM, MANXMAN, NORMAN, NIZAM. (S.O.I. Colombo 1358Z/4.)

Air Station, Ceylon. Your 2156B/30 (A) Nothing is required from U.K. at present except Mobile Cranes and Oil Bowers already asked for. Para (3) personnel and facilities ex China Bay less Torpedo Compressor Unit have been absorbed by Mombassa Coimbatore and Rowlands Garage in approximate proportions

three to one.

Puttalam is a R.N. Air Station with storage for 40 Naval Aircraft and accommodation 60% complete for 2 disembarked or spare squadrons in addition to present complement of 4 Officers and 75 Ratings. (F.O. Ceylon 1400Z/4 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F. Com. N.A.S. S.O.A.C.E.F.)

/Burma...

MOST SECRET

~~MOST SECRET~~ ~~MESSAGE~~ ~~IN~~
1314/4 August

From G.C.C. in C. East Africa. Date 4.8.42

Recd. 2140

CYPHER.

Addressed The War Office.

IMMEDIATE.

065549 42399 cipher 4 August.

First Part for M.I.3.

Intelligence for week ending 1 August.

French Somaliland. Return to France on 25 July for Vichy air craft after flight Marseilles-Jibuti-Madagascar and indications of renewal service with second aircraft leaving Jibuti for France this week will have stiffened Jibuti as well as Madagascar particularly if private mail is anti British and gold carried as in earlier aircraft crashed June. Gold enables re-opening commence with Yemen news pamphlets dropped Jibuti 24 July as part of weekly service. Air recce. 24 July saw nothing Jibuti, Bara Ouin or Obok landing grounds no A.A. no shipping Jibuti. Air photos reveal defences Loyada consist two defended localities approximately 2 and 4 miles inland from Loyada. Ofali Sabiet show main defences on top of 200 foot hill immediately north of road junction JZL 7447. Captured mail shows Compagnie D'Afrique Orientaire instructs Jibuti branch in event of surrender no demolition its installations without detailed written orders from authorities. Lt. Col Filippi Deuxieme Bureau Vichy has asked Antoine for particulars of Americas hold in Eritrea and information on new British Air Command East Africa.

Comment this could only be to aid enemy. Reported Madagascar Administration preparing supply Jibuti probably using ship GALLIENI.

Portuguese East Africa. Coastal submarine reports for June and early July continue to accumulate following areas Querirba Island. Mozambique 18 June. 40 miles north Vilanculos 15 June. Mambone week ending 4 July. Bartolomeu Dias 9 and 10 June. Quissico 1 July. Administrator of Quissico has suggested advisability controlling islands and inlets off coast north of Port Anelia. Comment control now pointless as submarines no longer operating. Continued reports activity German owned estates Niassa province and suspect movements of German commercial launches together with further indications of espionage at Beira Point to information service about Allied shipping on coast. This connection noteworthy that submarines did not attack convoys but single ships likely

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call coastal ports. Officers 60 Bn. Metropolitan infantry and majority civilians Beira now reported Pro-Axis.

Second and Last Part.

Madagascar. Air service begun by Grudeller expected continue. He stayed eight days in island first fruits his visit seen in ambiguous attitude of Annet recent negotiations through Dupont Governor Bank of Madagascar. Dupont though we were pressed to meet him by Annet had no credentials to negotiate Modusvivendi despite our repeated request. Dupont suggested difficult for Annet accede to our demands now that military pressure had ceased. He proposed use of Americans at Tananarive and Vichy as intermediaries and also to unify the commercial and financial organisation of the two zones. Dupont was told these could wait and we reserved for ourselves complete liberty of action to enforce minimum terms.

Majunga Area. Effective total 800. Considerable defensive preparations both seaward and landward (?st) unknown date reported. No road control but cars frequently stopped at Komoro Bridge.

Tananarive Area. 2500 troops reported allotted to defences covering road Majunga Tananarive 1500 troops road Tamatave Tananarive. Effectives total 5700. Large M.T. park and refuelling point reported graphite and Moskar works near Tananarive. Road control reported relaxed.

Tamatave area. Rail and road bridges Brickville reported prepared for demolition. Rolling stock and nearly all transport believed moved from Tamatave Brickville area.

1314/4

Received from War Office 1255/5

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A.C.A.S.(I) Air Ministry

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Burma
Air
Report. A.978 4/8. Intelligence Summary No. 142. On information received up to 1800 hours 4/8. Hudson bombed Akyab 3/8. 2 near misses main jetty. Direct hit W/T Building. (A.H.Q. India 1435Z/4.)

MALANCHA
"Q"
Report. Following has been read by Colombo W/T from Mauritius W/T. QQQQ 13.56 S 64.32 E MALANCHA suspicious T.O.R. 1228 G.M.T./4. (Colombo W/T 1459/4 to Whitehall W/T, Simonstown, Kilindini, Admiralty.)
Following has been read by Colombo W/T from Mauritius. 13° 53' S 64° 37' E course 168° MALANCHA, suspicious. T.O.R. 1259 G.M.T./4. (Colombo W/T 1530/4 to Simonstown, Admty. Kilindini.)

N.O.I.C.
Diego
Suarez. Capt. P.F. Glover is to carry out duty of N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez temporarily. Should DRAGON be ordered to sea the (?Commander) is to take command. Capt. Turner cannot return to turn over duty. (D.C. in C. E.F. 1503/4 to DRAGON. (R) C. in C. E.F. F.O.I.C. E.F. and Zanzibar.)

Persian
Gulf
Convoys. Your 0953/2. (a) Criticisms. Plan disregards paramount need for a secure Anti S/M patrol in Strait. Must reiterate at least 4 vessels necessary for reasonable security to ensure having (? M/S) always operating over a long period. For real safety, 3 should be operating. This patrol is foundation of defence of Gulf as I have no vessels fitted Anti S/M in Gulf and at least 50 will be needed plus measures against Midget S/M if Straits are not secure.
2. Stage 1 of plan only specially guards against the cargo of oil. Inward bound tankers are equally important also troopships and ships loaded with war material.
3. Your para 7 implies a 10 days convoy. Present average flow of traffic in 10 days approx. 20 tankers 8 transports and 15 others each way. Is this acceptable?
(b) (?Alternative) proposals. 4.
(1) When up to a total of 5 Anti S/M vessels available stiffen Straits patrol and sometimes have a hunting ship.
(2) 6 to 9 available add a striking force cruising between Muscat and Ras ~~X1~~ Hadd on shipping route.
(3) 10 to 16 available to duplicate striking force in Gulf of Oman.
4. Over 16 available to start stage 2 vide your para 5.
(c) Other points. (5) Convoy assembly points Henjam Sound (amended to Bandar Abbas, 0601Z/6) with alternatively Khasab Bay in strong Southerly wind. Ships will be supplied at their loading ports but a special convoy N.C.S.O. at Strait will give them their convoy orders. He will live in supply ship (see para 6 below) but will need a tender. Bahrein unsuitable as assembly port. Open anchorage 7 miles from shore and navigation frequently difficult. (6) Present fuelling arrangements not adequate. A tanker required at Khor Kuwai also a supply and water ship vide my 1754/30/7.
(S.N.O. P.G. 1509Z/4 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon, Cdre. Aden, Admty. etc.)
Further remarks, see S.N.O..P.G. 0601Z/6.

/Aircraft...

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Aircraft. 1. Com. N.A.S.'s 1507/23/7. Urgent that these aircraft should be supplied. Essential commitments for interservice co-operation and joint planning can at present only be met by use of operational and F.R.O. aircraft.
2. Request non-operational pilots may be sent in addition to aircraft.
3. This requirement is in addition to that in Com. N.A.S. 1001/28/5 which still stands.
(D.C. in C. E.F. 1538Z/4 to Admt. (R) F.O. Ceylon, Com. N.A.S.)
Note: N.T. of former in W.D.

G/R C.O.S. (India) 70 and my 1535/21. Pending the
Aircraft arrival of a Liberator G.R. Squadron which it is
Ceylon. hoped to despatch to Ceylon in October (not shown
in my 1535/21) the Chiefs of Staff suggest you
may be able to reach agreement with C. in C. and
A.O.C. in C. India on the allocation of R.A.F.
Bomber Liberators to Ceylon for G.R. work.
2. Ref. para E of my quoted above, No. 42 Squadron is now being
sent to Ceylon.
(D.A.C.D. Approved 1st. S.L. 1627B/4 to C. in C. E.F.)

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- O.N.115. My P.C. and S. 045° 14' N. 050° 33' W. 240° 9.5 knots.
(C.T.U.24.18.3. 0100Z/4 to U.S.Des.SWANSON).
Following for C.C.R.T. H.M. Rescue Tugs FRISKY and TENACITY sailed St.Johns 1304 and 1649Z/3. to assist torpedoed ships ex O.N.115.
(F.O.N.F. 1120Z/4 to Admty.(R) C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q.).
4/8 AGWIDALE (U.S.) ex O.N.115 with collision damage.
(N.C.S.O.St.Johns N.F. 1701Z/4 to Admty.(R) Connav N.S.H.Q.
N.C.S.O.Montreal,T.U.24.18.3. for Cdre. O.N.115).
My 1431Z/4 (N.T. in W.R.) HERBRAND and EMMA BAKKE have joined Add ARLETTA to (?departures). Weather report.
(T.U.24.18.3. 2340Z/4 to C.O.A.C. (R) N.C.S.O. St.Johns C.T.24, Connav, N.S.H.Q.).
- S.N.30. E.T.A. 1100Z/4.(boiler hours) in company UNGAVA, Q.O. 75 Q.O. 57 Y.M/S 78, Y.M/S 79. Q.O. 61 has lost touch with convoy.
(NIPIGON 0105Z/4 to C.O.A.C.Halifax (R) Capt.(D)).
- U/B. My 2059/3.(U-Boat made sighting report). Final bearings move position to 46.45 N. 38.30.W.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet, 0151/4 to C.T.U.No.24.1.14. C.T.U.No.24.1.13. C.T.U. No.24.1.11. C.T.24, C. in C.A.Fleet, (U.S.) Admty,C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q.)
- N.A.15.A.T.20. P.S.T.O.Simonstown's 1504/2. To avoid unacceptable delay to A.T.20, intend that STRATHMORE proceed to Halifax for inclusion in N.A.15. instead of A.T. 20.
2. In compensation DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, is being sent direct from U.K. to New York instead of Halifax for inclusion in A.T.20.
3. For P.S.T.O.Simonstown's information it is confirmed that STRATHNAVER was first ship mentioned in para.3. of my 0708/28/7 and not STRATHMORE.
(D. of S.T. 0424B/4 to B.A.D. N.S.H.Q., (R) P.S.T.O. Simonstown, B.M.W.T. New York, Connav etc.).
D. of S.T. 0424/4, P.S.T.O. Simonstown 1504/2 indicate STRATHMORE cannot arrive Halifax before 19th possibly 20/8. O.A.15 (N.A.15?) due to sail 22nd leaving possibly maximum of 3 days to clean, store, refuel, assess and embark 4745 troops.
2.S.S.T.O. Freetown is requested. (A) expedite (?passage) and make early report giving E.T.A. Halifax. (B) instruct master that ship is to be steady and ready (?personnel) for embarkation on arrival Halifax.
3. Request details of accommodation by classes in STRATHMORE. Assumed she will arrive Halifax empty.
B.A.D.Washington please pass to B.M.W.1 (one) 400.
(N.S.H.Q. 2201Z/4 to D.S.T, S.S.T.O. Freetown (R) B.A.D. etc).

/U/B...

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U/B
Pacific
Coast.

My 0340/3 and 1658/3. (S/M sighted and crash dived in 048° 55' N. 123° 40' W.) Asdic search negative.
(C.O.P.C. 0451Z/4 to Admty, N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O.W.A. Opnav, C.N.W.S.F.).

AGASSIZ
(towing
G.S.WALDEN).

P.C. and S. at 0430Z, 045° 58' N. 047° 52' W. 246° 14'.
(AGASSIZ 0529Z/4 to VERITY (R) C.C.N.F.)
For VERITY's position see 1510Z/4. *next page*.

T.A.W.11.

Departure U.S. Destroyer BIDDLE U.S. Ship TURQUOISE, S.C. 492 and 493, escorting T.A.W.11.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 0802Q/4, to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty etc).

(1) T.A.W.11 (Sailing telegram) (2) 1200Z/4. (4) 8½ knots to Curacao, 8 knots afterwards (Route etc).
(B.R.O. Trinidad 1007 Q/4, 1011Q/4 to Admty).

Movement
Summary.

1800 G.M.T. 4/8.				
Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.	
S/M.P. 556.	34½° N. 53½° W.	084°	9	
Convoy SL. 117 } PELICAN }	31½° N. 27° W.	352°	7	
Convoy A.T. 19.	41½° N. 46½° W.	081°	27½	
SEAWOLF.	59° N. 29° W.	248°	8½	

(D.O.D. (F) 0911Z/4 as amended 2330Z/4, to Opnav, (R) Comnav).

R.15.
P.C. 516.

U.S.S/M R.15. escorted by P.C. 516 departing Trinidad 2230Z/6th for surface passage to St. Thomas speed 9 knots. E.T.A. St. Thomas 1200Z/9.
(F.O. Trinidad 1012Q/4 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty etc).

Vescas &
Route
Signals.

Appropriate instructions covering your 2024/1 are being issued.
(D.T.D. 1024Z/4 to Comnav (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.).

W.A.T. 9

Arrivals U.S.S. BRECKINRIDGE, SAXIFRAGE, U.S.S. P.C. 494, P.C. 498, escorting W.A.T. 9.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1302Q/4 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Admty, S.O. (I) Jamaica).

Floating Dock.
(A.F.D. XXV.)

N.K. floating dock amend route forthwith to new position (p) 018° 20' N., 044° 30' W. (q) 015° 20' 033° 10' (r) 011° 50' 022° 30' thence to destination.
(Comnav, 1320/4 to ASTURIAS (R) Admty, N.S.H.Q. C. in C. S.A. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) N.O.B. Bermuda, C.E.S.F. C.T.F. 23., R.A.W.A., R.N.O. St. Thomas, C.C.S.F.)

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Convoy
Escorts.

This is C.T.F. 24's 0811/3, sent to C. in C.Lant for action and to Cominch C. and R for information in another system. "Increased enemy S/M activity in mid-Atlantic is placing renewed emphasis on need for long-legged destroyers in each escort group to carry out the distant sweeps which offer only current means of preventing attack. Cambell-Class cutters have endurance but lack speed necessary for best results. British and Canadian destroyers are making enthusiastic and effective use of the aggressive distant sweep, but invariably must leave convoy for fuel if aggressively used in early stages of voyage. Recommend (A) That this factor be considered in any plan for disposition of Allied Escort Ships. (B) That 2 new destroyers be assigned to replace cutters in U.S. Mid-ocean Escort Unit. (C) That the 2 cutters if so replaced be made available to C.T.F.24 for escorting Greenland Troop Convoys toward Greenland as far as ice permits and for other miscellaneous tasks which are increasing daily in this area. Cominch (C and R) requested to pass to Cdr. Wooldridge. Representative of C.T.F.24 at Convoy Conference.
(C.T.F.24. 1325Z/4 to C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C.).

TANK EXPRESS
PIAVE.

Overdue Trinidad, Norg. TANK EXPRESS, Brazilian PIAVE.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 1438Q/4 to Admty, S.B.N.O. W.A. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. Connav).

U/B.

U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of convoy or important unit at 1425Z/4th.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet, 1502/4 to C.T.U.24.1.14.
(R) C.T.U.24.1.11. C.T.U. 24.18.3. C.T.F.24.
Admty, C. in C.Atlantic Fleet, C.O.A.C.,A.C.N.B).

VERITY.

My estimated P.C. and S. at 2000Z 044° 00' N. 053° 31' W. (b) 240° 9.5 knots. Escort position DE7B.
(VERITY 1510Z/4 to ST FRANCIS).

St.Lucia
Mines.

My 2105Q/3rd. 4th explosion, for bearing 330° read 030°
(B.R.O.St Lucia. 1523Q/4 to Admty (R) B.S.N.O. W.A. F.O. Trinidad).

Connav
Shipping
Signals.

Your 1647/2. Fully concur in your proposal.
2. Diversions signals initiated by Connav and repeated to Admty do not indicate that these are being repeated to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. Request information if all such diversions are repeated to you by Connav and if so by what method.
(D.T.D. 1540B/4 to N.S.H.Q.).

/MAUA....

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unknown
ship
torpedoed.Brazilian ship MAUA arrived Port of Spain reports having sighted S/M and unknown ship torpedoed at 1700Z/2. in 010° 33' N. 057° 10' W. S/M turned towards MAUA but immediately MAUA made sighting report S/M altered course and made off.
(F.O.Trinidad 1542Q/4, to Admty (R) C. in C.A.W.I S.O.(I) Kingston (Jam) B.R.O.Georgetown).

U/B.

Following received from H.P.X.E. (Undecypherable in War Registry) S/M sighted in 43.50 N. 57.30 W. at 1520Z/4.
(C.O.A.C. 1545Z/4 to Admty).SACKVILLE
(ex O.N.115)
EMPIRE
SELWYN.E.T.A.0730Z/5. Boiler hours. Survivors from EMPIRE SELWYN. Weather Report.
(SACKVILLE 1555Z/4 to F.O.N.F.).EMPIRE
OCEAN.British SS.EMPIRE OCEAN aground near Cape Race, assistance has been sent.
(N.C.S.O. St.Johns N.F. 1611Z/4 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.).FOUNDATION FRANKLIN now engaged in salvage EMPIRE OCEAN aground Cape Race.
(F.O.N.F. 2108Z/4 to C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. C.T.F 24. Admty).

Navigation.

Q.J.A.635. Ref. QJA 574 amend description of position (P) to read 038° 47' 12" N. (?075°) 02' 53" W. This alteration is necessary due to Overfalls Lightship having been moved since issue of original message. Cancel QJA 622.
(C.N.S. Ottawa 1616Z/4 to Q.J.A. Message No.635).U/B
Positions.4/8 S/M estimate.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet, 1618/4 to Admty).Ascension
information.Your 1337/3.
1.Navy Department, pass to Ascension daily S/M estimate and movements of U.S.convoys in vicinity.
2. C.T.F. 23 is responsible for passing information of U.S.warship movements.
(B.A.D. 1659Z/4 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty, C. in C. S.A.).

A. T.19.

Port Director New York despatch 1852/02. Cancels his 1834/02 and informs as follows: Convoy A.T.19 departed Ambrose Light 1730Z/2nd. (Commaveu, 1721/4 to Admty).

/Tankers...

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A.H.2.

Your 1023/3. If possibility exists that some or all of these 4 tankers may be excluded from A.H.2. presume you will sail them in T.A.W. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1652/2 to C.A.F.A.C. and my 1220/20/7 to you only refer.
(D.T.D. 1723B/4 to B.R.O. Curacao).

BUXTON.

My P.C. and S. at 18 (734)Z/4 051° (753') N. 040° 55' W. 247° 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Weather report.
(BUXTON 1805Z/4 to Admty.(R) C. in C.W.A.).

Expediting
Tanker
Movements.

Your 1651/2 para.3 as it is unlikely that B.7. group will be available to escort this Convoy until about 15th August request that sailing date may be arranged so as to include tankers ex O.N.119 due Halifax about 16th August. Tankers ex O.N.115 and O.N.117 not sailed in H.A.3. should also be included.
(D.T.D. 1835B/4 to N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D. C. O.A.C. F.O. N.F. Connav).

Midway
Island
Lessons.

Your 1915/28, para 8 - request frequency used by YORKTOWN on R/T.
(D.N.I. 1927B/4 to B.A.D.(R) C. in C.E.F.).

VAN
KINGSBERGEN.

My 2045/29. VAN KINGSBERGEN expected to leave Curacao for U.S. 24/8.
(B.A.D. 1949Z/4 to Admty (R) S.B.N.O.W.A.).

A.S.4
Escorts.

When relieved U.S.escorts of convoy A.S.4 will proceed 5/8 from Momp A.M. 0025B/3/7 as follows
JUNEAU, SOMERS, via 005° N. 018° W and 010° N. 026° W. to vicinity St.Pauls Rocks then Recife E.T.A.
14/8. OMAA(?OMAHA), DAVIS, fuelling Recife not before 11/8 thence Montevideo E.T.A.19/8.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet 2011/4 to Admty C. in C.S.A. R.A.W.A.).

U/B
Campaign.

Connav Serial 4. WILLIAM C BRYANT Serial 22. now established was damaged by torpedo. Ships now repaired Tampa. POTLATCH U.S.Serial 28/7 torpedoed sunk 27/6 19.20 N.53.18.W.
(Connav 2051/4, to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q. etc).

Sub.Attack
and sighting
summary.

Merchant vessels sights subs. on surface 43.50N. 57.30 W. 1520Z/4. 10.55 N. 61.14 W. 1440Z/3. Patrol craft reports sub. contact 41.22 N. 69.19 W. 0247Z/4. Patrol craft attacks sub.28.39 N. 90.42.W 1400Z/3. Plane reports sub. contact 26.58 N.79.52W 0730Z/4. Planes sight subs. on surface 23.32 N. 82.10.W.1445Z/4, 33.33 N. 77.49 W. 1910Z/3. ? planes attack subs. 63.08 N.24° W. 0730Z/4, 27.13 N. 82.50 W. 2150Z/2. Plane sights periscope 28.45 N 88.15 W. 1855Z/3. Reliability of Greenland sightings my 032058 questioned. B.A.D. and Opnav informed.
(Cominch 2106/4 to Admty for O.I.C.).

/U/B.....

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U/B. S/M sighted by aircraft at 1936Z/4 in 43.07 N. 62.50 W. (C.O.A.C. 2125Z/4 to Admty . as amended 2221Z/4.)

Personnel Transport. B.A.D. 1707/1947 and 2059/22/9 and N.S.H.Q. 2230/21/7. It is requested that N.S.H.Q. be informed of Admiralty's proposals. Current restrictions observed by N.S.H.Q. are as contained in Admiralty 18 21327/11/41. (as received) 2320/18/7/42, 1948/25/2/42. It is also pointed out that Canadian Govt. has stipulated that number of Canadian service personnel to be embarked in any unescorted vessel together with other passengers and crew must not exceed 50 per cent of total life saving capacity of that vessel. No action has been taken by N.S.H.Q. to inform M.O.W.T. or B.A.D.'s messages quoted above. (N.S.H.Q. 2136Z/4 to Admty).

NORVINN. Have you any news NORVINN last reported arrived Puerto la Cruz 25/7? If not sailed, what is reason for delay and expected sailing date? 2. My 2316/24/7. Request you will watch Puerto la Cruz and ports in Gulf of Paria. (D.T.D. 2133B/4 to S.B.N.O. Trinidad(R) B.R.O. Trinidad) Reply B.R.O. Trinidad 1723Q/5).

Ammunition Reserves. Your 2025/3. Cominch has already informed, Cincpac and Comsowestpacunit of possibilities. (B.A.D. 2217Z/4 to Admty (R) C. in C. E. F.).

U.S.Navy and Trinidad. Admty 2124/30. Reference should be to your 1011/24(Re U.S. Routeing Officers to take over control at Trinidad).., not 1001/28. (Hd. of M. 2245B/4 to S.B.N.O.W.A.(R) F.O.I.C. Trinidad B.A. D.).

O.N. 116. U/Bs. In view of increasing S/M activity near O.N. 116 am sailing WANDERER at 0230Z/5 to reinforce escort to join before dark on 5th. (F.O.N.F. 2321Z/4 to C.T.24. C.T.U. 24.1.14. (R) C. in C.U.S.Fleet. C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. Connnav. WANDERER,Admty.)

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Situation. Digest Serial No.194 3/8.
Trawler shelled by submarine off Moruya (N.S.W.).
1445Z/2.

(2) Indications Saumlaki (Tanimbar Is.) occupied by enemy. Two small allied vessels fired on 31/7.

(3) Hudson on R/C, 3/8 sighted landing barge and encountered machine gun fire Dobo (Aru Is.)

(4) M/V reported ashore on fire south of Salamaua by air R/C 2100Z/2, my serial 193 para.3 refers.

(5) Air R/C observed small freighter south of Lae 0110Z/3 and M/V 9° 35' S. 149° 30' E. at 2145Z/2. Latter vessel not located 4 hours later.

(6) 2 Catalinas attacked Lae Salamaua area 1510Z/2 results unknown

(7) 4 Aircobras strafed huts Kokoda area 3/8.

(8) Ref.serial 192, para 4, photographs portion Rabaul Harbour 1/8 reveal, 2 light cruisers 4 M/Vs, 1 minelayer, 1 large unidentified vessel, 4 floatplanes. 12 fighters, 5 bombers Lakunjt aerodrome.

(9).Continued evidence increased air activity Dilli. 13 fighters on aerodrome 0400Z/2.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0518Z/4 to Admty.etc).

Shipping My 1953/16/6 cancel para 2 (A) and substitute.
Signals. N.C.S.Os in Melbourne and Wellington Intelligence Areas are to add Connav, Washington to addressees of. (a) Route signals of these vessels in or which enter U.S.Strategic area and (b) Vescas of all Arrivals and Departures in their respective areas. They will also repeat (a) above to U.S.Sea Frontier Commanders through whose waters those ships will pass. Instructions re codes/cyphers held by U.S. Sea Frontier Commanders are contained A.G.M. 53A of 26/7 and A.M. 2051/26/9.

2. Cancel para3, vide my 1555/3.
(D.T.D. 1545B/4 to A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B.).

Following is paraphrase of message received from Connav:-
"Receipt of Vescas and Route Signals from Wellington Area satisfactory though majority of traffic relayed through Ottawa."
My 1555/3 refers.
(D.T.D.1549B/4 to D.N.I. Wellington).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C.1542B/4, 1543B/4).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

31/7.
3/8.

My 1059/22/7. Escorts of Convoy O.S.35 report seeing wreckage of German origin after attacking a U-Boat S.S.E. of Azores at 1607Z/31/7.

An aircraft probably caused severe damage to a U-Boat S.S.E. of Reykjavik on 3/8. Further details will be signalled next week. Of interest to note that after air attacks N.E. of Iceland (C) on 31st and in Eastern Mediterranean on 24th, yellow objects were seen. In the Iceland (C) attack it was 6 feet long and 2 feet wide, and in the Mediterranean triangular in shape.

(D.A./S.W. 1216Z/4 to Cominch (R) B.A.D. Comnavu).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Three more magnetic mines were detonated today off the western approaches to the Needles Channel.

Bomber Command aircraft laid mines last night, principally off St. Nazaire.

Mediterranean.

The convoy of 3 merchant ships escorted by destroyers, which Liberators bombed at dusk yesterday 150 miles N.W. of Derna was attacked last night by 4 A.S.V. Wellingtons and 6 bomber Wellingtons north west of Tobruk. Smoke screen from the destroyer escort prevented results from being seen.

Tobruk harbour was bombed again last night by 5 Halifax, 2 Liberator, and 44 Wellington aircraft and a ship is claimed to have been hit at the main jetty. Matruh harbour was also bombed.

FAREHAM shot down 1 of 2 aircraft attacking minesweepers off Port Said a.m. today.

The Suez Canal is open.

East Indies.

U.S. tanker SWIFTSURE (Durban for Abadan) reported a suspicious vessel closing her at 1212 G.M.T. today in 2° 34' S., 51° 49' E (about 250 miles N.W. of the Seychelles).

China.

It is reported that the destroyer THRACIAN, which was damaged by air attack at Hong Kong on 16/12/41, beached and dismantled has been repaired by the Japanese and has sailed from Hong Kong.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America & West Indies.

Port Castries, St. Lucia was re-opened this evening.

The first Curacao - Halifax convoy, A.H.1. arrived at Halifax today.

Convoy S.C.94 was attacked by U-boat at 1918 today 620 miles N.E. of Cape Race, SS. SPAR was torpedoed and sunk.

Australia & New Zealand.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS reports a Japanese S/M sunk in the entrance to Tovia (Vila) Harbour at 1400M/5.

BISHOPDALE, R.F.A. oiler, was damaged by a mine today when leaving an Australian port, but returned without any casualties.

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North Atlantic dispositions. A.M.1006/3. Area Clyde. Delete FURIOUS, MANCHESTER, Passage to Gib. Area. Add FURIOUS/MANCHESTER. (D.O.D.(H) 0941Z/5 to C. in C.U.S.Fleet).

Movements.

QUEEN
EMMA.

Proceed to Dartmouth.
(C. in C.Plymouth 0731B/5 to QUEEN EMMA).
My 0731/5. QUEEN EMMA will be proceeding to Portsmouth under cover of W.P.197.
(C. in C.Plymouth 0735B/5 and 0857B/5 to N.O.I.C.Dartmouth).

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LA CAPRICIEUSE. Sailed my 1529/3.
(N.O.I.C.Barrow 0733B/5 to F.O.I.C.Greenock).

ADRIAS.

If trials are satisfactory leave Methil at 0600/6 and proceed by searched channels to Scapa. 2. Whilst at Methil keep steam at short notice and assume 3rd degree of A.A. readiness.
(C. in C.Rosyth 1127B/to ADRIAS).
Your 1127B/5. Intend to sail at 0600/6. E.T.A. Scapa 1545.
(ADRIAS 2045/5 to C. in C.Rosyth).

SCYLLA.

My 1247/3 and your 2329/1.
Intend to sail SCYLLA for Greenock 8/8.
(C. in C.H.F. 1131B/5 to Admty).
C. in C. H.F. is requested to sail SCYLLA for Clyde on 8 /8.
2.C. in C.W.A. is requested to sail SCYLLA for Gibraltar on 9/8 after embarkation of personnel and stores.
(D.O.D.(H) 1821B/5). *Both above cancelled 7/8 - see p. 188.*

UNIQUE.

Cancel my 1544/4 and 1557/4.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1155/5.)

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Request escort may be provided for passage Birkenhead/Clyde leaving a.m/12.
(F.O.I.C.Liverpool 1225B/5 to Capt.S.3).
Your 1225/5. CUTTY SARK detailed.
(Capt.S.3.1610B/5 to F.O.I.C.Liverpool).

3rd L.C.T.
Flotilla.

Admiralty require 12 L.C.T. to be at Milford Haven ready for ocean passage on 15/8. Flotilla Staff and maintenance party to accompany flotilla.
2.Request you will report immediately number of flotilla selected and if you require any dockyard work and/or preparation for ocean passage done on the craft before sailing.
(C.C.O. 1226B/5 to Capt.L.C.T.).

Your 1226/5. Third Flotilla selected. Dockyard assistance required for repairs and additional staying of W.T.doors of five craft.

(Capt.L.C.T. 1806B/5 to C.C.O).

/CLACTON...

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- CLACTON. CLACTON is to leave Sheerness at 2000 today and proceed to Portland. Route. (2) Speed of advance 15 knots and to be adjusted so as to pass Sand Head buoy at 2315/5 and E.A.5 at 0515/6 thence as requisite to pass through the Yarmouth Gap at 0830 astern of sweepers and convoy. Traffic will be swept through Q Z X 766. (C. in C.Nore 1228/5 to CLACTON).
- H.D.M.L. A.M.1958/3 ^{See p. 76} (~~N.T. in War Diary~~) Amend para. 1 in accordance with following instructions and for "PRUDENT" read "DECISION".
 Flotilla III
 BUSTLER 2. H.D.M.L. Flotilla No.111 consisting of 4 boats will be ready to leave Milford Haven for Gibraltar on 15/8, accompanied by H.M. Rescue Tugs BUSTLER and DECISION. ^{See 6/8 - p. 165 for nos.}
 DECISION
 VETCH.
 3. Endurance of M.Ls is 2200 miles at 10 knots in moderate weather.
 4. Escort to Gibraltar will be provided by VETCH.
 5. C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to provide route, sailing convoy South of Ireland.
 6. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail ships accordingly when weather propitious.
 (D.O.D.(H) 1633B/5).
- IMLA A.M.2205/1 ~~for BARWELL read BARDELL.~~ ^{Correct on p. 4.}
 LAYTERI Destinations of escort vessels have been altered
 BARDELL as follows:- BARDELL to Freetown; BARDOLF and
 BARDOLF BARBRAKE to Gibraltar. 2. C. in C. Western Approaches
 BARBRAKE. is requested to arrange route in order that BARDOLF
 and BARBRAKE may part company as requisite.
 3. Endurance 2,800 miles at 8 knots.
 (D.O.D.(H) 1806B/5).
- H.28, O.10. At 2200/8 intend sailing H.28 and O.10 escorted by Z.5 routed through Sounds of Islay and Mull to arrive Tobermory 1900/9th. Speed of advance 8 knots. Thence H.M.S. F28 to Tobermory and O.10 escorted by Z.5. onward through Minches to arrive Dundee 1500/11th. Speed of advance $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
 (Capt.S.7. 1815B/5).
- MENDIP. Return to Sheerness on completion of patrol a.m tomorrow.
 (C. in C.Nore 2220B/5 to MENDIP). ^{See over.}

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East Coast Patrols. Patrols tonight GUILLEMOT, 2, BERKELEY, 3, GARTH, 4, MENDIP 5, COTTESMORE, 6 PYTCHLEY.
(C. in C.Nore 0948B/5).

**See plan: one page -*

→ Portsmouth Patrols. CALPE and GLAISDALE will patrol within 10 miles of 50° 15' N. 1° 30' W. during night 5/6.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 1313/5).

1. CALPE and GLAISDALE patrolling South of St. Catherines.

2. NORLAND and 2 Chasseurs patrolling South of E.A.5 Buoy.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1547B/5).

My 1547B/5 Add "3 Coastal Force Craft exercising between Portland and St.Albans Head from 2200/5 to 0100/6".

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1647B/5).

Norway Coastal S/M Patrol. Leak developing. Intend remaining on patrol Full outfit of torpedoes remaining.

(P.51 1503B/5) See Casualties. p.133.

M.T.Bs off Cherbourg. Following report from S.O. 21st M.T.B Flotilla is passed for information:- M.T.Bs 241,232 passed Needles at 2220/4 in accordance with C. in C.

Portsmouth's 1237B/4 and proceeded from N.2.buoy at 32 knots to position 9 miles N. of Fort De L'Ouert, arriving 2400. Searchlight was directed roughly at M.T.Bs but range was too great for it to have effect. Several small flares appeared to be fired from the Breakwater in conjunction with the searchlight and a small amount of tracer was fired which was just visible. Main engines were then cut, proceeded at 6 knots on silent engines and searchlight was switched off. Stopped 2 miles off breakwater and drifted with wind and tide to position N. of Eastern entrances. At 0300 started silent engines and steered N at 0326 started main engines and searchlights were switched on. Returned at 32 knots passing Needles 0520. Searchlight being only switched on when main engines were used seems to indicate that enemy was not using R D/F.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1807/5).

Western Channel Patrol. M.G.Bs 80 (S.O), 78,74, and 81 are to sail at last light today. 2. Object is destruction of E-Boats which may leave Guernsey either south about or East about.

3. Execution. M.G.Bs are to patrol between Guernsey, and Hurd Deep as ordered by S.O. M.G.Bs are to return so as to be 20 miles from Guernsey at first light.

Code word "Obstacle."

→ 4. CALPE and GLAISDALE, will patrol within 10 miles of 50° 15' N. 01° 30' W.

(C. in C.Plymouth 1811/5 to N.O.I.C.Dartmouth).

Your 1811/5. "Obstacle" will sail at 2230/5.

(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 1901/5 to C. in C.Plymouth).

/Dover....

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Dover Patrols. M.Ls 450 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 2240, E.T.R. 0545/6. Trawlers WATERFLY and YASHIMA at D.Buoy. M.Ls 142,137, at C One Buoy.

RONSO and ATHENIAN sweeping between Dumpton and Sandhead Buoy, expected time of departure 0001/6 expected time of return 0700/6. M.Ls 213, 210, 125 carrying out operation N U 4, E.T.D. 2200, E.T.R. 0600/6. M.T.Bs 202, 235, and 240 and M.G.Bs 10, 13, 7, and 6 from Dover patrolling from Berck Buoy to Northwards, E.T.D. 2200, E.T.R. 0430/6. M.G.Bs 41, 32, 33 from Ramsgate patrolling South Varne, E.T.D. 2200, E.T.R. 0430/6. (V.A. Dover, 1857B/5).

Faroes and Shetlands M.L. A/S Striking Force. My 1550/29/7. For 6440 KC/S Read 2410 KC/S. 2. When co-operating A/C are unable to use this frequency 18 Group is requested to keep me informed. (A.C.O.S., 1914B/5).

Exercises

Minesweeping and Landing exercises. M/S. F.13. PRINS ALBERT. M.S. 13 1050/5. Intend sailing M/S. F. 13, one M.G.B., and one M.L. at 2230/6 and PRINS ALBERT at 0130/7 via Q Z S 294 and 293 to carry out minesweeping exercises between (A) 050° 22' N 002° 12' W. (B) 050° 27' N. 002° 12' W. Unit returns Portland on completion, PRINS ALBERT via Q Z S 295, E.T.A. 0430, M/S. F. 13 via Q Z S 294 E.T.A. 0700.

II Landing-craft 100 PRINS ALBERT escorted by M.G.Bs and M.Ls will be practising landings in Warbarrow Bay at 0520, subsequently re-embarking troops about 1030 and proceeding Portland. M.G.Bs and M.Ls return in company to Portsmouth on completion via route W. (N.O.I.C. Portland, 2315/5 to C.in C. Portsmouth).

British Air Activity

"Knocker". No movements to-day. (T.A.C. Prestwick, 0837Z/5).

"Grinnell". Operation "Grinnell" completed 1900/4. (Abbotsinch, 1115B/5 to Air Ministry).

Own A/C shot down. Your 2249B/31. Reports from HAWKINS, Commodore, and KEPPEL, also only survivor Sergeant Wheatley, are in SALISBURY. Request she may call Tobermory without delay to disembark Sergeant Wheatley and KEPPEL'S report. (KEPPEL, 1620B/5 to C.in C., W.A.).

/A/S ...

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Sweeps.

My 1126/4. Para. 6 is to be amended to read as follows:

"This offensive action against U-Boats on passage will be pressed with all available resources subject to the overriding conditions that threatened Convoys are adequately escorted. The Naval C.in C. concerned may at any time therefore request assistance from the long range aircraft under the control of A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command. Without waiting for a request the A.O. C.in C. Coastal Command will take action to support a group where he judges a threat to be developing".

(Adty., 2215B/5, to Cs.in C., W.A., Plymouth, Rosyth. F.O.C.N.A.)

Enemy Air ActivityGrimsey
Island
Lighthouse
attacked.

Enemy A/C machine-gunned lighthouse on Grimsey Island Hunafloi at 0300B/4 damage slight. At 0354B/5 aircraft believed hostile located S.E. of Vik, course West. South of Keslabik, A/C steering N.E. passed to westward of Reykjavik and Hvalfjord at 5000 feet. Lowcloud, visibility poor.
(A.C.I.C., 2110B/5, to Admty).

Convoy
F.N.778
bombed.

Enemy aircraft bombing "Protem" in 54° 33' N. 0° 34' W.
(WOLSEY 2246/5). But see C.in C. Rosyth 1619/7.

Attack on
ANDRADITE
and LOIS.

My 0948/29. There were two A/C present, one apparently chasing and firing at the other although both were finally identified as enemy. It seems possible that this is a ruse to delay the opening of fire by vessels attacked.
(V.A. Dover, 1309B/5 to Admty).

Jan Mayen.

Following from Jan Mayen. A/C over South Coast 0355/5. Weather foggy.
(A.C.I.C., 2320B/5).

MiningPortsmouth
area.

(A) At 1627/4 one Magnetic Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details.
(C.in C. Portsmouth, 1138B/5).
3 magnetic mines detonated in following positions. Details.
(C.in C. Portsmouth, 1805B/5).

/SCOTT ...

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- SCOTT. R.A. (M) 0906Z/27/7. Survey completed. My position 059° 48' N. 006° 35' W. Proceeding Port "ZA" at 12 knots. (SCOTT, 1750B/5, to R.A.M.)
- Sweep off Beachy Head. Swept (100%) area between 050° 39' 50" N. and 050° 41' 12" and longitude 000° 19' E. and 000° 29'. 3 Mines within 5 Cables 122° Beachy Head 5.5 miles. Returning to Newhaven with 4 Minesweepers and 2 Trawlers. E.T.A. 1915. (M/S. F. 9, 1810B/5).
- Harwich. At 1350/5 one Magnetic Mine exploded by Sweepers. Details. (F.O.I.C., Harwich, 2124B/5).

Enemy Intelligence

- Enemy Craft. Following bearings, probably of surface craft, obtained as follows at 0641Z and 0721Z. Details. (D.D.I.C., 1243B/5 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).
- Norwegian Coastal W/T activity. Russian radio R/C during past 48 hours indicates great increase in high priority traffic between enemy ships and Norwegian shore stations vicinity of Trondhjem Narvik, also between Wilhelmshaven Trondhjem Narvik Bardufos and ships at sea. Russians anxious to obtain latest known position of enemy major units. (S.B.N.O., North Russia, 1507B/5 to Adty).
- Enemy Ships off Helder on 3/8. U. 1846/3. Request information whether (a) M.G.B. 320 was using R.D.F. (b) 7th M.G.B. were operating I.F.F. (D.S.D., 1626B/5, to C.in C. Nore).

U-Boats

- A/S procedure on 3/8 and 4/8. Report briefly action taken to operate destroyers on receipt U-Boat reports commencing with A/C duty "W"'s 2055Z/3rd. (C.in C. H.F., 1149B/5 to F.O.C. 1st C.S.). Your 1149/5. I maintain close touch with A.C.I.C., concerning frequent air reports of submarine sightings, many of which are not authentic. In this case additional destroyer was placed on patrol B and a third brought to one hours notice on receipt of duty "W"'s first sighting report. At 0200Z/4 A.C.I.C. and R.A.F. in consultations advised awaiting further air reports before operating destroyers. On first information which A.C.I.C. considered reliable destroyers were sent out immediately.

/Air ...

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A/S procedure on 3/8 and 4/8. Contd: Air patrols were withdrawn at 2250/4 owing to low visibility. Operations are co-ordinated by A.C.H.Q. Reykjavik, and A.C.I.Cs. 0017/5 was made after consultation with me. (C.S.I., 1726B/5 to C.in C. H.F.).

U-Boat attacked. Position of U-Boat by D/F at 1131Z/5 was 60° 40' N. 25° W. (D.D.I.C., 1501B/5, to A.C.I.C.). A/C left to hunt for damaged S/M South of Reykjanes at 1230Z. (A.C.I.C., 1638B/5 to C.D.D.F. 19). Decode number 702 on 2068 k/cs. and search the vicinity. (C.S.I., 1655B/5, to C.D.D. 19). Estimated position 2157/5. HAMBLETON, MACOMB, OFFA, KIRKELLA in vicinity of 062° 31' N. 019° 42' W. searching. (A.C.I.C., 1703B/5). A.M. 1501B/5. It is probable that U/B is proceeding towards France owing to damage from yesterday's air attacks, but apparently able to make good 8 or 9 knots. (D.D.I.C., 1712B/5, to A.C.I.C., C.in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.). Cancel my 1130/4. Resume normal patrol. (A.C.I.C., 1743/5, to KIRKELLA). U-Boat probably proceeding towards France owing to damage. Speed apparently about 8 to 9 knots. (A.C.I.C., 1930B/5, to C.D.D. 19). My 1501B/5. U-Boat has made 66 groups at 1717Z/5 on 11068 k/cs. from a similar area. (D.D.I.C., 2004B/5 to A.C.I.C.). My 1655B/5. W/T transmission indicates U-Boat is still in this area. (F.O.C. 1st. C.S., 2337B/5, to C.D.D. 19).

Navigational

Mygganaes Beacon. Following received from R.A.F. Stornoway. Begins:- AIRCRES continually reporting that Mygganaes Beacon is ten Kilocycles per second low and interfering with Butt of Lewis Beacon. Request Naval Authorities be informed in order to improve what is undoubtedly a very helpful aid to navigation in that area. 1230B ends. (C.in C., W.A., 2305B/5, to A.C.O.S.).

Ice. Jan Mayen free from ice for last 3 weeks. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 2322B/5).

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- KILMUN. ^{/N.T.W.W.D.} Cancel my 1644/4 owing to main engine defects. (C.in C. Plymouth, 1021/5).
- LAVINGTON COURT. Your 1137B/2. No casualties from Boarding Parties. (RHODODENDRON, 1213B/5, to C.in C., W.A.).
- P. 51. Leak developing between Q tank and forward battery tank caused by blow from Q tank with Kingston valve shut. Intend remaining on patrol. Full outfit of torpedoes remaining. (P.51, 1503B/5 to Capt. S.3). *S. 10.128.*
- H.D.M.L. 1050. H.D.M.L. 1050 has arrived Liverpool in S.S. MARY KINGSLEY. Hull has superficial damage. Engines are reported to require refitting though extent not yet known. No previous information of this shipment had been received by me. Request refitting port or other destination may be signalled. (F.O.I.C., Liverpool, 1555B/5, to Adty).

Shipping and Convoys

- North Russia Hospital facilities. Admiralty 1110B/3, para 4. My 1743B/1 refers. (S.B.N.O., Archangel, 0942B/5 to S.B.N.O., North Russia).
- AT. 19. (QUEEN MARY) Admiralty's 1819/27, para. 6. I should be grateful if you could lend one destroyer leaving Londonderry p.m. 10th and returning a.m. 12th. (C.in C. W.A., 1112B/5 to R.A. M.).
On completion of duties with AT.19 LANCASTER return to Port "ZA" and NEWARK to Londonderry. NEWARK will then be required for duty with TA.19 and is to return to Port "ZA" on completion. (R.A. M., 1428B/5).
- TA. 19.
- S.C. 93. Escort detailed. U HEATHER. B PIORUN. E.T.A. Barra Head 0400B/6. E.T.A. Loch Ewe 1600B/6. E.T.A. 055° 35', 007° 0900B/6. Stragglers PACIFIC escorted by (?ORCHIS) 50 miles astern. (C.T.U. 24-1-17, 1321B/5).
- P.W. and W.P. Convoys. Owing to increased enemy activity both by E-Boat and torpedo-aircraft by night in the Channel it is intended to alter the schedule of P.W. convoy so that no convoy will be at sea during the night between Lands End and Portsmouth as follows.
2. P.W. will sail from Portsmouth same day as W.P. sails from Bristol Channel. P.W. will spend first night in Dartmouth and sail A.M. second day arriving Bristol Channel Ports P.M. third day.

/P.W.D. ...

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P.W. and W.P. P.W.D. will sail to R/V with P.W. at Eddystone.
Convoys. P.W.F. will sail with one Trawler to R/V at
Contd: D1 Buoy. W.P. will sail as at present spending
second night in Dartmouth.
(C.in C. Plymouth, 1329B/5).

D.S. 31. My 1046/29/7, and Admiralty's 2226/28/7.
S.N. 73. LANCASTER detailed.
(R.A. M., 1430/5).
D.S. 31. Adty. 2226/28. Following
destroyers detailed LANCASTER, BROKE, BLYSKAWICA.
(C.in C. W.A., 1719Z/5).

Convoy. Your Force should be so disposed as to provide
best defence against attack by E-Boats and
torpedo-dropping A/C.
(C.in C. Plymouth, 1911B/5, to BROCKLESBY).

O.N. Convoy It was anticipated that situation referred to in
Destroyer your 1855/4 would arise as soon as attacks on
Escorts. North Atlantic convoys recommenced, and attention
was drawn to this in my 1232/26/4 to Admiralty
only and in Admiralty 0124/26/4 to C.in C. U.S.

Fleet. It is not considered practicable to sail destroyers
escorting fast convoys late, as the rate of overtaking at
economical speed would entail their joining the convoy too far
West to be acceptable. In the case of slow convoys, where
situation is likely to become even more acute, I agree that it
would be advantageous to sail the destroyers late to overtake
at economical speed.
Owing to numerous other commitments which continually arise I do
not anticipate being able to reinforce the mid-ocean escort east
of 015° W, but will certainly do so if ships are available and
attack is threatened in that area. I feel the only satisfactory
solution of problem will be to move M.O.M.P. farther to the East-
ward.
(C.in C. W.A. 2119Z/5 to Comtask 24).

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North Atlantic.

U/B Cartagena. Relative to German U-boat in Cartagena please see Ambassadors telegram to F.O., No. 1098 of 4/8. (N.T. in W.D.)
U. 573 (N.A. Madrid, 1030/5 to Admty).

Situation (1) D.S.O. 24., 27.58, 13.35 218° on the surface
2003B/5. 12 knots.
see next page (2) LOCH OSKAIG off Lisbon coastwise Northward 10.
(3) SCOTTISH off San Lucar coastwise to Gibraltar

10.

(4) BICESTER, LEDBURY 36.23, 11.12 through 36.01, 09.02 to Gibraltar 17.

(5) LORD HOTHAM, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE escorting tanker ACASTA 33.11, 12.22, 062° 9. *see next page.*

(6) IMPERIALIST patrol Huelva Bight.

(7) Fleet Units SIRIUS, INTREPID, ICARUS, FORESIGHT, FURY, approx. 36 (?25) 17.26, 118° 15.

(8) Fleet Units, CHARYBDIS, WESTCOTT, VANSITTART, WRESTLER 035° 28' 010° 25', 261° 15.

(9) LIVERPOOL sail 2230/5 through 36.26, 09.05 thence 295° 11.

(10) Convoy (?W.S.) 21 S, Fleet units, NIGERIA, KENYA, SOMALI, ASHANTI, ESKIMO, TARTAR, PATHFINDER, QUENTIN, WISHART, PENN, DERWENT, VENOMOUS, MALCOLM, WOLVERINE, AMAZON, ZETLAND 046° 18', 019° 08' through 43.26, 19.31 thence 189° (?13).

(11) LADY HOGARTH, ARCTIC RANGER sail 0200/6 275° 9.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1258B/5 to A.I.G. 63).

(1) O.S.35 (ROCHESTER?) LEITH, SANDWICH, ERNE, ^{COMMANDANT} D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 20.32, 21.04 (167°?) 8½.

(2) Convoy 21 HAWKINS, RANPURA, CATTERICK, ^{xx}KEPPEL, PETARD 29.32, 23.14, 175° 13½.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1332B/5 to A.I.G.65). *xx see below*

xx see next page (U/13)

→ SCOTTISH.

Your 1503B/5 (N.T. W.R.) My position 180° Santa Maria 5 course 275° speed 10 knots. Endurance 6 days. Type 123 A still out of action. Your 1415/5 not received. Visibility 4 to 6. (SCOTTISH, 1620B/5 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Trawlers of Western Patrol).

Destroyers. F.O.C.N.A's X260/402 of 22/6/1942. (N.T. in W.D.)
2. MONTROSE is the only available leader but her D.C. Armament is deficient and owing to her age and liability to break down it is considered that she should not operate outside Home Waters.

3. Subject to F.O.C.N.A's concurrence, the following exchanges are intended:-

(A) C. in C. W.A. to transfer 2 Town Class destroyers to C.O.A.C. Halifax.

(B) C.O.A.C. Halifax to transfer two Vees without Hedgehog, nominated by C. in C. W.A. to F.O.C.N.A.

(C) F.O.C.N.A. to transfer WESTCOTT and WRESTLER to C. in C. W.A.

4. On receipt of F.O.C.N.A's concurrence with above C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail ships mentioned in para. 3 (A) as soon as convenient and to advise C.O.A.C. Halifax of names of ships mentioned in para. 3 (B).

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North Atlantic *contd:-*

Destroyers Contd. 5. C.O.A.C. Halifax is requested to sail ships nominated by C. in C. W.A. for Gibraltar shortly before two Town class destroyers arrive at Halifax, making the necessary arrangements for them to fuel at Azores in accordance with C.A.F.O. 2441/41 as amended by C.A.F.O. 57/42 and 616/42.

6. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to sail WESTCOTT or WRESTLER for U.K. as soon as convenient after 16/8 and the other upon arrival of ships from Halifax.
(D.O.D. (H) 1811B/5 to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. W.A., C.O.A.C. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

KAULDI (Spanish). KAULDI (EAFU) loading ore Bilbao presumably for France.
(A.N.A. Madrid, 1832/5 to Admty).

CORVO (Portuguese). Funchal's telegram 1205/4 (N.T. in W.D.) repeated C.C.S.O. In view of present political situation M.E.W. have asked Ambassador Lisbon to communicate with you direct if he is agreeable to interception and diversion of Portuguese SS. CORVO. Should diversion not be approved and vessel is met it is desirable if conditions are favourable to remove as much mail as possible that can be stowed without interfering with fighting efficiency or living accommodation of trawler.
(D.E.W.D., 1843B/5 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C.C.S.O. Gib).

LOCH OSKAIG. Your 1720B/4. Intend leaving patrol 2300B/5.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 1845B/5 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) SCOTTISH, IMPERIALIST). *See Medicine Paper - (Situation 170)*

U/B Am over enemy S/M in 37.51 N., 23.04 W. sighted on surface and observed to submerge 4, 190° 8. Have attacked enemy with (?depth charges) and and estimated one hit.
(A/C UAL Duty B 2017/5 to Y.70).
At 2113 dropped depth charges on position (?M) of QC7S marked by aircraft (?BIR) now on scene.
(A/C UAIE, 2255/5 to Y.70)
S/M reported attacked by aircraft in 37° 51' N., 023° 04' W., estimated one hit. Search so as to arrive at Gibraltar by p.m. 8/8.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2325B/5 to KEPPEL (R) Admty).
Am investigating in position given by aircraft duty B's 2017.
(KEPPEL, 2336B/5 to F.O.C.N.A.)

LORD HOTHAM, ACASTA. Tanker ACASTA not met. My P.C. and S. are 031° 13' N., 018° 57' W., 083° 9 knots. Weather.
(LORD HOTHAM, 2301/5 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty).
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W.S.21, List numbers on board destinations, etc.
A.S.6 (D.S.T., 0155B/5 to R.A.W.A., C. in C. S.A.,
D.C. in C. E.F.) See Lion Copy.

Towage of Your 1957Z/22 not to D. of S.T. Master of
TEMPLE INN. JAMES E. HUGHES now states his articles do not
allow any work to be done until arrival Port
of delivery and his crew refuse to depart from
this. 2. Request whether another tug will be sent Pointe
Noire to carry out orders in C. in C's 1158B/27/7. Master of
TEMPLE INN states if FLYING KESTREL is to be used ocean towing
tug will be necessary.
(Pointe Nore, 0913/5 to R.A. West Africa (R) C. in C. S.A.,
D. of S.T. R.N.O. Lagos).

Convoy Capetown departure 1700Z/4. MALAYA, *QUEEN
R.T.1 ELIZABETH, DUNCAN, HOTSPUR with convoy R.T.1 ?
consisting of MONARCH OF BERMUDA and EMPRESS OF
?RUSSIA for Freetown. Routed A 029° 00' S., 009°
00' E. B. 002° 00' S., 008° 00' W. Speed of convoy 15½ knots to
latitude 15° S., thence 14½ knots, E.T.A. 1600Z/13.
2. DUNCAN, HOTSPUR part company dusk 6th and return Simonstown.
3. Shift to W/T organization for area P at 2200Z/8.
(C. in C. S.A., 0913B/5 to Admty, R.A.W.A.F., C.T.24.23).

MOOLTAN H.M.T. MOOLTAN has endurance for 15 days at 15
knots. Proposed to sail ship to Halifax via
Freetown for bunkers if it is considered that this
endurance is sufficient for ship to reach
destination from Freetown with sufficient reserve
Ship sailing 9/8.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 0919Z/5 to Admty (R) C. in C.
S.A. etc) Concur. D.T.D., 1215B/7.

? Alter course and adjust your speed to arrive at
new position B. 005° 30' N., 027° W., 1400/9.
Escort will meet you and escort you on new route
to Pointe Noire.
(R.A.W.A., 0950/5 to Area 3A, Area 2B, B.M.G.L.
(MARIT)).

SS. QUEEN H.M. Transport QUEEN ELIZABETH sailed p.m. 4/8
ELIZABETH. E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro 1500/9. Passengers on
board, etc.
(S.T.O. Capetown, 1026Z/5 to Admty B.A.D. etc).

Dispositions ROCHESTER with O.S.35 020° 20', 020° 59' 169° 8½.
FOLKESTONE with S.L.118 009° (759') 016° 40' to
012° 30' 018° 01' thence 310° 7½.
CHESHIRE off Freetown 296° 12½ at 2000Z/5. *See p. 138 (S.L. 118)*
HYDRANGEA 008° 45', 026° 50' 290° 7½. *9/13/42*
(R.A.W.A., 1035Z/5 to A.I.G. 149).

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MOST SECRET MESSAGE 0155B/5th August. OUT

To R.A. West Africa 472. Date 5.8.42.

C. in C. South Atlantic 658.

D. C. in C. Eastern Fleet 805.

Repeated C. in C. Mediterranean 913.

F.O.C. North Atlantic 87.

F.O.R.S.C.A. 681.

C. in C. Eastern Fleet 453.

F.O.C.R.I.N. 780.

N.O.I.C. Durban.

N.O.I.C. East Africa & Zanzibar.

Naval Cypher Flag Out XD Plus and XD

From Admiralty.

IMPORTANT. to R.A. West Africa.Following transports sailed from United Kingdom
29th July in Convoy W S 21.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Nos. on Board.</u>	<u>Pendant No.</u>
E.6.	CIRCASSIA	15	West Africa Aden Middle East Ceylon	16 1 2487 5	21
E.7.	RANGITIKI	14	South Africa Middle East Iraq India Ceylon Australia	507 108 1 1912 65 11	42
E.8.	TALAUOA	14½	South Africa East Africa Aden Middle East	4 94 7 1615	32
E.9.	VOLLENDAM	14	South Africa East Africa Middle East India Ceylon	603 1707 110 348 1	43
E.12	LARGS BAY	14	Middle East	1716	22
E.13	NARKUNDA	15½	West Africa South Africa East Africa Middle East India Ceylon	549 3 380 1619 53 148	31

E.14 AORANGI.....

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Nos. on Board.</u>	<u>Pendant No.</u>
E.14	AORANGI	15½	West Africa Middle East Iraq India Ceylon	4 3057 1 1 27	23
E.15	MALOJA	15	South Africa Middle East Iraq India	2 24 1952 2336	41
E.17	ANTENOR	14½	Middle East India	4 1829	51
E.20	SAMARIA	15½	Madagascar Middle East India	575 3464 47	52

2. H.M.S. RANPURA also sailed in convoy with 785 personnel on board for West Africa.

3. Guns and stores were shipped in VOLENDAM for East Africa and stores in MALOJA for India.

4. Following M.T. ships also sailed in Convoy W S 21.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Con- tents</u>	<u>No. of Personnel on Board</u>	<u>A/C on Board</u>	<u>Destin- ation</u>	<u>Pendant No.</u>
R.580	JAMES LYONS	14	M.T.tanks guns, stores, ammunition	22	-	Middle East	12
R.581	CURACAO	14	M.T.tanks, guns, stores, ammunition, 1 M.F.V.	50	1)	India Hurricanes	11

5. Convoy will be joined off Ascension by U.S. convoy A 3 6 consisting of the following ship:-

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Destination</u>
United States	AMERICAN PRESS	14 kts	Oil cracking plant	Persian Gulf
United States	CHINA MAIL	16 kts	Oil cracking plant	Persian Gulf
United States	Unknown	14 kts	Tanks & guns vehicles & locomotives	Middle East

R.A. West Africa is requested to inform H.M.S. HAWKINS and Commodore accordingly.

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6. Separate signal has been made regarding on-carriage of personnel for West Africa from Freetown.

7. P.S.T.O. Simonstown should arrange for on-carriage of personnel from South Africa as follows:-

- (a) For East Africa ex TAMAROA and NARKUNDA.
- (b) For Aden and Middle East ex RANGITIKI, TAMAROA, VOLENDAM, LARCS BAY, MALOJA and ANTIENOR.
- (c) For Madagascar ex SAMARIA.
- (d) For India Ceylon and Iraq ex CIRCASSIA, RANGITIKI, VOLENDAM, NARKUNDA, KORANGI and SAMARIA.
- (e) For Australia ex RANGITIKI.

8. P.S.T.O. India should arrange for on-carriage from Bombay for all personnel for Ceylon and Iraq.

9. RANGITIKI, TAMAROA and LARCS BAY will turn round in South Africa and proceed to Plate to load for U.K. VOLENDAM will turn round at Hombasa and return to U.K.

10. Proposals for

- (a) Release of other troopships in South Africa and on-carriage arrangements
- (b) Disposal of all troopships after disembarkation and
- (c) Allocation of ships as between Capetown and Durban for replenishment, will be notified later.

11. Comadore of convoy is Comadore E.C. Denison in NARKUNDA, Vice Comadore is Master of MALOJA.

12. Addressees pass to S.T.O.'s and military authorities concerned.

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Director of Sea Transport
M.W.T. Ext. 2187.

- 1st S.L. (2)
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- Hd. of M. (13)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D. of P. (2)

- D. of S.T.
- D.T.D. (3)
- D.T.D. (M)
- I.P. (2)
- W.S.
- Duty Capt. (2)
- Admiral Blake

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R.T.1. Following ships sailed in convoy R.T.1. p.m.4/8.
E.T.A. p.m.13/8. MONARCH OF BERMUDA, EMPRESS
See p. 137. OF RUSSIA. Former fuel oil, latter coal.
(S.S.T.O. Capetown, 1159Z/5 to Admty etc).
KONKAN 008° 20', 014° 20' 255° 8. *LEOPARD with S.T.30, 007° 55'
014° 05' 130° 8. CANNA about 007° 40' 013° 59' to Freetown 7.
?ALIBA 006° 10' 012° 10' to Marshall 8 at 2000Z/5. KELT 007°
40' 014° 05' through sector T to Marshall 8. One M.L. patrolling
sector T. VIMY 002° 50' 012° 30' 162° 10½. MORRIS DANCE 001°
40', 004° 01' 265° 9½.
TEWERA 003° 55', 002° 10', 075° 8½. M/L 256 with FLORIDA 003°
30' 004° 40' to Freetown 7½. FANDANGO 002° 55' 007° 50'? E.
to vicinity 10. POSTBOY and FLORIDA 000° 15' S., 007° 40' E.,
to Walvis Bay 7½. *CORINTHIAN 009° 05' S., 004° 10' E., 338°
14.(?ORION) with W.S.21 P., 009° 10' S., 010° 20' to 010° 10' S.
008° 22' thence 135° 12. SNOWDROP I. 360. Friendly naval unit
I.35 D to N.W. Friendly naval unit I.35 B to S.W.
(R.A.W.A., 1257Z/5 to A.I.G. 150). **See next page*

DAVID Overdue ships. DAVID LIVINGSTONE sailed Durban
LIVINGSTONE. 25/7 due 2/8 not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1216Z/5, to Admty, (R)
C. in C. S.A., S.O.(I) Capetown, N.C.S.O. Durban).

S.L.118. Your 1851/4. Concur CHESHIRE should overtake and
join S.L.118.
(D.O.D. (F) 1307B/5 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.
etc). *See p. 137 (Dispositions) & next page*

Ascension Your 1337/3 and B.A.D. Washington's 1659/4.
Information. You should arrange to supply Senior U.S. Officer
Ascension with appropriate information to supple-
ment that being supplied by Washington. Naval
Cypher No.3 is held by U.S. Authorities Ascension.
(D.O.D.(F) 1313B/5 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.,
B.A.D.)

U/B Following has been read. One S/M to Starboard
bearing 260° speed 8 knots. My position 4° 34' N.
4° 39' W.
(A/C 3 ZWV. 1418/5)

Hudson aircraft sighted U-boat on surface in 4° 45' N., 4° 31' W.
at 1418Z/5 course 260° 8 knots. U-boat crashed dived.
(R.A.W.A., 1914Z/5 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

ARAMIS In view of discrepancy between S.O.(I) Capetown
(raider 0235B/30 and N.O.I.C. Lagos 2030Z/3, please
attack 16/7) confirm positions and times of attacks of ARAMIS
as it appears possible that two different raiders
were concerned in attacks on WILLAM F. HUMPHREY
and ARAMIS.
(D.D.I.C., 1510B/5 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.
etc).

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- QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
RAMILLIES. B.A.D. Washington 2155Z/31. Endurance of QUEEN ELIZABETH and RAMILLIES at 15 knots allowing 20% in hand is 3300 and 3000 miles respectively.
2. Intended to sail these ships in company from Freetown for Ponta Delgada to fuel and thence to Norfolk Virginia and Philadelphia respectively.
3. Request your proposals for proceeding fuel at Ponta Delgada. If possible this should be arranged to coincide with arrival of an oiler in an O.S. convoy or Admiralty should be asked to divert one for the purpose.
(C. in C. S.A., 1715Z/5 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty).
- CESHIRE. Sailed CESHIRE for U.K. 1800Z/5 (Route). S. of A 12½ knots.
(R.A.W.A., 1800Z/5 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., N.O.I.C. Belfast, CESHIRE). *See pp 137 & 138.*
- CEPHEE CEPHEE ex FRANCOIS L.D. of 5800 G.R.T. which arrived Casablanca 25/7 reported probably leaving for Japan shortly.
(D.N.I., 1920B/5 to C. in C. S.A., R.A.W.A. F.O.C.N.A., Cominch, B.A.D., C. in C. E.F.)
W.R. Note. Unable to confirm from originator whether boat is enemy or Neutral.
- Diversion of ships. A.M.1608/1/7. Should AQUITANIA and other ships if over 20 knots comply with para. (corrupt group) ? (3).
(R.A.W.A., 1922Z/5 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)
Reply: D.T.D., 1131B/7.
- CORINTHIAN. 520 tons coal remaining. (?Not) advisable to bunker at Takoradi unless imperative to complete. Important to work out lower bunkers.
My P.C. and S. 010° 57' S., 004° 44' E., 338° 12½ knots.
Weather report.
(CORINTHIAN, 2001Z/5 to R.A.W.A.) *See p. 138.*
- LÉOPARD,
COMMANDANT
DUBOC. Ref. R.A.W.A. 1451Z/1/8. Insist upon F.S. LÉOPARD and F.S. DUBOC sailing together from Freetown to Capetown via Duala and Pointe Noire as previously arranged. I consider extremely important that both ships be seen in Free French harbour mentioned above.
(F.N.F.L., 2051/5 to Admty). ** See previous page.*

/Shipping...

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Shipping Your 1 49/4. (1) Effect of amendment No. 52.
Routeing. is that all ships from and to and from any ports
in U.S.A. strategic area should be routed south
and west of the line described in sub-para. 2.,
such ships bound for any port in the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico or
on the U.S. or Canadian seaboard, to be routed (a) if under 15
kts. to Trinidad for convoy, and (b) if 15 kts. or over, to
destination, passing either side of Bermuda, routes to be well
spread.

2. At one time ships bound for U.S.A. ports from Cape and
Freetown areas had to be routed to Cape Hatteras and thence
coastwise to destination. When these instructions were cancelled
by Connav, sub. para. 7 was inserted in Sec. II para. 14. This
point is now covered by Sec. IV para. 8 sub-para. 2 (c). and
Sec. II para. 14, sub-para. 7 was therefore cancelled.

3. Ships from your area bound for ports in Caribbean, Gulf of
Mexico or on U.S.A. or Canadian seaboard should be routed (a)
if under 15 knots to Trinidad for convoy (b) if 15 kts. or over,
diversely to destination, passing either side of Bermuda, and in
conformity with Sec. II, para. 14 sub-para. 6 where it applies.

4. Are these instructions now clear?
(D.T.D., 2100B/5 to S.O.(I) Freetown).

Mediterranean.

Enemy Units, At 0601C/5 aircraft report P.C. and S. 1 small
THORN, tanker with 8 motor lighters 035° 20', 023° 24'
TAKU. *See 10-14-3* 185° 9 knots. Consider destination will be
Tobruk.

(S.O.S. Alexandria, 0917C/5 to THORN, TAKU).
My 0917/5. At 1210C/5 P.C. and S. of convoy 034° 44' N.,
023° 12' E., unknown, unknown.
(S.O.S. Alexandria, 1314C/5 to THORN, TAKU).

P.44 In order to enter harbour before dark R/V with
sweeper as early as possible after 1830/5.
(Capt. S.10, 1045B/5 to P.44).

M.E. Air A.656 Bi.-weekly Opsum No.44
Report. Night 31/7-1/8. 5 Halifaxes 2 Liberators 51
Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour facilities
at Tobruk. 1 Large ship straddled and claimed hit
once, fire started on second ship and small vessel near jetties
claimed hit. Large fires on water front main jetty area. 1
Fire near petrol installations N.W. of harbour. 1 Fire south
side of harbour. 2 Liberators returning from Malta bombed
shipping Navarino Harbour. 2 Direct hits 3 near misses claimed
on M/V. Photographs following day show no damage to vessel.

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M.E. Air Report. Contd. 7 Liberators, 6 Wellingtons bombed barrack building and tank workshops Matruh. One large 2 small fires started. Torpedo Wellington attacked southbound M/V 2000 tons with destroyer 20 miles North Tolmeta. No hit.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1108Z/5).
Part 2 of A.656.

1/8. 19 Beaufighters offensive R/C for Coastal shipping from Matruh to Tobruk. 5 Barges seen of which 2 destroyed, 1 set on fire, 2 damaged. 2 Schooners also attacked. Damage unknown. 15 Hurricanes, 2 Martlets, 6 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and in Gulf of Suez. In evening 11 Liberators bombed southbound convoy 80 miles North of Derna. 2 hits several near misses claimed on large M/V which was last seen settling by stern. Wreckage seen in area following day.

Night 1/2 August. 3 Halifaxes 49 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Several near misses claimed on shipping inside and outside harbour large fire with black smoke 2 smaller fires started at petrol installations. 1 fire main jetty area 2 fires N.W. corner of harbour, 1 fire S.W. corner.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1115Z/5).

Part 3, A. 656. (Night 1-2/8, continued).

4 Albacores on offensive R/C for enemy coastal shipping west of Matruh saw no vessels and bombed lighters in Bardia. Direct hits on jetty and lighter alongside, started 2 large petrol fires with explosions. 3 near misses on M.L. in harbour, 3 near misses on 2 lighters drawn up on beach. 1 Liberator on passage Malta to Middle East attacked shipping Navarino. Bombs released early owing failure release gear, fell outside harbour. 1 Wellington offensive R/C for enemy shipping west of Crete. No sightings. 4 Hudsons off before dawn on offensive R/C for coastal shipping as far as Tobruk. 1 sank barge near Sidi Barrani with 3 direct hits. No other sightings.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1131Z/5).

Part 4. My A.656. Night 2/3 August. 6 Halifaxes, 3 Liberators 36 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Direct hit claimed on 1 ship at jetty, possible hit on 1 ship outside harbour, several near misses on shipping in harbour and on 1 ship east of harbour. 1 jetty hit. Explosions caused at petrol installations and large fire on S. side of harbour. 2 Albacores bombed lighters in Bardia Harbour. Results unobserved. 2 Wellingtons 1 Albacore bombed Sollum. Jetty with barge alongside straddled and series of explosions followed by a large fire on shore. 4 Hudsons made offensive sweep for coastal shipping between Tobruk and Matruh, no sightings. Projected Boston operations cancelled owing to cloud. About 8 enemy aircraft carried out intruder operations Alexandria area. Some bombs dropped at landing ground south of Amriya. No damage reported. 2 Beaufighters up shot down 1 He.111.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1143Z/5).

Part 5, A.656 3/8. 5 Beaufighters offensive R/C for coastal shipping between Tobruk and Sollum. 14 Hurricanes 5 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and in Gulf of Suez. Night 3/4/8. 6 Halifaxes 56 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk, 2 ships in harbour believed set on fire. Near misses on other shipping direct hit on jetty with medium ship alongside. Very large oil fire started at naval fuel tanks. Fires at petrol installations N.W. of harbour.

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M.E. Air Report. Contd. 2 fires South of harbour and near El Gubbi aerodrome respectively. 3 Albatrosses made offensive R/C for enemy shipping along Western Desert coast, no vessels, and attacked (?F) boats in Matruh scoring near misses, some bombs near tank workshops. A Swordfish attacked S/M about 40 miles N. of Alexandria, 4 depth charges falling 10 feet to port. Also attacked with M.G. fire. S/M appeared unable to dive after attack. Second Swordfish attacked same S/M 4 hours later about 30 miles N.W. of first position. 4 depth charges falling 100 yards to starboard. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1151Z/5).

Part 6. A.656. S/M last seen on surface course N.N.W. at 10 to 15 knots. 4 Hudsons made offensive sweeps for coastal shipping between Tobruk and Matruh. At dawn 2 Hudsons found 6 barges North of Bardia course S.E. 3 direct hits on 1 barge followed by smoke and debris thrown into the air. (Corrupt Group) westbound barge unsuccessfully attacked east of Tobruk. 6 Beaufighters despatched following morning to repeat attack found barges escorted by 3 A.A. ships 3 Mc. 200 S.E. Bardia 3 barges (?hit) all seen smoking and 1 heeling over. 1 Mc. 200 damaged.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1201Z/5).

Part 7 of my A.656. 4/8. 12 Hurricanes 5 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and Gulf of Suez. At dusk 10 Liberators bombed Southbound convoy 3 large M/Vs escorted by 8 destroyers about 150 miles N.W. of Derna. Possible hit with 1000 lb. bomb on bows of 1 M/V followed by smoke. 4 near misses.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1219/5).

Cositrep No. 472. 2. Air, night 3/4. Halifaxes and Wellingtons effectively bombed Tobruk Harbour, 2 ships believed set on fire, near misses on other vessels. Very large oil fire at fuel tanks and fires at petrol installations. Albatrosses bombed Matruh Harbour. Hudsons attacked 6 barges north of Bardia, hitting one. Following day Beaufighters repeated attack, probably sinking one barge damaging 2 more, one Mc.200 damaged. One Beaufighter missing. 4/8. At dusk Liberators bombed Southbound convoy 3 large M/Vs 8 destroyers 150 miles N.W. Derna. Possible hit on one ship followed by smoke. 4 near misses. (C. in C. ME., True T.O.O.1140 G.M.T./5).

Malta Air Report. I. 546 5/8 C.S.R. Part 1. 4th. 2 Afternoon alerts, no interference. 1244 hrs. 23 Raiders approached of which 8 probably bombers turned back when 30 miles N. of Malta remainder 15 Me. 109 crossed coast great height. 23 Spitfires up but lacked height due to short warning, 1 Spitfire shot down pilot baled out unhurt. 1531 hrs. Fighter sweep 4 Me. 109 crossed coast great height, 8 Spitfires could not intercept owing to lack of height. Night 4/5. 2123 hrs. 2 bombers approached and dropped bombs in sea, serious R.D.F. interference 2 Beaufighters up raiders pursued over sea but no combat. 5th. 2 Alerts

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Malta Air Report. Contd. 0642 Hrs. Fighter sweep 19 Me.109 approached of which 13 crossed coast. In spite of R.D.F. interference 12 Spitfires intercepted incoming Me. 109 2 miles East of Malta, 1 Me. 109 destroyed. 0841 hrs. 8 Me. 109s crossed coast as diversion for 17 others escorting Dornier which rescued Me. 109 pilot. 12 Spitfires intercepted and chased raiders back to Sicily, no combat. (H.Q., R.A.F., Med., 1800/5).

TAKU If A/S activity is too great you may proceed to 033° 32', 021° 44' remaining S.W. until 0001C/7 or to 032° 51' 020° 20' remaining until 0601C/7. (S.O.S. Alexandria, 1931C/5 to TAKU) *See p.140*, Cancelled by 0940C/8, q.v.

PROTEUS From R/C of recent traffic consider Anti-Kithera channel patrol would produce results. (S.O.S. Alexandria, 1933C/5 to PROTEUS).

H.Q. Move to Alexandria. C. in C. Med., Fleet and Operational staff and certain administrative units will move from Ismailia and take up H.Q. at Alexandria on Saturday 8/8. Communications arrangements following. (C. in C. Med., 2001C/5 to Med., Stn. (R) Admty etc).

Black Sea. Situation report.
2. Right wing of enemy Caucasus drive still between Azov and Yeisk. In centre Voroshilovsk is almost certainly in enemy hands and he is now concentrating round Avir.
4. No early prospect of enemy drive being stopped.
(N.L.O. Black Sea, 2025C/5 to Admty, Adm. Miles).

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East Indies.

"Q" Report 4/8. My 1258 G.M.T/4 QQQQ suspicious vessel last seen 013° 53' S. 064° 37' E. heading westward, estimated tonnage 10,000 tons, flush deck type with raised forecastle, has cruiser stern, 2 masts, one funnel, upper works are painted grey. (?EVVIVA, 0315 G.M.T/5 to Colombo W/T.)
W.R. Note ?1228/4 intended.
W.D. Note.- N.T. of 1228/4 in W.D., but Colombo W/T 1530/4 refers, suspicious ships sighted by MALANCHA.

Fighter Aircraft Control. Admty. 1206/28. Aircraft carrier temporary memoranda No.6 forwarded about 12/7 gives full details. Following is summary.

1. One carrier normally keeps deck clear and operates fighter umbrella and searches.
2. Remaining carriers range available fighters and supplement umbrella temporarily if decks are required for ranging or landing on.
3. R.A.A. E.F. circulates fighter readiness and directions through a controlling directing officer who maintains R/T touch with all Fleet directing officers on separate frequency using special code.
4. Carriers normally direct own fighters on own frequency.
5. Controlling officer allocates targets and controls size and employment of forces.
6. The number of separate fighter units must be restricted to avoid confusion on R.D.F. plot and fighter sections must keep well closed up. This is very much emphasized by the present poor results of I F F.
7. Whenever possible a flight is kept back as umbrella while an interception is in progress.
8. When large fighter force returns it might be necessary to keep those with most fuel and ammunition as an umbrella while remainder land.
9. A low umbrella directed by R/T from R.D.F. or visual detection affords best defence against low flying aircraft. Visual direction is done by a fighter direction officer stationed on the A D P passing instructions to the aircraft through the fighter direction officer. This has been found preferable to establishing separate microphones on A D P with consequent divided control and extraneous noise.

(C. in C. E.F. 0434Z/5 to Admty. (R) C. in C. H.F. F.O.2nd in C., H.F., R.A.A. E.F., R.A.A. H. Fleet.)

KARMOY. OKSOY. Your 0721/3. (KARMOY and OKSOY to be sailed for Persian Gulf.) Ships are completed but engine trials at present unsatisfactory. Appendix ready 12/8. (Cdre. R.I.N. 0520Z/5 to F.O.C.R.I.N. (R) S.N.O.P.G. Admty.)

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MADRONO. Your 1505/3rd (Have you any news of MADRONO due Abadan) Not yet.
(N.C.S.O. Abadan 0705Z/5 to Admty.)

PETRONELLA. Your 1002/4. 1. The loan of PETRONELLA is much appreciated and in order to ensure quick release if required by C. in C. Netherlands Forces in the East it is considered that allocation to Bombay is preferable. 2. Request you will sail her as soon as possible for Bombay for use by Commodore R.I.N. as Harbour Oiler.
(D. C. in C. E.F. 0826Z/5 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East, S.N.O.P.G., Cdre R.I.N. Admty.)

Sighting of Force A. 1/8. My 0639Z/30. (0639/3 intended re possible sighting of Force A by aircraft) Definitely confirmed that no Catalina was in this vicinity at 0600Z/1.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0950Z/5 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

Gunnery School. Ref. Admty 1020/1/7. Re Establishing a D.E.M.S. Gunnery School at Bombay. Proposals.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 1130Z/5 to Admty. (R) D.E.M.S. Bombay.)

Ceylon movements. Summary No.10 of 5/8. Ref. Summary No.8. 6. WILLEM VANDERZAAN escorting U.14 arrived Colombo 2/8. Summary No.9. 3. HINDUSTAN and MARGUERITE returned Colombo 4/8 and 5/8 respectively from Trinco. Summary No.10. 1. SHOREHAM left Addu Atoll 4/8 due Colombo 6/8. 2. SCOUT, SONAVATI left Vizagapatam 5/8 escorting convoy C.J.2 to Madras due 7th, thence to Trinco due 9/8, SONAVATI thence to Colombo. 3. SUTLEJ left Seychelles 3/8 escorting TAIPING to Addu Atoll due 7/8 thence to Colombo. 4. JUMNA, ASTER, left Madras 3/8 escorting Convoy J.C.4 to Vizagapatam due 5/8 thence Calcutta due 7/8. 5. CLIVE left Bombay 1/8 escorting convoys B.P.50 and F.J. (B.A) 30 in focal area thence returning Karachi. 6. PUNJAB leaves Bombay 9/8 escorting convoy B.P.51 in focal area.
(F.O. Ceylon 1155Z/5 to Admty., D.C. in C. E.F., Com R.I.N.)

Raider situation 2/8. Raider E. Believed to have sunk or captured GENOTA about 7/5 and NANKIN on 10/5, HERBORG and OLIVIA between 14th and 18/6, INDUS on 20/7 all in locality of 025° to 027° S. 082° to 090° E. Japanese raiders or submarine supply ship sank ELYSIA on 5/6 in 027° 33' S. 037° 05' E. Japanese raider or raider E captured HAURAKI on 12/7, in 017° 32' S. 080° 25' E. Raiders H and J in South Atlantic.
(D. C. in C. E.F. 1158Z/5 to E.I. Stn. Admty. etc.)

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U.S. Forces. A.M. 1635/29. Following changes in disposition of U.S. Forces in Pacific. PENNSYLVANIA, TENNESSEE, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, NEW MEXICO, COLORADO, MARYLAND at sea. LONG ISLAND left Pearl Harbour 3/8. SAN FRANCISCO at Suva. RALEIGH at Pearl Harbour. RICHMOND on patrol S.E. Pacific. (D.O.D.(F) 1305B/5 to C. in C. E.F., N.Z.N.B., A.C.N.B., N.S.H.Q.)

See also p. 149 for Atlantic

KIYOKAWA MARU. A.981 5/8. Allied Air H.Q. S.W. Pacific Signal A.1 532/11/7 (Re information KIYOKAWA MARU as seaplane carrier). Reliable information now available KIYOKAWA MARU at present engaged in commerce Japan/Chile. (A.H.Q. India 1341/5.) *See p 113*

N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez. Subject to his concurrence, Rear Adml. J.H.K. Clegg, O.B.E. is appointed IRONCLAD additional 7.8.42, and IRONCLAD as N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez vice Turner in the rank of Captain, temporarily, date to be reported. He should proceed to Madagascar by air. Request Adml. Clegg may be informed accordingly. Other arrangements are to be made for Selection Board. (Naval Secretary 1446B/5 to C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Unwilling to accept. (C.C.S.A. 1030/9 - page 262)

Movements. Arrivals ^{Kilindini} a.m. 5/8 ENTERPRISE, ALBATROSS, GRIFFIN, p.m. 5/8 JASMINE, BUSHWOOD. Departure p.m. 5/8 ENTERPRISE. (F.O.E.A. & Z. 1501Z/5 to Admty.)

SWIFTSURE, "Q" Report. Following has been read. Received 1225Z/5. QQQQ 2° 34' S. 51° 49' E. SWIFTSURE, suspicious vessel closing in 1212 G.M.T/5. (Mombasa Radio, T.O.R. 1641/5.)

Intelligence Organisation. Far Eastern Combined Intelligence Bureaux which includes Far Eastern Security Section is now defunct. Post of Chief of Intelligence staff, short title C.O.I.S.E.F. been established. This officer, of Captains rank, if on the staff of C. in C. E.F., his H.Q. are at Kilindini, telegraphic address "Ambitions, Kilindini" and he will be in charge of all Naval Intelligence matters in Eastern Fleet area. (2) Requested that all information concerning enemy activity in Far East may be repeated to C.O.I.S.E.F. (3) A small operational intelligence centre is operating under direction of S.O.(I) Colombo who will be responsible to F.O. Ceylon for all intelligence which may affect Ceylon. It is requested that all such intelligence may be repeated to S.O.(I) Colombo. F.O. Ceylon will keep C. in C. Ceylon fully informed. (4) S.O.(I) Colombo will continue to compile and issue station intelligence report in accordance with C.B.3000. (C. in C. E.F. 1740Z/5 to E.F. etc.)

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China.

THRACIAN
repaired.

0459. 065748 Cypher 4/8 1942. For G.S.1 (e)
Pass Naval authorities report from Ride that
destroyer THRACIAN abandoned Hong Kong now
repaired by Japanese and sailed from Hong Kong.
(M.A. China 0935/5 to C. in C. India (R) W.O.)

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O.N.117.D/F at 2045Z/4 indicates U-Boat in your vicinity which may have reported you.
(D.D.I.C. 0021B/5 to Escorts O.N.117. (R)
Cominch. N.S.H.Q. C.T.G. 24.7. C. in C. W.A.)U/B
Assessments.

Cominch 0101/5. See U/Boat Campaign.

U/B.

U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 2156/4, ENIGMA 20 groups. At 2249Z/4 ENIGMA 25 groups. At 2149Z/4 short type transmission not a sighting report.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 0147Z/5 to C.T.U.24.1.14. (R)
C.T.U.24.1.11. C.T.24. C. in C. A. Fleet. C.O.A.C.
Admty. N.S.H.Q.)BARBACENA
(sunk
28/7.)

Following is a repetition of my 1622/30. (N.T. in W.R.) Addressed to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.I. Kingston From F.O.I.C. Trinidad. (Begins) SS. BARBACENA (Braz.) torpedoed and sunk 0535Z/28 in approx. 13.10 N 56° W. Total crew 62. 4 boats got away, one containing 1st Officer and 13 men picked up by SAN FABIAN and one containing 2nd officer and 9 men picked up by ELMDALE landed Trinidad today 1622/30. (Ends.) (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 0226Q/5 to Admty.)

Movement
O.N.115.
O.N.116.
EMPIRE
OCEAN. ~~115~~ 150St. Johns N.F. 4/8/1942 arrival GEORGIAN, MALPEQUE, escorting L.C.34 from Sydney C.B. GALT ex O.N.115 with survivors from SS. BELGIAN SOLDIER. Departure BURNHAM, BROADWAY, DRUMHELLER, BRANDON, DAUPHIN, POLYANTHUS to HX.201. ST.FRANCIS to augment escort of O.N.115. MALPEQUE, Fairmile Q.060 to screen EMPIRE OCEAN in tow FOUNDATION FRANKLIN. WANDERER to augment escort O.N.116. ¹⁵¹
(C.C.N.F. 0301Z/5 to Admty.)

BYMS.

Can information be given as to when Jamaica will be ready for working up BYMS.
(2) Unless sent to Trinidad vide my 2215/28/7, 5 ships could be available at Jamaica latter part of September, thereafter in twos and threes at intervals of a week or ten days.
(3) All ships are fitted for sweeping moored, magnetic and acoustic mines.
(B.A.D. 0329Z/5 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Capt. I/C Jamaica. F.O.I.C. Trinidad. R.A.W.A.F. Admty.)

BUXTON.

Your 0012Z/5. (N.T. in W.D.) Regret have not sufficient fuel remaining to join ECHO (? U.S.) My position is 050° 35' N 044° 48' W. E.T.A. St. Johns, N.F. 0700Z/6.
(BUXTON 0559Z/5 to N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. (R)
C.T.U.24.1.14. WANDERER, Admty. C. in C. U.S. Fleet.
N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C.)

/ROODE ZEE...

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ROODE ZEE Sailed Tug ROODE ZEE to tow in abandoned tanker
tanker tow. in 011° 14' N 056° 08' W.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 0602Q/5 to C.C.S.F. S.B.N.O.
W.A. (R) Admty. S.O.I. Kingston, Jamaica, N.O.B.
Trinidad.)

U/B. U-Boat by D/G has made a sighting report of a
convoy or important unit 0335Z/5.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 0631/5 to C.T.U.24.18.3. (R)
C.T.U.24.18.6. C.T.24. N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C.
Atlantic Fleet. C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F.)
My 0631Z/5 best estimated position from final bearing 050° N
045° W.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 0707/5 to C.T.U.24.18.3. (R) C.T.U.24.18.6.
C.T.24. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) Admty. C.C.N.F. C.O.A.C.
N.S.H.Q.)

U.S. A.M. 1518/29/7. Further dispositions of U.S.
Forces. forces in Atlantic.
Battleships:- MASSACHUSETTS, TEXAS. At Norfolk.
Aircraft Carrier:- RANGER - Due Norfolk 5/8.
8" Cruiser:- AUGUSTA - Due Norfolk 5/8.
6" Cruisers:- OMAHA, JUNEAU. Left Pernambuco 30/7.
MILWAUKEE - At San Juan. MEMPHIS - At Pernambuco.
(D.O.D. (F.) 1147B/5 to C. in C. H.F. S.B.N.O. W.A. N.S.H.Q.)
in p. 146 for Pacific.

Trinidad Information received from B.R.O. Trinidad that all
Convoy ships in W.A.T. convoy are taken in Port of Spain
Signals. to await onward convoy. Chop and E.T.A. final
destination cannot be given with any accuracy
from Curacao under these conditions. Submit
Trinidad should give these separately, route
signal being repeated to him for information.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao 1151QR/5 to Admty. (R) N.C.S.O.
Trinidad.) Reply: D.T.D. 1705B/6.

U/B Gulf Guiria reported Venezuela sloop sighted submarine
of Paria. a.m. 4/8 near Soldado Gulf of Paria, painted white,
2 yellow rings on C.T.
(S.O.I. Kingston, Jam. 1201Q/5 to Admty. B.A.D.
S.B.N.O. W.A. Connav. (?Con.) 10.)

BELGIAN (1) BELGIAN SOLDIER. ex EMPIRE SELWYN.
SOLDIER (2) Belgian Gov. (3) 0205Z/3 45.52 N 47.13 W.
(torpedoed (4) Not sighted. (5) Not sighted. (6)
3/8.) Unknown. (7) Torpedoed, no confirmation of
sinking. (9) Not sighted. (10) Torpedo.
(11) Mersigs 192 A.M.S.I. and A.M.S.I. Recoding
Tables S.P.02272.
(18) (19) (20) Convoy Table left on board vessel which is
believed still afloat. Names of missing to follow in my
1225Z/5.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 1224Z/5 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

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- CHEROKEE. CHEROKEE in 45.40 N 47.12 W dense fog search unproductive results.
Am directing her return to Base. My 1455/3
(Re CHEROKEE proceeding to torpedoed vessel in O.N.115.)
(C.T.F.24. 1231/5 to F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q.)
- EMPIRE OCEAN. My 1611/4. After being refloated EMPIRE OCEAN sank whilst proceeding St. Johns.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns. N.F. 1351Z/5 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)
My 2108/4. EMPIRE OCEAN sank while in tow of FOUNDATION FRANKLIN at 0400Z/5 in position 47.01 N 52.50 W.
(F.O.N.F. 2153Z/5 to C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. C.T.F.24. Admty.)
See p. 148.
- U/B positions. S/M estimates 5/8.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1618/5.)
- M.A.R.I. Recommend Mari Section 2 para 14A be amended as follows.
(Connav 1627/5 to Admty.)
Concur: Admty. 1056Z/7.
- U/B. Following has been read: X80 V 6RRH 1 S/M
43.05 N 63.05 W.
(Halifax N.S. 1633Z/5 to Admty.)
- St. Lucia Minesweeping. My 1114Q/2 sweeping completed, Port Castries harbour re-opened, channel swept along line of leading mark (bearing 120°) from 20 fathom line 160 feet wide is considered definitely cleared. Channel is not buoyed.
(U.S. Navcom) (San Juan P.R.) 1720Q/5 to Admty.)
- NORVINN. Admty. 2133/4 to Rimini only requests news of NORVINN last reported arrived Puerto La Cruz 25th Nothing further of movements known by me.
(B.R.O. Trinidad 1723Q/5 to B.R.O. Curacao. (R) S.O.I. Jamaica, C.S.A. Puerto La Cruz. Admty.)
Reply: 1031QR/6.
- VANQUISHER. My 1323/31. Final destination of VANQUISHER in U.K. is Portsmouth.
2. If endurance permits she may be sailed direct from St. Johns calling at Plymouth for fuel and onward routeing.
3. Ship should arrive Portsmouth as near 15/8 as possible.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1820B/5 to C.O.A.C. Halifax. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth. C. in C. Portsmouth. N.S.H.Q. F.O. N.F. Commodore, Londonderry. A.S. Portsmouth.)
Reply: C.O.A.C. 1946Z/6.

/CLAN...

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CLAN
MACNAUGHTON. SS. CLAN MACNAUGHTON (British) from Freetown to New York via Trinidad torpedoed and sunk 1630Z/1 in 011° 54' N 054° 25' W. 3 boats away. Chief Officer 6 Europeans and 18 Lascars picked up by EMPIRE BEDE landed here today. Master in one of two other boats still adrift. Believed 4 casualties, 1 European and 3 Lascars killed. (F.O. Trinidad 1822Q/5 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.I. Jamaica. B.R.O. New York.)

TOPDALSFJORD. TOPDALSFJORD (Nor) attacked 3/8. Is being escorted to Newfoundland. (N.S.H.Q. 1834Z/5 to Admty.)

SEAWOLF. Total bombing restrictions arranged West of 035° W for 15 miles ahead and astern and 10 miles on either beam of SEAWOLF's position at all times. (C.C.N.F. 1841Z/5 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet. (R) C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. C.T.24. Admty. B.A.D. SEAWOLF.)

Shipping
Diversion
Signals. Your 1540/4. So far as is known diversion signals made by Connav are passed N.S.H.Q. by teleprinter only when re-transmission to a ship in V.A.M.S. area 2 A is desired. If, therefore, N.S.H.Q. is to pass Connav diversions to C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A. and F.O.C.N.A., it would appear necessary to have N.S.H.Q. included in addressees of all such signals. Presume you will arrange. (N.S.H.Q. 1849Z/5 to Admty.)

PIAVE
(torpedoed
28/7.) Tobago reports 16 survivors from SS. PIAVE (Braz.) Rara to Caripito torpedoed 28/7 in 12° 30' N 55° 49' W landed Tobago. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1852Q/5 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.I. Jamaica.)

O.N.116.
O.N.117. Cancel my 0235Z/5 not to T.U. 24.18.5. Is is necessary to exchange Western Local Escorts of O.N.116 and O.N.117. Western Local Escort Task Unit 24.18.5. LINCOLN (S.O.) BARRIE, MATAPEDIA, will join in vicinity 045° 01' N 049° 40' W at 0400Z/7.

MOOSEJAW now at sea has been ordered to join forthwith and should join before dark 6/8.

WANDERER sailed St. Johns N.F. at 0300Z/5 to join. *S. P. 148.*

WOODSTOCK joining from Halifax but detaching to arrive St. Johns N.F. A.M./8 in order to join T.U. 24.18.6. (F.O.N.F. 1927Z/5 to C.T.U. 24.1.14. (R) C.O.A.C. C.T.24. Admty. Connav. C.T.U. 24.18.6. C.T.U. 24.18.5. N.S.H.Q.)

PEDERNALES
salvaged. My 2329/5/5 re PEDERNALES, ship now salvaged. Sailed Aruba and arrived Curacao 30/7. (N.S.H.Q. 1939Z/5 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A.)

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Boundary.

J.S.M. 336. See Australia.

AQUITANIA.

My 2133/1.. Do you concur?
(B.A.D. 2113Z/5 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.
R.A.W.A.)S/M attack
and
sighting
summary.

DONOVANIA 3 torpedo hits, surface craft attacks
propeller sound contact 42.26 N 68.51 W at 2120Z/
15/6. Attack at 2030Z/15/6 was reported in my
272330/6 possibly damaged. Surface craft sights
C/T 35.07 N 75.22 W 1230Z/27/6, silver painted
C/T, top encircled with yellow ring. Surface
craft attacks sound contact 63.20 N 24.30 W
0935Z/8/7 doubtful. 58.30 N 22.55 W 1630Z/9/7 doubtful. 27.19 N
64.24 W 1550Z/16. 39.12 N 74.27 W 1755Z/16 doubtful. Also
1427Z/17 approx. same position. Surface craft attacks propeller
sound contact 34.52 N 75.43 W 1955Z/8. Surface craft attacks
sub 35.40 N 74.49 W 13/7. Surface craft sights sub 31.48 N 79.43
W 1922Z/4/8. Surface craft attacks sub contact 38.41 N 74.25 W
2150Z/4. Plane sights sub on surface 37.43 N 72.30 W 1958Z/4.
23.41 N 81.54 W 1422Z/5 course 300. Plane attacks sub 63 N 33.50
W 1452Z/4. Subs reported 12.10 N 63.32 W 0030Z/5, 21.09 N 75.48 W
1730Z/5. 17.10 N 62 W 1100Z/5. sub sighted surface 23.25 N
82.05 W 1300Z/5. course 120°.
Connaveu 2114/5 to Admty for O.I.C.)

U/B.

Ship in convoy sighting periscope at 2030Z, 045°
16' N 059° 19' W.
(C.T.U. 24.18.8 2155Z/5 as amended 2224Z/5 to
C.O.A.C. C.T.F.24. (R) Connav. Admty. C. in C.
W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C.T.G.24.7.)

HINDANGER.

Have intercepted HINDANGER (NS) (Norwegian)
B N W L (? in) Z H X 201 at 0944/5 bound from
Halifax to Liverpool. Am escorting him to St.
Johns N.F. unless other orders are received.
(? P.C.S.) 048° 50' N 049° (? 33') W 239° 12. E.T.A. 1045Z/6.
(BUXTON 2230Z/5 to Connav. (R) C.O.A.C. C.T.F.24. C.T.G. 24.7.
Admty. C. in C. W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F.)

U/B.

AAA S/M attack 52.43 N 43.23 W at 1718 G.M.T./5.
(Halifax W/T 2308Z/5.)

A.H.1.

Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 2355Z/5 to N.S.H.Q. Admty. (R)
Connav. C.A.F.A.C.)

U/B.

Periscope sighted at 2030Z/5 in 045° 16' N 059°
19' W.
(C.O.A.C. 2359Z/5 to Admty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand.

BISHOPDALE
mined.

BISHOPDALE, R.F.A. oiler, struck a mine at 4.15 a.m. on 5/8 while leaving port in Australian waters and sustained extensive damage below the waterline on port side. No casualties, and ship returned to port.
(D.O.R., 1083, no signal in W.D.)

Situation.

Digest serial No. 195, 4/8.

- M/V KATOOMBA chased and shelled by enemy S/M between 0850Z/4 and 1320Z/4 last reported position 36° 50' S., 124° 25' E.
2. Indications enemy unit 22° S., 154° E., at 0457Z/4.
 3. Analysis photographs Kavieng Area 2/8 shows 4 probable cruisers 1 gunboat 1 destroyer 1 large M/V. My serial 193 para. 10 refers.
 4. Photographs 29/7 show 1 TONAN MARU class whaling vessel in Rabaul harbour carrying approx. 21 single engined aircraft on deck.
 5. Air R/C Banda Is. 5/8 negative.
 6. Landing reported N.W. Coast Malaita (Serial 191 para. 5) evidently intended only for R/C and foraging. Reported 1/8 enemy post established near Cape Astrolabe (Malaita).
 7. Movement small vessels escorted by aircraft reported between Visale (Northern Tip Guadalcanal) and Cape Hunter (West Coast Guadalcanal) during night 1/2.
 8. Reliably reported 66 Japanese now at Kieta. Gun established near Government jetty.
 9. Nauru reconnoitred and later machine gunned by enemy aircraft 3/8.
 10. Allied aircraft engaged 4 Zeros near Milne Bay (Eastern end New Guinea) no details available.
 11. Large unidentified 1 funnelled vessel reported in 18° 40' S. 121° 45' E., at 0605Z/4 course North.
(G.H.Q., SW.P.A., 0631Z/5 to Admty etc).

→ KATOOMBA
(shelled by
U/B)

SS. KATOOMBA at present en route from Fremantle to Adelaide shelled by S/M 1100Z/4 in 036° 53' S. 123° 34' E., and at 1315Z/4 in 036° 50' S. 124° 25' E.
(A.C.N.B., 0724Z/5 to Admty etc).

Pacific
Areas.

J.S.M. 336. We are informed that as from 1/8/1942 boundary between S.W. Pacific area and S. Pacific area is longitude 159° E., from the equator southward.
(J.S.M., T.O.O. 2045Z/5 to C.O.S.)

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Wednesday.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1432B/5).

Submarines Attacked.

Assessments. Your 1837B/30/7 to N.S.H.Q., Concur in principle. Suggest attacks made by Eastbound Trans-Atlantic Escort Groups be reported to and assessed by Admiralty and Westbound Escort attacks reported to and assessed by C. in C. U.S. Fleet with mutual exchange of information. This in effort to expedite action and early dissemination of lessons learned.
(Cominch, 0101/5 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q., Comnavcu).
Reply: Admty 1327B/8.

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6.8.1942.
Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

55 aircraft laid 198 mines last night in Biscay ports and north-west Germany.

Operation
S.N.16G.

ADVENTURE sailed this afternoon from Port ZA to carry out this operation.

South Atlantic.

Routeing
of
Shipping.

The Admiralty today pointed out to R.A. West Africa that the present system of wide dispersion of ships bound for Freetown has the effect of routeing ships through areas in which U-Boats and raiders are now operating. It appears that at present neither of these are anxious to approach the coast and it is considered therefore that the best policy at the moment is to route shipping closer in to the coast, making maximum use of such air cover as can be provided from Freetown, Takoradi and Lagos. Efforts are being made to increase the number of aircraft available. It is intended to start convoy between Freetown and the vicinity of Pointe Noire as soon as the necessary forces can be made available.

R.A. West Africa proposes that arrangements should be made for aircraft on ferry from U.S.A. to West Africa direct and via Ascension, to report possible raiders in the same manner as they at present report submarines sighted on passage.

Mediterranean.

Further air attacks were made last night on barges off Sidi Barrani.

5 Halifaxes and 60 Wellingtons again attacked Tobruk last night and claim 2 possible hits on ships. This evening Liberators bombed the harbour and a 10,000 ton ship is reported to have been set on fire.

Matruh was bombed by 5 Albacores last night and 5 Bostons at dawn today.

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.East Indies.

F.O.I.C. Ceylon reports that preliminary investigations indicate the probability that the reports that SS. BLACKHEATH and STEEL TRAVELLER were attacked by submarines off the Coromandel coast on 29/7 are erroneous and arose from a mutual sighting in bad visibility.

INDUS.
capture
after
W/T report.

It appears that SS. INDUS reported at 0700/10/7 sighting 2 Japanese vessels with white cross and Japanese flag on their sides in 20° 10' S 74° 11' E. Possibly the breaking of W/T silence by INDUS to report these repatriation ships was responsible for her sinking or capture. D.C. in C. E.F., to avoid a similar incident, suggests that Admty. through the B.A.M.S. organisation should inform all merchant shipping who may be affected of the movements and descriptions of repatriation ships.

America and West Indies.

U-Boat ^{*}U-210
sunk by
escort of
S.C.94.

* See 15/8 p.495

R.C.N. destroyer ASSINIBOINE, escorting S.C.94, rammed and sunk a U-Boat in 54.29 N 39.20 W about 650 miles N.E. of Cape Race, at 1914Z. 36 38 ¹⁵⁰ prisoners were taken. ASSINIBOINE was damaged and is returning to St. Johns N.F.

Australia.

M.V. MAMUTU, was attacked and probably sunk by U/B at 1500Z in 09.11 S 144.12 E. 180' W.N.W. of Port Moresby.

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Thursday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

BERMUDA. When ready for service BERMUDA is to join the Home Fleet in the Tenth Cruiser Squadron.
(1st. S.L. 1722B/6 to C. in C. H.F.)

Movements.

CHIDDINGFOLD. ^{/N.T. in W.D.} Your 1900/5. Request CHIDDINGFOLD may be sailed to arrive Sheerness about 1400/10. If ship is fitted with S A gear speed 20 knots should be used for whole of passage, if gear not fitted or out of order speed should be 20 knots to 51 Buoy thence 12 knots to Sheerness. Ship should be routed by A.M.Q.Z. S 277 and 287.
(C. in C. Nore 1102B/6 to A.C.O.S.)

LIVERPOOL. F.O.C.N.A. 1922/29. Onward route from (D) to (E)
048° N 017° 51' W.
(F) 053° 02' N 016° 03' W.
(G) 180° Barra Head 10 miles, thence via Minches to destination.
(C. in C. W.A. 1153B/6 to LIVERPOOL.)

23rd. Request 23rd. M.L. Flotilla be sailed to arrive
M.L.F. Portsmouth by 14/8.
(D.D.O.D. (C.) 1344B/6 to C. in C. W.A.)

Four Request four "C" Type M.G.Bs. be sailed to arrive
M.G.Bs. Portsmouth by 15/8.
(DD.O.D.(C.) 1346B/6 to C. in C. Nore.)

UNIQUE. Intend to sail UNIQUE escorted by JASPER leaving
Plymouth 0900/7 to R/V with WHITE BEAR off
Falmouth. Thence UNIQUE and WHITE BEAR to Holy
Loch.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1721B/6 and 1845/6.)

PETUNIA. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail PETUNIA when
117th. ready to Tobermory for short work up.
M.L.F. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange for her to
escort 117th M.L. Flotilla to Freetown leaving
U.K. about 18/8.

R.A.W.Af.'s 1141/29. It is estimated that
PETUNIA should arrive Freetown about 7/9.

(D.O.D. (H.) 1834B/6.)

A.M. 1914/4. In order that No.117 H.D.M.L. Flotilla may carry out station keeping and other exercises on passage request that they may be sailed to Milford Haven independently observing that they are required to leave 18/8 and that no other time is available for these practices.

(D.O.D. (H.) 1930B/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth, C. in C. Plymouth)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements - Contd.

SCYLLA. Your 1821/5. SCYLLA has had extremely strenuous and efficient work up. I consider it most desirable that SCYLLA should stay at Clyde long enough to give nights leave to each watch after arrival Greenock 0700/9.
(C. in C. H.F. 1928B/6 to Admty.)

→ P.51. (1) Intend to sail P.51 escorted by LOCH MONTEITH at 2330B/7 for Scapa by usual route, E.T.A. 1158B/8.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 2243B/6.)

Operations.

Western Channel Patrol. Your 1811/5. "Obstacle" returned to harbour. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0644/6 to C. in C. Plymouth)

East Coast Patrols. Southend arrival from No.2 patrol. BERKELEY. (N.C.S.O. Thames 1002B/6.)
Weather permitting carry out following offensive sweeps tonight.
(1) One combined Unit M.T.Bs and M.G.Bs. vicinity R.B.5 to R.B.4. Patrol to be approached by

Northern route.
(2) One unit M.G.Bs vicinity R.B.1. Unit not to proceed west of 2° 25' E. unless in action with the enemy. Unit to be sailed to arrive on patrol at same time as the combined unit.
(C. in C. Nore 1140B/6 to BEEHIVE.)
Departures M.G.Bs 63, 64 and 60.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 2100B/6.)

Faeroes. M.L. anti U-Boat Patrol from 2200/6 until 1200/7. (A.C.O.S. 1235/6.) See U-Boats.

Norway Coastal S/M Patrol. (1) Leave patrol p.m. 8th and proceed on surface at C.Os. discretion through 090° Muckle Flugga 10 miles to Lerwick adjusting speeds to make your E.T.A. as follows: P.51. 0900A/9.
→ P.51. P.247. 1500A/9.

(2) Total bombing restrictions will be arranged for whole passage.
(Capt. S.9. 1137B/6 to P.51 and P.247.)

My 1748/4. Recall P.51 to Lerwick forthwith for onward passage as soon as possible to Scapa for docking and examination.
(F.O.S. 1654B/6 to Capt. S.9.)

→ Return to Lerwick forthwith through 91° Muckle Flugga 9 miles.
(Capt. S.9. 1745B/6 to P.51.)

Iceland. TANGO, KIRKELLA on patrol approx. 25 to 100 miles S.W. of Reykjanes.
(A.C.I.C. 1401B/6.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - Contd.

> Cap
Barfleur. Tonight M.T.Bs. 232, 237, 241, 233 patrolling S.E. of Cap Barfleur.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1407B/6.)

Channel
Patrols. 13th M/S.F. one M.G.B. one M.L. and PRINCE ALBERT exercising between Portland and Saint Albans Head. Limit southward 050° 22' N.
NORLAND and 2 Chasers patrolling at E A 5 Buoy.
→ M.T.Bs. 232, 237, 241, 233 patrolling to the southward.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1543/6.)

Dover
Patrols. M.Ls. 220 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and N.E. Spit Buoys. E.T.D. 2235, E.T.R. 0545/7.
Trawlers ALEXANDRITE and ANDRADITE two miles south of 'D' Buoy.
M.Ls. 137 and 140 two miles south of 'C' One Buoy.
M.T.Bs. 44, 45, 48 and M.G.Bs. 330, 331 and 329 patrolling at N.E. Varne, E.T.D. 2230, E.T.R. 0400/7.
(V.A. Dover 1836B/6.)

British Air Activity.

Fighter
protection. (a) Two S/MS escorted by ex-Dutch Torpedo Boat.
(b) 2200B/8 to 1500B/11. (c) IV. (d) leave Rothersey 2200B/8th Aug. via searched channel and Sounds Islay and Mull to Tobermory. E.T.A. 1900B/9. Thence one S/M and escort proceed through Minches and Pentland Firth to Dundee, E.T.A. 1500B/11.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0754B/6 and 1237B/6 to 13, 82 Groups, H.Q.F.C.)

Own A/C
shot down. KEPPEL's 1620/5. Call at Londonderry on return.
(C. in C. W.A. 1446B/6 to SALISBURY.)

"Knocker"
Nil.
(Reykjavik 1515Z/6 to Air Ministry.)

Bombing
restrictions. H.Q.C.C. is requested to arrange total bombing restrictions for 25 miles on either side of line between 061° 29' N 000° 01' E and 060° 05' N 000° 59' W from forthwith until further notice.
(Capt. S.9. 1745B/6 to P.51. (R) H.Q.C.C.)
A 194 6/8 cancel bombing restrictions instituted by my 1950/1.
(H.Q.F.C. 2150B/6 to 10 Group.)

Night
Fighter
A/C.
Markings. A.M.O. A.664/42. Night fighter A/C are being modified to conform to the colour scheme of day fighter A/C on the upper surfaces.
2. Colouring and markings will be as follows.
Details.
3. The types of A/C affected are the night fighter versions of the Mosquito, Beaufighter, Boston, Havoc, Hurricane, and Typhoon.
(Air Ministry 1756/6.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Activity - Contd.819 and
811 Sqdns.

It would be much appreciated if operational employment of 819 and 811 Squadrons could be confined mainly to "Gardening" unless a particularly suitable night torpedo target should present itself.

The future movements of these Squadrons has not been settled at present and it is hoped the night flying and operational experience gained on this work will complete and benefit this training.

(R.A.N.A.S. 2049B/6 to H.Q.C.C.)

Enemy Air Activity.Convoy
R.U.34.

Your were probably reported by enemy A/C at 0705B/6.

(D.D.I.C. 0952B/6 to Escorts R.U.34.)

Mining.

S.N.16G.

Sailed ADVENTURE.
(TRELAWNEY 1412/6.)

Beachy
Head
sweep.

Further area swept 100% to latitude 50° 42' 40". Mines detonated as follows - 1 in 117° Beachy Head 5.6. miles. 1 in 104° Beachy Head 6.5 miles. 2 in 104° Beachy Head 5.8 miles. 1 Sweep parted on obstruction in 102° Beachy Head 6.8 miles.

Propose leaving Newhaven at 0700 tomorrow to complete the area by 1230 returning then to Portsmouth via Looe Channel, E.T.A. Outer Spit Buoy 1830. Speed 10 knots. Request fighter cover for 4 Fleet Sweepers and 2 Trawlers from 0700 to 1800.

(S.O. 9 M/S.F. 1850/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.Channel
Islands.

D/F bearings at 1427Z indicate unidentified enemy surface vessel in position about 49° 15' N 2° 30' W.
(D.D.I.C. 1726B/6 to C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boats.U-Boat
attacked
on 4/8.

Air search in your area has been abandoned due to weather. If not in contact you should return to Hvalfiord at 1200Z today, carrying out anti S/M sweep.
(1 C.S. 1214B/6 to Cdr. U.S. 19th Dest. Division.)

U-Boat
attacked.

Enemy S/M sighted and unsuccessfully attacked by A/C at 0700/6 in 64° 50' N 00° 35' W, course 210° 10 knots. Considered to be on passage to Atlantic and likely to make landfall in Faeroes.
Weather permitting establish and M.L. patrol on a

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats.U-Boat
attacked.
Contd.

line 330° from Fuglo distant from 5 to 45 miles from 2200/6 until 1200/7. Coastal Command A/C will be co-operating. M.Ls keep W/T watch on 3215 k/cs shifting to 1570 k/cs at every half hour for 5 mins. From 0900/7 6000 k/cs W/T instead of 3215 k/cs.
(A.C.O.S. 1235/6 to N.O.I.C. Faeroes.)

U-Boats
reported.

Am over enemy S/M in 47° 29' N 9° 19' W. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. (A/C T.29 1747/6.)
Following received by V/S from Motor Vessel AMSTELSTROOM. Begins Have seen submarine 062° 10' N 017° 59' W at 1400 G.M.T. disappear heading S.E. ends.
(VISENDA 2345B/6 to A.C.O.S.)

Navigational.

Harwich.

52 Buoy reported extinguished.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 0921B/6 and 1509B/6.)

Casualties and Defects.M.G.B.
317.

Returned to harbour with defective engines.
(HORNET 1558/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

MARIE
LOUISE.

^{INT. W.D.}
My 0641/6. MARIE LOUISE returned in tow with boiler trouble.
(N.O.I.C. Aultbea 1837B/6 to R.N.O. Ayr.)

CHESTERFIELD.

CHESTERFIELD delayed by defect. Request RIPLEY remain with B 7.
(C. in C. W.A. 1951Z/6 to C.T.U.24.)

Shipping and Convoys.

D.S.31.

A.M. 2226/28. Amend para 3 for ANCON read BATORY. BATORY is urgently required for further service on arrival in U.K. Minimum equipment and baggage only is to be loaded and sailing of S.D.31 expedited all possible.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1241B/6 to A.C.I.C.)

P.W.200.
HARTLAND.

My 1052/3. HARTLAND delayed owing to Hedgehog ammunition boxes being wrong size. Intend sailing as additional escort to P.W.200 to Milford Haven thence independently to Moville, E.T.A. daylight 13th.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth 1456B/6 and 1824B/6 to Cdre. Londonderry.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

- LETITIA. Intend sailing LETITIA at 2330/6 for Halifax.
Route.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 1658B/6 and 1855B/6 to Admty.)
- Cape Cod Canal. Cancel para 2 of my 1530/8/7. C. Cod Canal is now open.
(D.T.D. 1733B/6.)
- A.T.18. Convoy A.T.18 carrying troops and service
N.A.14. personnel for Iceland (C) and the U.K. will sail from New York and Boston on 6/8.
Convoy N.A.14 will join company from Halifax N.S. sailing 9/8.
2. Destination of ships is as follows.
(A) Clyde. ARGENTIA, WAKEFIELD, MONTEREY and CAMERONIA.
(B) Liverpool. WEST POINT, ANDES, ORCADES and CAPETOWN CASTLE.
(C) Avonmouth. BRAZIL.
(D) Cardiff. URAGUAY.
(E) Barry. BARRY.
(F) Reykjavik. QUEEN OF BERMUDA.
(G) Akureyri. H.F.ALEXANDER and BATORY.
3. Escort will be provided by Task Force 38 consisting of U.S. ships ARKANSAS, BROOKLYN, LIVERMORE, KEARNEY, PLUNKETT, NIBLACK, BENSON, GLEAVES, MAYO, MADISON, LANSDALE, HILARY, P.JONES, and CHARLES F.HUGHES.
4. Ships for Iceland (C) will part company and R/V with DS 31 from U.K. at 0915Z on 15/8. A.M. 2226/28 refers.
5. ARKANSAS and BROOKLYN will proceed to Clyde to await T.A.18.
6. On completion of escort duty destroyers are to proceed to Londonderry.
7. C.T.F.38 is requested to detail destroyers to escort Liverpool and Clyde portions of the convoy.
8. C. in C. W.A. is requested to detail escort for ships for Bristol Channel ports from North Channel.
10. H.Q.F.C. is requested to provide maximum fighter protection.
(D.O.D.(H) 1913B/6 to C.T.F.38, C. in C. W.A.)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

LORD HOTHAM. At daylight 6th steer alongside tankers approach route until 2300/6. Report if not met by then and return to Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0135B/6, to LORD HOTHAM (R) Admty, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE).

My P.C. and S. are 031° 13' N. 019° 46' W.
9 knots at 2300. Tanker not met. Returning to Gibraltar.
(HOTHAM, 2305/6 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty).

PARTHIAN. PARTHIAN is to alter course at 0100B/7 to pass through 120° Palos Cape 4 miles at 0300B/10 thence within 5 miles of Spanish coast keeping outside territorial waters to arrive Gibraltar 1100B/13.
(2) Bombing restrictions from Palos Cape arranged within 6 miles of Spanish coast.

(3) If unable to comply within 2 hours or if able to make a greater speed PARTHIAN is to report P.C. and S.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1138B/6, to 8 S/M Flot).

Your 1138B/6. Temporary repairs effected. My position 038° 16' 003° 01' E. making good 110 miles per 24 hours course - degrees 249.
(PARTHIAN, 2141B/6, to F.O.C.N.A.).

P..556. My 1608/3 and S.B.N.O. W.A. 2032/30/7. Proceed on surface at discretion through (G) at 1900B/11 and (H) at 1100B/14.

(2). Onward route from (H) will be signalled later.
(3). If unable to comply within 2 hours report P.C. and S.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1206B/6 to P.556, 1310B/6 to Admty etc.).

Situation Area Y 2001B/6.
Report. (1) Convoy²¹ S, Fleet Units, NIGERIA, KENYA, SOMALI, (?ASHANTI), ESKIMO, TARTAR, PATHFINDER, QUENTIN, WISHART, PENN, DERWENT, VENOMOUS, ZETLAND, MALCOLM,

WOLVERINE, AMAZON 41° 02' 20° 01' 159° 13.

(2) S.L. 117, PELICAN, MAORI, SPEY, AUBRETIA 37° 55' 26° 50' through 40° 25' 25° 15' thence 10° 7½.

(3) KEPPEL searching the vicinity of 37° 51' 23° 04' until dusk 6th thence to Gibraltar 18 knots.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1328B/6 to N.A. Station).

Area "Z" 2001B/6. (1) D.S.O. 24 24° 12' 16° 49' through 23° 10' 17° 45' thence 218° (712). On the surface.

(2) Convoy²¹ RANPURA, CATTERICK, PETARD 24° 12' (722°) 40' 175° 13½.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1402B/6). *Bombed & sunk at Muller 12/2/42. ROTHERM - 12/2/42. p.44

CANADA. French Hospital Ship CANADA will pass Straits 19/8 eastbound for Marseilles and will sail in Spanish territorial waters as far as Cape Creus.
(N.A. Madrid, 1640/6, to Admty. S.O. (I) Gibraltar).

/LLANSTEPHAN ...

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic Contd:

LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. A.M. 2250/4. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE after disembarkation at Gibraltar is required to proceed to Freetown in company with SIBAJAK.
 2. Personnel of all services awaiting passage to U.K. should be sent in H.M. Ships.
 3. Request signal proposed distribution as any ships with large numbers of passengers will have to be routed to Clyde for disembarkation.
 (D.O.D.(F) 1724B/6, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C.in C. H.F., R.A. W.Af. C.in C., W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock, R.A.D., (H.F.).)

U/B. 1 U-Boat probably (corrupt group) in 037° 30' 003° 21' east course 260°. (P.211, 1730B/6, to F.O.C.N.A.).
 My 1730B/6. Enemy speed is 14 knots. Enemy dived at 1800 chase abandoned. (P.211, 1818B/6, to F.O.C.N.A.).

French Shipping. Gibraltar 1145 armed trawler LA TOULONNAISE, ships MEDJERDA full deck cargo lorry and steam pinnace, LIPARI laden and civilian passengers, trawlers KERMARIA, KEROMAN, full, Westbound. (V.A.C., N.A., 1801B/6 to Admty, R.A. W.A.F. S.O. (I) Kingston).
 Arrival 1500 CAUDEBEC. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon, 1815/6 to M. of W.T.).

A/C report of Enemy Destroyers. Transit A/C report having sighted 1 M.E.110 at 1057B/6 in 47° 20' N. 09° 08' W. which appears to be escorting what might have been 2 destroyers proceeding on northerly course. (F.O.C.N.A., 1826Z/6 to Admty., C.in C.Plymouth.).

CÉPHÉE (French) For Greenleaves. Indications that CÉPHÉE ex FRANCOIS L.D. which arrived Casablanca, 25/7, may be leaving shortly for Japan. Telegraph urgently any details of cargo being loaded also date of sailing from Casablanca. (D.N.I., 1829B/6 to Consul General Tangier (R) B.A.D. S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

DREPANUM KAULDI. 6/8 Italian 54 (DREPANUM) in outer harbour ready for sea. Spanish KAULDI (EAFU) referred to in future as 59 expects to complete load iron ore tonight 6th. (Consul, Bilbao, 1835/6, to Admty (R) M.E.W. etc).

/H. D. M. Ls. ...

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H.D.M.Ls. A.L. M.O.D. 5034/41 and A.M. 1633B/5 Para. 2.
 (Flotilla III) H.D.M.Ls. 1121, 1123, 1132, and 1133 have been
 for G.L.) substituted for those referred to in A.L. M.O.D.
 5034/41.
 (D.D.O.D. (C) 1907B/6 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Transfer of A/T 1811/5 para. 3. Concur.
 Destroyers. (V.A.C.N.A., 1921B/6 to Admty. C.in C. W.A.,
 C.O.A.C. Halifax (R) N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

South Atlantic

Shipping Your 1216Z/3. Present system of wide dispersion
 approaching has the effect of routing ships through areas in
 Freetown, which U-Boats and raiders are now operating.
 protection. 2. It appears that at present neither are anxious
 to approach the coast, considered therefore that
 best policy at the moment is to route shipping
 closer in to the coast, making maximum use of such air cover as
 can be provided from Freetown, Takoradi and Lagos.
 3. Intended to start convoy between Freetown and vicinity of
 Pointe Noire as soon as the necessary forces can be made available,
 but in the meantime shipping will be routed within 300 miles of
 the coast between Capetown and position (A) 3° 00' S. 3° 30' E.
 thence between the coast and position (B) Equator 1° W. (C) 2° 30'
 S. 7° 30' W. (D) Equator 20° 00' W. (E) 5° N. 23° 00' W. (F) 10° N.
 26° W. Ships plying between West Africa and West Indies may omit
 position (F).
 4. Your shortage of A/C is appreciated and efforts are being made
 to augment numbers available, but considered that single line of
 approach offers better chance of ships passing undetected
 through U-Boat Patrols and facilitates provision of air cover.
 5. Concur that Freetown - Takoradi convoys should not use
 approach route in view of extra length of voyage involved.
 (D.T.D., 0047B/6 to R.A. West Africa (R) C.in C. S.A.).

AQUITANIA. Arrival 5/8.
 (N.C.S.O. Freetown, 0110Z/6, to Admty. (R) S.O. (I)
 Capetown, Comnav).
 Your 2133/1 to C.in C. S.A.
 Communication instructions issued to AQUITANIA as follows:
 Request you will pass to authorities concerned:
 (R.A.W.A., 0941Z/6, to B.A.D. (R) Admty. AQUITANIA).
 Your 2133/1. Concur para (D) confirmed.
 (C.in C. S.A., 0928B/6, to B.A.D. (R) R.A. West Africa Adty).

/COMMANDANT ...

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth Atlantic Contd:

COMMANDANT
DUBOC. Your 1451/1. Request you will detach COMMANDANT DUBOC forthwith to Duala there to await LÉOPARD so that they may carry out programme as in my 1815/29.

(D.O.D. (F), 0128B/6 to R.A. West Africa (R) C.in C. S.A.).

A.M. 0128B/6. (a) F.F.L.O. at Freetown considers it most undesirable that DUBOC should accompany F.S. LÉOPARD on her visit to Duala and Pointe Noire. C.O. of ships concurs. (b) DUBOC is now reinforcing escort of combined W.S. 21 P and A.S. 6. In view of small escort and known presence of S/MS. in vicinity propose DUBOC should remain with escort until necessary to leave so as to arrive Duala on 13/8 with F.S. LÉOPARD.

(R.A. West Africa 0935Z/6 to Admty).

No. 4526 - ref. R.A. W.A.F. A.M. 0128B/6. Presumably refers to R.A. W.A.Fs 0935Z/6. Para (b) concur.

(F.N.F.L. London, 1930B/6 to Admty).

My 0935Z/6 to Admty only. NEPAL reports destroyer unable to fuel at sea from RAPIDOL now proceeding St. Helena. DUBOC now only A/S escort with W.S. 21 P. Intend DUBOC to remain until NEPAL and D.S. TJERK HIDDES rejoin probably p.m. 10/8. DUBOC could then join F.S. LÉOPARD at Pointe Noire fuel permitting.

(R.A. West Africa, 1717Z/6 to Admty (R) C.in C. S.A. ORION, NEPAL).

Concur last para. (F.N.F.L., 1845B/7).

Your 0935/6 para. (b) approved for DUBOC to accompany W.S. 21P till detached to join LÉOPARD at Duala 13/8.

(D.O.D. (F) 2011B/6 to R.A. West Africa).

ALAUNIA.

Arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Durban 0419Z/6, to Admty (R) C.in C. S.A. etc.).

Overdue
Shipping

Your 1205Z/5. 1216/4 intended DAVID LIVINGSTONE overdue. Not understood as DAVID LIVINGSTONE did not call here.

(N.C.S.O. Durban, 0731Z/6 to S.O. (I) Freetown (R) Admty. C.in C. S.A. S.O. (I) Capetown).

RAMILLIES
WIVERN
BRILLIANT
CALEDON.

Sailed 0830Z/6. (A) RAMILLIES. (B) WIVERN. (C) BRILLIANT for Capetown by route R.5 S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. 0715, boom 0900Z/9. (2) Sailed 0929Z/6. (D) CALEDON to Simonstown by route R. 9 S. of A. 18.4 knots E.T.A. 0800Z/9. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 0930Z/6, to Admty etc.).

PASTEUR

PASTEUR sailed a.m. 6/8 personnel on board for M.E. U.S.A. Army 250 officers 3779 ORs U.S. Navy 1 officer Technicians 45 E.T.A. 0400Z/17. (D.S.T.O. Durban, 1045C/6, to S.S.T.O. Suez, (R) P.S.T.O. Egypt, F.O.R.S., Dep. C.in C.E.F. D.of S.T., P.S.T.O. Simonstown.).

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ARAMIS Your 1510B/5 report by survivor. ARAMIS states (Raider attack position of attack on evening 16/7 was 005° S. 16/7). 006° W. This corresponds to plotted position. Ship proceeded on westerly course speed unknown till again attacked and sunk on evening 17/7 in unknown position. No previous times of attacks yet received. Evidence points to 2 separate raiders operating independently also a supply ship.

(R.A. West Africa, 1056Z/6 to Admty (R) C.in C. S.A. S.O. (I) Capetown, N.O.I.C. Lagos).

A.M. 1510/5. Confirm position given in my 1235/30 as received by U.S. MICHAGAN was 05° 40' S. 00° 40' E. and that message started SSSS and continued 'hit by torpedo'.

(S.O.(I) Capetown, 1225B/6, to R.A., W.Af. (R) Admty. C.in C. S.A.).

Towing of
TEMPLE INN.

Ref: 0913/5 from B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire. Propose to send Tug EMPIRE GOBLIN or Tug EMPIRE FAIRY? now off Pointe Noire to assist FLYING KESTREL to tow TEMPLE INN to Capetown. Request your remarks.

(R.A. West Africa, 1101Z/6, to D. of S.T. (R) C.in C. S.A. Admty. N.O.I.C. Lagos B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire).

Overhaul of
D and G Class
Destroyers,
Eastern
Fleet.

Deputy C. in C. E.F. 1528/29/7. Simonstown can undertake refit of 2 destroyers 2 at a time commencing mid September with DUNCAN and another to be nominated. Estimated 7 weeks per pair concurrent with cruiser to refit.

(C.in C. S.A., 1111R/6 to Admty (R) C.in C. E.F. Dep. C.in C. E.F., Captain (D) 2.).

Durban, new
W/T Station.

My 1737/28/4. Work on stage one is being progressed on assumption that Admty accepts liability for accommodation for personnel. Postmaster General will bear responsibility for receiving station including equipment and remote control lines request covering approval for estimated cost £3,000.

(C.in C. S.A., 1134B/6 to Admty).

Situation
Report.

ROCHESTER with O.S. 35 (? 017°) (? 01') 020° 20' to 013° 55' 019° 43' thence 155° 8(¼ ?).
CHESHIRE 010° 55' 018° 10' 290° 12½ at 2000Z (? 6th).

FOLKESTONE with S.L. 118 012° 25' 017° 55' 310° 7½.

W.S. 19 Q 008° 35' 014° 50' 278° 20.

HYDRANGEA about 009° 30' 025° 50' 095° 9.

2 M.Ls off Bathurst to R/V with O.S. 35 at 1600Z/7.

(R.A. West Africa 1155Z/6 to A.I.G. 149).

/ORISSA ...

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Situation ORISSA 007° 25' 013° 50' to Robert's Port
Report. 11. SPANIARD off Monrovia to Freetown 8. KELT
Contd: 004° 59' 013° 20' to Marshall 8. KONKAN 007° 20'
017° 30' 255° 8 at 2000/6. (? LEOPARD) with
S.T. 30 005° 25' 012° 15' 130° 8. MORRIS DANCE
000° 50' 007° 45' 260° 9½. M.L. 256 and convoy 003° 05' 006°
10' to 002° 20' 007° 39' thence 290° 6. TEWERA 005° 05' 000° 55'
to Lagos 8½.
COPINSAY 005° 40' 002° (753' 05') to Lagos 8. POSTBOY and convoy
002° (755') S. 009° 50' E. to Walvis Bay 7½. CORINTHIAN 006° 25'
S. 003° 05' E. 338° 12½. *VIMY 001° 15' S. 011° 05' 162° 10½.
*BOREAS, ISLE ORONSAY I 36 C. Friendly naval unit I 35 A to N.W.
ORION with W.S. 21 P. 012° 50' S. 005° 35' 135° 12.
(R.A. West Africa, 1225Z/6 to A.I.G. 150). * See next page
+ not identified

Forcados Your 1018/4. Following received from R.O.
attack by Forcados. Raider resembling CAMEROONS, German
raider. fruit ship, 2 masts, low broad funnel, long
flush deck, no flag, no name, over 20 knots
attacked in dark. First salvo hit 400 yards 4
or 6 inch controlled fire. Accompanied by motor supply ship
3 masts with exhaust abaft mizzen. A/C packing cases on deck
presumably for housing M.T.B. Sweden mark on hull including blue
disc with yellow cross amidships. Same speed as raider. Full
report being sent by sea arriving 7/8.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 1202Z/6, to Admty).

Movements 2000Z/6 Area Q. ALCANTARA 026° 20' S. 007° E. to
Summary. St. Helena. CARADOC with Cable ship E.T.A.
Capetown a.m. 7/8. *MALAYA, *QUEEN ELIZABETH with
R.T. 1 026° 35' S. 007° 15' E. (?329°) 15½ knots
DUNCAN, HOTSPUR 027° 30' S. 008° 15' E. to Simonstown 20 knots.
COMMANDEANT DETROYAT 034° S. 026° 56' E. to Durban 12 knots. *CALEDON 032° 06'
S. 029° 55' E. to Simonstown 18.4 knots. *RAMILLIES, *WIVERN,
*BRILLIANT leaving Durban 5/8 (?for) Capetown. W.S. 19.Y. 034° S.
008° 15' W. to Rio de Janeiro 27 knots. Area S. CARNARVON CASTLE,
with ESPERANCE BAY 035° S. 033° 10' W. to Falkland Is. 13 knots.
(C.in C. S.A., 1400B/6 to S.A. Station (R) Admty).
* See next page
* Sailed - see p. 166

Reporting Organisation is at present extant whereby U.S.
raiders and Aircraft on ferry to West Africa direct and via
enemy supply ships by W/T. Ascension report S/MS sighted on passage by W/T.
No other vessels sighted are normally reported by
W/T. Consider following organisation might
assist to obtain intelligence of raiders and
enemy supply ships now working my area.

- (A) When briefed before take off ferry pilots to be given blank
areas within which no Allied shipping is expected.
(B) Pilots to note P.C.S. and details of vessels sighted within
such areas.
(C) Pilots to report accordingly to American Authorities on
landing.
(D) American Authorities to inform me by telegram of relevant
intelligence when I will inform Authorities concerned.
(E) Existing organisation whereby W/T silence is not broken by
U.S. aircraft to report warships or convoys to stand.
(R.A. West Africa 1415Z/6, to B.A.D. (R) Admty. C.in C. S.A.).

/HAVSTEN .

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth Atlantic Contd:HAVSTEN
(Norwegian)
survivors.

Argentine ship JUNCAL reports having picked up at 2200/4. 010° 25' N. 056° 32' W. 30 survivors from HAVSTEN. Will be disembarking Pernambuco 10/8 approx. U.S. Authorities advised. (N.C.S.O., Buenos Aires, 1547/6, to Admty (R) Montevideo, Pernambuco).

VIMY.

Your 1542Z/6 ^{N.T. in W.R.} acknowledged. My P.C. and S. are 000° 20' S. 011° 30' W. 340° 17 knots E.T.A. Freetown 0100Z/8. (VIMY, 1615Z/6, to R.A. West Africa).Fuelling from
RAPIDOL at
St. Helena.p. 166.

Following is a repetition of my 1646Z/6. (N.T. in W.R.), addressed General St. Helena repeated above addressees. Anticipate*BOREAS will arrive St. Helena at 1400Z/7 and that oiler RAPIDOL escorted by NEPAL, TJERK, HIDDIS, SNOWDROP will arrive St. Helena at 0001/8, all to fuel from oiler RAPIDOL (ends). (R.A. West Africa, 1647Z/6 to C. in C. S.A. Admty. NEPAL, TJERK HIDDIS, BOREAS, SNOWDROP).

Convoy
R.T.1,
BOREAS.

NEPALS 1212Z/6 not to all addressees. Request MALAYA and QUEEN ELIZABETH escorting convoy R.T.1, may be diverted in order that*BOREAS may join escort from St. Helena in 015° 00' S. 005° 00' W. at 1100Z/9. (R.A. West Africa, 1710Z/6 to C. in C. S.A. (R) QUEEN ELIZABETH, MALAYA, Admty. ORION, NEPAL, BOREAS).

Movements.

Departure 6/8 U.S. Sloop HUMBOLDTBLAZ. (R.O. Pernambuco, 1903Z/6, to Admty., (R) S.O. (I) Montevideo. Rio de Janeiro). ? HUMBOLDT Sloop and Tender intended.

GROIX
and E.Vs.

At 0815/6, Vichy M/V GROIX and two escort vessels sighted in 10° 13' N. 15° 52' W. 120° speed 3 knots. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1924Z/6, to Admty).

A/C report
of convoy.

Clipper in transit sighted following 1309/4/8. 37° 50' N. 10° 23' W. Merchant ship black with white superstructure broad white strip on funnel, course 235°. 1424/4/8 sighted what seemed to be large convoy forming S.W. tip of Madeira Island. 0900/5/8. 1M/100 miles west Bathurst. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1949Z/6, to D.N.I., S.O.I. Gibraltar).

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Mediterranean

U/B
destroyed
4/8.
U.372.

ZULU

T.L. congratulate SIKH, PRIMULA*, CROOME and TETCOTT on determination and patience displayed in destruction of a German U-Boat on 4/8/1942, after a long hunt. C.in C. Med. is requested to convey T.L. congratulations to the aircraft which took part in the hunt.
(1st S.L., 0336B/6, to SIKH, PRIMULA, CROOME, TETCOTT, C.in C. Med. (R) R.A. (D) Med. Capt. (D) 22. S.O. 11th Corvette Group).
* ZULU substituted for PRIMULA, see C.in C. Med. 1224C/7, and Admty 1857B/8.

TAKU.

My 1931/5. Postpone your move 48 hours if possible.
(S.O.S., Alexandria, 0931C/6, to TAKU (R). Greek S/M PROTEUS).
Cancelled by 0940C/8, q.v.

Enemy Units,
TRAVELLER.

At 0805 P.C. and S. 1 M/V 2 destroyers, 033° 52' 023° 26' 350° 11½ knots.
(S.O.S/Ms Alexandria, 0941C/6, to TRAVELLER, (R) Greek S/M PROTEUS).

S/M
Movements.

S/Ms are not to be attacked unless definitely identified as enemy. Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS should report her P.C. and S. as soon as possible after leaving patrol, so that other S/Ms can be routed clear of her.
(Capt. S.1, 1002C/6, to TURBULENT. Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS (R) S.O. (S) Alexandria, S/Ms on patrol).
W.D. Note:- Cancelled by 0715C/8, q.v.
My 1002/6 pass through position 034° 54' N. 030° 08' E. so as to ensure keeping clear. 201 N.C. group adjust safety route.
(Capt. S.1, 1701C/6, to TURBULENT (R) 201 N.C. G. Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS, S.O. (S) Alexandria).
Your 1002C/6. My P.C. and S. at 2100/6 034° 34' N. (?026°) 42' E. 094°, 85 miles per day.
(PAPANICOLIS (Greek Sub), 2111C/6, to Capt. 1st S.F. TURBULENT (R) Subs. on Patrol C.in C. M.F., S.O. Subs. Alexandria).

Cositrep
No. 473.

Air. Night 4/5. Wellingtons attacked convoy N.W. of Tobruk which Liberators had bombed at dusk. Smoke screen from Destroyer escort prevented observation results. Halifaxes Liberators and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour. One ship at main jetty claimed hit. Fires started on waterfront and near petrol installations. Wellingtons and Albacores bombed Matruh Harbour and landing-grounds west of Fuka. One Albacore missing. 5/8. Beaufighters attacked barges off Sidi Barrani damaging one. (C.in C. M.E., 1045/6).

/Enemy ...

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Tankers.

My 0933C/5, (N.T. in W.D.) Tankers have taken clearance papers bound for Mediterranean probably Trieste via Piraeus. May sail within next 12 hours.

(S.O. I., Istanbul No T.O.O. Recd 1628/6 to S.O.I, Med. (R) D.N.I.). War Registry for Enemy Merchant Vessels Distribution.

My 0933C/8: Tankers broke transit, awaiting orders.

(S.O.I., Istanbul, 1134C/6, to S.O.(I) Med. D.N.(I) S.O.(I) Beirut).

My 1241.C. of 6/8. Tankers sailed 1115 G.M.T. anticipate entering Aegean daybreak 7/8.

(S.O.I. Istanbul, 1512C/6, to S.O.I. Med. (R) S.O.I. Beirut and D.N.I.).

Malta Air
Report.

I. 547 C.S.R. Malta 6/8/42. Part 1. 5th 1 afternoon alert. 1007 hours. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach Malta. 1545 hours. 20 ME. 109s. RE 2001s. MC. 202s. some of which

crossed coast. **Partial** R.D.F. interference. 8 Spitfires up intercepted 15 enemy fighters 18 miles from Malta probably destroying 1 RE 2001, 1 Spitfire was damaged in combat, pilot unhurt. 2 Spitfires up cover to Minesweepers. 1700 hours. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach Malta. Night 5/6. 2133 hours. 2 Raiders. 1 dropped bombs on Malta the other on Gozo, (civilian casualties). Serious R.D.F. interference partial interference to Beaufighters and V.H.F. 2 Beaufighters up 1 chased 1 raider without results. 6th 2 alerts 0445 and 0700 hours. 8 and 4 Spitfires up to intercept raids which did not approach Malta. 0805 hours. 7 enemy aircraft possibly deliveries approached to within 25 miles of Island. No R.D.F. interference. 4 Spitfires up but did not sight. 0835 hours. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach Malta. 0941 hours. 12 plus enemy fighters including ME. 109s. approached to within 12 miles of Malta. No R.D.F. interference. 8 Spitfires airborne but enemy fighters turned back without approaching coast.

(H.Q. R.A.F., Malta, 1730/6).

PERLA.

Owing to shortage of Submarines, it was hoped to commission PERLA for operations and special duty. Detailed examination shows she would require at least 2 to 3 months refit at Port Said and possibly use of nearly whole of our remaining spare battery. In view of heavy demands on Port Said resources, propose she should be used as power station here for the present.
(S.I., 2340C/6 to C.in C. Med. (R) F.O.S.).

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East Indies.

BLACKHEATH. Preliminary investigations indicate probability
STEEL of there being no submarine present in BLACKHEATH
TRAVELLER, and STEEL TRAVELLER incident. Mutual sighting
(U/B reports occurred in bad visibility, 2 rounds fired by
29/7 off STEEL TRAVELLER at supposed submarine which caused
Coromandel BLACKHEATH to report that she was being attacked.
Coast). (F.O. Ceylon 0558Z/6 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F.
F.O.C.R.I.N., D.C. in C.E.F., F.L.O. Delhi).

Persian My 1509/4. Para. 5. For Henjam Sound (etc.) read
Gulf Bandar Abbas.
Convoys. Para. 6. Supply ship will require good distilling
plant also facilities for minor repairs to A/S
ship and accommodation for a N.O. I.C. and
staff and convoy control service staff. I
visualise a transfer of Base activities from Khor Kuwai to
Bandar Abbas, C.F. Lamash and Greenock. At present time
Bandar Abbas is as hungry and thirsty as Khor Kuwai. W/T
suitable for N.O.I.C. will be required.

(S.N.O.P.G. 0601Z/6 to D.C. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon
Cdre. R.I.N., C. in C.E.F., Cdre. in C. Aden, Admty.,
F.O.C.R.I.N., N.O.I.C. Karachi.)

Your 0953/2nd. Agree with necessity of Convoy.

(2) Your para. 3. When inward bound convoy commences, suggest
they should be joined by Bombay and Karachi portions at sea.
This appears necessary to avoid further congestions in Bombay.
(3) To implement this present B.B.M. Convoys would be abolished
and Colombo-Persian Gulf Convoy established. These would contain
all ships bound Bombay, Karachi, and Persian Gulf. Local escort
from Bombay and Karachi would bring ships for Persian Gulf
out to R/V and return with ships bound for their respective
ports. Fuel, water and supplies would be necessary at Khor
Kuwai.

(4) Your para. 8 See my 2135/6 replying to Admty. (?1634)/29.
If scheme outlined in para. 2 is accepted, only 1 or 2
additional ships could be made available immediately as
remainder would be required for local escort.

(F.O.C.R.I.N. 1037Z/6 to D.C. in C.E.F. (R) Cdre. R.I.N.
F.O.I.C. Ceylon, S.N.O. P.G., Cdre, Aden, Admty., N.O.I.C.
Karachi, C. in C.E.F.)

CITY OF Your 0604/17 to Admty, request route referred
PARIS. to in Admty. 1152/26/7 as CITY OF PARIS sails 9/8.
Repatriations. (?Cdre. R.I.N. 0608Z/6 to ?D.C. in C.E.F. (R)
Admty. etc.)
Your 0608/6, route CITY OF PARIS in accordance
with my 0604/17/7.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 2014Z/6 to Cdre., R.I.N.)

/GAMBIA.....

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TROMP.

Relieved by Neth. Cruiser TROMP in 032° 05' S.
(?) 096° E. at 0300Z/6. Course 125° Mauritius
E.T.A. p.m./11th.
(GAMBIA 1307Z/6 to D. C. in C.E.F., (R) A.C.N.B.,
C.T.F. 51, N.O.I.C. Mauritius).

Air report.

Intelligence summary No. 144 on information
received up to 1800 hours 6/8. U.S.A. Air Force
operations - L.H.I. - 3/8. In co-operation with
Chinese Army 12 P.40s. attacked Linchwan, H.E.
and incendiary bombs on target. 10 hits in City.
3 on enemy fortified positions and 1 hit on
dock. 4 fires started 1 plane machine gunned
steamer at docks. No enemy aircraft encountered.
All aircraft returned.
(A.H.Q. India 1340/6).

ATHENE
Martlets.

1. Your 1123C/3. ^{/N.T. in W.D.} Request service Martlets may
be flown to Sousse (As received, Dar es Salaam
intended?) as convenient.
2. Remaining aircraft, stores equipment and up
to 6 Officers and 20 ratings to be sent to (?Kilindini) in
ATHENE arriving Suez about 21/8.
3. Request all unserviceable airframes and engines may be
embarked in ATHENE also for shipment to Gura for repairs.
4. Remaining Officers and ratings should be sent to Kilindini as
opportunity offers.
5. Appreciated if Warrant Officer Jenkins could be sent with
personnel in ATHENE.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1421Z/6 to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. etc.)
My 1421Z/6 not to all addressees. Request you will sail
ATHENE to Kilindini routed made Madagascar.
- (2) ATHENE if (?is) required to embark unserviceable aircraft
at Kilindini proceeding thence to Suez and Massawa.
- (3) Should there be any hangar, machinery or other stores at Cape
which would if shipped allow urgent work on Nary Nairobi or
other Naval air stations to be progressed they should be embarked
in ATHENE providing this can be done without delay.
- (4) Report programme.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1428Z/6 to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty., F.O.R.S.C.A.
Comnas, N.O.I.C.E.A. & Zanzibar, C. in C.E.F, ATHENE, C. in C.
Med., R.A. (A) C.O.I.S. Kilindini?)

AMIRAL
PIERRE
(Vichy).

Following received from East Africa Command.
French Ship AMIRAL PIERRE reported leaving
Tamatave for Dakar presumably calling at
Mankara and Reunion. May have Japanese Agents
on board for disembarking Reunion.
Comment. Vessel ex Greek YIANNIS and from
previous information Master Neutral, strongly
anti British, scuttling charges placed.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1505Z/6 to C. in C.S.A.,
R.A.W.A.F. (R) C. in C.E.F., Admty.)

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KHEDIVE
ISMAIL.
FROBISHER.

Cancel my 14?4/4. n.t. ~ W.D.

1. KHEDIVE ISMAIL is to be sailed 2nd independently
2. FROBISHER is to remain at Aden for escort of 7th A/A Regiment due to embark Suez between 12th and 17/8 for Persian Gulf. My 1554/6 (group omitted) refers.

(D. C. in C.E.F., 1614Z/6 to Cdre, Aden., (R) F.O. Ceylon, C.S.4, Admty., FROBISHER, C. in C. E.F., F.O.R.S.C.A., R.A.3.)

Repatriations. Following are projected movements of British repatriation ships operating shortly on E.I. Station.

(a) ELNIL arrives Walvis Bay 21/8, Lourenco Marques 30/8. Speed 14 knots.

(b) CITY OF PARIS leaves Bombay 9/8 for Lourenco Marques speed 14 knots.

(c) CITY OF CANTERBURY leaves Melbourne 18/8 Fremantle 21/8 for Lourenco Marques 5/9, speed 15½ knots.

2. British ships will be marked as follows.

3. Routes will be signalled when known.

4. 2 Japanese ships will embark Japanese nationals at Lourenco Marques arriving about 27/8 and 7/9 respectively. Details of movements and markings will be promulgated in due course.

(D. C. in C.E.F. 1905Z/6 to E.I. Stn. (R)Admty., as amended 1328Z/7.)

INDUS,
(?position
revealed
by W/T
report).

Information now received that SS. INDUS reported at 0700/10/7 sighting 2 Japanese vessels with white cross and Japanese flag painted on their sides in 020° 10' S. 074° 11' E.

2. Possible that breaking of W/T silence by INDUS to report these repatriation ships was responsible for her sinking or capture.

3. In order to avoid a similar incident, for consideration that Admty. should through B.A.M.S. organisation inform all merchant shipping who may be affected of movements and descriptions of repatriation ships.

(D.C. in C.E.F. 1911Z/6 to Admty., (R) A.C.N.B.)

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America and West Indies.

IRISH PLANE. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa reports Eire Ship SS IRISH out of route. PLANE was 200 miles to northward of route given by N.C.S.O. Halifax. Request Eire Shipping Authorities be informed and impressed with the great importance attached to all Eire vessels keeping strictly to routes given by Allied Routeing Officers. (M. Branch 0134B/6 to N.A. Dublin (R) N.S.H.Q.)

ASCANIA. Your 1713/1st. Speed of ASCANIA reported by B.R.O. Cristobal to be 13½ knots. (B.A.D. 0343Z/6 to Admty. (R) Cominch C. and R. etc.)
 My 0343/6. U.S. authorities arranging convoy in accordance with para 2 of your 1713/1. (B.A.D. 1253Z/6 to Admty.)
 Admty. 1713B/1. Include ASCANIA next P G S 249. (Connav 1315/6 to C.P.S.F., Admty., C.O.A.C., N.S.H.Q.)
 B.A.D. Washington's 0343Z/6 and A.M. 1713B/1. Request ASCANIA may be sailed to Halifax in P.G.T.A.W. and K.N. Convoy. (D.T.D. 1729B/6 to Connav (R) B.A.D. etc.)

Movements Summary.	1800 G.M.T. 6/8.	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
		S/M P.556	35°N. 45½°W.	084°	8
		ASTURIAS	17½°N. 54½°W.	084°	6
		LARGS			
		2 Corvettes			
		Convoy S.L.117	37½°N. 27° W.	026°	7
		PELICAN			
		SEAWOLF	55½°N. 39½°W.	247°	8½
		(D.O.D.(F) 1007Z/6 to Opnav (R) Commaveu.)			

U/Bs, S.C.94. D/F Bearings at 0117Z/6 indicate U-boat within 30 miles of 54° N. 41° 30' W. There may be a total of 3 U-boats in your general vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 1010B/6 to Escorts S.C.94, (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

NORVINN. Your 1723 NORVINN sails from Porte La Cruz with SUDBURY 6/8 approx. (N.C.S.O. Curacao 1031QR/6 to B.R.O. Trinidad (R) S.O.(I) Kingston, Admty.)

A/S Aircraft. Your 1614/30. Cominch advises that anti-submarine aircraft patrol at 1800 to 2500 feet if equipped with A.S.V. During daylight at 2000 feet if not equipped. Depth bombs dropped in stick. (Commaveu 1039/6 to Admty.)

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U/B sunk by C/T sighted bearing 030° 6 miles. My position
 ASSINIBOINE. 054° 07' N. 040° 16' W. Dived.
 (U.210) (ASSINIBOINE 1131Z/6 to Connav (R) C.T.F.24,
See 15/8/10 495 Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.,
 C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

D/F Bearings at 0924Z and at 0948Z indicate at least one
 U-boat has reported convoy S.C.94.

(D.D.I.C. 1227B/6 to Escorts of S.C.94, Cominch
 N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

ASSINIBOINE reports sub on surface 200° 15 miles from
 S.C.94 in position 054° 27' N. 039° 23' W.

(S.O. E.T.U. 24.1.11 1742Z/6 to Connav (R) C.T.F.24,
 Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C.,
 CTG 24.7.)

C/T bearing 090° distance 7 miles. My position is
 054° 29' N. 039° 20' W.

(S.O. E.T.U. 24.1.11. 1814Z/6 to Connav (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.)

My 1742Z U-boat sunk by ASSINIBOINE who is damaged and
 returning to St. Johns N.F. Weather report.

(C.T.U. 24.1.11 1914Z/6 to Connav (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.)
 C.T.U. 24.1.11's 1914Z/6. As ASSINIBOINE is only destroyer

with S.C.94 request if possible destroyer reinforcement be sent
 from U.K. No destroyers available here.

(F.O.N.F. 2156Z/6 to C. in C. W.A., (R) Admty., C.T.24,
 N.S.H.Q., C.T.G. 24.7. C.O.A.C. C. in C. U.S. Fleet,
 C.T.U. 24.1.11.)

COURIER. Arrival Vieuxfort 5th U.S. Minesweeper COURIER.
 (B.R.O. St. Lucia 1154Q/6 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I)
 Jamaica.)

Arrival 6/8 U.S. Minesweeper COURIER.
 (Harb. Master, Barbados 1500/6 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I)
 Jamaica.)

O.N.117. P.C. and S. 048° 53' N. 033° 15' W. (b) 228° 9,
 altering for position (1) at 2300Z. Weather
 report.
 (FIRE Drake 1201Z/6 to Connav.)

B.Y.M.S. B.A.D's 0329/5 information depends on reply to
 my 1336/2/6 not to Trinidad and whether base
 staff asked for are being sent.

(2) B.A.D. 2215/28 being passed to Jamaica, propose that 2 of
 first 10 B.Y.M.S should work up at Jamaica in order that first
 hand experience of requirements may be obtained but priority
 should be given to Trinidad.

(S.B.N.O.W.A. 1302P/6 to Admty. (R) B.A.D. Capt. i/c Jamaica,
 F.O.I.C. Trinidad, Cdre i/c Bermuda.)

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A/S
Attacks. Your 1810Z/1 (Re A/S attacks in Cominch's strategic area) Submit photographic prints of Recorder traces would be of little value as trace after drying is invariably very faint and would seldom photograph. In addition time taken to produce prints would inevitably prolong early despatch of reports to Assessing Authority.
(F.O.N.F. 1334Z/6 to N.S.H.Q., (R) C.O.A.C. Admty. etc.)

BILL SS BILL, Norwegian, torpedoed 29/7 at 1412 G.M.T. (sunk 29/7) in 011° 58' N. 055° 02' W. Vessel sailed 22nd from Ceara Brazil for New York via Trinidad for bunkers and at noon was steering 312° true being exactly 175 miles from last position. Vessel sank in about 4 minutes and all books definitely lost with vessel. Information from Chief Mate who states Captain held prisoner.
(Treasurer St. Vincent W.I. 1445/6 to Admty.)

Transport M.O.W.T. Montreal state early passage most for Merchant desirable for 800 Merchant Navy personnel, para 4. Seamen. N.S.H.Q. 1547/1 (re reberthing of passengers due to embarking troops in AWATEA.) refers. These men are becoming restive and serious trouble may arise. Suggested that escorted convoy referred to in B.A.D. 1927/28/7 and S.B.N.O. W.A. 1206/3 be utilized. B.A.D. pass to B.M. of W.T. New York.
(N.S.H.Q. 1522Z/6 to Admty. (R) D.S.T. etc.)
Reply from B.A.D. 1421Z/7.

LOCHKATRINE Attack by S/M. (1) Br. LOCHKATRINE. (2) Royal (sunk 2/8) Mail Lines Ltd., London. (3) 45° 52' N. 46° 44' W. O.N. 115. 2205/2. (4) Not seen by Master. (5) Not seen by Master. (6) Not known by Master. (7) Ship abandoned sinking, 2 torpedoes. (8) 30 survivors from HAMILTON. (9) Not seen by Master. (10) Torpedo. (11) Master reports C.Bs locked in steel chest and thrown overboard.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 1530Z/6 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Dispositions. Section East. O.N.116 WANDERER, CELANDINE, MOOSEJAW 045° 00' 048° 55' 270° 7. Task Unit 24.18.5 from St. Johns N.F. joins 0230Z/7.
S.C.95 C.T.U. 24.18.7, 46° 00' 55° 35' 90° 7, altering in 52° 38' W. 26°. L.C.35, WASAGA, Q.0356 046° 25' 056° 25' 8.
S.G.4, U.S.S. MOJAVE, ALGONQUIN, 050° 20' 058° 20' Northbound 9.
N.L.4 SHAWINIGAN 051° 50' 055° 45' in-bound 7. J.N.9 MALPEQUE 048° 20' 052° 30' 7. 4 merchant ships, SHERBROOKE 047° 10' 050° 35' to St. Johns N.F. 7. ARVIDA? E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. ?2100Z/6.
→ BROADWAY 048° 15' 051° 00' ? to overtake H.X.201 14. U.S. Ship Y P 62 due Argentia p.m./6. WOODSTOCK 045° 00' 051° 50' (090°?) 13.5 to join O.N.116. INDOCHINOIS 053° 20' 051° 35' (091°?) 13.5.
(C.O.A.C. 1615Z/6 to Admty.)
→ Section East. My 1615/6 delete BROADWAY, add FOUNDATION FRANKLIN, BUXTON, 047° 20' N. 052° 40' W. 197° 10' altering in 046° 31' N. to 271°.
(C.O.A.C. 2346Z/6 to Admty.) *See next page.*

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Dispositions contd. Section South West. O.N.115, Task Unit 24.18.3. U.S. Destroyer SWANSON 044° 15' 062° 45' 206° 9, altering in 044° 20' N. to 270° in 063° 26' W. to 222° and in 065° 17' W. to 259° U.S. Ships Y.M.S.78 and 79 from Halifax join 2400Z/6. B.X.32 Task Unit 24.18.1 043° 00' 066° 00' 090° 8.5 altering in 065° 39' W. to Halifax. B.X.E.B. Task Unit 24.18.2 042° 50' 069° 50' 055° 10, altering in 043° 10' N. to 090° and in 065° 28' W. to Halifax. DRUMMONDVILLE en route for Halifax from N.E. U.S.A.T. ALEXANDER, U.S. Destroyers MAYRANT, RHIND, 042° 45' 070° 00' 055° 17 altering in 043° 10' N. to 090° and in 065° 28' W. to Halifax. Sub L.27 QUALICUM 043° 10' 062° 30' 048° 12 altering in 058° 45' W. to 080° S.H. 31, MAHONE, NORANDA, 046° 00' 059° 20', 7. (C.O.A.C, 1621Z/6 to Admty.) * See next page

BRENAS SS BRENAS attacked by S/M in 011° 05' N. 054° U/B. 35' W. at 1246Z/6. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1622Z/6 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

U/B 6/8. S/M estimate. Positions. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1624/6, 1625/6, 1626/6, 1627Z/6, 1628/6)

Independent Ships, Reports of Positions. After further consideration objection to merchant vessels having H/F making position reports and reports required by Admty. 1757B/29 are withdrawn. 1513B/28 (Re British ships bound for Freetown or Gibraltar for Gulf of Mexico or Caribbean to report position on passing 26° W.) suggest that Para A will be cleared by above concurrence. In view present S/M situation in Freetown area do not concur in Para B above signal. Presume you will promulgate necessary amendments to M.A.R.I. incorporating these changes in policy. (Connav 1640/6 to Admty.)

FOUNDATION 6/8 FOUNDATION FRANKLIN escorted by BUXTON 18 FRANKLIN Halifax 9 August through (b) 046° 31' N. 053° BUXTON. 01' W. (c) 046° 33' N. 057° 00' W. (d) 044° 27' N. 062° 16' W. knots 10, ref. (K) 045° 51' N. 055° 06' W. (L) 043° 48' N. 061° 17' W. Tables (19) (20) (3) S.P. 2405 Q J A 635. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 1658Z/6 to Admty., (R) Connav, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., C.T.24.)

Trinidad Convoy Signals. Your 1151QR/5, concur generally but it does not appear practicable for you to furnish route as you will not be aware of convoy dispersal point and it is therefore considered that B.R.O. Trinidad should furnish the route as well as giving the "Chop" and E.T.A. (D.T.D. 1705B/6 to S.B.N.O. Curacao, (R) N.C.S.O. Trinidad.)

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QUALICUM
 SHIPPIGAN.

Request QUALICUM may be retained at St. Johns N.F. until arrival of SHIPPIGAN and subsequently that ships be sailed in accordance with Admty's 1714/5/10/1941. *N.T. - W.D.*
 (C.O.A.C. 1735Z/6 to F.O.N.F. (R) N.S.H.Q. Admty. Bath.)

A.C.Is.

Understood that C. in C. W.A. has received direct from C.T.24 his proposed amendments to draft copy of A.C.Is. 2. Request information if any further suggested amendments are to be expected from Cominch, Cinclant or other U.S. authorities. (D.T.D 1833B/6 to B.A.D.)
 Reply: B.A.D. 1639Z/8.

Repairs.

Ref. N.S.H.Q's 1340/17/10/1941.

A	B	C	D
HALIFAX	Halifax	August 6th	August 9th
OAKVILLE	Halifax	" 6th	" 9th
SNOWBERRY	Halifax	" 6th	" (?12th)
ST. FRANCIS	Halifax	" 6th	" 12th
BADDECK	Halifax	" 6th	" 12th

My 2030/27/7/42 completion date DUNVEGAN extended to 7/8. My 1430/3, defects QUINTE completed. (C.O.A.C. 1900Z/6 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty., B.A.D. F.O.N.F. Capt.(D) N.F. Capt.(D) Halifax.)

VANQUISHER
 SALISBURY.

Admty. 1820/5 and your 1353/4.
 Request date SALISBURY will arrive St. Johns N.F. VANQUISHER cannot be spared from Western local escort force until arrival of SALISBURY at St. Johns. It is considered that VANQUISHER will require refuelling at Iceland. (C.O.A.C. 1946Z/6 to C. in C. W.A., (R) Admty., C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q.)
 Reply: 1016Z/9.

M.A.C.R.I.

This is Connav 1441/6. Amendment 22 to M.A.C.R.I. Sec 1 para 8, entitled Gulf of Mexico, Eastbound and westbound introductory para changed from "200 miles" to read "50 miles". Likewise sec 1 para 8 B. Amendment 20 and 21 in use. Atlantic Sea Frontier Cdrs. pass to routing officers and district coastguard officers. All other interested parties informed. N.O.B. Bermuda pass to N.C.S.O. Bermuda, Com 3 pass to Capt of Ports New York. (Connav 1950/6 to C.T.F. 24 etc.)

S.C.94
 U/B.

D/F bearings at 1635Z indicate at least one U-Boat still in contact with convoy. (D.D.I.C. 2001B/6 to Escorts of S.C.94, Cominch, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A. H.Q.C.C.)

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S/M attack and sighting summary. D.D. one torpedo miss 24.03 N. 81.42 W. 0045Z/6. HUEMUL stopped by U-45 type 35 N. 73.55 W. 1240Z/1/6, allowed to proceed after inspection ship's papers. D;D. attacks sound contact 10.45 N. 60.30 W. 0238Z/15/6 doubtful. Sighting previously reported at 2035Z/25/6 my 262101 June, now reported as aircraft attack on possible S/M. M/V shells periscope 28.02 N. 61.20 W. 1215Z/16/7. Periscope sighted at close range plane machine guns submarine on surface 14.15 N. 61.40 W. 4/8. S/M reported 42.26 N. 63.50 W. 0936Z/4 doubtful. Patrol plane attacks S/M 28.26 N. 88.51 W. 2030Z/5 Patrol plane sights torpedo wake 24.05 N. 81.58 W. 2358Z/5. Considered separate from D.D. attacked. Shore watcher sights S/M on surface 26.20 N. 80.01 W. 0427Z/6. Surface craft reports sound contact 34.20 N. 76 W. 1415Z/6. Plane sights S/M on surface 42.07 N. 69.40 W. 1320Z/6, course 90° speed 5. Surface craft reports S/M contact 34.15 N. 75.59 W. 1330Z/6. Surface craft attacks 39.45 N. 72.37, 1720Z/6. (Cominch 2036Z/6 to Admty for O.I.C.)

GLASGOW. Anticipated GLASGOW will leave New York 14/8 for Chesapeake Bay where she will carry out 7 days working up practice leaving for Bermuda 23/8. C.E.S.F. pass to GLASGOW. (B.A.R.M. 2040/6 to Admty.)

U/B Campaign. Connav Serial 6. CASTOR (Du.) reported torpedoed 2/8 10.50 N. 50.12 W. has since arrived Trinidad. 92 survivors of TREMMINARD (British) and 11 of TRICULA (British) reported aboard Argentine ship RIO SAN JUAN due Pernambuco 10/8. Both ships apparently lost vicinity Trinidad. (Connav 2045/6 to Commaveu.)

DASHER. My 2121/28/7. Due to further defects DASHER will not be ready in time for A.T.20. (B.A.D. 2045Z/6 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy A.T.18. Despatch 1800/05 from Port Director, New York (Sailing Telegram Part I) 11 ships from New York, 1 from Boston and 2 from Halifax. (Commaveu 2147/6 to Admty.)

U/B attacked. Sub attacked at 1720Z/6 in 039° 45' N. 072° 37' W. (C.O.A.C. 2201Z/6 to Admty.)

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(torpedoed
2/8)

13 survivors of SS MALDONADO (Norwegian) (? Uruguayan intended) landed Bermuda p.m. 6/8 from U.S.S OWL. Ship was torpedoed night of 1/2 August in 30° N. 63° W. Master reported taken prisoner* 2 other life boats containing survivors believed to have been picked up. (S.B.N.O.W.A. 2207Q/6 to Admty. (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q. S.O.(I) Jamaica)
* Name etc. see 1139P/9.

U/B.

U-boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 2109Z/6.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2348/6 to C.T.U. 24.1.12 (R) C.T.U. 24.1.11, C.T.U. 24.1.5, F.O.N.F., C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C.T.24, C.O.A.C. Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Movements.

Arrivals Sydney (N.S.W) 0531Z/5 U.S. Cruiser PHOENIX, H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA, MANOORA and ARUNTA escorting convoy Z.K.12.
(A.C.N.B. 0236Z/6 to Admty. etc.)

Situation.

M.A.O.R.I. 24. Enemy air R/C Gilbert Islands, Monouti, 7/7; Abemama, Maiana, Keru, Kuria, 18/7; Nauru 19th 21st 22nd 29th 30/7; Ocean 16th 19th 21st 22nd 23rd 26th 29th 31/7; 1st 2nd 4/8. Japanese S/M 218° 74' Noumea 1/8, 300 miles S. Noumea 20/7. Vicinity Espiritu Santo 22/7. D/F places Japanese S/M 130 m.S.S.E Noumea 26/7 and 13° S. 170° 20' W. 1/8. Miufit Dutch TJINGERA torpedoed 23.19 S. 165.25 E. 26/7. U.S.S. CUMMINGS reports Japanese S/M sunk entrance Tovuila Harbour 1400M/5.
(N.Z.N.B. 0421Z/6 to Admty. etc.)

Situation.

Vessel reported my Serial 195 para 11 now identified as friendly. Serial No.196 5/8. (2) Natives report 5/8 Japanese patrol at Ioma (38 miles N. Kokoda) (3) Continuous constructional work on gun emplacements reported Kukum (Guadalcanal) 4/8. (4) Unidentified aircraft reported vicinity Albany (W.A) 5/8. (5) Norwegian vessel MAROSA overdue Fremantle 5 days from Colombo.
(G.H.Q. S.W. Pacific 0527Z/6 to Admty. etc.)

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Troop
Movement for
M.E.My 1102Z/27 not to C.T.F.51, Cdre. W. Australia
and C.S.W.P. Amend plan to read as follows.
DEDENON, SHIRERAJULA, and ARONDA with 4400 troops
for Middle East leaving Fremantle for Colombo
about 1/9 escorted by TROMP and KANIMBLA. Route
approx. A. 027° S. 093° E. B. 010° S. 083° E.In view of report of intended operation of Japanese heavy
cruisers on Australian - Ceylon trade route request C. in C. E.F.
provide additional escort or cover for this convoy from about
090° E.2. WESTERNLAND with 1000 service personnel for U.K. and FELIX
ROUSSEL with 200 troops for Durban escorted by ADELAIDE and
MANOORA departing Fremantle about 28/8. Change of escort
confirmed in C. in C. E.F. 1507Z/29 about 1/9.
(A.C.N.B. 1130Z/6 to Admty. etc.)MAROSA
CAGOU.MAROSA (Norway) from Bombay due Fremantle
31/7 and CAGOU (French) from Sydney due Noumea
30/7 have not arrived.
(A.C.N.B. 1224Z/6 to Admty., C. in C. E.F.,
D.N.O. W. Australia, N.O. Wellington.)U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1435B/6, 1447B/6.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

M.T.Bs 237, 232 and 241 at 0140 today attacked a small heavily escorted convoy off Barfleur Light. No damage was caused to the enemy. M.T.B.237 was gutted by fire and M.T.B.232 was damaged but reached harbour.

M.T.Bs and M.G.Bs from Dover last night twice attacked a large, heavily escorted enemy vessel which was reported leaving Boulogne and proceeding eastward. In the engagement with the escort vessels M.T.B.44 had to be abandoned and destroyed: M.T.B.45 was severely and M.T.B.35 and M.G.Bs 320 and 324 considerably damaged, and other vessels suffered superficial damage. Our force had some casualties. At least one of the enemy escort vessels was silenced and another is thought to have been set on fire.

The U.S. authorities have requested that 8 Training Bases on the south coast and Bristol Channel and 2 in Northern Ireland, may be allotted for their use. Accommodation for a total of 9 flotillas of L.C.A., L.C.M. and L.C.T. craft, and for some 800 naval personnel would be required at each base.

SS QUEEN MARY with 14,500 troops arrived in the Clyde from New York at 2225 today.

S.B.N.O. Archangel reports that the food situation at that place is acute and H.M. ships have difficulty in getting provisions. He proposes, if convoy Q.P.14 does not sail very soon, to send MARTIN, MARNE, BLANKNEY and MIDDLETON home with about 350 of the convoy survivors and that their relief destroyers should bring provisions for all H.M. ships in North Russia.

British Air Operations.

177 aircraft bombed Duisburg last night.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Operations.

Shortly before dark aircraft dropped bombs at Aberdeen, causing some naval damage and sinking some fishing vessels.

Mining.

Operation
S.N.16 G.

ADVENTURE completed this operation at 0426 today.

North Atlantic.

U/B fuelling
at Las Palmas.

A report from Master of SS HARTINGTON, repairing engines at Las Palmas, states that a German ship (probably CORRIENTES) is moored at southern end of East Mole and at night U-boats regularly come in and apparently oil and store from her with connivance of Spanish authorities.

ALTMARK.

R/C of Biscay ports yesterday shows ALTMARK tanker has left St. Nazaire Roads since 31/7 and is not present elsewhere.

South Atlantic.

Raider
Attack on
Forcados.

N.O.I.C. Lagos today forwarded a report from Forcados (Nigeria) of attacks by a raider at 2045/16/7 and 1930/17/7, firing broadsides of 6 guns with controlled firing. The W/T house was destroyed by M/G fire. Raider was similar to Laetz Line.

ELMWOOD
(sunk 27/7)

A lifeboat reached Freetown today from ELMWOOD, British, sunk by U/B at 1440/27 in 4.48 N., 22.00 W. No distress signal was made. 2 other boats are still adrift. U/B is described as German, similar to that which sank DANMARK on 30/7.

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Friday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

3 Halifaxes and 46 Wellingtons continued the bombing of Tobruk last night, but low clouds rendered identification very difficult. 6 Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk bombed Bardia, Sollum, and other targets.

At dawn a Hudson on offensive R/C for coastal shipping bombed 1 F/boat E. of Sidi Barrani, scoring 2 direct hits, and the boat was left sinking.

1 Hudson and 5 Beaufighters attacked 5 lighters N. of Sidi Barrani. The Hudson sank one, another is possibly sunk, and 1 damaged.

East Indies.

2 Japanese U-Boats are estimated off N.W. Sumatra, eastbound, and 2 in Malacca Strait, all withdrawing to Penang or Singapore. No further activity is reported from Cocanada area.

Japanese Carrier at Port Cornwallis.

R/C of the Andaman Islands today showed 1 aircraft carrier, 1 small cruiser at anchor in Port Cornwallis.

Force A.

C.-in-C. E.F. intends that Force A, (WARSPITE, ILLUSTRIOUS, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERCK, NAPIER, INCONSTANT, FORTUNE, ACTIVE) should leave Colombo a.m. 10/8 to arrive Kilindini a.m. 18/8, refuelling at Seychelles on 15/8. VAN CALEN, docking at Colombo, will follow when repairs are completed.

Trade Protection.

Decisions, ~~of~~ C.-in-C. E.F., after consultation with F.O. Ceylon, has made the following decisions for trade protection in the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and Persian Gulf:- Addu - Mauritius - Diego Garcia - Seychelles shipping to continue escorted sailings. Escorts on the west coast of India to be restricted to personnel and important ships. The east coast of India convoys will not be proceeded with unless there is indication of immediate submarine threat in the Bay of Bengal, as it is considered they would merely form a tempting bait to a possible cruiser raiding force. His message also describes the measures he is taking for A/S protection of Persian Gulf trade.

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East Indies - contd.

Landing
Craft.

Admty. today ordered KEREN, KARANJA and SOBIESKI to be returned to U.K. as early as possible, sailing independently at their maximum speed.

America and West Indies.

S.C.94.

DIANTHUS, escorting S.C.94, attacked a U-boat at 0021Z in 54.35 N. 38.35 W.

Helicopters

B.A.C. Washington, in a telegram referring to Sikorsky helicopters, say they are reasonably satisfied that the minimum Admty. requirements will be met.

Hatteras.

Hatteras protected anchorage is still closed to shipping.

Australia.

A small inter-island vessel was attacked and sunk by U/B in 9.11 S., 144.12 E., (off New Guinea) at 0142Z. Reports indicate possibly 2 other enemy submarines in this area.

U.S.
offensive in
Solomon Is.

The Americans attacked Tulagi today: a footing was obtained at Guadalcanal, Florida and Malaita Islands.

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X-craft
Base.

A.L.M. 051422/42 of 4th August. As it is now understood that American requirements will preclude establishment of X craft base in Gareloch area, request all action in connection with this proposed base may be suspended. Alternative localities are being investigated and fresh proposals will be submitted as soon as possible. (F.O.S. 0014B/7 to Admty.)

U.S. Training
Bases in U.K.

American authorities have requested that following Training Bases be allocated for their use. Particulars. Request interim report. (A.C.N.S. H. 0336B/7 and 1737B/7 to C. in C. Portsmouth, Plymouth, W.A.) See Lion Copy.

Movements.

POPPY.

Sailed Kola Inlet POPPY 2200B.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2355B/7.)

UNIQUE.
JASPER.

My 1721/6. Sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0922/7.)

L.23.
O.10.

Intend to sail L.23 escorted by TORNADO at 2000A/11 by latest searched channel to arrive 12 miles 122° Buddness at 1000A/12. Capt. S.9 is requested sail Z.5 and O.10 to R/V in this position, thence O.10 escorted by ELFIN to Blyth by reverse route and L.23 escorted by Z 5 to Tobermory by latest searched channel in accordance with Capt S.7 1815/5 and to Greenock in accordance with F.O.C.S. 0013/2. L.23 and Z.5 E.T.A. Tobermory 1800A/13. O.10 and ELFIN E.T.A. Blyth 0500A/13. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange fighter protection throughout. (Capt. S.6 1030B/7 and 1610B/7.)

PARRSBORO.
WEDGEPORT.

Commodore Londonderry's 1752/6. Request PARRSBORO and WEDGEPORT may be diverted to Milford Haven for inclusion in W.P. convoy. (C. in C. Plymouth 1125/7 to C. in C. W.A.)
C. in C. Plymouth's 1125/7. Proceed to Milford Haven. (C. in C. W.A. 1552B/7 to PARRSBORO.)

ARGONAUT.

Intend sailing ARGONAUT for 2 hour cruise and 2 hour full power trial in Irish Sea 1100B/8 between 054° 06' N. and 053° 32' N, returning to Bar L.V. 1800B/8.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1214B/7.)
Subject to acceptance trial in my 1214B/7 intend sailing ARGONAUT for Scapa 0800A/9, speed 20 knots. E.T.A. 0800A/10. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1524B/7.)

/PRINCE ALBERT.

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MESSAGE

OUT.
0336R/7th August

TO C. in C. Portsmouth. 305. DATE 7.8.42.
C. in C. Plymouth. 983.
C. in C. Western Approaches. 828.
Repeated C.C.O.
V.A.C.T.
R.A.L.B.
C. in C. X.F.

NAVAL CYPHER (ACO)

FROM Admiralty.

U.S. Landing Craft Base.

IMPORTANT.

Reference Admiralty letters M/P.D.(Q) 4000/42 of 14th and 26th June, examination of reconnaissance reports indicates that it is impracticable to establish C.T.Cs. in the south of England on the scale originally envisaged.

2. American authorities have now requested through C.C.O. that the following training bases be allocated for their use:-

- (a) Portland and Poole, with headquarters at Portland.
- (b) Fowey.
- (c) Falmouth.
- (d) Appledore.
- (e) Swansea, Llanelly, ^aBurry Port, with Headquarters at Swansea.
- (f) River Bann (Coleraine), Lisahally (Lough Foyle), with Headquarters at Londonderry.

3. The scale on which training will take place at these bases will require berthing and maintenance for approximately three flotillas of L.C.A., L.C.M. and L.C.T. (total ^aflotillas with accommodation ashore for approximately 800 naval personnel in each training base. In the case of (a) and (c) the training base requirement can be considered as inclusive of the "suspense" and "Assault stations" requirement.

4. The request of the American Forces is being investigated by the Admiralty departments and in the meanwhile and concurrently you are requested to forward an interim report stating any operational or other requirements in the localities mentioned which require to be taken into consideration during this investigation.

5. Major General Clark, Commander of 2nd U.S. Corps and Rear Admiral Bennet, U.S. Navy will

shortly/...

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shortly be visiting these areas and should be given every opportunity to examine existing facilities and state their requirements. After their visit you are requested to forward a report of their requirements and your proposals for meeting these requirements.

0336B/7

for Head of M. (902)
Approved A.C.N.S. (H)

- 4th S.L.
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- Civil Lord.
- Secretary.
- P.A.S. (S)
- P.A.S. (O)
- A.S. (C.L.)
- D. of P. (3)
- O.D. (5)
- Ops. (3)
- D. of L.D. (3)
- D.T.S.D.
- D.M.S.
- W.G.F.
- M. (30) (M.010257/42) and for War Office and Air Ministry.
- U.S.N. (3)
- D.M.S. Citadel.
- D. of P. (Q)
- D.N.E. (C.O.)
- C.C.O. (2)
- I.P. (3)
- W.D.
- C.E. in C. Bath.
- S.W.R. Bath.

MP.

Handwritten signature/initials

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MESSAGE

1737B/7th Aug. OUT

To C.in C. Portsmouth 308
 " Plymouth 987
 " Western Approaches 842
 Repeated - C.C.O.
 V.A.C.T.
 R.A.L.B.
 C.in C. X.F.

Date 7.8.42

From Admiralty.

My C336/7 paragraph three. For "total six flotillas" read "total nine flotillas"

1737B/7

for H.W.R.

Subject : Training bases for C.T.C's

4th S.L.
 A.C.N.S. (H)
 Civil Lord
 Secretary
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 C.C.O. (2)
 I.F. (3)
 W.D.
 C.in C. XF
 R.A.L.B.
 V.A.C.T.

C.E.in C. Bath
S.W.R. Bath

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PRINSE ALBERT. Request you sail PRINSE ALBERT for Southampton to arrive by a.m. 11th. Troops to be disembarked for sailing.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1457B/7 to F.O.I.C. Portland)

SCYLLA. My 1821/5 is cancelled. SCYLLA is to remain under the orders of C. in C. H.F. until further orders.
(A.C.N.S. (H.) 1636B/7.)
Cancel my 1131/5.
(C. in C. H.F. 2216B/7 to SCYLLA.)

QUIBERON. QUIBERON is required to be ready to leave U.K. on 28/8. 2. Request you will arrange for her to complete working up and sail her for the Clyde accordingly. 3. Boiler cleaning may be carried out at Greenock if time permits.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1853B/7 to R.A.D. H.F.)

P. 51. My 2243/6. Sailed.
LOCH MONTEITH. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 2325B/7 to A.C.O.S.)

Operations.

East Coast Patrols. Arrival M.T.B.s 69, 70, M.G.B.s 21, 18, 17, 20.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 0853/7.)
Departure SHEARWATER at 1850 for patrol one.
(F.O. Humber 1935B/7.)

Proposed attack on Enemy Unit. 1. An important Unit may attempt to proceed from Dunkirk to Hook of Holland tonight. Weather permitting available M.T.Bs and 5th, 6th and 7th M.G.B. Flotillas are to proceed by Northern route to 51° 44' N. 3° 25' E.

2. On arrival, a Unit of M.G.Bs is to search S.W. passing through centre of R.B. 5, R.B.4, and 51° 22' N. 3° E. Patrols to be evaded and important Unit shadowed and reported until remaining Units attack.

3. A/C will co-operate in search, commencing at about 0130/8 from vicinity Ostend dropping flares and diversionary bombing if enemy is located.

4. M.T.Bs and M.G.Bs are to act on any sighting report and attack.

5. One Unit M.G.B. (L) to operate in vicinity 51° 55' N. 3° 47' E. Object to intercept reinforcements sailing from the Hook and create diversion by attacking patrols. Unit should not proceed west of 3° 30' E. unless its assistance is called for.

6. All Units to be 30 miles off shore by daylight. Type 251 to be switched on where fitted.
(C. in C. Nore 1220B/7 and 1535B/7 to BEEHIVE, MIDGE.)
My 1220/7. Operation cancelled due to weather, tonight.
(C. in C. Nore 1900B/7.)

/Attack ...

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Attack on Enemy Convoy
M.T.B.44 lost.
M.T.B.45
M.T.B.35
M.G.B.330
M.G.B.324 damaged.

Enemy shipping plotted by R.D.F. One or two large vessels with considerable escort of M-class minesweepers, R-boats and trawlers from Boulogne at 2345 eastbound at 8 knots, faded at 0335 six miles west of Dunkirk. Reported by A/C to have entered Dunkirk at about 0630 after being twice attacked by coastal craft.
(V.A. Dover 0939B/7.)

Last night 6/7 Force A, M.T.Bs 44 (S.O) 45, and 48 with Force B., M.G.Bs 330 (S.O.) 331 and 324 in company were sent to patrol vicinity of N.E. Varne in anticipation of continued eastward passage of vessels which had arrived Boulogne yesterday morning but whose identity could not be established by air R/C. At 2310 R.D.F. reported one large enemy vessel with some fifteen escorts leaving Boulogne north-eastwards at 8 knots. Forces A and B proceeded to intercept north of Blanc Nez at 0020 crossing ahead and engaging from inshore, but without M.T.Bs being able to get into an attacking position owing to very heavy fire from enemy vessels and continuous star shell from shore which commenced ¼ hour before our forces closed the enemy. M.T.B.44 was soon disabled and, being close to enemy coast, crew had to abandon ship after destroying their vessel by fire. Crew was however located in Carley Floats half an hour later and embarked by M.G.B. 330 after enemy convoy had passed. M.T.B.45 out of control with C.O. wounded collided with M.G.B.324 who, despite also having action damage, was able to tow M.T.B 45 back to harbour. As soon as enemy convoy left Boulogne Force X M.T.Bs 35 (S.O) 38, and 221 accompanied by Force Y, M.G.Bs 41 (S.O) S.2, and S.3 were despatched from Dover to Dunkerque A.W. Buoy. Force Y. (without silent engines) remained to seaward whilst Force X endeavoured to attack from inshore at about 0100 between Calais and Gravelines, but again M.T.Bs were unable to get into an attacking position owing to strength of enemy escort. Composition of enemy force is uncertain but there were five M-class Minesweepers, at least 7 R.Boats, one large merchant vessel and probably several trawlers. All M.G.Bs had engagements with enemy escort vessels and scored hits without observing any definite results, although at least one was silenced and another thought to have been set on fire. Casualties to our own forces were :- M.T.B.44 lost. Three wounded, one seriously. M.T.B.45 severely damaged. C.O. killed, 3 wounded. M.T.B.48 superficial damage. One officer slightly wounded. M.G.B.330 considerably damaged. three wounded, one since died. M.G.B.324 considerably damaged, six wounded, one seriously. M.T.B.35 considerably damaged, two wounded, one seriously. M.T.Bs 38 and 221, M.G.Bs 41, S.2, S.3 and 331 had no casualties but suffered some superficial damage.
(V.A. Dover 1043B/7.)

Interception of Convoy.
M.T.B.237 abandoned.
M.T.B.232 damaged.

During night 6/7 M.T.Bs 237, 232, 241 sighted enemy E-bound convoy at 0140 in 080° Barfleur Light 4 miles and attacked. Convoy consisted of one or two small merchant ships surrounded by screen of about 10 Flak trawlers and E/R boats. Opposition was encountered but M.T.Bs penetrated screen and M.T.B.237 fired torpedoes without

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Interception of Convoy. M.T.B. 237 abandoned. M.T.B.232 damaged contd. success chiefly due to being blinded by tracer and damaged steering in 237. M.T.B.237 was hit in many places and fires started in petrol compartment and all forward compartments which at 0204 were out of control and ship abandoned. M.T.B.241 took off crew and stood by. M.T.B.237 did not sink even after depth charging but at 0340 she was completely gutted and M.T.B. 241 returned to harbour. There is no possibility of C.Bs or type 286 M surviving. Type 252 was seen to detonate before the boat was abandoned. M.T.B.232 could not fire torpedoes owing to action damage. One engine and steering gear was put out of action and she returned to harbour at 12 knots having become separated from the remainder. C.O. of M.T.B. 232 was wounded not dangerously. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1107/7.)

Channel Patrol. Tonight CALPE, BERKELEY patrol 15 miles south of Anvil Point. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1307B/7.)

Faroes. M.L. A/S Striking Force. Your 1805/30. Supplies of 87 Octane Fuel are urgently required and it is requested their despatch may be accelerated. Total supply of 100 Octane Fuel available was 20000 gallons, of which 4400 have now been used in 2 operations. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1625B/7 to Admty.)

W/T watch instructions. (A.C.O.S. 1643B/7.)

Interception of Enemy Main Unit. My 1326/1. Para 2 is confirmed. Enemy will probably steer course parallel to the shore at distance from ~~Kerry Head~~ of between 10 and 15 miles except off Feisten and Lister lights (?where) he will probably pass much closer. (2) Special look out is desirable from tomorrow onwards. As usual your success depends on not compromising your position before the attack. (3) It is estimated that enemy's speed will have been reduced by her time out of dock and that 8.5 revolutions per knot should be allowed. This may be of value to you if asdic conditions are good. (F.O.S. 1939B/7 to STURGEON, P.54.)

Exercises.

DUKE OF YORK 1st C.S. Intend to exercise cruisers and DUKE OF YORK off Skagik Saturday. (C.S.1 1205B/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

/Oerlikon ...

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Oerlikon
and Rocket
Trials.
CONQUEROR.

Your 1733B/11/7 and Twatt's 1006B/2/8. Comparative trials up to five runs with horizontal flag target have been completed and results are being forwarded to Admiralty. Great difficulties including those due to weather conditions have been experienced in target towing. No targets which will tow now remain intact. In view of time CONQUEROR has been awaiting conclusion of trials, including 40 unavailing hours at sea, propose that remainder of trials should be abandoned and ship sailed for her operational base.
(A.C.O.S. 1240/7 to Admty.)

British Air Activity.

TAY Request fighter protection for TAY, 0800/8 till 1700/9. Details.
(C. in C. Rosyth 0743B/7 to 13 and 14 Groups.)

U.S.A.
A/C. Position of U.S.A. aircraft as at a.m. 7/8. No change reported since 5/8. Further movement from Iceland to U.K. unlikely today.
(Air Ministry 1445B/7 to 44 Group.)

Bombing
operations. On night 6/7, 177 A/C bombed Duisburg.
(H.Q.B.C. 1500/7.)

"Knocker" Operation "Knocker", Nil.
(Reykjavik 1523Z/7 to Air Ministry.)

Supposed
bombing of
Convoy F.N.78
on 5/8. WOLSEY's 2246/5 and D.S.N.E. No.1066 XIV (E) It has now been established that this was friendly aircraft jettisoning bombs.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1619/7 to Admty.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Plymouth. Details of damage to requisitioned properties night 6/8 and p.m./7.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2140/7.)

Aberdeen
bombed. A/C dropped 3 bombs in harbour area, 4 bombs in vicinity of X V at 2237/7. Some damage to naval property, no damage to shipping, some casualties.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 2350/7.)

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Mining.

S.N.16 G.

S.N.16 Completed.
(ADVENTURE 0426/7.)

F.D.41
(RUBIS)

1. Intend sailing RUBIS escorted by chasers 14 and 5 at 2100/8 for position (A) 120° Lizard Head 10 miles routed as follows. A.M. Q.Z.S. 284 to N.3 Buoy, then through 050° 37' N.001° 37' W. 050° 32' N. 001° 36' W. 050° 27' N. 002° 17' W. Thence by D.C.1 33, E.T.A. 1100/9. Thence RUBIS unescorted diving by day, to carry out operation F.D.41 routed as in F.O.(S) 2146/4.
(Capt. S.5 1051B/7 and 2007B/7.)

Liverpool.

At 0952B/6 one mine, possibly acoustic, exploded by Sweepers. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1227/7.)

Portsmouth Area.

Report of five Ground Mines detonated in Q Z X 766 on 6/8. Details.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1421B/7.)

9th
M/S F.

9th M/S 1850/6. Arrived 1610/7.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1634B/7 to N.O.I.C. Newhaven)

Off Beachy Head.

Area enclosed by following positions now swept 100%. (A) 50° 43' 00" N. 0° 19' 00" E.
(B) 50° 39' 50" N. 0° 19' 00" E.
(C) 50° 39' 50" N. 0° 29' 00" E.
(D) 50° 42' 36" N. 0° 29' 00" E.
(E) 50° 42' 54" N. 0° 26' 24" E.
one mine detonated today in position 101° Beachy Head 6.5 miles.
(S.O. 9th M/S F. 1825B/7.)

Enemy Intelligence.

EMDEN.

EMDEN observed Swinemunde on 2/8. Graded B.2.
(N.A. Stockholm 1703/6.)

West Coast of Ireland.

Master of Trawler FORT DEE reports that he observed 100 to 150 Spanish trawlers between 52° and 54° N. and 11° 30' and 12° W. on or about 3/8. Reported for your information, as so large a number is understood to be unusual.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1802B/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

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U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Jan Mayen reports S/M sighted at 1700/6 2 miles to south, proceeding N.E. (A.C.I.C. 0152B/7 to OAKWAY.)

U-Boat attacked on 6/8. *by A/C. Summary p/2 1609161* Your 1235/6. Thorshavn arrivals. TIREE, M.Ls 445, 467, 252. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1425B/7 to A.C.O.S.)

Navigational.

Mygganaes Beacon. Your 2303B/5. Frequency has now been re-adjusted. Would appreciate further report. (A.C.O.S. 1225B/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

Hvalfiord. Number 9 buoy is 170 feet 205° from charted position. Red spar buoy 1700 feet 249° from this position is missing. Request Q.Z.H. (A.C.I.C. 1316B/7.)

Technical.

Lockhead Steering Gear. My 1043. Vulnerability of Lockhead steering gear was emphasized during last nights Coastal Force Action since in seven out of nine boats so fitted the gear was put out of action at an early stage. In more than one case this prevented M.T.Bs manoeuvring into an attacking position. (V.A. Dover 1818B/7.)

Shipping and Convoys.

LETITIA. My 1658B/6. Sailed at 0015/7. E.T.A. Halifax 16/8. (N.C.S.O. Clyde 0030B/7.)

S.C.94. CURAÇOA is to detach BROKE, fuel permitting, to meet S.C.94. Estimated position at 2000B/8 057° 01' N. 031° 35' W. steering for 057° 33' N. 025° 32' W. Speed 7 knots. BLYSKAWICA is to join S.C.94 at best speed after fuelling at Londonderry. (C. in C. W.A. 0246Z/7 to CURACOA.)

Your 0245Z/7. Am proceeding to meet S.C.94. My P.C.S. at 1200B, 056° 23' N. 045° 30' W. continuing course, estimated speed 15 knots. (BROKE 1213B/7 to C. in C. W.A.) Sailed BLYSKAWICA in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 0246Z/7. (Cmdore, Londonderry 1730B/7.)

/Re-routeing ...

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Re-routeing of Convoys. Propose that representations be made to Comnav that as the escorts of a convoy being shadowed or attacked are likely to have more definite information both as regards local disposition of U-boats and weather, the convoy should not be re-routed except (A) If necessary to avoid proximity to another convoy (B) to facilitate air protection or to permit the junction of additional escorts more speedily (C) To avoid a further known or suspected of concentration of U-boats. It is considered that in any event the Commodore in consultation with S.O. of Escort should be allowed freedom of action to alter whenever the local situation is most suitable.
(C. in C. W.A. 1004Z/7 to Admty. Reptd. Comtask 24.)

A.N.D. My 1146/6/6 para 2. Add GATINEAU PARK.
Gear. (D.T.D. 1052B/7.)

A.T.18. Admiralty 1913B/6 para 8. Request CURACOA may be retained for this duty.
(C. in C. W.A. 1104B/7 to Admty.)

NIEU ZEELAND. N.C.S.O. Swansea's 1543/6. No escort available. Request ship be sailed in convoy.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1135/7 to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)
Your 1135B/7 and N.C.S.O. Swansea's 1543B/6. Delayed approx 24 hours. Request ship be allowed to sail independently, passage in daylight, and air cover be provided.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1310B/7 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

O.N.S.120. Your 1655/6th. Agree with recommended I.C.O.M.P. for O.N.S.120. (2) It can always be assumed normally the I.C.O.M.P. will be fixed in the vicinity of 025° W. during daylight and the Iceland portion should be sailed on this assumption allowing a speed of advance of 7 knots for the O.N.S. main convoy. (3) It is considered preferable now that winter is approaching that Iceland portion should be sailed on this assumption but that the actual time and position of I.C.O.M.P. should not be fixed by C. in C. W.A. until about 2 days beforehand. (4) Request your remarks.
(C. in C. W.A. 1408Z/7 to C.T.G. 24.6.)

It is necessary to set hour for sailing on S.J. convoys at least one day in advance which is almost invariably before the I.C.O.M.P. signal is received. Insuring punctuality at I.C.O.M.P. has resulted in sailing some convoys too early and this has caused ships to miss (? sailing) by but a few hours. If agreeable with C. in C. W.A. C.T.G. 24.6 will recommend an approximate I.C.O.M.P. for each O.N.S. convoy met on which the sailing hour for O.N.S.J. convoy will be based. The proposed I.C.O.M.P. will generally be near 25° W. during daylight and will be included in the message which designated escorts. For O.N.S.120 recommend I.C.O.M.P. near position Tommy on route at about 0600Z/15.

(C.T.G. 24.6 1655Z/6 to C. in C. W.A.)

/EL NIL ...

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EL NIL.

Received 1442 G.M.T. Diplomatic steamer EL NIL
position 25.05 N. 27.37 W. at 1354 G.M.T.
(Portishead Radio 1418/7.)

North Russia.
Food
situation.

Admiral Miles' 1506C/7. It is now clear that local food shortage is preventing Russian Authorities from supplying demands from H.M. Ships. In the case of POZARICA particularly the situation is acute and I have little doubt that all escort vessels will shortly be (?similarly) placed. This means that escorts may be prevented from proceeding to sea and is a further reason for destroyers to make a quick trip home and back. Request C. in C. H.F. may be notified of position and be asked to despatch sufficient general mess provisions for two A/A ships, four corvettes, four trawlers, and seven minesweepers.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1741C/7 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

S.B.N.O. Archangel now reports food situation is acute there and H.M. Ships are having difficulty in getting provisions. If Q.P.14 does not sail very soon propose sailing MARTIN, MARNE, BLANKNEY, MIDDLETON with about 350 survivors shortly. In this case request relief destroyers may bring general mess provisions for all H.M. Ships in North Russia and as much additional food as possible. Hunts can be fuelled at Kola Inlet after leaving Archangel which would enable them to reach Seidisfiord at 20 knots passing North of Bear Island.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2309B/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

A.T.19.
(QUEEN MARY)

Arrived 2225/7.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock 2226/7.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.Force P
A/C escort.

Following is a repetition of my 0230/7. (Begins)
Force P from F.O.C.N.A. Expect A/S escort
Catalina W D 3 B 0745 to 1230, Catalina W D 3 C
1230 to 1800. Further Catalina 1800 to 2330 call
sign will be signalled. (Ends.)
(F.O.C.N.A. 0314B/7 to Force P.)

PARTHIAN.

(1) Your 2140/6 acknowledged.
(2) Proceed through position 120° Cape Palos 4
miles at 0530B/8 thence as in my 1138/6 to arrive
Gibraltar at 1230B/10.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0338B/7 to PARTHIAN.)

French
Shipping.

Passings 6/8. Westbound 1130 LIPARI KERMARIA,
KEROMAN, all laden, MEDJERDA laden deck cargo.
(V.A.C.N.A. 0957B/7 to Admty. for M.E.W.)
Following left Casablanca for Marseilles morning
6/8, OUED SEBOU II, BAMAKO, and LORRAIN. Escorted
by L'AJACCIENNE.
(Tangier 1650/7 to S.O.I. Gibraltar. (R) Admty. (D.N.I.)
Gibraltar 1520 armed trawler L'AJACCIENNE, French ships all
full, LORRAIN, OUED SEBOU II, deck cargo barrels, BAMAKO horses on
deck. Trawler TATIANA full eastbound.
(S.O.I. Gibraltar 1959B/7 to Admty.)

CÉPHÉE.

Your 1829/6. American report CÉPHÉE left
Casablanca for Dakar 3/8 after loading wine,
potatoes and trucks. Further details have been
requested.
Greenleaves 1048/7 to Admty. (D.N.I.) (R) S.O.I.
Gibraltar.) *See p 200 - (Intelligence)*

German U/B
Supply
Ship,
Las Palmas.

Following is extract from report received from
C.O. JONQUIL via IBIS.
One of my officers was on board SS. HARTINGTON
which has been some time at Las Palmas repairing
engines, and Master M.J. Edwards, made following
statement to him. (Begins)
A German ship is moored at southern end of east
mole this mole is well lit until within a thousand feet of
Southern end the remainder being kept in complete darkness.
U-Boats nationality unknown regularly come in after dark and
berth alongside German ship and apparently oil and store from her,
she is also in use as hospital ship and also possibly as rest ship,
the submarines always sail before daylight.
The crew of this ship is considerably in excess of that required
by a normal merchantman of her size.
These activities are apparently carried on with full connivance
of Spanish authorities.
He was also informed by source vouched for as reliable that a
submarine was sighted on the surface 15 miles south of Maspalomas
light at 0600 20th ends.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1121B/7 to C. in C. W.A. Admty.)
N.I.D. Comment. German ship referred to is probably CORRIENTES,
which was suspected in 1941 of supplying U-Boats then active in
S.A. There has recently been a revival of U-Boat activity in
Freetown area by about 6 boats which may have taken supplies on
passage.

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DREPANUM, 7/8 Italian 54 (DREPANUM) sailed 2030 G.M.T. 6/8.
KAULDI. Spanish (? 59) (KAULDI) due to sail (corrupt group)
noon 8/8.

(H.M. Consul Bilbao 1132/7 to N.O. Admty. (R)
M.E.W. B.N.A. Madrid. S.O.I. Gibraltar.)

Bilbao's 1735/6 reports number 54 (DREPANUM) in outer harbour
ready for sea. Number 59 (KAULDI) (E.A.F.U.) expected to
complete loading night of 6/8.

(Madrid No T.O.O. to Admty. for D.N.I.)

Bilbao's 1132/7 reports that 54 (DREPANUM) sailed 2030 G.M.T.
6/8. 59 (KAULDI) due sail noon 8/8.

(Madrid No T.O.O. Recd. 2315/7 to Admty. for D.N.I.)

German
Tanker.

R/C of Biscay ports 6/8 shows ALTMARK tanker has
left St. Nazaire Roads since 31/7 and is not
present elsewhere.

(D.D.I.C. 1132B/7 to "A" Message H. & A. Cominch,
Comnaveu.)

German
U-Boat
Cartagena.
U.573.

My 1030/5. I visited Ministry of Marine yesterday
to make sure that assurance given by M.F.A. to
Ambassador had been communicated to them. They
had been informed Sydney exerting utmost pressure
for release of crew. Navy will not release
without specific written instructions from M.F.A.
(A.N.A. Madrid 1215/7 to D.N.I.)

Situation
Report.

Area Z Situation 2003B 7/8. S/M D S 0.24 19° 57'
18° 50' 187° 12.

(2) Convoy ²¹ HAWKINS, RANPURA, CATTERICK, PETARD
18° 50' 22° 10' 175° 13½.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1302B/7 to N.A. Station.) *next page
(dispositions)*

Force P.

Expect Sunderland escort tomorrow 8/8.

T.K. 7 M. 0743 - 1000

T.K. 7 R. 1100 - 1430

T.K. 7 P. 1430 - 1830

T.K. 7 S. 1830 - 2330.

(F.O.C.N.A. 2334B/7 to Force P.)

South Atlantic.

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
RAMILLIES.
fuelling.

C. in C. S.A's 1715/5. Ponta Delgada is not
acceptable for fuelling QUEEN ELIZABETH and
RAMILLIES.

2. Fuelling at sea should be feasible for ships
and destroyer escort in about 25° N 40° W.

3. Request you will arrange accordingly, using
RAPIDOL or other oiler at your disposal.

(A.C.N.S.(F.) 0025B/7 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.
B.A.D.) *next page + p. 199*

/DAVID...

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.DAVID
LIVINGSTONE.Overdue ship. Cancel my 1216/5. DAVID
LIVINGSTONE now due Victoria.6/8.
(S.O.I. Freetown 0947Z/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.
S.O.I. Capetown. N.C.S.O. Durban.)Shipping
Diversion
Signals.Your 1242/5. Connav repeats diversion signals to
Admty. only but it is understood (and confirmation
has been requested) that N.S.H.Q. received all
such signals in Atlantic area and has undertaken
to pass them to C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A. and
F.O.C.N.A. for ships in or entering their
respective areas. Further signal will be made.
(D.T.D. 1004B/7 to C. in C. S.A. (R) B.A.D. etc.)MALAYA
Convoy
R.T.1.Comply with R.A.W.A's 1710/6. Pass to Commodore
of convoy.
(C. in C. S.A. 1015/7 to MALAYA. (R) H.M.S. QUEEN
ELIZABETH. R.A.W.A. ORION, NEPAL, BOREAS, Admty.)

Dispositions. VIMY 007° 50' 014° 10' to Freetown 17. 2 M.Ls.
off Freetown to section (?I) 12. SPANIARD 07.15
13.45 to Freetown 8. At 2000Z/7 ST. WISTAN off
Marshall to Freetown 8. KONKAN 06.35 20.40 255° 8.
Friendly Naval Unit 07.20 20.50 200° 15. MORRIS DANCE 000° 30'
011° 35' to Freetown 10½. LEOPARD with convoys T.30 02.50 10.20
to 02.20 10.01 thence (?078°) 8. M.L. 256 and convoy 02° 45'
07° 58' 290° 6. TEWERA on passage to Takoradi to Lagos 8½.
CORINTHIAN 01.20 S 01.15 E 338° 12½. POST BOY and convoy (?05°)
40' S 10° 55' E to Walvis Bay 7½. TAMARISK off Victoria to
Takoradi.

(R.A.W.A. 1103Z/7 to Admty. Ships in Area "P" of S.A. Stn.
south of 8° N., C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, R.N.O.
Lagos.)

See previous page
HAWKINS with W.S. (?20) (corrupt group) 10' 022° 05' 177°
(?12)½. Dutch (?S/M) (?0).24 19.30 18.50 to 14.48 19.(?25)
thence 150° 12. CHESHIRE, FOLKESTONE with S (?L) 118, 14.10
19.59 to 15.01 20.(?59 or 60) thence 333° 7½.
ROCHESTER with O.S.35 13.30 19.30 155° 8¼ at 2000Z/7 (?2).
M.Ls. 13.50 19.15 to Bathurst 10. W.S.19Q 09.40 22.50 to West 20.
HYDRANGEA 08.10 21.02 087° 9¼. Friendly Naval Unit 07.20 20.50
300° 15.

(R.A.W.A. 1105Z/7 to Ships in Area "P" of S.A. Stn. north of
8° N. Admty. C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)QUEEN
ELIZABETH,
RAMILLIES.
fuelling.Your 1715Z/5/8. Anticipate ABBEYDALE escorted by
BURDOCK and ARMERIA will be available to fuel
QUEEN ELIZABETH and RAMILLIES at Ponta Delgada
about 30/8. Destroyer escort to Ponta Delgada
could be provided by R.A. West Africa, destroyers
fuelling from battleships if necessary and
F.O.C.N.A. providing onward escort to 40° W.

2. If this cannot be arranged suggest following alternatives.
A. Battleships to proceed via St. Vincent instead of Ponta
Delgada.
(1) St. Vincent is on direct route.
(2) Destroyer escort could be provided to about 38° W without
fuelling from battleships.

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/B. As...

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QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
RAMILLIES.
fuelling.
Contd.

B. As second alternative suggest direct passage Freetown to Bermuda as in B.A.D. Washington's 2155Z/31/7 if it is considered that oil fuel margin is sufficient. RAMILLIES should arrive with 15% remaining. This would avoid
(1) Possible difficulty in arranging with Portuguese Gov. for battleships to fuel from British tanker in their waters.
(2) Compromising position of battleships.
(3) Keeping battleships in known submarine areas for longer than necessary.
(R.A.W.A. 1105Z/7 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. B.A.D. etc.)
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AQUITANIA
etc.
diversions.

Your 1922/5, yes, as amended by my 2252/27.
(D.T.D. 1131B/7 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

MOOLTAN.

Your 0919/5, concur.
(D.T.D. 1215B/7 to N.C.S.O. Capetown. (R) C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A.)

Forcados
Raider
Attack
16-17/7.

Report received from Forcados first attack 2045/16/7 second attack about 1930/17 by raider firing broadside of guns 6 in number, controlled firing. W/T house destroyed in this attack by M/G fire. Raider similar to Laetz line. Military Ordnance here examining bullets embedded in iron tanks to attempt to decide nationality. Will signal results later, nothing further in report to identify. Report following by air mail immediately and should arrive your Sunday (?midday).
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 1244Z/7 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

M.A.R.I.

Amendment No.59.
(D.T.D. 1301B/7 to C. in C. S.A. etc.)

Takoradi
A/T Baffle.

Important for one Bar or Bayonet Class B.D.V. to be sent to expedite completion of A/T Baffle at Takoradi. Maintenance of baffle already laid requires full services of 2 vessels.
(2) Quite impossible to spare a B.D.V. from Freetown as serious delays in completion of boom are being experienced owing to great difficulty in maintaining completed portion, and all progress is held up.
(3) Request approval to retain either BARWELL, BARDOLF or BARBROKE for this purpose. Time required about 1 month.
(R.A.W.A. 1407Z/7 to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)

Dispositions. Position at 2000Z/7 Area Q.
ALCANTARA 024° 00' S 003° 20' E to St. Helena.
MALAYA, QUEEN ELIZABETH with R.T.l. about 021° 35' S 003° 25' E 309° 15½ knots.
DUNCAN, HOTSPUR 032° 00' S 014° 35' E to Simonstown 20 knots.
DETROYAT from Simonstown E.T.A. Durban A.M./8.
CALEDON 035° 05' S 022° 23' E to Simonstown 18.4 knots.

/RAMILLIES...

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Dispositions. RAMILLIES, WIVERN, BRILLIANT 035° 47' S 024° 15' E
Contd. to Capetown 15 knots.
W.S.19Y 031° 15' S 021° 30' W to Rio de Janeiro
27 knots.

→ VALIANT (? ARROW) 035° 55' S 018° 48' E to Durban
16 knots.

ORION with W.S.21P 016° 30' S 002° 10' W 136° 12 knots.

Area S.

CARNARVON CASTLE with ESPERANCE BAY 035° 00' S 040° 00' W to
Falkland Is.

(C. in C. S.A. 1423B/7 to S.A. Stn. (R) Admty.)

→ My 1423B/7 add EXPRESS sailed Simonstown 1600Z/7 to
overtake VALIANT and ARROW. *See map/leaf.*

(C. in C. S.A. 1757B/7 to S.A. Stn. (R) Admty.)

→ VALIANT.

ARROW.

(? Sailed) Simonstown 1405B/7 VALIANT, ARROW for
Durban by route R.6 (?16) knots. E.T.A. Durban
0700Z/10. Position on arrival ARROW, 230 tons of
fuel.

(C. in C. S.A. 1511B/7 to Admty. D.C. in C. E.F.
etc.)

KALEWA
sunk 2/8.
(Collision)

British ship KALEWA sunk in collision with BORINGA
2/8 030° 16' S 012° 38' E, entire crew landed at
Capetown. BORINGA damaged and returned.
(S.O.I.) Capetown 1516B/7 to Admty. etc.)

Intelligence. C.1.B. 57. (1) Ungraded report states Vichy
Ship CEPHÉE ex FRANCOIS L D arrived (?Casablanca)
25/7 may shortly leave for Japan. *See 12-196*

(2) Chilean Authority reports unidentified ship
passed Punta Arenas 31/7 into Atlantic.

(3) Hudson aircraft caused U-Boats to crash dive 5/8 in 004° 45'
N 004° 31' W.

My 1614B/7 part 2 follows. (N.T. in W.D.)

(S.O.I.) Capetown 1612B/7 to C. in C. S.A. C. in C. Durban, S.O.I.
Kilindini. N.L.O. Port Elizabeth. East London. N.O.I.C. Diego
Suarez, N.C.S.O. Capetown.)

M.A.R.I.

Amendment No.60.

(D.T.D. 1649B/7 to C. in C. S.A. etc.)

KATANGA.

Request information of completion of repairs to
KATANGA.

(D.T.D. 1653B/7 to B.C. Ponta Delgada for C.S.A.

(R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Air Sqdns.
Ascension,
Natal.

AX 920 7/8. Further our AX 420 1/8 para 3.
American squadron at Ascension will be P.B.Y. 5
Amphibian unlikely to be available before January,
1943.

G.R. Squadron Natal is Brazilian. Operational
with B.25 aircraft.

Admty. in touch with B.A.D. concerning employment
these squadrons.

(Air Ministry 1707Z/7 to A.H.Q. W. Africa.)

/RANPURA...

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personnel
transport.

There are 750 Military and R.A.F. personnel ex W.S.21 for onward conveyance to Takoradi and Lagos. As there is no other vessel available request consideration be given to use of RANPURA for this purpose, reduction of escort to W.S.21 being accepted. S.S.T.O. Freetown message addressed D of S.T. (T.O.O. 1735/7/8) refers. (R.A.W.A. 1815Z/7 to Admty.) Reply: Admty. 1115/9 not to be used if can be avoided.

Independent
Ships,
Reports of
Positions.

Cancel my 1757/29 as amended by my 2129B/30/7.
(2) These instructions apply to ships when approaching U.K. only and are being embodied in M.A.R.I. by Amendment No.61.
(D.T.D. 1833B/7 to C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A. etc.)
Pass to F.Os. I/C and N.C.S.Os. Amendment No.62 to M.A.R.I. Insert new Section II para. 16.

"Masters of all independently sailing ships fitted with H/F transmission and bound for Freetown or Gibraltar from Gulf of Mexico or Caribbean are to be instructed to report their position in the manner described in Section II para 11 on the night after crossing 26 degs.West."

(D.T.D. 2103B/7 to C. in C. S.A., R.A. W.A. S.B.N.O.W.A. etc).

→ COMMANDANT
DUBOC.

Ref.1717Z/6 - R.A.W.Af - last paragraph, concur.
(F.N.F.L.1845B/7 to Admty).

EXPRESS.

Sailed Simonstown 1845B/7 EXPRESS to overtake VALIANT and ARROW.
My 1511B/7 refers. Requirement on arrival Durban 230 tons fuel.
(C. in C.S.A. 1910B/7 to Admty, D.C. in C. E.F. N.L.O.East London, VALIANT, N.L.O. Port Elizabeth (?R) Commodore Durban). *See Mission Report (D.L. - Port Town)*

→ COMMANDANT
DUBOC
LEOPARD.

Your 1717/6. On leaving W.S.21.P.DUBOC to proceed to meet F.S.LEOPARD as soon as possible. 2.
LEOPARD's programme is not to be delayed on this account.
(D.O.D.(F) 2224B/7 to R.A.W. A.)

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- THRASHER. My 1927/27. Damage to THRASHER appears less severe than expected. Hoped to complete repairs about 20/8.
(C.in C. Med., 0911C/7, to Admty. (R) V.A.Malta).
- Enemy Units. At 0835/7 P.C. and S. 1 merchant ship 2 destroyers
033° 52' 023° 25' 350°, 11 knots.
At 0901, P.C. and S. 1 merchant ship 1 destroyer
033° 38' 021° 36' 050°, 9 knots.
(S.O.S. Alexandria, 0955C/7, to Greek S/M PROTEUS,
*TRAVELLER (R) TAKU).
My 0955/7th, second paragraph, P.C. and S. at 1735, 034° 31'
022° 46' 050°, 9 knots.
(S.O.S., Alexandria, 1844C/7, to Greek Sub. PROTEUS. (R)
*TRAVELLER). * See next page.
- ALBARO My 1245C/4. ALBARO, CELENO arrived 1830 G.M.T./4.
CELENO. flying transit flag, now anchored.
(S.O.I. Istanbul, 0935C/5, to S.O.I. Med.).
My 1241C/ of 6/8.
Tankers sailed 1115 G.M.T.; anticipate entering
Aegean daybreak 7/8.
(S.O.I.) Istanbul, 1512C/6, to S.O.I. Med.).
My 1512C/6. Tankers entered Aegean 0540 G.M.T. 7/8.
(S.O.I.) Istanbul, 1015C/7, to S.O.I. Med.).
- Cositrep Air. Night 5/6. Halifaxes and Wellingtons
474. attacked Tobruk harbour claiming two possible
hits several near misses on ships. One fire on
South shore. Operation hampered by thick cloud over target.
One Wellington missing one Halifax down in sea. Crew of latter
rescued. 4. Albacores bombed barges in Matruh. 5. 6/8. At
dawn Bostons bombed Matruh Harbour starting large fire and
explosions on jetties. 9. In evening Liberators bombed Tobruk
harbour starting large fire dock area.
(C.in C. M.E., 1035/7).
- U/Bs. There are indications that enemy submarines are
operating in your area.
(Capt. S.1., 1125C/7, to TAKU (R) C.in C. Med.
S.O. Subs, Alexandria).
- PORPOISE. My 1910/3 PORPOISE operating in area bounded by
035° 00' N. and coast of North Africa between
019° 00' E. and 024° 30' E. She will report
when mines have been laid after which she is available for
offensive action. Owing to her large silhouette at night she
should not be normally ordered within 40 miles of enemy coastline.
Intend she leaves patrol area to arrive Malta 25/8.
(Capt. S.1., 1130C/7, to S.O.(S) Alexandria, (R) PORPOISE, TAKU,
C.in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10).

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- U/B
Destroyed
4/8. Your 0336/6. (Congratulations on destruction of U/B). For PRIMULA read ZULU as in my 2002/4. (C.in C. Med., 1224C/7, to Admty, (R) R.A.D., D.22). W.D. Note:- 2002/4 amended.
- Malta Air
Report. I.549. C.S.R. 7/8. My I.533, 1/8. Enemy aircraft destroyed by R.A.F. during July now established as 148, 62. Afternoon alerts. 1225 hrs. 4 ME. 109s approached to within 5 miles Malta and then returned, non-effective R.D.F. interference, 4 Spitfires airborne sighted ME. 109s but lost them in haze. 1456 hrs. 12 plus fighters approached to within 5 miles N. of Malta apparently chasing returning PRU Spitfire, partial R.D.F. interference, 16 Spitfires up but enemy turned back without approaching coast. Night 6/7. One alert. 2021 hrs. One JU. 88 approached to within 3 miles of Malta and dropped bombs in sea partial R.D.F. interference, serious Beaufighter and V.H.F. interference, one Beaufighter chased JU. 88 but could not intercept. 2105 hrs. One Beaufighter up, no raiders approached Malta. 7th 0350 hrs. 8 Spitfires up to cover arrival of delivery Beauforts. 1201 hrs. 6 plus ME. 109s crossed coast great height 4 Spitfires up but ME 109s avoided combat and returned. (H.Q. R.A.F., Malta).
- Black Sea. N.L.O. Black Sea Sit-Rep. (1926C/7). See 1331C/8.
- PAPANICOLIS. My position 2100/7 034° 20' N. 030° 22' E. course 94° E.T.A. Beirut searched channel dawn 9th, intended to spend some hours on the surface during daylight 8th. (PAPANICOLIS, 2120C/7, to Capt. (S) 1, (R) C.in C. Med. S.O. S. Alexandria, Subs. on Patrol).
- Italian
Ports R/C. P.R.U. 7/8. (V.A. Malta, 2153B/7 amended 0113B/8 to Admty).
- TRAVELLER. At 2200C/7th my P.C. and S. 039° 08' 018° 58' 155° 125 miles per day. Intend to proceed on surface from 1400C/11, in order to arrive Beirut dawn 13th. (TRAVELLER, 2214/7, to Capt. (S) 1, TURBULENT, N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, Haifa, (R) C.in C. Med. S.O. Subs. Alexandria, 201 N. C. Group).

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Friday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Trade Protection. D. C. in C.E.F.0953/2, and S.N.O.P.G.1509/4. Following decision made after consultation with F.O.Ceylon.

1. Indian coastal trade and Addu-Mauritius-Diego Garcia-Seychelles shipping.

(A) To continue escorted sailings to island base of all important ships and to restrict escorts on West Coast of India to personnel and important ships.

(B) In absence of any indication of immediate submarine threat in Bay of Bengal, not to proceed with further convoy on East Coast after V.C.4 (? and) C.V.2. as consider they would merely form tempting bait to possible cruiser raiding force.

2. Persian Gulf Trade A/S protection.

(A) With limited available A/S ships a secure A/S patrol in Straits of Hormuon(?Hormuz) provides best protection for shipping in Persian Gulf.

(B) D.C. in C.E.F.'s plan 1st stage. Concur, but consider inward bound personnel ships from B.P.convoys should be included in this stage.

(C) Second and third stages. Concur. To be put into operation when sufficient A/S craft are available.

(D) A/S striking force considered unlikely to be effective in Oman area. Their possible formation to be considered after, (A) (B) and (C) requirements have been met.

(E) The allocation of Catalinas to assist (B) and (C) will be arranged when submarine activity commences. Details are now being investigated.

3. Following additional A/S craft to be allocated to Persian Gulf to enable S.N.O.P.G. to put plans 2 (A) and (B) into operation at the earliest possible date.

(A) From Ceylon escort group HINDUSTAN, TULIP and PUNJAB. On completion of refit SHOREHAM to relieve HINDUSTAN. Ships detailed to leave Bombay with B.P.52 on 20/8.

(B) From Kilindini now ROMNEY, CROMER and CROMARTY or 1st 3 A/S whalers as arranged by D.C. in C.E.F.

4. A.M. 1634B/29/7. Can F.O.C.R.I.N. spare any A/S craft to augment the small reinforcement allocated in para.3?

5. Future allocation of A/S craft which becomes available on E.I. Station in Autumn 1942, will aim at enabling 2nd and 3rd stages to be brought into operation earliest possible date. Further signal will be made on this matter.

6. Climatic conditions under which patrol and escort will work will necessitate periodical re-allocation.

7. S.N.O.P.G. paras 5 and 6 are noted. D.C. in C.E. F. is requested to arrange accordingly.

(C. in C.E.F. 0328Z/7 to D.C. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.Ceylon S.N.O.P.G. Admty.etc).

Force "A" . Intend Force "A" comprising WARSPITE ILLUSTRIOUS, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERCK, NAPIER, INCONSTANT, FORTUNE, ACTIVE to leave Colombo a.m./10 to arrive Kilindini a.m./18. refuelling at Seychelles 15/8.

2. VAN GALEN docking at Colombo will follow when repairs completed.

(C. in C. E.F.0401Z/7 to Admty.(R) D.C. in C.E.F., C. in C. Ceylon).

/Enemy....

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Enemy Unit. By D/F at 1731Z/6 position of unknown enemy unit was 001° N. 088° E call sign Homa. Reliable Fix. (D. C. in C.E.F. 0714Z/7 to A.I.G. 81 etc.

N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez. Ref. Admty 1446/5. Request earliest possible information of Rear Adml. Clegg's reply and E.T.A. as it has at present been arranged that Capt. Turner should come to Kilindini for special employment about 10/8 and it will be necessary for him to turn over to new N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 0824/7 to C. in C.S.A. (R) F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez).

R/C Apparatus Ceylon. I do not consider R. C.M. unit at present stationed in Ceylon is likely to achieve any useful results owing to distance of Ceylon from nearest enemy territory and lack of enemy surface vessels of aircraft operating in vicinity. I also consider fitting of apparatus in long range R/C aircraft or S/M operating from Ceylon is unlikely to produce results.
2. I suggest that unit which at present consists of 1 Lieut. R.N.V.F. one W/T mechanic, 2 telegraphist and 6 R.D.F. operators should be transferred to Australia or some other place where better opportunities occur to obtain contact with enemy. Shore or air transmitters.
3. For above reasons I do not concur in recommendations for increase in personnel and material contained in progress report of this unit number RE/P 2 of 25/6 now in transit by micogram from F.O.I.C. Ceylon under cover of his number 47/C 02586 19/7. Admty pass to C.S.S.
(C. in C.E.F. 0904Z/7 to Admty (R) F.O.I.C. Ceylon, Capt. Signal School, Haslemere).

THRACIAN. Report from M.A. Chungking 4/8 states H.M.S. THRACIAN repaired and sailing from Hong Kong. ((? C/S Delhi) 1046Z/7 to Admty etc).

Hospital Ships. Further to E.A. Commands 19301 not to D. of S.T. Request one large or preferably two small hospital ships may be made available and be sent to Durban by 2/9 for onward routing by me to destinations as required.
2. Admiralty pass to Troopers.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1156Z/7 to Admty (R) C. in C.E.F., etc).
Reply D.S.T. 2025A/9.

BUSHWOOD. Request you will sail BUSHWOOD for Khoramshah as soon as convenient. Report programme.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1156Z/7 to F.O.I.C. East Africa & Zanzibar (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Ceylon C. in C.E.F. S.N.O.P.G. BUSHWOOD).

/Abyssinia...

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Abyssinia. O/43221 cipher 7/8.
Sitrep. Further my 43016 6/8.
Addis Ababa finally evacuated by troops of E.A.
Comd. 5/8.
(G.O.C. in C.E. Africa 1225G.M.T./7 to W.O).

Air R/C. P.R.U. R/C midday to-day reports 1 aircraft carrier approx. 10000 tons (believed converted merchant ship) and 1 warship approx 3,000 tons, believed either large destroyer or small cruiser, at Anchor Port Cornwallis, Northern End, Andamans. Carrier had 4 or 5 aircraft on deck. Weather conditions suitable and R/C has been despatched again to cover Rangoon area. Owing shortage Hudson P.R. aircraft, request if C. in C.E.F. agrees, 2 Catalinas from Madras can carry out sweep starting before daylight tomorrow from Madras to position approx. 100 miles W. of Northern end of Andamans, thence North towards Akyab, then proceed and land in Hoogly at Calcutta. Area to a depth of 300 miles from coast between Hooghly and Cocanada to be reconnoitred by Hudson A/C from (? 222 Group). Bengal Command will maintain strong striking force at readiness to carry out attack if ships come within range. A.O.C. 222 group to inform A.O.C. 225 Group, repeat this H.Q. and A.H.Q. Bengal, if C. in C. agrees to above flying boat R/C. Flying boats could carry out sea R/C in reverse direction on following day. Air Ministry please pass to Admiralty.

(A.H.Q. India 1247Z/7 to 222 and 225 Groups C. in C.E.F.(R) A.H.Q. Bengal D.C. in C.E.F. A.M. Whitehall).

A.1639 7/8. Further to my A.305 7/8.

First phase interpretation of photographs Port Cornwallis indicate that Carrier is "Kauu Maru" Class and other ship is Destroyer of "Mkakaze" Class. Aircraft all appear to be float plane fighters. 1 was taxiing on water and other being moved about deck. Further P.R.U. being carried out Port Blair and Rangoon earliest possible.

(Air Ministry pass to Admiralty)
(A.H.Q. India, 1604Z/7).

Japanese U-Boats. Estimated 2 off N.W. Sumatra Eastbound, 2 in Malacca Strait. All withdrawn to Penang or Singapore. No further activity in Cocanada Area. (D.C. in C.E.F. 1257Z/7, to S. and A.E.I. Stn. (R) Admty etc).

Troop Movements. Following is a revised and up to date programme of proposed Troop Movements.
(A) B.P. 51 2 personnel ships NEURALIA, CITY OF LONDON sailing 10/8.
(B) Bombay Lourenco Marques CITY OF PARIS with Japanese sailing 10/8.
(C) Bombay Addu Atoll, 1 personnel ship UTSANG sailing 17/8.
(D) B.P. 52, 5 personnel ships ROHNA, VARSOVA, YOMA, VARELA, EASTERN PRINCE sailing 20/8.

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Troop Movements. Contd. (E) B.B.53 from Bombay, 3 personnel ships LANCASHIRE, NEVASA, Name of third ship to be given later sailing 27/8 and 9 M.T. Ships sailing between 24/8 and 4/9. From Karachi 2 personnel ships CITY OF LONDON, CAP ST JACQUES, sailing 28/8 and 5 M.T. ships sailing between 21/8 and 30/8.
(F) B.A.31, 4 personnel ships SANTHIA, NEURALIA, TALMA KAROA, sailing 28/8. F.O.C.R.I.N. pass to Armindia.
(P.S.T.O. India 1301Z/7 to D.C. in C.E.F.).

Repatriations. My 1905Z/6. Routes and amended dates for repatriation ships as follows.
(D. C. in C.E.F. 1328Z/7 to E.I.Stn.) Amendments made.

Burma. Situation Report No. 36 Patrol immobilised and sank steamer at Buthidaung ordered to report Akyab by Japanese West bank Chindwin within 5 miles of Homalin reliably reported clear of enemy 23/7
Andamans. Further interpretation photographs shows two C.(?D) guns Ross Island. Naval, no fresh developments
(C. in C.India 1400/7 to W.O. etc).

Reported Japanese Operations. Your 1130/6. Have received no report of intended operations on Australia Ceylon trade routes. Request information.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 1434Z/7, to N.B. Melbourne, (R) C. in C.E.F. Admty, C. in C.S.A.).

Air R/C. WX.4087. A.989 7/8.
Intelligence Summary No.145. Interpretation, of photographs taken Port Blair 5/8 reveals - North end Ross Island 2 defence guns in circular emplacements 160 ft apart. Not present 8/5 or 18/5.
(A.H.Q. India 1531/7 to Air Min).

C.M.31 W.S.21.P.G. Escorts. Following are escort intentions.
A.C.M.31: leaving Durban 16/8. CARADOC and WORCESTERSHIRE. CARADOC to proceed Diego Suarez.
B.WS.21 PG. ENTERPRISE and ALAUNIA. ENTERPRISE will probably refuel at Seychelles.
2. Request you will sail ships accordingly C. in C.S.A. is requested to state E.T.D. of W. S.21 P.G. from (?Capetown) and date of passing Durban. Routes follow.
3. Escort arrangements north of Seychelles will be signalled to ships concerned.
(D.C. in C.E. F. 1549Z/7 to Cdre.I.C. Durban, C. in C.S. A. (R) CARADOC ENTERPRISE, 4th C. S. ALAUNIA, R.A.3. Admty, C. in C. E.F. WORCESTERSHIRE).

KEREN KARANJA SOBIESKI. My 1407/4, not to C. in C.S.A. Special arrangements are to be made to get KEREN, KARANJA, and SOBIESKI to U.K. as early as possible. They should be sailed independently at their maximum speed. Report intended programme.
(D. of P.1558B/7 to D.C. in C.E.F.(R) C. in C.S.A.).

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S.C.94.
U/Bs. D/F Bearings since 1635Z of a number of transmissions indicate convoy is being shadowed by at least 3 U-boats.
(D.D.I.C. 0001B/7 to Escorts S.C.94, Cominch, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

DIANTHUS
attack on
U/B. DIANTHUS attacking S/M 54° 35' N. 38° 35' W. My P.C. and S. 54° 52' N. 38° 20' W. 22° 7. Weather report.
(C.T.U. 24.1.11, 0021Z/7 to Connav, (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.)

Sikorsky
helicopters. Report of progress and trials.
(B.A.C., Washington 0716/7 to M.A.P.)

M.A.R.I. Your 1627/5. Concur. Amendment to M.A.R.I. is being issued.
2. Recommend for consideration that these instructions should not apply to ships proceeding between Trinidad and ports West of Cape Orange, but that such ships should be routed as close to the coast as navigation permits.
(D.T.D. 1056Z/7 to Connav).
Your 1056Z/7. Agree with your recommendation vessels proceeding Trinidad (Surinam as received ?'should' intended) be routed close to coast. Have issued instructions to N.O.B. Trinidad to S.O. route Bauxite vessels.
(Cominch C. and R. 1821Z/7 to Admty.)

EYEBRIGHT. Your 1512B/27.
If EYEBRIGHT complete training in time request she may join T.U. 24.1.11 escorting O.N. 123 sailing Londonderry about 22/8.
(F.O.N.F. 1219Z/7 to C. in C. W.A., (R) Cdre, WESTERN ISLES, Cdre. Londonderry. C.T.G. 24.7
C.T.U. 24.1.11, EYEBRIGHT).

STELLA
LYKES
(sunk 27/7). U.S. Ship STELLA LYKES, Lykes Brothers SS. Company New Orleans, 0450/27/7 006° 46' N. 024° 55' W., S/M 2 torpedoes, first starboard, second half hour later port, then 40 shells fired at vessel which took 6 hours to sink. 1 man killed.
German S/M small type about 250 feet long. 3 inch guns in front C/T., big dent on port side port-quarter. All C.Bs. and documents dropped overboard in perforated boxes.
Capt. S.C. Wallace and Ch. Eng. W.R. Morrison taken prisoner by S/M.
(R.O. Bissau 1304/7 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Freetown.)

/Atlantic.....

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Atlantic Disposition of Operational Units in North Atlantic dispositions. Area North Russia. 2 Destroyers. Area Iceland (C) DUKE OF YORK, LONDON, CUMBERLAND, 1 destroyer 2 destroyers (U.S.). Area Scapa, KING GEORGE V, RENOWN, TUSCALOOSA, NORFOLK, 3 Destroyers, 2 Destroyers (U.S.) Area Rosyth DELHI, Area Gibraltar, NELSON, RODNEY, FURIOUS, VICTORIOUS, INDOMITABLE, EAGLE, ARGUS, KENYA, NIGERIA, MANCHESTER, SIRIUS, CHARYBDIS, PHOEBE, CAIRO, 15 Destroyers. (D.O.D. (H) 1320Z/7 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) Opnav, C. in C. Atlantic.)

A.S.6, From J.S.M. 316 it was assumed SEATRAN would
W.S.21. leave U.S.A. with A.S.6. to join W.S.21.
Composition of A.S.6. however appears to be
JAMES PARKER, AMERICAN PRESS and CHINA MAIL only.
2. Request (a) confirmation that only CHINA MAIL and AMERICAN
PRESS will be joining W.S.21 and (b) proposals for voyage of
SEATRAN to Middle East.
(D.O.D.(F) 1345Z/7 to Cominch (R) R.A.W.A., C. in C.S.A.)
Reply: Cominch 2134/8.

H.X. 201. Recommend convoys pass through following positions
O.N.119. at 0600Z/10.
H.X. 201 52.10 N. 27.00 W. on course 070°.
O.N. 119 51.56 N. 25.43 W. on course 246°.
2. Change over of escorts to be arranged between
C. in C.W.A. and C.T.24.
(D.T.D. 1348Z/7 to Connav (R) C. in C.W.A., C.T.
24). Concur (C.T.F. 24 1125Z/8, Connav 1929Z/8).

T.F.38. Cancel my 1642/31. New ocean route to avoid
general submarine area (J) 42.55, 60.05,
(K) 42.55, 45.05, (L) 48.25, 37.45, (M) 53.20,
28.50, (N) 56.45, 20.15, (O) 56.45, 17.55, (P)
56.05, 08.45, M.O.M.P. at 56.45 19.30 0915Z/15/8.
C.E.S.F. pass to R.O. New York.
(C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Connav, 1400Z/7 to
C.T.F. No 38. (R) C.T.24, C.E.S.F., Admty. C. in C.
W.A. N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.)

Transport for N.S.H.Q. 1522/6. Special U.S. Convoy will not
Merchant call at Bermuda. Further signal being made.
Seamen. (ii) U.S. Authorities would not allow vessel to
proceed to Bermuda to New York and thence to
Halifax since this would further endanger women
and children.
(iii) Suggest Merchant Navy Personnel be sent to
join ship at Halifax. B.R.O. New York pass to
M.W.T.
(B.A.D. 1421Z/7 to N.S.H.Q., C. in C.A.W.I.,
(R) Admty., D. of S.T., C.O.A.C., M. of W.T.
New York.)

/Overdue.....

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Overdue ships. Overdue Trinidad TREMMINARD (British) from Durban, TAUBATE (Brazilian) from Montevideo, British CITY OF GLASGOW ex W.A.T. 9. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1511Q/7 to Admty. etc.)

Hatteras closed. Following is re-encipherment of Connav 1533/7, all interested have been informed. Hatteras protected anchorage still closed to shipping. Refer my 1646/22/6. Amendment 12 to M.A.C.R.I. still held in abeyance. Atlantic Sea Frontier Commanders pass to Routeing Officers. (Cominch C. and R. 1558/7 to Admty. etc.)

O.N.115. My 1120/4, H.M.R.T. FRISKY arrived at 1440/6 from search for torpedoed ships of O.N. 115. H.M.R.T. TENACITY arrived 1342Z/7 with G.S. WALDEN ex O.N.115 in tow. (F.O.N.F. 1620Z/7 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)

Dispositions. Section south west.
A.T.18 Task Force 38 040° 55' 064° 50' 044° 15.5 altering in 041° 50' N. to Halifax.
O.N.115 Task Unit 24.18.3 U.S. Destroyer SWANSON, Y.M.S. 78 and 79, 042° 35' 067° 00' 259° 9.5.
B.X.32 B., Task Unit 24.18.2, (?043°) 35' 064° 45' 10.
H.S. 39. QUINTE, NIPIGON, sailing 1800Z/7, *VIBRANT 044° 30' 061° 40' (?267°) 14 altering in 058° 58' W. to 067°.
KIRSTEN B, 042° 15' 070° 00' (?172°) 6, DUNVEGAN en route for Halifax from Pictou. *Not in T.F. (C.O.A.C. 1622Z/7 to Admty.)

U/B Positions. Submarine estimate. (Cominch 1629Z/7).

U/B. Fisherman sighted S/M on surface in 043° 31' N. 064° 59' W. at 0815Z/7. (C.O.A.C. 1806Z/7 to Admty.)

Transport of Personnel. My 1927/28. U.S. Convoy sailing from New Orleans about 30/8. S.B.N.O.W.A. to inform Comcant what British personnel will need to be collected. (B.A.D. 1831Z/7) See Lion Copy.

U/B sunk 6/8. U.210. Request that congratulations of T.Ls. be conveyed to ASSINIBOINE on destruction of a German U-boat on 6/8/1942. See P. 176. (1st S.L. 1854B/7 to N.S.H.Q.)

SECRET

MESSAGE

IN.

1831Z/7th August.

FROM B.A.D. Washington.

DATE 8.8.42.

RECD. 0340.

(3)

NAVAL CYPHER (X) BY CABLE.

ADDRESSED S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic, D. of S.T.
Admiralty repeated N.S.H.Q. Ottawa,
N.O.I.C. Jamaica, F.O.I.C. Trinidad.

53. My 1927/28 not to F.O.I.C. Trinidad. U.S. are sailing an escorted convoy sailing from New Orleans about 30th August calling at the following ports - Panama, Trinidad, San Juan, Jamaica, Belize and returning to New Orleans. Estimate round voyage will take about 28 days.

(2) Comcaribseafon has been directed to arrange that all personnel requiring passages from Islands not being visited are collected at the nearest port on the route in time to catch this convoy. U.S. Authorities request S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic will inform Comcarib what British personnel will need to be collected.

(3) They request F.O.I.C. Trinidad arrange to collect British personnel from British Guiana to Trinidad.

(4) They request S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic promulgate the fact that this will be the last opportunity of collecting women and children or large numbers of other personnel for some time.

(5) It is presumed that the visits of AWATEA, GLASGOW and PENELOPE will remove all women and children and Naval personnel awaiting passage from Bermuda and that the 160 remaining personnel quoted in your 1206/3 are soldiers awaiting relief from Jamaica. Arrangements will be made to transport soldiers ex Jamaica to Bermuda in first possible U.S. Naval transport sailing to Bermuda after their arrival in U.S. On its return transport would bring back relieved Military personnel from Bermuda to U.S. for onward passage to U.K. Separate arrangements are being made for removal of one company of British Infantry from Bahamas to U.S. by U.S. vessel taking 820 R.A.F. personnel to Nassau about 20th August.

(6) Suggest Free French ex Islands be shipped from U.S. in first troop convoy to U.K. for onward passage to East Africa unless some more direct method can be found in the meantime.

(7) Request/....

(7) Request - (A) S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic signals details of personnel embarking at each port as soon as possible. (B) D. of S.T. arrange onward transport of personnel proceeding from U.S. to U.K. (C) M. of W.T. New York arrange rail passage as required and accommodation for personnel awaiting onward passage from U.S.

1831Z/7

1st Lord.
 1st S.L. (2)
 Deputy 1st S.L.
 4th S.L.
 V.C.N.S.
 A.C.N.S. (H)
 A.C.N.S. (F)
 A.C.N.S. (T)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 Cps. (3)
 C.D. (5)
 Cdr. Holbrook.
 N.
 D.P.S. (2)
 O.I.C. (3)
 D.T.D. (4)
 D.T.D. (M)
 D.T.D. (C)
 W.D.
 D. of P. (3)
 D. of S.T. (2) for action.
 M. (2)
 Ad. Blake.
 I.P. (3)
 D.N.I. (5)

MP.

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Signals.

Request you will pass to C.T.24.6 all North Atlantic Convoy routes. To shorten signals Admiralty will omit this request from future route signals.
(D.T.D. 1905B/7 to A.C.I.C.)

G.P.
Convoys.

As there is no B.R.O. at Guantanamo should be grateful if Admiralty could be included as information addressee of Sailing Telegrams of G.P. Convoys sent by Port Director.
(D.T.D. 1911Z/7 to Connav.)

U/B.

Following has been read. One S/M in 43.36 N. 64.30 W.
(A/C Call Sign 6 RRJ 1922Z/7).

Identifications. Your 1411/6/6 (779A). Reports have been received from B.R.Os. that Masters generally complain against new challenge procedure since warships cannot at once be identified as friendly by the merchant ships.
(N.S.H.Q. 1958Z/7 to Admty.)

Key West
Convoy
Anchorage.

This is Cominch C. and R. 2031/7. All offices interested have been informed classification of Conhydrolant 29 reduced from confidential to restricted. All routing officers hereby directed to promulgate exact details of entrance channel and limitations of convoy anchorage area Key West to all masters of United Nations Vessels routed to this anchorage. Atlantic Sea Frontier Commanders pass to Routing Officers. N.O.I.C. Bermuda pass to N.C.S.C. Bermuda.
(Radio Washington, 2035/7 to Admty. etc.)

A.F.Messages.

C.O.A.C.'s 1559/6, not to Admty. In view of Admty. 1304/3 concur that you discontinue A.F. message except in special circumstances when broadcast warnings to B.A.M.S. 2 A, will take to the form suggested.
(N.S.H.Q. 2047Z/7 to C.O.A.C. Halifax (R) Admty.)

U/B
Campaign.

Connav serial number 7. EMPIRE OCEAN Ex. O.N.115 reported sank under tow 5th August. No information here as to cause of damage. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa please advise. HAVSTEN, Norwegian tanker reported sunk approx. 011° N. 055° W. date unknown. 30 survivors picked up. PIAVE Brazilian Tanker sunk, by torpedo 28/7 012° 30' N. 055° 49' W. CLAN MACNAUGHTON British sunk by torp. 1/8 1630Z, 011° 54' N. 054° 25' W. Chief Officer and 24 Lascars survive, ship still missing. CASTOR Dutch Serial No. 6 not (?) IRLMIRLO Norwegian Tanker reported attacked by 3/8 010° 45' N. 053° 54' W. No further information.
(Connav 2054/7 to Connaveu).

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- O.N.117. T.Unit 24.18.6 sail St. John's N.F. 2300Z/8, to join in 045° 16' N. 049° 35' W. 342° 1800Z/9/8 (F.O.N.F. 2102Z/7 to C.T.U. 24.1.5. (R) C.O.A.C. C.T. 24, N.S.H.Q., Connav, Admty., C.T.U. 24.18.6)
- Independent Ships, Position Reports. Cancel A.M. 1513B/28/7. Masters of all independently sailing British managed ships bound for Freetown or Gibraltar from Gulf of Mexico or Caribbean are to be instructed that, if not fitted with H/F transmission, they are to report their position in the form laid down in C.A.M.S.I. No. 52/42.
(a) if bound for Freetown, on crossing 22° W. or
(b) if bound for Gibraltar, on crossing 15° W.
2. Message is to be made in P/L. No passing instructions are required.
3. Instructions for ships fitted with H/F transmission have been embodied in M.A.R.I. by Amendment No. 62.
(D.T.D. 2104B/7 to B.R.O. Key West, Trinidad, Aruba, Curacao, (R) C. in C.S.A., R.A.W.A., F.O.C.N.A., S.B.N.O.W.A. Connav.)
- Sub. attack and sighting summary. LEONIDAS M 1 torpedo hit, 20 shells U.88 type. Brass plate likeness of Lion on C/T. Captain taken prisoner aboard S/M. Shortly thereafter stopped SAN MIGUEL. Survivor SCOTTSBURG and KAHUKU attack reports builders plate Bremen 1941. Survivor dubious reliability. For Commander Turner U.S. S/M report covering all U.S. strategic areas in Atlantic broadcast on Washing F schedule also sent by land line to Halifax for rebroadcast on L schedule and by cable from Halifax to Bermuda. Your 1249/7, best information indicates floating dock is on new route. Surface craft attacks sound contact 3420 N. 76.08 W. 1950Z/24/6 doubtful. My attack on Sub. 29/6 reported my 2117/27/7 later info indicates time as 1830Z. S/M was on surface possible damaged by shelling. Patrol plane attacks S/M on surface 18.05 N. 63.10 W. 1110Z/3/7. Surface craft attacks at time and position of attack on CARMONA: Surface craft attacks sound contact 38.24 N. 72.58 W. 1347Z/25/7 doubtful. Patrol craft sights U.45 type 38.40 N. 74.52 W. 2400Z/5/8. S/M reported 12.25 N. 69.10 W. 1645Z/6. Panam plane sights S/M on surface 13.50 N. 78.40 W. 2107Z/6. Plane sights periscope 38.10 N. 73.10 W. 1610Z/7.
(Cominch 2107/7 to Admty. for O.I.C.)
- S.C. Sailing Dates. C. in C.W.A. 2055/31, para. 6 and my 1651/2. Propose S.C.97 sails 4 days late on 13th. S.C.98 sails 3 days late 28th. S.C.99 sails 2 days late 3/9. S.C.100 sails one day late 9/9. S.C.101 sails normally 16/9.
(N.S.H.Q. 2136Z/7 to Admty.)
Reply: Admty: 1713B/8. C.T.F.24: 2347Z/8.
- U.S. Salvage at Massawa. Reply to Admty. 2259/14/7 and 1746/22/7.
(B.A.D. 2301Z/7 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

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MESSAGE

2301Z/7th August

IN

DATE 8.8.42.

RECD. 0906.

FROM B.A.D. Washington

NAVAL CYPHER "XD" BY CABLE

ADDRESSED Admiralty.

474. Your 2259/14 and 1746/22.

War Department have been considering legal aspect and have not yet made formal reply but state unofficially that they concur in your instituting prize proceedings immediately.

2. General Maxwell has, however, sent a message to War Department stressing necessity on ground of morale for bonus to salvage crews if vessels are to be handed over to British. Crews were hired on a fixed wages contract but it is customary commercial practice for bonus to be paid. Figure suggested is half of 1% of estimated value of vessels salvaged. If this is agreed proposal would be for part to be paid in sterling and part in dollars, H.M.G. to provide sterling portion and U.S.G. dollar portion under Lend-Lease. Proportions might be arranged locally with General Maxwell.

3. It is considered desirable that salvage crews should be informed before ships are handed over to British that H.M.G. and U.S.G. are sympathetically considering their claim to bonus.

4. American Press published to-day article describing magnificent job done by Captain Ellsburg U.S.N. on loan from U.S. Navy in raising floating dock. If recognition of his work in form of decoration could be arranged gesture would be appreciated.

5. U.S.G. will direct General Maxwell regarding disposition of vessels when legal decision in Paragraph 1 is formally intimated, we hope within next 2 or 3 days. If your concurrence to proposal in Paragraph 2 could be given before then it would obviously greatly ease matters.

2301Z/7.

+ Re salvage vessels and cargoes in prize

1st Lord	D.N.I. (5)	S.Br.
1st S.L. (2)	D. of P. (3)	N.L.
2nd S.L.	O.D. (5)	D. 57 O.B.
Vice Contr.	D. of Salvage	M. (4) (MO9106/42)
V.C.N.S.	H. & A.	for action
A.C.N.S. (F)	O.I.C. (3)	Admiral Blake
P.A.S. (S)	I.P. (3)	
P.A.S. (O)	W.D.	

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.KIYOKAWA
MARU.

WX.4063 AI.52 7/8 daily signal.

(E) Ref. H.Q. India 981 stating that KIIYOKAWA
MARU at present engaged commerce Jawao Chile.

The presence of this ship in Rabaul Area indicated by special intelligence and definitely confirmed by captured documents. Name has probably been duplicated. Refer our A.552 11/7 (Allied A.H.Q. Brisbane 0622/Z/7 to Air Min, etc).

Situation.

Digest Serial No.197 6/8.

Aircraft on R/C 6/8 reported. (A) 1 M/V 2° 55' S.
149° 10' E. course 130° at 2330Z/5.(B) 10 M/V 6000 to 8000 tons 8 waships (cruisers
and destroyers) 8 other vessel anchored, Rabaul Harbour.

(C) 3 destroyers 1 aircraft carrier 03° 05' S. 150° 40' E. at 0330Z/6. Carrier stationary but proceeded on course 300° with destroyers circling after sighting. Sighting confirmed by photographs, no aircraft on flight deck. Tonnage approx. 15,000. Length approx. 600 feet, beam 70 flight deck extends from stern to within 50 feet of bow. 6 A.A. guns on port side. Rectangular lift open starboard side 20 feet from after end of flight deck. 3 White strips full length flight deck with large white circle just forward open hatch.

(2) No shipping observed Koepang by air R/C 5/8.

(3) 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer 1 gunboat reported Maringi Lagoon (S.E. end Ysabei Island) 30/7. Report indicates anchorage used by enemy since 9/7.

(4) M/V reports sinking mine 21° 17' S. 167° 02' E at 0400Z/31/7.

(5) Reliable report indicates 20 men with 3 machine guns and W/T at Cape Astrolabe (Malaita) 4/8. Serial 195 para.6 refers.

(6) Lae Aerodrome attacked by 6 Marauders 0026Z/6 by 4 Marauders 0720Z/6 and 3 Catalinas during night 6/8. Hits on runways and dispersal bays.

(7) 7 B.25s attacked Aerodrome Salamaua 0020Z/6, runways damaged. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0830Z/7 to Admty etc).

MAMUTU
(Sunk 6/8).Burns Philp and Company's motor vessel MAMUTU
attacked and believed sunk by S/M 1500Z/6 in
position 009° 11' S. 144° 12' E.(A.C.N.B. 1116Z/7 to Admty, C.O.I.S.Kilindini,
C. in C.E.F.,N.Z.N.B., B.A.D.).Shipping
Signals.

Your 1545/4 not to Comsopac and your 1549/4 to D.N.I Wellington only. Comsopac desires that route and vesca signals for Connav and U.S. sea Frontier Commanders(except Colon) be passed to B.A.D.(in

British codes and cyphers) with instructions B.A.D. pass to Connav and U.S.Sea frontier Commanders as applicable. Request approval B.A.D. pass to Connav.

(N.Z.N.B. No.T.O.O./7 to Admty and 1401/7). Reply:No Admty objection (D.T.D.1339B/8).

Cominch (C and R) does not concur (Cominch 1632/10).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.

(D.D.I.C.1518B/7, 1536B/7).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Five Russian icebreakers with a British tanker are making the eastward passage north of Siberia, opening the way for ships from the Pacific: Russian destroyers from the Pacific are to be met.

Home Commands.

*Operation
E.U.*

It is intended to send U.S. cruiser TUSCALOOSA and 3 destroyers to the Kola Inlet with stores. The ships will return with MARTIN and MARNE to Seidisfiord with survivors and personnel now awaiting passage.

Operation
F.D.41.

S/M RUBIS sailed from Portsmouth today to lay mines off Arcachon and for patrol.

South Atlantic.

Aircraft for
W. Africa.

3 more Hudsons are to be sent to West Africa to bring up the strength to 24. Sunderland strength in West Africa, 8, will be increased by 2 more leaving during the next few days and 4 more being prepared.

Minesweepers.

C. in C. S.A. today reported that SUNBURST (Eastern Fleet) and STORMCENTRE (Mediterranean) had arrived in a bad state, and 6 weeks are estimated to complete essential defects at Capetown.

Mediterranean.

Tobruk harbour and shipping in Bardia and Matruh were bombed last night: an F boat was hit at Matruh and another is reported to have been hit north of Bardia today.

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.East Indies.

Replying to a suggestion of Gen. Hartley that part of Force A at present in Colombo should remain in this area during the period of the Indian Congress meeting until 20/8, C. in C. E.F. states this is open to the objection that it offers the Japanese an opportunity to engage with superior forces, without any major redistribution of the Japanese Fleet. C. in C. E.F. is compelled to remain at Colombo until 10/8 owing to destroyer defects, but intends sailing then for Kilindini, arriving on 18/8, to start preliminary practice and discuss the plan and execution of forthcoming operations in Madagascar. He adds that the effective fighter and striking force of ILLUSTRIOUS, his only carrier at Colombo, is at present much below the standard required to compete against a Japanese carrier.

A.O.C. 222 Group, Colombo, after discussion with C. in C. E.F. states that they consider the most probable objective of the enemy carrier sighted yesterday at Port Cornwallis (Andamans) is Madras, and do not agree that Catalina R/C as suggested by A.H.Q. India on 7/8 is most suitable. Alternative proposals for cross-over patrols are made, and all patrols previously ordered, including those from China Bay, have been cancelled.

Air H.Q. India, consider that the seaplane carrier located off Port Cornwallis, Andamans, yesterday, is providing local cover either for convoy or other forces in Rangoon, or possibly for forces in Port Blair. It is not considered likely it will take part in any offensive role.

This is also the view of C. in C. E.F. who considers that her presence at Port Cornwallis is not a preliminary move for an offensive operation against India or Ceylon, but is defensive, part of a Japanese strengthening of their air defences in North Andamans, where there are no aerodromes. 221 Group patrols by land based G/R aircraft will only be carried out to sufficient depth to ensure no enemy ships are within steaming distance of the coast during hours of darkness. Possibly the Americans may be able to make an attack on the seaplane carrier in near future with a very small force of long range bombers just arrived ex Middle East.

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Saturday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.China.U.S. Air
attacks
on Canton.

Tinho Aerodrome, Canton was bombed by U.S. aircraft escorted by fighters at 1715/6 and White Cloud Aerodrome and wharves at Canton at 0620 today. Extensive damage was caused and in each case several Japanese aircraft were destroyed on the ground. The U.S. forces suffered no losses.

America and West Indies.

Convoy S.C.94, escorted by Task Unit 24.1.11 was unsuccessfully attacked last night and was attacked again at 1327Z in 56.30 N 32.14 W (about 600 miles S.W. of Reykjavik) by 2 or more U-Boats, and 4 ships were sunk, TREHATA (Commodore's ship) KELSO, ANNEBERG and KAIMOKU. MOUNT KASSION was also hit twice in the engine room but is afloat. RADCHURCH, although undamaged, was abandoned and another crew could not be put on board.

U.379 sunk
(Dr: 7060 km
1 Cmd: 6843) 6½ knots. (Pos: 57°11' N. 30°37' W.)

Corvette DIANTHUS, escorting S.C.94 rammed and ~~claims to have sunk~~ a U-Boat p.m. today in mid-Atlantic. DIANTHUS was damaged and is reduced to

U.S.
operations
in
Aleutian
waters.

It appears from statements in the press that a U.S. naval force is operating in the Aleutian Is. area.
(The Japanese base at Kiska was bombarded).

Australia and New Zealand.

Allied air R/C today of the Buka - Bougainville area indicated a total enemy force including 3 heavy and 3 light cruisers, 4 destroyers, 4 gunboats, 5 merchant vessels and 2 unidentified warships.

Allied aircraft made several attacks on Lae and Salamaua (Papua) today.

CANBERRA is reported to have been sunk during a night action in the early hours of today, off the Solomon Islands, and it appears that other cruisers were damaged. This action is probably in connection with the operations referred to on 10/8 (q.v.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

21st M.T.B. Suggest that M.T.B. 86 of 23rd M.T.B. Flotilla
Flotilla. now working up at Weymouth should be allocated to
M.T.B.86. the 21st M.T.B. Flotilla to replace M.T.B. 237
lost by enemy action. It is very necessary to
have five boats in Flotilla to keep up a
striking force.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1115B/8 to Admty.)

C. in C. Portsmouth's 1115/8 and my 1851/12/5 and my 2038/5.
M.T.B. 86 is allocated temporarily to Portsmouth Command on
completion of working up.

Request boat be sailed accordingly.

Request another M.T.B. undergoing training may be made available
for torpedo-discharge trials referred to in my 2038/5.

(D.D.O.D(C) 1957B/8 to R.A.C.F.)

CURAÇOA. In view of the frequent duties in W.A. Command for
which it is essential to use a fast A/A ship it
is considered that CURAÇOA should be attached to
W.A. Command until DELHI or CAIRO becomes
available.

2. Request your remarks.

(D.O.D(H) 1255B/8 to C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C.W.A.)

U.S. Admiralty's 0336B/7 (being passed to you and
Training Commodore, Londonderry). Request you forward
Bases in reports direct to Admiralty, copy to me.
U.K. (C. in C. W.A. 1634B/8 to F.O.I.C. Cardiff, F.O.I.C.
Belfast).

AMBUSCADE. Your 1458/7 (see below) has been passed to
Admiralty. Proposed employment of AMBUSCADE
will cause serious interference to heavy training
commitments which it is not desired to accept.
It is considered that this training is of such
importance that every other possibility should be
explored before this step is taken. Experience has shown that the
temporary substitute target ships are not satisfactory as their
records for the first few weeks are almost valueless.

(R.A.N.A.S. 1811B/8 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

Following received begins.

From F.O.I.C. Greenock to R.A.N.A.S. It is proposed to employ
AMBUSCADE on important experiments with signal school between
20/8 and 3/9. No other suitable ship available. Machrihanish
reports that interference with training will result. Efforts
will be made to find a suitable substitute for AMBUSCADE to
work for Machrihanish between these dates but success is by no
means certain. Request your concurrence with these proposals for
AMBUSCADE, to C. in C. only. Your W.A. 2538 M. of 22nd July
refers.. - 1458/7 Ends. My 1811/B/8 refers.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 2125B/8 to Admty.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

MENESTHEUS. My 1004B/7. Proceed R/V in 171° Garrock Head
CASTLETON. 6 miles at 1500B today, proceed thence in company
to Port "Z.A."
Your E.T.A. will be passed as 1030A/9.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0928B/8 to MENESTHEUS,
CASTLETON.)

Sailed MENESTHEUS and CASTLETON in accordance with my 0928B/8.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1426B/8 to R.A.M.)

LIVERPOOL. It will be necessary to detach GEORGETOWN to
Londonderry for Fuel at 1800A/9 as her endurance
is insufficient to complete passage at 16½ knots.
Request relief escort. LIVERPOOL expected to
pass through 53° 2' N. 16° 3' W. at 2100A/9.
S. of A. 15½ knots.
(LIVERPOOL 0947B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)

Your 0947/8th. No destroyers available to relieve GEORGETOWN.
Continue at best speed detaching MANSFIELD when relieved by
SENNEN in position (G).

2. A.C.O.S. is requested to signal onward route from Cape Wrath.
My 1153/6 refers.

(C. in C.W.A. 1816B/8 to LIVERPOOL.)

Request you sail SENNEN to R/V 2100A/10 in position (g) 180°
Barra Head 10 miles with LIVERPOOL approaching on course 053° 15½
knots. SENNEN is to escort to Rosyth unless otherwise ordered by
C. in C. H.F., subsequently returning to Londonderry.
Maximum speed SENNEN is 15 knots and LIVERPOOL is to adjust
speed as necessary.

(C. in C. W.A. 2121B/8 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)

C. in C. W.A. 1816/8.

Request you will provide onward escort for LIVERPOOL from Cape
Wrath to Rosyth.

LIVERPOOL expects to pass through 53° 2' N. 16° 3' W. at 2100A/9,
S. of A. 15½ knots, thence through Minches.

(D.O.D(H.) 2144B/8 to C. in C.H.F.)

5th and 5th and 7th M.G.B. Flotillas are to return to
7th M.G.B. Lowestoft as soon as practicable.
Flotillas. (C. in C. Nore 0954B/8 to BEEHIVE).

EGLANTINE. On Completion of calibration P.M. today sail to
comply with C. in C.W.A. 2244B/5. *N.T. & W.D.*
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1004B/8 to EGLANTINE.)

P.247. (1) Intend to sail P.247 escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE
at 1700A/9 for Holy Loch by usual route as in my
1017/28/7. E.T.A. 1500A/11.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 1011Z/8).

ARGONAUT. My 1214B/7. Sailed 1110B/8.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1216B/8).
Arrived ARGONAUT.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1941B/8).

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Movements-Contd.

8th and
25th M.L.
Flotillas.

On completion of training request you will sail M.Ls. of 8th Flotilla to Clyde. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to retain three and sail remaining one with M.Ls. of 25th Flotilla to Milford Haven.

(C. in C.W.A. 1221B/8 to WESTERN ISLES).

→ FERNMOOR.

Request FERNMOOR be sailed as convenient for Saldanha Bay and to lay A/T Baffles on arrival. (D.B.D. 1314B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)

H.D.M.L.
Flotilla
No. 117.

1. H.D.M.L. Flotilla No. 117 consisting of 8 Boats will be ready to leave Milford Haven for Trinidad on 18/8.

3. They will be accompanied by H.M. Rescue Tugs CHARON and PRUDENT whose destination is Freetown.

4. Escort from U.K. PETUNIA.

5. Route via Gibraltar, Bathurst, Para, to Trinidad.

6. C. in C.W.A. is requested to sail PETUNIA as requisite to Milford Haven and to provide route to Gibraltar sailing ships south of Ireland.

7. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail ships accordingly when weather conditions are propitious.

8. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to arrange onward sailing to Bathurst as requisite.

9. R.A.W.A. is requested to issue necessary instructions to PETUNIA and Tugs on arrival at Bathurst and to arrange escort for H.D.M.Ls. from Bathurst to Para.

10. H.D.M.Ls. have been fitted with masts and sails to assist their passage across the Atlantic.

11. It is proposed that H.D.M.Ls. should proceed from Para to Trinidad unescorted by coastal routes.

(D.O.D(H) 1320B/8).

BARDELL.
BARDOLF.
BARBRAKE.

Admty. 1806B/5. Destination of escort vessels is to be amended to read:-

"BARDELL to Freetown, BARDOLF to Gibraltar, BARBRAKE to Saldanha Bay and as tender to FERNMOOR on arrival". C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange route in order that BARDOLF may part company as requisite.

(D.B.D. 1330B/8).

Landing
Craft for
Londonderry.

U.S. Authorities have requested that the following craft delivered at Londonderry by about 20/8. 18 L.C.P.(L), 18 L.C.V., 6 L.C.M. (3). Crews are not required.

2. S.B.O.C.O.N. is requested to arrange for new construction craft of American types be prepared for delivery. Total numbers required should, if necessary, be made up by substituting additional American type L.C.P.(L) if sufficient L.C.V. are not yet available.

3. S.O.A.S.C. is requested to arrange for ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ULSTER MONARCH, IRIS, and DAFFODIL to be available to collect craft and lift them to their destination.

(C.C.O. 1429B/8).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements-Contd.

L.C.T. On arrival at Methil take L.C.Ts. 320, 343, 345, craft for 353, 382, and 383 under your orders and escort Troon. them by Searched Channels to Troon. Leave Methil at 0600/11. Take shelter if necessary on passage otherwise proceeding without stop.

3. The escort is to be reinforced by one A/P Trawler from each Sub. Command. Dundee Trawler to R/V at 22A Buoy, Aberdeen at 25 Buoy, Invergordon from 32 Buoy to 35 Buoy. A.C.O.S. is requested to reinforce escort at 35 Buoy as considered necessary.

4. If any craft has engine trouble she is to be escorted by the extra escort to the nearest port and left there. (C. in C. Rosyth 1636B/8 to EGILSAY).

MIDDLETON. Present position 056° 32' N. 017° 18' W., course 277°, S. of A. 15 knots. (MIDDLETON 1800Z/8).

L.C.T. A.M. 1633/5.
Flotilla No. L.C.T. Flotilla No. 3 consisting of 12 ships will be ready to leave Milford Haven for Gibraltar on 15/8 and are to proceed in company with H.D.M.L. Flotilla No. 111.
3. Endurance of L.C.Ts. is 2800 at 10 knots but a slightly slower speed is desirable; and speed of convoy will have to be adjusted to suit different types of craft.
H.D.M.L. C. in C.W.A. is requested to provide additional Flotilla escort of two destroyers to the limit of their No. 111. endurance. (D.O.D.(H.) 1805B/8).

H.28. My 1815/5. Sailed.
O.10. (Capt. S.7. 2208B/8 to WESTERN ISLES).
Z.5-

Operations.

East Coast Emergency destroyers may be required for patrol Patrols. later. Remainder of patrol not required tonight. (C. in C. Nore 0956B/8 to D.16, D.21.)

British Air Activity.

North AP/540 8/8. Air Ministry please pass to 30 Mission. Russia. (1) The following code names are promulgated for Code Word use in connection with operations from North "Orator". Russia. "Orator" P.R.U. the operation of P.R.U. Spitfires together with small photographic unit and interpretation section. "Orator Ham" the operation of Hampdens. "Orator Cat" the operation of Catalinas.
2. The collective code name for all the above is "Orator". (H.Q.C.C. 1151B/8).

Air Search for See U-Boats.
damaged
U-Boat.

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Enemy Air Activity.

Aberdeen
bombed
on 7/8. My 2350/7. Details of damage to Naval property
and personnel.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 0230/8 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Convoy
attacked. Help "Review" in 50° 37' N. 1° 41' W.
(Convoy Guard 1810/8).

Cullercoats
Sick
Quarters
bombed. R.N. Sick Quarters Cullercoats wrecked by enemy
air raid at 2010 today. Patients and staff
evacuated, no fatal casualties. Approximately 20
casualties. Anticipate Operating Theatre and
approx. 25 beds will be available for use within
one week.
(N.O.I.C. North Shields 2300/8).

Mining.

Thames
Estuary. One ground mine detonated by Sweepers at 1404/6.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0940/8).
One ground mine detonated by Sweepers at 1151/7.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0945/8).

RUBIS. S.5s. 1051B/7. Sailed Needles 2115/8 less escort.
(F.D.41.) (C. in C. Portsmouth 2127B/8).

Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy
Main
Units. Your 1401/8. No British S/Ms are operating North
of latitude 60° N.
2. Latest information of enemy warships TIRPITZ,
SCHEER, HIPPER, with 7 destroyers in Narvik area
and LÜTZOW, KÖLN and 2 destroyers in Trondheim area.
(D.O.D.H. 1939B/8 to A.C.I.C.)

LÜTZOW. Visual R/C at 1830/8 shows LÜTZOW in Lofjord.
(D.D.I.C. 2315B/8).

U-Boats.

U-Boats
reported. Jan Mayen reports S/M sighted at 1000/7, 12 miles
from North Lagoon.
(A.C.I.C. 0015B/8).
D/Fs at 2213Z/7, 0007Z/8, 0050Z/8, and 0259Z/8
suggest that S.C.94 is being shadowed.
(D.D.I.C. 0550B/8 to Escorts S.C.94).
A.M. 1712B/5. D/F Bearings at 2127A/7 and 0156Z/8 indicate
that one or possibly 2 U/Bs which made 72 groups and 101 groups of
enigma, were in area 58° to 60° N., 20° to 25° W.
(D.D.I.C. 1008B/8 to A.C.I.C.)
By D/F at 1454Z/8. Position of U-boat was 61° 10' N. 3° 30' E
Estimated bound for Atlantic.
(D.D.I.C. 1746B/8 to A.C.O.S., N.O.I.C. Faroes, H.Q.C.C.)

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U-Boats reported -Contd. D/F bearings at 1100Z/8, 1157Z/8, and 1247Z/8 indicate U-boat within 60' of 57° N. 23° 30' W. Possibly damaged. (D.D.I.C. 1934/B/8). S/M (? in sight) 020°, 12 miles. My position 056° 44' N. 031° 04' W. (PRIMROSE 2015Z/8). S/M in sight 020°, 12 miles. My position 056° 44' N. 031° 04' W. (PRIMROSE 2105Z/8). My 2015/8. 2 S/Ms in sight, 056° 44' N. 031° 04' W. (PRIMROSE 2150Z/8). Following from PRIMROSE begins. S/M in sight is 020°, 12 miles, my position 056° 44' N. 031° 04' W., 2015Z/8. Ends. (C. in C.W.A. 2313B/8 to BROKE, (R) PRIMROSE).

See P.243 (S.C. 94)

Air Search for U-boat. Request you will inform me at earliest moment if it is decided to carry out air search for damaged U-boat tomorrow. If sweep is carried out it may be possible to divert BLYSKAWICA to area 058° 30' N. 023° 01' W. during the day. (C. in C. W.A. 1145B/8 to A.C.I.C.)

Your 1145B/8. Weather permitting following sweep will be carried out a.m. tomorrow.

(a) 5 Hudsons from 61° 59' N. to 58° 01' N.
(b) 4 Catalinas from 61° 59' N. to 57° 20' N., both bounded by Meridians 20° 01' W. and 24° 59' W. (A.C.I.C. 1603B/8 to C. in C.W.A.).

Navigational.

Iceland. Hvalfjord:- No. 9 light buoy 205° 170 feet from charted position. Red spar buoy 249° 1700 feet from this position missing. (Hydrog 0821B/8).

Technical.

VIENNA. Coal on deck. Admiralty 1629B/13/7 addressed VIENNA and my reply 1100B/14/7. Propose carrying 100 tons coal on well-deck aft to ensure endurance. D.N.Cs. representative Mr. Browning visiting ship at Greenock gave verbal assurance that stability is adequate. Request approval for this coal to be carried and necessary temporary timbering to be fitted for storage thereof. (VIENNA 0855B/8 to F.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

Smoke Screen Trials.

Intend to carry out further trials to investigate use of smoke for protecting a convoy. Request early information whether A/C will be available to take part on 23/8. Requirements will be similar to those for exercise W.A.X.O. carried out on 1/7. (C. in C.W.A. 1742B/8 to R.N.A.S. Machrihanish) Your 1742/8. Yes certainly. (Machrihanish 2256B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties and Defects.

PETERHEAD. PETERHEAD is required at Port Z.A. for operation by p.m. 21/8. She requires to be boiler cleaned, and her boiler front air-casing wings require fairing and strengthening. Propose sending her to Greenock for this to be done, sailing from Tobermory p.m. 11th.
(WESTERN ISLES 0950B/8).

M.L.1150. M.L. 1150 towed in derelict to Milford Haven, requires survey and repairs. Suggest she be towed to Appledore for necessary work to be undertaken.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1625B/8 to Admty.)

Shipping and Convoys.

Archangel. Ministry of War Transport in conjunction with British-American Reserve Stores Depot. U.S. War Shipping Administration, London, are actively engaged in arranging for the establishment at Archangel of a joint British-American depot to hold reserve supplies of cabin stores etc. to be available to crews of British and U.S. merchant ships icebound or survivors.
2. S.B.N.O. Archangel will act as custodian.
3. 12 British ships in P.Q.18 will each carry as cargo for deposit in the depot one extra month's cabin stores, also supplies of clothing, books and games. A number of U.S. ships in P.Q.18 will carry supplies of clothing for survivors.
4. British ships in P.Q.19 will be loaded as in para. 3. All U.S. ships in P.Q.19 will carry supplies of clothing for survivors and one extra month's cabin stores as cargo in at least 8 ships for deposit in depot if required.
5. All British and U.S. ships in P.Q.18 and 19 will be stored for 6 months and masters will be prepared to give up to the depot a reasonable surplus portion of their cabin stores if required as soon as homeward sailing date is accurately known.
6. Ives and Pearson will draw on depot and keep records of intake and withdrawal for accounting purposes under supervision of S.B.N.O.
7. Polyarno will draw on depot if required and if practicable.
(D.S.T. 0047B/8 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).

SETTLER. H.D.M.Ls. 1122 and 1158 shipped in SS. SETTLER today Saturday. Entire crews have embarked with boats.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0958B/8).

KANARIS. Intend to sail KANARIS for Methil at 0915/10 carrying out full-power trials on passage. Request arrangements to disembark party of approx. 50 on arrival. E. T.A. Methil 1600/10.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 0946/8).

/Kola.....

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.-Contd.Kola Inlet.
Stores.
Repatriation
of
Survivors.*(Operation E.V.)*

MARTIN and MARNE should be held available as local escort for TUSCALOOSA escorted by RODMAN, EMMONS, and ONSLAUGHT at present planned to arrive Kola Inlet about 18/8 to unload stores.

2. After unloading stores and completing destroyers with fuel and about 400 tons for TUSCALOOSA whole force to be sailed for Seidis Fjord with survivors and personnel then awaiting passage from Kola Inlet.

3. Estimated accommodation. Each destroyer 6 officers 40 men. TUSCALOOSA 30 officers 250 men.

4. "HUNTS" to remain North Russia for present.
(C. in C.H.F. 1144B/8 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

Request you will arrange for 62 tons service dry provisions including flour biscuits and soap and 10 tons N.A.A.F.I. supplies including tinned fruit, cigarettes and chocolate to be embarked from local stocks on board TUSCALOOSA 30 tons, RODMAN 21 tons, EMMONS 21 tons.

(2) Stores to be embarked 11/8 at Greenock and consigned to S.B.N.O. North Russia.

(3) TUSCALOOSA may require blankets for passengers.

(4) Please inform me of total quantity finally embarked for inclusion in signal to S.B.N.O. North Russia regarding all description of stores being conveyed in these ships.

(C. in C.H.F. 1747B/8 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

W.S.22.

Convoy W.S.22 is due to leave U.K. on 28/8 for Middle East and India.
Ocean escort AURORA.
(D.O.D. (F.) 1219B/8).

A.T.18.

Your 1104/7. CURACOA may be retained for A.T.18.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1253B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)*See next page*

NIEU ZEELAND.

Your 1310/7. Special escort probably available later. Request you retain ship until this can be provided.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1255/8 to F.O.I.C. Cardiff).**FRIEDRICH**BELOMORKANAL.
F. ENGELS.Your 1938/31, para. (3). Request latest information. F. ENGELS escorted by OPHELIA sailing 2100/9, and BELOMORKANAL escorted by THIRLMERE 2100/12. Admiralty pass to 30th Mission.
(A.C.I.C. 1401B/8 to Admty.)Atlantic
Escort
Groups.

Though policy regarding number of escort groups to be employed on midway (?mid) ocean escort duty after 15/9 has not been decided, proposals in N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2136/7 would appear to have the effect of reducing harbour time of A. and C. groups considerably.

It is therefore considered that sailings should be timed as in my 2055/31 para. 6.
(C. in C.W.A. 1457Z/8 to Admty.)

/E.N....

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys-Contd.E.N. and
W.N.
Convoys.
CURAÇOA.

Your 1255/8. Owing to breakdown of LUDLOW and imminent removal of JASON it had been my intention to use CURAÇOA as sole A/A escort to E.N./W.N. convoys in lieu of a destroyer. (2) If CURAÇOA leaves my command without relief it will be necessary to retain JASON or to leave 50% E.N. and W.N. convoys without A/A escort. (C. in C. Rosyth 1545B/8 to Admt.)

See Memoirs page 1.

D.S.31.

My 1719/5. BROKE and BLYSKAWICA will not be available. Request you will detail 2 destroyers from 21st escort group. (C. in C.W.A. 1607B/8 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).

AMSTERDAM.
PRAGUE.

Intend sailing transport AMSTERDAM and PRAGUE from Cromarty 0102/12 routed Q.Z. message S.150 352 to 35 buoy. Thence AMSTERDAM to Scapa E.T.A. 0617. PRAGUE and escort Q.Z. message S.324 to 054° Start Point 7½ miles, 3 miles West of Fair Isle to Lerwick E.T.A. 1232/12. (N.O.I.C. Invergordon 1631/8).

LLANSTEPHAN
CASTLE.
SIBAJAK.

A.M. 2250/4. Owing to delay in embarkation convoy will not be ready to sail until 17/8. Request you will amend arrangements accordingly. (D.O.D.(H.) 1895B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)

T.A.19.

A.M. 1344/1. Route. From position A. 270° Oversay Lt. 6 miles at 0445Z/11 through
B. 56° 45' N. 20° 50' W.
C. 49° 05' N. 32° 06' W.
D. 41° 01' N. 39° 59' W.
E. 38° 58' N. 60° 02' W.
thence to New York.
(D.O.D.(H.) 1852B/8 to C. in C.W.A.)

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Situation Report for W/E 8/8 for Head of Mission.
(W.O., 0500/9 to 30 Military Mission) See Lion
Copy.

North Atlantic.

SIRIUS,
PHOEBE. As ordered by (corrupt group) shall arrive
Gibraltar with PHOEBE at 2355B today and must
sail by 0415 to join Force "F". Each ship
requires about 850 oil fuel also 50 bags of
potatoes. Request S.O. Force "F" be informed of
these movements.
(SIRIUS, 0003B/8 to F.O.C.N.A.) *See next page
(Force F.)*

U/B Italian S/M broadcast probably sighting report on
5025 kc/s bearing (252°) C.P. from Gibraltar at
2348Z/7.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0204B/8 to Force P, Force G, (R)
Admty).

LORD
HOTHAM. My P.C. and S. are 031° 54' N., 015° 15' (7W)
060° 8 knots, 0800. KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE maximum
speed 9 knots now not in company. KINGSTON
CHRYSOLITE in sight at dusk but failed to close
range in accordance with previous orders.
(LORD HOTHAM, 0920B/8 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) KINGSTON
CHRYSOLITE).

Bombing H.C.367 8/8 Serial No. G146. In future to
restrictions. facilitate reference when more than one restric-
tion is instituted on the same signal each
restriction will be allotted a separate serial
number. Serial No. G.147. From 0100/9 to 0800/12 institute
submerged bombing restrictions in area bounded by 46° 02' N.,
and 43° 01' N., and 11° 45' W., and 13° 44' W. Serial No. G.148
From 0900/9 to 1500/10 institute submerged bombing restrictions
20 miles either side of a line joining 120° Lizard Head 10
miles and 48° 22' N., 05° 44' W.
(H.Q.C.C., 1008B/8 to R.A.F., Gibraltar (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.8).

LE TRAIT. Departure from Viana 1501/7 LE TRAIT French
for Lisbon.
(Oporto, 1022B/8 to M.W.T., Lisbon, 1835/8 to
M.W.T.)

French Shipping. Passing 7/8. Eastbound, 1520 LORRAIN, TATIANA,
Both laden, OUED SEBOU II, BAMAKO, both laden
deck cargo.
(V.A.C.N.A., 1023/8 to Admty for M.E.W.)

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- O.21 Propose to sail D.S.O.21 for Gibraltar a.m.12/8. (Capt. S.3., 1051B/8 to F.O.S. (R) B.D.Z., S.O. Dutch, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth).
- RORQUAL Intend to sail RORQUAL p.m./14 with 48 tons petrol and 10 tons other stores for Malta due 23/8. (F.O.C.N.A., 1108B/8 to V.A. Malta, (R) Admty, C. in C. Med., F.O.S., Capt. S.1., Capt. S.10).
- KATANGA. Your 1653B/7. Subject to satisfactory steam trials KATANGA's date of completion for defects will be 15/8. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1114/8 to Admty (R) F.O. Gibraltar).
- TALISMAN
P.212. Onward route on surface at your discretion as follows: (1) TALISMAN through (g) 038° 28' 010° 50' at 0500/12; (h) 225° St. Vincent 15 miles at 1800/12; (j) 036° 32' 007° 09' at 0400/13; to R/V escort in K. 010° Cape Spartel 5 miles at 1030/13. (2) P.212 through L, 038° 32' 011° 48' at 0200/13 H, at 1830/13, J. at 0430/14, to R/V in K at 1100/14. (3) Both submarines will be escorted Gibraltar from K. (4) Total bombing restrictions arranged. (5) If unable to comply within 2 hours report P.C. and S. (6) All times zone minus 1. (F.O.C.N.A., 1140B/8 to TALISMAN, P.212 (R) Admty. F.O.S., C. in C. Plymouth, Capt. (S) 5 Capt. (S) 3.)
- Force F. Following is a repetition of R.A.A. Home Fleet 1030B/8 (begins) Addressed F.O.C.N.A. from R.A.A. Home Fleet. Am sending INDOMITABLE, LAFOREY, LIGHTNING and LOOKOUT to fuel tonight arriving after dark and sailing to be 20 miles to westward at first light. Pass to S.O. Force and SIRIUS. (F.O.C.N.A., 1156B/8 to S.O. Force F., SIRIUS). *See previous page (SIRIUS, PHOEBE)*
- Enemy Tanker. Altmark class tanker has left Saint Nazaire since 31/7. (F.O.C.N.A., 1406B/8 to P.556).
- Bombing restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in following area.
- | Area | From | Until |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| G.27 and G.26 | 2130/10 | 2100/12 |
| G.17 | 1500/12 | 0300/13 |
| G.16 | 1730/11 | 1600/13 |
| G.15 | 0900/12 | 1900/12 |
| G.15 | 1000/13 | 2000/13 |
| G.14 | 1300/12 | 0300/13 |
| G.14 | 1330/13 | 0500/14 |
| G.07 and G.08 | 0700/12 | 2359/12 |
| G.09 | 1800/12 | 1100/13 |
| G.10 | 0500/13 | 2100/13 |
| G.11 | 1700 /13 | 1100/14. |

/All...

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Bombing All times zone minus 1.
restrictions (F.O.C.N.A., 1506B/8 to Admty. H.Q.C.C. (R)
Contd. F.O.S.)

SCOTTISH, (1) Your 2329B/5 (N.T. in W.R.) vessel not met.
LOCH OSKAIG. Visibility 4 to 6.
(2) Your 0653B/7 (N.T. in W.R.) LOCH OSKAIG
reports vessel not met.
(3) Unidentified Vichy French vessel not tanker (corrupt group)
entered Lisbon from northward 1430.
(SCOTTISH, 1541B/8 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Trawlers W.P.)

O.S.36 Pass to Commodore DOLIUS and KOHISTAN are to be
diverted to Gibraltar leaving convoy with LOCHEE
and her escorts.
2. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to augment escort
later if practicable.
(D.O.D. (F)*1623B/8 to EGRET (R) F.O.C.N.A.,
R.A.W.A.) *Approved A.C.N.S. (T).

U/B *met* 1 S/M bearing 180° distance 2 miles course 270°
my position 38° 26' N., 2° 00' E.
S/M on surface and dived, have attacked with depth
charges, result unobserved.
(Aircraft Callsign TV5A 1848/8, 1900/8 to Gib.W/T)
My 1900. Weather report visibility 15 miles towards surface.
Type of weather 0, height of base cloud 0, Wind speed 13 knots.
(A/C TV5A 1910)
No. 4 S/Ms course (160° or 60°?) speed 12 knots.
(A/C TV5A, 1920/8 to Gib. W/T).

South Atlantic.

Towing of
TEMPLE INN Your 1101Z/6 EMPIRE GOBLIN and EMPIRE FAIRY
are manned similarly to JAMES E. HUGHES with
runner crews only who have no towing experience.
All 3 Tugs considered unsuitable for this tow first two owing to
insufficient bunker capacity. JAMES E. HUGHES tested in America
and found unsuitable sea towing owing to tenderness which
increases as bunkers diminish. In the circumstances are you
satisfied that FLYING KESTREL cannot undertake tow of TEMPLE INN
solo? My 0344/24/7 refers.
(D. of S.T., 0134B/8 to R.A.W.A.F., (R) C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C.
Lagos, B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire).
Tugs EMPIRE FAIRY and EMPIRE GOBLIN have been ordered Pointe
Noire pending your reply to my 1101Z/6.
(R.A.W.A. 0927Z/8 to D. of S.T. C. in C. S.A., Admty B.N.L.O.)

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- W.S.21 P. After NEPAL and TJERK HIDDES have rejoined convoy
A.S.6. F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC is to be detached to
proceed Pointe Noire in accordance with Admty.
Instructions.
- (2) When well clear of convoy COMMANDANT DUBOC is to report
E.T.A. to B.N.L.O., Pointe Noire (R) R.A.W.A.F., C. in C. S.A.,
Admty, F.S. LEOPARD.
- (R.A.W.A., 0935Z/8 to ORION (R) Escort W.S.21 P., F.S.
LEOPARD, C. in C. Med., F. Admty. NEPAL, C. in C. S.A., B.N.L.O.
W.A. C. in C. E.F., D.C. in C. E.F.)
M.O.M.P. for convoy W.S.21 P. and convoy A.S.6., 006° 31' S.,
013° 30' W., at 1400Z/18/8.
Approach course convoy W.S.21 P. (?088° or 130° or 092° or 151°)
S. of A 12½ knots.
- (R.A.W.A., 1317Z/8 to ALCANTARA (R) N.O.I.C. Ascension HAWKINS,
Admty. B.A.D., C.T.F. 23., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. U.S. Fleet,
Alusna, Recife).

Shipping Instructions. To reduce risk of collision in approaches to
Capetown following instructions for outward
bound shipping are to be brought into force
forthwith: (Details)
(C. in C. S.A., 1224B/8 to N.C.S.Os. (R) Admty,
R.A.W.A.)

Movements Summary. 2000Z/8. Area Q. EXPRESS about 36° 10' S., 19°
7' E., to Simonstown. *See next page.*
→ ALCANTARA 21° 00' S., (?000°) 20' W., to St. Helena
MALAYA, QUEEN ELIZABETH with R.T.1 about 17° 35' S
1° 35' W., 309° 15.5 knots.
RAMILLIES, WIVERN, BRILLIANT 35° 21' S., 18° 32' E., E.T.A.
Capetown 0700Z/9.
ATHENE 34° 44' S., 18° 00' E., to Durban, 14 knots.
(?VALIANT) ARROW 035° 48' S., 024° 30' E., to Durban 16 knots.
→ ORION with W.S. 21 P. 019° 55' S., 001° 20' E., 136° 12 knots.
→ NEPAL, TJERK HIDDES off St. Helena to Capetown.
SOUTHERN GEM, SOUTHERN PRIDE on passage Simonstown to Capetown.
Area "S" CARNARVON CASTLE with ESPERANCE BAY 039° 20' S., 044°
00' W., to Falkland Is.
W.S.19 Y., 027° 30' S., 033° 30' W., to Rio de Janeiro, 27 knots.
(C. in C. S.A., 1239B/8 to S.A. Sqdn. (R) Admty).

Dispositions Weekly State 8/8.
(R.A.W.A., 1247Z/8 to Admty etc).
Weekly State S.A. Station 8/8 Areas Q and S.
(C. in C. S.A., 1416B/8 to C. in C. E.F., etc).

ELMWOOD British ship ELMWOOD sunk by U-boat 2 torpedoes
(sunk 27 /7). at 1440/27/7 4° 48' N., 22° 00' W., no distress
signal made. 1 life boat with Master, 1 passenger
and 11 crew arrived Freetown 7/8/42. 2 other
boats each with 19 crew still adrift. U-boat
similar that which sunk DANMARK 30/7. Crew spoke and appeared
German.
(R.A.W.A., 1255Z/8 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic. - Contd.EXPRESS
defect.

EXPRESS reports both main feed pumps bearings running and speed reduced to 18 knots. She has been ordered to return to Simonstown.
(C. in C. S.A., 1349B/8 to D.C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty, Cmdre. Durban, VALIANT, Cmdre. Sup. Simonstown). *See Medico page (Movement Summary)*

SUNBURST,
STORMCENTRE.

Have arrived in bad state. Estimate 6 weeks required to complete essential defects. Work will be taken in hand at Capetown.
(C. in C. S.A., 1353B/8 to Admty C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar (R) N.O.I.C. Capetown).

South African
Ports.

Re definition.
(N.S.H.Q., 1520Z/8) See America & West Indies.

Fairmiles,
endurance.

Your 1945B/4 not to R.A.C.F. (1) Endurance of Fairmile Flotillas limited by fuel capacity.
2. Crews would stand up to it with additional officer allowed in your 1719B/1.
3. They would be much more useful to me for following reasons.
A. Increased endurance allowing adequate margin for M.Ls. on coastal convoy.
B. More suitable for slow speeds of convoys and patrol work whilst maximum speed (16 knots assumed) will still allow use of M.Ls. as striking Force.
C. Greater reliability.
D. Easier maintenance.
E. Less risk of fire.
(R.A.W.A., 1531Z/8 to Admty (R) R.A.C.F.)
Further to Admty. 1945B/4, it has been suggested that we might instal centre propellor drive by diesel for cruising, retaining petrol engines for action. This would be emergency measure to supplement ocean escorts.
(V.C.N.S., 1845B/8 to R.A.W.A.)

117 M.L.
Flotilla.

Your 1834B/6, not to R.A.C.F. Assume 117th M.L. Flotilla comprises 110 foot petrol driven boats.
2. Request fitting of diesel engines in U.K. if this would not appreciably delay Flotilla sailing (Admty 1945B/4 and My 1531Z/8 refer).
3. If boats leave U.K. petrol driven the early receipt at Freetown of adequate engine spares is essential for effective maintenance.
(R.A.W.A., 1541Z/8 to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A. Cdre. WESTERN ISLES, R.A.C.F.)

Forcados,
Raider
attacked
16-17/7.

My 1244/7. Survivors interviewed. All left ship prior to enemy boarding party's arrival. No further clues nor from bullets in bread tank.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 1614Z/8 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A. Admty).

/Brazzaville...

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Brazzaville
lamp signals.

Message from Adams, Brazzaville, states lamp signals to approaching vessels have been made recently from disused lighthouse on Indian Point and that there is risk of it being taken for Pointe Noire Light. Can this be substantiated and should shipping be warned accordingly?
(D.T.D., 1900B/30 to C. in C. S.A., (R) R.A.W.A.)

M.N.
Personnel
transport.

Your 2320B/18/7. CITY OF MARSEILLES declared speed 11 knots sailing in S.L.119 arrived here with 45 passengers 86 Merchant Navy personnel being repatriated and 100 crew. Boat accommodation 202 each side. Information requested whether M.N. personnel being repatriated are to be included in numbers quoted in your 2302B/18/7.
(R.A.W.A., 1940Z/8 to Admty) Reply: Admty 1834A/9.

West Africa
Territories.

Revised directive to G.O.C. in C. West Africa.
(W.O. 56777 (M.O.4) 074/1596, No. T.O.O./8)
See Lion Copy.

Aircraft,
W. Africa.

1. There are now 21 Hudsons in W.A. Intended to despatch a further 3 Hudsons to bring strength up to 24.
2. Sunderland strength in W. Africa is 8; 2 more are leaving for W.A. During next few days and a further 4 are being prepared.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 2013B/8 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE No T.O.O./8.

OUT

FROM: War Office

DATE: 8.8.42

Cypher

ADDRESSED: G.O.C. in C. West Africa. Repeated C. in C. Middle East, G.O.C. in C. East Africa, 203 Military Mission, Fanion, Brazzaville.

IMPORANT

56777 cypher (M.O.4) 074/1596 Aug. 8.

Revised directive to G.O.C. in C. West Africa now approved. Paraphrased version as follows.

1. This directive supersedes that issued you by Chiefs of Staff June 40, will not supersede any instructions on specific subjects received since that date not referred to below. Report any conflict between these instructions and this Directive.
2. As G.O.C. in C. West Africa you will act under direct orders War Office.
3. Your Command will comprise territories Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia. You will be responsible defence these territories, you will command all military forces in them.
4. You will be responsible advising on all military matters Resident Minister West Africa, Governors Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia, and you will at all times act in close co-operation with them.
5. You will be responsible co-operation and consultation with Fighting French Military authorities. When necessary consult Fighting French Civil authorities through Consul-General Brazzaville and keep Resident Minister informed. You will be responsible co-operation and consultation Belgian Military authorities. When necessary consult Belgian Civil authorities in Congo through H.M. Consul-General Leopoldville and keep Resident Minister informed.
6. When dealing with Congo, you will co-operate where necessary with G.O.C. in C. East Africa who is responsible preparation plans in co-operation with military authorities S. Africa, S. Rhodesia for employment land forces in Katanga Province Belgian Congo.
7. You will co-operate with C. in C. Middle East, over operations Libya from Northern Chad or attacks on Chad from Libya or Northern Niger Colony.

/8. Policy ...

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8. Policy of H.M.G. in British West Africa is every effort be made ensure security all four territories. If this impossible, your aim is secure all ports, Air Reinforcement routes to M.E. (where appropriate in consultation Fighting French) and those aerodromes vital defence British West Africa. In last event, essential port Freetown and if possible Bathurst be secured all costs as naval fuelling and R.A.F. bases.

Also policy H.M.G. war not extended by campaign in West Africa, unless circumstances warrant such extension or is forced upon Allies. No action which might precipitate this should be taken without prior approval W.O. Full liberty military action west Africa must be preserved. In this connection, S.C.E. whose activities co-ordinated under guidance Resident Minister given special directive by Chiefs of Staff (copy follows).

You will where appropriate consult co-operate with C. in C., S.A. (through R.A.W.A.), A.O.C. W.A., C. in C. M.E. and G.O.C. in C. E.A.

9. Policy H.M.G. regarding Fighting French Colonial possessions West Africa is every effort be made ensure Fighting French administrations continue our active Allies, and maintain adequate forces for defence their territories.

10 Plans deny essential plants commodities to enemy in event attack by Vichy or Axis forces already drawn up in consultation with Civil Governors. You will be prepared advise Resident Minister, and through him Civil Governors, when you consider these plans should be put into effect; or should situation demand, you may delegate responsibility to Area Commanders concerned.

11 Resident Minister will convene and preside over West African War Council and preside over Wagon who he thinks fit. He will give you guidance broad political matters."

/Full ...

MOST SECRET

3.

Full text follows by air West Africa only.

C. in C. Middle East repeat Minister of State.
G.O.C. in C. West Africa pass to Resident Minister.

No T.O.C./8

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PAPANICOLIS. Your 2120/7. Estimate your position noon /8. 034° 13' N. 032° 50' E. and at 2100/8 034° 08' 034° 10' E. Adjust your speed to arrive Beirut searched channel at 0530/9.
(Capt.S.1.0245C/8, to PAPANICOLIS (R) C.in C.Med. S.O.S.Alexandria).

P.C. and S. of Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS at 2100C/7. 034° 20' N. 030° 22' E. 094° 8. She will be running on the surface during daylight 8/8 to arrive Beirut searched channel 0530C/9th.

(Capt.S.8. 0247C/8 to C. in C.Med. Beirut C & C.O. N.O.I.C. Famagusta PAPANICOLIS 201 N.C.Group. S.N.O. Levant Area, 235 Wing, 259 Wing, S.O. S/M Alexandria, Capt.(S) CORINTHIA).

Cancel my 1002/6. (Re report of position by Greek S/M

PAPANICOLIS).

(Capt.S.1. 0715C/8 to TURBULENT, PAPANICOLIS).

My 1622C/8. Part 1. My 0245/8 cancel last sentence. You are to rendezvous G.S.PAUL, COUNDOURIOTIS at 1200C/9 in position 282° Ras Beirut 50 for onward escort to Beirut. Adjust speed to enable you to remain submerged from dawn 9th until 1200C/9 when you are to surface.

(Capt.S.1 1620C/8 as amended 2323C/8 to PAPANICOLIS)*

If you cross 034° 30' E. you will be attacked by our forces.

Acknowledge.

(Capt.S.1.2247C/8 to Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS (R) C. in C.Med. No.201 N.C.Group, S.N.O.Levant Area, 235 Wing, N.O.I.C.Beirut, S.O. S/Ms Alexandria).

Following is a repetition of my 2341/8 (Begins) (? ALDENHAM) (R) G.S.PAPANICOLIS, Capt.S.1 N.O.I.C.Beirut, from S.N.O.L.A. G.S.PAPANICOLIS due Beirut searched Channel 0600C/9 has been told not to proceed East of longitude 034° 30' before 1200C/9. Signal has not yet gone through. You will be informed when signal has been acknowledged but meantime you should only report and not attack (? any) (?belligerent) (?Motor Torpedo Boats).

(S.N.O.L.A. 2347C/8 to G.S.PAPANICOLIS).

*W.R.Note Part 2 not received.

S/Ms
Beirut.

Following are the limits of Beirut submarine sanctuary - within 25 miles of 033° 48' N. 035° 29' E. between 270° and 025°.

(Capt. S.1.0755C/8 to S/Ms on patrol, (R) C. in C. Med. S.N.O.L.A. N.O.I.C.Beirut, S.O.(S)Alexandria.)

TAKU.

Cancel my 1931/5 and my 0931/6.

(S.O.(S) Alexandria 0940C/8 to TAKU). *See p. 236*

Cositrep
No.475.

4 Air 6/8 Ref. Cositrep 474 para 9. Second wave Liberators attacking Tobruk at dusk claim possible hit on large ship estimated 10,000 tons followed by cloud of smoke. Near miss

on second large ship. (See also H.Q.R. A.F.M.E. 1229Z/8).

5. Night 6/7 August. Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk harbour. Thick cloud over objective obscured results but some near misses claimed on ships.

6. Albacores bombed F-Boats in Matruh causing one explosion.

9.7/8 Hudsons and Beaufighters attacked coastal shipping Sidi Barrani area destroying at least 1 F-Boat one lighter and damaging another.

(C. in C.M.E.1012/8.).

/M.E.Air Report...

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M.E. Air Report. A.660 8/8 Bi-Weekly Opsum No.45. My Opsum 44. Further 14 Liberators despatched 4/8 to make second attack at last light on enemy southbound convoy 3 M/Vs with destroyer escort N.W. of Derna. Liberators searched area for over 45 mins without finding ships and returned. Search hampered by 7/10 cloud on return journey. 6 Liberators bombed objectives at Tobruk starting 1 large fire. 4 A.S.V. Wellingtons 6 bomber Wellingtons despatched to attack night 4/5. Convoy located 120 miles N.W. Tobruk, results unobserved owing to effective smoke screen put up by destroyers. Convoy last seen 75 miles N.N.W. Tobruk. Night 4/5 .5 Halifaxes 2 Liberators 44 Wellingtons bombed shipping harbour installations Tobruk, 1 ship off main jetty claimed hit, 1 possible hit on F-Boat, 1 building near jetties hit and fires started along water front, fires also started near petrol installations N.W. of harbour and near El Gubi Aerodrome, 1 A.A. Battery silenced, other bombs near shipping on South side of harbour.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 1102Z/8.).

Part 2. of Bi-Weekly Opsum 45, A.660.

5/8 16 Beaufighters offensive R/C for coastal shipping between Matruh and Tobruk, 3 barges with 4 A.A. ships attacked near Sidi Barrani, 1 barge holed near water line, 20 Hurricanes 7 Fulmars shipping protection off Port Said and in Gulf of Suez. Night. 5/6 5 Halifaxes 60 Wellingtons attacked shipping and harbour installations Tobruk, 8/10 (8/1/7) cloud over objective hampered operation, 2 possible hits claimed on ships several near misses, fire on south shore, other bombs burst along water front and on petrol installations N.W. of harbour.

(H.Q.R.A.F. M.E. 1123Z/8.).

Pt. 3, 4 & 5. Bi-Weekly Opsum No.45 A. 660. (Night 5-6/8 continued)

5 Albacores attacked shipping in Matruh, several bombs among about 15 barges but damage unobserved 1 near miss on F-Boat 2 Hudsons offensive R/C for Coastal Shipping between Tobruk and Sollum no sighting. 6/8. At dawn 5 Bostons bombed barges in Matruh 1 large one small fire followed by explosions on Jetties. In evening 13 Liberators bombed shipping Tobruk 1 large ship estimated 10,000 tons claimed hit on bows and set on fire, near miss second large ship explosion followed by large fire on docks main Jetty Area. Night 6/7. 3 Halifaxes 46 Wellingtons bombed shipping Harbour installations Tobruk 8-10 cloud down to 3,000 feet rendered identification of target extremely difficult. Few Wellingtons only sighted ships in Harbour and bombed, claiming some near misses, remainder bombed water front, Naval Fuel Tanks petrol installations A.A. Batteries and searchlights, two small fires started on south shore, no other results claimed. 2 Wellingtons dropped flares 6 Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk bombed Bardia Sollum and landing ground near Qasaba, explosion caused Bardia. 4 Albacores bombed F-Boats in Matruh Harbour causing one explosion. 7/8 At Dawn a Hudson on offensive R/C for coastal shipping bombed 1 F-Boat East of Sidi Barrani scoring 2 direct hits, vessel left sinking. Second Hudson attacked 5 Lighters north of Sidi Barrani obtaining 4 direct hits on 1 which blew up, wreckage and survivors subsequently seen in water position of first attack by 5 Beaufighters on shipping sweep. These attacked 3 Lighters 1 which was down by stern and under tow East of Sidi Barrani, damaged 1. Believed vessels were remains of Convoy previously attacked by second Hudson. 5 Beaufighters subsequently attacked

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M.E.Air Report Contd. Lighters damage unobserved 1 JU 88 1 ME 109 2. LA 200s engaged over vessels combat indecisive 1 Beaufighter, damaged by A.A.Fire. 2 Spitfires intercepted a R/C JU.86 West of Alexandria at 38,000 ft hits on enemy aircraft caused smoke to issue from fuselage 14 Hurricanes 4 Fulmars shipping protection off Delta and in Gulf of Suez. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 1229Z/8).

P.44. C.A.F.O. 1278/41. Details of attacks, both unsuccessful on 2/8/1942. 2500 ton M/V westbound unescorted near Linosa, night attack, and 3/8/1942. 6000 ton Westbound M/V escorted by one T.B. 6 miles North of Kuriat, probably Vichion, night attack. (Capt. S.10. 1300B/8 to Admty (R) F.O.S. C. in C.Med Capt.S.1). C.A.F.O. 1278/41.(A) 2/8/1942 (B).2,500 tons M/V at night engaged with gun after torpedo missed. (G) 3 inch H.E.D. A.19 rounds. (J) 2 hits observed. (Capt.S.10. 1404B/8 to Admty (R) F.O.S., C. in C.Med Capt.(S) 1).

Black Sea. Following is a repetition N.L.O. Black Sea's 1926C/7. (Begins) Addressed Admty. Adml.Miles Black Sea Situation report for week 6/8. (1) Military situation on Caucasus front continues to deteriorate. (2) Azov coast. Yeisk still in Russian hands but almost completely cut off on land side (3) Enemy line runs from Yeisk area approx. S.E. to position rather less than 50 K/Ms N.E. Maikop (4) Further east situation obscure. (5) No signs of enemy advance being stopped (Ends). (Adml.Miles 1331C/8 to Admty).

EXMOOR. Codeword "Onset" EXMOOR sails 1930/8 through 032° 00' N. 030° 25' E. at 2320/8 thence direct Haifa Searched Channel S. of A.22 knots E.T. A. 1002/9. (N.O.I.C.Alexandria 1528C/8 to C. in C.Med. N.O.I.C.Alexandria Cyprus, Palestinean Ports. Syrian Ports, Port Said. Capt.(S) 1. N.C.Group (R) Med Fleet etc).

U/B. Following received on 11200 K/Cs. Following has been read from Patrol Vessel addressed Haifa W/T. 1 S/M on surface. (Nore W/T 1545/8 to Whitehall W/T).

M.G.3. . Operation M.G.3. amendment No.1.(A) Delete para No. 6. Para No.10 after DIDO 1st Class COVENTRY. Para. No.11 delete COVENTRY. (B) Para No.7 delete BELVOIR Para.No.11 and appendix 1 for BELVOIR substitute ALDENHAM. 2.F.O.C.15th C.S.is requested to provide escort for COVENTRY from Beirut to Haifa to arrive as convenient before sailing of M.W.12 B. and to sail ALDENHAM for Port Said to arrive a.m./10 Operation orders for ALDENHAM are being sent to Port Said. F.O.C.15th C.S. is requested to give ALDENHAM any necessary advance information. (C. in C.Med 1608C/8 to Alexandria M.G.3).

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Sunk
4/8.

Your 1224/7 . Your 2002/4 was received corrupt.
Request you will pass my 0336/6 to ZULU
substituting ZULU for PRIMULA.
(D.A./ S.W. 1857B/8 to C. in C.Med).

Malta Air
Report.

I.553 8/8. C.S.R. Part 1.
Night 7/8. One alert 2312 hours, 4 raiders
approached. 1 Crossed coast but bombs caused
no damage. 1 Beaufighter airborne could not
intercept owing to partial R.D.F.(and?) serious Beaufighter
interference.
8th 2 Alerts 0748 hrs. 30, plus ME.109s 2001 approached Malta
and 7 plus crossed the coast. Partial R.D.F.interference.
15 Spitfires up intercepted enemy 8 miles north from Malta
destroying 3 ME.109s and damaging 1 ME.109. 1 Spitfire missing.
2 Spitfires damaged in combat and 1 on take off. 1 Pilot
slightly wounded. 2 Spitfires up cover to minesweepers. 1014
hours, 4 ME 109s crossed coast great height on R/C. No. R.D.F.
interference. 8 Spitfires up did not sight enemy.
(H.Q.R.A.F.Malta. 1915/8).

TAKU
PORPOISE.

1. From 2100/9 until further orders submarines
are not to be attacked unless identified as enemy,
in area enclosed by north coast of Africa.
035° 00' N and longitude 019° 00' E. and 024°
30' E.
2. TAKU is not to proceed within 20 miles of Ras El Tin from 0600/
10 until PORPOISE has reported completion of minelaying.
(Capt.S.1. 1915C/8 to TAKU, PORPOISE (R) C. in C.Med. S/Ms on
Patrol, S.O.(S) Alexandria).

TRAVELLER
TURBULENT.

Ref my 1052/3rd. TRAVELLER has been delayed.
Estimate she will pass through first position
at 0600/9. From 0600/9 to 0200/10 submarines are
not to be attacked unless identified as enemy.
TURBULENT is routed through 036° 18' N. 021° 34' E.
(Capt.S.1. 1918C/8 to P.35 TRAVELLER (R) C. in C.Med. TURBULENT,
S.O.S.Alexandria).

M.G.4.

Ref. M.G.4.Propose 1950 K/Cs for spotting and flare
dropping aircraft with 253 K/Cs as stand by.
Albcores arrive Saint Jean 1100/10. Request you
arrange details of conference and tuning exercise with 235 Wing
rear.
(201 N.C.Group.1921C/8 to F.O.C.15th C.S.(R) 235 Wing Rear).

PROTEUS.

Owing to lubricating oil consumption of 18.3.per
cent and engine defect regret intend leaving
patrol tonight 8th to arrive Beirut a.m./14 by
reverse route. Special operation completed.
(PROTEUS. 2231C/8 to Capt.(S) 1st (R) S.O.(?S) Alexandria
S/Ms on Patrol).

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Enemy Carrier, Andamans, Appreciation. In view of Air H.Q. India's A.1639 T.O.O. 1604/7 which identifies carrier at Port Cornwallis as KAGU MARU class and A/C as probably float plane fighters my appreciation is as follows.

2. Recent diversion in Bay of Bengal has proved successful and enemy has decided to strengthen defence of Andamans.

3. KAGU MARU is known to be used for transporting A/C and is not suitable for operating A/C at sea.

4. I do not consider therefore that her presence at Port Cornwallis is a preliminary move for an offensive operation against India or Ceylon, but is defensive and is part of a Japanese strengthening of their air defences in North Andamans, where there are no aerodromes.

5. In view of above I intend to cancel patrols ordered in 222 Group's A.O.305 8/8 T.O.O. 2045/7th.
(C. in C. E.F. 0359Z/8 to F.L.O. Delhi, Admty. (R) D.C. in C. E.F. C. in C. Ceylon, A.O.C. Ceylon.)
A.O.307 8/8. On new appreciation by C. in C. E.F. cancel all patrols detailed in my A.O.304 8/8*. Patrols from China Bay also cancelled.
(222 Group 0455/8 to 225 Group. (R) A.H.Q. Delhi. A.H.Q. Bengal. Air Min. F.O.C. 240 Squadron Madras.)
* Quoted in A.H.Q. India 1145Z/8, q.v.
W.X.4258. CY.238 8/8. Following received from 222 Group (Begins) 225 Group (R) A.H.Q. India. A.H.Q. Bengal A.M. 240 Sqdn. Madras from 222 Group A.O.304 8/8.
Have discussed A.H.Q. India's signal A.305 7/8 with C. in C. E.F. We consider most probable objective of enemy carriers is Madras and do not agree Catalina R/C as suggested is most suitable. C. in C. E.F. and I would like cross over Mission patrol covering Madras continuous commencing dusk 8/8 flown as follows. A cross-over patrol long. (1) position A. 013° 25' N 085° 05' E. position B 013° 025' N 085° 45' E. position C (016° or 011° corrupt) 00' N 085° 05' E. position D 016° 00' N 085° 45' E. On patrol 1200 G.M.T. 8/8 and daily until cancelled, off patrol 0100/9 G.M.T., patrol to be flown in order indicated. Cross over patrol long. (2) position A. 013° 15' N 085° 05' E. position B. 013° 15' N 085° 45' E. position C. 010° 39' N 085° 05' E. position D. 010° 39' N 085° 45' E. On patrol 1200 G.M.T. 8/8 daily until cancelled, off patrol 0001 G.M.T./9, patrol to be flown in order indicated. Above patrols based on ASV visibility 20 miles enemy S of A 20 knots China Bay will carry out similar patrols, Keeper 1 and Keeper 2, based on visibility 10 miles, Keeper 1 from 0100 G.M.T. 9/8 to 1200 G.M.T. 9/8. Patrols further from China Bay Keepers 2 from 0001 G.M.T./9 till 1200 G.M.T./9 both daily till cancelled. All available Beauforts this Group standing by St. Minneriyc for possible strike. Because of this striking force all R/C aircraft to operate on frequency of 666. Commander address this Group call signs C 9 V Madras and Bangalore maintain continuous listening watch on same frequency.
(A.H.Q. India 1145Z/8 to Air Min.)
A.318 8/8 W.X. 4213. Your A.O. (304?) 8/8. Further to my A.1639 7/8. Photographs show vessel anchored off Port Cornwallis is seaplane carrier approx. length 500 ft. and destroyer approx. length 340 ft. Seaplane carrier has 8 seaplanes span approx. 40 ft. on board and 1 seaplane on water. Conclusions reached here are that seaplane carrier is providing local cover either for convoy or other forces in Rangoon or possibly for forces in Port Blair. Not considered likely it will take part in any offensive role. In view of this and strain which will be imposed on

/aircraft...

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Enemy aircraft and crews you may wish to modify R/C. programme proposed in your A.O.304 8/8. 221 Group patrols by land-based G.R. aircraft will only be carried out to sufficient depth to ensure no enemy ships are within steaming distance of coast during hours of darkness. Every effort being made to obtain P.R.U. results from Port Blair and Rangoon. Possibility of Americans being able to carry out attack on seaplane carrier in near future with very small force of long range bombers which has just arrived ex Middle East. Inform this headquarters, repeat 225 group and A.H.Q. Bengal, your intentions. Air Ministry pass to Admiralty. (A.H.Q. India 0822Z/8 to 222 Group. (R) 225 Group. C. in C. E.F. D.C. in C. E.F. Air Min.)

Troops for Persian Gulf. Your 0516/30/7. C. in C. India's 18681/G of 6/8. states move of 5th Div. will take place by sea completing arrival in Persian Gulf about 14/9 and that 2nd Div. could follow immediately by sea completing about 1/11.

2. What shipping are you using for 5th Div. and how far are completion dates for both divisions limited by availability of shipping?
(D.S.T. 0439B/8 to P.S.T.O. India.)

Force A, India Political Situation. For Gen. Hartley. Your suggestion that part of Force A at present in Colombo should remain in this area during the period of Congress meeting from 7th to 20/8 is open to objection that it offers Japanese opportunity to engage with superior forces. This superiority could be achieved without any major redistribution of Japanese fleet.

2. I am compelled to remain at Colombo until 10/8 owing to destroyers defects but intend sailing on that date for Kilindini, where force should arrive on 18th.

3. It is unlikely that enemy will be aware of disposition of Force A until say 20/8 or even later. This, coupled with departure of FORMIDABLE, BIRMINGHAM, and other ships on 4/8 will probably act as deterrent and meet your requirements to certain extent. Loading of W/T services on Indian East coast stations with dummy messages will be arranged to support idea that Force A is still operating in this area.

4. Forthcoming operations in Madagascar make it necessary for my ship to return to Kilindini to start preliminary practice and for me to discuss P plan and execution to these operations.

5. I must add that effective fighter and striking force strength of ILLUSTRIOUS my only carrier here, is at present much below standard required to compete against a Japanese carrier.

(C. in C. E.F. 0457Z/8 to F.L.O. Delhi. (R) Admty. D.C. in C. E.F.)

Your 0455Z/8. Personal from Gen. Hartley. Part 1 only of your 0457Z/8 received. I fully appreciate reasons for your (movements?) and therefore no longer wish to influence them.

(F.L.O. Delhi 1615Z/8 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. D.C. in C. E.F.)

/Catalina...

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Catalina Squadrons. A.M. 2114/2. After consultation with A.O.C. Ceylon following are my proposals.
 (a) Bases to be established at Diego Suarez, N.W. India, Mauritius. Allocation of Squadrons Durban, Diego Suarez, N.W. India, Mauritius, but apart from Durban this allocation is provisional and may require readjustment.
 (b) (Karachi?) is considered best Base for N.W. India Squadron. A.O.C. in C. India is requested to remark.
 F.L.O. Delhi pass this and A.M. (2114?) /2 to A.O.C. in C. India.
 (C. in C. E.F. 0710Z/8 to Admty. (R) D.C. in C. E.F. F.O.I.C. Ceylon. F.O.I.C. E.A. F.L.O. Delhi. F.O.C.R.I.N. S.N.O. P.G.)

S/M Sanctuary Kilindini. Cancel my 1242/1/8. Amended Kilindini Sanctuaries are now established as follows.
 North Sanctuary between latitude 004° S and $004^{\circ} 16'$ S and between Longitude ($?040^{\circ}$) E and the coast.
 South Sanctuary is bounded by line joining following positions. From Coast due East to A $004^{\circ} 04'$ S $039^{\circ} 46'$ E B, $004^{\circ} 16'$ S $039^{\circ} 42'$ E C, $004^{\circ} 16'$ S $039^{\circ} 57'$ E D, $004^{\circ} 31'$ S $039^{\circ} 57'$ E.
 (2) S/M Sanctuaries are not in force until ordered by signal.
 (3) 246 Wing is requested to pass this to all air authorities concerned.
 (D.C. in C. E.F. 0828/8 to East Indies Station C. Message (?839) C.
 (R) 246 Wing.)

Passages in slow M/Vs. Your 2320/18/7. Presume signal still refers to Atlantic only. If not request reconsideration in Indian waters (corrupt gr.) as otherwise, coastal and pilgrim traffic will be considerably curtailed, also Persian Gulf and Red Sea traffic. Please confirm.
 (F.O.C.R.I.N. 0858Z/8 to Admty. (R) P.S.T.O. India. N.C.S.O. Bombay.)
 Reply: Admty. 1231A/10.

Navigation ships lights. Australia. Ships sailing independently are to burn dim navigation lights.
 (1) entering any port when within 5 miles of the entrance.
 (2) in St. Vincents Gulf and Spencer Gulf when North of $035^{\circ} 27'$ S. Ref. Q F A 114.
 (S.O.I. Colombo 1021Z/8 to All concerned Q C A 532.)

Dhows. My 1021/4. Request approval early decision as Dhows disperse from Dutch ports and resume normal trade in August and scheme involves establishment of a considerable organisation.
 2. Success of scheme will largely depend on personal relations between Officer running the organisation and Dhow crews and their confidence in his ability to take action if they are attacked. I (?again) emphasize therefore importance of a suitable armed base ship equipped (group omitted) with efficient striking force. I could provide 6 M.Ls. for this ship.
 3. More detailed proposals will follow if scheme is accepted.
 (F.O.C.R.I.N. 1100Z/8 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F. F.L.O. India. S.N.O. P.G. D.C. in C. E.F.)

/Operations...

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Operations by Carrier Groups. Your 1554 of 9/7. Admty. views agree generally with those expressed in your para 2 and in B.A.D. 2041/24 para 1, except that there may be occasions when hazards of wide dispersion of Carrier groups may be acceptable in view of greater advantages to be gained in search.

2. From point of view of defences, the value of concentration lies in fighter density. Gun density is not a major factor provided groups are not too small, since the mutual support given by ships other than those in close proximity to the ships attacked is relatively unimportant in the close range attacks which are the most dangerous.

(D.T.S.D. 1257B/8 to C. in C. E.F. (R) B.A.D. C. in C. H.F.)
Reply from B.A.D. see his 2013Z/10.

KEREN. Ref your 1040/4 KEREN, KARANJA and SOBIESKI
KARANJA. escorted by RANCHI sailing for Kilindini at 1100Z/9
SOBIESKI. S of A 11 knots passing through
R. 18° 30' 69° 10'.
S. 9° 30' N 58° 10'.
T. 02° 20' S 43° 45'.

E.T.A. p.m. 18/8.
(Cdre. R.I.N. 1319Z/8 to F.O.C. R.I.N. (R) C. in C. E.F. Admty. RANCHI.)
My 1319Z/8 has been passed to D.C. in C. E.F.
(Cdre. R.I.N. 1530Z/8 to F.O.C.R.I.N.)

Andamans R/C. A.998 9/8. Intelligence Summary on information received up to 1800 hours 9/8.
1 P.R.U. R/C 8/8. 1 B.25 Andaman Islands. Photographs 1 quarter obscured by cloud. First phase report Port Blair. 5 T.97 flying boats.
Construction of landing ground in progress. Total length 1050 yards 850 yards now serviceable. No aircraft visible on aerodrome. Port Anson - nothing to report. Visual report. 1 vessel believed submarine (?or) destroyer 2 miles (corrupt group) Port Blair. No shipping seen and no photographs Port Cornwallis due interception by 2 enemy monoplane fighters.

(A.H.Q. India 1331/8 to Air Min.)

A.994 8/8. Intelligence Summary. On information received up to 1800 hours 8/8?. P.R.U. R/C of Andaman Islands 7/8 by 1 B.25. First phase report anchored off Port Cornwallis 1 seaplane tender similar KAGU MARU class length approx. 500 or 400 (corrupt) feet and 1 destroyer probably AKIKAZE class length 340 feet, tender has on board 8 seaplanes span about 40 feet, 1 seaplane on water, nothing to report Port Anson. Bay of Bengal - 1 A/S patrol from Madras 5/8 and 4 Hudson R/Cs from Cuttack 7/8 all negative.

(A.H.Q. India 1413/8Z to Air Min.)

DEVONSHIRE. Request you will sail DEVONSHIRE for Colombo as soon as convenient after fuelling.
(D.C. in C. E.F. 1721Z/8 to Cdre. R.I.N. (R)
DEVONSHIRE. C. in C. E.F. F.O.I.C. Ceylon. C.S.4.)

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Shipping
Leeward
Islands,
use of
Parham
Sound.

No. 343. In absence of minesweepers, and in view of enemy mine laying operations in St. Lucia, British R.N.O., has recommended that all engine-powered shipping bound for Antigua should proceed Parham Sound, U.S. Base, which he considers offers more security from S/MS and mines than St. John's Harbour.

2. While I am not in a position to question soundness of this advice from a naval standpoint, adoption of suggestion would create many local difficulties, for example in transporting sugar for export from warehouse in St. John's to Parham Sound.

3. I imagine too, that use of a U.S. base for this purpose by a British Colonial Govt. might lead to diplomatic as well as local objections.

4. As I understand it, greater degree of natural protection afforded by Parham Harbour is due to the fact that there are several channels through which a vessel can be led in by tug as against only one at St. John's.

5. As suggestion was originally made by R.N.O. to O.C. American Forces and I may be approached by American authorities, should be grateful for instructions before 12/8. My own personal view is that additional risk entailed by continuing to use St. John's, is not so great as to warrant diversion to Parham Sound.

6. Since drafting above, O.C. U.S. Forces has asked me to summon a meeting of Joint Local Defence Committee just before 10/8 to discuss this question. I have informed him that I have referred matter to you and will summon the meeting 12/8. He expressed himself as in accord with my views, but I gathered that O.C. U.S. Naval Base agreed with R.N.O.'s view on Sub-Committee which met yesterday.

(Govr. Leeward Islands, No. T.O.O./8 to S. of S. for Colonies).

Escort
Vessels,
Minesweepers,
production.

In order to implement further the agreement that the munition resources of Great Britain and U.S. will be deemed to be in a common pool and assigned according to strategic needs, it has been agreed that production of ocean-going escort vessels and ocean-going minesweepers will be considered to be in this pool and will be assigned according to needs of each type.

2. As areas of strategical responsibility are allocated as between Empire and U.S. it is proposed that total Empire and U.S. figures of these types should be used as a basis for assignments.

3. Dominion building to Dominion account will remain the first charge on assignments which are made to the Empire and no effect on allocation of such construction is foreseen or will be considered without prior consultation with Dominion concerned.

4. Request your concurrence in application of this principle which should only affect Dominion Navies if they find themselves able to provide crews beyond present commitments.

(Hd. of M. Approved by V.C.N.S., O318B/8 to C.N.S. Ottawa, A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B., F.O.C.R.I.N. (R) B.A.D.).

/M.A.C.R.I. ...

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M.A.C.R.I.

This is Connavs 2329/7. Amendment 23 to M.A.C.R.I. (Connav, 0415/8, to C.T.F. 24, Cinclant. All Sea Frontier Cmdrs. etc.).

AQUITANIA.

Please pass following to B.M.W.T. New York. Considerable difficulty has arisen on present voyage of AQUITANIA owing to her inability to make the voyage (a) from Capetown to Suez without calling at Diego Suarez and Aden en route, and (b) from Rio de Janeiro to New York so that she has had to proceed via Freetown instead. 2. Following received from C.in C. South Atlantic. (Begins). Owing to condition of ship and engines AQUITANIA fuel consumption has increased from 1.1 tons per mile to 1.4 thereby reducing endurance by nearly 30 per cent. At the same time increase in top weight has made ship so unstable that a considerable amount of fuel and water has to be carried for stability purposes which is not available for consumption. (Ends). 3. Would appreciate if you would discuss situation with Master and Boyd and report as soon as possible what position will be after overhaul. Telegram detailing our suggestions follows. 4. For your guidance we have discussed question with Cunard here and it is thought she should be able to proceed (a) Capetown Suez full of personnel, with only possibly a call at Aden for fuel, and (b) Rio de Janeiro New York with say 2,000 personnel on board. 5. We are allowing AQUITANIA 6 weeks for repairs, etc. in North America so that next voyage will not commence until end September, probably to Middle East. (D.S.T., 0435B/8, to B.A.D.).

S.C. 94
U/B attacks.

Unsuccessful attacks on S.C. 94 by at least 2 U-Boats during night. DIANTHUS has 21 prisoners from S/M sunk by ASSINIBOINE. NASTURTIUM has 36 survivors from SPAR* My P.C. and S. are 056° 35' N. 033° 45' W. (B) 082° 7'. Weather report. * U.210.. * *to 245*
(C.T.U. 24.1.11, 0642Z/8, to N.O.I.C. Greenock Connav (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, BROKE, BLYSKAWICA).
* SPAR (Dutch, 3616 tons) torpedoed in first attack on this convoy on 5/8, now presumed sunk. (D.S., 1069).

S/M estimated your area by D/F at 0720Z/8 has made sighting report. Transmission at 0536Z/8 from unit in locality 57° N. 06° 30' W.

(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1004/8, to C.T.U. 24.1.11. (R) C.T.U. 24.1.12. C.T.U. 24.1.16. C.T. 24. C.in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.). N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F., Admty. C.O.A.C.).

Convoy S.C. 94 attacked, 2 ships torpedoed including Commodore.

(C.T.U. 24.1.11, 1330Z/8, to Connav (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.).

/My ...

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S.C.94 My 1330Z/8, Convoy attacked at 1327Z in
U/B 056° 30' N. 032° 14' W. by 2 or more U-Boats.
Attacks. TREHATA, KELSO and one other ship sunk. EMPIRE
Contd. MOONBEAM and EMPIRE ANTELOPE not hit, crew
abandoned ship but are returning. MOUNT KASSION
hit twice in engine room but still floating
and entire crew of 74 on board PRIMROSE. ORILLIA investigating
possibility of salvage. NASTURTIUM and BATTLEFORD searching.
EMPIRE MOONBEAM and EMPIRE ANTELOPE to main body of convoy.
NASTURTIUM, ORILLIA and BATTLEFORD, also have survivors. My
P.C. and S. 056° 44' N. 031° 04' W. 040° 7 knots, altering
to 100° at 2359Z. Weather Report. BROKE arrived.
(C.T.U.24.1.11.2011Z/8 to Comnav (R) BLYSKAWICA, BROKE, F.O.I.C.
Greenock, C.T.24. Admty, C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C.
C.T.G.24.7).

* See p. 223

U/B sunk DIANTHUS, Corvette, escorting S. C.94., rammed and
by claims to have sunk a U/Boat p.m.8/8 in mid-
DIANTHUS. Atlantic DIANTHUS was damaged and is reduced to
U. 37g. 6½ knots.
(Gr: ~~Trisbaton~~ (D.O.R.1085 - No signal in W.D.).
lat 7 (cmd): 6543) Pos: 57° 11' N. 30° 34' W.

U/B S/M position by air R/C report at 0451Z/8 in
locality 44.30 N. 35.35.W.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet 0917/8 to C.T.U.24.1.5. C. in C.
Atlantic Fleet, C.T.24, Admty, N.S.H.Q., C.C.N.F.
C.O.A.C.).

Task Force Cinclant's 2123/7 to Commander, Cruiser Division
37. 8 (PHILADELPHIA) reconstitutes Task Force 37
A.T.20. under the command of Rear Adml. L.A. Davidson
N.A.15. and informs as follows:-
T.A.20. Composition - PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK and
Destroyer Squadron 13 (BUCK, WOOLSEY, LUDLOW,
EDISON, BRISTOL, WILKES, NICHOLSON, SWANSON and

INGRAHAM). Escort may be temporarily augmented in coastal
waters.

To escort convoy A.T.20 which will be ready to sail from New
York on 19/8 for U.K. via Halifax, at which place convoy
N.A.15 for same destination will join. Some ships of A.T.20
may sail from Boston in lieu of New York to R/V either en
route or at Halifax.

Destroyers only may fuel at Halifax. Follow routeing as
prescribed by Cominch (C and R.). Convoy due U.K. on 30/8,
which date must be met. About 3 ships of the convoy are routed
to Iceland (C) via a Momp, at which location they will be
delivered to British escort. Destroyer Squadron 13 will be
ordered to New York (some possibly to Boston).

On return from U.K. to escort T.A.20 when ordered and in
accordance with routeing by Admty.

Admty pass to C. in W.A.
(Commaveu, 0942/8 to Admty.).

/HAVSTEN.....

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- HAVSTEN (Torpedoed). Canadian General Press message of 6/8. para 671 states Argentine Tanker JUNCAL reports having picked up 30 survivors from HAVSTEN (Nor). torpedoed Atlantic North of Trinidad. Understand HAVSTEN on voyage from Freetown to Trinidad. HAVSTEN has not arrived here.
(F.O.I.C.Trinidad 1102Q/8 to Admty.(R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.(I) Jamaica S.O.(I) Freetown).
- H.X.201. Concur Admiralty 1348Z/7.
O.N.119. (C.T.F.24, 1125Z/8 to Action to C. in C.U.S. Fleet (C.and R.) (R) C. in C.W.A.).
H.X.201 and O.N.119 Re your 1348Z/7. Concur.
(Connav, 1929Z/8 to Admty.(R) C.T.F.24 . C.in C.W.A.).
- Tanker Torpedoed 4/8. My 0602/5. ROODE ZEE returned from unsuccessful search. Master SS EMPIRE BEDE reports sighting tanker in 011° 14' N. 056° 08' W. at 1300/4., on fire forward and (?down) by stern torpedoed in engine room. Flying Signal G.T.B.2 boats gone. Consider ship probably sunk.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1152Q/8 to Comcarib, Admty, S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica, N.O.B).
- H.A.3. Intend sailing H.A.3 escorted by Task Unit No. 24.18.9 p.m./12/8.
(C.O.A.C. 1325Z/8 to N. S.H.Q. (R) Admty, Connav, S.B.N.O.W.A., C. A.F.A. C., B.A.D.).
- U/Bs Attacked Assessments. Admty, 1327B/8. See U/Boat Campaign.
- TAUBATE. My 1511/7.(Overdue shipping) Brazilian TAUBATE arrived Trinidad.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 1438Q/8 to Admty etc).
- African Port. M.A.R.I. Request clear definition of South African Ports as against West African Ports.
2.From M.A.R.I.Sect.4 para 8 sub.para 2. it appears South African Ports are those South and East of and including Capetown.
(N.S.H.Q. 1520Z/8 to Admty)Reply 1652A/10.
- B.A.M.S. Procedure not understood. Recent attempted diversions of vessels in Atlantic indicate Masters and Radio operators do not understand B.A.M.S. Request Routeing Officers Cape Town fully instruct Masters and Radio Operators in B.A.M.S.procedure.
(C. in C.U.S.Fleet (C.and R.) 1540/8 to Admty).

/Route.....

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- Route Messages, Trinidad. To prevent unnecessary duplication suggest only U.S.R.O. Trinidad forward Merco and route messages to addressees required by Giro. (Cominch C.& R. 1614/8 to Admty). (Reply D.T.D.1558/9).
- B.Y.M.S. Your 2115/29/7. One Electrical Officer for each group of 5 B.Y.M.S. has already been appointed and left U.K. with Lt.Kyle. It would appear preferable that latter officer and Base Staff should get Base at Jamaica started as soon as possible for remainder of B.Y.M.S. 2. 10 B.Y.M.S. referred to are urgently required at their operational bases. Request they be sailed for these after a maximum work up of 14 days at Jamaica. (D.M.S. 1628B/8 to B.A.D.).
- A.T.18. Arrived A.T.18 consisting of 11 transports escorted by 1 battleship 1 cruiser 14 destroyers. (S.O.(I) Halifax. 1635Z/8 to Admty etc).
- A.C.Is. Your 1833B/6. Cominch has no further comments regarding A.C.I. None are expected from C. in C. Lant or other U.S. authority with exception of C.T.24 who has been directed to communicate with C. in C.W.A. (B.A.D. 1639Z/8 to Admty(R) C. in C.W. A.).
- ASSINIBOINE. E.T.A. 0830Z/9. 6 cot cases 6 non cot cases 1 German officer cot case. Prisoners 2 officers 14 ratings. (ASSINIBOINE 1651Z/8 to F.O.N.F.). *See p. 242*
- U/B. Positions. Situation 8/8. (C. in C.U.S.Fleet 1702/8 to Admty).
- S.C. Convoys. Your 2136Z/7 as received in Admiralty the words "propose SC97 sailed 4 days late on 13th" not understood. According to present cycle S.C.96 is due to leave Halifax on 11th and SC.97 on 18/8 Is it intended SC.96 should sail 4 days late on 15th and SC.97 on 21st? 2. Your 1651/2 Para2. It was assumed SC.101 was to sail on 15/9., not 16th as in your 2136Z/7. (D.T.D. 1713B/8 to N.S.H.Q.).
N.S.H.Q. 2136Z/7. Schedule cannot be advanced as recommended in referenced dispatch without depriving groups Cast 3 Cast 1 afirm 3 and Cast 4 of sorely needed time in port for boiler cleaning and other maintenance work. Consider that resumption of normal sailing dates for convoys must depend on positive availability of 11th mid-ocean group. (C.T.F.24.2347Z/8 to C. in C.U.S.Fleet(C and R) (R) N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C. in C.W.A. Admty.).

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Documents.

Chiefs of Staff No.C.O.S.(W) 249 in reply to
J.S.M. 280 (2201/1/7) (Air Min.1745Z/8 to Britman
Washington)
See Lion Copy.

U/B.

U-Boat position at 1904Z/8 in vicinity 057°
00' N. 031° 30' W. accuracy within 50 miles,
first sighting report.
(N.S.H.Q. 2058Z/8 to British Warships in Area 7A
Admty, S.B.N.O. W.A. Opnav, C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F.).

A.S.6.
W.S.21.

Your 1345Z/7 Para.2A confirmed. Para 2B.SEA
TRAIN TEXAS 15 knots sailed independently E.T.A.
Capetown 18/8. Request this vessel be included
in suitable convoy thence to Middle East. B.A.D.
informed.
(Cominch 2134/8 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A. C. in C.S. A

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OZ 951

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SECRET CYPHER TELEGRAM

IMPORTANT

From:- Air Ministry

To:- Britman, Washington

OZ 951

8/8/42

Following from Chiefs of Staff No.C.O.S.
(W) 249.

Reference J.S.M. 280.

Definitions of Secrecy.

Following definitions agreed between civil and military branches of three Service Departments here. You should now approach U.S. Service Departments officially informing them of these definitions and inviting them to introduce "Most Secret" category to correspond with ours.

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Minesweepers. My 1200Z/23/6 to Admty. Your 0949Z/29/7 Admty. 1214B/23/7. Regret retention of R.N. and R.I.N. Patrol craft for operations in Australia after they were ready to join your command. 6 enemy submarines have been active off our East Coast and latterly there has been at least one on West Coast.

Our A/S vessels have been and remain stretched to utmost by unexpected troop movements to New Guinea in addition to coastal and other convoys. (2) Sailing programme in my 1200Z/23/6 has been accelerated as follows.

LAUNCESTON, MADRAS, WODLONGONG, BURNIE Leaving Fremantle 2nd week August.

BOMBAY, CAIRNS, 3rd week August. MARYBOROUGH, 1st week September. IPSWICH, TOOWOOMBA 2nd week September. BENGAL 3rd week September. CESSNOCK, GAWLER 1st week October. *FARNWORTH 4th week October. **not definite*

(3) Destinations as in your 0940Z/29. R.I.N. vessels to Colombo. Slight modification may be required to fit tanker programmes.

(A.C.N.B., 0401Z/8 to C. in C. E.F., (R) D.C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O.I.C. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Flinders Naval Depot. N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.S.W., D.N.O. South Australia, Cdre. Western Australia. Admty).

Situation. Serial No. 198, 7/8.

Small inter island vessel attacked and sunk by enemy S/M 9° 11' S., 144° 12' E., at 0142Z/7.

Reports indicate possibly 2 other enemy submarines this area 7/8.

2. M.V. KATOOMBA arrived port safely 7/8, my serial No. 195 para. 1 refers. Master reports vessel shelled intermittently for approx. 3 hours probably by 2 attackers who fired approx. 8 rounds without causing damage. Only gun flashes sighted.

3. Reports 7/8 indicate possibly 2 other S/Ms operating off Fremantle area.

4. Patrol aircraft reported S/M off Jervis Bay at 0441Z/7. Graded B.3.

5. Unidentified 4 engined flying boat and single engined biplane reported over Wessel Island noon 6/8. 2 enemy 4 engined flying boats over Bathurst Island same day.

6. Ref. serial No. 197 para. 1. Photographs 6/8 reveal 3 light cruisers 4 destroyers 1 converted seaplane tender (KAMIKAWA MARU's class) 10 M/Vs 5/7000 tons, 3 M/Vs 3/4000 tons 9 gunboats, 8 flying boats and numerous landing craft in Rabaul harbour. 44 aircraft Lakunai aerodrome.

7. 13 fortresses attacked Vunakanau Aerodrome Rabaul 0130Z/7. 20 zeros intercepted 7? destroyed.

8. Our aircraft reported following shipping Rabaul area at approx. 0140Z/7.

(a) 8 large, 14 smaller vessels in Rabaul harbour.

(b) 6 unidentified vessels off Cape Tawui course S.E.

(c) 3 light cruisers 1 other cruiser 1 destroyer 3° 45' S., 151° 56' E., course 120°

9. Air R/C Banda Sea area 7/8 sighted only small craft.

10. Enemy strength Kukum Area now reported 4000 troops.

11. 6 A.A. positions reported Kieta (Bougainville) area 1/8.

12. Air R/C sighted destroyer 6° 52' S., 154° 20' E. at 0546Z/7, course S.

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Situation 13. 6 B.26s attacked Lae Aerodrome 0446Z/7. 4
Contd. 2000 pound bombs fell on runway. Other bombs in
target area.
14. Between 2221Z/6 and 2221Z/6 and 2245Z/6 Jap-
anese Radio Station Tulagi reported being attacked.
15. 40 enemy aircraft reported over N.W. Bougainville heading
S.E. at 2242Z/7.
(A.C.N.B., 0820Z/8 to Admtty etc).

Ocean Following received from O.I.C. Ocean Island
Island. (Begins).
5/8 No.373. Plane this morning was over and round
the Island for 1½ hours. Considerable firing
from machine gun and cannon. Only 1 serious casualty so far.
Firing appeared to be indiscriminate.
For last 3 days main interest of planes appears to have been
over reef and possibility of impending landing cannot be
excluded. Material ready to destroy secret documents. (Ends).
(High Commissioner (Sir P. Mitchell) 2000/8 (local time) to
S. of S. for Colonies).

Mine. W.M.46. Floating mine in 025° 12' S., 177° 54'
E. at 0505Z/5. Sinking by rifle fire not
verified.
(S.O.(I) Wellington, 2029M/8 to W.M.addressees).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1409B/8, 1450B/8).

Submarines Attacked.

Assessments. Your 0101/5. Agree with your suggestion.
2. Propose therefore:- (a) Ships should forward
reports from port of arrival after attack to the
assessing authority within whose strategic area port repetition
port lies and such assessing authority will assess the attack.
(b) Summary of assessment to be sent by air mail immediately
after assessment.
3. Does this procedure meet your requirements?
(D.A/S.W., 1327B/8 to Cominch (R) N.S.H.Q. Comnavu).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

At 0010B today M.T.Bs. 235 and 240 with M.G.Bs. 41 and 83. in support were despatched from Dover to intercept an enemy convoy detected at 2240B/8 off Gravelines proceeding westwards. The attack failed. Both M.T.Bs. were fired on by shore batteries and the convoy escort, and suffered superficial damage. The M.G.Bs. failed to make contact with the enemy.

Visual R/C of Trondheim at 0930 today showed that only LUTZOW was present. KÖLN has apparently left.

Mining.

The Russians report large numbers of floating mines 10 to 30 miles from the Murman coast.

North Atlantic.

Operation
"Pedestal".
(Malta convoy)

Force R and rescue Tug SALVONIA sailed at 0302A today.

South Atlantic.

Raider.

SS. DALHOUSIE (Capetown for Trinidad) reported being attacked by a raider at 1316Z today in 20° 21' S., 24° 44' W. (about 920 miles S.W. of Ascension Island). Washington reports that naval forces are on the way to intercept. (The cruiser MEMPHIS was sent).

C. in C. S.A. reports that on the departure of SHROPSHIRE to the U.K. to refit early in September the South Atlantic Station will have no cruisers and only 3 A.M.Cs. These latter are employed in escorting special ships. There are now possibly two German raiders and one supply ship in the South Atlantic and Japanese raiders may appear off the coasts of southern Africa at any time. C. in C. S.A. reports that he has no forces to search for and take offensive action against these, nor to inter-

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cept enemy and Vichy shipping. Because of the strength of enemy raiders he does not consider that one A.M.C. is an adequate escort for a military convoy when no cruiser is available; and he asks that urgent consideration may be given to an increase of cruiser strength on the station at an early date.

Mediterranean.

Tobruk harbour was bombed again last night and Matruh harbour was mined. Further successful air action today against barges north of Bardia is reported. Allied heavy bombers carried out a successful daylight attack on shipping at Benghazi this evening; a direct hit on one ship and near misses on others are reported.

China.

Raid on
Haiphong.

The U.S. Air Force made a most successful raid on Haiphong today. A 4,000 ton transport was hit and great damage was caused in the dock area.

America & West Indies.

An unidentified ship made a submarine distress signal at 2000 today in 53° 54' N., 26° 27' W. (about 610 miles west of Blacksod Bay). It was subsequently believed that this was SS. LETITIA which left the Clyde for Halifax on 7/8 with 600 troops on board, and at 1922A/11 two corvettes were detached from the escorts of H.X. 201 to search for survivors and air co-operation was employed next day. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, however reported the arrival of LETITIA at Halifax at 1144Z/16).

Australia.

R/C of the Rabaul area at 0750Z today reported 28 large vessels, including two probable cruisers in harbour, and more than 50 aircraft at Lakunai Aerodrome; the aerodrome was attacked and 5 intercepting Zeros were destroyed, and a Fortress aircraft reports a direct hit on a vessel in Rabaul Harbour.

Air attacks against the Salamaua area were continued today and damaged vessel beached off Salamaua was again hit.

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CURAÇOA. Your 1255/8. Assuming that A/S escort will have to be provided from my command for next P.Q. convoy I should be grateful for loan of CURAÇOA until DELHI or CAIRO become available.
(C. in C.W.A. 1121A/9 to Admty). *S - P 257*

Movements.

P.247. Request Muckle Flugga Radio Beacon from 0630/9 every half hour. Visibility one cable.
LA CAPRIEUSE. (P.247 0448/9 to A.C.O.S.).
My 1011/8. Sailed. S. of A. 12 knots. E.T.A. 0900A/11.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 1700A/9).

ARGONAUT. My 1524B/7. Sailed. *(for S. of A.)*
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0758A/9).

FARNDALE. Intend to sail FARNDALE for Scapa by Swept Channels and QZS.287 and 277 at 1030/11. S. of A. 20 knots.
(C. in C.Nore 1034A/9).

P.51. Request you sail P.51 for Chatham as soon as practicable arranging for escort as far as Methil thence P.51 could join a fast F.S. convoy. It is understood that F.S. 80 leaves Methil on 13/8.
(F.O.S. 1354A/9).

P.219 and P.48 are to sail 12/8. for Gibraltar.
P.48. (F.O.S. 1413A/9 to Capt.S.3.).

L.C.T. Flotilla Request you sail VETCH to arrive Milford Haven 3 p.m./14/8 subsequently complying with Admty 1805/8
H.D.M.L. Flotilla VETCH is to calibrate before arrival at Milford Haven and will return from Gibraltar with Escort III. VETCH. Group 36.
(C. in C.W.A. 1512A/9 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

O.21. Your 1051/8 approved.
(F.O.S. 1514A/9 to Capt.S.3.).

CILICIA. CILICIA arrived Liverpool today with 249 boxes bullion on board. Request information as to disposal.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1544A/9 to Admty).

POPPY. POPPY arrived Dvina Bar 0530C.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1618B/9).

/RHODODENDRON....

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RHODODENDRON. Your 1105/9 arrived.
(F.O.I.C.Falmouth 1647A/9 to C. in C.Plymouth).

CONQUEROR. A.C.O.S. 1240/7. Concur that remainder of CONQUEROR's trials be abandoned.
It is considered that CONQUEROR can for the present be more usefully employed in the Rosyth Escort Force than in the Plymouth Command.
Request you sail CONQUEROR for Rosyth as convenient.
(D.O.D.(H) 2031A/9 to A.C.O.S.). *See p. 259*

LIVERPOOL
SENNEN. *See p. 256.* Cancel my 2121/8 and reference SENNEN in my 1816/8. LIVERPOOL is to proceed independently through Minches. Onward escort from Cape Wrath will be provided by C. in C.H.F.
(C. in C.W.A. 2101A/9 to N.O.I.C.Londonderry).

MARTIN
MARNE. Your 0251/9. MARTIN and MARNE sailed from Dvina Bar 2100B/9. E.T. A.Archangel 0200B/14.
(S.B.N.O.Archangel 2235B/9 to S.B.N.O.North Russia)
See p. 256.

WICHITA
INGLEFIELD. Proceed passing Switha at 0400/11 to R/V with Comtask 99 in WICHITA off May Island at 1330/11 and provide escort to Scapa.
(R.A.D. H.F. 2346A/9 to INGLEFIELD).

Operations.

Norway
Coastal
S/M
Patrol. My 1939/7. It is considered now enemy will probably shape course to pass four and eight miles from coast Feisten to Lister lights.
Reference para three, 107 likely.
(F.O.S. 0041B/9 to STURGEON, P.54).
My 0041/9. Photographic R/C of Trondhjem at 1000A this morning shows unit is still in harbour. She cannot therefore reach Feisten before 0900A/10 even if passage from Feisten to Lister was made in daylight which is most unlikely. You should therefore keep well clear of coast tonight to avoid comprising your position.
(F.O.S. 1352A/9 to STURGEON P.54).

Engagement
with Enemy
Convoy. At 0010B/9, M.T.B.235 (S.O. of 9th M.T.B. Flotilla embarked) and 240 with M.G.Bs 41 (S.O.) and S.3. in support were despatched to intercept enemy convoy detected at 2240B/8 off Gravelines proceeding Westward at 5 knots. Leaving M.G.Bs with unsilenced engines to seaward M.T.Bs proceeded to lie in wait half a mile North of Calais Harbour entrance. They remained undetected until 0200 they made their torpedo attack at about 800 yards range on two enemy vessels of some 1500 tons escorted by several trawlers and R-Boats. Torpedoes most disappointingly missed and M.T.Bs were then fired on by shore batteries and escort vessels, the latter being engaged during the retirement.

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with
Enemy
Convoy.
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Owing to the failure of communications the M.G.Bs were unaware of the situation and did not make contact with the enemy who entered Calais about 0300B. Both M.T.Bs had superficial damage and M.T.B 235 one rating seriously wounded. (V.A.Dover 1017A/9).

Exercises.

Exercises.

CALPE, FERNIE, QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES~~SE~~ ASTRID, PRINSES~~SE~~ BEATRIX, INVICTA, 9th M.S.F. M.G.B. 317 and M.L.171 exercising to eastward of E.A.5 Buoy. PRINSES~~SE~~ ALBERT, M.G.B. 326, 51 and 57 exercising S.W. of St.Albans Head. 6 L.C.T.Newhaven southward exercising with Group in para.3. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1537/9 and 1957A/9). Details of Exercise (QUEEN EMMA 1553A/9).

PRINSES~~SE~~ ALBERT.

My 1355A/9. Postponed 24 hours owing to weather. (F.O.I.C.Portland 2232A/9 to C. in C.Portsmouth).

Enemy Air Activity.Humber
Area.

Between 2330/8 and 0045/9. 12 enemy A/C operated over the Humber area. Landfall was made five miles North of River entrance. Majority of planes flew inland, but three tracks faded in a triangle marked by H.3.62D, and Humber Light Buoys. Minelaying not suspected but the possibility exists. (F.O.Humber 0046B/9).

Mining.Murman
Coast.

Russians report large number floating mines 10 to 30 miles from Murman Coast. 20 have now been exploded and 16 sunk. 2 blew up near Teribersky. Mines usually sighted in groups of 3 or 4 but not secured together. Believed German horned mines type E.M.C. Search continues. (S.B.N.O.North Russia 1625A/9).

Needles.

One mine red detonated by Sweepers in approx. 231° 9.5 miles from Needles Light. Details. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1818/9 and 1242/10).

Enemy Intelligence.LÜTZOW
KÖLN
EMDEN.

P.R.U.Trondheim confirms LÜTZOW in Lofjord at 1840B/9. KÖLN has left Foetten Fjord. EMDEN reported at Swinemunde on 2/8 Graded B.2. (D.D.I.C. 0225A/9).

Visual R/C of Lofjord 0930/9. LÜTZOW present. (D.D.I.C. 1534A/9).

Interpretation Photographic R/C Trondheim 0930/9 confirms LUTZOW only present. (D.D.I.C. 1812A/9).

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats.

Air-Search for damaged U-Boat. My 1603/8. Will not be carried out. (A.C.I.C. 0107A/9 to C. in C.W.A.).
Am over enemy S/M in 45° 24' N. 10° 56' W. Enemy was on course 265° estimated speed 10. (A/C L7B3 1108/9 to 19th Group). (F.O.S. 1219A/9 to S/Ms).
Am over enemy S/M in 45° N. 11° W. Periscope only sighted, on course 085°, estimated speed 10 knots. (A/C of 19th Group 1205/9).
D/F bearings at 1147Z indicate U-Boat in about 61° 30' N. 3° 30' E., probably bound for Atlantic. (D.D.I.C. 1331A/9).
Over enemy submarine in 44° 36' N. 12° 10' W. (A/C 19th Group 1420/9).
Enemy was sighted on the surface and was observed to submerge. estimated course 020°, 10 knots. (A/C 19th Group 1423/9).
D/F Bearings at 1340Z indicate convoy has been reported by U-Boat. (D.D.I.C. 1508A/9 to Escorts S.C.94).
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 20' N. 9° 51' W. (A/C 19th Group 1607/9).
Am over enemy S/M. On surface and then observed to submerge. Course 285°, speed 8 knots. (A/C 19th Group 1610/9).
SSSS de NERK (Any American man of war). 59° 11' N. 23° 53' W. ("Nerk" 1738/9) (Port Patrick Radio 1837/9) (Wick Radio 1839/9)
Am over enemy S/M 56° 42' N. 26° 18' W. Enemy on surface and then observed to submerge, course 173°. (A/C of 15th Group 1908/9).
Intercepted at 2017 G.M.T. DE Valentia Radio. SSSS DE unknown station 2000 G.M.T. 53° 54' N. 26° 27' W. (Port Patrick Radio 2013/9).
D/F bearings between 1553Z and 1909Z indicate at least two U-Boats in contact with convoy. (D.D.I.C. 2145A/9 to Escorts S.C.94).

U/Boats Attacked. Am over enemy Sub in position YPXF 1107. 59° 11' N. 23° 53' W. Sub. on surface and observed to submerge, course 240°, speed 6 knots. (A/C HL61. 1716/9).
Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate no hits. (A/C HL61 1722/9).
Am over enemy S/M in 56° 27' N. 26° 14' W. When first sighted was on surface and observed to submerge. Enemy course is 345°, 8 knots. (A.O.C. 15th Group 2325/9).
My 2325. Have attacked enemy with depth charges, estimate nil hits. (A.O.C. 15th Group 2326/9).

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Ice dates in North Russia. Your 1830/31. 8 years observations indicate ice starts forming Russkaya harbour first week November. No non-ice cutting ship can move after first week December. In 1941 solid ice 3rd December. Brash ice normally appears Matochk in Straits first week November but fortnight early last year. Growlers appear with easterly wind and complete freezing-up occurs second half December. Ice starts forming Moller Bay last week October and freezing-up last week November. Approximately same conditions apply for Belushya Bay. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 1753A/9 to Admty).

Technical.

Tilbury Docks. Berths for Landing Craft. Enlistment of Tilbury Docks as loading point for L.S.T. and L.C.T. shows considerable promise. Height of dock above water level can be reduced Consider at least 8 berths giving 24 hours service can be arranged. A further 8 for L.C.T. can be constructed economically at undeveloped stretch of dock property, but require short approach road. (C. in C.Nore 1010A/9 to Admty C.C.O).

Casualties & Defects.

M.T.B. 30. My 1145/8. ^{/N.T.N.W.D.} M.T.B. 30 unable to sail owing to leaking petrol tanks. (HORNET 0938 /9).

MOUNT KASSION (S.C. 94) (Torpedoed on 8/8). Report whether tugs are required for salvage of MOUNT KASSION. (C. in C. W.A. 0952A/9 to C.T.U. 24.1.11).

Request you will sail ADHERENT with Trawler escort to salvage MOUNT KASSION torpedoed and afloat in 56° 30' N. 32° 14' W.

(A.C.N.S.(T) 1010A/9 to A.C.I.C.).

Tug NIMBLE escorted by ROSELYS sailing p.m./9th assistance of MOUNT KASSION. No other tug available. Request one tug may be sailed from Reykjavik and that air may assist in locating. (C. in C.W.A. 1037A/9 to A.C.I.C.).

Sail ROSELYS and tug NIMBLE in company to assist MOUNT KASSION.

(C. in C.W.A. 1055A/9 to F.O.I.C.Greenock).

Proceed as soon as ready to R/V with NIMBLE from Stornoway 180° Barrahead 10 miles at 0700A/10. Proceed thence in company to assist MOUNT KASSION torpedoed in 056° 30' N. 032° 14' W at 1300/8. Air assistance is being arranged and rescue Tug ADHERENT is being sailed from Iceland.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1148A/9 to ROSELYS).

Admiralty 1010 and C. in C.W.A. 1037. ADHERENT escorted by STARNES will sail p.m. today. No A/C here of sufficient endurance to reach position indicated.

(A.C.I.C. 1323A/9).

Sailed ROSELYS in accordance with my 1148A/9.

(F.O.I.C.Greenock 1705A/9).

Sailed NIMBLE.

(N.O.I.C.Stornoway 1802A/9).

/Request....

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MOUNT
KASSION
(Torpedoed
on 8/8).
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Request you will sail SENNEN to R/V with ROSELYS
and NIMBLE at 0700A/10 in 180° Barra Head 10'.
Ships are to proceed in company to assist MOUNT
KASSION.
(C. in C.W.A. 2111A/9 to Commodore Londonderry).
Sail ADHERENT to R/V with STAFNES, thence
in accordance with A.M. 1010/9 and C. in C.W.A.
1037/9.
(A.C.I.C. 2212A/9 to Admty).

PETERHEAD.

My 0950B/8. PETERHEAD is required at Port ZA
26/8 not 21/8.
(WESTERN ISLES 1020Z/9).

Unknown
Ship.

Following received from Tیره Radio:-
253° 4 Class distress unknown ship.
(P.P.Radio 2014 G.M.T./9 to F.O.I.C.Greenock).

EYEBRIGHT.

C.C.N.Fs 1219/7. Intend sailing EYEBRIGHT to
Londonderry on completion of work-up on 13/8.
Ship requires Medium Frequency direction finding
calibration.
(WESTERN ISLES 2257A/9). *S. p. 274*

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A.T.18.

Cancel Admiralty's 1319/8. New route through
position:- J.42.44 60.05. K. 42.55, 45.05,
L.48.25. 37.45. M.53.20 28.50. N.56.45. 20.15
O.56.45, 17.55. P.56.05. 08.45. M.O.M.P. at
56° 45 N. 19° 30' W. 0915Z/15. 2. Speed of advance 15 knots.
3. Request you will provide onward route.
(D.O.D.(H) 0027B/9 to C. in C.W.A.).

Arctic
Convoy
No.3.

Arctic convoy number 3 passed Dvina Bar 0600/
~~LEDA~~ 9th escorted by LEDA, HALCYON, BRITOMART,
and SALAMANDER.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0937B/9.)

North Russia
Repatriation
of
Survivors.

Your 1144B/8. Propose force proceed Archangel
direct as there are 1300 survivors there and none
(corrupt group) Kola Inlet. S.B.N.O.Archangel is
requested to report practicability of fuelling
this force at Archangel. Request verification of
estimate of accommodation and that U.S.S.
TUSCALOOSA only requires 400 tons of fuel.
(S.B.N.O.North Russia 1002A/9 to C. in C.H.F.).

/For.

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North Russia Repatriation of Survivors.
- Contd.

For quick passage suggest following number of survivors. Cruiser 300. 5 destroyers 100 each. Total 800 leaving 500 to go in escort and merchant ships of Q.P.14 which can be comfortably managed. Limb-less men will be accommodated in MARTIN and MARNE where they will have medical attention. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 1019B/9 to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1102/9 and your 1144/8.

Force can be fuelled at Archangel basing total requirements including MARTIN and MARNE 2500 tons.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 2307B/9 to C. in C.H.F.)

T.A.19.
(QUEEN
MARY.)

Admiralty 1344/1 and 1852/8. Request you will sail T.A.19 escorted by *CURAÇOA and arrange R/V with NEWARK and 4 destroyers of 21st E.G. from Londonderry.

Escort is to be provided till after dark 11th, CURAÇOA subsequently returning to Greenock and destroyers to bases. If weather conditions make it unlikely that A/S escort can be provided destroyers are to be sailed p.m. 10th to sweep ahead along route. Attention is drawn to my 1856/4, para. 5, first sentence.

(C. in C. W.A. 1012Z/9 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

(C. in C.W.A. 1608A/9 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.) * See p. 251.

O.S.37.
FERNMOOR.

Intend sailing FERNMOOR Freetown in O.S. 37, p.m. 10th, comply with A.M. 1314B/8. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1014A/9).

Rescue Tug
Convoy
Escort
Service.

In view of early expected arrival of ST. MELLONS and CAROLINE MOLLER propose starting modified Rescue Tug Escort Service with F.N.786 using these vessels and SEAMAN and ATTENTIF which are now at Harwich.

As it will probably not be possible to maintain complete service until arrival of SUPERMAN and ST. OLAVES propose tug be sailed only when there are over 30 ships in either F.N. or F.S. Convoy. Requested that N.C.S.O. Methil be asked to signal probable number of ships in F.S. Convoy on the evening before F.S. sails.

Tug to be sailed with F.N. Convoy and change over to F.S. Convoy on second day in same way as is done at present by Corvette and A/S Trawler of Harwich additional escort force. Name of tug sailing, or fact that none is sailing, will be signalled as soon as, N.C.S.O. Methil's signal is received. Tug CHAMPION (at present refitting) and KENIA will not form part of this escort force. Tugs as well as A/S trawlers will carry the small portable salvage pumps as soon as these arrive, (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1132A/9).

P.W.M.
Convoys.

My 1248B/10.
Owing to the arrival of P.W.M. convoys at Milford Haven during late afternoon cancel para. (C) and insert new para. (C) P.W.M. convoys. Ships under 1000 tons and not in category 1 or

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P.W.M.
Convoys.
Contd. 2 proceed as a group under air cover as at present arranged when escorts leave remainder enter Milford Haven for onward passage as follows:
(1) Coastal ships over 1,000 tons and under 2,000 tons other than category 1 or 2 leave Milford Haven as soon after daylight as possible at discretion of F.O.I.C. Milford Haven under air protection only if no escort is available.
(2) Remainder for ports North of Milford Haven to be included in first escorted convoy leaving Milford Haven.
(C. in C.W.A. 1221B/9).

S.C.94.
RADCHURCH. Request you will sail CASTLETON at best possible speed consistent with weather to R/V with S.C.94. Estimated position at 0800A/10 057° 08' N. 024° 08' W, routed through:- J.057° 08' N. 015° W.

K.056° 05' N. 007° 58' W.
Speed 7 knots. S.O. BROKE.
(C. in C.W.A. 1230A/9 to R.A.(M)).

→ Sailed CASTLETON to comply with C. in C.W.A. 1230/9. (TRELAWNEY 1424A/9).

S.C.94 N.K. and D.Q. recommend convoy S.C.94. be diverted to northeastward.
(Connav, 1633/9 to Admty).

As soon as situation permits detach one escort to return crew to RADCHURCH and escort her to harbour.
(C. in C.W.A. 2312A/9 to BROKE).

Admty 1508/9 cannot be decyphered. My P.C.S. 056° 48' N. 009° 22' W, 272°, 25 knots.

→ (CASTLETON 2000A/9 to C.in C.W.A.).

T.U.
24.1.11. (1) In view of damage (extent unknown) to DIANTHUS and damage to ASSINIBOINE T.U.24.1.11. will be reduced to 5 corvettes only, even if EYEBRIGHT can join vide my 1219Z/7.

(2) Unless either BURWELL or READING can complete in time (about 21/6 request at least one destroyer be loaned to T.U.24.1.11 for next westbound voyage only.

(F.O.N.F. 1344Z/9 to C. in C.W.A.). *See 17274.*

Arctic
Convoy.
MARTIN
MARNE. On leaving convoy in 55° E. MARTIN and MARNE are to return to Archangel so as to be ready to leave there complete with fuel by 1600C/14. Cover is to be afforded to M/Ss on way back as far as this allows.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1421A/9 to MARTIN).

CALIFORNIA.
LLANGIBBY.
CASTLE. Request you detail 1 destroyer from 21st E.G. to R/V as arranged by C. in C.Plymouth with CALIFORNIA and LLANGIBBY CASTLE and escort to Clyde, subsequently returning to base.
(C. in C.W.A. 1611A/9 to Cmdre.Londonderry). *See 17252.1 Mission Page*

H.X.200. Average speed 9.5 knots. Fine weather first 3 days then 5 days fog. Easterly winds throughout. No stragglers, all ships now arrived.
(D.T.D.1758Z/9 to Connav).

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- B.A.M.S. Recent failure of ships in Atlantic to set on
organisation. diversion signals indicates that B.A.M.S.
 organisation may not in all cases be fully
 understood by all Masters and Radio Officers.
Request you will ensure that Masters and Radio Officers
are fully instructed in B.A.M.S. Organisation.
It is realised that some failure may be due to difficulties in
reading routines in certain areas and it is hoped shortly that
improvements will be affected.
(D.T.D. 1815A/9).
- Special Forecast ending 15/8.
Movements. (D.T.D.1828A/9).
 See Lion Copy.
- O.N.S.120. In order to conserve fuel HIGHLANDER, FLUSSER,
 WINCHELSEA are to be sailed at economical speed to
 overtake convoy in 017° W.
 (C. in C.W.A. 1837B/8 to Cdre.Londonderry).
- SIBAJAK. My 0456/1. SIBAJAK will sail 17/8. Embarkation
LLANSTEPHAN will take place on 16/8.
CASTLE. (D.S.T. 1956A/9).
 My 0455/1. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE not now required
 till 17/8. Embarkation will take place on 16/8.
 (D.S.T. 1957A/9).
- E.N. and Your 1545/8. The position is appreciated but
W.N. with the present shortage of A/A ships it must be
Convoy accepted. It is intended to allocate CONQUEROR
Escorts. to the Rosyth Escort Force until further orders.
 (D.O.D.(H) 2030A/9 to C. in C.Rosyth). *p.252*
- Position A.M. 2252B/27 para.2 Cancel and substitute:-
reports. Masters of all Merchant ships fitted with H/F
 (except the two QUEENS) are to report by night
 every three days after leaving harbour their position
 by W/T in form laid down in C.A.M.S.I. 52.
2. The substance of A.M. 2252B/27 as amended by this signal has now
been included in M.A.R.I by Amendment No.60.
(D.T.D. 2038A/9).
- H.X.201. Cancel B.N.113. HURRICANE, WALLFLOWER, SNOWFLAKE
O.N.119. expect to join H.X.201 about 1000Z/10. O.N.119.P.C.S
 at 2100Z/9, 052° 24' N. 024° W, 247°, 5 knots.
 (C.T.U. 24.1.15. 2116Z/9 to BROADWAY). *p.276*
- W.N.22 to Proposed programme.
W.N.25. My 2200/3 last item to be amended accordingly.
 (N.C.S.O.Loch Ewe.2148A/9).

/THE MARQUIS...

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TO: COMNAV

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C. in C. Home Fleet (Basegram) 176
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Naval Cypher (CD) & Type (X) U.S.A.

FROM: Admiralty.

1942. Special Movements Forecast ending 15th August,

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>War Stores in tons.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Other Cargo</u>
Class I. RUMAHINE	1450	New Zealand	190 personnel 34 guns 10 Valentines.
Class II NEW BROOKLYN	5280	West Africa	55 vehicles
CLAN RANALD	5150	South & East Africa	6 vehicles 2 tractors.
EMPIRE MIGHT	6700	South & East Africa.	4 Battles
DENBIGHSHIRE	1945	Middle East	2833 tons ammunition 164 vehicles 88 guns 59 tanks.
EMPIRE RHODES	2183	Middle East	1275 tons ammunition 193 vehicles 9 tanks.
FORN ABELI	1972	Middle East	982 tons ammunition 274 vehicles 30 guns.
FORN FRAZER	2581	Middle East	994 tons ammunition 236 vehicles 30 guns.

/HOPEMAN ...

<u>Ship</u>	<u>War Stores in tons.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Other Cargo</u>
HOPEHORN	3697	Middle East	792 tons ammunition 271 vehicles 30 guns.
OCEAN MIGHT	2580	Middle East	588 tons ammunition 271 vehicles 10 guns.
OCEAN VANITY	3433	Middle East	532 tons ammunition 237 vehicles 10 guns.
STANFORD	3005	Middle East	589 tons ammunition 240 vehicles 10 guns.
COLENGIAN Class III	4520	Persian Gulf	3600 tons wire.
BELMOR	1000	West Africa	12 Blenheims 4 Spitfires 3 Hurricanes.
EMPIRE JAMILON	Nil	West Africa	33 Hurricanes 5 Blenheims
HENRI JASPAR	2500	West Africa	9 vehicles 4 Beaufighters 13 Hurricanes 1 Spitfire.
SEWER GUAVA	Nil	West Africa	5 Beaufighters 10 Hurricanes.
SEWEROR	Nil	West Africa	5 Beaufighters 16 Hurricanes
F. J. LUCKENBACH	1269	Middle East	1613 tons ammunition 234 vehicles. 60 guns 30 tanks.
ALBERTA	2586	Australia, New Zealand	10 Valentines. 53 Service personnel.
THESSALONIA	1556	Australia	10 Matildas 30 guns.

1st Lord
1st S.I. (2)
4th S.I.
C.N.A.S.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (P)
A.C.N.S. (W)
N.A. 1st S.L.
D.O.D. (F) (7)
Duty Capt. (2)

D.T.D. (3)
D.T.D. (M)
D.T.D. (C)
D. of S.T.
Head of M.
D.E.I.C. (2)
D. of P. (2)
D.A.M.
D.A.C.D.

1328A/9
for D.T.D. (851)

D.N.A.D.
I.F. (2)
W.D.
Admiral Blako
U.S.N. (3) Above has been
passed to CONNAV.

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Sunday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping & Convoys - Contd.

THE
MARQUIS.

My 1230B/8. Sailed.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall 2155A/9 to N.O.I.C.Faroes).

BART.

N.O.I.C.Faroes 1222B/8. BART should be sailed
to Silloth not Leith.
(D.S.T.2226A/9 to A.C.O.S.).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

Force R. Sailed Force R and SALVONIA.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0302A/9 to Admty., C. in C. Med.,
S.O. Force 'F', V.A. Malta).

Force F. Arrived, fuelled, sailed at 0400/9 SIRIUS, PHOEBE,
MANCHESTER, INDOMITABLE, LIGHTNING, LAFOREY,
LOOKOUT. Arrival WISHART, DERWENT, ESKIMO, TARTAR.
sailed BICESTER, BRAMHAM, LEDBURY, WILTON.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0428A/9 to Admty., S.O. Force F, C. in
C. W.A.)

VETERAN. ^{/N.T.W.D.} My 1108/7, for VETERAN read VANOC. It is intended
VANOC. that WANDERER on completion of refit in U.S.A.,
WANDERER. should relieve VANOC in North Atlantic Command.
(C. in C.W.A. 1008Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C.O.A.C.
Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

U/B Unsuccessfully attacked 500 ton U-Boat by torpedo
attacked (es) and gunfire in 046° 31' N. 013° 16' W.
by P.212. enemy course and speed are 100°, 12 knots, (uncoded
weather report).
(P.212 1227Z/9 to Admty.)

Situation Area "Z". S/M P.556 035° 12' 033° 21' 093° 9.
2002B/9. On the surface.
2. S.L. 118. CHESHIRE, FOLKESTONE, WELLINGTON
WOODRUFF, GORLESTON, 18.(?44) 22.58 through 20.00
23.40 thence 344° 7.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1252A/9).

S/MS. S/M situation in Western Mediterranean at
2000B/9.
1. PARTHIAN in 36.40 N. 03.00 W. proceeding to
Gibraltar routed within 5 miles of Spanish coast
to arrive at 1230B/10.
2. PARTHIAN will be submerged until about 2230B/
9 at 2 knots and thereafter on the surface at
11 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1506A/9 to Force F.)

Relief N.C.S.O. Quebec's 2204/7 to N.S.H.Q. and Connav
Ships. only, gives departure 7/7 from Montreal for
Piraeus of Swedish relief ships FORMOSA, EROS,
and CAMELIA routed as in Admty. 2014/10/7.
2. Route from Ustica to Piraeus not yet received
from Axis. Ships should not proceed beyond
Gibraltar until this route has been signalled
(D.O.D.(F) 1852A/9 to F.O.C.N.A.)

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.

ARTHUR W. SEWALL (torpedoed 7/8) 0100 G.M.T. 9/8 053° 16 miles from U. A.W. SEWALL torpedoed 1915 G.M.T. 7/8 008° 28' N. 034° 21' W. (CHRISTIAN HOLM via Portishead Radio, 0100/9 to Connav, (R) Admty., Adm. Liverpool). ARTHUR W. SEWALL, Norwegian tanker, 6030 tons, left Freetown 1/8 for Curacao (D.S., 1069).

ATHENE. Capetown departures 1806B/8 ATHENE for Durban by route R.6. S. of A. 13 knots, E.T.A. 0600B/12. (C. in C.S.A., 0846B/9 to Admty. etc.)

TAMARISK. THYSVILLE. TAMARISK escort THYSVILLE to Lagos thence Takoradi. 2. Delay at Lagos must not exceed one day. 3. Convoy T.S.14 is to be delayed sailing until arrival of THYSVILLE at Takoradi. (R.A.W.A. 1045Z/9 to TAMARISK, N.O.I.C. Lagos, N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Milwestaf). Arrival 9th FANDANGO, TAMARISK. Departure TAMARISK escorting THYSVILLE E.T.A. Takoradi 0600Z/11. (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 1615Z/9 to R.A.W.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

Diego Suarez. Admty. 1446/5. R.A. Clegg is unwilling to accept this appointment in the rank of Captain. (C. in C.S.A. 1030Z/9 to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F. D. C. in C.E.F., F.O.I.C.E.A. and Zanzibar, Cmdre. Durban, IRONCLAD).

MALAYA. BOREAS. VIMY. R.T.I. After BOREAS has joined escort in 015° S. 005° W. at 1100Z/9 proceed to position (Z) 007° 50' N. 014° 10' W. 2. VIMY from Freetown will join escort in 004° 21' S. 009° 19' W. at 1100Z/11. (R.A.W.A., 1047Z/9 to MALAYA (R) C. in C.S.A., Admty., QUEEN ELIZABETH, BOREAS, VIMY).

S.S. LOOKOUT. SILVER WALNUT. LOOKOUT 14 knots and SILVER WALNUT 13½ knots are to remain with O.S.35 to Freetown to be sailed for Cape with convoy W.S.21. Pass to Commodore. (R.A.W.A. 1049Z/9 to ROCHESTER (R) Escorts of O.S.35, Admty. C. in C.S.A.)

RANPURA. personnel transport. Your 1815/7. RANPURA should not be used if it can be avoided. 2. P.S.T.O. Capetown's 1303/7 states STRATHAIRD has accommodation for about 400 additional personnel. 3. D. of S.T. considers that balance of approx. 300 could be accommodated in STRATHAIRD by measures detailed in his 0454/8 para. 3. and by transferring some personnel from STRATHAIRD to MONARCH OF BERMUDA and EMPRESS OF RUSSIA which do appear to have accommodation available. (D.O.D.(F) 1115A/9 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C.S.A.)

/Dispositions.....

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic-Contd.

Dispositions. *WOODRUFF with O.S.S. 35, 08° 50' 14° 55' to 06.12
13.26 thence 167° 8'. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES off
Freetown to join O.S.S. 35. ORISSA about 07.01
13.02 to join O.S.S. 35 at daylight. MORRIS DANCE 07.10 14.10
to Freetown 9½. 2 M.L. patrol sector T. VIMY about 06.30 13.40
158° 20' at 2000Z/9. (?corrupt group) and (?convoy) T.S.13,
05.20 12.20 330° 6½.
French Light Cruiser LÉOPARD with S. 30, 02° 50', 03° 59' to
Takoradi 8½ (corrupt group) off Lagos, (Nigeria) to Takoradi
10½. KONKAN 05.20 26.15 102° 8½. MALAYA, QUEEN ELIZABETH, BOREAS
12.55 S. 05.50 338° 14½. SNOWDROP 13.30 S. 06.30 (?W) 8. POSTBOY
and CONROY 11.30 S. 12.30 E. to Walvis Bay, 7½.
(R.A.W.A. 1157Z/9 to A.I.G.50).

Movements. Arrival Capetown 8th, KELANTAN, 9th RAMILLIES,
WIVERN, BRILLIANT, Simonstown 9th EXPRESS.
(C. in C.S.A. 1209B/9 to Admty. etc.)

Movement Summary. 2000Z/9. Area Q.
MAURETANIA 032° 45' S. 030° 15' E. to Durban 18.4.
ALCANTARA 018° 21' S. 003° (?40') W. to St. Helena.
NEPAL, TJERK HIDDES 022° (?20') S. 003° 05' E. 127°
16.
ORION with W.S. 21P 023° 25' S. 005° 00' E. 136° 12.
ATHENE 036° 47' S. 022° 16' E. to (?Eastward) 13. *See previous page*
VALIANT, ARROW 032° 05' S. 030° 40' E. to Durban, 16 knots.
ENGADINE 036° 56' S. 019° 43' E. to Capetown, 14 knots.
Area S - CARNARVON CASTLE with ESPERANCE BAY 043° 20' S. 048° 00'
E. to Falkland Is. W.S.19Y from Capetown E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro
2000Z/9.
(C. in C.S.A. 1211B/9 to S.A.S. (R) Admty.)

DALHOUSIE Following has been recd. on 500 kc/s by Freetown
attacked W/T. Addressed Simonstown Admiralty. QQQQ
by raider. Position 20° 21' S. 24° 44' W. DALHOUSIE suspicious
vessel.
(DALHOUSIE 1316G.M.T./9).

Following has been read on 500 kc/s by RRRR de GNLK (DALHOUSIE)
Position 20° 21' S. 24° 44' W. Raider firing.
(DALHOUSIE 1322/9).

RRR received from DALHOUSIE bound for Trinidad from Cape
Town in 020° 21' S. 024° 44' W. at 1322/9.
(R.A.W.A. 1431Z/9 to C.T.F. 23, (R) C. in C.U.S. Fleet
Admty., C. in C.S.A.)

DALHOUSIE attacked by raider 20° 21' S. 24° 44' W. No
British forces available in vicinity to assist.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 1808Z/9 to Cominch, (R) R.A.W.A., C.T.23,
C. in C.S.A.)

Priority, transmit N.O.I.C. Falklands B.A.M.S. 2B, and
4 group 16 break surface, raider attack 20.21 S. 24.44 W., about
1522 G.C.T.
(U.S. Navcom 1840/9 to Admty.)

JOHN W. Intended sailing Cable ship JOHN W. MACKAY escorted
MACKAY. by CARADOC for East London on 11/8 (corrupt group)
Master states ship requires boiler cleaning.
Approx. time required 12 days.
(C. in C.S.A. 1423B/9 to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. East
London, D.C. in C.E.F., N.O.I.C. Capetown, JOHN W.
MACKAY).

/Lack.

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South Atlantic-Contd.

Lack of
 Cruisers.

On departure of SHROPSHIRE to U.K. for refit, South Atlantic Station will have no cruisers and only 3 A.M.Cs. These latter are employed in escorting special ships.

(2) There are now possibly 2 German raiders and 1 supply ship in the South Atlantic and Japanese raiders may appear off coasts of Southern Africa at any time. I have no force to search for and take offensive action against these nor to intercept enemy and Vichy shipping.

(3) Because of strength of enemy raiders I consider that 1 A.M.C. is not an adequate escort for a W.S. or troop convoy when no cruiser is available.

(4) In view of above I request urgent consideration be given to an increase of cruiser strength on this station at an early date.

(C. in C. S.A. 1518B/9 to Admty. (R) R.A.W.A.)

W.S.21P.
 A.S.4.

W.S.21P. Arrival of following ships ex A.S.4 is to be expedited.

EXHIBITOR, TARN, ZAANDAM, HAWAIIAN SHIPPER, EMPIRE ORIOLE.

SANTA CRUZ is to follow with as little delay as possible with special escort if necessary.

Onward passage of these most valuable ships is to be given absolute priority.

(A.C.N.S.(F) 1634A/9 to C. in C.S.A., (R)

D. C. in C.E.F., C. in C.Med., P.S.T.O., Simonstown
 C. in C.E.F.)

M.N.
 Personnel
 Transport.

Your 1940/8. Limitations imposed by A.M. 2320/18/7 apply to passengers of any description.

2: Suggest numbers in excess of 50 be accommodated either in STRATHAIRD on her return to Freetown or in MORETON BAY and ARAWA vide D. of S.T. 0425/6.

(D.O.D.(F) 1834A/9 to R.A.W.A.)

Raider,
 Orders to
 Patrol
 Sqdn. 83.

Cover convoy A.S.6 to Ascension and be prepared for raider operations from that base when directed. Inform General Walsh at Ascension that raider attack was reported 1316Z today Sunday 020° 21'S. 024° 44' W. and that I am on way to intercept support group adjoining.

(Washington 2306/9 to Patrol Squadron 83 (R) T.F. 23, R.A.W.A.F., C. in C.U.S. Fleet, C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Ocnav, N.O.I.C. Freetown, N.O.I.C. Simonstown, C.T.F.23).

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A/C attack on barges. Have attacked 5 barges with bombs dive, P.C. and S. of enemy O60? C.A.Z.A.Z.160. (Aircraft S ? 6 duty Z, 0515/9 to 201 Group H.Q. M.E. Command).
P.C. and S. of 6 transport barges 32.59 N., 25.06 E., 117° 8.
(A/C Call Sign H.Z.V. Duty T., 0600/9, to 201 Group, H.Q. M.E.).

Have attacked enemy 5 barges with bombs dive, estimate 2 hits, P.C. and S. 160° C.A.Z.A.Z. 16Q 6.
(A/C Call Sign H.25, 0615/9, to 201 Group H.Q. M.E.).

Have attacked enemy transport barges at Bombs level.
(A/C H.Z.5 duty T., 0644/9, to 201 Group H.Q. M.E.).

Enemy Units. Following has received on 11200 k/cs. - 2 unknown 110° 8 miles 32° 33' N. 33° 47' E.
(Nore W/T, 0841/9, to WhitehallW/T).

Italian Destroyer. Following from usual source. At 1300 G.M.T./8, 1 Italian destroyer GREGALE passed 5 miles off Loryma westbound from Rhodes.
(C.O.I.S., NILE, 0901C/9, to C.in C. Med. R.A. 15 C.S., 201 N.C. Group Advanced H.Q., S.O.(I) Med. Capt. (S) 1.).

Cositrep No. 476. Air. 3. Night 7/8. A Halifax and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour. Attack again hampered by low cloud. Fire started main jetty area, some bombs among ships.

4. Wellingtons and Albatroses bombed shipping in Bardia and Matruh respectively. One F Boat hit Matruh.

6. 8/8 A Hudson bombed one F Boat north of Bardia, scoring two direct hits. Vessel left smoking.

9. Night 8/9. 4 enemy aircraft carried out intruder operations over landing-grounds south of Alexandria. No damage reported. No interceptions.
(C.in C. M.E., 0917/9).

TRAVELLER. Ref. your 2214/7. You are not to proceed on the surface by day until E of 029° 30' E. Estimate you will cross this longitude at 0200/13 proceed on the surface day 13th to arrive (?swept channel) (corrupt group) 0530/14.
(Capt.S.1., 1201/9, to TRAVELLER. (R) C.in C.Med. Subs. on Patrol, 201 N.C. Group, S.O. S/Ms Alexandria).

/PROTEUS ...

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Mediterranean - cont:

PROTEUS. Your 2231 acknowledged. Proceed direct from Kaso Straits to arrive end of (? Beirut) searched channel at 0530C/14. Estimate you will pass through Kaso Straits at dawn 10th, making 110 miles 7 days.
(Capt. S. 1, 1211C/9, to PROTEUS (R) C.in C. Med. S/Ms on Patrol, 201, N.C.Group, S.S/M Alex.).

Enemy Fleet Intelligence. Following is estimated dispositions of effective Italian main naval units 9/8. Taranto, 4 battleships 1 (?LITTORIO) 3 DI CONTE CAVOUR. Messina, 2 8" cruisers, GORIZIA and BOLZANO. Naples 1 6" cruiser Cagliari, 2 6" cruisers Navarin, 3 6" cruisers. Fleet destroyers approx. 31, German E-Boats, about 9 in Sicilian Ports, 10 distributed between Piraeus and Navarin, 10 Tobruk-Mersa Matruh area, 7 at (?Crete).
(C.O.I.S., Alexandria, 1315C/9, to F.O. 15th C.S. C.in C. Med. V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty (for D.N.I.)).

Aircraft. State of 201 N.C. Group.
(C.in C. Med., 1503C/9 to Admty). See Lion Copy.

Malta Air Report. I. 555 9/8. C.S.R. Malta.
Part 1. 8th. My I.553 search for missing Spitfire pilot unsuccessful. 1650 hours, 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach
Malta. Night 8th/9th. 1 alert, 1941 hours, 1 raider crossed Gozo Island but dropped bombs in sea 1 Beaufighter up unable to intercept owing serious R.D.F. and partial Beaufighter interference. (2230?) hours, 2 Beaufighters on patrol saw nothing. 9th. 2 alerts 0811 hours, 38 plus enemy aircraft 12 plus aircraft possibly including bombers turned back 40 miles from Malta, 13 plus fighters crossed coast great height non-effective R.D.F. interference, 25 Spitfires intercepted enemy off coast destroying 2 ME. 109s 1 Spitfire slightly damaged in combat pilot unhurt. 2 Spitfires up cover to minesweepers. 1010 hours 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach Malta. 1225 hours, 12 plus enemy fighters approached to within 10 miles of Malta but only 5 ME. 109s crossed coast, partial R.D.F. interference, 15 Spitfires up sighted enemy who maintained height and avoided combat. 3 Spitfires up as cover to minesweepers, 1 Spitfire missing cause unknown another damaged landing pilot unhurt.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1800Z/9).

PAPANICOLIS. Your 1545C/9. ^{HTW 3} Proceed at best possible speed on surface to Beirut.
(Capt. S.1., 1827C/9, to G.S. PARANICOLIS., (R) G.S. CONDOURIOTIS, C.in C. Med. 201, N.C. Group S.O. S/Ms Alexandria, 235 Wing).

/Enemy ...

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TAKU.

At 1705C/9. Aircraft reported P.C. and S. of 1 merchant ship 1 destroyer 032° 33' 020° 09' 060° 8 knots. Intercept at your discretion in vicinity of 033° 38' 021° 58'.
(Malta W/T, 1920C/9, to TAKU (R) PORPOISE S.O. S/ms Alexandria),

→ M.G. 3.

Operation M.G. 3 Amendment No. 2. Para. 12 (B) amend to read "ARETHUSA, EURYALUS, COVENTRY and 4 fleet Destroyers etc." Cancel para. 12 (C); para. 12 (D) delete all after 15th C.S.
(C.in C. Med., 2009C/9, to All concerned M.G.3.).

→ M.G. 3.
M.G. 4.

Carry out Operation M.G. 3 D. 1, 10/8 and Operation M.G. 4, D. 1, 11/8.
(C.in C. Med., 2023C/9, to All Concerned Operation M.G. 3 and 4).

Operation M.G. (?4) is a diversion. I do not therefore wish the bombardment pressed home in face of serious opposition.
(C.in C. Med., 2049C/9, to C.S. 15 DIDO, Capt. D. 22 (R) R.A. (D) Med.).

Force (X)
orders re
S/MS.

Unless a hostile act has been committed submarines are not to be attacked
(A) on eastward passage after 0301B/13 (B) on westward passage when East of 012° E.

(2) OTUS is expected to pass through 037° 54' 011° 54' about 2100 B/12 and thence through 038° 20' 011° 54' to 038° 25' 009° 01' making good 120 miles in 24 hours proceeding? submerged by day.
(V.A. Malta, 2204B/9, to Force X. (R) S.O. Force F., F.O.C.N.A., C.in C. Med. Admty, Force F).

Malta
Aircraft.

Admty pass * to Air Ministry, Whitehall, from A.O.C. Med. A786 9/8. Ref. H.Q. R.A.F., M. Es signal A.635 dated 9/8. Para. 1, have asked for 2 Marylands stand by Middle East in case casualties. Para. 2 have asked Middle East to provide 2 Spitfires as no sign remaining 4 you promised. Para. 3 am passing non operational Beaufort with non operational crew to Middle East. Para. 4 have received 6 Beaufighters today. This information has been passed by other means to Middle East.
T.O.O. 2046 G.M.T.
(V.A.M., 2259B/9 to Admty).
* Passing action being taken by War Registry.

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE

IN

1503C/9th August.

From:- C. in C.
Mediterranean

Date. 10.8.42.
Recd. 1517

C. in C.'s X by W/T

Addressed:- Admiralty.

277. My 2348/5/8 For week ending sixth August. Column one the same. Column two the same except last line for 'FAIRCHILD' read 'MARYLAND'. Column three establishment 221 Squadron (38?) Squadron twenty otherwise no change.

Number serviceable

Number unserviceable

8
1
12
9
15
14
2
9
4
4
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2
2

3
7
6
8
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6
2
2
3
2
2
5
1
nil

Total serviceable ninety, unserviceable fifty two.

2. No change.

1503C/9

* State of 201 Naval Cooperation Group

C.N.A.S.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.H.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (T)
N.A. 1st S.L.
D.C. (2)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (2)
D.N.A.D.
D.A.C.D.
B.A./S.W.
C.C.L.S.

Hd. of Air
D.A.M.
D.A.M.R.
D.D.O.D. (C)
D. of P. (2)
I.P. (2)
W.D.

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Eastern
Fleet
Destroyers.

When HECLA arrives Kilindini intend Cdre (D) E.F. to wear his broad pendant and be accommodated with his staff in her.

(2) He will proceed to sea with skeleton staff as necessary for training Eastern Fleet Destroyers and for Operations.

(3) When at sea most desirable that he should wear pendant in Cruiser but owing to Convoy commitments, etc., this is not at present possible. Request possibility of provision of an Arcturion Class Cruiser for this purpose may receive early and earnest consideration. Meanwhile NAPIER is only suitable vessel and endeavour will be made to keep her available though this will not always be possible.

(4) Request a C.O. may be appointed NAPIER. Lieut. Cdr. A.H. Green R.A.N. is strongly recommended by Cdre. (D) and Naval Board Melbourne is requested to appoint this Officer if this is concurred with.

(5) Request Paym. Lieut. T.P. Gillespie's loan agreement be terminated as from 9/6/1942 the date on which Cdre. (D) hoists Broad Pendant.

(6) Following Officers to transfer to H.M.S. HECLA (list)

(7) (Further appointments).

(C. in C. E.F., 0438Z/9 to Admty (R) A.C.N.B., Cdre (D) E.F.)

W.S.20 B.

Arrival DEVONSHIRE with W.S.20 B.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 0501Z/9 to Admty etc).Trade
Protection,
A/S Craft.*See next page*

Your 0328/7 please see my 1135/6 para. 3 and 4. PUNJAB will be S.O. of the Flotilla which will be composed of "Bangors" ex U.K. and "Bathursts" ex Australia. Some of "Bangors" have had no working up. I attach greatest importance to working up

of this Unit as efficient hunting force and therefore regret I am unable to spare PUNJAB at present.

(11) If you want any of the ships in my para. 2 I will obtain Govt. of India's sanction.

(F.O.C.R.I.N., 0533Z/9 to C. in C. E.F., (R) F.O. Ceylon, Admty. etc).

Air Sqdns;
Eastern
Fleet.

Very desirable that a spare T.S.R. Squadron should be formed as soon as possible to be immediately available to relieve a squadron in a carrier that has suffered casualties or requires white ensign training or rest.

(2) I had intended to use for this purpose personnel of 814 Sqdn. which was due to be released from (?hunting) in Ceylon this month and which has had no carrier training since March.

(3) C. in C. Ceylon has pointed out that his agreement to their release was revised on arrival in Ceylon of 42 Sqdn. R.A.F. Personnel for this latter have arrived in Ceylon but aircraft and crews are at present detained in Middle East.

(4) Request I may be informed when it is anticipated that 42 Sqdn. will be released to proceed to Ceylon.

(5) After arrival of 42 Sqdn. intend putting Swordfish of 814 into reserve and rearming with Albacores.

(C. in C. E.F., 0612Z/9 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Ceylon, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, R.A.A., E.F.)

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Midway Island lessons, long range R/C Unit. B.A.D. Washington's 1915/28/7, para. 6 and 7. I concur very strongly with this proposal and would urge that every effort be made to constitute such R/C units. (C. in C. E.F., 0614Z/9 to Admty).

Navigation Bushire. Persian Gulf. Bushire light extinguished temporarily, replaced by fixed white light visible at short distance only and unreliable. (Adm. Colombo, 0759Z/9 to B.A.M.S.)

Trade Protection, Persian Gulf. Your 0328Z/(?) and (?my) signals up to my 0401Z/6. To ensure that administration is ready by the time extra A/S reinforcements arrive at (?Straits) about end of August following arrangements are (?necessary) so that organization may be built on sound footing:

- See previous page.*
- (1) To avoid immobilising CAPETOWN on administrative work request that a N.O.I.C. Hormuz with rank of Captain and skeleton staff (list) may be detailed (?now) to take charge of development of local administration of A/S escort and patrol in Strait and Gulf. (?Meantime) to ensure that accommodation will be available for (?them) on arrival intend to send TOSARI to Straits by 25/8 as temporary accommodation ship deferring her employment as examination steamer until she is relieved by ship asked for in my 1509Z/4. As TOSARI is not commissioned appointment should be EUPHRATES (Temporary). Officers should join TOSARI at Basra by 20/8 travelling by air if necessary.
 - (2) Tanker with furnace fuel and at least 500 tons fresh water must be at Khor Kuwait not later (?26/8).
 - (3) Request supply ship or alternatively a smaller accommodation ship plus a fresh provision ship may be sent to Straits as soon as possible. Ship which will accommodate N.Os. I.C. should be commissioned and should have a small engineering workshop.
 - (4) During intermediate stage whilst accumulation of ships is small all activities will be concentrated at Khor Kuwait and Khasab Bay. As the situation develops before the winter gales and more resources become available transfer to Bandar Abbas will be carried out at date which seems convenient.
 - (5) Emphasized that as soon as it is a question of escort as opposed to local force a supply ship is a necessity as synchronization of (?transitory) supplies with arrival of escort will not be possible. TOSARI has no cold storage and is therefore (?no) use for this.
 - (6) Intend to make my first responsibility a (?minimum) of 3 ships as operating patrol in straits giving this priority over escort.
- (S.N.O.P.G., 0845Z/9 to C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty etc).

W.S.21 P. (1) Cancel my 1542/28. Following are revised intentions.
W.S.21 P.G.

- (2) W.S.21 P. ORION, ANTHONY, TJERK HIDDES, NEPAL as in my 0931/2nd.
- (3) W.S.21 P.G. (a) ENTERPRISE from Durban to vicinity Seychelles.
- (b) ALAUNIA from Durban to about 018° N., 065°.
- (c) 2 anti S/M vessels as detailed by F.O.I.C. Ceylon to relieve ALUNIA and escort through Hormuz Straits.

* See next page (Dispositions) (d)...

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W.S. 21 P.
W.S. 21 P.G.
Contd.

(d) SS. SANTA CRUZ to proceed independently to Capetown from Latitude 010° N., ALAUNIA on relief to proceed to Bombay.

(4) GAMBIA and DEVONSHIRE are being held in readiness for M.O.M.P. with Australian moves outlined in A.C.N.B., 1130/6 to Middle East via Ceylon and to Durban.

(D.C. in C. E.F., 0914Z/9 to C. in C. E.F., Admty. F.O.I.C. Ceylon, C.S.4, C. in C. S.A., R.A. 3 B.S.) * See p. 268

Move of
29th
Brigade.

D. of S.T.'s 1615/8.

(1) See my 1149/7 para. (5). If NIEUW AMSTERDAM contains first reinforcement for 29 Brigade consider it of utmost importance they be brought to Kilindini and not disembarked at

Diego Suarez.

(2) In addition I had arranged for essential planning staff to be moved to Kilindini in her.

(D.C. in C. E.F., 0935Z/9 to Admty. (R) D. of S.T., N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez).

W.D. Note, Formers refer to shipping arrangements only - not precised in W.D.

My 0707Z/9. NIEUW AMSTERDAM sailed 1230Z amended E.T.A. 1200Z/11 (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 1301Z/9 to Admty. D.C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I) Capetown, S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Kilindini).

Your 0935Z/9. NIEUW AMSTERDAM sailed 1400Z/9 for Kilindini. First reinforcement for 29th Brigade and essential plan staff are (?on board).

(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 1358Z/9 to D.C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty. D. of S.T.)

Your 0935/9. In circumstances agree to NIEUW AMSTERDAM proceeding Kilindini.

(D.O.D. (F), 1831A/9 to D.C. in C. E.F., (R) N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez etc).

Dispositions. Eastern Fleet weekly disposition summary No.5. Changes from No. 4 Summary.

(a) VALIANT to Durban (?and Kilindini)

(?RAMILLIES) to Cape and U.S.

(b) FORMIDABLE to Kilindini.

(c) DEVONSHIRE at Bombay. (d) BIRMINGHAM to Kilindini, FROBISHER at Aden, GAMBIA to Mauritius, ENTERPRISE at Durban.

(D.C. in C. E.F., 1142Z/9 to C. in C. S.A., F.O. Ceylon, C. in C. Med., F.O.R.S.C.A., A.C.N.B., R.A. 3 B.S.)

* See p. 268

** 5 - Medicine (safe) (H 3.2.18)

KEREN,
KARANJA,
SOBIESKI.

Your 1558/7. Ships have sailed in company with RANCHI and are being dispersed. E.T.A. Kilindini 16/8.

(D.C. in C. E.F., 1607Z/9 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

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Hospital
Ships.

Proposed that to meet requirement referred to in D.C. in C. E.F.'s 1156/7 Hospital ship LLANDOVERY CASTLE be allocated on completion of repairs in South Africa..

2. Ship is required to be available at Durban by 2nd/9 but would only be needed temporarily.

3. Agreed.

(D.S.T., 2025A/9 to P.S.T.O. Egypt, C. in C. M.E., (R) D.C., in C. E.F. etc).

VALIANT.

C. in C. S.A.'s 1349B/8 (EXPRESS ordered to return Simonstown) Endurance of ARROW limits speed to 15 knots between Durban and Kilindini. Should VALIANT sail independently at 21 knots? In this case 1200 tons of oil will be required at Durban. (VALIANT, 2301C/9 to D.C. in C. E.F., (R) C. in C. S.A., Cdre. Durban) Approved. (D.C. in C. E.F., 0557Z/10).

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REGENT. Sail REGENT Philadelphia to New London through points A 38.45 N 73.55 W, B 40.45 N 71.49 W then to Montauk Point passing Cape May 2000Z/11. Comnaveu inform Admiralty.

(This message was received in this office from Connav addressed to Comfour (to Routeing Officer Philadelphia for action). Passed to you for information. (Comnaveu 0123/9 to Admty.)

Movement Summary.	1800 G.M.T. 9/8.			
	Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
	S/M P.556	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° N 34° W.	093°	9
	ASTURIAS	18° N 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	084°	6
	LARGS			
	2 corvettes)			
	AQUITANIA	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° N 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	316°	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Convoy A.T.18	43 $\frac{3}{8}$ ° N 53° W.	090°	15
	SEAWOLF	50° N 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.	204°	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	(D.O.D. (F.) 0835Z/9 to Opnav. (R) Comnaveu.)			

Movements, Trinidad. Arrival U.S. Destroyer BRECKINRIDGE, U.S. Ship SAUCY, escorting U.S. Army Transport CLEM, U.S. Ship COURIER. SAXIFRAGE returned from T.A.W.12 with defects. (F.O. Trinidad 0922Q/9 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

SALISBURY. VANQUISHER. Your 1946/6. Hope to sail SALISBURY 19/8. As VANQUISHER is urgently required it is very desirable she should proceed by Great Circle to Plymouth or Merville. (C. in C. W.A. 1016Z/9 to C.O.A.C. (R) Admty. F.O.N.F. C. in C. Plymouth. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. Portsmouth.)

U-Boat attack and Sighting Summary. PENELOPE, 3 torpedo hits, U-88 Type. In addition to STAR, reported previously, also GOAT HEAD. Previously reported CITIES SERVICE TOLEDO position designated as 29.02 N 91.59 W 120650 June. B. Sound contact surface craft attacks: 09.33 N 80.24 W. 180106 June. 11.38 N 88.43 W. 191345 June. 35.10 N 74.00 W. 072106 and 072131 August.

Surface attacks sub 34.09 N 76.28 W 071725 probably seriously damaged. C. Sound contact surface craft attacks 56.12 N 11.31 W 270436 May. D. Attack at 0953 N 81.18 W 130035 and 132400 July. 34.57 N 75.55 W 161430 July. (Comnaveu 1023/9 to Admty.)

→ SAXIFRAGE P.C.498. T.A.W.12, my 0916/8 SAXIFRAGE putting back due to mechanical defects. Replaced by P.C.498. (B.R.O. Trinidad 1033Q/9 to Admty.)

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- MALDONADO (torpedoed 2/8.) My 2207/6. Name of Master taken on board U-Boat is Captain De Frigata Mario Giambruno who assumed command of MALDONADO in 1941. S.O.I. Jamaica reports strongly pro Axis. S.O.I. Montevideo reports no confidential documents issued by him to ship.
(S.B.N.O. W.A. 1139P/9 to Admty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. (R) S.O.I. Jamaica.)
Attack by S/M (1) Uruguayan MALDONADO. (2) Uruguayan Gov. (3) Midnight/1, 28° 20' N 63° 10' W. (4) (5) (6) S/M surfaced about 500 yards on port beam, circled ship, submerged after firing 2 torpedoes. (7) Ship sank. (8) Crew allowed to abandon ship in 4 boats and Captain was then taken prisoner. CAPE TOWN CASTLE picked up one boat at 0732/5, 29.53 N 63.14 W, second boat at 1253Z/5 30.16 N 63.38 W. 22 survivors landed Halifax 8/8. Balance of crew in two boats not accounted for. (9) About 70 metres long, painted grey, big gun forward A/A gun aft. No net cutter. (10) 1 torpedo port side. 1 torpedo starboard side. (11) Locked in ships safe and went down with ship.
(C.O.A.C. 1308Z/9 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)
- S.C.94. (ships attacked by U/B) My 0221Z/8. (B) Ships (?sunk) TREHATA, KELSO, ANNEBERG, KAIMOKU. Survivors in BATTLEFORD. 42 from KELSO (?47) from KAIMOKU, 41 from RADCHURCH (not sunk) and 17 from ANNEBERG, total (?147). Survivors in NASTURTIUM, 88 from SPAR, TREHATA, and ANNEBERG. In PRIMROSE, 54 from MOUNT KASSION and 19 others, total 73. Maybe more in DIANTHUS and ORILLIA. (D) RADCHURCH can be steamed. MOUNT KASSION can be towed, position 056° 30' N 032° 14' W at 1800A/8. (E) and (F) EMPIRE MOONBEAM and EMPIRE ANTELOPE have rejoined. RADCHURCH abandoned, not damaged. BATTLEFORD and ORILLIA were to put joint crew on board but had to leave as main convoy (?threatened). Weather report.
(PRIMROSE 1153A/9 to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty. C.T.G.24.7. F.O. Greenock. A.C.I.C.)
- AWATEA. ^{Transport} Departure 10/8 H.M.N.Z.S. AWATEA, 19, Halifax 12/8. (route)
(N.C.S.O. Bermuda 1230P/9 to Admty. etc.)
- U/B attacked by A/C. U.S. plane dropped 3 bombs on S/M submerging in 007° 28' N 054° 38' W at 1510Z/9, no estimate of hits. Survivors reported in vicinity. S/M report made by unknown ship in 008° 47' N 052° 30' W at 1520Z/9.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1315Q/9 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Admty. S.O.I. Kingston.)
- Re-Routeing of convoys to avoid U/Bs. Following addressed Admiralty. (R) C.T.24 has been received from C. in C. W.A. (Begins) Propose that representations be made to Connav that as escorts of a convoy being shadowed or attacked are likely to have more definite information both as regards local disposition of U-Boats and weather

/conditions...

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conditions, convoy should not be re-routed except (A) if necessary to avoid proximity to another convoy (B) to facilitate air protection or to permit the junction of additional escorts more speedily (C) to avoid a further known or suspected concentration of U-Boats. It is considered that in any event the Commodore in consultation with S.O. of Escort should be allowed freedom of action

to alter whenever the local situation is most suitable. (Ends.) 1004Z/7.

2. Whilst in agreement that it is often of little value for a shore authority to order an alteration in the course of a convoy when once shadowing or attack has materialised, it is not considered that any hard and fast rules should be laid down. On occasion an alteration so ordered may prove of great value and has indeed done so in the past. On the other hand, the direction chosen may well be unsuitable to the immediate tactical situation of which the escorts alone can be aware.

3. During the intensive U-Boat campaign against convoys last year the practice was much used by Admiralty of recommending to the convoy an evasive turn to port or starboard. I.C.O.C. 34 refers.

4. With regard to last para it is undesirable that the convoy should move more than 20 miles either side of its ordered route unless Admiralty and Connav are informed of the diversion.

(A.C.N.S. (T.) 1330A/9 to Connav. (R) C. in C. W.A. C.T.24.)
Concur: (Connav 1808/10)

T.U. (1) In view of damage (extent unknown) to DIANTHUS
24.1.11. and damage to ASSINIBOINE Task Unit No.24.1.11 will be reduced to 5 corvettes only, even if EYEBRIGHT can join vide my 1219Z/7.

(2) Unless either BURWELL or READING can complete in time (about 21/8) request at least one destroyer be loaned to Task Unit No. 24.1.11 for next westward voyage only.

(C.C.N.F. 1344Z/9 to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty. C.T.G. 24.7. C.T.24. N.S.H.Q.)

Your 1219/7 (EYEBRIGHT joining T.U.24.1.11.) This will be arranged.

(C. in C. W.A. 1616Z/9 to F.O.N.F. (R) Comdre WESTERN ISLES. EYEBRIGHT. Comdre. Londonderry. C.T.G. 24.7. Tobermory. C.T.U. 24.1.11.) *See p. 256*

Your 1344/9 para 2. BURWELL and READING not available, endeavouring arrange substitutes, further signal will be made.

(C. in C. W.A. 2026Z/9 to F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. N.S.H.Q. C.T.F.24. C.T.G. 24.7.) *See p. 258.*

U/B. Fishermen report (?S/M) sighting in 044° 41' N
062° 33' W at 0200Z/9.
(C.O.A.C. 1404Z/9 to Admty.)

A.T.18. Sailed A.T.18 consisting of 13 transports escorted by 1 battleship, 1 cruiser, 11 destroyers.
(? S.O.(I.) Halifax 1515Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

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shipping.

SS. ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER. ILE DE OUESSANT, Vichy French, departed Curacao 1400Z/9 routed to pass between Monserrat and Guadalupe thence direct to Casablanca. Vessels expect to remain in company. E.T.A. 27/8 N.O.B. Trinidad informed. Connav pass to Cominch and Opnav.
(Aluslo Curacao 1547/9 to Admty.)

Route
Messages,
Trinidad.

Your 1614/8. Concur that only one Merco and Route Signal is required as soon as these are being received by all addressees, but to date no Merco signals have been received by Fairmiss or U.S. route signals by Admiralty from U.S.R.O. Trinidad.
(D.T.D. 1558Z/9 to Connav.)

Dock,
W.S.19Y.

Floating dock 18.10 N 49.58 W. 089° 6.
W.S.19Y. 27.50 S 34.05 W. 297° 27.
(Connaveu No T.O.O./9 to Admty.)

S.C.
convoys.

Admty's 1713B/8 to N.S.H.Q. only. My 2136Z/7 read S.C.97 sail four days late on 22/8 and should have read S.C.101 sail normally on 15/9.
2. Understand U.S. Authorities now arranging coastal schedules to connect with Ocean convoys from New York. It therefore appears highly desirable that a fixed sailing day for S.C. convoys from New York should be decided on at once.
3. If U.S. Authorities will accept S.C. convoys sailing from New York on Tuesdays instead of Fridays this would allow mid-ocean escorts of A and C groups 4 days longer lay over in Newfoundland.
4. This arrangement would be preferable from the escort point of view to that suggested in my 2136Z/7. If this is agreed propose S.C.97 and all subsequent S.C. convoys sail 4 days late, that is on Saturdays from Halifax and eventually on Tuesdays from New York.
5. Request an early decision.
(N.S.H.Q. 1608Z/9 to Admty. (R) C.O.A.C. C. in C. W.A. Cominch. F.O.N.F. C.T.F.24. Connav.)
No Admty objections. (D.T.D. 2123A/10.)

FORT
ELLICE
beached.

FORT ELLICE en route Norfolk for Halifax and Clyde struck wreck at entrance to Delaware River. Vessel now beached.
(N.S.H.Q. 1616Z/9 to Admty.)

GLASGOW.

GLASGOW to be routed New York to Chesapeake Bay from (z) 40.04 N 73.32 W.
(y) 39.25 N 72.15 W.
(x) 37.10 N 73.57 W. thence to destination.

(The above message was received in this office from Connav addressed to Port Director New York. Passed to you for information.
(Connaveu 1626/9 to Admty.)

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Movements, Kingston. Kingston (Jamaica) arrival and departure for Curacao 9/8 U.S. Naval oiler HOUSATONIC and U.S. destroyers DALLAS, ELLIS. (S.O.I. Kingston, Jamaica 1629Q/9 to Admty. Connav)

Dispositions. Section East. O.N.117. T.U.24.1.5. 045° 40' 047° 30' 255°. 9. (see amendment.)
T.U. 24.18.6. moving St. Johns N.F. joining 0900Z/10.

S.C.95 T.U. 24.1.3. 051° 05' 047° 20' (?049° or 180°) 7.
C.L.50. WASAGA, ~~MEPEQUE~~ 047° 05' 052° 45' 7.5.
L.C.36. Q. 078, 079. 046° 30' 058° 20' 090°. 7.5. alter in 056° 17' W to U.S. Naval Operating Base Argentina.
S/M SEAWOLF 049° (?05') 051° 30' to St. Johns N.F. 8.5.
2 merchant ships TRAIL 053° 50' 055° 50' to Bass Strait harbour 7.
→ LADY RODNEY, LUNENBURG (see amendment) 053° 30' 055° 30' south-bound 14.
T.U. 24.18.7. less WITHERINGTON 045° 25' 057° 25' 249° 12, alter in 059° 00' W to Halifax.
FORT AMHERST, WITHERINGTON 046° 20' 054° 05' 249° 13, alter in 059° 00' W to Halifax.
VIBRAN 048 30' 048° 45' 045° (?14)
CUNENE 041° 05' 054° 15' 214° 10.
IRISH PINE 047° (?25') 051° 10' 048° 7.5.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 1630Z/9 to Admty.)
→ My 1630Z/9 Section East. Delete LADY RODNEY, LUNENBERG.
O.N.117. Task Unit 24.1.5. amend to read 045° 55' N 045° 40' W 257° 8.5. Task Unit 24.18.7. less WITHERINGTON returning St. Johns N.F. through A 046° 20' N 053° 00' W B 047° 30' 052° 15' W.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 2151Z/9 to Admty.)

H.X.201. Your 1032/9 (Re request onward route for O.N.119.)
O.N.119. ^{Sup.} HURRICANE, WALLFLOWER, SNOWFLAKE will join H.X.201
259. at 0600Z/10. Estimate O.N.119 will be in 051° 41' N 026° 43' W.
(HURRICANE T.O.R. 1645/9 to C.T.U. 24.1.12.)

U/B 9/8 S/M estimate.
Positions. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1701/9. 1702/9, 1703/9. 1704/9, 1705/9.)

A.T.18. Sailed A.T.18 less H.F. ALEXANDER and N.A.14
N.A.14. escorted by T.F.38 less LIVERMORE, KEARNEY and BENSON, at 1300Z/9 routed in accordance with C. in C. (U.S.) Atlantic Fleet 1400/7 and Admty. 0027/9. S of A 14 knots. Estimate convoy will be 11 hours late at M.O.M.P. Code word "Firkin". Collective call sign F S.
(C.O.A.C. 1810/9 to Admty. C. in C. U.S. Fleet. C. in C. W.A. (R) C.T.F.24. C. in C. Lant. N.S.H.Q. C.C.N.F. Connav. F.O.I.C. Liverpool. F.O.I.C. Greenock. C.T.G. 24.7. C.T.G. 24.6. C. in C. H.F. S.B.N.O. W.A. A.C.I.C. C.T.F. 38.)

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Shipping
Diversion
Signals. A.M. 1004B/7 and your 1645/6. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa has offered to pass to appropriate British Authorities all diversions ordered by you for ships proceeding to C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.Af. and V.A.C.N.A. portions of British strategic area.

2. Above would seem to be a safe and speedy way of ensuring that diversions are received by requisite authorities and if you concur should be grateful if you will repeat all such diversion signals to N.S.H.Q.
(D.T.D. 1827Z/9 to Connav (R) N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. etc.)

S.C.94. Your 091633. Present route is preferred in view of aircraft report of U-Boat at 1730 G.M.T. in 59° 11' N 25° 53' W and Admty. estimate of other U-Boats South of Iceland (C) which may move towards convoy. Convoy is now under air cover from U.K.
(D.T.D. 1941Z/9 to Connav.)

S/M attack
and
sighting
summary. This is Cominch sub attack and sighting summary for Admty. for O.I.C.
A. WEST HARDAWAY 2 torpedo hits 2 misses.
A.W.SEWALL torpedoed 08.28 N 34.21 W on 071915 August.
BEACON LIGHT 2 torpedo hits.
HUEMUL, snorting bull in red alongside C/T.

B. Panair plane sights sub on surface on 091453 at 16.29 N 78.44 W course 100.

Surface craft attacks periscope 27.36 N 73.46 W at 081725.

C. ANCHYRA 1 torpedo miss approx. 33 N 79 W on 260130 July.

Unidentified ship attacked on 090120 at 07.35 N 54.30 W. Surface craft attacks sound contact 28.21 N 89.14 W on 061931. Surface craft reported sound contact 39.46 N 73.56 W on 071512 plane sighted sub at 27.20 N 97.20 W on 061600 also at 31.15 N 21 W on 071345. Surface craft sighted sub 25.30 N 80.058 W on 080315. Sub reported attacked 28.27 N 89.21 W on 091010.

Henceforth the sub attack and sighting summary will be divided into paragraphs as follows :-

- A. Data considered to be reliably established facts.
 - B. Reports which are considered to be probable.
 - C. Reports which are considered to be possible.
 - D. Reports which are considered to be doubtful.
- (Cominch 2059/9 to Admty.)

"S"
report. Intercepted 2017 G.M.T. de GCK. SSSS de unknown station 2000 G.M.T. 53.54 26.27 W. 2013/9
Controlling Station Valentia Radio.
(Burnham on Sea Radio T.H.I. 2117/9.)

U/B
ALEXIA. ALEXIA (British) reports sighting S/M 2352 G.M.T. 9th 016° 50' N 060° 40' W.
(S.O.I. Kingston 2255Q/9 to Admty. (For D.N.I.)
B.A.D. C.C.S.F. Connav.)
Was torpedoed but arrived Dominica. See 1624Q/10.

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Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia and New Zealand.

HERCN. Departure Fremantle 2330Z/6 for Exmouth Gulf U.S.
Seaplane Tender HERON.
(A.C.N.B. 0501Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

Situation. Serial No. 199/8/8. Sightings by allied air R/C
Bula (?Buka) Bougainville at 8/8 indicate total
enemy force including 6 cruisers (3 heavy 3 light)
4 destroyers, 4 gunboats, 5 M/Vs, 2 unidentified
warships. Forces sighted in several groups. Main force last
sighted 5° 42' S 156° 05' E at 0001Z/8.
2. 2 gunboats 1 small M/V also sighted vicinity Shortland Island.
3. Air R/C Rabaul area 8/8 reports approx. 10 M/Vs and 4
unidentified vessels Rabaul Harbour. 2 small cargo vessels, 1
torpedo boat in vicinity. 1 heavy cruiser, 3 destroyers, 2 M/Vs
10,000 tons, 1 M/V 6,000 tons 03° 30' S 148° 25' E at 0035Z/8
course 100°; 2 3,000 tons M/Vs 2° 05' S 148° 52' E course 90° at
0105Z/8.
4. Air R/C on area 8/8 reports 1 large, 2 small vessels Ambon,
2 large, 3 small vessels Koepang.
5. Allied air activity 8/8 (A) 16 Aircobras strafed Kokodf Yodda
area while 16 other Aircobras acted as top cover. Fires started
among buildings, machine gun posts silenced.
6. 11 Marauders attacked Lae and Salamaua morning scoring hits on
both runways. B.25s. attacked Salamaua morning, scoring further
hits on runway and causing fires. 10 Marauders attacked Salamaua
afternoon causing fires and silencing A.A. position. No enemy
interception. 2 Fortresses attacked Lae 0800Z/8. Lae Lakunai
Vunakanau and Buka aerodromes attacked by Catalinas night 7/8.
7. Indications 2 enemy submarines operating Sydney Port Macquarie
area 7/8.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0702Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1437A/9, 1503A/9.)

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Monday.SITUATION REPORTHome Commands.Further
attacks
on S.C.94.

Convoy S.C.94 was again attacked early this morning and at 1122A in ? 57° 9' N. 22° 40' W. (about 520 miles west of Barra Head) when SS EMPIRE REINDEER, CAPE RACE, OREGON, CONDYLLIS and, it is believed a fifth ship were torpedoed and sunk. C. in C. W.A. reported (1624A/11) on the large number of superfluous signals passed to the escort of S.C.94 by Cominch between 0918/8 and 1131 today. He also reports that the arrangements made by H.Q.C.C. to escort the convoy were not what he would have wished for. As was expected, U-boats look like returning to mid-ocean operations, and if some better methods cannot be adopted we may expect consequent losses.

An enemy main unit (LÜTZOW) is expected to reach Feisten (S.W. Norway) on passage home from Trondheim any time after 0900A today. STURGEON and P.54 are on patrol in Zones K.2 and K.3 respectively. A B 2 report stated that at 1700 today a 9000 ton cruiser escorted by 4 destroyers and 5 aircraft passed Bommelfjord (59° 38' N. 5° 21' E) course south. If this is correct, the enemy may have passed through the S/Ms' patrol zones during the night.

U.335.
(See p. 61.)

P.247 reports sinking with a torpedo a 500 ton U-boat about 120 miles north of Muckle Flugga at 2128B/3. One survivor was picked up.

Aircraft reported a motor vessel, a possible outward bound supply ship at 1604 today in 44° 4' N. 7° 46' W, flying Spanish colours. The ship fired 2 rounds at the aircraft and D/F bearings of a German surface vessel were intercepted in this area at about this time. It is thought that the vessel may be an outward bound supply ship.

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.Mining.

The Tyne was closed from 0050A to 1205A today, on account of suspected minelaying.

North Atlantic.Operation
"Pedestal"

A convoy of 14 merchant ships from U.K. with supplies for Malta passed Gibraltar in the early hours of today. The convoy is covered by Force Z - NELSON (S.O. Force F., V.A. Syfret), RODNEY, VICTORIOUS, (R.A. Lyster), EAGLE, INDOMITABLE, SIRIUS, CHARYBDIS, PHOEBE and 13 destroyers.

Escort Force X (to go through the Narrows), includes NIGERIA (R.A. Burrough), KENYA, MANCHESTER, CAIRO (NIGERIA and CAIRO fitted to direct Malta Beaufighters and Spitfires) and 11 destroyers.

Operation
"Bellows".

Accompanying this convoy were FURIOUS and 5 escorting destroyers, to fly off Spitfires to Malta.

Mediterranean.Operation
"Ascendant"

SS TROILUS and ORARI escorted by BADSWORTH and MATCHLESS left Malta at 2000 for Gibraltar, where they arrived 14/8 without incident.

Operation
M.G.3.

As a diversion to the operations in progress in the western Mediterranean a merchant vessel is to sail from Haifa at 0300 tomorrow and three merchantmen from Port Said at dusk today to R/V about 0600/11. The convoy, escorted by all available cruisers and destroyers (16) is to turn back after dark tomorrow and disperse. ARETHUSA, EURYALUS, ALDENHAM, PANKENHAM, PALADIN, HURWORTH, DULVERTON, BEAUFORT, JERVIS, KELVIN, HURSLEY, ERIDGE, ANTWERP and HYACINTH sailed from Port Said today.

/Tobruk ...

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean - contd.

Tobruk Harbour was bombed again last night and 18 mines were laid in the harbour. Further successful air attacks were made today on F-boats off Sidi Barrani.

A message from C. in C. Med. today describes the measures he proposes to take to deal with the lack of efficiency of the Greek naval commanding officers.

U/B sunk.

H.M. Trawler ISLAY probably destroyed a ^{Italian} German U-boat by depth charge and gunfire about 1610C today off Haifa. There were no survivors. The submarine was apparently fitted to carry human torpedoes. [W.D. Note. - was SCIRE, Italian]

Black Sea.

Enemy air activity last week in the Tuapse area was intense, today, there were 10 day raids and continual small raids by night and considerable damage has been caused in the town. N.L.O. Black Sea at request of Russians has moved from Tuapse to Sukhum.

East Indies.

Force A.

WARSPITE, ILLUSTRIOUS, MAURITIUS, NAPIER, HEEMSKERCK, INCONSTANT, ACTIVE and FORTUNE left Colombo at 0330Z today.

S.O. S/Ms Colombo reports that at 0230Z/2 Dutch S/M O.23 on patrol torpedoed and set fiercely on fire two ships in a convoy leaving Penang on course 300°. The C.O. considers both ships must have been total loss.

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SITUATION REPORT.

China.

Operations
at Timor.

Enemy combined operations against the Beco-Suai area (east coast of Timor) are reported to have commenced today. 9 Hudsons attacked the enemy shipping off the island at 0505Z today, scoring 7 direct hits on 3 merchant vessels of 5000, 2000 and 800 tons respectively, two of which were left burning. Two Hudsons later attacked a destroyer towing a merchant vessel off Cape Tdfare, obtaining 2 hits on the destroyer.

Australia and New Zealand.

U.S.
offensive in
Solomon Is.
area.
(see also 8/8)

Admiral King, C. in C. U.S. Fleet is reported in the press to have stated today that offensive operations by U.S. naval and other forces looking to the occupation of the islands in the Tulagi area in the south-east of the Solomon Islands have now been under way for about 3 days. The object of the current operations is to expel the Japanese from the Tulagi area. An initial surprise was effected and planned landings accomplished. U.S. losses appear to be at least one cruiser sunk, and 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers and one transport damaged.* This operation marks the first assumption of the initiative and offensive in the Pacific; all previous operations have been defensive in character.

Convoy A.1 from Townsville arrived at Brisbane today.

* QUINCY, VINCENNES, ASTORIA

mk. Sea 12.10.42 p. 349.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.CORFU.
*CARTHAGE.
QUEEN OF
BERMUDA.

* See p. 285.

Since the despatch of A.M. 1642/29/3 there has been an increase in raider activity in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans and of blockade-running between Japan and Germany.

2. It will not therefore be possible to send CORFU to Australia or CARTHAGE to New Zealand, particularly as it has been decided to convert RANPURA to a Destroyer Depot Ship as soon as dockyard facilities will allow.

3. On completion of re-armament CORFU will join S.A. Station. Meanwhile CARTHAGE will join S.A. Station temporarily until the arrival of QUEEN OF BERMUDA and the latter remain until CORFU arrives on Station.
(D.O.D. (F.) 1153A/10.)

CURAÇOA.

C. in C. W.A. 1121/9. CURAÇOA is to remain temporarily under the orders of C. in C. W.A.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1159A/10.)

Portsmouth
Command.
Request
for
4 M.Ls.

A.M. 1245B/8 para 3. Trawlers were borrowed temporarily when Chasseur Flotilla was earmarked for a special short operation.
2. Local A/S trawlers are not suitable for anti 'E' Boat patrol or as escorts for P.S. and S.P. convoys owing to their lack of speed and inadequate A.A. armament.

3. The Chasseur Flotilla with the local A/S trawler flotilla are barely sufficient for existing commitments and the harbour defence yachts at the Needles are unsuitable even for harbour defence.

4. In view of foregoing request 4 'B' type M.Ls. may be sent as reliefs for Chasseurs 42 and 43.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2237/10 to Admty.)

Movements.

KANARIS.

My 0946/8. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 0919/10.)
If trials satisfactory leave Methil at 0700/11 and proceed by searched channels to Scapa.
2. Whilst at Methil keep steam at short notice and assume 3rd degree of A/A readiness.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1245A/10 to KANARIS.)

LIVERPOOL.
MANSFIELD.
ECLIPSE.
WALPOLE.

MANSFIELD will be detached at 1800A/10 with orders to proceed Londonderry. If necessary MANSFIELD can make Liverpool without refuelling.
(LIVERPOOL 1018A/10.)

ECLIPSE proceed with WALPOLE passing Switha at 2100/10 to R/V with LIVERPOOL at 0300/11 off Rudh Re (Minches) and provide escort to Rosyth.
2. When released return to Scapa.
(R.A.D. H.F. 1044A/10.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - L-15:-

- LIVERPOOL. Your 1018/10. MANSFIELD is to proceed direct
MANSFIELD. Liverpool when detached.
ECLIPSE. (C. in C. W.A. 1255A/10 to LIVERPOOL.)
WALPOLE. LIVERPOOL expects to pass through position 002°
Contd. Cape Wrath 6 miles at 0858A/11. S of A 13 knots.
E.T.A. May Island 0400A/12.
(BORAGE 1641A/10 to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- P.51. Intend sailing P.51 escorted by LEICESTER CITY
at 0900/11 for Methil, E.T.A. 0700/12, to join
F.S880 for Sheerness.
Request relief escort at number 30 Buoy, E.T.A.
1900/11.
(A.C.O.S. 1022/10.)
- SCOTT. On completion of boiler cleaning proceed to carry
out survey in the Skerryvore Area in accordance
with instructions already received from Hydro-
grapher. Return to Port ZA not later than noon 26th.
(R.A.M. 1112A/10 to SCOTT.)
See also R.A.M. 1042/11.
- PINDOS. Admty. 1930B/28/7. Intend sailing PINDOS 1830A/11
for Milford Haven, E.T.A. 0630A/12. Speed 17 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1129A/10.)
- VETCH. My 1512/9. VETCH will return from Gibraltar with
SS. DURHAM.
(C. in C. W.A. 1308A/10 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
- PETUNIA. All trials being satisfactory proceed with despatch
to Tobermory by searched channels, passing May
Island at 2230/11.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1321A/10 to PETUNIA.)
- O.21. 1. Intend sailing O.21, P.219, and P.48 escorted
P.219. by JAN VAN GELDER at 0300A/12 from Rothesay for
P.48. position (A) 280° Bishop Rock 5 miles, E.T.A.
for 2200A/13.
Gibraltar. 3. Thence O.21 dive by day through
B. 049° 29' 007° 01'
C. 049° 18' 012° 25'
D. 043° 01' 012° 24' E.T.A. (D) 1900A/18.
4. Thence P.48 dive by day through
E. 049° 44' 008° 19'.
F. 049° 34' 012° 25' to D E.T.A. (D) 1400A/20.
5. Thence P.219 dive by day through
G. 050° 01' 007° 02'
H. 049° 59' 013° 29' to
J. 043° 02' 013° 31'. E.T.A. at (J) 2000A/20.
6. Thence O.21, P.219 and P.48 from (D) (J) and (D) respectively
to Gibraltar as routed by F.O.C.N.A.
(Capt. S.3. 1457A/10.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.

BARDELL. My 2205/1 not to F.O.I.C. Greenock.
 BARDOLF. 1. Amend para 1. Ships will not be ready to
 BARBRAKE. leave Milford Haven until 21st August.
 EMPIRE 2. It is hoped that Tug EMPIRE GNOME will arrive
 GNOME. at Milford Haven in time to accompany the party.
 My 1905/29/7 refers.
 (D.O.D. (H) 1941A/10.)

CARTHAGE. Subject to satisfactory completion of repairs
 (about 13th August) and of working up practices,
 CARTHAGE will be required to leave U.K. for
 Freetown with W.S.22 about 28/8.
 2. She will join S.A. Station temporarily.
 (D.O.D. (F) 2015A/10 to F.O.I.C. Greenock)
See p. 283.

FERNMOOR. Sailed FERNMOOR in accordance with my 1014A/9.
 (N.O.I.C. Greenock 0224A/10.)

Operations.

East MALLARD take over 1 and 2 patrols. ATHERSTONE
 Coast return to Harwich 12 knots. *See p. 287*
 Patrols. (C. in C. Nore 0055A/10.)

Destroyer Cancelled tonight.
 patrols. (C. in C. Nore 0934A/10 to D.16. D.21. etc.)

Norway My 1326/1, para (3). Consider most likely enemy
 Coastal will make passage through your zones tonight.
 S/M (F.O.S. 1511A/10 to STURGEON, P.54.)
 Patrol.
 LÜTZOW.

British Air Activity.

Handling The attacks today and yesterday on S.C.M.94
 of A/C provide a good example in support of my represen-
 against tations re control of A/C in W.A. Command.
 U-Boats. The arrangements made by H.Q.C.C. were not what I
 would have wished for and the sweep ahead of the
 convoy by American A/C from Iceland (C) was not in
 my opinion the right method of tackling the problem.

As was expected U-Boats look like returning to Mid-ocean
 operations and if some better methods cannot be adopted we may
 expect consequent losses.
 (C. in C. W.A. 1506A/10 to Admty.)

INGLEFIELD. My 2346A/9. Fighter protection arranged until
 1330/11.
 (R.A.D. H.F. 2232A/10 to INGLEFIELD.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Blyth. Port closed due to suspected minelaying.
(N.O.I.C. Blyth 0050A/10.)
My 0050. Port Open.
(N.O.I.C. Blyth 1205A/10.)

S.N.73. Intend to carry out operation as follows.
Details.
(R.A.M. 1110/10.) See Lion Copy.

Off
Needles. My 1010A/9. At 1711/8 one magnetic mine exploded
by sweepers. Details.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1240/10.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats
attacked. Sighted S/M on the surface bearing 270°, 5 miles,
my position is 057° 04' N 24° 14' W. Dived.
(PRIMROSE 0547Z/10.)
Engaged with gunfire.
(PRIMROSE 0657Z/10.)
Am over enemy S/M in 57° 35' N 22° 25' W. S/M was sighted
on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on
course 040°, estimated speed 6 knots.
(A/C HL6E 1313Z/10.)
Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate no hits.
(A/C HL6E 1322/10 to VZ1.) (Valentia Recd. 1556/10.)
(Portrush 1335/10.) (Port Patrick 1455A/10.)
Am over E. S/M in 57° 10' N 20° 30' W. S/M has dived.
(A/C HL6G 2140/10.)
Am over enemy S/M in 57° 7' N 21° 18' W. On surface and
observed to dive on a course of 090°, speed 7 knots. Have
attacked with depth charges and estimate 1 hit.
(A/C PB 2210/10 to 15 Group.)
Have attacked enemy with depth charges, estimate no hits.
(A/C HL6G 2220/10.)

U-Boats
reported. 1 submarine sighted on surface 270°, 10 miles,
my position 056° 54' N 023° 58' W.
(BROKE 0745A/10.)
Following has been intercepted.
"Submarine on surface 210° from TX 5 miles"
(Nore W/T T.O.R. 1132A/10.)
Intercept 1031 G.M.T. de Valentia Radio GCK. SSSS de
unknown station SSSS 33 FX. 1026/10 de GCK.
(Burnham Radio Recd. 1155/10.)
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 2' N 12° 19' W. Periscope only |
sighted on course 360°, estimated speed 4 knots.
(A/C TZ9 1530/10.)
Am over enemy S/M in 57° 7' N 23° 8' W. Enemy was sighted
on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on
course 360°, estimated speed 6 knots.
(A.O.C. 15 Group 1707/10.)
Am over enemy S/M in 45° 59' N 7° 38' W. S/M was on surface |
when first sighted, on course 270°, estimated speed 6 knots.
(A/C TZ9 1725/10.)

/U-Boat...

MOST SECRET 1110/10th August IN

From: R.A. Underlaying. Date 10.7.42. Recd. 1857

R.A.F. cypher by T/P

Addressed: Admiralty, C. in C. Home Fleet, C. in C. Rosyth, A.C.I.C. repeated C. in C. Western Approaches, A.C.O.S. R.A. (D) Air Ministry Whitehall, H.Q.C.C. H.Q.F.C. H.Q.No.18 Group, H.Q.No.14 Group, H.Q.No.15 Group.

Intend to carry out Operation B N 73 as follows.

- (A) to lay moored magnetic minefield from south to North.
 - (B) (1) First 4 L S screened by H.M.S. BRIGHTON R.A.F. high speed Launch No.195 H.M.S. CHARLESTOWN and H.M.S. NEWARK.
(ii) C. in C. Home Fleet is requested to cover Operation.
 - (C) Anti-submarine air escort is requested as far as can be arranged.
 - (F) From 066 degs 51' 00" North 022 degs 57' 00" West to 067 degs 25' 00" North 023 degs 19' 00" West.
 - (G) 2030Z Tuesday 18th August.
 - (J) through (i) 270 degs Cape Wrath 16 miles and (ii) Reykjanes passage thence direct.
 - (K) 13 knots.
 - (L) 1620A Friday 21st August (? direct route) through (iii) 067 degs 28' North 023 degs 02' West and (iv) 066 degs 39' North 022 degs 40' West thence direct via Reykjanes passage to (v) 020 degs butt of Lewis 10 miles.
 - (O) and (P) Port ZA 1740A Monday 24th August.
(Q) 35 miles at 14 knots.
(X) Mark I/2VII star set to 25 feet.
(Y) Fuel outfit.
(Z) Is for 2 lines of ships in area B throughout
- Guard will be kept on H.S. in addition and on Icelandic Port Wave when North of 060 degs North.

Remarks. Destroyer will be detached as necessary to fuel at Hvalfiord.

1110/10.

Advance copy D.C. D.O.D. (H) D.D.O.D. (M)

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| 4th S.L. | D.C. (2) | Staff Charts. |
| V.C.N.S. | D.O.D. (H) (2) | D.F.D. (3) |
| A.C.N.S. (H) | D.I.C. (2) | D.D.O.D. (C) |
| A.C.N.S. (T) | D.D.O.D. (M) | Hd. of M. |
| A.C.N.S. (F) | D. of N. | D.S.D. |
| C.N.A.S. | Hydrog. (2) | D.N.I. (4) |
| H. 1st S.L. | D. of P. (2) | D. of S. (2) |
| D.N.A.S. | D.A/S W. | D.T.M. |
| D.A.C.S. | D.H.S. | I.P. (2) |
| C.C.L.S. | | T.D. |

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats - Contd.U-Boat
destroyed
on 3/8. U.335
(See p. 41.)Their Lordships congratulate P.247 on the
destruction of a German U-Boat on 3/8/42.
(1st. S.L. 2302A/10 to P.247.)Navigational.Skegness
Middle.Following received. Begins. S.l. buoy marking
Skegness Middle Sand is reported missing from
Station. 1136/4. Ends. Request buoy may be
replaced at first opportunity.
(C. in C. Nore 1621A/10 to F.O.I.C. Humber.)North
Russia
Radio
Beacons.Understood from Coastal Command R.A.F. that all
Radio beacons in Arctic Russia listed in H.D.335
have been discontinued and are no longer available.
Request confirmation and any further information
with regard to use of these beacons in future.
(Head of M. 2136A/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)Technical.Transceivers
for S/Ms.(1) Experience with P.Q. convoy has shown a
requirement exists for escorting S/Ms to be fitted
with a small portable radio-telephony Transceiver
for use on the convoy radio-telephony frequency
during air, surface or U-Boat attack.(11) C.A.F.O. 1402/42. Request three Transceivers H.T.11 with
crystal for 2410 K/cs may be supplied to Capt. (S) 3 not later
than 15/8.
(F.O.S. 1046A/10 to Admty.)Smoke
screen
trials.Cancel my 1742B/8 to Machrihanish and 1745B/8 to
Abbotsinch. Trials are indefinitely postponed.
(C. in C. W.A. 1211A/10 to R.A.N.A.S.)Casualties and Defects.Unknown
ship.Following received from Tthree Radio 116° First
Grade SOS from FF U.
(Port Patrick Radio 0215/10.)FOULA.
ATHERSTONE.

See p. 285

FOULA reports amongst other damage sustained in
collision with ATHERSTONE a 3 feet hole in
starboard sheer plate by anchor, but stem and holes
in lifeboat. Docking considered necessary.
Inadvisable for ship to be at sea in bad weather.

FOULA transferring F.3871.

(LAUDERDALE 0932/10 to C. in C. Nore.)

ATHERSTONE's 2329A/9. Collision damage to ATHERSTONE is as
follows. Details. Ship does not require docking immediately
but it is considered docking will be necessary to effect repairs.
Temporary repairs are being carried out at Harwich to make ship
seaworthy. Ship will be ready to sail a.m. 13th.

(Capt. D.16 1050A/10 to C. in C. Nore.)

/FOULA...

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects - conts. -

FOULA. FOULA damaged in collision with ATHERSTONE has
ATHERSTONE. been ordered to proceed to Humber. Request Yard
Contd. for making good damage repairs may be allocated.
(C. in C. Nore 1130A/10.)
Your 1130A/10. Arrived at 1830.
(F.O. Humber 1950A/10 to C. in C. Nore.)

Unknown De unknown station. SSSS torpedoed 33 FX ends.
ship. (Valentia Radio 1026/10.)

HARTLAND. My 1456/6. and my 1241/10 HARTLAND delayed 48 hours
by breakdown of condenser pump.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth 1814B/10 to Cdre. Londonderry.)

Shipping and Convoys.

~~FRIEDRICH~~
~~FRIEDRICH~~
F. ENGELS.
OPHELIA.

My 1401B/8. Sailed F.ENGELS and OPHELIA.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland 0015A/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia)

T.A.19. My 1012/9. Owing to weather sail NEWARK and 4
QUEEN MARY. destroyers of 21st E.G. as soon as ready to carry
out an A/S sweep along route.
(C. in C. W.A. 0930A/10 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)
A.M. 1852/8. Amend route as follows:-

From position A to new position X 54° 50' N 19° 50' W thence to D
omitting B and C.

(D.O.D. (H.) 1925A/10.)

Your 0930A/10. Sailed NEWARK, SKATE, SHIKARI, SALADIN,
SABRE.

(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1800A/10.)

Intend sailing QUEEN MARY escorted by CURACOA passing Clyde
boom 0100A/11 routed as in Admty. 1852B/8.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1244A/10.)

CALIFORNIA. C. in C. W.A. 1611A/9. SARDONYX detailed.
LLANGIBBEY (Cdre. Londonderry 0918A/10.) 3. p. 258
CASTLE.

O.N.121. My 1155/6 para. 1. Amend longitude of H to read
6010.
(D.T.D. 0954A/10.)

North S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1002/9 and my 0047/9.
Russia. The primary object of operation is to convey R.A.F.
Repatriation stores and equipment to Kola Inlet.
of 2. TUSCALOOSA draws 25 feet and cannot cross Dvina
survivors. Bar. She also cannot be allowed to remain at
anchor outside.
3. Personnel for passage to U.K. must therefore
be embarked at Kola Inlet and it is important
departure of force should not be delayed. While at Kola anchorage
2 destroyers are to be in company of TUSCALOOSA.
4. Confirm amount of fuel required by TUSCALOOSA is 400 tons.
5. Confirm accommodation as in my 0047/9. Numbers may only be

/exceeded...

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- North Russia. Repatriation of survivors. Contd. exceeded provided C.O. considers fighting efficiency is not prejudiced. 6. Admiralty recypher and pass to S.B.N.O. North Russia and S.B.N.O. Archangel. N.O.I.C. Greenock pass to TUSCALOOSA. (C. in C. H.F. 1103B/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia. TUSCALOOSA.)
- S.C.94. Convoy attacked, 5 ships torpedoed, position 057° 10' N 023° W. (BROKE 1130A/10 to C. in C. W.A.)
- F.S. and F.N. Convoys. Forecast of convoy sailings. F.S. 881 to 886 and F.N. 787 to 792. Time Table as in my 1521B/9/4 as amended by my 1745/5/5. (C. in C. Rosyth 1201A/10.)
- BORDE. My P.C.S. at 1914 G.M.T. 048° 13' 017° 36' (?154°) 2 knots. EMPIRE MINOTAUR and AL GARNA not present. (BORDE 1930X/10.) *See next page if Sit: Rep.*
- D.S.31. C.O.A.C. Halifax's 1810/9. Request you will adjust M.O.M.P. in order that meeting may take place in daylight and sail D.S.31 accordingly. H.F. ALEXANDER and destroyers referred to in para 1 are returning to Boston. (D.O.D. (H.) 1944A/10 to C. in C. W.A.)
- S.C.93. Average speed 7.3 knots. Very good weather but some delays through breakdowns. One straggler 5/8. All ships now reported. (D.T.D. 2115A/10 to Connav.)

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North Atlantic.

SOMALI,
ASHANTI,
ZETLAND.

Arrived fuelled, sailed. 2. Admty pass to C. in C. H.F.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0220A/10 to Admty, C. in C.H.F. C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, S.O. Force F.).

Situation
1958B/10.

Situation Report Area "Y".

1. P.556, 18.02 28.57 92° 11. *See p.301.*
2. O.S.36. EGRET, BANFF, FISHGUARD, PHILANTE, PENTSTEMON 31.35 21.20 through 30.40 21.37 thence 181° 8½.
3. BORDE 2 tugs, 1 merchant ship 44.01 24.35 to Horta, 7½. *See previous page*
(F.O.C.N.A. 1102A/to N.A.Stn).
Area X. 1. TALISMAN 43.05, 12.13 through 43.00 12.13 thence 165° 11.
2. H.G.87 BLACK SWAN, FOWEY, CAMPION, CARNATION, STONECROP 40.15. 17.03, through 40.25 17.29 thence 360° 8.
3. LADY HOGARTH (?ARCTIC RANGER) 3 M/Vs 36.31 13.43 95° 9.
4. LORD HOTHAM 35.38, 06.46 to Gibraltar. 8.
5. IMPERIALIST, LOCH OSKAIG, patrol off Lisbon.
6. ALOUETTE off Horta coastwise to patrol off Cape Roca, 10. (F.O.C.N.A. 1144A/10 to N. A.Stn).
Area Z. S.L.118, CHESHIRE, FOLKESTONE, WELLINGTON, ~~WELLINGTON~~, GORLESTON, 21.20, 24.05. 344° 7. (F.O.C.N.A. 1228A/10 to N.A.Stn).

P.556.

My 1206/6. Onward route from position H proceed on surface at discretion through P.035° 30' 007° 30' at 2230B/15 to R/V with escort in Q.350° Cape Spartel 5 miles, at 0830B/16 for onward escort to Gibraltar.

2. Total bombing restrictions arrange accordingly.
3. If unable to comply within 2 hours report, P.C. and S. (F.O.C.N.A. 1106A/10 to P.556).

Attempted Sabotage by mine at Seville.

Your 0211B/5. (repetition of 1816/1 from F.O.C.N.A. Particulars of mine removed from bilge keel of British Steamer).
Can I use this with Ministry of Marine as we did with evidence concerning Vigo? If so can I be forwarded photostatic copies and instructions as to what measures to request from Minister. (N.A. Madrid 1605/10 to Admty).

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South AtlanticSEATRIN
TEXAS.SEATRIN, TEXAS E.T.A. Capetown 18/8.
Reported speed 15 knots is carrying similar
valuable cargo and is to be given same priority.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 0011A/10 to C. in C.S.A.(R)
C. in C.E.F. etc).→ ORION
W.S. 21.P.Anticipate arriving with W.S. 21P. 1000Z/13th,
S.O.A. 12.5 knots, acknowledge.
(ORION 0628Z/10 to C. in C.S.A. (R) NEPAL ,
TJERK HIDDES, Cdre of Convoy W.S. 21.P.).PETER
LENTUIT.
(U.S.)Expected sailing ^{?1800} 18 10th Dar Es Salaam and
Kilindini 22/8. (Route).
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 0937Z/10 to Admty, S.O.(I)
Capetown, S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Kilindini,
D.C. in C.E.F.).

M.A.R.I.

Pass to F.Os I/C. and N.C.S.Os. Amendment No. 63
Section II para. 14 (a).
(D.T.D. 1036A/10, to Cin C. S.A. etc).
Pass to F.Os I/C and N.C.S.Os. Amendment
No. 64 to M.A.R.I. Cancel Section IV. para. 10.
(D.T.D. 1128A/10 to C. in C.S.A. etc).

→ CALEDON.

Simonstown departure 0545Z/10. CALEDON for Pointe
Noire. S. of A. 15 knots E.T.A. 1500Z/15.
Shifting to W/T organisation for Area P. at
2215Z/13th.
(C. in C.S.A. 1038B/10 to Admty, B.N.L.O.W.A.
R.A.W.A.).

Dispositions.

2 M.Ls patrolling Sector T. ST WISTAN with convoy
007° 30' 013° 58' to Freetown 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
WOODRUFF with O.S.S. 35, 006° 25' 013° 35' 167°
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 Fleet Units BOREAS 007° 15' S. 007° 59' 338° 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.
POSTBOY and convoy 014° 40' S. 011° 40' E. to Walvis Bay 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(R.A.W.A. 1039Z/10, to Ships in Area P. etc).→ Position in area Q at 2000Z/10. ORION, NEPAL, TJERK HIDDES,
with W.S. 21.P. 027° (909') S. 008° 53' E. 136° 12.→ ATHENE (?034°) 25' S. 027° 43' E. Durban 13. CALEDON 032° 30' S.
016° 30' E. to Pointe Noire 15.
Area S. CARNARVON CASTLE with ESPERANCE BAY 048° 40' S. 054° 00' W
to Falkland Is.
(C. in C.S.A. 1711B/10 to S.A.S.).

PANTELIS.

Overdue shipping. PANTELIS due Lourenco Marques
30/7 from Aden not arrived.
(S.O.(I) 1140B/10 to Admty etc).

/STELLA LYKES....

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.

STELLA
LYKES
(Sunk
27/7). U.K.Ship STELLA LYKES sunk by German U-Boat at 0450/27/7 in 006° 46' N. 024° 55' W. Part of confidential documents thrown overboard by Master. Master and Chief Engineer taken prisoner aboard U-Boat. Max Kore, Engine Oiler, killed. Unknown number survivors believed landed Portuguese Guinea. Further information will be sent when obtained. (R.A.W.A. 1201Z/10 to C.T.23)

BARCROSS
MOONSHINE. B.D. V. BARCROSS and MOONSHINE sailed 1200 today. S. of A. 8 knots. E.T.A. Capetown 14th. Route as my 1633/9th, BARBOURNE. (N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay 1214Z/10 to Admty C.in C.S. A.)

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM. D. of S.T. 1831/9. Request NIEUW AMSTERDAM after discharging at Kilindini may be sailed for Capetown direct. (P.S.T.O. Capetown 1230B/10 to D.S.T.O. Kilindini (R) D.C. in C.E.F. Etc).

RANPURA
personnel
transport. A.M. 1115/9. Every endeavour will be made to avoid using RANPURA but this appears impracticable at present. Further signal will be made. (R.A.W.A. 1238Z/10 to Admty.(R) D. of S.T.).

See next page (H.S. 21)

RAMILLIES,
BRILLIANT
WIVERN. RAMILLIES delayed 7 hours for repair and will now arrive St.Helena with BRILLIANT and WIVERN to fuel from Oiler FORTOL a.m./16. Oiler FORTOL has been ordered to arrive St.Helena 0600 B.S.T. 16/8. (C. in C.S.A. 1241B/10 to Admty.,R.A.W.A.F.Gen.St. Helena).

Your 0025B/7 R.A.W.A. 1105Z/7. As a result of experience gained on passage Durban to Capetown, RAMILLIES reports her endurance practically unaffected and estimates she can make the passage Freetown to Bermuda at 14½ knots without fuelling en route and allowing for a reasonable zigzag to arrive with 20% fuel.

(C. in C.S.A. 1243B/10 to Admty, (R) R.A.W.A. RAMILLIES, QUEEN ELIZABETH).

W.S.21. Cancel para.2. of A.M.1931/24/7.
2. Cancel reference to third ship name unknown in para.5 of A.M.0155/5/8.
(D.O.D.(F) 1315A/10 to R.A.W.A., C. in C.S.A. D.C. in C.E.F.,(R) C. in C.Med. F.O.C.N.A., F.O.R.S C.A. N.O.I.C.Durban, N.O.I.C. East Africa, F.O.C.R.I.N. C. in C.E.F.).

/Enemy.....

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South Atlantic. - Contd.

Enemy C.I.B. 58.
Intelligence. 1. Ref. C.I.B. 57 para. (4) MUSTER. R/C shows "Altmark" class tanker left St Nazaire roads after 31/7 and not located elsewhere.
2. Survivor ex TRICULA and TREMINARD rescued by Argentine ship. Not known how or where these ships were lost.
3. MIRLO (Norway) attacked by U-Boat 7/8 en route.
4. DALHOUSIE attacked by surface raider 9/8 in 020° 21' S. 024° 44' W.
5. Unknown merchant ship sighted off Triston da Cunha 8/8. Vessel appeared from North easterly direction in sight for 3 hours and disappeared on course 315°.
6. U-Boat disposition Atlantic 9/8 (Details). (S.O.(I) Capetown 1605B/10 to C. in C.S.A. etc).

COMMANDANT Ref.0935Z/8. R.A.W.A.F.
DUBOC. 1. Cannot proceed to Point Noire owing to lack of fuel and engine defect demanding immediate attention at Capetown.
2. Am proceeding to rejoin convoy (?at) 1000Z/11.
3. On arrival will require 90 tons of Admty light diesel oil. (COMMANDANT DUBOC 1630Z/10, to C. in C.S.A., R.A.W.A.(R) Admty, Escort W.S.21.P. B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, F.S.LEOPARD).

HATSUSE. Capetown's 1350B/9. HATSUSE for Durban by route R.8. S. of A. 7½ knots, E.T.A. 1200B/15. (C. in C.S.A. 1829B/10 to Admty etc).

ATHENE. Your 1428/6. Following is intended programme for ATHENE.

Arrive.	Place.	Leave.
-	Capetown.	8/8.
12/8.	Durban.	16/8.
22/8.	Kilindini.	-

(C. in C.S.A. 1845B/10 to D.C. in C.E.F.(R) ATHENE, Admty, Comnas, F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar).

* W.S.21. Arrival 10/8. HAWKINS, *RANPURA, CATTERICK, VELOX,
O.S.35. PETARCH (as received, presumably PETARD intended) with W.S.21
ROCHESTER, LEITH, SANDWICH, ERNE, CHALLENGER, with O.S.35. Neth.S/M 0.24.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 1911Z/10 to Admty etc). * See previous page

* See next page.

CARADOC Capetown departure ref. 1540Z/11. CARADOC escorting
JOHN MACKAY. cable ship JOHN MACKAY to East London by route R.8 and then independently to Durban. S. of A. of JOHN MACKAY 9 knots. E.T.A. East London p.m./14/8. (C. in C.S.A. 2045B/10 to Admty etc).

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South Atlantic-~~conts.~~

* W.S.21.
A.S.6.

Split of W.S.21 and A.S.6 between Capetown and Durban is as follows:-

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2. To Capetown, VOLENDAM, MALOJA, ANTENOR, JAMES LYKES. CURACOA and also AMERICAN PRESS and CHINA MAIL.

Remainder to Durban.

3. Personnel on CIRCASSIA, RANGITIKI, TAMAROA, LARGS BAY, and NARKUNDA should be prepared for transshipment at Durban. (D.S.T. 2145A/10 to S.T.O.Freetown).

MARCELLA.

Overdue shipping MARCELLA, British due Buenos Aires 5th from Capetown not arrived. (S.O.(I) Montevideo 2223Z/10 to Admty.(R) S.O.(I) Freetown, S.O.(I) Capetown.

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- Enemy Unit. P.C. and S. of 1 enemy unidentified ship is 32.12 N., 25.20E. 325° speed unknown. (Med. A/C "Y", Q. 27, 0108/10, to 201 Group H.Q.).
- Cositrep No. 477. Air. (3) Night 8/9. Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk Harbour, claiming near misses on two ships. Fire started on waterfront, where buildings also hit. (57 Wellingtons also mined Matruh Harbour. (9) 9/8 Hudsons attacked 5 barges north of Bardia. 2 hits on one barge caused explosion and smoke. (10) In evening Liberators bombed shipping in Benghazi harbour, claiming hit on one ship, near misses on 3 others. Harbour moles also hit. (C.in C. M.E., 1000 G.M.T.).
- OTUS UTMOST. OTUS will proceed through 028° 42' 013° 47' to arrive 037° 11' 013° 12' after 0001B/12 UTMOST is expected latter position about 2259B/11. (Capt. S. 10, 1023B/10, to 8th S.F., 10th S.F. (R) OTUS).
OTUS making good about 100 miles in 24 hours is expected to surface off Marittimo 2101B/12 and proceed through 038° 20' 011° 54' to arrive 038° 25' 009° 00' about 0129B/14 thence Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A. 2 stern torpedoes. Carries Q.B. 74 Q.B.B. 279 Q.K.A. 64. (V.A. Malta, 1105B/10, to F.O.C.N.A., C.in C. Med. (R) Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8).
- U/B At 1005C/10 aircraft sighted U-Boat P.C. and S. 034° 02' 023° 04' 160° 10 knots. (S.O.S. Alex., 1055C/10 to TAKU, PORPOISE, (R) TRAVELLER).
- U/B. P.C. and S. of 1 (?) (S/M submerged) 210° Tyre 5 miles (?2-0) 4 knots. (Aircraft TIQA, 1128/10, to O.U. 8).
Following has been received 1 S/M submerged. 210° Tyre light 5 miles. (Alexandria Port Wave, 1129/10, to H.P.V. (Corrupt)). My 1128, position of enemy 022° R.K.Z.W. 14. (indecypherable) (Aircraft T. 1 Q.A. (L), 1315/10, to O.U. 8).
- U/B. One S/M 33° 11' N. 34° 55' E. at 1115. (Beirut, 1129C/10 to Alex, Port Wave Guard).
- THORN. You are on no account to enter the Sanctuary before 0200C/11. Our surface forces and A.S.V. aircraft will be operating in the Sanctuary until 0200C/11. Set wireless watch on port wave from 2100C/10 until arrival in harbour. (Capt. S.1., 1130C/10, to THORN, (R) S.N.O. L.A., N.O. in C. Beirut).

/ALBA ...

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean.ALBA JULIA
(Roumanian)

My 1248C/17. ALBA JULIA now loading energetically for Mediterranean ports: cargo includes 675 tons antimony and some copper. No indication when vessel may leave. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1211C/10, to S.O.(I) Med. (R) S.O. (I) Beirut, Admty, for D.N.I.).

Operation
"Sunbeam".

My 1851/5th. (N/T in W/R). Operation "Sunbeam" cancelled. (C.in C. Med. 1657B/10, to All concerned, "Sunbeam")

TURBULENT,
TAKU,
PORPOISE.

Established patrol in vicinity following positions: TURBULENT 036° 42' 021° 26' by dawn 13th, TAKU and PORPOISE by 1601C/13 in 034° 40' 021° 33' and (?034°) 56' 021° 42' respectively. PORPOISE is (?only to) comply if mining operation has been completed. (S.O.S. Alexandria, 1805C/10, to S/Ms named).

GLENROY.

Your 1659/22/6, (should read 1659/29). Can earliest possible date of sailing GLENROY for U.K. now be reported? (D.of P. 1819A/10 to A.S. Alex.(R) C.in C. Med.).

Malta Air
Report.

I. 558 10/8. C.S.R. Part 1.
9th. 1330 hrs. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach close to Malta, searched for missing Spitfire pilot without success, see my 1.555. Pilot rescued today by Launch slightly injured. 1645 hrs., 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not reach Malta. Night 9/10th. 1 Alert, 2100 hrs., 3 raiders approached. 1 crossed coast but bombs dropped in sea. 2 Beaufighters up could not intercept owing to RDF and Beaufighter interference. 10th. 1 Alert. 0745 hrs., 4 Spitfires up but raid did not reach Malta. 0945 hrs., 3 JU. 88s escorted by 30 ME 109s and MC.202 approached great height. Partial RDF interference. 24 Spitfires intercepted raiders before they crossed coast, destroyed 3 ME. 109s but 3 JU. 88s got through and bombed Takali. 1 ambulance destroyed, 5 Beaufighters, 2 Spitfires damaged, 1 airman killed, another seriously wounded, 1 German prisoner. 1 Spitfire slightly damaged in combat, pilot unhurt. 2 Spitfires up cover to minesweepers. 1 Spitfire and pilot missing probably surprised by ME. 109s, search so far unsuccessful. (H.Q., R.A.F., Malta).(1830/10)

/Greek Units ...

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean events:

- Greek Units. Re inclusion in convoy escorts, and seniority of S.Os. re Command. (C.in C. Med., 2010C/10 to Admty). See Lion Copy.
- U/B sunk by ISLAY. H.M. Trawler ISLAY destroyed a U-Boat, probably Italian, by D.C. and gunfire off Haifa at about 1.30 p.m. 10/8. No survivors. (D.O.R., 1086 - no signal in W.D. but see C.in C. Med. 2044C/11). (p.331)
(Kalin SCIRE)
- P. 35. My position 035° 24' N. 017° 28' E. E.T.A. position 5, 1400B/12th. (S/M P. 35, 2012B/10, to Capt. (S) 10 (? C.in C. Med. V.A. Malta., Capt. (S) 1.).
- U/B Messina. R/C Messina 0815B/10. 1 S/M outside harbour steering S. (V.A. Malta, 2030B/10, to UNA).
- Dispositions after M.G. 3 M.G. 4. Following is a repetition of S.O.D/F Med. 1205C/10th. (begins). Addressed C.in C. Med. Capt.(D) 14th D/F Capt.(D) 12th D/F, Capt. (D) 22nd D/F, DULVERTON F.O.C. 15th C.S. N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports N.O.I.C. Alexandria. N.O.I.C. Port Said, S. N.O.L.A., HURWORTH, ERIDGE, HURSLEY, BEAUFORT, ALDENHAM, BELVOIR, CROOME, TETCOTT, EXMOOR, from F.O.C. D/F Med. Following final dispositions intended as convenient after M.G. 3 and M.G. 4. DULVERTON and HURWORTH join force B. SIKH and BELVOIR join force A. EXMOOR, ALDENHAM, ERIDGE and HURSLEY become Alexandria Force. CROOME and TETCOTT boiler clean at Haifa. SIKH boiler cleans at Haifa. ZULU cleans boiler at Port Said (Ends). (C.in C. Med., 2031C/8, (?2031C/10 intended) to Med. Fleet).
- EURYALUS M.G. 3. EURYALUS is to be docked at Massawa as soon as convenient after 17/8. On completion of operation M.G. 3 necessary preparations are to be made at Port Said in consultation with F.C.O. EURYALUS report (?date) ready to proceed. Escort will not be provided in Red Sea. (C.in C. Med., 2130C/10, to R.A. (D) Med. EURYALUS., S.O. 15th C.S. (R) N.O. i/c Port Said A.S. Alexandria, S.N.O. R.S., N.O. i/c Massawa, R.O.C.A.).
- RORQUAL Malta stores. Your T.O.O. 1108/8. Essential that 2 tons yeast dessicated or compressed be sent in RORQUAL if available, presume balance of stores sent are as requested on co-ordinated priority lists. (Govr., Malta., 2240B/10, to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty).
- Operation "Ascendant". At 8 p.m. 10/8 M/Vs TROILUS and ORARI, escorted by 2 destroyers, left Malta for Gibraltar. (D.O.R. 1087 - no signal in W.D.).

MOST SECRET

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MESSAGE

Z010C/10th August.
IN

From C. in C. Mediterranean.

Date 11.8.42.
Recd. 0150

Naval Cypher O.T.F. by W/T.

Addressed Admiralty.

Greek CO's - efficiency.

IMPORTANT.

293. (A) Larger number of Greek units now temporarily (?serviceable) coupled with introduction of Levant convoys has produced difficulties with Greeks over command of mixed units such as convoy escorts.

(B) As Greek Commanding officers are not sufficiently skilled or knowledgeable to take charge of the convoy escorts I recently asked Admiral Sakellariou if they would be prepared temporarily to serve under the command of the S.B.N.O. who may in fact only be a Lieutenant R.N.R.

(C) We both recognised the invidiousness of of the position and I proposed following steps to put the whole matter on a satisfactory basis in future.

(D) We to give the Greeks a series of written lectures on all aspects of convoy work which Sakellariou would give to all their C.O's and S.O's, subsequently exercising them himself and working them out. When he was satisfied with their knowledge and efficiency he would recommend to me that they should be looked upon as "Escorting" and would then subject to my agreement take command according to their ranks and seniority.

This, with certain adjustments of Senior C.O's for more Junior ones, provides best (?prospect) for future where we shall have many more Greek units including HUNTS.

(E) Minister of Greek Marine Admiral Cawadias came to see me today to say he could not agree to Greek C.O's being placed under the command of British Officers of a grade lower than their own without approval of King of Greece via his Prime Minister to whom he is referring the whole question. I explained proposals for the future which he said he would include in his message but as he is very deaf I have no idea of what version will eventually reach the Admiralty.

(F) In the meantime I have given orders that Greek units are only to be included in Convoy Escorts if there is a British Officer of at least

/equivalent

equivalent rank who can take command of the escorts. They are also to be used as an all Greek escort to single ships or small convoys. This is of course mostly Greek wasteful and will lead us in much difficulty in providing escorts.

(G) I regret that efficiency of the Greek C.O's is such that I have had to refuse their (?wish) to take command of the (?whole) escort.

2010C/10.

Advance copy D.C., D.O.D.(F), D.D.I.C.

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (2)
- Dep. 1st S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- Nav. Sec.
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- P.A.S. (J)
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- D.N.I. (4)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D.S.D.
- D.A/S.W.
- D.C. (2)
- D.T.D. (3)
- D.T.D. (M)
- D.T.D. (C)
- D. of P. (2)
- D. of P. (Q)
- I.P. (2)
- W.D.
- Admiral Blake
- P.N.L.C.
- Hd. of M.
- D.G.D.
- D.T.S.D.

e.d.

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesVALIANT
ARROW.Your 2301 C/9 approved. *Sum. p. 200 (Movements Summary)*
(D.C.in C. E.F., 0557Z/10, to VALIANT (R)
Commodore Durban).

Your 0557Z/10. Unable to proceed independent-
ly to Kilindini without repairs to evaporator. Time required 24
hours. Also No. 1 starboard boiler room fan impellor recent
repairs Durban still defective, maximum revolutions 850.
Average boiler hours 450. Should ARROW clean boilers and repair
fan impellor concurrently at Durban?

(ARROW, 0737Z/10, to D.C.in C. E.F., (R) N.O.I.C. Durban
S.O. (D) E.F.).

ROYAL
SOVEREIGN.

Ref. A.M. 1224/24/6, my 2052/23/7 and C.in C. E.Fs.
0720/26/7. Request refitting port for
ROYAL SOVEREIGN.
(V.A. 3, 0633Z/10, to Admty (R) C.in C. E.F.).

O. 23
R. of P.

Dutch S/M O. 23 patrolling 19/7 to 10/8. 27/7,
close to S.W. of Penang attacked small coaster
with 2 torpedoes which missed and then with guns,
action broken off when guns jammed. Ship damaged.
(2) 2325Z/28, attacked 2 cruisers TAKAO Class reported in D.S.O.
23 2325Z/28 (not to D. C.in C. E.F., B.S.O., or Capt. (S) 4) at
long range 4 torpedoes fired, no hits. O.23 hunted with
hydrophone by escorting destroyer for 3 hours. After that 2
destroyers and 2 submarine chasers presumably from Penang hunted
for a further 2 hours from 0400Z/29. (?Many) small explosions
were heard. O. 23 not damaged. Destroyer patrol sighted
during next night.
(3) 2/8 at 0230Z sighted convoy of 1 (? armed M/V and 4 others of
from 3000 to 5000 tons leaving Penang on course 300° Attacked
three ships with torpedoes. 2 ships hit and set on fire.
Later these ships were seen to be burning fiercely with large
volume of black smoke. Ships not seen to sink, but C.O. considers
they must both have been total loss.
(4) 5/8 reconnoitred approach to (?Sabang). No ships seen but
northern part of harbour not visible.
(S.O.S., Colombo, 0703Z/10, to C.in C. E.F., (R) B.S.O., F.O.
Ceylon, D.C.in C. E.F., Capt. S. 4.).

SANTA CRUZ
HOTSPUR.

Admty 1634/9 and my 0914/9.
(1) To expedite passage of SANTA CRUZ she could
be routed through Mozambique Channel independently
of W.S. 21 P.G. and escorted by HOTSPUR to
vicinity of Mombasa. (2) If this plan fits your arrangements
request you will sail HOTSPUR accordingly refuelling at Durban.
(3) Can expected date of convoy W.S. 21 P.G. passing Durban now
be given?
(D.C.in C. E.F., 0828Z/10, to C.in C. S.A. (R) Admty, C.in C.
E.F. R.A. 3.).

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Movements summary. No. (743) 10/8 (i) DEVONSHIRE left Bombay 10/8 due Colombo 12/8, (ii) CORFU left Aden 6/8 due Kilindini 11/8, (iii) JASMINE left Kilindini 8/8 due Seychelles 11/8, to escort V.S.I.S. CLAN FORBES from Seychelles to Addu Atoll, (iv) SOLVRA left Durban 2/8 escorting coal convoy, SOBKRA C.M. 30 Y due Kilindini 14/8, 6½ knots routed through Mozambique Channel (v) H.N.M. S/M K. 14 escorted by BULAN estimated position 002° 57' S. 069° 50' E. at 1200Z/9. Due Diego Suarez 16/8, (vi) GAMBIA arrived Rodriguez 10/8, due Mauritius 11/8, thence Diego Suarez and Kilindini, (vii) VALIANT leaves Durban 10/8 due Kilindini 14/8, routed through Mozambique channel, (viii) SUTLEJ escorting V.S.I.S. TAIPING and SINGU left Addu Atoll 9/8 for Colombo. (D.C.in C. E.F., 1542Z/10, to E.I. Stn.).

Destroyer Refits. Your 1528/29/7 para. 4. Approved to sail one destroyer at an early date and second on arrival of NEPAL. 2. Request names and approx. dates of arrival may be signalled. (D.O.D. (F) 1740A/10, to C.in C. E.F.).

Japanese Repatriations EL MIL. Pass to Admty, London, Adm. Liverpool. Received 1620 G.M.T. EL MIL 290-10-1420 to Swiss legation special division, London. "6. Ref. yours 2, Embassy requests conveyance following message. 'The landing of large party of British and Allied at Lourenco Marques proceed to South Africa would constitute exception to ship to ship agreement, calling for reciprocal facilities for Japanese party. Therefore suggested that, without prejudice to transfer from ship to ship, both parties be permitted to go ashore at Lourenco Marques until vessels leave'. Please expedite matter with proper quarters and advise." Steiger. (Portishead Radio, No. T.O.O, Recd. 1742/10).

Trade Protection Persian Gulf. S.N.O.P.Gs 0845/9 not to C.in C. Med. It is not possible to supply these Officers from Station resources. It will be much appreciated if C.in C. Med. can meet this commitment. Officers required are one of Capts. or Cdrs. Rank as N.O. i/c Hormuz. Staff of a Secretary, a Lieut. Cdr. or Lieut. as S.T.O., a Cdr. or Lieut. Cdr. R.N.R. as N.C.S.O. These Officers are urgently required at Basra to join TOSARI by 20/8. If C.in C. Med. cannot supply it is requested Admiralty will fly them out. (D.C.in C. E.F., 1808Z/10, to Admty (R) S.N.O.P.G. C.in C. Med. etc)

GLENEARN. Your 1109/8/7, request earliest possible date when GLENEARN can sail for U.K. (D. of P. 1824A/10, to F.O. Ceylon, (R) C.in C. E.F. etc.).

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ASSINIBOINE St. Johns N.F. 9/8. arrival (?ASSINIBOINE) ex S.C.94, NAPANEE escorting ASSINIBOINE. (F.O.N.F., 0136Z/10 to Admty).

Following received from Navcom. (Begins). Please convey congratulations of C. in C. U.S. Fleet to ASSINIBOINE on destruction German U-boat 6/8. (U.2.10.) (Hd. of M., 1407A/10 to ASSINIBOINE).

Ship torpedoes. Following from unknown ship. 016° 16' N., 060° 246' W., torpedoes, 0015 G.M.T.10/8 proceeding towards Barbados. (St. Johns N.F., 0258/10 to Admty).

?Survivors. Trinidad 1642/7 (N.T. in W.D.) and my 1434/8 (Not yet received in W.R.) Further 23 landed Demerara, reported 3 died at sea in boat. Total complement 79. Fate of C.B.s unknown. (S.O.(I) Kingston, 0859Q/10 to Admty etc).

"S" Report, 9/8. On account of SSSS from unknown ship at 2000Z/9 in 53.54 N., 26.27 W., close to routes of WASHINGTON, EXPRESS, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD and LETITIA Admiralty has told these ships to report

position.

Signals were made direct although in U.S.A. strategic area in view of urgency. (D.T.D., 0943Z/10 to Connav) Summary of replies giving positions see 1103Z/11.

080° (785 miles new H, 10.00 G.M.T.10/8.

(WASHINGTON EXPRESS via Portishead Radio 1250/10 to Admty. C. in C. W.A.)

Movement Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 10/8.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
S/M P.556	35° N., 29½° W.	093°	9 <i>kn/1.250</i>
ASTURIAS } LARGS } 2 Corvettes)	18½° N. 44° W.	105°	6
H.M. AQUITANIA	23° N. 41° W.	317°	19½
Convoy A.T.18	43° N. 59° W.	090°	14.

(D.O.D. (F) 1003Z/10 to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)

U/B U-boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of a convoy or important unit 0805Z/10. (Cominch, 1146Z/10 to C.T.U. 24.1.11. (R) C.T.U. 24.1.15, C.T.U. 24.1.12. C.T.24, C.O.A.C. Admty, C. in C. Lant, N.S.H.Q.)

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L.27 Your 1124/27/7 not to N.S.H.Q. Propose to sail L.27 at 1930Z/11 routed (a) 48.50 N., 50.00 W. (b) 51.10 N., 44.00 W. (c) 54.00 N., 34.00 W. (d) 56.00 N., 22.40 W. (e) 57.30, N15.00.W thence Barra Head speed 11 knots proceeding on surface at C.O's. discretion and diving by day East of 20° W. (F.O.N.F., 1232Z/10 to F.O.S. (R) Admty etc). Concur. (F.O.S., 1917A/11). p. 335

WITHERINGTON. E.T.A. 0600Z/11, FORT AMHERST in company. Have on board 2 officers 14 ratings German prisoner and one interpreter. Uncoded weather report. (WITHERINGTON, 1345Z/10 to Connav (R) Admty etc).

U/B Unidentified S/M sighted 1100 H.W.T./9 half mile off Reef at Bodden Town, Grand Cayman, proceeding East, slowly submerged 10 minutes after sighting. U.S. authorities informed. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1559Q/10 to Admty etc).

Ships for Greece. Admty. 2014/10/7 and 2030/11/7. Swedish EROS, FORMOSA and CAMELIA sailed Three Rivers 7/8 for Piraeus, Greece. (N.S.H.Q., 1608Z/10 to Admty Cominch, S.O.(I) Gibraltar, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.)

ALEXIA My 2255/9 British ALEXIA torpedoed afire arrived Dominica 10th Master hopes to control within 24 hours. (S.O.(I) Kingston, 1624Q/10 to Admty etc).

Shipping Signals. Ref. N.Z.N.B. dispatch 1447/7. Cominch C and R does not concur. In accordance Busra Vescas and route signals should be sent direct to proper addressees and not to B.A.D. or Cominch C and R for relay. Ref. your 1545B/4 accordance Busra Sea Frontier Commanders should also receive Vescas concerning ships passing through Sea Frontier areas. (Cominch C and R., 1631Z/10 to Admty).

S/M positions. Sub. estimate 10th 1, 41° N., 70° W. 1 homeward bound 39° N., 68° W. 2 margin of patrol, 33° N., 77° W. and 34° N., 74° W., U.S. Sub. notice, ? BARBUDA (N/M) BARBUDA patrolling area 10 miles square centred at 40.04.30 N., 71.25 W. submerged during daylight. Depart above position 0200/11 15 knots on surface through 40.47 N., 71.30 W., arriving position 7 miles eastward of Montauk Point at 0610/11 then to New London. 0.7 with surface escort in Casco Bay area bounded 43.30 43.38 N., and 69.30 70 W. 0800 to 1700 Q daily through (as received) 16/8. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1646/10 to Admty).

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Dispositions. Section North West.
 Q.S. 25 HEPATICA, RED DEER, CHARLOTTETOWN, DIGBY,
 RACCOON Q.055, Q.081, 048° 35' 063° 45', 8.
 CHARLOTTETOWN detached dawn 11th to Gaspe.
 S.Q. 27 WEYBURN, CHEDABUCTO Q.050, Q.(?064), 047° 05' 060° 20', 8.
 KATHARIOTISA 048° 05' 064° 50' 080° 8 alter in 064° 24' W., to 107°
 SUREWATER 049° 45' (?062°) 20' in (?channel) 8.
 (C.O.A.C., 1647Z/10 to Admty).

U/B S/M estimate 10/8 (Cominch 1650/10 to Admty)
 Positions.

M.A.R.I. and Your 1520Z/8 para. (1) ports south and east of
 African River Nourse (near Cape Frio). 2 M.A.R.I. Section
 Ports. IV, para. 8 sub para. 2 applies to ships to and
 from Saldanha Bay and ports south and east
 thereof.
 (D.T.D., 1652A/10 to N.S.H.Q.)

Re-routeing Your 1330/9, concur.
 of convoys to (Connav, 1808/10 to Admty (R) Info C. in C. W.A.
 avoid U-boats. C.T.F.24).

S.C. and My 1633/3 and my serial No. 00752 mailed 5/8.
 H.X.convoys. Now desire to sail 1st S.C. Convoy 19/9 and at
 7 day intervals thereafter in order to avoid
 departures New York large convoys on successive
 days. H.X. Convoys will thus sail Thursdays and S.C. Convoys
 Saturdays. Request your concurrence.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1845Z/10 to Admty (R) Cdr. U.S. Naval
 Forces in Europe, Coms. all Sea Frontiers Atlantic, Cinclant,
 C.T.24., N.S.H.Q.) (Cancelled by 1425/13).

Shipping Does your 1649/7 cancel your 1608/1/7 as amended
 Positions. by your 2252/27/7. in whole or in part?
 2. Are passing instructions on position signals
 from Merchant ships to be to Admiralty only even
 in U.S. strategic area?
 (N.S.H.Q., 1909Z/10 to Admty (R) B.A.D.)

Russian Following received from B.R.O. Seattle (begins).
 Ships and Request Soviet Ambassador be approached with view
 Japanese to ascertain what instructions should be given
 U-boats. to Masters of U.S.S.R. vessels regarding opening
 fire on Japanese submarines. Recently a U.S.S.R.
 (ship) was shelled persistently. Also request
 instructions whether such vessels should report in P/L on
 sighting S/M T.O.O. 1851 29/7 (ends).
 (2) State Dept.s view is that it is inadvisable for U.S.
 Authorities to take up matter with Russian Authorities since it
 might arouse suspicion that suggestion is being made for
 participation of Russian vessels in hostilities with nations
 not at war with Russia. Navy Dept. have no authority to advise
 neutral ships as to action to be taken on meeting ships of

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Russian
Ships and
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U.S. enemies, they suggest masters of Russian ships be advised that if they want the help of U.S. Forces the best way to obtain it would be to report contact in R/L.
(B.A.D., 1927Z/10 to Admty (R) B.R.O. Seattle).

Operations by
Carrier
Groups.

Your 1257/8 para. 2. I should like to observe these views are not borne out by Med., experience. Gun density is of great importance and is provided by keeping large ships in close mutual support together a screen which provides (A)

Physical obstruction and close range anti-aircraft fire against torpedo bombers, and (B) Long range umbrella barrage over large units. From this point of view therefore there is decided advantages in single large groups rather than in 2 smaller groups acting in fairly close proximity. This applies more to torpedo bomber than dive bomber attacks but former is still an important factor to be reckoned with.
(B.A.D., 2013Z/10 to Admty. as amended, 1825Z/11).

→ ROZEWIE
(sunk 6/8).

SS. ROZEWIE (Polish) torpedoed and sunk 1515Z/6 in approx. 11° N., 57° 30' W. Master taken aboard S/M, 3 killed, remaining 14 survivors of total crew 18 picked up by SS. SORVANGEN and landed here today.
(F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 2032Q/10 to Admty (R) S.B.N.O.W.A., S.O.(I) Jamaica).

U/B
Campaign.

Connav serial number 9 and 10. PORT ELLIC British struck wreck entrance Delaware river. Ship now beached. CLAN MACNAUGHTON serial number 7 additional 55 survivors landed. TREHATA, KELSO

ANNEBERG all British sunk by torpedo 9/8 approx. 52 N. 032 W. MOUNT KASSION Greek also torpedoed but possible salvage. All ships in convoy S.C.94. EMPIRE OCEAN serial number 7 ran aground 4/8 046.37 N., 053. 05 W. refloated but sank in tow 0400Z/5 047.01 N., 052. 50 W. ARTHUR W. SEWALL Norwegian Tanker torpedoed 7th, 008° 28' N., 034° 21' W. MAUA Brazilian serial, arrived Trinidad daylight not torpedoed but saw another ship presumed to be HAVSTEN serial 7 now confirmed sunk by torpedo 2nd 010.25 N., 056.32 W. WILLIAM MACLAY U.S. reported aground Seal Islands today.
(Connav, 2054/10 to Connaveu, (R) N.S.H.Q. etc).

→ ROZEWIE,
DRACO.

Overdue Trinidad Polish ROZEWIE overdue Barbados Dutch DRACO.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 2057Q/10 to Admty etc).

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U.S. Serial 34. Changes in locations of my 2107/3.
Dispositions. Atlantic. ARKANSAS, BROOKLYN, left Halifax 9/8 with convoy. TUSCALOOSA left Scapa, 9/8. MEMPHIS hunting raider in South Atlantic. OMAHA, on patrol Recife to Montevideo. CINCINNATI left Recife 10/8. MILWAUKEE at Trinidad. SAVANNAH ready 14/8. JUNEAU due Recife 14/8.
Pacific. HORNET, NORTHAMPTON, PENSACOLA, SAN DIEGO at Sea, Central Area. RALEIGH left San Francisco 10/8, SAN FRANCISCO at sea.
(Navcom, Washington, 2105Z/10 to Admty (Pass to Comnav)).

* TREMMINARD, My 1511/7 S.O.(I) Montevideo reports survivors
TRICULA. British ships TREMMINARD and TRICULA picked up by Argentine RIO SAN JUAN due Buenos Aires 21/8 S.O.(I) Capetown informed.
** See next page* (S.O.(I) Kingston 2106Q/10 to Admty. S.B.N.O. W.A. B.A.D., N.S. Ottawa, Connav, N.O.I.C. Trinidad S.O.(I) Freetown).

Sub. attack Para. B. . Plane attacks surfacing sub. 07.29 N.
and sighting 54.38 W. 1510/9.
summary. Pan-Air plane sights sub. on surface 22 N., 74. W. 1335/10 course 120° Speed 15.
Para. C. Unidentified Tanker torpedoed approx. 15.34 N., 61.29 W., 1555/10.
M/V sights periscope 24.13 N., 81.09 W. 2000/24/7. Shore observers sight sub. 19.15 N., 81.15 W., 1600/9.
Patrol craft sights sub. 26.18 N., 80.04 W., 0135/10.
Pan-Air plane sights sub. 19.41 N. 69.18 W., 1530/10 course 100.
Sub. reported sighted 37.21 N., 75.09 W., 1949/10.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2109Z/10 to Admty for O.I.C.)

S.C. convoys. Your 1608Z/9. No Admiralty objections to your proposals.
(D.T.D., 2123A/10 to N.S.H.Q.)

ARLETTA ARLETTA due Halifax 5th from O.N.115 has not arrived.
(N.S.H.Q., 2131Z/10 to Admty. Connav, F.O.N.F., N.C.S.O. Montreal).

G.I.R.O. This Connav 2129/10. G.I.R.O. amendment No.9 Chap. 1 para. 2 Chap. 2 para. 14 add to:-
"Vessels sailing to W.Africa and returning to Atlantic Seaboard ports without calling at either Freetown. Takoradi, Lagos or Duala shall be given a return route".
Com. Sea frontiers pass to U.S. R.O.s. Reporting centres pass to Reporting and R.Os. your area. All other interested parties have been informed.
(Connav, 2140/10 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, S.O.(I) Montevideo, S.B.N.O. W.A., Admty, S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica).

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Overdue
Ships.

My 1511/7 (Re^m TREMMINARD, TAUBATE and CITY OF GLASGOW overdue) Last ship sailed Trinidad in E.8 (S.O.(I) Kingston, 2200Q/10 to Admty. S.B.N.O. W.A., (R) B.A.D. Connav).

** See previous page.*

P.553,
O.15.

Your 1826/20/6. Request information of date of arrival S/M P.553 at Halifax and date O.15 should leave Halifax. Latter will require about one week to prepare for Atlantic passage. B.A.D. pass to C.N.A. (N.S.H.Q., 2304Z/10 to Admty (R) C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., B.A.D., C.N.A. Washington, B.A.R.M. F.O. (S)).

U/B

S/M sighted 0250Z today Monday 024° 05' 082° 55'. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2313Q/10 to Admty (D.N.I.) B.A.D.).

Australia & New Zealand.

Movements
Convoy A.I.

Arrivals Townsville 0744Z/9, ARUNTA escorting convoy A.I. from Brisbane. Darwin 0215Z/9 KALGOORLIE escorting motor vessel SIBIGO. (F.O. W. Australia 0318Z/10 to A.I.G., 115).

Situation.

Serial No. 200 9/8. R/C Rabaul area 0750Z/9 reported 28 large vessels including 2 probable cruisers in harbour. More than 50 aircraft

Lakunai Aerodrome.

(2) Air R/C Bougainville area 9/8 reported 4 cruisers in formation 06° 05' S., 155° 57' E. at 0335 course 320°. 1 heavy cruiser 1 destroyer 07° 18' S., 154° 40' E., at 0420Z course 300°. 1 unidentified vessel anchored with 2 motor boats patrolling 5° 29' S., 154° 42' E.

(3) Natives report large Warship of Kunua 5° 50' S., 154° 40' E. at 2100Z/8 course S.

(4) Gunboat reported operating Buin Faisi Area (Shortlands) 8/8.

(5) Indications enemy S/M vicinity 29° 30' S., 156° 30' E. 0035/9.

(6) Enemy launch reported maintaining regular patrol Ambasi area.

(7) Approx. 300 natives reported disembarking from 20 small craft at Apoopoe (8 miles N.N.W. Atamboea Dimor) 6/8 proceeded Atamboea to join force of 1000 natives 200 Japanese for possible operations inland. 4 small craft reported Alor Island 7/8.

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Situation (8) Patrol clashes Kokodagorea 7/8. Enemy
Contd. casualties 8 killed 5 wounded. Kokoda aerodrome
recaptured from enemy 9/8.
(9) Mauraunders bombed and strafed buildings
Salamaua Area 0545/9. Damaged vessel beached off Salamaua again
hit.
(10). 2 Catalinas attacked Lakunai Nakanau night 8/9.
(11) Lakunai Aerodrome attacked by 4 Fortresses 0750Z/9.
Approx. 20 Zeros intercepted, 5 destroyed.
(12) 1 Fortress attacked Gasmata aerodrome 0650Z/9.
(G.H.Q. S.W. P.A., 0730Z/10 to Admty etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Approx. positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1446A/10, 1148A/10).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

At 2310Z today corvette SNOWFLAKE obtained R.D.F. contact of a large surface craft in 53° 49' N. 18° 55' W. on estimated course and speed 85° 16½ knots. SNOWFLAKE was unable to overtake or establish the identity of the vessel, and she abandoned the chase at 2333Z.

An aircraft of 19 Group saw a pyrotechnic distress signal about 2016 today in 46° N. 8° W.

Mining.

52 aircraft of Bomber Command took off last night to lay mines in the Kattegat and adjacent areas; 30 of them laid their mines successfully in adverse weather.

South Atlantic.

It is learnt that British SS.SITHONIA was torpedoed on 12/7 400 miles west of the Canary Islands. Twenty-one survivors landed at Cape Timiris on 1/8 and were taken to Port Etienne and interned on 6/8.

It is reported that SS.PETER LENTUIT has struck a mine off Capetown. (Mines were last reported off Capetown on 4/5/42).

Mediterranean.

Operation
"Pedestal"
EAGLE.
Sunk. by U.73.

The destroyers engaged in the operation refuelled today. The force was reported by enemy aircraft at 0620. The carriers were shadowed all day. EAGLE was torpedoed and sunk at 1315 today in 38° 5' N. 3° 2'E (about 65 miles south of Majorca). Over 900 survivors were picked up. The German broadcasts claim that EAGLE was sunk by a*German submarine. In a summary of the operation on 15/8, Admiralty stated that it is believed that 32 U-Boats were operating in Western Med. Force "F" was attacked by enemy

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*U.73

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Operation
"Pedestal"
EAGLE
Sunk.

aircraft at dusk and after dark, but was not damaged.

Operation
"Bellows"

36 aircraft were flown off from FURIOUS between 1230 and 1515 and landed at Malta between about 1545 and 1807.

Beaufighters made successful attacks today with cannons on Elmas and Decimomannu Aerodromes (Sardinia)

The enemy cruisers in Navarino harbour were bombed this evening by 9 Liberators; hits are claimed on two cruisers and a near miss on a third.

5 Halifaxes and 46 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations at Tobruk last night. Near misses are claimed on 3 ships and large fires and explosions are reported in the docks and harbour. 8 Albacores bombed some 6 F-Boats in Matruh Harbour.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.A/S
Training
at Scapa.

Since it is intended to provide a maximum S/M effort for P.Q.18 it is regretted it will be necessary to replace the operational S/M carrying out A/S training duty at Scapa by a S/M from 7th S.F. from about 27/8.
(F.O.S., 1559A/11 to Admty).

Disguised
Raiders.
Procedure for
H.M. Ships.*(Basegram)*

In amplification of Admiralty 1618A/16/12/41, 1538A/14/3/42 and 1628B/11/6/42 the following are recommended courses of action by H.M. Ships in dealing with ships which may be disguised raiders and C.Os. should be informed accordingly:-

1. State of readiness to open fire.
Enemy raiders are usually powerfully armed and if fitted with modern R.D.F., will be able to open fire at long ranges with great accuracy. Before closing to establish identity of any vessel, H.M. Ships must therefore be ready to open fire instantly.
2. Identification.
If the ship cannot immediately be definitely identified by information available and use of challenge procedure, she should be regarded as suspect. W/T silence may have to be broken to obtain confirmation of suspicions from Shore Authority. Subsequent action should be on the following lines.
3. Subsequent Action.
 - (a) Stop her and warn her that she will be fired on if she moves engines.
 - (b) Avoid exposure to torpedo attack. She may be armed with torpedoes and may also be accompanied by U-boats.
 - (c) Ship should not be boarded, but should be made to send a boat with all ships's papers, Master and some of the crew for interrogation.
 - (d) The utmost vigilance should be observed at all times in the presence of any suspected raider, and fire opened immediately if any suspicious activity is observed.
 - (e) Though it is preferable from the point of view of British shipping tonnage to capture enemy merchant ships or supply ships, (for which purpose anti-scuttling instructions are contained in C.A.F.O. 2302/41), rather than sink them, unless the C.O is satisfied that no risk is attached to process of capture he should sink an enemy ship rather than attempt to capture her. (A.C.N.S.(F), 1734A/11).

17th
Trawler
Group.

Your 259/31/39 dated 25.7.42 para. 3. 17th Trawler Group is allocated to your command but arrangements will be made to relieve this group by trawlers fitted for cold weather for the winter.
(D.M.S., 1914A/11 to A.C.I.C.)

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- GEORGETOWN Cancel my 1801A/10. ^{INTEND} My 2155/10 ^{INTEND} only refers.
(Cdre. Londonderry 0220A/11 to Admty).
- LIVERPOOL. My P.C.S. 314° Cape Wrath 9, 090° 13 knots.
Destroyers not in company.
(LIVERPOOL, 0900A/11 to A.C.O.S.)
Proceed to R/V LIVERPOOL in Pentland Firth and provide escort
until relieved by ECLIPSE, WALPOLE who will overtake.
(R.A.D. H.F., 1345A/11 to AVON VALE, IMPULSIVE).
Your 1352A/11 010° Duncansby Head 3 miles.
(LIVERPOOL, 1431A/11 to R.A.D. H.F.)
Request lights may be shown tonight as follows. LIVERPOOL,
ECLIPSE, and AVON VALE now passing 34 Buoy.
(LIVERPOOL, 1652A/11 to C. in C. Rosyth).
- P.51 Scapa departures P.51 escorted by LEICESTER CITY
for Methil, E.T.A. 0700/12. Thence in convoy
to Sheerness.
(A.C.O.S., 0908/11).
- H.44 Intend sailing H.44 escorted by MONKSHOOD from
Lough Foyle 2000A/12. E.T.A. ~~Rothsay~~ 0900A/13.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 1138A/11) (F.O.S., 1817A/11).
- P.221 (1) Intend to sail P.221 escorted by WHITE BEAR
at 1930A/13 via Sound of Islay and Mull, the
Minches and West of Orkneys for Lerwick. E.T.A.
0830A/15.
(Capt. S.3., 1415A/11).
- GRAPH,
P.228 Anticipate GRAPH and P.228 will be ready to sail
p.m./16th.
A destroyer escort to Portsmouth will be available
that day. Propose, therefore, to sail them in
company to Portsmouth for onward passage to
destination. Request your concurrence and that
destinations may be signalled.
(C. in C. Nore, 1516A/11 to F.O.S)
- BREEZE,
MONETTE. Intend sailing BREEZE with fishing vessel
MONETTE in tow for Falmouth under cover of
"Nominal" at 0530/12. E.T.A. 1700/12.
(R.N.O. Scillies, 1615A/11 to R.N.O. Penzance).
- O.21 1. O.21 passes Bishop Rock at 2200A/13 and will
cross latitude 043° 01' N., at 012° 24' W. at 1900
A/18, shift wireless watch at that time, proceed-
ing thence to Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.
Surface S. of A. 13 knots.
(Capt. S.3., 1637A/11 to F.O.C.N.A.)

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L.23.,
O.10. My 1030/7 postponed. Capt. (S) 9 is requested to sail Z.5 to R/V L.23 at 20 R buoy 1800A/12 for passage to Tobermory and Greenock. ELFIN will proceed Dundee to escort O.10 to Blyth when weather moderates.
(Capt. S.6., 1729A/11) (F.O.S. 2221A/11).

P.217 Intend sailing CUTTY SARK and P.217 1200A/12 for Holy Loch, E.T.A. 0430A/13 in accordance with trial programme dated 29th July 1942. Speed 11 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1735A/11).

NEWARK. My P.C.S. at 1800A/11, 55°56' N., 13° 24' W. 075° 17. E.T.A. Port ZA 1000A/12.
(NEWARK, 1820A/11 to R.A.M.) *See p. 317, (S.C. 94)*

Operations.

M.L. A/S
Patrols. Weather permitting establish an M.L. patrol on a line 330° distant from 5 to 45 miles from Fuglo from 2000/11 to 1000/12. Communications as in my 1643/8.
(A.C.O.S., 1154/11 to N.O.I.C. Faeroes).

Weather permitting establish an M.L. patrol on a line 000° distant from 10 to 50 miles from Muckle Flugga Light from 0400/12 to 1600/12. Communications as in my 1643/7/8. N.O.I.C. Lerwick inform A.E.S. Number 4.
(A.C.O.S., 1222/11 to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).
Your 1154/11. Faeroes departure ~~EA 5~~ M.Ls. 445, 452, 467 and 252.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 1701A/11 to A.C.O.S.)

Channel
Islands
Patrols. Weather permitting, sail available M.G.Bs. at last light today to patrol between positions (p) 049° 26' N., 003° 00' W., and position (q) 049° 41' N., 002° 39' W.
2. If no enemy sighted by 0200/12 S.O. may carry out search towards Jersey. M.G.Bs. to return to Dartmouth so as to be at least 20 miles from Guernsey at 1st light.
3. Codeword "Obstacle".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1359A/11 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).
"Obstacle" cancelled owing to weather.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 2106/11).

Channel
Patrols. 3 Trawlers patrolling off EA 5 Buoy. Coastal Force craft exercising between Portland and St. Albans from 2130 to 2330.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1537A/11 and 2108A/11).

Norway Coastal
S/M Patrol, (1) A.B.2 report states that at 1700/10 a ship probably*your target, passing Bommel Fiord course south. (2) This may indicate she passed through your zone last night but we cannot be certain. Stand by again tonight.
(F.O.S., 1937A/11 to STURGEON, P.54).

*LÜTZOW. See pp 279 & 285.

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Exercises.

A.S.V.
Trials.

In connection with ^{Barracuda} BARRACUDA A.S.V. trials, it is desired to use a capital ship or heavy cruiser as target. Request information as to earliest day and in what area such a ship will be exercised and permission for aircraft to co-operate. Aircraft would work from Hatston. (R.N.A.S., Arbroath 1231A/11 to C. in C. H.F.)

British Air Activity.

Lake
Lakhta.

Catalina A.H. 559 landed Lake Lakhta 0250Z/11, (Party A., 0849Z/11 to Air Ministry).

Bomber
Command
operations.

On day 10/8, 2 Lancasters on A/S patrol sighted 2 U-boats and attacked with depth charges. Results unobserved. On night 10/11, 29 A/C laid Mines. (H.Q.B.C., 1445A/11).

U.S.A.
Aircraft.

Position of U.S.A. aircraft as at a.m.11/8. No change reported since 10/8. Amend bomber figure three against Iceland in statement for 10/8 to read nil. No movements from Iceland to U.K. anticipated today. (Air Ministry, 1550Z/11 to 44 Group).

886 Sqdn.

Cancel my 1732/5. 886 Squadron are to move to R.A.F. Peterhead on 11/8 and will come under operational control H.Q.F.C. for that date. (R.A.N.A.S., 1905A/10 to R.N.A.S. Yeoviltown).

Enemy Air Activity.

QUEEN MARY.

One unidentified A/C 240° 5 55° 50' N., 8° 52' W. (QUEEN MARY, 0920/11). / 316

Meteorological
Flights.

Enemy Meteorological activity in the last 28 days. A. Arctic Zenit known to have been active on two occasions but probably operated more frequently. Routine flights cover two areas (1) Banak to 75° N., 2° E. returning Banak (2) Banak Bear Island Bell Sound Spitzbergen - Novaya Zemlya 75° N., returning Banak. B. Trondheim operated on 18 days, 5 flight in a westerly direction, remainder North Westerly extending to Jan Mayen on 5 occasions. C. North Sea active each day from Jever over the usual area. D. Stavanger operated every day to the area S.W. of the Faroes. (D.D.I.C., 1224A/11).

The following attacks on shipping by enemy A/C have been reported:- (1) 3.8.42. CHALCEDONY, GREGORY, TERVANI, ARNOLD BENNETT attacked by 2 He. 111, 350° Cromer 10 miles. Time not known. No damage to ships. (2) 4.8.42. M.M.S. 61 attacked by 2 Me. 109s at 1525 in 50° 41' 06" N., 00° 19' 00" E. No damage to ship. (D.G.D., 1640A/11 to H.Q.C.C., Stanmore).

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Reykjavik. F.W. flew over Reykjavik at 6000 feet from S.W. at 1700A/11, course easterly. A/C was sighted from town. Unlikely Hvalfjord was reconnoitred. Cloud six tenths 2500 feet. (A.C.I.C., 2040A/11).

Mining.

Thames Estuary. At 0936/10 one ground mine detonated by sweepers, details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 0930/11).

Search of Q.Z.S.117. Request you will arrange an Oropesa Sweep S.A. and L.L. search Q.Z.S.117 to be carried out when convenient and when weather is suitable. Details. (C. in C. Nore, 1216A/11 to N.O.I.C. Harwich, (R) M/S F. 4).

Firth of Forth. A.M. Q.Z.S. 175 and A.M. Q.Z.S. 152 searched to a width of $1\frac{1}{4}$ cables each side of centre lines. Channel between Inchkeith Gate and A.M. Q.Z.S.317 searched to a width of $1\frac{1}{4}$ cables. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1700A/11 to ships).

Enemy Intelligence.

Possible Supply Ship. A/C reported one motor vessel 300 feet, one short funnel at stern, narrow and high bridge in centre. Two guns aft, one gun forward, flying Spanish colours, in $44^{\circ} 04' N.$, $07^{\circ} 46' W.$, at 1604/10. Course 260° speed 10 to 15 knots. Ship fired 2 rounds at A/C and D/F bearings of a German Surface vessel were intercepted in this area at about this time suggest outward-bound supply ship. (D.D.I.C., 1048A/11) (F.O.S. 1339A/11 to P.212).

Enemy Cruiser. Report graded B.2. At 1700/10 One cruiser 9,000 tons with 4 destroyers and escort of 5 A/C passed Bommelfjord $59^{\circ} 38' N.$, $5^{\circ} 21' E.$ course south. (D.D.I.C., 1346A/11).

Enemy Ship. P.R.U. at 1140A/11 sighted 8000 ton ship manoeuvring 3 miles off La Curballice. (F.O.S., 1922A/11 to RUBIS).

Unknown Ship chased SNOWFLAKE. Obtained R.D.F. contact of large surface craft in $053^{\circ} 49' N.$, $018^{\circ} 55' W.$ on estimated course and speed $085^{\circ} 16\frac{1}{2}$ knots, at 2310Z/11. Unable overtake or establish identity. Abandoned chase at 2333Z/11. (SNOWFLAKE, 2340Z/11 to C. in C. W.A., (R) HURRICANE).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.U-boats.

U-boats reported. D/Fs at 2124Z and 2213Z suggest that U-boats remain in vicinity of convoy.
(D.D.I.C., 0011A/11 to Escorts S.C.94, CASTLETON)
It is estimated that you may encounter 2 outward bound U/Bs during daylight today.
(D.D.I.C., 0920A/11 to Escorts H.G.87).
Estimate outward-bound U/B may be near you now.
(D.D.I.C., 0935A/11 to P.212).
By D/F at 1128Z/11. Position of U-boat was 56° 45' N., 20° W. Reliable fix.
(D.D.I.C., 1314A/11).
Am over enemy S/M in 45° 12' N., 12° 36' W. Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 300° speed 10.
(A.O.C. 19 Group 1608/11).
D/F bearings at 1657Z/11 indicate U-boat in approx. 52° 30' N., 21° W.
(D.D.I.C., 1846A/11 to Escorts S.L.117).

U-boats attacked. My 1059/22/7. A British S/M on A/S patrol torpedoed and sank a 500 ton U-boat in the North Sea. One survivor recovered. 6 Torpedoes fired at a range of 2,500 yards. One seen to hit abaft the conning-tower at 2128B/3.
U.335 ~~at 3/8~~ Sea. One survivor recovered. 6 Torpedoes fired at a range of 2,500 yards. One seen to hit abaft the conning-tower at 2128B/3.
by P. 247. (P. 61)
Further details of the Reykjavik attack mentioned last week are, Whitley flying at 3,000 feet obtained Radar contact at 4 miles, sighted U-boat which dived. Periscope appeared about 1/2 hour later and was attacked from 30 feet, five shallow-set depth charges. Periscope again sighted 1 1/2 hours later. This U-boat was probably further damaged by U.S.N. Catalina B/73 at 0750Z/4. Several lengthy signals from this area indicate serious damage and a movement towards Biscay.
(D.A/S.W., 1612A/11 to Cominch).
Am over enemy S/M in 46° 5' N., 7° 25' W. When first sighted was on surface and observed to submerge. Enemy was on course 090° 5 knots.
(A.O.C., 19 Group 1615/11).
Have attacked enemy with 4 depth-charges and estimated no hits.
(A.O.C. 19 Group 1616/11).

Casualties & Defects.

PORT LYAUTEY W.P.200. PORT LYAUTEY (T) due Hayle ex Convoy not yet arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 1203A/11).

Distress signal. Have seen pyrotechnic distress signal in 48° N. 8° W.
(A/C BCIL, 2016/11 to 19 Group).

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QUEEN MARY. T.A.19. My 1244A/10. Sailed.
 (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0118A/11).
 T.A.19 has possibly been reported by shadowing
 aircraft at 0915A. Unable to maintain speed of convoy. Am
 returning. Text of Admiralty's 0748A/11 has been passed to
 T.A.19 at 1125A. My P.C.S. 055° 50', 009° 35' W., 100° 18 knots.
 (CURACOA, 1131A/11).
 Your 2157/10. E.T.A. 2120A/11.
 (CURACOA, 1552A/11 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

P.W.200 S. My 2015/10. Sailing postponed on account of
 weather.
 (N.C.S.O. Weymouth, 0655/11 to C. in C. Plymouth).

O.N.S.120 I.C.O.M.P. for O.N.S.120 056° 21' N., 023° 15'
 O.N.S.J.120 W., at 1000Z/13 escorted by T.U.24.1.18 S.O.
 S.C.95. HIGHLANDER. O.N.S.J.120 escorted by Task Unit
 24.6.5, S.O. DUANE.
 I.C.O.M.P. for S.C.95 to follow. Attention is
 called to W.A. G.M.384 N.
 (C. in C. W.A., 0903Z/11 to C.T.U., 24.1.18, 24.6.5).
 O.N.S.J.120. You should make I.C.O.M.P. in accordance with my
 0930/11 turning convoy to the northward if necessary.
 (C. in C. W.A., 1737Z/11 to C.T.U. 24.6.5.)

NIEU ZEELAND, Request you will sail SARDONYX escorting NIEU
 LLANGIBBY ZEELAND to R/V ordered in C. in C. Portsmouth's
 CASTLE. 1453/10 which is being passed to you.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 1001A/11 to N.O.I.C. Cardiff).

Convoy S.C.94 At 1122A/10 in 057° 09' N., (2022°)40'W.
 EMPIRE REINDEER convoy was attacked from starboard bow or beam
 (British, and the following 4 ships torpedoed and sunk,
 6259 tons) EMPIRE REINDEER, CAPE RACE, OREGON, CONDYLIS. S/M
 CAPE RACE was not located in subsequent search. The fullest
 (British, possible air co-operation for extended screen duty
 3807 tons) is requested as escorts are running short of fuel
 OREGON and are now mostly packed with survivors and
 (British, prisoners. No attack last night.
 6008 tons) (BROKE, 1017Z/11 to C. in C. W.A.)
 CONDYLIS BROKE's 0859Z/11. Unless NIMBLE is required for
 (Greek, salvage of any ships torpedoed 1130A/10, weather
 4439 tons) permitting SENNEN should embark crew of RADCHURCH
 sunk. and proceed in company with NIMBLE and ROSELYS to
 locate RADCHURCH. SENNEN report action taken
 when clear of convoy.
 (C. in C. W.A., 1210A/11 to BROKE, SENNEN)
 Report briefly incidents of attack at 1130A/10, stating whether
 any torpedo-tracks were sighted.
 (C. in C. W.A., 1227A/11 to BROKE).

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Convoy (1) On completion of escort (A) PRIMROSE
S.C.94. proceeding to Londonderry to land survivors and
EMPIRE for onward routing to The Nore.
REINDEER, (B). DIANTHUS proceeding Liverpool to land
(British, ammunition and survivors thence proceeding to
6259 tons) Holyhead.
CAPE RACE (C) NASTURTIUM proceeding to Liverpool to land
(British, survivors.
3807 tons) (2) Remaining ships with survivors proceeding to
OREGON Greenock. (3) All ships may fuel Moville if
(British, necessary.
6008 tons) (C. in C. W.A., 1514A/11 to BROKE).
CONDYLIS (1) SKATE, SHIKARI, SALADIN, SABRE are to join
(Greek, convoy as quickly as possible consistent with
4439 tons) weather conditions. (2) Estimated position at
sunk. Contd. 2000A/11 057° 17' N., 015° 40' W., course 105°
speed 7½ knots. (4) *NEWARK proceed to Port ZA
forthwith. (C. in C. W.A., 1532A/11 to SKATE).

Between 0918/8 and 1131/10, 22 scheduled D/F warning signals were passed by Cominch to escort of S.C.94. Of these 11 were made when S.C.94 was east of Chop. * 11. 10. 312.

(2) Escort of S.C.94 had made sighting and attacking report and were well aware that they were shadowed.
(3) Until BROKE joined at 2100Z/9 east of Chop there were no escort fitted with H/F D/F and majority of reports were therefore superfluous.
(4) These signals averaged 50 groups each and less than 50 per cent carried D.Gs. for U-boats warning.
(5) They were transmitted as important or immediate signals and contributed to the congestion on broadcast B.N., besides causing unnecessary decyphering in the escort.
(6) Request this matter be taken up with Cominch, with a view to restricting cyphering, W/T signalling, and the dissemination of superfluous information.

(C. in C. W.A., 1624A/11 to Admty).

Your 1227A/11. Tracks were seen but ships report most (corrupt group). Estimate attacks came from position ahead starboard 9th column. Ships in 6th, 5th and 3rd columns hit. Very thin widely-spaced screen at time. C.O. PRIMROSE suggests events leading up to both day attacks indicate possible deliberate attempts to draw off escort by decoy U-boats showing themselves on surface leaving a comparatively easy target for submerged attack from ahead.

(BROKE, 1914Z/11 to C. in C. W.A.)

My 1532A/11. If Convoy is not threatened detach corvettes as requisite when destroyers join you.

(C. in C. W.A., 2152A/11 to BROKE).

Have embarked sufficient crew MOUNT KASSION for towing from PRIMROSE and proceeding to locate MOUNT KASSION and RADCHURCH My P.C.S. at 2200Z, 057° 11' N., 15° 38' W., 270° 10 knots. ROSELYS, NIMBLE in company

(SENNEN, 2217Z/11 to C. in C. W.A.)

O.G.M.88

Estimate Liverpool portion will be 5 hours late.
Proceed to Oversay.

(C. in C. W.A., 1108A/11 to GAVOTTE).

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W.N. Programme My 2200B/3 amend and continue. (W.N.22 to 25).
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 1116A/11).

Eire Traffic M. of W.T. (Coasting and Short Sea Division)
Circular dated 1st August re control of traffic
between U.K. and Ireland. I think it is undesir-
able at the present time for reasons of security to relax
restrictions on use of Swansea by ships for Traffic with Eire.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1750/11 to D.T.D.)

F.N. 86. Your 1132/9 approved.
Rescue-Tug. C. in C. Rosyth has been asked to ensure that
Escorts. sailing signal from N.O.I.C. Methil and the signal
from F.O.I.C. Tyne giving the estimated number
of joiners from Tyne ports are repeated to you.
(C. in C. Nore, 1830A/11 to F.O.I.C. Harwich).

A.T.18 My 1958/9 para.4 Following are details of
personnel on board.
(D.S.T., 2003A/11 2004A/11, 2005A/11).

LETITIA Your 1922A/11. ^{15.335} SNOWFLAKE and WALLFLOWER detailed.
survivors. E.T.A. 053° 54' N., 026° 27' W., at 1800/12.
(SNOWFLAKE, 2230Z/11 to C. in C. W.A.).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Raiders.

- Intelligence. 1. A.M. 1344B/4 paras 1 and 2.
2 raiders are believed to have been in the area and ARAMIS was probably sunk by Raider "H" with supply ship in company.
2. GLOUCESTER CASTLE now 17 days overdue at Capetown. Would have been in the same area about same time as attacks on ARAMIS and WILLIAM F HUMPHREY. May therefore be a raider casualty.
3. DALHOUSIE reported being shelled in 20° 21' S 24° 44' W at 1322Z/9. This attack and report on 22/7 referred to in A.M. 1021B/28/7 para 3 could both be due to Raider "H" or Raider "J".
4. No recent news of Raider "E". MADRONO overdue at Abadan from Melbourne since 19/7. MAROSA overdue at Fremantle from Bombay since 31/7.
5. GENOTA (see A.M. 1716B/9/6) now reported before Japanese prize court on 3/8.
6. A.M. 1836B/21/7 para 3. This tanker had returned to La Pallice by 30/7 but from P.R.U. it appears possible that another Altmark tanker left Biscay between 31/7 and 6/8.
7. There are indications that a ship was leaving Biscay on 10/8. (D.D.I.C. Approved A.C.N.S. F. 1616A/11 to A.I.G. 13 etc.)

North Atlantic.

- IMPERIALIST. Your 0424/11 (N.T. in W.R.) and 2116A/10 (N.T. in W.D.) Am proceeding full speed but do not expect to arrive at Cape Sillierio before 2200B/11 unless weather moderates. My position 0536B/11, 263 Burling Is. 10 miles.
(IMPERIALIST 0510A/11 to F.O.C.N.A.)
- Bombing restrictions. AC 402 11/8 serial number G.156. From 1500A/12 until 2300A/14 institute submerged bombing restrictions 20 miles either side of line joining 45° 46' N 03° 20' W and 44° 36' N 01° 51' W.
(H.Q.C.C. 1037A/11 to R.A.F. Gibraltar. (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.8.)
- Situation report. Situation 2001/11.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1044A/11, 1128A/11, 1316A/11 to N.A.S. and A.I.G. 64, A.I.G. 65.)
- RORQUAL. My 1108/8 RORQUAL crosses 009° E in 038° 27' at 0400B/20 thence as ordered by V.A. Malta.
2. Last message concerning route Capt. S.10's 1221/7/8.
3. C. in C. Med. pass to Capt. (S) 1.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1440A/11 to V.A. Malta. (R) Admty. Capt. (S) 10. F.O.S. C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 1)
- Force F. For signals from F.O.C.N.A. to Force F relating to convoy operations. See Mediterranean.

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- OTUS. Onward route diving by day through position S.W. 038° 40' 008° 04' E at 0800B/14 S.X. 039° 20' 007° 28' E at 0001B/15. S.Y. 180° Cape de Gata 7 miles at 2300B/19, thence on the surface at your discretion through S.Z. 036° 22' 004° 49' W at 1300B/20 to arrive Gibraltar at 1500B/20.
2. Bombing restrictions arranged accordingly.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1506A/11 to OTUS (R) 8th Sub. Flot. C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta. Capt. S.10. Capt. S.1.)
- CLYDE. Expect to sail CLYDE p.m./19 for Malta arriving about 28/8.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1508A/11 to V.A. Malta (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.)
- WRESTLER. 1. WRESTLER evaporator coil steam chest cracked. No spare parts Gibraltar.
2. WRESTLER can proceed to U.K. with Peace Tanks filled with water, her endurance being 4½ days at 15 knots.
3. In view of your 1811/5 intend sailing WRESTLER to U.K. independently.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1544A/11 to Admty.)
- P.219. (1) H.M. Subs. P.219 and P.48 passing Bishop Rock at 2200A/13 and will cross 043° 02' N as follows -
P.48. P.48 at 012° 24' W at 1400A/20 and P.219 at 013° 31' W at 2000A/20, both subs proceeding thence to Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A., surface S of A
P.48, 9 knots, P.219 10 knots.
(2) Wireless watch.
(3) Both subs are painted grey with white figures on C/T.
(4) S.Ps. carried.
(Capt. S.3. 1621A/11 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) F.O.C. (S) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med. Fleet. Capt. S.8. Capt. S.10. Capt. S.5)
- U/B. Transit A/C reports sighting U/B on surface course N.W. in 044° 08' N 008° 58' W at 1002Z/11.
Did not dive.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1645A/11 to Admty. C. in C. Plymouth.)
- DOLIUS. A.T. 1623/8 and 1923/8.
KOHISTAN. Important that Seafires should be unloaded in time for DOLIUS and KOHISTAN to be sailed to join O.S.37. Request you will sail ships to comply providing trawler escort.
(D.O.D. (F.) 1824A/11 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) R.A.W.A.)
W.R. Note - A.M. 1824/11 re O.S.37, has been passed to C. in C. W.A. for information at request of D.T.D. M.
LORD NUFFIELD sailed 2000A as additional escort to LOCHEE,
DOLIUS, KOHISTAN.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2013A/11 to Admty. (R) ARCTIC RANGER, LADY HOGARTH.)

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Escort for
QUEEN
ELIZABETH &
RAMILLIES.
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R.A.W.Af. 1105Z/7. It appears most unlikely that adequate screen will be available from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1950A/11 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. R.A.W.Af. V.A. Malta.)

French
Shipping.

Gibraltar 1905/A. Minesweeper LA SURPRISE escorting IMERETHIE II light, PORTHOS light, LOUP DE MER, trawler, light, AUGUSTE DENISE trawler light, Eastbound.
(S.O.I. Gibraltar 2119A/11 to Admty.)

TALISMAN
P.212
information.

Merchant ship escorted by 1 trawler leave Lisbon 2130A/11 coastwise to Cape St. Vincent thence direct to Gibraltar, speed 8 knots.
2. 1 trawler on patrol off Lisbon.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2126A/11 to TALISMAN, P.212.)

CAMPION.

If not in company with H.G.87 report P.C.S.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2203A/11 to CAMPION. (R) BLACK SWAN. Admty. C. in C. W.A.)

South Atlantic.

PETER
mined.

My 0937/10 (N.T. in W.D.) American ship PETER struck a mine, sinking.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 0640Z/11 to Admty. S.O.I. Colombo. C. in C. S.A. S.O.I. Kilindini. S.O.I. Capetown. D.C. in C. E.F.)

DUSK.
AIGLON.

Sailed (A) DUSK (B) AIGLON to Kilindini routed as in my 1428/28 up to and including position (D) then routed through E. 015° 20' S 041° 00' E. F. 011° 01' 041° 00'. G. 004° 52' 040° 03'. E.T.A. 0600Z/22, S of A 7 knots.
2. Continuous wireless watch between them will be kept on 500 K/cs.
(Cdre. Durban 0643Z/11 to Admty. etc.)

M.L.301.

Regret to report the loss of M.L.301 at 1440/9 in approx. 8° 54' N 14° 37' W. Cause of loss unexplained, explosion in engine room followed by fire. Further report follows.
(R.A.W.A. 0845/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. R.A.C.F.)

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- T.S.14. (1) Convoy T.S.14 should be sailed as quickly
T.S.15. as possible.
(2) THYSVILLE and NEW NORTHLAND are to join
T.S.15 leaving Takoradi about 19/8.
(R.A.W.A. 0927Z/11 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi. N.O.I.C.
Lagos. (R) TAMARISK. Milwestaf.)
- O.24. (1) Intend sail Neth. S/M O.24 for Capetown
(Route) S of A 10 knots.
(2) Wireless watch.
(3) O.24 has been instructed to treat ship sighted
between positions C and D with suspicion unless informed by
signal of the presence of merchant ship.
(4) S/M has been instructed to use flares of recognition on
sighting aircraft and to dive at his discretion.
(R.A.W.A. 1149Z/11 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. etc.)
My 1149Z/11. D.S.O.24 sailed.
(R.A.W.A. 2000Z/11.)
- Movements
summary. 2000Z/11/8.
Area Q. ORION, TJERK HIDDÉS, ^XCOMMANDANT DUBOC,
NEPAL with W.S.21P 029° 40' S 011° 55' E to
Capetown 12½ knots. ATHENE from Capetown E.T.A.
Durban 0400Z/12. *CARADOC with Cable Ship*JOHN W.
MACKAY (? 034°) 45' S 018° 00' E to East London.
(C. in C.S.A. 1222B/11 to S.A.S. (R) Admty.)
** See next page
X See p.324*
- VALIANT. Sailed VALIANT to Kilindini in accordance with
D.C. in C. E.F. 0921/4. E.T.A. 0300Z/16.
(2) VALIANT shifts to W/T organization "V" at
2101Z/14/8.
(Cdre. I/C Durban 1234Z/11 to R.A.3. Admty. etc.)
- W.S.21. A.M. 2324B/18/7 para 5. Are PETARD and CATTERICK
escort. to accompany W.S.21 to Capetown?
(R.A.W.A. 1317Z/11 to Admty.)
- ELMWOOD SS. ELMWOOD, John J.Jacobs Ltd. London, 1600 G.M.T.
(sunk 27/7. 27/7. 006° 24' N 027° W approx. only. Vessel sunk
by S/M. Small type of S/M, mill grey colour 3
inch gun(s) in front of C/T with A/A gun(s) Bren
type aft. Coat of arms painted on C/T. No wire
cutter on bow, S/M very clean appears as though
fresh from dockyard. About 25 in crew who were well groomed
wearing flat type sun helmets. Commander bearded but endeavoured
to keep out of sight, second officer carried tommy gun. S/M left
in S.S.W. direction on surface.
2. Torpedoes to starboard; vessel sank in 15 minutes stern first,
all C.Bs. and documents went down with her. 3 boats got away,
1 arrived Budaque Island 8/8 containing 19 survivors who arrived
Bissau 11/8. No news of other 2 boats or casualty information.
(R.O. Bissau 1448/11 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Freetown.)

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STELLA LYKES. (sunk 27/7.) 9 officers and 40 members of crew of U.S. ship STELLA LYKES arrived here today from Bissau. Ship was torpedoed on 27/7, 600 miles west of Freetown. Names of survivors being telegraphed to British Ambassador, Washington.
2. Am endeavouring to arrange onward shipment to Freetown as soon as possible. (Govr. Gambia No T.O.O./11 to S of S for Colonies)

JOHN W. MACKAY. CARADOC. Cable Ship JOHN W. MACKAY sailed 1405Z/11. S of A $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. East London p.m./14th. Route R.8, escort CARADOC, days 28. (N.C.S.O. Capetown 1455Z/11 to C. in C. S.A. etc.)
See Mission page (Movements Summary)

M/V Stragglers report. Ships fitted with H/F are being instructed to commence reporting in accordance with your 1649/7 on the third night after losing convoy should they become stragglers. Is this concurred with? (N.C.S.O. Freetown 1625Z/11 to Admty.)

MARUDU. Your 2355B/29. Request your proposals for towage of MARUDU presumably to Capetown. (R.A.W.A. 1652Z/11 to D of S.T. (R) B.N.L.O. W.A. Admty. C. in C. S.A. R.N.O. Lagos.)

W.S.21P. W.S.21PG. Admty. 1450B/22/7 para 7. Your 0828Z/10/8 and my 1830B/10/8. It is now intended to sail SANTA CRUZ, MORMACDALE and AMERICAN MANUFACTURER in company and independently of remainder of W.S.21P. They will be escorted by DUNCAN to R/V with ENTERPRISE and ALAUNIA end of Durban swept channel in accordance with your 0914Z/9/8 para. 3 (A) (B)
2. Presume all 3 ships escorted by ENTERPRISE and ALAUNIA will be routed through Mozambique Channel.
3. Estimated W.S.21P and W.S.21PG consisting of MORMACDALE, AMERICAN MANUFACTURER and SANTA CRUZ, will sail from Capetown 16/8 routed R.6 to $031^{\circ} 10' S$ $033^{\circ} 48' E$.
4. Request onward routes for both sections. (C. in C. S.A. 1657B/11 to D.C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. N.C.S.O. Capetown. N.L.O. Capetown.)

RANPURA. Intended to send RANPURA with 750 personnel ex W.S.21 to Takoradi and Lagos leaving Freetown 12/8.
2. RANPURA should then rejoin W.S.21 departing Freetown 15/8, in about $018^{\circ} S$ on 23/8. (R.A.W.A. 1710Z/11 to Admty. (R) S.S.T.O. Freetown. N.O.I.C. Lagos. N.O.I.C. Takoradi. C. in C. S.A. D. of S.T., Milwestaf.)

SITHONIA (torpedoed 12/7.) Milwestaf Accra received report that British ship SITHONIA was torpedoed 12/7 400 miles W of Canaries. 21 survivors landed Cape Timiris 1/8 were taken Port Etienne and interned on 6/8. (R.A.W.A. 1740Z/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

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- RAMILLIES. Capetown departure 1500Z/11 RAMILLIES, WIVERN,
WIVERN. BRILLIANT for St. Helena and Freetown. S of A
BRILLIANT. 14 knots. E.T.A. St. Helena 0700Z/16.
(2) On leaving St. Helena RAMILLIES report E.T.A.
position 002° 00' S 011° 00' E and Freetown.
(3) Shift to W/T organization for area P at
0200Z/17th.
(C. in C. S.A. 1746B/11 to Admty. R.A.W.Af. Gov.
St. Helena, RAMILLIES, T.F. No.23.)
- QUEEN Intend to sail QUEEN ELIZABETH, RAMILLIES with
ELIZABETH. destroyer escort 24/8 direct from Freetown for
→ RAMILLIES. America fuelling from ABBEYDALE in 021° N 035° W
See p. 321 and R/V with U.S. escort in 024° N 040° W at
1730Z/30. S of A on completion of fuelling 14½
knots. If conditions are unsuitable for fuelling
from ABBEYDALE battleships will proceed Bermuda from R/V with
U.S. escort, Freetown escort returning from 035° W.
(R.A.W.A. 1805Z/11 to Admty. B.A.D. (R) C. in C. S.A. C. in C.
U.S. Fleet, C.T.F.23. S.B.N.O. W.A.)
- CARNARVON C. in C. S.A. 1113/1. E.T.A. position (b) 1600
CASTLE. G.M.T. 20/8.
(CARNARVON CASTLE 1900Z/11 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C.
S.A.) *See next page.*
- COMMANDANT ^{COMMANDANT}
DUBOC. I understand DUBOC has signalled through C. in C.
S.A. that engine trouble and fuel shortage preclude
her calling at Pointe Noire and that she has
rejoined convoy and is proceeding to Capetown,
E.T.A. 13/8. While I have to agree to this fresh
routeing, it is urged that she should be instructed to await
LÉOPARD at Capetown.
(F.N.F.L. 1915A/11 to Admty. (R) LÉOPARD, F.N.F.L. Pointe Noire,
C. in C. S.A.) *See p. 322 (Movement Summary)*
- TREMINNARD Argentine SS. RIO SAN JUAN landed here 10/8 46
TRICULA survivors ex TREMINNARD and 11 ex tanker TRICULA.
(torpedoed Following are particulars.
2-3/8.) (1) TREMINNARD, bound from Durban to Trinidad,
torpedoed 1620 G.M.T./2 in 010° 40' N 057° 07' W.
Entire crew found except Capt. taken prisoner
aboard S/M. Vessel hit by torpedo starboard side
after end No. 2 hold underneath bridge. No sign of S/M at time.
Damage to transmitters and aerial prevented sending SOS. Vessel
then hit amidships by second torpedo and began to sink. S/M
surfaced approx. ½ mile on starboard side, approached boats and
took Captain aboard, circled sinking vessel and was last seen
heading in easterly direction. Vessel sank about 1725 G.M.T.
RIO SAN JUAN picked up boats at approx. 2400 G.M.T./2nd and 0100
and 0800/3rd respectively. (Description of S/M) Commander
undoubtedly German and spoke some English.
(2) TRICULA, bound from Trinidad to Capetown torpedoed 2020 G.M.T.
3rd. in 011° 35' N 056° 51' W. Chief officer, 2nd, 3rd Officer,
2 Seaman Gunners 1 Supernumerary and 5 Chinese ratings saved:
Captain remainder of crew and 1 Supernumerary almost certainly
lost. Vessel hit by 3 torpedoes, sank in less than 1 minute.

/No time...

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TREMINNARD
TRICULA
(torpedoed
2-3/8.)
Contd. No time to lower boats and no SOS sent out. Nothing seen of S/M. SS. GEORGIAN American registry was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on starboard side and made off. Survivors picked up off rafts and floating wreckage by RIO SAN JUAN early on 4/8. (R.O. Pernambuco 1932Z/11 to Admty.)

O.S.36. Commodore for information. South American ships for action. Move position (O) and amended (O) as in A.M. 1233Z/8, 5° 30' S. Commodore is requested to acknowledge receipt through Escort when opportunity permits.
(D.T.D. 1956Z/11 to Convoy O.S.36, Call sign F.G.D.3.)
28 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.
Pass to Commodore O.S.36. Ships for South America are to be detached as convenient after dawn tomorrow 12/8. From dispersal ships to proceed to position (O) which is being amended by B.A.M.S. thence as in my 1233/8. PACIFIC STAR keeping out of sight of land. Commodore is requested to report dispersal position through Escort when opportunity permits.
(D.T.D. 2057A/11 to Escorts O.S.36. (R) C. in C. W.A. Connav)

CARNARVON
CASTLE.
ESPERANCE
BAY. Falkland Island 11/8 arrival 1430 G.M.T. CARNARVON CASTLE escorting ESPERANCE BAY. Departure 2000 G.M.T. CARNARVON CASTLE for Freetown at 17 knots. Shifting to W/T organization for Area P at 1400 G.M.T. 19/8. (N.O.I.C. Falklands 2106Z/11 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. R.A.W.A. C.T.23.) *in this page*

MARCELLA. Cancel my 2223Z/10 ship arrived Montevideo 11th. (S.O.I. Montevideo 2121Z/11 to Admty.)

LADY DENISON
PENDER. Request anticipated date that LADY DENISON PENDER will be ready to sail for West Africa. (R.A.W.A. 2332Z/11 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.)

Raider
Report
9/8. Local Press today 11th published report that Brazilian Wireless Stations had intercepted distress message from M/V indicating she was being attacked by German surface vessel. I enquired from S.O.I. Rio de Janeiro and am now informed that U.S.N.A. Rio de Janeiro was informed today by Washington that a raider attacked M/V at 1522 G.C.T. 9/8 in 020° 21' S 024° 31' W and that he had informed Comtask 23. Have no other information.
(S.O.I. Montevideo 2350Z/11 to Admty.)

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and Passage of Convoys.

A/C Times. All times signalled by aircraft working from Malta in operation "Pedestal" will be zone minus 2. (V.A. Malta 0915B/11 to S.O. Force F. WINDFLOWER, C. in C. Med. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)

Port Said Departures. 10/8 Port Said. Departures ANTWERP, HYACINTH, ALDENHAM, PAKENHAM, PALADIN, HURWORTH, DULVERTON, BEAUFORT, JERVIS, KELVIN, HURSLEY, ERIDGE, ARETHUSA, EURYALUS. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 0942C/11 to Admty. C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.C. Red Sea Force, SERAPH.)

"Bellows" "Bellows". Weather suitable. (V.A. Malta 0955B/11 to FURIOUS (R) S.O. Force F., Admty. C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A.)
"Bellows". First Flight landed, second in touch. (V.A. Malta 1545/11 to FURIOUS.)
Last Flight landing now. Numbers later. Most welcome, thank you.
(V.A. Malta 1807B/11 to FURIOUS (R) S.O. Force F. C. in C. Med. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
"Bellows". Total number landed 36.
(V.A. Malta 2128B/11 to FURIOUS (R) S.O. Force F, C. in C. Med. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)

Air R/C. Dawn P.R.U. Sardinian channel nothing sighted at sea.
2 cruisers in Cagliari at 0745. 2. Taranto at 0800 visual no change. 2 ships reported as cruisers 180° Taranto 25 course 160°, speed 20 knots. (V.A. Malta 0959B/11 to Force F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. Force Y. F.O.C.N.A.)
Messina - Catania - not seen. Cloudy. (V.A. Malta 1205B/11 to Force F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
Visual Taranto 1400, no change.
2. My 0959, para 2, photographs identify 2 ships as destroyers. (V.A. Malta 1609B/11 to Force F. C. in C. Med. Force Y. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
My 0959/11 para 1. Cagliari visual 1430. No change.
Photographs later. (V.A. Malta 1703B/11 to Force F. Force Y. C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A. Admty.)
Messina 1700 visual 2 cruisers.
Para 2. Force Y sighted going strong 1539 position 90° Kuriat 30. (V.A. Malta 1855B/11 to Force F. (R) C. in C. Med. Force Y. Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1609B/11. Visual Taranto. Shows no change at 1945B. (V.A. Malta 2132B/11 to Force F. C. in C. Med. Admty. Force Y. F.O.C.N.A.)

/Photographs...

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and Passage of Convoys - conts.Air R/C.
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Photographs today 11/8.

- (1) My 2117/10 Taranto and Cagliari, no change.
 (2) My 2143/7 Messina no change. Elmas, 3 torpedo bombers arrived Decimomannu, 2 torpedo bombers arrived Trepani, 1 S/M arrived Monserrato, 8 fighters arrived.
 (3) Pantellaria, 3 Mas II torpedo bombers, Gerbinin 12 torpedo bombers, 8 Ju.88s, 1 Dornier, remainder of area obstructed by haze.
 (V.A. Malta 2347B/11 to S.O. Force F. C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A. Admty. S.O. Force X.)

M.G.3.

Operation M.G.3, para 13.

- (A) On arrival off Haifa SS. CITY OF EDINBURGH and escorts are to proceed Port Said routed through position F to arrive 0800/13.
 (B) On arrival off Port Said CITY OF PRETORIA and escorts are to proceed Alexandria by inshore route to arrive 2000/12.
 (C) AJAX and CITY OF LINCOLN are to enter Haifa and Beirut respectively.
 (D) C.S.15 is requested to detail Hunts so as to comply with R.A.D. M. 1205/10 (N.T. in W.R.) BELVOIR is to remain Alexandria until relieved by EXMOOR.
 (E) Air Authorities are requested to arrange A/S air patrol and fighter protection for CITY OF EDINBURGH and CITY OF PRETORIA as far as Alexandria.
 (C. in C. Med. 1241C/11 to all concerned M.G.3.)
 M.G.3. para 12 (B). 1 Sunderland close A/S patrol 2100/11 to 0400/12, squadron call sign N J 8, and 1 Swordfish 0400 to 0600/12.
 (Advance 201 Group 1313C/11 to ARETHUSA. (R) C. in C. Med. C.S.15. 235 Wing Rear. 201 Group Rear.)

EAGLE
sunk.EAGLE torpedoed and sunk in 038° 05' N 003° 02' E at (13)?15 by submarine. (U.73)
(S.O. Force F 1325B/11 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Force F.

- At 0438B/11 Italian U-Boat south of Formentera Is. possibly sighted Force F which he reported at 0815Z/11. This message was afterwards broadcast by Rome to all ships and authorities.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1450A/11 to S.O. Force F. (R) Admty. V.A. Malta. C.O.I.S. Ismailia.)
 1 Catalina T R 1 C airborne for A/S search vicinity 38° N 03° E.
 (?F.O.C.N.A. 1628A/11 to S.O. Force F.)
 Following from COLTSFOOT by aircraft addressed PHOEBE (Begins) 2 torpedoes broke surface in 037° ? 56' N. 001° 40' E.T.O.O.
 0800/11 (ends.)
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1804A/11 to Force F.)

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and Passage of Convoys. - Contd.

- "Pedestal". Pilot ex "Bellows" reports EAGLE sunk 1400B/11 by S/M, no other casualties known.
2. "Pedestal" believed shadowed p.m./10 and a.m./11. No air attack had developed up to time taking off. (V.A. Malta 1835B/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. S.O. Force F. F.O.C.N.A.)
- Diversion. 15th C.S. etc from Eastern Med. See C. in C. Med. 2044C/11 in Mediterranean - General.
- Force X. Force X. MANCHESTER, KENYA, NIGERIA, CAIRO, Hunt Class and other destroyers will return by reverse of eastward route on 13th. CAIRO and Hunts leave convoy about 1500, remainder continue towards Malta until about 1600. (Capt. S.10 2102B/11 to 8th S/M. F. 10th S/M F.)
- MATCHLESS. *Canis Rock*
If practicable pass south of Canis Rock then close north of Fraterlilrock, then as previously ordered. (10p: "Ascendant") (? Received via Gibraltar 2221B/11 to MATCHLESS (R) Force Y.)
- Enemy Units. P.C.S. of 2 enemy cruisers and 2 destroyers 39.10 N 10.00 E. 090°. 25 knots. (A/C of No. 33 Squadron Malta Command Duty G. 2345B/11 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C.S. of enemy destroyer 38.37 N 16.57 E. 220° 35kts. (A/C No. 33 Squadron Duty F. 2350B/11 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

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Cositrep 4. Air. Night 9/10. Halifaxes, Liberators and
No.478. Wellingtons bombed Tobruk harbour. Operation
hampered by low clouds. Possible hit claimed
on one small ship. Fires and explosions on
water front. Explosions among M.T. near harbour and one A/A
battery silenced. No other results seen. Mines also laid
in harbour.
(5) 10/8. Hudsons sank one F-boat damaged another off Sidi
Barrani.
(C. in C. M.E. 0840 G.M.T./11.)

Repatriations. If second flight Italian ships travel in pairs
as before grateful if you can arrange that of
each pair one loads Berbera and the other Massawa
in order ensure interval between loadings and avoid congestion
Massawa. At same time it is essential that the two largest
ships load at Berbera as their total accommodation required
there to clear Ethiopia repatriates. My 34294 of 27/6 refers.
(G.O.C. in C. E. Africa 0940/11 G.M.T. to W.O.)

THORN. Indicate your position when safe to do so.
(Capt. S.1 0940C/11 to THORN (R) C. in C. Med.
No.201 Group, F.O.C. 15th C.S., S.O.S.
Alexandria.)

Indicate your position.
(Capt. S.1 2356C/11 to THORN (R) C.S.15, C. in C. Med.
201 Group, S.O.S. Alexandria.)

Casablanca Received 2029 G.M.T. From CNM (Casablanca
Obstructions. Mediannah) AVANUVA Casablanca No.5864.
Obstructions will be laid in Casablanca outer-
harbour from Wednesday 12/8 vicinity of a point
700 metres on N. jetty and 100 metres (? part missed) and marked
by 2 ball buoys. Shipping prohibited within 100 metres of
these ball buoys until 15/8.
(Burnham on Sea Radio 1445/11 to Admty.)

TURBULENT Following is repetition of my 1206C/10 (begins)
TAKU Established patrol in vicinity following positions;
PORPOISE. TURBULENT 036° 42' 021° 26' by dawn/13. TAKU and
PORPOISE by 1601C/13 in 034° 40' 021° 33' and
034° 56' 021° 42' respectively. PORPOISE is
only to comply if mining operation has been completed. T.O.O.
1805/10 (Ends)
(S.O.S. Alexandria 1601C/11 to S/Ms named.)

/Malta ...

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Malta Sitrep. Military situation report for W/E 10/8/1942.
1. Quietest week many months for bombing. Enemy air effort limited to attempts wear down fighter strength and waste our aviation petrol by fighter sweeps and tip and run tactics. Average 30 fighter sorties daily against Island. Total 10 bombers by day, 17 by night. Bombs widespread. Enemy fighter casualties 4 destroyed 2 probable 1 damaged by R.A.F. (Govr. Malta 1614/11 to C. in C. M.E. (R) W.O.)

Malta Air Report. I.563. C.S.R. 11/8. 10th. Searches for Spitfire missing my I.558 not successful. Night 10/11. One alert, 1944 hours, 11 raiders approached. Partial R.D.F. interference and late R.D.F. information. 5 raiders crossed coast, Luqa? bombed, no damage elsewhere, (casualties) 3 Beaufighters up. 1 raider with height advantage was sighted but escaped by diving. 1 Beaufighter with engine trouble forced landed sea, crew rescued unhurt by R.A.F. Launch.
11th. 1 alert, 0811 hours, fighter sweep 21 plus Me.109s and Mc.202s, great height, intercepted north of Malta by 24 Spitfires. Enemy avoided combat and fled home. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1615/11.)

French Shipping. Extract from a Fairmiss Telegram :-
Barcelona Departure 10th 2100 ST. BRIEUX.
French, Sete.
(Barcelona 1735/11 to M.W.T.)

HERO. Request you will arrange for HERO to rejoin Force B. on completion repairs, if possible in time for move to Robertsbridge. (Corrupt Group) reduced speed is accepted.
(C. in C. Med. 1753C/11 to R.A.(D) Med. (R)
Capt. (D) 22, HERO, C.S.15, F.O.R.S. and C.A.)

PROTEUS. My 1211/9 amend route to pass through following positions.
1. 034° 20' N. 032° 58' E.
2. 034° 21' N. 034° 41' E.
(Capt. S.1 1824C/11 to PROTEUS (R) TRAVELLER, C. in C. Med. S/Ms on patrol, No.201 N.C. Grp. S.O.S. Alex.)
East of 030° 00' E. surface shipping is not to be attacked unless identified as enemy.
(Capt. S.1 1827C/11 to TRAVELLER, PROTEUS (R) C. in C. Med. C.S.15.)

/Situation ...

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Mediterranean - contd.

Situation Levant. Probable Italian U-boat ^{SCIRE} sunk by
Report 248. ISLAY off Haifa swept channel 1610C/10 by depth
charges and gunfire in 20 fathoms. No survivors.
S/M apparently fitted to carry human torpedoes
(see N.O.I.C. Haifa's 2300/10 and my 1853/10 to Admty only
(N.T. of either in W.D.) ? 1 M/V
2. Operation M.C.G.3 (?M.G.3) Y.M. p.m./10/8 and a.m. 11/8 15th
C.S., 4 merchant vessels and 16 destroyers sailed as diversion
for Western Malta convoy.
(C. in C. Med. 2044C/11 to Admty. (R) V.A. Malta, R.A., C.S.15
F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.N.A., R.A. Alexandria.)

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- R.M. Units. Your MNB.2441/42G dated 30/6 1942. Withdrawal of R.M. units to Middle East cannot at present be approved. (A.G., R.M. 0249A/11 to H.Q. 1 R.M. Group M.N.B.D.O.)
- Tanker for Khor Kuwait. Your 1441/10. Thank you, I am bringing PELLICULA back after she fuels Capetown tomorrow to load fresh water and return to Khor Kuwait. Your para 2 not clear; only one Tanker asked for. (S.N.O.P.G 0737Z/11 to D. C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O. Ceylon, Admty, I.A.F. Abadan, C. in C. E.F. N.C.S.O. Abadan.)
- Madagascar. Ref. 20091 10/8 (T.O.O.1440/10) from 121 Force. 1. Note that date of Fauche's arrival at Frontier is 16/8 whilst shipping starts arriving Diego 17/8. News of this troop movement is bound to reach Tananarive. Whatever construction French put on this movement they will probably try delay decision in negotiations. Date of commencement of rains already makes time factor for full programme of "Streamline Jane" extremely fine. There must be no delay. If French try to negotiate a very short time limit must be given for their final reply. Date of Wharton's arrival at Diego not known here. (G.O.C. in C. E.A. 0750/11 G.M.T. to W.O. (R) 121 Force.)
- Movements. Arrival ^{/Khor Kuwait} A.M. 11/8. CORFU, BIRMINGHAM (C.S.4) FORMIDABLE, MANXMAN, NORMAN, NIZAM. (F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar 1130Z/11 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F. etc.)
- CORFU. Sail for Simonstown as convenient p.m. tomorrow 12/8. Report E.T.A. Simonstown by secret hand message before sailing. (D. C. in C. E.F. 1207Z/11 to CORFU (R) N.O.I.C. E.A. and Zanzibar, C. in C. S.A., R.A.3 B.S., A.S. Simonstown.)
- EMPIRE BIRCH. Admty. 1204/9/6 (Re EMPIRE BIRCH allocated to Suez and Mombasa respectively) EMPIRE BIRCH ashore in vicinity of Zavala 024° 45' S. 034° 47' E. and is total wreck. Crew safe. (D. C. in C. E.F. 1514Z/11 to C. in C. Med., F.O.R.S., C. in C. S.A. Admty.)
- Air Report. U.S. Raids on Canton. Intelligence Summary. No.149 on information received up to 1800 hours 11/8. Bay of Bengal. Catalina on sweep from Madras sighted 1 enemy flying boat in? 10° 00' N. 83° 37' E. at 1034 hours 10/8. Course of enemy A/C 135°

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U.S. Raids
on Canton.
contd.

U.S.A. Air Force report as follows.

- (1) Tinho aerodrome Canton bombed by 4 B.25s escorted by 7 P.40s at 1715 hours 6/8. Direct hits on runways and minimum of 10 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground without loss to U.S.A. Forces.
- (2) White cloud aerodrome Japanese concession buildings and wharves at Canton attacked by 5 B.25s escorted by 7 P.40s at 0620 hours 8/8. Extensive damage and several planes destroyed on ground. After attack 9 Japanese fighters intercepted. P.40s shot down 1 new 97 Fighter. Rear gunner of B.25 claims 1 fighter probably shot down. No losses to U.S.A. forces.
- (3) 1 B.17 unable to locate float plane tender dropped bombs in vicinity of Port Cornwallis 10/8. Bad weather prevented search of Andamans. No opposition.
(A.H.Q. India 1545/11, 1557/11.)

E.Africa
Intelligence.

Miltel for M.I.3 for week-ending 9/8.

French Somaliland. Another aircraft expected Jibuti en route for Madagascar. Average 2 dhows daily from Yemen bring sugar, rice, potatoes, jowar cloth, while Danakil and Sultan of Aussa provide cattle and grain.

Portuguese East Africa. Unknown reliability 3 S/Ms sighted off Inhambrane 25/7.

Madagascar. Third Contingent native reserves of 1941 being called up 31/8. Some coastal steamers armed. Relaxation of guard on Majunga beaches reported. Reported that 30 Japanese disguised Annamese passed through Tananarive secretly and gone to Manakara where they may embark Admiral Pierre for Reunion.

Ethiopia. Unidentified aircraft over Aiscia 30th July. Concealment of Italians in Harar area continues. Temporary bridges Combolcia (Dessie) and Safartac (Blue Nile) deteriorating.
(G.O.C. in C. E. Africa 1845/11/G.M.T. to W.O.)

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Midway lessons, aircraft for R/C.

My 1915/28. In an amplifying report on Midway, Adm. Nimitz presses very strongly for allocation of B. 17s to Navy for R/C as a result of experience in this action. He stresses outstanding value of these aircraft due to their high speed and strong protection, pointing out that in 18 attacks by zero fighters 10 of latter were shot down without loss.
(B.A.D., 0011Z/11, to Admty).

Carriage of Passengers, U.S. Strategic Area.

Re my 1707/19/7. Navy Dept. are revising their regulations for numbers and categories of passenger limitations. 2. They request you signal latest British regulations and any suggestions to bring U.S. and British limitations into line in Atlantic strategic area.
(B.A.D., 0219Z/11, to Admty, (R) N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O. W.A.).

FRIMAIRE presumed sunk.

Your 1350/7. Nothing definite has been heard of French tanker S.S. FRIMAIRE since 14/6, when she sailed from Aruba for Covenas. She was recently rumoured to have been seen off Aruba on 23/7 but report appears unfounded. Every effort has been made to find her without result, and it is only to be assumed that she was sunk in Caribbean without leaving any trace.
(M.Branch, 0321A/11, to N.A. Madrid).

ALEXIA (Torpedoed 9/8).

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My 1624/10. ALEXIA torpedoed 1955Q/9. 016° 47' N. 060° 27'. 1 man severely injured. After exchange of gunfire S/M broke away, hits believed (? disastrous). Still burning but under control, fore hold fore cofferdam open, No. 7 tanks port open and port longitudinal bulkhead at No. 7. Fore deep tank open port side, ship can proceed 7 knots, Master requests escort. Request instructions.
(S.O. I., Kingston, 0828Q/11, to C.C.S.F., (R) Admty etc.).

Movement summary.

1800 G.M.T. 11/8.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
H.M.T.	28½°N. 47°W.	314°	19½
AQUITANIA			
ASTURIAS)			
LARGS)	17½°N. 42°W.	105°	6
2 Corvettes)			
Convoy A.T.	18.43°N. 47°W.	090	14.

(D.O.D. (F) 0943Z/11, to Opnav (R) Comnavu).

/S.Dominica ...

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S. Dominica Net. Your 2009/10/7 para. 3. (re-placing of any further baffles to be reported to Admiralty). Conhydrolant 62 states single line anti torpedo net has been laid across entrance of Romana River, Santo Dominica. No further details known.
(S.B.N.O. W.A., 1012P/11, to Admty).

Oil Stocks, Jamaica. Your 1628B/8. Stocks of Diesel oil Gas Oil in Jamaica are at present insufficient to meet anticipated requirements of B.Y.M.S. which are estimated at 40 tons per week for 8 ships. Request local stocks may be replenished.
(Capt. i/c Jamaica, 1041Q/11, to Admty (R) B.A.D. S.B.N.O. W.A.).

"S" Report
→ 9/8 LETITIA silent. My 0943/10. (Due to SSSS from unknown ship WASHINGTON EXPRESS, LETITIA and DUCHESS OF BEDFORD to report positions). WASHINGTON EXPRESS reported position 53.05 27.45 at 1250Z/10 DUCHESS OF BEDFORD 51.25 31.45 at 1340Z/10. No reply from LETITIA.
(D.T.D., 1103Z/11, to Connav).

U/B Positions. 11/8., S/M Estimate.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615/11, to Admty).

Dispositions. Section South West.
(C.O.A.C., 1647Z/11, to Admty).
Section North West.
(C.O.A.C., 1653Z/11, to Admty).

L. 27. Your 1232/10, concur.
(F.O.S., 1917A/11, to F.O.N.F.).

→ LETITIA. Detach 2 Corvettes to proceed at best speed to 53° 54' N. 26° 27' W. to search for possible survivors of S.S. LETITIA which may have been sunk with about 600 troops on board at 2000/9/8. One Liberator A/C will co-operate tomorrow 12th. S.O. detailed to report names when well clear of convoy.
(C.in C. W.A., 1922A/11, to HURRICANE (R) Escorts H.X. 201, Admty). *See p. 318.*

Conveyance of Passengers Abstract of limitations imposed by Admty on numbers to be embarked in ships of various categories.
(D.O.D. (F) approved V.C.N.S., 1934A/11, 1935A/11 to B.A.D.). See Lion Copy.

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MESSAGE 1934A/11 August OUT

B. A. D. Washington 979

DATE 11.8.42.

Naval Cypher (X) PLUG

From Admiralty.

A.M. 1935/11 August. The following is an abstract of limitations imposed by the Admiralty on numbers of passengers to be embarked in ships of various categories.

A. SHIPS OF LESS THAN 12 KNOTS:

- 1. Merchant ships who are unable to maintain a speed of 12 knots under normal weather conditions and who will be in convoy throughout their entire voyage may carry a maximum of 50 passengers.
- 2. Such ships when not in convoy are permitted to carry a maximum of 12 passengers.
- 3. If a relaxation of the above rules is required to cover special cases, prior Admiralty approval is to be obtained.

B. SHIPS OF MORE THAN 12 KNOTS OTHER THAN GIANT LINERS

- 4. Ships able to maintain a speed of more than 12 knots under normal weather conditions may carry up to the maximum of each service or department as follows:-

Navy	250	
Army	250	(Officers not to exceed 100)
R.A.F.	250	(Air crews including Officers, not to exceed 65)
Merchant Seamen	250	(whether travelling by Government orders or owners account)
Colonial Office	250	
Passengers		
India Office	250	
Passengers		
Postal and	250	
Censorship		
Passengers		
Prisoners of war		without limit except as set by
		limitations of numbers of guards (not less than
		7 per cent except in certain special cases).

5. Guards.....

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5. Guards of whatever service for prisoners of war to be included in the total for that service allowed by Paragraph 4.
6. Government passengers are defined as personnel who travel by the order of any Government Department and do not include families or dependents. Limit for any other Government Department may be taken as 250.
7. The following need not be included in the limit of 250 Army passengers:-
 - (a) Normal maritime A/A crews of the ship
 - (b) Staff embarked for duty in a Troop Transport with no permanent staff.
 - (c) Temporary medical staff embarked for duty on voyage.
 - (d) Native followers other than enrolled.
8. Volunteers of each Allied Nation should be considered separately and may be embarked up to 250 of each service of each nationality.
9. Members of the W.R.N.S., A.T.S., W.A.A.F., and other affiliated services including service nurses are to be included in the total allowed for each of their respective services.
10. Should the speed fall below 12 knots whilst on passage the Master is to report the fact at the next port of call.

C. GIANT LINERS

11. QUEEN MARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH, AQUITANIA, MAURETANIA, NIEUW AMSTERDAM, ILE DE FRANCE and PASTEUR carry passengers without restrictions up to the livesaving capacity. The numbers of women and children should not exceed half the capacity of the lifeboats.

D. WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

12. Admiralty puts no restriction on the carriage of women and children up to the limits accepted by the shipping companies, provided no service personnel are displaced. This amounts to approximately one third of the total number of passengers carried.

E. GENERAL. ...

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- 13. In no case except as in Paragraph 11 is the total number of passengers carried to exceed the number allowed by the ship's Passenger Certificate.
- 14. Ships of less than 15 knots speed are not normally sailed independently in areas where convoys operate.

1934A/11

for D.O.D.(F)

Approved by V.C.N.S.

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L.(2)
- 4th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(H)
- A.C.N.S.(F) (2)
- A.C.N.S.(T)
- N.A. to 1st S.L.
- O.I.C.(3)
- D.T.D.(4)
- D.T.D.(M)
- D.T.D.(C)
- D. of P.(3)
- D. of S.T (2)
- M (5)
- Admiral Blake
- I.P.(3)
- W.D.
- U.S.N.(3)
- Ops (3)
- O.D.(5)
- D:P.S.(2)

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MESSAGE

1934A/11th August

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To: B.A.D. Washington. 980

Date: 11.8.42

Repeated: S.B.H.O. Western Atlantic. 524

C. in C. Western Approaches. 991

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. 682

C. in C. South Atlantic. 809

R.A. W. Africa. 603

F.C.C.N.A. 522

Australian Commonwealth Naval Board. 765

New Zealand Naval Board. 952

NAVAL CYPHER (X)

From: Admiralty.

IMPORTANT to B.A.D. Washington

Your CE19/11 August to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa and S.B.H.O. Western Atlantic only and your 1707/19th July, not to last two addressees.

Present Admiralty policy is summarised in A.M. 1934/11 to B.A.D. Washington only.

2. This policy is based on the following considerations

(a) The faster the ship the safer she is.

(b) The maximum possible use is made of available passage consistent with safety.

(c) Where risks must be taken the numbers in any one service or branch should be kept low.

3. Lower limits were originally set but it was found that they had to be increased, and the present limits are the minimum possible if our transport requirements are to be met.

4. If rigidly applied U.S. restrictions will seriously hamper movements of British personnel. The modifications you have already obtained are of great assistance, but it is requested that Navy Department may be asked to consider the following modifications:-

(a) The following fast ships should be allowed to carry passengers up to the number for which life-saving appliances are carried: QUEEN MARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH, ACQUITANIA, MAURETANIA, NIEUW AMSTERDAM, ILE DE FRANCE, PASTEUR: and that women and children may be included up to a maximum not exceeding half the capacity of the lifeboats.

(b) That air trainees and service personnel should still be embarked under "British" rules in such fast ships as DOMINION MONARCH and CAPETOWN CASTLE for passage from Australia and New Zealand via Panama Canal. New Zealand Naval Board's 1306/23rd July paragraph 2 refers

(c) Women and children. It is assumed that W.R.N.S., A.T.S., W.A.A.F.S., Women Censors and Nurses, and such women who are assisting in the war effort, come under the same rules as male service personnel.

/(d) Other

- (d) Other women and children should only travel in escorted ships or the ships referred to in paragraph 4a. Save in exceptional cases women and children are not granted passages unless there are berths which would otherwise be vacant.
- (e) As there are vacancies in returning transports for women and children to go from U.K. to Canada under British rules request advice as to whether such individuals will still be permitted to travel thence to or through U.S.A. by air or train.
- (f) The transport of families to and from Dominions and Colonies deserves special consideration. It is therefore proposed that the passage of women and children sponsored by the Dominion and Colonial Offices should be allowed under British rules in fast ships even if included in Trade convoys. This applies particularly to Australia and New Zealand.

1935A/11
for D.C.D. (F)
Approved V.C.W.S.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
4th S.L.
V.C.W.S.
A.C.W.S. (H)
A.C.W.S. (F) (2)
A.C.W.S. (T)
W.A. 1st S.L.
D.I.C. (3)
D.A.D. (4)
D.F.D. (M)
D.F.D. (S)
D. of P. (3)
D. of S.T. (2)
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I.P. (3)
U.D.
U.S.F. (3)
Ops. (3)
D.P.C.

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Hatteras Mined Area. W.J.A. 610 Cape Hatteras mined area has been established as follows from point on beach of Ocracoke Island in 075° 30' W., thence due South to 034° 53' N., thence due East to 075° 30' W., thence N.E. to 035° 05' N. 075° 22' W., thence due N. to 035° 08' N. thence N.W. to 035° 17' N. 075° 28' W., thence due west to beach. All ships are warned not to enter this mined area unless under control of U.S. Naval Authorities. (C.N.S. Ottawa, 2000Z/11, to All S.Os. Ships and Establishments etc.).

Navigation. Ref. W.J.A. 603, canal now open to ships of length 200 feet, draught 13 feet maximum. (C.N.S. Ottawa, 2001Z/11, to W.J.A. 611).

U/B Campaign. Connav Serial 11. *ALEXIA British Tanker torpedoed 10/8 near Dominica arrived Prince Rupert Bay afire. Possible salvage. STELLA LYKES U.S. torpedoed sunk 27/7 06.40N 25.05W. KAIMOKU U.S. torpedoed sunk in convoy S.C. 94 believed 8/8 approx. 56N 32W. ROZEWIE Poland torpedoed sunk 6/8 11.00N 57.30W. (Connav, 2038/11, to COMNAVEU, (R) N.S.H.Q., S.O. (I) Kingston, C.E.C.G. P. Sea Frontiers). * See p/334 1337

S.C. & H.X. Convoys. My 1633/3. Desire to sail 1st S.C. Convoy 19/9 and at 7 day intervals thereafter in order to avoid departure from New York large convoys on successive days. H.X. Convoys will thus sail Thursdays and S.C. Convoys Saturdays. Request your concurrence (?as) sailing of S.C. Convoy on Tuesdays as recommended by N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1608Z/(? 9) para. 3 would result in complete rearrangement of convoy schedule promulgated by my Serial 00752 of 5/8. C.in C. W.A. 20(?44)Z/31 and 1457B/8 and C.T. 24 2347/8. (Cominch, 2054Z/11 to Admty, N.S.H.Q. (R) Com. U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, Cinclant, C.T. 24 C.in C. W.A., B.A.D., Cdrs. all Frontiers Atlantic, Canadian Joint Staff?)

A.T. 20. Convoy A.T. 20 total 8 ships ready sail following
N.A. 15. ports 19/8. From New York, ORMONDE, WINCHESTER
T.A. 20. (?CASTLE), SIBONEY, JOHN ERICSSON, U.S.S. POLARIS
H.M.S. DASHER. From Boston, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD,
REINA DEL PACIFICO. Convoy N.A. 15, 3 ships,
AWATEA, STRATHMORE, LETITIA, will join at Halifax. Speed
slowest ship 14.5 knots. DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, REINA DEL PACIFICO,
POLARIS proceeding under British escort from M.O.M.P. to
Iceland (C) and first 2 thence to U.K. Main convoy proceed
direct to U.K. arriving 30/8. U.S. A.Ps return in T.A. 20.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2110/11, to C.in C. Atlantic Fleet (R)
Admty, N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C. Com. (?Subs.) Com. 3 N.O.B. Iceland
C.T.F. 37, B.A.D. etc.).

/S/M ...

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S/M attack and sighting summary. TELAMON, 1 torpedo hit. PENNSYLVANIA SUN, 1 torpedo, hit. Unidentified tanker reported 101555 now identified as ALEXIA torpedoed 16-47 N. 60-27 W. 092355, arrived port on fire. Sighting reported 101949 later info periscope sighted by plane 37-18 N. 75-17 W. 101858. Shore watcher sights S/M 26-04 N. 80-01 W. 110245. Plane attacks S/M 24-05 N. 82-55 W. 110025. Destroyer attacks sound contact 36-30 N. 72-31 W. 110015. Planes attack S/M 57-40 N. 22-50 W. 10117. 57-40 N. 22-25 W. 101313. S/M sighted 13-43 N. 60-15 W. 111315. Shore watcher sights P/S and C/T 26-44 N. 80 W. 111510. Transport planes sight subs. 20-20 N. 70-21 W. 111455. 18037 N. 67 W. 111850.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 2120Z/11, to Admty for O.I.C.).

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W. MACLAY aground. W. MACLAY (U.S.) in B.X. 32 C en route New York to U.K. via Halifax, firmly aground off Seal Island. Salvage is being undertaken.
(N.S.H.Q., 2152Z/11, to Admty, Connav).

B. 7 Escort Unit. Escort Unit B. 7 being sailed for Halifax 12/8. Should RIPLEY continue with B. 7?
(C.T.F. 24., 2215/11, to C.in C. W.A.).
Reply: C.in C. W.A., 0825Z/12.

SAN EMILIANO. Following from B.R.O. Reliance (begins) SAN EMILIANO British tanker, 8150 tons, 1830 G.M.T. (corrupt group) 007° 22' N. (?054°) 08' W. 1 boat 8 survivors 48 crew landed Reliance (A) large S/M, hull dark blue, C/T light grey, in flames 60 seconds C.B. burnt. (Ends).
(S.O.I., Kingston, 2226Q/11, to Admty (for D.N.I.), S.B.N.O. W.A. B.A.D., N.O.I.C. Trinidad, Com. Carib. Connav).

Australia and New Zealand

Relief for TROMP. My 1130Z/6. (Re route for escorts of ships transferring reinforcements for Mid. East). Comsowestpac now requests that escort be made available from Eastern Fleet to relieve Neth. Cruiser TROMP in 023° 01' S. 090° 10' E. on about 6/9.
(A.C.N.B., 0137Z/11, to C.in C. E.F., (R) D.C.in C. E.F., Admty, etc.).

/Eastern ...

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Fleet
Operations.

Admiralty please deliver this to C.in C. E.F. for action in Secret system.
Am most appreciative of your efforts to divert enemy strength during our current operations and of your good wishes for our successes. May fortune favour our common cause.
(C.in C. Pacific, 0123Z/11, to Admty).

MAROSA
(overdue).

My 1224Z/6. MAROSA Norwegian arrived Fremantle 10/8.
(A.C.N.B., 0401Z/11, to Admty etc.).

Patrols.

My 0128Z/13/6. Patrols in area defined and north of Exmouth Gulf are adjusted from time to time as circumstances require.
(Cdre. W. Australia., 0914Z/11, to A.C.N.B. (R) C.in C. E.F. C.in C. S.A.).

Situation.

Serial No. 201 10/8.

Enemy combined operations against Beco-Suai Area (East Coast Timor) reported commenced 10/8. 2 large vessels reported Suai, 3 unidentified vessels Beco morning 9/8. 9 Hudsons attacked this shipping 0505Z/10 scoring 7 direct hits on 3 M/V 5000 tons, 2000 tons, 800 tons. 2 left burning. 2 Hudsons later attacked destroyer towing M/V off Cape Tdfare scoring 2 hits on destroyers.

2. Air R/C. 10/8 reported 3 probable heavy cruisers described similar Atago class, 1 destroyer, 1 submarine 2° 50' S. 152° 08' E at 0120Z/10 course 160°, 1 seaplane tender or converted whaler with 1 destroyer 4° S. 150° 10' E. course 310°. 19 vessels reported Rabaul Harbour, 4 other vessels outside Harbour, and 1 5000-ton vessel, 1 destroyer or cruiser, 4° 45' S. 152° 42' E. course 170° 0250Z/10. 2 destroyers 1 8000-ton M/V 5° 48' S. 153° 20' E. course 345° at 2340Z/9. 1 3000-ton M/V sighted off Mussau Island. Nil shipping Dampier or Vitiaz Straits, only fishing craft Kavieng area.

3. Fortress claims 1 direct hit on vessel Rabaul Harbour 9/8.

4. One Catalina attacked Lakunai Vunakanau 10/8 causing fires.

5. Catalina reported 30 ships Rabaul Harbour 1650Z/10.

6. Further native report different source states Kieta completely evacuated 3/8. My serial 195 para. 8 refers.

7. Enemy S/M reported 9° 29' S. 147° E. at 0745Z/9.

8. Indications enemy S/M vicinity 27° 20' S. 159° 30' E. 0518Z/9. Another within 100 miles 30° S. 157° 30' E. at 0035Z/9.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 0712Z/11, to Admty etc.).

/Disposition ...

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Disposition. Main Naval units S.W. Pacific area 11/8.
Brisbane. ALSEY, ATREUS, U.S. GRIFFIN, U.S.S. TULSA. Sydney (N.S.W.) MANOORA, WESTRALIA, BUNGAREE, U.S.S. DOBBIN, MIZAR. Repairing U.S.S. PHOENIX U.S. VICTORIA F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT. Melbourne. RAMSAY, repairing VENDETTA, U.S. GOLDSTAR. Due Melbourne 15/8 from Fremantle ADELAIDE. Fremantle. VOYAGER, Neth. Cr. ~~TRAMP~~, U.S.S. CHILDS, U.S. S/M Tender HOLLAND, LANAKIA, ERLING, BROVIG, TRINITY. Albany. U.S. PELIAS. Exmouth Gulf. U.S. Ships HERON, WILLIAM B. PRESTON.
 (A.C.N.B., 1407Z/11, to F.O.C.A.S., etc.).
Arrivals. Exmouth Gulf P.M./10/8 U.S. Seaplane Tender HERON. Departure Sydney N.S.W. 2126Z/10 MILDURA for Noumea escorting V.S.I.S. MERKUK.
 (A.C.N.B., 1529Z/11, to Admty etc.).

Troops for M.E. Request accommodation for 2500 reinforcements for 2nd N.Z.E.F., Middle East. Available to embark end of September.
 (N.Z.N.B., 1645M/11, to D.S.T. (R) A.C.N.B.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNSubmarines Reported.

It is probable that majority of U/Bs recently shadowing S.C. 94 will now be on passage towards either Bay of Biscay or Newfoundland. About three may still shadow. Approx. positions.
 (D.D.I.C., 1407A/11, 1423A/11).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNSubmarines Attacked

Weekly Summary. My 1059/22/7. A more fortunate week. An attack by destroyers and corvettes on a U-Boat
 /which ...

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
Summary
Contd:

which had been sighted by A/C off Beirut, resulted in the sinking of a German and prisoners being taken at 1348/4. A British S/M on A/S Patrol torpedoed and sank a 500 ton U-Boat in North Sea. 1 survivor recovered. 6 torpedoes fired at a range of 2,500 yards 1 seen to hit shaft C/T 2128B/3. A Swordfish A/C probably damaged a U-Boat North of Alexandria on night 3rd-4th. No further details received. Further details of the Reykjavik attack mentioned last week are, Whitley flying at 3,000 feet obtained Radar contact at 4 miles sighted U-Boat which dived. P/S appeared about 1/2 hour later and was attacked from 30 feet, 5 shallow set depth charges. P/S again sighted 1 1/2 hours later. This U-Boat was probably further damaged by U.S.N. Catalina B/73 at 0750Z/4. Several lengthy signals from this area indicate serious damage and a movement to southward, i.e. towards Biscay.
(D.A/S. W. 1612A/11, to Cominch (R) B.A.D., Comnavcu).

1. The arrangement of the War Diary is as follows:-

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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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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

The latest information of enemy warships is that TIRPITZ, SCHEER, HIPPER, KÖLN and 7 destroyers are in the Narvik area. There are no enemy warships in the Trondheim area.

P.54 and STURGEON were ordered at 2359A today to leave patrol off Norway and return to Lerwick.

The escorts on outer screen of convoy H.G.87 sighted a submarine this evening. No attack occurred and search failed to discover the U-Boat after it dived.

Mining.

Two ground mines were detonated off the Needles today.

Minelaying by enemy aircraft last night is suspected in the Humber area.

North Atlantic.

Operation
"Bellows"

FURIOUS, KEPPEL, VENOMOUS and WRESTLER returned to Gibraltar at 1832A today from flying off Spitfires to Malta.

L.C.Ts, minesweepers and other small craft are being moved to Gibraltar as an initial stage in connection with a policy of world-wide distribution of small craft for possible future operations.

South Atlantic.

U.S. cruiser MEMPHIS is still hunting for the raider which attacked SS. DALHOUSIE on 9/8 about 920 miles S.W. of Ascension I.

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Mediterranean.

U/B sunk
by
WOLVERINE.
(It: S/M DAGONIA)

WOLVERINE, returning to Gibraltar in company with MALCOLM, with survivors from EAGLE at 0100B today in approx. *37.18 N 1.46 E rammed a submarine abreast the conning tower at an inclination of 90° at 26 knots. No survivors were picked up, though shouts were heard and the Admiralty state that the U-Boat was sunk. WOLVERINE was badly damaged forward and could only proceed at slow speed, with MALCOLM standing by her. *37° 12' N. 1° 51' E. (It: ~~Wolverine~~)
At 0950 an aircraft using call sign TK7R reported that he had attacked with bombs and torpedoes an enemy S/M on the surface in 37° 23' N 1° 2' E and had severely damaged it. FURIOUS ordered MALCOLM to investigate, if WOLVERINE could proceed under her own steam.

U/B
damaged by
aircraft.

At 1345 an aircraft using call sign TK7C reported that he had attacked an enemy submarine on the surface in 37° 45' N 1° 0' E, severely damaged its bows by depth charge and killed 2 members of the gun's crew.

Operation
"Pedestal".

Air attacks on the force commenced at 0917 and continued at intervals during the day by dive bombers high level bombers, torpedo bombers, fighter bombers, parachute mines. Except for the Martlets our fighters were too slow and too weakly armed to be able to repulse big raids. The noon position of Force R was 37° 38' N 1° 44' E, course 290°, speed 8 knots.

SS. DEUCALION was damaged by air attack at 1410 today about 30 miles N.W. of Galita Island and was detached in 37° 56' N 8° 40' E escorted by BRAMHAM for Malta by the Tunisian route.

At 2110 whilst escorted by BRAMHAM she was torpedoed and sunk 5 miles west of Cani Rock. At 2121B KENYA (Force X) reported that 4 more ships of the convoy had been sunk. (These were EMPIRE HOPE (12688 tons) (no casualties) and GLENORCHY (8982 tons) and two from CLAN FERGUSON (7347 tons) WAIMARAMA (12,845 tons) - all four British - and U.S. SANTA ELISA (8379 tons); the fifth ship was missing.)

At 1840 in attack by dive bombers and torpedo bombers INDOMITABLE was damaged and her speed reduced to 20 knots: FORESIGHT was torpedoed and was taken in tow for Gibraltar by TARTAR but had to be sunk next morning, *NIGERIA was also reported damaged and returning to Gibraltar at 1941A, escorted by TARTAR, DERWENT, WILTON and BICESTER: **CAIRO was hit by the same salvo from a U-Boat and has been sunk by our own forces (NIGERIA and CAIRO were the only 2 fighter direction ships) KENYA was also torpedoed by a U-Boat at 2112 but remained with Force X, which was in 37° 40' N 10° 6' E at 2030. RODNEY had a near miss and may have damaged her rudder. **ALAGI (It: 304722)

COBALTO 3-R.
(It: ~~Wolverine~~
+ 6843)

S.O. Force F reported at 1936B that ITHURIEL had rammed and sunk a U-Boat; believed to be Italian, a new vessel of Medusa Class, ITHURIEL was damaged but capable of 20 knots.

* (It: ~~Wolverine~~) by It: U/B ~~ALAGI~~ (It: 304722)

** It: U/B AXUM
* PATHFINDER DERWENT.
(It: 011251/42 Y B.S.R. 62.)

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"Pedestal"
Contd.

At 1900, Force Z returned to westward, apparently one hour behind planned position.
At 1918B aircraft reported an enemy force of 4 cruisers and 6 destroyers steering 210° at 20 knots in 39° 25' N 12° 25' E (about 90 miles N.N.W. of Palermo) the information was passed to S/Ms P.211 and P.42.

Six M.T.Bs were reported 2 miles west of Pantellaria, course 274° at 2047
The Italian battleships were at Taranto.

Italian
U/B at
Valencia.

It was reported from Valencia on 13/8 that an Italian submarine entered the port at 2230 today and left at 0730/13 after landing one dead and 2 or 3 wounded. *(Subsequently reported that the U/B had been damaged by air attack (cf. previous page) and to the opportunity to bring out repairs)*

PORPOISE reported at 1106 that she had laid mines one mile radius from 32° 47' N 23° 6' E (north of Gulf of Bomba) and she sank one ship by torpedo today between Crete and Cyrenaica.

Tobruk harbour was bombed last night by 2 Halifax and 45 Wellington A/C and 18 mines were laid in Matruh by 9 Wellingtons. Cloud hampered operations.

Haifa.

Consideration is being given to improving the facilities of Haifa, to render it an operational base for the maintenance of a force of approximately 4 cruisers, 9 fleet destroyers and appropriate light craft.

America and West Indies.

C. in C. U.S. Fleet reports the following operations against U-Boats: no details of time or position are given:-

on 3/8 Corvette SACKVILLE, escorting a north Atlantic convoy hit a U-Boat at point blank range with 4 inch shell.

on 3/8 A/S vessel STELLA POLARIS attacked a submarine off Cape Lookout obtaining oil and large air bubbles and recovered an escape float and other gear.

U. 40 sunk
Sun 24/7
A. 746.
on 24/7 Canadian destroyer ST. CROIX destroyed a U-Boat and obtained wreckage and human remains.

The entrance to Savannah is closed to shipping owing to the possible presence of mines.

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Australia.

Eight Fortresses attacked Rabaul harbour at 0200Z today from 26,000 ft. obtaining direct hits on 4 vessels, including one of 12,000 tons. The ships were seen on fire and listing.

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

A/S operations by Destroyers from Hvalfjord. Your 1205B/3 and your 1149B/5. I am in some doubt as to your primary intention regarding destroyers at Hvalfjord. I read your 1205B/3 as meaning that destroyers should not be removed from patrol when S/Ms were in vicinity of Hvalfjord, but your 1149B/5 suggests to me that they should have been sent earlier. In meantime I have arranged with A.C.I.C. that he shall call for destroyers and operate them from (?Reykjavik) when he considers co-operation with air would be effective. (C.S.1, 1032A/12 to C. in C. H.F.)

Portsmouth Command M.Ls. Your 2237/10. It is regretted that no M.Ls are available at present to replace Chasseurs 42 and 43. (D.O.D.(H.), 2049A/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

PEGASUS. PEGASUS 1215A/9. In view of heavy anticipated training commitments for PEGASUS during September and succeeding months request if possible that boiler cleaning may be advanced so as to complete by 7/9. (D.A.M., 2331A/12 to F.O.I.C. Belfast.)

Movements.

O.21, P.219, P.48. Sailed O.21, P.219, and P.48 escorted by JAN VAN GELDER in accordance with Captain (S) 3's 1457A/10. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0324A/12.)

CASTLETON. On completion of duties with S.C.94 return to Port ZA. If fuel situation and weather conditions permit carry out 2 hours full-power trial on passage. (R.A.M., 0932/12 to CASTLETON.)

H. 43. Intend to sail H.43 escorted by MONKSHOOD from Rothesay to Londonderry at 2000A/13. E.T.A. 0800A/14. (Capt. S.7, 0958A/12.)

O. 15. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 2304/10. Suggest B.A.M.R. Washington be asked to reply. O.15 should leave Halifax as soon as convenient after arrival of P. 553. (F.O.S., 1017A/12 to Admty.)

/KRAKOWIAK ...

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Movements - Contd.

- KRAKOWIAK. Sail KRAKOWIAK forthwith to relieve SLAZAK escorting P.W. 200 (S). (C. in C. Plymouth, 1025A/12 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

- SLAZAK. My 1025/12. On relief by KRAKOWIAK proceed to Plymouth at best speed. Number 5 and 6 fuel tanks are to be emptied as much as possible. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1033A/12 to SLAZAK.)

- GRAPH, P.228. Your 1516/11. Concur. Final destination GRAPH and P.228 is Holy Loch. (F.O.S., 1101A/12 to C. in C. Nore.)

- TYNEDALE. Leave P.W.200 now and proceed to Falmouth. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1149A/12 to TYNEDALE.)
See p. 353

- P.217. My 1735A/11. Sailed CUTTY SARK escorting P.217. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1200A/12 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

- 23rd M.L. Flotilla. Sailed my 1125B/8, less M.L. 292. Correction for W.P. 1 read W.P. 201. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1311A/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

- M.L.F. 30. A.M. 2321/18/7. Route for M.L. Flotilla Number 30 and escort to Reykjavik.
(A) 000° Butt of Lewis 6 miles.
(B) 062° 01' N. 015° 03' W.
(C) 063° 20' 021° 59' thence Reykjavik.
(C. in C. W.A., 1407Z/12 to N.O.I.C. Stornoway.)

- VETCH. Admiralty's 1805/8. Intend sailing VETCH 0800A/13 for Ramsey Bay E.T.A. 1300A/13, and then on completion of M/F D/F calibration to Milford Haven E.T.A. 0900A/14. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1453A/12 to C. in C. W.A.)

- L.C.T. Flotilla 3. A.M. 1633/5 and 1805/8. Route for VETCH, L.C.T. Flotilla number 3, H.D.M.L. Flotilla number 111, Tug BUSTLER and DECISION, via A.M.Q.Z. L.18 to
 H.D.M.L. Flotilla 111. (J) 180° Fastnet Rock 10 miles
 → VETCH, (k) 048° 01' N. 016° 03' W.
 BUSTLER, (l) 043° 02' N. 015° 59' thence to Gibraltar
 DECISION, as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.
 CHESTERFIELD. (C. in C. W.A., 1504A/12 to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

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L.C.T. A.M. 1805B/8, my 1504A/12.
 Flotilla 3. 1. SARDONYX, CHESTERFIELD from Clyde are to
 H.D.M.L. arrive Milford Haven by 0800A/15 and with VETCH
 → Flotilla 111. are to escort L.C.T. Flotilla number 3 and
 VETCH, H.D.M.L. Flotilla number 111.
 BUSTLER, 2. SARDONYX is to proceed to Londonderry
 DECISION, Northabout at prudent limit of endurance.
 CHESTERFIELD. 3. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to detach CHESTERFIELD
 (Contd.) to Ponta Delgada as convenient and to arrange
 fuelling there.
 4. CHESTERFIELD will subsequently be ordered to
 join unit B.7 in North American waters.
 (C. in C. W.A., 1845A/12.)

L.23, O.10. My 1729/11 and Capt. (S) 9 2119/11. ^{p.312} Sailed. ^{p.312} 1736th
 S. of A. to 21A buoy 10 knots, thereafter 12
 knots. L.23 has altered appearance and carries
 no guns or gun shield.
 (Capt. S.6, 1640A/12.)

AVON VALE, On completion of exercises tomorrow proceed
 PANTHER. Greenock routed through Minches.
 (R.A.D.H.F., 1825A/12 to AVON VALE, PANTHER.)

M/S Flotillas 1. No. 110 M/S Flotilla is to proceed to
 → 110 and 108. Gibraltar with No. 111 H.D.M.L. Flotilla on 15/8.
 A.M. 1633/5 refers.
 2. No. 108 M/S Flotilla is to proceed to Gibraltar
 with No. 117 H.D.M.L. Flotilla on 18/8. A.M.
 1320/8 refers.
 (D.O.D.(H.), 1943A/12.)

Operations.

MINERVE Intend sailing F.S. MINERVE from Dundee on 14/8
 Patrol. for special operation in vicinity of Lister and
 (Operation "Chase" subsequently patrol in zone K.2 and K.3.
 see p.323) (F.O.S., 1058A/12 to Admty.)

Faroes My 1701/11. Thorshavn arrival EARRAID, M.Ls
 A/S M.L. 445, 452, 467, 252.
 Patrol. (N.O.I.C. Faroes, 1248A/12.)

Portsmouth Two CHASSEURS and ADONIS patrolling in vicinity
 Patrols. of E.A.5 Buoy.
 13th M/S.F. and M.L. 208 pass Gate 2000A/12
 exercising to eastward returning 1000A/13.
 GLAISDALE and FERNIE pass Gate 2145A/12 patrolling to southward
 of exercise area, returning 0615A/13.
 Coastal Force craft exercising between Portland and St. Albans
 Head 2130A/12 - 2330A/12.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1547A/12.)

/East ...

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - Contd.East Coast
Patrols.No. 2 Patrol PYTCHLEY, No. 3 Patrol SOUTHDOWN,
No. 4 Patrol HAMBLEDON, No. 5 Patrol COTTESMORE,
No. 6 Patrol MEYNELL.
(C. in C. Nore, 1600A/12.)Dover
Patrol.M.Ls. 220 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between
Dumpton and North East Spit Buoys E.T.D. 2130,
E.T.R. 0500/13. Trawlers CLYTHNESS, RONSO, TAIPO,
ATHENIAN and KINGSCOURT sail for C.1 buoy at
0400/13. M.L. 142 and R.M.L. 521 between D and
C.1 Buoys.
(V.A. Dover, 1743A/12 and 2119A/12.)

"Outward".

Operation "Outward" ceased 1810. Conditions
unsuitable.
(A.B.O. Oldstairs, 1839A/12 to V.A. Dover.)Norway
Coastal
S/M Patrol.Leave patrol forthwith through following
positions

- (A) 059° 01' N. 003° 59' E.
- (B) 061° 15' N. 003° 01' E.
- (C) 061° 01' N. 000° 01' W.
- (D) 090° Out Skerries 5 miles thence Lerwick.

(2) Proceed diving by day when east of 002° E., thence on the
surface at C.O's discretion adjust your speeds to arrive at
Lerwick as follows P.54 0600A/16, STURGEON 1200A/16.
(Capt. S.9, 2359A/12 to STURGEON, P.54.)British Air Activity.Bomber
Command
operations.On night 11/12, 11 A/C bombed the docks at
Havre.
(H.Q.B.C., 1715/12.)Enemy Air Activity.Humber
Area.20 - 25 hostile A/C between 9000-15000 ft. operated
over the Humber Area between 0100 and 0215. The
majority crossed the coast but approximately 6
did not. Reports were received of incendiaries
and flares dropped. Minelaying is suspected between Spurn
and H.3 buoy and between Spurn and 62D buoy. There is also
a possibility of minelaying in the river. No definite reports
were received.
(F.O. Humber, 0304A/12.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.A/C
minelaying.

Please convey to all concerned our appreciation of the special minelaying effort made by Bomber Command last night in the face of adverse weather, together with the hope that it will achieve the success it deserves.
(1st S.L., 0151A/12 to Chief of Air Staff.)

Needles.

2 mines detonated by LL about 200 yards apart app. 223° 5.4 miles from Needles Lt.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1815/12.)

Search of
Q.Z.S.117.

Your 1216/11. Intend sailing 7 F.M/S (S.O. KELLET), 4 M.M/S, and Danlayer SIGNA at 0700/15 proceeding by 51 Buoy to N 0635 at 0945 sweeping to S 0283 at 1345 returning to N 0731 at 1745 and Harwich at 2100. Request fighter protection.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1847A/12 to C. in C. Nore.)

Enemy Intelligence.Unknown
Ship.

SNOWFLAKE 2340/11. SS.HORORATA was near H.X. 201 in 054° 32' N. 014° 20' W. at 0800Z/12, bound Liverpool. SNOWFLAKE, H.M.S. WALLFLOWER answered 65% fuel remaining at 2000Z/11.
(HURRICANE, 0926Z/12 to C. in C. W.A.)

TIRPITZ,
SCHEER,
HIPPER,
KÖLN.

Your 1005/12 and A.C.I.C's 1401B/12. No British S/Ms are operating North of 62° N. 2. Latest information of enemy warships TIRPITZ, SCHEER, HIPPER, KÖLN and 7 destroyers in Narvik area. No enemy warships in Trondheim area.
(D.O.D. (H), 1458A/12 to A.C.I.C.)

U-Boats.U-Boats
reported.

Am over enemy S/M in 48° 10' N. 7° 52' W. Periscope only sighted. Enemy course and speed 100°, 4 knots.
(A/C BCLM, 0533/12 to 19 Group.)

Am over enemy S/M in 46° 20' N. 6° 30' W. Enemy was sighted on surface, and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 270°, estimated speed 10 knots.

(A/C 19 Group, 0900/12.)

Inward bound U/B estimated near you this forenoon.

(D.D.I.C., 0919A/12 to RUBIS.)

Estimate 3 eastbound U-Boats east of 007° W.

(F.O.S., 1447A/12 to S/Ms.)

D/F bearings at 1811Z indicate U-Boat may be in your vicinity and has possibly reported you.

(D.D.I.C., 2024A/12 to Escorts of H.G. 87.)

H.G.87. As a result of H/F D/F bearings U-Boat was sighted by CAMPION on outer screen at 2027 and by BLACK SWAN at 2104 at extreme range bearing 310° 23 miles from convoy. U-Boat submerged and search continued until midnight. General direction of U-Boat movements N.E. All times are zone A.
(BLACK SWAN, 2323A/12 to C. in C. W.A.)

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not, must be
? F/V MONETTE
*See p. 311.*P.11 in tow. My position Longships 000° 4
miles. E.T.A. 1630.
(BREEZE, 0930A/12 to N.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

DIANTHUS.

Details of damage.
Situation completely under control. Shipwright
and salvage pumps borrowed from BROKE. My
position 056° 45' N. 012° 38' W.
(DIANTHUS, 1031Z/12.)CHASSEURS
11 and 14.In order to establish responsibilities in the
collision between CHASSEURS 11 and 14 (the
latter manned by the Royal Navy) during the
night 9/10 August, it is requested that a mixed
board of enquiry presided over by a B.S.O. may
be appointed. Capitaine de Corvette Recher
and Lieutenant de Vaisseau Thibaudeau are
appointed to be on the board.
(F.N.F.L. London, 1700A/12 to Admty.)Shipping and Convoys.A.T. 18,
URUGUAY.My 1958/9. Convoy A.T.18 now due Bristol
Channel a.m. 18/8.
2. U.S. URUGUAY with 6615 U.S. Air Force and 12
U.S. Army, total 6627, on board will now proceed
to Swansea and not Cardiff.
(D.S.T., 0836A/12.)W.S. 22.
LLANGIBBY
CASTLE.
BATORY.LLANGIBBY CASTLE and BATORY will not now be
included in convoy W.S.22.
(D.S.T., 0837A/12.)

BRAZIL.

Your 2004A/11. Draft of vessel paragraph (A)
should not exceed thirty-two feet.
(D.S.T.O. Avonmouth, 0950A/12 to D.S.T.)~~FREDERICK~~
F. ENGELS.Your 1938/31, para. (3). Request latest
information. Second ship sailing p.m. today.
(A.C.I.C., 1005A/12 to Admty.)North
Russia
Survivors.Intend to sail MARTIN and MARNE p.m. 14th for
R/V TUSCALOOSA each with 6 officers and 40 men.
S.O. M/S 1 is providing four minesweepers which
will leave Dvina Bar at 0200C/16 with total
of 27 officers, 168 men, eight cot cases, and
25 hospital cases. Surgeon Lieut. or sick

/berth ...

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- North Russia Survivors. (Contd.) berth attendant will be lent to each minesweeper where none carried. MIDDLETON and BLANKNEY with 24 officers and 200 men will leave Dvina Bar at 0300C/17, will join minesweepers off Cape Gorodetski at 1330C/17 and will provide A/A protection off Kola Inlet. E.T.A. 0800C/18. Commander Frankel will sail in MIDDLETON to arrange accommodation of American subjects and hospital cases. Total leaving are for repatriation 60 officers 450 men plus 33 hospital cases, which it is considered can be spared without impairing fighting efficiency all ships being provisioned for passage Kola Inlet with ample margin. (S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1012A/12 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
- S.C. 95. S.C.95. My 1103/11 re LETITIA. In order to sweep for possible survivors in view of her failure to report, recommend change route from 54° 28', 33° 01' to new Y 53° 45', 25° 02', new Z 54° 30', 14° 59', to A 55° 25', 08° 30'. (D.T.D., 1100Z/12 to Connav.)
- O.S. 37. To comply with my 1824/11 request you will divert convoy from G to new J 45.01, 22.28, new K 36.25, 19.00, then to F omitting D and E. 2. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to arrange R/V. (D.T.D., 1208A/12 to C. in C. W.A.)
- S.C. 94. Following received from BROKE begins. Repeats BROKE 1914Z/11. Lack of further confirmation the difficulty of synchronizing such attacks render PRIMROSE's suggested theory as unlikely. (C. in C. W.A., 1258A/12 to LONDONDERRY.) My 1040/10. SENNEN, ROSELYS, and NIMBLE P.C.S. at 2200Z/11, 057° 11' N. 015° 38' W., 270°, 10 knots. Do not break off search before they arrive. (A.C.I.C., 1311A/12 to STAFNES.) Have on board 66 survivors which include one cot case. E.T.A. Londonderry 0900A/13. (PRIMROSE, 1340A/12.) Your 1413A/12. *BATTLEFORD with 147 survivors was detached from convoy for Clyde at 1115A today. E.T.A. not known. PRIMROSE, NASTURTIUM, DIANTHUS also detached at the same time. (BROKE, 1402Z/12 to C. in C. W.A.) * See next page. My 1514A/11. Report E.T.A. of ships proceeding to Greenock and number of survivors. (C. in C. W.A., 1413A/12 to BROKE.) Detach SALADIN, SHIKARI to Londonderry, CASTLETON to Port ZA. (C. in C. W.A., 1648A/12 to BROKE.)

/Been ...

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S.C. 94. Been searching vicinity of given position since
(Contd.) 0600 G.M.T. today. No sign of ship, only few
wooden planks. Surface of sea covered with oil
for (many) around position. Practically certain
vessel is sunk. Suggest advise NIMBLE and we return.

(ADHERENT, 1955Z/12 to A.C.I.C.)

E.T.A. 0800Z/13. Reference A.F.O. 2901/41, (A) BATTLEFORD,
(B) KELSO, KAIMOKU, ANNEBERG, RADCHURCH. Details.
(BATTLEFORD, 1512Z/12 to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Your 1227A/11 and my 1914Z/11.

From evidence now available it is considered U-Boat fired from
position about 6000 yards ahead of starboard wing column and
probably made off on the starboard bow whilst escorts were
sweeping and investigating astern. 5 torpedoes hit.

(BROKE, 2230A/12 to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 1227A/11 and my 1914Z/11. From evidence now
available it is considered U-Boat fired from a position about
6000 yards ahead of starboard wing column and probably
undefended (corrupt group) on the starboard bow while escort
were sweeping and investigating astern. 5 torpedo wakes.

(BROKE, 2240A/12 to C. in C. W.A.)

SALTBURN. My 1115/11. Sailed SALTBURN. E.T.A. Lightning
Knoll 1130/13.
(N.O.I.C. Oban, 1404A/12 to N.O.I.C. Barrow.)

Mid-Ocean N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1608/9, C. in C. U.S. Fleet
Convoy 2045/11.
Escort (1) Decision is required as to number of mid-ocean
Groups. groups to be employed during winter.
(2) Consider one of following should be adopted:

Scheme A - 10 groups on 8-days cycle.

Scheme B - 12 groups on 7-day cycle.

- (3) 11 groups would
(a) be redundant for 8-day cycle.
(b) be insufficient for 7-day cycle.
(c) upset present lay over system.

(4) Present satisfactory system of minimum lay over of 8 days
at base ports and 4 days away can only be achieved when the
number of B groups equals the number of A plus C groups. If
however, scheme B is adopted and another A or C group cannot be
provided, one B group could act as A or C group.

(5) (A) in scheme A, relevant O.N. convoy should leave Liverpool
24 days after S.C. leaves New York. Relevant O.N.S. convoy
should leave Liverpool 27 days after H.X. leaves New York.

(B) In scheme B, relevant O.N. convoy should leave Liverpool 25
days after S.C. leaves New York, Relevant O.N.S. convoy should
leave Liverpool 28 days after H.X. leaves New York.

(C. in C. W.A., 1533A/12 to Admty.)

/A.N.D. ...

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- A.N.D. Gear. My 1146/6/6 para. 2 add British OCEAN PILGRIM
OCEAN PILGRIM, and Canadian FORT SENNEVILLE.
FORT (D.T.D., 1621A/12.)
SENNEVILLE.
- P.W. 201, As P.W. 201 after leaving D.1 buoy may comprise
P.W. 201S. more than 40 merchant ships, S.O. of escort of
his discretion may form two convoys.
(A) One normal speed P.W. 201.
(B) One of slow ships P.W. 201 (S).
(C) One destroyer and two trawlers are to be detailed as escort
for P.W. 201 (S).
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1803A/12 to TYNEDALE.) *See p. 346.*
- O.N. 121. Sailed ORCHIS, HEATHER and PIORUN to join O.N.
121 in accordance with Capt. (D) Greenock 1510A.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1925A/12.)
- W.N. 21. W.N. 21. My 0750A/12 and 1434A/12.
Proceeded at 1902A/12 with ARDENZA, KNOLL,
GARONNE only. Others dispersed in dense fog.
Escorts present.
(COVERLEY, 1941A/12 to A.C.O.S.)
- O.N.C. 121. O.N.C. 121 sailed to overtake at 1952/12
BEACONOIL. BEACONOIL New York Curacao SQ 63 10 - 10½.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 2012/12.)
- JOHN C. in C. W.A. 2346A/11. Sailed KING SOL.
DAVENPORT, (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 2044A/12.)
KING SOL.
- BELOMORCANAL. My 1401B/8. BELOMORCANAL escorted by THIRLMERE
sailed at 2201A/12.
(A.C.I.C., 2318A/12.)
- H.X. 201. Meet H.X. 201, S.O. HURRICANE in position A at
MOLDE. 1100Z/13.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 2330A/12 to MOLDE.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Aircraft carrier Sqdns. As soon as possible before leaving Gibraltar for U.K. carriers are to report the strength of all Squadrons embarked and number of damaged aircraft on board. Replies to be repeated to R.A.N.A.S. and C.D.B. (D.O.D. (F) 0030A/12 to R.A.A. H.F., ARGUS, FURIOUS, INDOMITABLE, VICTORIOUS, (R) F.O.C.N.A. R.A.N.A.S., C.D.B.)

PESCADOR intercepted. Your 2116A/10 and 1720B/4 (N.T. in W.D.) Intercepted PESCADOR at 0830B/12 position 270° Cape Silleiro 4 miles. Have ordered vessel proceed Gibraltar and am remaining in company, speed 6 knots, weather to rough for boarding. (IMPERIALIST, 0900A/12 to F.O.C.N.A.) (S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1202A/12 to Admty etc).

Air Report. Gib. Ops. 181 12/8. Resume for 12/8. 1 Catalina and 1 Sunderland A/S escort force R. 0730 - 0300/13. These A/C were diverted to hunt U-boat attacked and damaged in 37.23 N., 01.02 E. by Hudson R/233. 1 Hudson U-boat hunt in 37.23 N., 01.02 E., 1104 - 1545. This aircraft C/233 attacked and damaged U-boat in 37.45 N., 01.00 E., at 1335B. 3 Hudsons U-boat hunt in 37.23 N. 01.02 E., 1224 - 1900. 4 Swordfish A/S patrol to 0300 W. 1530 - 1900. 1 Sunderland hunt U-boat damaged by C and R/233 1700 - 2330. (Gib. 1115Z/12).

Falucca. SEAWOLF. Sub P-360.

Situation. At 2002A/12. (F.O.C.N.A., 1220A/12 to A.I.G. 63).

Bombing Restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in following areas.

Area		Until
G.12	0330A/14	2100A/14
G.13	1500A/14	1000A/15
G.14	0400A/15	2200A/15

(F.O.C.N.A., 1308A/12 to Admty H.Q.C.C., (R) F.O.S)

L.C.Ts. One flotilla (12)L.C.Ts. will sail shortly to arrive at Gibraltar about 1/9. Flotilla will bring own maintenance personnel but shore facilities will be required to refit their engines before proceeding to Freetown towards end of September.
 2. Accommodation will be required for 27 officers and 150 ratings during refitting.
 3. Flotilla should come under the orders of Senior Landing Craft Officer at Gibraltar (Lt. Cdr. Wheeler) vide A.M.1925/26/2.
 4. All C.O. personnel now in your command should be held available to man, maintain and provide spare personnel for landing craft, but extra personnel embarked in L.C.Ts. for passage only namely 12 Officers and 24 Seamen, are to be returned to U.K. at first opportunity.
 (D.O.D. (F) 1327A/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) R.A.W.A., C. in C. S.A.)

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- Small Craft for Gib. Admty. 1327/12. L.C.T.s Minesweepers and other small craft are being moved to Gibraltar as an initial stage in connection with a policy of world-wide distribution of small craft for possible future operations.
(D.O.D. (F) 1431B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A.)
- French Shipping. Gibraltar 1255. Survey vessel AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, ships SAINT LOUIS, CARBET, ARCTURES, MAURICE DELMAS, all laden eastbound.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1703A/12, to Admty).
- Operation "Bellows". Arrival FURIOUS, KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, WRESTLER, from Operation "Bellows".
(F.O.C.N.A., 1832A/12 to Admty C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, S.O. Force F., R.A.A. H.F.)
- French Shipping. Extract from a Fairmiss Telegram:- from Lisbon, French Ship LE TRAIT.
(Lisbon, 1840/12 to M.W.T.)
- EAGLE, report of sinking 11/8. *pp 357, 358, 359.*
EAGLE whilst close on starboard quarter of convoy and inside screen was torpedoed by U-boat. 4 torpedoes hit port side, first explosion abreast P.3. gun, remainder at about 40 feet intervals going forward.
2. No tracks observed from bridge or gun positions but an officer and some ratings on flight deck say they saw 3 tracks after first explosion.
3. After first hit ship listed 5° to Port but after fourth hit she listed to 15° then rapidly to 30° setting bodily.
4. Estimated ship sank in 6 minutes.
5. Reduced damage control parties were closed up at time of torpedoing and ship was in three-unit system for steaming.
6. Appears Port Wing engine room was hit as no survivors from it are known to have escaped.
7. Centre and starboard wing engine rooms undamaged.
8. A. C and D boiler rooms damaged and flooded but some survivors from each. In each case Port wing bulkheads collapsed.
9. Considered armoured belt prevented explosions in magazines in vicinity of all four explosions.
10. Secondary lighting functioned correctly.
11. At time of torpedoing ship was in process of changing from action to defence stations which probably accounts for large number saved.
12. Coolness and discipline of all officers and men most exemplary.
13. Detailed list of casualties follows as soon as possible.
(V.A.C.N.A., 2330A/12 to Admty (R) F.O.S., C. in C. Med.)

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AIGLON.

My 0643/11 AIGLON returned with (injured) officer and arrived 0808Z/12.
DUSK reverting to single W/T operator periods. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 0808Z/12 to Admty etc).

MAURETANIA.

D. of S.T.'s 1725/25. MAURETANIA left Durban p.m./11 for Rio de Janeiro. E.T.A. 20/8. Requirements, passengers. (P.S.T.O. Capetown, 0942B/12 to B.A.D.)

O.24

Your 1149Z/11. Onward route Neths. S/M O.24 from position D thence E 031° S., 010° E. F. 034° 30' S., 017° 30' E. thence Capetown.

2. Escort will be provided from position E.
 3. Request O.24 be instructed to report her E.T.A. position E in time for escort to join from Simonstown at 12 knots.
 4. R.A.W.A. pass to O.24.
- (C. in C. S.A., 1113B/12 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty etc).

Saldanha
Bay net
defence.

A.M. 1918/20/6, para. 2. 3 miles B.l. indicator net defence for Saldanha Bay vide A.M. 1648B/24/5 para. 2. Phase 1 (d) consigned N.O.I.C. Capetown shipped SS. CITY OF WINDSOR arrived Capetown. C. in C. S.A.'s 2025B/7 refers.

D.C. in C. E.F. is requested to arrange for laying by GUARDIAN on completion of refit if convenient before returning to Indian Ocean.
(D.B.D., 1231A/12 to C. in C. S.A., D.C. in C. E.F.)

W.S. 21 P.
W.S. 21 P.G.

My 1657B/11/8. Amend para. 3 to read. It is estimated W.S. 21 P and W.S. 21 P.G. consisting of MORMACDALE, AMERICAN MANUFACTURER, and SANTA CRUZ will sail from Capetown 16/8 routed

R.6. W.S. 21 P. to R/V with ORION, NEPAL, TJERK HIDDERS in position 031° 10' S., 033° 48' E. W.S. 21 P.G. to R/V as in para. 1. Times for R/V will be signalled.
(C. in C. S.A., 1351/12 to D.C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty etc).

BARDELL

Your 1407Z/7. ^{/N.T. in W.D.} Para. 3 BARDELL allocated Freetown vide A.M. 1330B/8, no objection to her use for this work.
(D.B.D., 1505A/12 to R.A.W.A. (R) N.O.I.C. Takoradi).

Movements
summary.

2000Z/12/8.
(C. in C. S.A., 1600B/12 to S.A.S. (R) Admty).

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M/V
signals.

C. in C. S.A's 1700/1. A modification of the 1500 yard rule is now in operation on coasts of America within certain limits. A.M.S.I.234 replacing 191 and 197 refers.

Following additional rules are now proposed On South Atlantic and East Indies Stations W. of 80° E when within 500 miles of British territory or British Occupied territory merchant ships are not to open fire on single aircraft unless actually attacked. In these areas single friendly aircraft may approach merchant ships closer than 1500 yards for purposes of identification. The aircraft will close by circling and will not fly directly at merchant ships.
(A.C.N.S. (T) 2132A/12 to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F., D.C. in C. E.F.)

Mediterranean.Operation "Pedestal"

Air Report.

Beaufighters report 3 submarines leaving Cagliari on the surface at 2045 and successfully shooting up of Elmas and Decimomannu. Details later (See 0705/12).
(V.A. Malta, 0102B/12 to Force F. (R) Admty, C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A.)

EAGLE
(sunk
11/8).See pp 355, 358
735g

Your 1325/11 According to German broadcast this was a German U-boat. (U.73)
(D.D.I.C., 0134A/12 to S.O. Force F., (R) F.O.C.N.A.)
Following received by A/C from S.O. Force F. (begins): 789 survivors from EAGLE returning in destroyers with FURIOUS T.O.O. 1800 (ends) (2) Pilot of A/C reported attack in progress 2055 when he left, 9 A/C taking part.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0232A/12 to Admty (R) S.O. Force F).

Enemy Unit.

P.C. and S. of 1 unknown 95 GE 48.49 110°
(?unknown).
(A/C duty Y., 0220/12 to 201 Group H.Q. Malta).

Course and distance made good by enemy since 2345 is 090° 20 miles.
(?A/C of No. 230 Squad. M.E. Duty G., 0245B/12 to Air H.Q. Malta)
Position of enemy (one merchant vessel) 31.50 N., 26.10 E. at 0545.
(201 Group M.E., 0640/12 to A/C Call Sign HZ5 duty I).
Position of enemy ?large vessel, (uncertain whether Battleship or Battlecruiser) 31.50 N., 26.10 E., 5 miles 130°
(A/C call QZ7 Duty Y).

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actions.

Have attacked enemy flying boat with bombs level and estimate 5 hits 31.51 N., 26.29 E.
(A/C call sign HZ5S 0657/12 to 201 Group H.Q. M.E. Command).

My 0102/12. Beaufighters claim 7 Multi engine D. bombers destroyed and at least another 10 severely damaged.
(2) 2 cruisers ex Cagliari last sighted 0120/12 in 039° 10' N. 010° 20' E. course 90°.
(3) No movement during the night at Messina or Taranto.
(V.A. Malta, 0705B/12 to Force F., (R) Admty C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A.)

Aircraft
Assistance.

Fortu "Market" 0725 2 short ranged Hurricanes, Spitfire, Beaufighter 5500.
(Port Said W/T 0708/12 to H.P.V.)

U/B sunk
by WOLVERINE.

In company WOLVERINE, my P.C. and S. at 0630B/12 037° 10' N., 001° 04' E., 253° 8 knots. At 0100B /12 in *037° 18' N., 001° 46' E. WOLVERINE rammed S/M abreast C/T inclination 090°. WOLVERINE's speed 26 knots. No survivors, though shouts were heard. WOLVERINE badly damaged forward as far as No.1. oil fuel tank. One engine out of action but she hopes to repair it and increase speed by 3 or 4 knots about noon. As MALCOLM has 206 survivors from EAGLE on board request a relief escort be sent.
(MALCOLM, 0759B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) S.O. Force F., FURIOUS, KEPPEL). *See next page * 37° 12' N. 1° 51' E. (Lt. J. B. Thomson)*

Sighting
Reports by
Enemy.

At 0727B/13 (?12th) enemy aircraft reported sighting force consisting of 3 types of merchant ships, and destroyers and cruisers. Similar reports later time of sighting 0835B on 5990 kc/s approx.

(F.O.C.N.A., 0802A/12 to Force F., (R) Admty. V.A. Malta, C.O.I.S. Alexandria).
Italian aircraft heard using 5990 kc/s today. My 0802/12 refers. Is further information required?
(F.O.C.N.A., 1816A/12 to Admty (R) C.O.I.S. Ismailia, V.A. Malta)

Taranto R/C.

P.R.U. Taranto visual 0730B/12. All battleships present, nets in place. 1 Littorio showing smoke.
(i) 3 destroyers have moved into outer harbour.
(V.A. Malta, 0929B/12 to Force F. (R) C. in C. Med., C.S. 15 Admty, F.O.C.N.A.)
My 0929/12. Photographs show one Cavour being towed out of net defence at 0730/12.
(V.A. Malta, 1103B/12 to Force F. (R) C. in C. Med., R.A.15 C.S., F.O.C.N.A., Admty).

/U/B...

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U/B
attacked by
A/C.

Following has been read by Malta W/T. Am over enemy S/M in 37.23 N., 1° 2' E. Enemy S/M previously reported was on surface. Have attacked enemy with bombs (dive) and estimate one hit. Enemy has been severely damaged by air attack. I have fuel remaining for 3 hours. (A/C Call Sign TK7R 0950/12).

Navarin R/C

3 6 inch cruisers, 4 destroyers in Navarin at 0730B/12.
(V.A. Malta, 0957B/12 to Force F., (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., C.S.15, Admty).
(Capt. S.10, 1010B/12 to TURBULENT)
(C. in C. Med., 1228C/12 to F.O.15 C.S.)

Enemy Cruisers
leave
Messina.

2 8 inch cruisers left Messina between 0840 and 1000/12 believed to North.
(Capt. S.10, 1016B/12 to 8th Subs. 10th Subs.
(R) Capt. (S) 8).

Messina 8 inch cruisers present at 0840 had sailed by 1000. Partial search S. and E blank. Heavy cloud N. and W. of Straits.

(2) Palermo at 1000, 1 destroyer only present.
(3) Further R/C now to locate cruisers ex Cagliari and Messina. (V.A. Malta, 1125B/12 to Force F (R) C. in C. Med., Admty, C.S. 15, F.O.C.N.A.)

U/Bs

U-boats suspected south of 038° 20' between 009° 20' and 010° 40'.
(Capt. S.10, 1023B/12 to OTUS (R) 10th S/M F. 8th S/M F. Capt. (S) 8).

→ WOLVERINE,
damaged U/B.
#11:31M DAGADUR.

If WOLVERINE can proceed under own steam, investigate damaged U-boat reported on surface at 1100B in 037° 32' N. (signals say 23' N) 001° 2' E. *37° 12' N, 051' E.
(FURIOUS, 1115A/12 to MALCOLM, (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

EAGLE
survivors,
→ WOLVERINE.

Following is a repetition of FURIOUS 0843B/12 (Begins). F.O.C.N.A. from FURIOUS. Capt. L.D. Mackintosh, D.S.C.R.N., 67 officers 862 ratings, survivors from EAGLE, in KEPPEL, MALCOLM and VENOMOUS. WOLVERINE rammed U-boat in 037° 12' N., 001° 51' E., at 0105B/12. Last report proceeding 6 knots with MALCOLM standing by. E.T.A. Gibraltar of FURIOUS, KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, and WRESTLER 1715A/12. Request Gate at 1815A. (ends). T.O.O. 0843B/12). (F.O.C.N.A. 1156A/12 to Admty (R) S.O. Force F). Sailed VIDETTE to join your screen.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1301A/12 to FURIOUS (R) KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, WRESTLER). See 12p 355, 357, 358 #11:31M DAGADUR.

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FELUCCA,
SEAWOLF.

Sailed M.Ls. 172, 458 to search and tow to Gibraltar ~~FELUCCA~~, SEAWOLF reported broke down in 036° 15' N., 002° 59' W., at 2000/11. (F.O.C.N.A., 1211Z/12 to FURIOUS, (R) Admty, MALCOLM, WOLVERINE). *Should be under N. Atlantic.*

B 354.

Naples R/C. Naples 0930 visual 1 6" cruiser, 3 destroyers. (V.A. Malta, 1225B/12 to S.O. Force F., (R) C. in C. Med. Admty F.O.C.N.A. (corrupt group)

C.S.15).

My 1225/12. Photograph Naples 0930. 6 inch cruiser is leaving her berth.

2. Trapani at 1400. 6 German E-boats 4 Italian M.A.S. (V.A. Malta, 1809B/12 to Force F (R) C. in C. Med., Admty F.O.C.N.A. R.A. 15 C.S. Force X).

Enemy Units. A force was reported at 0930C/12 consisting of 5 types of units. German U-boat possibly operating about 60 miles S.W. of Cyprus at 2124C/11. (R.A. Alexandria, 1238C/12 to C.S.15 R.A.(D) Med., (R) C. in C. Med., Advance No. 201 Group).

U/B attacked by A/C. Following has been received. Am over enemy S/M in 37.45 N., 01.00 E., S/M on surface course 360° speed 9 knots.

(A/C call sign TK7C, 1335/12).

Following has been received. Have attacked enemy unit with depth charges and estimate two hits. Enemy submarine previously reported is still on the surface.

(A/C using call sign TK7C 1345/12)

Following has been read. Bows of S/M damaged by depth charges.

(A/C using call sign TK7C via Gibraltar 1400/12).

Following has been read by Gibraltar W/T. 2 members of submarine's gun crew killed.

(A/C using call sign TK7C., 1415/12).

Taranto
R/C

Taranto visual at 1245B/12 1 Cavour passing Breakwater. Remaining battleships believed still surrounded by nets.

(V.A. Malta, 1350B/12 to Force (F) (R) C. in C. Med, 15th C.S. F.O.C.N.A., Admty).

U/B

German U-boat in approx. 032° 50' N., 034° 00' E. at 1220C/12.

(C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 1408C/12 to Med. Fleet C. in C. Med. R.A.Alexandria, N.O.I.C. Cyprus, N.O.I.C. Palestinean Ports, N.C.Group, N.O.I.C. Syrian Ports, N.O.I.C. Port Said, Capt. (S)1, Air. H.Q., Western Desert (R) S.O. Force I, Group 201).

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DEUCALION damaged. DEUCALION damaged in air attack detached in 037° 56' N., 008° 40' E., escorted by BRAMHAM with instructions to proceed direct to Malta by Tunisian route. Estimated speed 10 knots. (S.O. Force F., 1510B/12 to V.A. Malta, (R) Admty, F.O.C.N.A.) *(by A/c)*

DEUCALION torpedoed later, see 2210/12. Hope to join convoy route at Q at 0100/13. P.C. and S. at 1800 037° 28' N., 009° 18' E., 103° 12.5 knots. (BRAMHAM, 1700Z/12 to S.O. Force X. (R) V.A. Malta, S.O. Force F). *See p. 364*

Hudson R/C. 4 Hudsons airborne 1615B to sweep to 002° E., and return. (F.O.C.N.A., 1513A/12 to FURIOUS, KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, WRESTLER, VIDETTE, Force R).

Force R. Force R noon position 037° 38' N., 001° 44' E. Course 290° 8 knots. Large oiler has 5,000 tons, small oiler 1000. (?Intend) Force R to be in position R.D. at 1800B tomorrow Thursday. (WESTCOTT, 1555B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) S.O. Force F).

WOLVERINE escort. Sailed BURDOCK, ARMERIA to escort WOLVERINE to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 1600A/12 to FURIOUS, WOLVERINE, (R) LAFOREY, S.O. Force F., Admty). Your 1458. (N.T. in W.D.) E.T.A. position 2115B/12 S. of A 13 knots. (WOLVERINE, 1931B/12 to (2 groups missing) BURDOCK, ARMERIA, MALCOLM). *See p. 359.*

Baltimore ?R/C. My 1501/12 (N.T. in W.D.) para. 3. Baltimore call sign D.F.S8 took off 1605. (V.A. Malta, 1611B/12 to Force F (R) C. in C. Med., Admty F.O.C.N.A.)

VIDETTE A/S sweep. Proceed at best speed when FURIOUS has entered Bay to vicinity of Cape De Gata, Cape Palos, where A/S sweep will be carried out. R/V with KEPPEL and VENOMOUS will be signalled. (F.O.C.N.A., 1730A/12 to VIDETTE (R) Admty, S.O. Force F. KEPPEL, VENOMOUS).

Enemy A/C shadowing. Indication that 3 reliefs for shadowing Ju.88 taking over now. Please inform "Merit" "Apples". (V.A. Malta, 1731B/12 to NIGERIA, (R) S.O. Force F, S.O. Force X).

/Air...

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Air Escort for Convoys. Following has been read. 6 (type unknown) fighter aircraft will be despatched to assistance of convoys "Merit" and "Apples" at 1930 V.H/B (Malta, W/T, 1800B/12).

U/Bs orders to S/Ms. (1) Cancel my 1805/10. (ii) At 1605 R/C A/C sighted U-boats P.C. and S. (34°) 01° 023° 05° 160° 8 knots. (S.O.S. Alexandria, 1804C/12 to TURBULENT, TAKU, PORPOISE.) Fortu "Joker" 2 short range Hurricanes EQF 55.00 18.55. (? 1840/12 to ?) W.R. Note Received from Gib.

→ ITHURIEL, If you cannot join me before dark R/V Force R tomorrow. (S.O. Force F., 1822B/12 to ITHURIEL (R) Capt. (D) 19, F.O.C.N.A., WESTCOTT).

Disposal of → INDOMITABLE aircraft. Following has been read: Addressed VICTORIOUS from PHOEBE, Can you take on INDOMITABLE aircraft? (Malta, W/T, 1851/12 to Admty).

Enemy Units. Following has been read by Malta W/T 3 cruisers 3 destroyers P.C. and S. 39.30 N., 12.30 E., 210° 20, 1854. (A/C using call sign FS8D 1859/12).

Following has been read from A/C 1 cruiser 2 destroyers P.C. and S. 39.28 N., 12.15 E. 100° 20, 1905 B. (Malta, W/T, 1908/12).

Following has been read by Malta W/T 4 cruisers 6 destroyers P.C. and S. 39.25 N., 12.25 E., 210° 20, 1917B. (A/C using call sign FS8D 1918B/12).

→ INDOMITABLE, (1) At 1840 air attack by dive bombers and FORESIGHT, torpedo bombers INDOMITABLE damaged, reducing to 20 knots.
→ ITHURIEL (2) FORESIGHT torpedoed, returning to Gibraltar damaged; in tow of TARTAR. *(see 15/8 p. 479)
U/B sunk. (3) ITHURIEL rammed and sank U-boat, damaged, capable of 20 knots.
(4) At 1900 parted company from Force X. Only damage done as in my 1510/12 not to C. in C. Med., (S.O. Force F., 1936B/12 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta). *COBALTO.

/NIGERIA...

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NIGERIA, ^{AXUM} damaged by ~~U-boat~~ in ASHANTI. NIGERIA damaged forward, 1 unit in action, is returning to Gibraltar escorted by 4 Hunts.
 CAIRO ^{AXUM} hit by ~~U-boat~~ sunk. ^(AXUM) CAIRO hit by ~~same salvo from U-boat~~, has been sunk by own force.
 2. CAIRO hit by ~~same salvo from U-boat~~, has been sunk by own force.
 3. The convoy proceeds. 4. V.A. Malta pass to all addressees.
 (C.S.10, 1941A/12 to Force (F) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A.) * PATHFINDER 1 BERWENT
 (M.0116142 - D.S.R.62)

Night R/C. Intended R/C (1) night 12/13, A.S.V. Wellington (A) North of Capesan Vito, (B) Cavoli to Marittimo (C) Cape Bon to Cape San Marco, (D) A/S search route from Cape Bon.
 (2) Dawn 13th (?Baltimore) (A) North of "Pedestal" (B) South of "Pedestal" (C) East Malta (3) Remaining R/C depends on situ. (V.A. Malta, 1948B/12 to Force F., Force X (R) C. in C. Med., Admty F.O.C.N.A.)

U/B Following has been received O.N.I. P.C. and S. of 1 S/M 31° 58' N., 34° 06' E. (A/C using call sign QZ7U 2008/12).

CHARYBDIS, ESKIMO, SOMALI, CHARYBDIS, ESKIMO, SOMALI are being sent to join Force X in place of NIGERIA and CAIRO reported mined or torpedoed. (S.O. Force F., 2015B/12 to Capt. (D) 6 (R) Admty F.O.10th C.S. N.O.I.C. Malta).

A/C attack on U/B Following has been read. Have attacked enemy with depth charges and result of attack unobserved. (A/C using call sign QZ7U 2030/12).

Force X NIGERIA, CAIRO ^(torpedoed) ~~by U-boat~~ ^(torpedoed) ~~by U-boat~~ ^(torpedoed) ~~by U-boat~~ ^(torpedoed) Force X position at 2030, 037° 40' N., 010° 06' E. NIGERIA and CAIRO torpedoed. Convoy proceeding Malta. V.A. Malta please arrange fighter direction. (KENYA, 2037B/12 to Admty (R) S.O. Force F., V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A.)
 (H: 300000)

Enemy M.T.Bs. P.C. and S. of 6 M.T.Bs. 270° Pantellaria 2 miles course 274° speed 20 knots. (V.A. Malta, 2047/12 to Force X).

Taranto R/C. Taranto visual 1900, all 4 effective battleships in harbour. (V.A. Malta, 1202B/12 to Force F., Force X. (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A. Admty).

/KENYA...

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torpedoed.
4 ships of
convoy sunk.

Have struck a mine or been struck by a torpedo. Am uncertain which. Position 37.34 N., 10.35 E. (7 knots?) (KENYA, 2112B/12 to Whitehall). My 2037B. *KENYA torpedoed. 4 ships of convoy sunk. Capt. Russell in command Force X. F.O.C.N.A., please repeat my 2037 to V.A. Malta. (KENYA, 2121B/12 to Admty, S.O. Force F, V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A.) *by ALAZI. (It: source)

14/13
+ corrected to 37°35' N. 10° 20' E.

MALCOLM.

My P.C. and S. at 2100B/12 was 037° 52' N., 000° 22' E., 237° 22 knots. (MALCOLM, 2131B/12 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, VIDETTE.) If not in contact at 0800B/13 return to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 2250A/12 to MALCOLM (R) S.O. Force F. KEPPEL, WOLVERINE, Admty).

DEUCALION
torpedoed.

(by A/C - see A.S. No. 32, p. 44)
DEUCALION torpedoed 270° Cani Rock 5. Request your P.C. and S. (BRAMHAM, 2210/12 to S.O. Force X).

See p. 361.

S/Ms

Assume line D by 0600/13. (Capt. S.10, 2219B/12 to 8th S.F. 10th S.F.) Submarine will be on line D by 0600/13. (V.A. Malta, 2227B/12 to Force X (R) S.O. Force F)

Enemy Units.

P.C. and S. of 1 unknown 36.34 N., 11.38 E. 240° 15 knots. (Med A/C 2220B/12 to A.H.Q. Malta). P.C. and S. of 4 cruisers 8 destroyers 39.06 N. 12.24 E. 180° 20 knots. (Med. A/C 2305/12 to A.H.Q. Malta).

Fighter A/C.

In absence of ship fit (corrupt group) escort Beaufighters and long range Spitfires will act mainly on Pointer round. Request these may be fired early to indicate direction. (2) All fighters will now be on 5600 kc/s (Crystal) (V.A. Malta, 2248B/12 to S.O. Force X (R) Force X S.O. Force F. C. in C. Med., Admty F.O.C. N.A.)

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5. Air. Night 10/11. Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombed Tobruk harbour. Low cloud again hampered operation. Near misses claimed on 3 ships. Fires and explosions started along water front and on west side of harbour. One Wellington missing. Albacores bombed F-Boats in Matruh, scoring several near misses. 2 fires started.
(C.in C., M.E., 0920 G.M.T./12).

Bi-weekly
Opsum
No. 46.

Night 7/8. 1 Halifax 47 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. 8/10 cloud over harbour made identification of targets and observations of results difficult. 2 fires started on waterfront near main jetties, 4 small fires East of Town 1 West of harbour. Burst claimed among shipping and jetties. Naval fuel tanks and petrol installations N.W. of harbour also attacked but results obscured by cloud. 3 Halifaxes 9 Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk. 1 Wellington bombed Gambut landing ground. 3 attacked Bardia, 2 bombed Sollum, 2 attacked Fuka landing ground, 1 bombed railway Gaza. Halifaxes bombed M.T. and camps between Frontier and battle area, no results claimed. 3 Wellingtons missing. 4 Wellingtons bombed medium ship and barges in Bardia harbour, bombs burst on docks and in water, damage obscured by cloud. 6 Albacores bombed F-Boats in Matruh harbour scoring 1 hit. 8/8. At dawn a Hudson bombed one N.C.A. boat off Mersa Lukk scoring 2 hits vessel last seen enveloped in smoke.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 0930Z/12).

Part 2. Night 8/9. 3 Halifaxes 21 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour facilities Tobruk, 4/10 low cloud over harbour, near misses claimed on 2 ships, fires with explosions started on waterfront, main jetty area, 1 fire N.W. of harbour, buildings near waterfront hit, 2 A.A. guns silenced. 8 Wellingtons laid 16 mines in Matruh harbour, 1 Albacore illuminated.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 0959Z/12).

Part 3. 9/8. 2 Hudsons on offensive R/C for coastal shipping bombed 5 barges north of Bardia. 2 hits on an E-Barge, hits on 1 barge followed by explosions and cloud of smoke. 7 Liberators bombed shipping in Benghazi Harbour claiming hit on 1 ship, near misses 3 other ships. Other bombs burst on Cathedral, Central and outer moles.

Night 9/10. 3 Halifaxes 4 Liberators 50 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. 8/10 low cloud hampered identification of targets and observation of damage. Possible hit claimed on 1 small ship, 2 fires some explosions caused on waterfront main jetty area, violent explosion north of Naval fuel tanks, 1 battery silenced, explosions among M.T. south-west of Tobruk, building near Matruh. 2 bombed Bardia, results unobserved. 9 Wellingtons laid 18 mines in Tobruk. 1 Wellington unable to reach Tobruk laid 2 mines near Sollum Jetty.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1023Z/12).

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Bi-weekly Part 4. 4 Hudsons made offensive sweep for
Opsum enemy coastal shipping between Bardia and Matruh.
No. 46. 2 Hudsons sighted 4 F-Boats off Sidi Barrani at
Contd: dawn. 1 F-Boat sunk, second damaged.

10/8. A Walrus on A/S patrol between Beirut and
Tyre attacked submerged S/M with 2 depth charges,
S/M straddled but no hits claimed.

Night 10/11. 5 Halifaxes 46 Wellingtons bombed shipping and
harbour installations Tobruk objective again partly obscured by
8/10 low cloud. Near misses claimed on 5 ships, 2 fires
started on docks near main jetties, 2 large fires several
explosions N.W. side of harbour, violent explosion S.W. of
harbour, remainder damage obscured by cloud.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1048Z/12).

Part 5. 1 Halifax 2 Wellingtons unable to reach Tobruk
bombed Sidi Barrani and Daba respectively results unobserved.
8 Albacores bombed about 6 F-Boats in Matruh Harbour, 2 fires
started several near misses. 2 Wellingtons 4 Hudsons offensive
R/C for coastal shipping west of Matruh, no sightings. 11/8
operations restricted by dust storms.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1117Z/12).

PORPOISE Mines laid one mile radius from 032° 42' 025°
mining 06'. Have sunk one ship by torpedo.
(ship sunk.) (PORPOISE, 1106/12, to C.in C. Med. (R) V.A. Malta
Capt. (S) 1., Capt. (S) 10., S.O. S. Alexandria).

Haifa Consideration is being given to improving
Facilities. existing facilities at Haifa.
2. Early indication of your intentions and needs
will be welcome, stating what assistance you
require to meet them.
3. Requirements appear to be those of an operational base for
maintenance of a force of approx. 4 Cruisers, 9 Fleet
Destroyers, and appropriate light craft.

(A.C.N.S. (F), 1133A/12, to C.in C. Med.).

U/B. Following received by More W/T. 1 S.M. 270°
Carmel 5. Investigate until recalled.
(A/C call sign B.M.1., 1226C/12).

EURYALUS My 2130/10 being passed to DIDO. All arrange-
DIDO. ments made for docking of EURYALUS at Massawa
are to apply to DIDO. DIDO is to proceed to
Massawa as soon as ready as required by

F.O.R.S.C.A. 2. EURYALUS is to remain at Port Said ready to
operate and will be docked on completion of DIDO. 5. Massawa
C & C.O. inform Ellsberg that repairs required to DIDO are
similar to EURYALUS but more extensive.
(C.in C. Med., 1438C/12, to DIDO, F.O.R.S.C.A. Massawa C & C.O.
R.A. (D) Med. R.A. 15th C.S., EURYALUS (R) N.O.I.C. Port Said,
A.S. Alexandria, R.O.C.A.).

/My ...

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DIDO
Contd:

My 1438/12. Transit of canal should if possible be arranged on 14th. Docking can conveniently be arranged on 18. A.S. Alexandria is requested to arrange for dockyard workmen required to embark in DIDO at Suez p.m./14 or as ordered by F.O.C., R.S.F.
(C.in C. Med., 2330C/12, to F.O.C.R.S.F. (R) R.O.C.A., N.O.I.C. Suez, A.S. Alexandria, DIDO F.O.C. 15th C.S. etc.).

CROOME
U/B.

Following from CROOME. (1) (Begins) - (7) Hunting contact 033° 35' N. 034° 19' E. T.O.O. 1316/12 - (Ends).
2. (Begins) - Hunt abandoned, T.O.O. 1407/12 - (ends).
(N.O. i/c Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 1507C/12 to F.O.C. 15th C.S. Capt. (D) 22nd D.F.).

Malta Air
Report.

I. 567 12/8. C.S.R. Malta. 11th. 1210 hrs. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach close to Malta. 1315 hrs. 7 Spitfires up as cover arrival of delivery aircraft. Alert 1500 hrs. 4 plus ME. 109s crossed coast great height on R/C 8 Spitfires up intercepted over coast but enemy avoided combat and fled home. 1546 and 1650 hrs. total 7 Spitfires up but raids did not approach close to Malta.
Night 11/12. 3 alerts. 2053 hrs. 2 raiders approached Malta, 1 crossed coast. 2 Beaufighters up but raider when illuminated by searchlights dropped bombs in sea and returned. ?2207 hrs., 2 raiders approached. 1 dropped bombs on Gozo causing no damage. Partial R.D.F. interference prevented Beaufighter from intercepting. ?2355 hrs., 2 raiders possibly minelaying approached to within 10 miles north of Malta and returned. Effective R.D.F. interference. 1 Beaufighter up saw nothing.
12th. 0420 hrs. 4 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach close to Malta. 0730 hrs. 8 Beaufighters up destroyed 1 HE. 111 60 miles east of Malta course north. No other raiders approached.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1742/12).

Parts 2 and 3. I. 567. 11/8. 11 Beaufighters despatched to attack with cannons Elmas and Decimomannu Aerodromes. 2 returned early owing to mechanical trouble. Remainder made successful low flying attack. At Elmas 1 hangar and 2 multi engined aircraft set on fire and several other aircraft damaged. Decimomannu 5 multi engined aircraft set on fire. Several other aircraft seriously damaged, fires visible 12 miles away. 1822 hours 2 cruisers 1 D/R sighted outside Cagliari getting under way course 140°.

Night 11th/12th. 2 bombing Liberators accompanied by 2 flare-carrying Wellingtons attacked Decimomannu aerodrome. Bombs seen to burst on aerodrome, other results unobserved, 3 Wellington Eights separate shipping searches Gulf of Taranto and Messina Straits. 2146 hours, 2 cruisers 2 D/RS sighted 39° 10' N. 08° 00' east course 090°.

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Malta Air Report Contd: Pt. 2 Section 3. MS. 1257. Bombs dropped from 3000 feet which straddled 1 C/R. 2152 hours 1 large D/R sighted 210° Cape Rizzuto 20 miles course 220° 35 knots. (H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1803/12, 1897/12).

MARIT MAERSK KORITZA. P.S.T.O.E. 193 of 3/8, my 2023/22/7. Your 1731A/11 my 1002/9. Following is a repetition of P.S.T.O.E. 1325/3/8 from D/C in C. E.F. (Begins) Greek Naval Authorities now state MARIT MAERSK ^{Georgios} was only released temporarily by them when cruiser AVEROFF was immobilised owing to extensive repairs, are pressing for return as Depot Ships and Training Centre Greek subjects to be mobilised shortly for manning new naval units. (2) Instructions requested as to action to be taken with regard to this vessel and also KORITZA if further application is received. T.O.O. 1325/3/8 (Ends). (P.S.T.O. (E), 1811Z/12, to Admty etc.).

RESOURCE. My 2043/9th and Admiralty 1244/11 (N.T.in W.D.) RESOURCE is now at Suez and can be sailed for Aden as soon as you wish. Regret I have no escorts available to take her further. (C.in C. Med., 1842C/12, to C.in C. E.F. (R) D.C.in C. E.F. Admty).

DULVERTON HURWORTH DULVERTON and HURWORTH are to form A/S striking force for Convoy L.W. 34 and are to proceed Haifa on completion. (C.in C. Med., 1913C/12, to S.O.N.L.A. (R) R.A. 15 C.S. R.A. (D) Med. DULVERTON, HURWORTH, R.A. Alexandria, N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, N.O.I.C. Syrian Ports, N.O.I.C. Port Said Capt. (S) 1., N.C. Group).

Trans-Africa Air Route. Following for Cs.in-C. from Chiefs of Staff No. C.O.S. (M.E.). No. 287. Ref. your OC/84.
1. Sufficient transport aircraft for trans-Africa personnel reinforcement route are unlikely to be forthcoming to enable the project to be put into effect before end of 1943.
2. Route is however regarded as an eventual requirement and we are now investigating preparations (etc.). (Air Min., T.O.O., 2345Z/12, to Mideast).

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Loop Defence Bombay. My letter OP 1614 - S. 27/7 para 4 (D) to D.C. in C. E.F. copy to Admty, my 1303/1. Proposed indicator loop defence (details)

3. If material can be made available and scheme is approved it is suggested that width of loops is reduced to obtain a good signature from a Midget.

4. Emphasized that I have no craft available to girth such a big loop system and Admty. assistance would therefore be necessary.

5. (~~group missing~~) boom referred to in my letter is not approved patrolled loop system outlined would give large measure of protection.

6. Request your remarks.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 0541Z/12 to Admty. etc.)

Passengers in slow M/Vs. Your 2320B/18/7 (maximum numbers of passengers allowed to be carried in Merchant ships with a speed of less than 12 knots.) This ruling will lead to an accumulation at Basra of native relief crews for Merchant ships who await repatriation to India as deck passengers. Propose relaxation of rule to allow up to 50 to be carried in slow mail provided they are Bona Fide seamen.
(S.N.O. P.G. 1005Z/12 to Admty. (R) D.C. in C. E.F.)

U.S. Forces. A.M. 1305/5. Following disposition of U.S. Forces in Pacific:-
HORNET, NORTHAMPTON, PENSACOLA, SAN DIEGO, at sea, Central Area.
RALEIGH left San Francisco 10/8.
SAN FRANCISCO at sea.
(D.O.D. (F) 1253A/12 to C. in C. E.F. N.Z.N.B. A.C.N.B. N.S.H.Q.)

S/M Bombing Restrictions. Request all aircraft may be instructed not to attack any S/M within 20 miles either side of a line joining following positions.

(1) Diego Suarez and 012° 45' S 050° 20' E from 1200Z/13 to 2300Z/13.

(2) 012° 45' S 050° 20' E and 015° 05' S 051° 20' E from 1900Z/13 to 2100Z/14.

(3) 015° 05' S 051° 20' E and 025° 40' S 047° 40' E.

(a) between 015° 05' S and 020° S from 1000Z/14 to 1600Z/16.

(b) between 020° S and 025° 40' S from 1600Z/15 to 1200Z/18.

(4) 025° 40' S 047° 40' E and 033° S 032° E.

(a) between 047° 40' E and 040° E from 0400Z/17 to 2200Z/20.

(b) between 040° E and 032° E from 0200Z/19 to 0800Z/23.

C. in C. S.A. is requested to inform all authorities concerned on S.A. Station.
(Capt. S.4. 1321Z/12 to C. in C. S.A. 246 Wing etc.)

W.S.21PG. escort. Your 1657/11. 1. Request you will sail ENTERPRISE or ALAUNIA in sufficient time to (? relieve) DUNCAN so that latter can top up and rejoin W.S.21PG for passage of Mozambique Channel.

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W.S.21PG escort. Contd. 2. Route given in my 1342/?12 assumes this can be arranged but if no destroyer is available consider convoy must be routed outside Madagascar. (D.C. in C. E.F. 1349Z/12 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. etc.)
 My 0114/9. (1) Para 2. delete ANTHONY.
 (11) Para 1 (a) add DUNCAN, who will escort W.S.21PG through Mozambique Channel. (D.C. in C. E.F. 1607Z/12 to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

K.14. Dutch S/MS K.14 and K.15 leave E.I. Station end of August for refit Philadelphia N.J. arriving early November. (D.C. in C. E.F. 1407Z/12 to B.A.D. B.A.R.M. etc.)

Base Defences. Underwater defences of Indian Ocean bases. Following is intended programme:
 (1) KIRRIEMOOR. (2) ETHIOPIAN. (3)*TREVORIAN. (4) Following B.D.Vs are being sent to Seychelles to work with ETHIOPIAN: BARBOURNE, BARRYMORE and BARFOUNT. BARRYMORE will remain at Seychelles for maintenance and to supervise construction of boom Diego Suarez. (D.C. in C. E.F. 1437Z/12 to Admty.) *not identified. 9/13/42

GLENEARN. My 1109/8/7 and your 1824/10/8. GLENEARN now expected to be ready to proceed U.K. or U.S.A. Middle of September. (F.O. Ceylon 1456Z/12 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. E.F. D.S.R. Bombay. D.C. in C. E.F.)

Japanese Fleet, Intelligence. Cancel my 1951 20/7. Estimate dispositions of Japanese main units. Home waters. Possibly all battleships. 5 aircraft carriers, 3 converted merchant ship carriers, 5 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 2 seaplane carriers, 2 destroyer squadrons with some flotillas detached. Parts of at least 1 submarine squadron plus some single units. 2 heavy cruisers and 1 destroyer squadron of above Forces may proceed to fuel Solomon Is. Northern waters. Possibly 1 battleship, 1 heavy cruiser, 3 light cruisers, 1 seaplane carrier, 2 or 3 destroyer flotillas, probably 2 flotilla submarine. Mandated area. One heavy cruiser proceeding Japan. 2 converted merchant ship carriers, 5 seaplane carriers, 3 destroyer flotilla 1 S/M Squadron. New Guinea, Solomon Islands area. 4 heavy cruisers, 4 light cruisers, 2 destroyer Squadrons, 2 S/M Squadrons. Australian waters. One or 2 submarine Squadrons. Malaya and East Indies area. 1 heavy cruiser, 4 light cruisers, 2 seaplane carriers, at least 2 destroyer flotillas and units of 2 S/M Squadrons. Proceeding to eastward from Akyab Malaya. Probably 2 heavy cruisers and (corrupt group) destroyers. My 1227/4. AZUMA MARU was mentioned in error as a seaplane carrier. (C.O.I.S. E.F. 1559Z/12 to C. in C. E.F. F.L.O. Delhi, etc.)

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MEDON
(torpedoed
9/8).

BOSR(CHRISTIAN HOLM?) 132° 14 miles V 0100 G.M.T.
12/8. No date given for (corrupt group).
MEDON torpedoed 0908 G.M.T. 9/8 009° 26' N.038°
28' W.
(?CHRISTIAN HOLM via Burnham Radio 0100/12, to
Connav, (R) Admty, C. in C.W.A.).

B.7. Escort
Unit

Your 2215/11. Yes please. This was intention of
my 1951Z/6.
(C. in C.W.A. 0825Z/12 to C.T.24).

Movement
Summary.

1800 G.M.T. 12/8.

Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
Convoy S.L.118	} 28° N 26° W.	347°	7½.
CHESHIRE.			
FOLKESTONE.	} 33½° N. 53° W.	311°	19½.
H.M.T.			
AQUITANIA.			
ASTURIAS .	} 17° N. 39½° W.	105°	6.
LARGS.			
2 Corvettes.			
A.T.18.	46° N. 41° W.	043°	14. Knots
L.27.	50° N. 47° W.	059°	11. "
T.A.19.	50° N. 28° W.	225°	25. "

(D.O.D.(F) 1140Z/12 to Opanav, Cominch, Comnav).

Suspicious
Warship.

Chilian Naval Authority states signal station on
Guafo Island reported sighted at 1000/10/8 unknown
Warship with 3 masts 6 miles distant estimated
speed about 10 knots, course. N.
(B.N.A.Santiago de Chile 1200/12 to S.O.(I) Callao,
(R) Admty, B.A.D. S.O.(I) Montevideo).

U.S.Forces

A.M. 1147/5/8. Further disposition of U.S.Forces
in the Atlantic.
6" Cruiser, MEMPHIS - hunting raider in South
Atlantic.
(D.O.D.(F) 1308A/12 to C. in C.H.F. S.B.N.O.W.A.
N.S.H.Q.).

HAVOCK
crew
(interned).

I have received a letter direct from C.O. of
HAVOCK now interned at Lahouat in Algeria, with
crews of motor boats, F.A.A. and R.A.F. Officers
and Cdr.Jessel, besides HAVOCK's Ship's Company.
Conditions appear to be poor. This a valuable
party of officers and men and I trust that they are not being
forgotten and that we may hope to extricate them under terms given
in F.O. telegrams 4718 and 4719 of 7/8 to Sir Ronald Campbell.
(B.A.D. 1345Z/12, to Admty).

/Mines....

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Mines.

W.J.A.612 Atlantic entrance St. Johns River Florida is closed to all shipping until further notice due possibly to presence of mines.
(C.N.S. Canada 1501Z/12, to All Senior Officers, Ships and Establishments etc).

DANMARK.

Overdue Trinidad British DANMARK.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 1504Q/12 to Admty, etc).

T.A.19.
(QUEEN MARY).

T.A.19 your 1925A/10, request E.T.A. (Connav 1540/12 to Admty).
T.A.19 sailed from U.K. a.m./11/8. 2.
Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to Milstaf Washington.
(D.S.T. 1550A/12 to B.A.D., B. M.W.T. New York)

GUADELOUPE.

Departure New Orleans 12/8 0300 GUADELOUPE, French, Guadeloupe 16/8.
(New Orleans 1607/12 to M.W.T.).

U/B
Positions.

S/M estimate 12/8.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1620/12, 1621/12, 1622/12, 1623/12 1624/12.)

S.C. and O.N.
Convoys.

My 1608Z/9. In view of Cominch's 2054Z/11, only alternative appears to sail ON convoys 3 days earlier in order to allow A and C groups of mid-ocean escorts force sufficient lay over in

Newfoundland Ports.

(2) First O.N. convoy affected would be O.N.129 escorted by C.2. Group. This group will be required to escort S.C.102 which sails from New York on 19/9 and should arrive Westomp on 28/9.

(3) Request an early decision as this also vitally affects Western local escort force and it may be necessary to increase number of groups in this force.

(N.S.H.Q. 1642Z/12 to Admty, (R) C. in C. Atlantic Fleet; C.J.S. Washington, Cominch, F.O.N.F., C.T.F.24; C. in C.W.A. B.A.D.).

Dispositions.

Section East.
(C.O.A.C. 1645Z/12 to Admty).
Section South West.
(C.O.A.C. 1651Z/12, amended 2121Z/12 to Admty).

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
RAMILLIES.

R.A.W.A.F's 1805/11. U.S.escorts will be proceeding from Trinidad to R/V and may not have sufficient fuel to proceed thence to U.S.without fuelling at Bermuda en route. (2) U.S.Authorities request that force may be routed to pass within 100 miles of Bermuda so that Battleships and escorts can proceed there if necessary to fuel escorts.
(B.A.D. 1709Z/12 to Admty, R.A.W.A.F.(R) C. in C.S.A. C. in C.U.S. Fleet, S.B.N.O. W.A.).

/A.T.20.....

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- A.T.20. C. in C.U.S.Fleet's 2110/11. U.S.authorities wish to add two 15 knot cargo vessels and 1 15 knot tanker to Iceland portion of A.T.20. Can these be accepted?
(B.A.D. 1715Z/12,1915Z/12 to Admty (R) C. in C.W.A)
- S.C.Convoy Schedule. Admty 2123A/10 and my 1642Z/12. Commencing with S.C.97 on 22/8. remaining S.C.convoy from Halifax will be sailing on Saturday. Last S.C. Convoy from Halifax would normally be S.C.101 on 19/9.
2. S.C. 102 will also sail from New York on 19/9. Impossible to provide Western local escort for both these convoys. Therefore in order to avoid missing one S.C.convoy propose B.7. group on return Curacao about 11/9 be used to escort S.C.102 from New York to Westomp. This will allow Western local escort to get into step with new system.
3. Request your concurrence.
(N.S.H.Q. 1859Z/12, to Admty (R) C. in C.U.S.Fleet. C. in C.Lant, C.T.F. 24, C. in C.W.A. C.O.A.C. C.C.N.F., B.A.D., C.J.S.Washington Concur.(D.T.D. 1311A/14).
- Reports of attacks on U-Boats. Comnav 121918, Your 1327B/8, affirmative. (Cominch, 1918/12, to Admty).
- Attacks on U/Bs. Weekly Summary. (C. in C.U.S.Fleet 1936/12 to Admty) See Lion Copy.
- Route and Vesca Signals. This is N.Z.N.B.'s 1447/7. Your 1545/4, not to Comsopac, and your 1549/4 to D.N.I. Wellington only. Comsopac desires that route and Vesca signals for C. in C.U.S.Fleet and U.S.Sea Frontier Commanders (except Colon) be passed to B.A.D. (in British codes and cyphers) with instructions B.A.D. pass to Connav and U.S. Sea Frontier Commanders as applicable. Request approval. (C. in C.U.S.Fleet, 2030Z/12 to Admty).
- Movements of big transports. Your 2250/9/5. Would appreciate ? special inter-station signal giving Vesca particulars for those ships as we frequently require E.T.A. in order that arrangements may be made for the disembarkation of passengers, prisoners, etc. (N.S.H.Q. 2039Z/12 to Admty).
Reply: Admty, 1231A/15.
- U/B Campaign. Connav Serial 12X. Refer serial No.6. SAN EMILIANO British Tanker torpedoed sunk 007° 22' N. 054° 08' W. 0120Z/9. 40 lost.8 Survivors landed Paramaribo.* BREMAS Norwegian sent SSS 6/8 001° 05' N. 054° 53' W. Now overdue Trinidad. MANZANILLO and SANDIEGO DE CUBA both Cuba both torpedoed sunk 1215Z/12 024° 20' N. 081° 50' W. en route Key West, Havana escorted. (Connav, 2056Z/12 to Comnav)* *See next page* /Savannah.....

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Savannah Mines. Entrance to Savannah closed to all shipping until further notice due to possible presence of mines. (C.N.S.Ottawa 2106Z/12 to W.J.A. 613).

S/M sighting and attack Summary. A. CAPE PERDE. (?CAPE VERDE) 2 torpedo hits. Turtle black shell red legs body and head divisions possibly U-45 type. WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, 1 torpedo hit and 1 miss. B. Panair plane sights sub. 23.44 N. 79.19 W. at 121125 course 60° Surface craft sighted periscope 38.54 N. 51.36 W. about 2030Z/11. Panair plane sighted sub. 21.50 N. 76.11 W. at 121313 course 120°. Panair plane sighted sub. on surface 21.44 N. 76.34 W. at 121945 course 90° C. Surface craft attacked sub. 35°N. 75.24 W. at 111650. CAPE OF GOOD HOPE later information indicates ALPINE DEER with ROSE. Plane attacked sub. 28.27 N. 89.23 W. at 082215. Also 57.10 N. 20.30 W. 102140. ~~Shore Watcher~~ SHORE WATCHER sighted sub. 65.40 N. 20.35 W. at 111232. Aircraft attacked sub. 34.38 N. 75.48 W. at 121415. D. A sound contact was attacked by a surface craft 11.48 N. 62.50 W. on 171530 of May. (Cominch 2121/12 to Admty for O.I.C.).

Shipping Signals U.S. Area. A.M. 1827Z/9 and Connav's 1633Z/11 (to N.S.H.Q. and S.O.(I) Jamaica only). Route messages of ships sailing from U.S. Area of Strategic Control are repeated to S.O.(I) of the British Intelligence Area in which port of departure is situated. Understood that diversion signals made by Connav are repeated to appropriate S.O.(I) i.e. in Atlantic to N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Jamaica or S.O.(I) Montevideo. When diversion signals are made to ships proceeding into C. in C. S.A. R.A.W.A. or V.A.C.N.A. portions of British strategic area, the appropriate British Intelligence Centre is requested to pass such signals to British Diverting Authorities concerned. (D.T.D. 2130A/12 to Connav, N.S.H.Q. S.O.(I)s Jamaica & Montevideo).

BRENAS (Sunk 6/8). M.V. BRENAS (Norwegian) torpedoed and sunk 2335Z/6 300 miles 274° true from Trinidad. Master taken aboard S/M. 1 missing, 32 survivors of total crew of 34 picked up by U.S. coastguard cutter JACKSON and landed here today. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 2212Q/12 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O.W.A., S.O.(I) Kingston) *See Newscast page (4/13 Campaign)*

R.C.N. Washington Appt. R.A.V.G. Brodeur has been appointed Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff officer i/c Washington. Short title for signal purposes N.M.C.S. Washington. 2. Signals which refer to matters affecting both the R.C.N. and U.S.N. are to be repeated to N.M.C.S. Washington. 3. Admiralty and Cominch are requested to allot group in appropriate British and British U.S. cyphers and codes for:- A. Canadian Chiefs of Staff, Ottawa. B. Canadian Joint Staff, Washington. C. Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington. B.A.D. Washington pass P/L to C.N.A. (C.N.S.Ottawa 2216Z/12 to General).

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Situation. Serial No. 202 11/8. Sunken Vessel sighted off Beco (Timor) 11/8 believed 2,000 ton vessel reported my Serial No. 201.

1. Landing barges sighted ashore Beco 11/8. 2 unidentified vessels sighted 10° 24' S. 125° 40' E., course W., at 0610Z/11.
2. 3 Hudsons attacked barges and Wharf Toeal (Kai Is.) 11/8. Nil enemy activity observed Saumlaki Kai or Aru Is.
3. Indications enemy S/M vicinity 21° 20' S. 157° 15' E. at 215Z/10.
4. Air R/C 11/8 reported 1 3-funnelled Cruiser 2 "Amagiri" Class Destroyers stationery Balgai Bay (Near Kavieng) at 0130Z/11. 1 Cruiser 5° 27' S. 154° 35' E. course 15° and 1 M/V 5° 32' S. 154° 25' E. course 270° at 0332Z/11.
5. Indications 2 enemy R/C aircraft Darwin Area 0420Z/12?
6. 7 Zeros intercepted by Kittihawks near S.E. Tip Papua 0225Z/11. 2 Zeros shot down 3 others probably shot.
7. 1 Catalina attacked Lakunai Aerodrome night 10/11. (G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 0745Z/12, to Admty etc.).

Shipping
Signals.

Following is repetition of Cominchs 1631Z/10:
(quoted).
2. Request you will comply.
(D.T.D. 1616A/12, to N.Z.N.B., A.C.N.B.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNSubmarines Reported.

Approximate positions.
(D.D.I.C. 1424A/12, 1425A/12).

Submarines Attacked.Weekly
Summary.

Your 1059/22/7. 5/8 SACKVILLE hit U-Boat at point blank range with 4" shell while escorting North Atlantic Convoy. 5/8 STELLA POLARIS attacked S/M off Cape Lookout obtaining oil large air bubbles and recovered escape float and other gear. 6/8 U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported sunk U-Boat entrance to Vila Harbor, Efate, New Hebrides. 6/8 H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE escort North Atlantic, convoy rammed S/M captured 36 survivors. 9/8 (8/8 intended?) DIANTHUS, convoy escort, also rammed and presumably sunk another* submarine. DIANTHUS damaged. 30/7 promising attack by surface craft off New Jersey Coast. 2/8 promising attack by surface craft near Trinidad. 39 attacks reported during week.

U. 110

* U. 379 - 5 - b. 243.

/This ...

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Submarines Attacked-~~conts~~:

Weekly
Summary
Contd:

This summary covers attacks reported during week ending 2400Z/9. Future weekly summaries will be dispatched each Monday covering attacks reported in the week ending 2400Z Sunday. As no previous summaries have been dispatched following recent incidents included. 31/7 SKEENA and WETASKIWIN convoy escorts destroyed*U-Boat. 24/7 ST.CROIX also destroyed*U-Boat. Both obtaining wreckage and human remains. Admiralty pass to Comnavu. B.A.D. informed.
(C.in C. U.S. Fleet, 1936/12, to Admtty (R) Comnavu, B.A.D.).

*U.548. ~~Sum~~ 31/7-p.942.

*U.90. ~~Sum~~ 24/7
p.746.

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Thursday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Coastal batteries fired 75 rounds last night at a convoy plotted by R.D/F between Sangatte and Gris Nez. M.G.Bs. and M.T.Bs. were despatched, the former to lay mines and the latter to attack the enemy; but owing to being shelled by the enemy shore batteries and to the moderate sea running they were not able to carry out their plan.

Three ground mines were detonated off Sheerness today.

North Atlantic

WOLVERINE arrived at Gibraltar from Operation "Pedestal" at 1152A today.

South Atlantic.

U/B
Operations.

SS. CALIFORNIA reports being shelled by a U-boat today in 9° N., 33° W. SS. SALUTA made a submarine distress signal from the same position. SS. CRIPPLE CREEK was sunk by submarine attack at 0400 today in 4° 55' N., 18° 30' W. SS. MENDANAU was sunk in the Freetown area about this date, but details are not yet known.

Mediterranean.

Operation
"Pedestal".

A shadowing aircraft reported that at 0130 the 4 enemy cruisers sighted yesterday evening were in 38° 12' N., 12° 15' E., steering 60°; the aircraft attacked the enemy with bombs at 0115 but without result. Another Wellington had already carried out an unsuccessful attack on the force at 2350/12.

H.Q., R.A.F. Malta reports (1800/13):- "Cruisers were then forced to abandon their position and alter course by our wireless messages in clear to Wellington alleging that more illumination was required for Liberators approaching to strike". (The message was made in order to deceive the enemy).

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean - conts. -Operation
"Pedestal".
Contd.BOLZANO Y MUZIO →
ATTENBOLO damaged.
(Torpedo attack
Register.)

A further air attack was made about 0320B, but the result is not reported. The enemy continued to retire north of Sicily, where P.211 and P.42 are on patrol. The latter reported at 0914B that at 0806B she had attacked 2 8 inch and possibly 2 smaller cruisers and 8 destroyers steering 70° at 25 knots in 38° 43' N. 14° 57' E. and claimed 2 unseen hits on an 8 inch cruiser. Reconnaissance confirmed that P.42 hit 2 cruisers. One C class 6 inch cruiser was photographed in Messina on 14/8, with 60 feet of her bows blown off.

*Confirmed by P. March
list of losses

→ At 0736B C.S.10 (in ASHANTI) reported that there had been continuous attacks by E-boats during the night. He had 5 merchant ships in company; a very severe air attack had been made by Junkers 87 and torpedo bombers in failing light, MANCHESTER was torpedoed* (presumably by an E-boat) and sank near Kelibia Roads about 0400B. SS. ALMERIA LYKES carrying bullion and WAIRANGI (12436 tons) were torpedoed during last night by aircraft or E-boats in about 36° 34' N., 11° 15' E. and had to be sunk this evening. Transport DORSET (10,624 tons) was disabled and set on fire about 11½ miles 16° from Linosa light; she was hit again later and sank at 2014: there were no casualties. The large tanker OHIO was damaged and set on fire and was taken in tow by PENN about 1240 in about 36° 12' N., 12° 49' E; later the minesweeper RYE from Malta took over the tow. SS. ROCHESTER CASTLE (with a hole 16 x 20 feet caused by torpedo) MELBOURNE STAR and PORT CHALMERS entered Malta at 1825 today. There were no casualties in transport EMPIRE HOPE which was sunk. → C.S.10 in ASHANTI with Force X (KENYA (damaged) CHARYBDIS and 4 destroyers) (PENN, LEDBURY and BRAMHAM are assisting with OHIO) left the convoy at 1630, 10 miles south of Malta and returned to Gibraltar.

At 1743B S.O. Force F reporting on the situation of Force Z as far as it was known stated that RODNEY's maximum speed was reduced to 18½ knots, due to a boiler defect, and she had also suffered possible damage to her rudder from a near miss. RODNEY, INDOMITABLE (maximum speed now reported to be 28½ knots) ITHURIEL and 5 destroyers were to be detached at 2315 to return to Gibraltar, whilst NELSON, VICTORIOUS, PHOEBE and SIRIUS were maintained in the western Mediterranean to cover the retirement of Force X with its damaged ships. At 1600B S.O. Force F was in 37° 37' N., 2° 59' E. steering 265° at 17 knots.

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Thursday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean - Contd.Operation
M.G. 4
Bombardment
of Rhodes.

C.S. 15 in CLEOPATRA with ARETHUSA, SIKH, ZULU JAVELIN and KELVIN carried out a bombardment of Rhodes Harbour and Allioti Flour Mills last night. Owing to searchlights and three E-boats the bombardment was carried out at longer range than intended. No hits were observed or reported. The aerodromes on Rhodes were bombed last night in co-operation with the bombardment of Rhodes Harbour.

JAVELIN attacked a submarine from 0654 to 0804 in $34^{\circ} 45' N.$, $1^{\circ} 4' E.$ At 0840 there were heavy explosions and much oil and black deposition surfacing and JAVELIN reports the U-boat no doubt destroyed. * *Corrected pos: $34^{\circ} 45' N.$ $31^{\circ} 55' E.$*
(*Sum p. 44.*)

Tobruk Harbour was bombed last night by 5 Halifax and 27 Wellington A/C and 1 Wellington bombed Sollum jetties.

Further successful air attacks were made today on F-boats off Bardia, 1 being sunk and another damaged.

5 Albacores bombed Matruh Harbour.

AustraliaJapanese
Night
Fighting.

Com. Task Force 44, referring to A.G.M. of 24/2/42 on Japanese dislike of night fighting, says this is not confirmed when Japanese are the attackers. A night attack made it is thought by 3 cruisers perhaps accompanied by destroyers, on the Allied forces in Solomons was executed with great efficiency.

Solomon
Is.

An enemy convoy of 3 transports and a tanker, which was seen by air R/C to have reached Gona at 0815Z today was unsuccessfully attacked three times today by Fortresses and Marauders.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.A/S
operations
by
Destroyers
from
Hvalfiord.

Your 1032/12 and my 1105/3. I did not wish destroyers employed against U-Boats north of Iceland whilst there ~~was~~ a more immediate threat to the approaches to Reykjavik from the south westward. Other circumstances permitting, action should be taken against U-Boats when the distance and air R/C give a reasonable chance of success action by arrival forces.
(C. in C.H.F. 1456A/13 to C.S.1 (R) DUKE OF YORK).

Movements.

PETUNIA.

PETUNIA delayed. Request she may sail 17/8 direct to Milford Haven.
(C. in C.W.A. 1041A/13 to C. in C.Rosyth).

TYNE DALE.

If nothing is sighted, proceed to Plymouth through 220° Lizard Head 10.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1115A/13 to TYNE DALE).
My 1115/13. If you have survivors proceed to Falmouth. If not rejoin P.W.201.
(C. in C.Plymouth 1222A/13 to TYNE DALE).

M.M.S.s
for
Milford
Haven.

My 1016A/12. Motor minesweepers 13, 20, 21, 50, 133, 134, 135, left Moelfre Bay 0400A/13.
E.T.A. Milford Haven 2100A/13.
2. M.M.S.33 returned to Liverpool with degaussing defects.
3. Intend sailing M.M.S. 184 in place of M.M.S.33 at 1800A/13 speed 10 knots. E.T. A. Milford Haven 1300A/14.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1204A/13).

OPPORTUNE.

A.M. 1849B/30/7.
Intend to sail OPPORTUNE from Needles 0830A/14 for Scapa in company with convoy P.W.202 astern of LL sweepers still clear of QZX 766 and thence independently by QZS 298 and route A and QZS 278 to Plymouth carrying out four hours full power acceptance trial on passage, E.T.A. 1500/14. Course will be reversed between Start and Eddystone to complete trial before entering QZS 278 subject to approval of C. in C.Plymouth.
2. Trial parties will be landed at Plymouth and OPPORTUNE will sail for Scapa at time ordered by C. in C.Plymouth, routed standard route - speed 20 knots.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 1253/13).

O.10.

Captain (S) 6 0935/13. Intend sailing O.10 from Dundee at 0700A/14, to R/V ELFIN at number 23 buoy at 1000A/14 for onward passage to Blyth.
E.T.A. 0500A/15.
(Capt. S.9.1331A/13).

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ALBRIGHTON Intend sailing ALBRIGHTON (?and) BLEASDALE from
BLEASDALE. Yarmouth at 0630/14th by A.M. Q Z S 284 and 364
E.T.A. Poole Bay 0745/14 to carry out Gunnery
practices in vicinity of Poole Buoy at 0800 to
1000/14 as arranged with military authorities.
2. On completion BLEASDALE will return to Portsmouth and
ALBRIGHTON proceed by Q.Z.S. 364 and 293 to R/V with target in
110° Portland Bill 6 miles at 1300/14 for practice as arranged.
3. ALBRIGHTON will escort target to Portland by Q Z S 295 on
completion of practice and return to Portsmouth passing through
Q Z S 766 astern of W.P. convoy.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 1553A/13).

*GLENGYLE.

My 2124/21/7.

*QUEEN

Request you sail the following ships for the Clyde
as soon as no longer required by you.

EMMA,

PRINCES

GLENGYLE, QUEEN EMMA, PRINCES, BEATRIX.

BEATRIX.

They should take with them a full outfit of landing
craft. Request I may be informed if there is
spare available in them for lifting other landing
craft.

* See next page

(C.C.O. 1745A/13 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

28th M.L.F.

Sailed in accordance with C. in C.W.A.1514B/1st.
PINDOS escorting 28th M.L.Flottilla. M.Ls 443 (S.O)
4 M.Ls 341, 493, 307. S. of A. 10 knots.
PINDOS. (N.O.I.C.Milford Haven 1745A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.).

P.51.

LADY PHIOMENA is to take over special escort of
P.51 sailing with F.S.880 from BERKSHIRE at 62 D.
buoy tomorrow and remain as escort to Sheerness
(C. in C.Nore 1754A/13).

DESPATCH.

When ready for sea DESPATCH should be sailed for
Scapa to work up.

DURBAN.

(D.O.D.(H) 1913A/13 to F.O.I.C. Tyne).

When ready for sea request you will sail
DURBAN for Scapa to work up.

(D.O.D.(H) 1914A/13 to C. in C.Portsmouth).

P.221.

Sailed P.221 escorted by WHITE BEAR.
(F.O.I.C.Greenock 1934A/13).

H.43.

My 0958/12. Sailed.

MONK&HOOD.

(Capt.S.7. 2001A/13).

PEGASUS.

Admty. 2331/12 and F.O.I.C.Belfast's 1040/13.
Submit PEGASUS may arrive Bangor 2300 /15, to
clean boilers, arriving at Belfast, 26th.
(PEGASUS 2115A/13).

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ThursdayWar Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.Norway
Coastal
S/M Patrol.Recall STURGEON and P.54 to Lerwick forthwith.
(F.O.(S) 0004A/13 to Capt.S.9). *See 12/8. p 348*Enemy
Convoy
Shelled.
M.G.Bs and
South
Foreland
Area Shelled.

Last night 12/13 R.D/F plotted about 8 vessels believed to be 2 Merchant Vessels escorted by 6 M-Class Minesweepers from off Gravelines at 2340 to Boulogne at 0245, speed 7 knots. Coastal Batteries fired 21 rounds of 15" and 54 rounds of 9.2" at the Convoy between Sangatte and Gris Nez. 5 M.G.Bs and 3 M.T.Bs were despatched at 0108, the M.G.Bs to lay R Mines off Ambleteuse and the M.T.Bs to attack close North of Boulogne. M.G.Bs were shelled by enemy shore batteries whilst laying off Gris Nez waiting for enemy convoy. Owing to this and the moderate sea running neither M.G.Bs nor M.T.Bs were able to carry out their plan. Enemy coastal batteries counter bombarded with ten rounds which fell in South Foreland Area between 0230 and 0240 having previously fired about 44 rounds which fell ten off South Foreland about 2150 and 34 to the west of Dover between 0025 and 0230 presumably at Motor Vessel IMLA LAYTERI and Trawler ERIMO which were passing through these areas. No damage or casualties reported.

(V.A.Dover 1018A/14) See also Enemy Intelligence.

** S/M & Lt Comdant 21/4*

IRIS.

Cable ship IRIS sailing at 1930A today, speed 11 knots, to lay cable in the vicinity of Ben Becula, thereafter proceeding to Ballachulish to repair cable, on completion returning Clyde. IRIS will report by W/T when leaving Ben Becula.
(N.O.I.C.Greenock 1106B/13).

GLENGYLE,
PRINCE
CHARLES,
CALPE, FERNIE,
LOCUST, M/S.F.9
M.L.171.

C. in C. Portsmouth N.F.J. 0221/92/2 of 7/8. *N.T.W.D. W.D.*
page 2 of Appendix B to J.J. Admiralty and my MS/1 of 8th August 1942. *N.T.W.D.*
1. Ships addressed are to sail to pass Eastern gate as follows (A) M/S.F. 9th and M.L.171 at 2015/13, returning by inshore route about 1030/14. (B) GLENGYLE and PRINCE CHARLES at 2230/13 returning at 0520/14. (C) CALPE S.O, FERNIE, and LOCUST at 2300/13 returning at 0620/14.
2. Speed, ships in group B as in my M S/1 of 8th August. Ships in group C 14 knots to E.A.5 Buoy, thence 15 knots, reduced to 14 knots on repassing E.A.5 buoy.
3. No destroyers of Seaward patrol will operate.
(QUEEN EMMA 1630A/13 to GLENGYLE, etc.)

Channel
Islands
Patrol.

Weather permitting available M.G.Bs are to carry out my 1539A/11, today. Codeword "Obstacle."
(C. in C. Plymouth 1322A/13 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).
My 1515/13. "Obstacle" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 2120/13).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - Contd.MINERVE
Patrol.
"Cheese."My 1058/12. ^{p. 347} Short title of operation is "Cheese".
(F.O.S. 1659/13). *(Linking up with list)*Dover
Patrols.M.Ls 450 and 220 from Ramsgate patrolling between
Dumpton and North East Spit buoys. E.T.D. 2130.
E.T.R. 0500/14.

Trawlers SARPEDON and LOIS at 'D' buoy.

M.L.137 and R.M.L. 516 at 'C.1' buoy.

M.Ls 213, 125, 210, 128 carrying out operation N.L.59A, E.T.D.
2130, E.T.R. 0345. Route via No.1 buoy each way.M.T.Bs 202, 235, 240, 203, 204, from Dover and M.G.Bs 10,13, 9,
7,6 from Ramsgate, E.T.D. 2115 and 2045 respectively, patrolling
off Boulogne and Ambleteuse. E.T.R. Dover 0345/14. E.T.R.
Ramsgate 0415/14.
(V.A. Dover 1839A/13).British Air Activity.Search for
LETITIA
survivors
(Torpedoed
9/8).One A/C today searched an area between 54° 20' and
53° 30' N 24° 20' and 22° 50' W. Two Lancasters
will sweep an area tomorrow from 25° to 23° W.
between 52° 54' N, and one Liberator from 23°
to 21° W. between 52° 29' and 53° 31' N.

Aircraft will arrive in area at 0930 A/13 approx.

Unless anything is sighted you should sweep to

Leeward from position of sinking towards 53° N. 23° W.
(C. in C.W.A. 0150A/13 to SNOWFLAKE, WALLFLOWER).U.S.A.
Aircraft.Position of U.S.A. aircraft at a.m. 13th No
change since 12/8. No movement from Iceland to
U.K. reported for today.
(Air Ministry 1445/13 to 44 Group).A/C
crashed.M/S Trawler, FENTONIAN reports that 0252/13 an A/C
crashed in flames 3/4 of a mile N.E. of Foreland
Buoy. Dover M.L's are reported to have searched
vicinity without result.
(C. in C.Nore 1450A/13).

Dinghy.

Am over a dinghy in 48° 10' N. 7° 23' W
containing live aircrew.
(A.O.C. 19th Group 1604/13).Bombing
Restrictions.Total bombing restrictions in force in Area 14
North of 060° N. from 2359/14 until further
notice.
(Capt. S.9. 2351A/13 to P.54 STURGEON).

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Enemy Air Activity.

River Dart. Barges attacked. Air attack on barges moored in River Dart at 1235/13 Barges at No.14 Buoy attacked by Cannon Fire, 3 bombs aimed at barges moored off Stoke Gabriel, and another reported unexploded in River. Superficial damage to barges only and 1 rating very slightly injured. (N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 1642/13).

Salcombe attacked. PIERRE DESCELLIER (B.D.V.) INTREPIDE (B.D.V.) and Water-Boat sunk. Following received from L.N.O. Salcombe, begins:- Enemy plane machine-gunned over Salcombe at 1217/13 and dropped a bomb with direct hit on ex French Trawler PIERRE DESCELLIER. 2 ratings killed and 1 presumed missing. Names. Following four injured are in hospital. Names. 10 other survivors have been discharged to Dartmouth. The Trawler was sunk, also Motor-boat, INTREPIDE being alongside. In addition a water-boat was sunk and the occupant is missing. 1620/13 ends. (N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 1756 /13).

Enemy Intelligence.

Straits of Dover. Plotted by R.D.F. in Dover Strait. 8 vessels believed to be 2 Merchant vessels and 6 'M' Class minesweepers from 3 miles north of Gravelines at 2335, westbound at 7 knots, entered Boulogne at 0245. Engaged by our coastal batteries who fired 75 rounds while enemy was between Sangatto and Gris Nez. (V.A.Dover 1020A/13).

U-Boats.

U-Boats Reported. Am over enemy S/M in 45° 28' N. 13° 22' W. When first sighted was on course 060°. (A.O.C. 19th Group 0949/13). U/B. tracking indicates possibility that up to 4 U/Bs may reach you during forenoon today. No W/T activity near you since signal referred to in My 2024/12. (D.D.I.C. 0956A/13 to Escorts H.Q. 87).

U/Boat attacked. Am over enemy S/M in 53° 20' N. 22° 42' W. Periscope only sighted. (A.O.C. 15th Group 1125/13). A/C sighted Periscope in 053° 20' N. 22° 42' W. at 1125A/13 and attacked with depth charge. Result unobserved. (C. in C.W.A. 1202A/13 to SNOWFLAKE, WALLFLOWER).

Reports of attacks on U/Boats. Following procedure for reporting attacks in Home Waters and North or South Atlantic on targets known or believed to be U-Boats is to be adopted forthwith. Details. 3. Signalled reports in accordance with C.A.F.O 834/41 are to continue. 4. In all other areas the existing procedure will remain in force. 5. Paras. 3, 4 and 5 of C.A.F.O. 834/41 are cancelled. (D.A./S.W.1845A/13).

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Russia
Beacons.

Your 2136A/10. This is not the case. Russians state operation of radio-beacons remain as laid down in Section 2 of Kola Inlet. General Memorandum.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1545A/13 to Admty).

Casualties & Defects.

ERODONA.

Following received, from A.C.O.S. Begins. Intend to sail from Thurso Bay at 1730 today ERODONA in tow of EMPIRE LARCH and EMPIRE

BASCOBEL escorted by BUTE and LEICESTER CITY for Blyth, E.T.A. 0600/16. Request relief escort for LEICESTER CITY at number 30 Buoy, E.T.A. 1600/14. 1003A/13. Ends.

No relief escort available at Blyth. Request you make necessary arrangements.

(N.O.I.C. Blyth 1147A/13 to C. in C. Rosyth).

FARNDALE.

My 1132/13. ^{14.8.42} Sailing delayed 24 hours owing to defect.

(C. in C. Nore 1617A/13 to A.C.O.S.).

MARTINETTA
(N.A.B.)

Following message received by V/S from patrol vessel MARTINETTA. Begins. Request you will inform N.O.I.C. Campbeltown by W/T that MARTINETTA has developed engine defects and requires assistance. Position Ardamont Point. Ends.

(TIGRIS 1916/13 to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown).

Shipping & Convoys.

S.C.94.

Arrived PRIMROSE.

(Cdre, Londonderry 0744A/13).

A.F.O. 2901/41. Details of survivors.

(NASTURTIUM 0800Z/13).

Request you sail MAN-O-WAR to meet S.C.94 in position (A) at 1300A/13.

(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0830A/13 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).

Arrival BATTLEFORD with survivors.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0914A/13).

Report from C.O. BATTLEFORD as to circumstances in which SS. RADCHURCH was abandoned on 8/8.

(C. in C.W.A. 1332A/13 to Admty). See Lion Copy.

Reports of Escorts PRIMROSE, ORILLA, and of survivors of EMPIRE MOONBEAM and WILLEMSPLEIN on abandonments of EMPIRE MOONBEAM, WILLEMSPLEIN, EMPIRE ANTELOPE, RADCHURCH and MOUNT KASSION. (Commodore, Londonderry, 1527A/13 to C. in C.W.A.)
See Lion Copy.

/(?C.T.U).

SECRET

MESSAGE

10000/10 AUGUST,

IN.

From C. in C. Western Approaches.

Date 13.8.42.
Recd. 1356.

P/L BY T/P.

Addressed Admiralty personal for A.C.N.S.(T).

Following received from F.O. i/c Greenock begins

IMPORTANT. SECRET CODE.

S.C.94. ss. RADCHURCH, abandoned unnecessarily.

Addressed C. in C. Western Approaches.
From F.O. i/c Greenock.

S.C. 94.

Following is report from Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. BATTLEFORD) begins:-

At 1303Z/8, in lat. 56-42 N. Long. 32-22 W. BATTLEFORD was in position right astern (D.E. 7"0").

2. BATTLEFORD at 1320Z was ordered to pick up survivors and was successful in saving 146, including 41 from the RADCHURCH. At this time, it was noted that s.s. RADCHURCH did not appear to be settling. As she had not been seen to have been hit, the Master was interviewed and stated he had been struck with two torpedoes, one forward and one aft. Before giving order to abandon ship, his deck had split right across, abaft the saloon, his No.1 hatch was blown open and he expected her to go down immediately.

3. Her appearance did not bear this statement out and Lieut. H. D. Campsie, R.C.N.R. on passage for leave, was instructed to take an E.R.A. and boarding party and board vessel.

4. His report at 1440Z/8 was that the vessel was untouched no damage of any sort was evident and soundings showed a maximum of six inches.

5. He reported complete disorder and that the ship's C B's were still aboard. The Master was instructed to take his crew back and proceed to rejoin convoy. A life boat was salvaged and RADCHURCH closed.

6. The Master reported to me that except for his officers and one or two sailors no one would return.

7. I had a muster of his hands and informed them their ship was in every respect seaworthy and life boats and escort would be provided. However this was of no avail, most of the deckhands and all the firemen (West Indians) definitely refusing.

8. ORILLIA was contacted and it was decided that a crew of volunteers, completed by the necessary stoker complement from the two ships should be sent. The whole ship's company of both vessels having volunteered.

9. While this arrangement was being made, orders were received from Senior Officer escort, to rejoin convoy immediately.
(submarine sighted).

10. This order frustrated our plans and after taking off boarding party and C B's RADCHURCH was left abandoned.

11. Lieut. H.D. Campsie R.C.N.R. and myself, feel that RADCHURCH was definitely "thrown away". Ends. 1208/13/8.

1-4-13/8.

1332A/13.

Advance copy. A.C.N.S.(T).

1st Lord.
1st S.L.(2).
Dep. 1st S.L.
4th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(H).
A.C.N.S.(T)(2).
A.C.N.S.(W)
Nav. Sec.
Fin. Sec.
Parl. Sec.
N.A. 1st S.L.
Ops.(3).
C.D.(5).
O.I.C.(3).
D.A/S.W.
D.T.D.(4).
D.T.D.(H).
D.T.D.(C).
D. of S.T.(2).
D.N.I.(5).
N.L.
Adl. Leggett (Fannin House.)

D.S.D.(2).
N.I.D.10.(2).
M.(2).
C.C.C.S.
Cdr. Holbrook.
Adl. Blake.
I.P.(3).
D. of Salvage.
W.D.
File (F.O. i/c Greenock 1200
13).

1527A/13 August.

SECRET

MESSAGE

IN.

From Commodore Londonderry.

Date 13.8.42.
Recd. 1650.

P/L BY T/P.

Addressed C. in C. Western Approaches. Repeated
Admiralty.

S.C. 94. Abandonments.

IMPORTANT.

S C 94. Escorts report as follows on abandonment of ships stated

(A) PRIELOSE.

(1). 7 men from EMPIRE MOONBEAM No.31 state two explosions were heard and officer gave order to abandon ship. Falls of boat jammed and were cut throwing about 25 men into water of whom seven were saved. EMPIRE MOONBEAM continued with convoy.

(2). 5 men from Dutch WILLEMSPLEIN No.42 state three explosions were heard and there was much running about and shouting in Dutch. The 5 men, which includes D.E.M.S. ratings 2 R.N. and 1 Army, cut a raft adrift and jumped after it.

(3). Crew of EMPIRE ANTELOPE returned at once and she continued with convoy.

(4). Nothing known of RADCHURCH.

(5). Explosions were certainly depth charges from PRIELOSE fired within 1000 yards of No.31 and No. 42.

(B) ORILLIA.

(1). RADCHURCH No.84 was not damaged. Master remained on board ship. Crew believed to be negro in BATTLEFORD No direct evidence.

(2). MOUNTKASSION was boarded after she was abandoned. No evidence of panic. Ship abandoned in good order. Lashings of L C T had been cut.

(C) CHILLIWACK has nothing to report.

(D) Survivors of EMPIRE MOONBEAM and WILLEMSPLEIN

including.....

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S.C.94. (?C.T.U) 24.1.11 in PRIMROSE plus ORILLIA and
Contd. CHILLIWACK arrived from S.C.94. BATTLEFORD,
NASTURTIUM, and DIANTHUS standing by O.N. to U.K.
(C.T.G.24.7. 1610A/13 to C.T.F.24). *See previous page.*

Continue search until further orders for RADCHURCH. Last seen
in position 56° 42' N. 32° 22' W. at 1303Z/8. STAFNES pass to
ADHERENT.

(C. in C.W.A. 1741B/13 to SENNEN, (R) ROSELYS, ADHERENT,
STAFNES).

In view of report from C.O. BATTLEFORD, Ministry of War
Transport have been asked to hold formal inquiry into
circumstances attending abandonment of SS.RADCHURCH. Ministry
representatives will require sworn depositions from C.O.
BATTLEFORD and officer and men of boarding party. F.O.I.C.
Greenock is requested to give them facilities on application.
(A.C.N.S.(T.) 1843A/13 to C. in C.W.A.).

P.C. and S. at 2200Z 056° 31' N. 031° 34' W. 292°, 8 knots
searching for RADCHURCH. ROSELYS, STAFNES, NIMBLE, ADHERENT,
in company. STAFNES has fuel for 4 days only at 10 knots.
ADHERENT has ample.

(SENNEN 2208Z/13).

Your 1527/13 para; (D). Survivors of EMPIRE MOONBEAM need
only be detained until their depositions have been taken. D.E.M.S.
ratings from WILLEMSPLEIN are to be retained until further orders.
(C. in C.W.A. 2328A/13 to Commodore, Londonderry).

North TUSCALOOSA, RODMAN, EMMONS, remain Clyde until
Russia further directions. Keep steam at four hours
Survivors. notice.

(C. in C.H.F. 0832A/13 to TUSCALOOSA).

Cancel my 0832/13. If ready TUSCALOOSA
and destroyers are to sail p.m. today.
(2) R.A.(D) Home Fleet is requested to sail ONSLAUGHT
accordingly.

(C. in C.H.F. 1146A/13 to TUSCALOOSA).

At 2000 U.S. Fleet Unit, RODMAN, EMMONS vicinity Altacarry to
270° Oversay 6 miles and 058° 01' N. 010° 02' W, 18 knots.

(C. in C.W.A. 1528A/13).

Sailed. ONSLAUGHT routed as in my 2319A/11. E.T.A. 0630A/15.
(R.A.D.H.F. 1756A/13 to A.C.I.C.).

TUSCALOOSA arrives Seidisfjord A.M. 15th, and will not arrive
Kola Inlet before 1900A/19.

Force is not to sail from Seidisfjord until further orders.

(C. in C.H.F. 1806A/13 to S.B.N.O. North Russia, TUSCALOOSA).

D.S.31. Intend sailing LEINSTER escorted by CURACOA
A.T.18. passing Clyde Boom 1000A/15 to R/V LANCASTER
SALADIN, and SHIKARI in 270° Oversay 6 miles at
1715A/15, thence R/V A.T.18 in 056° 20', 013° 30' at 1015A/16.
Escort thence comply with C. in C.W.A. 1308A/11.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 0954A/13).

A.T.20. Your 1715/12 and 1915/12. Maximum number of
British destroyers available to escort Iceland
portion is 4. Extra ships may be included if U.S.
authorities consider this sufficient or alternatively if
additional U.S. destroyers can be detached from main convoy to
reinforce Iceland portion.
(D.O.D.(H) 1300A/13 to B.A.D. Washington).

/O.G.89.

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O.G.89.

C.A.M. Ships EMPIRE HEATH and EMPIRE FRANKLIN have been allocated for inclusion in Convoy O.G. 89.
(D.T.D. 1513A/13).

RICHMOND
CASTLE
survivors.
Search for
LETITIA
survivors.

My position 053° N. 023° W, searching area 052° 30' N to 053° 45' N. longitude 023° to 020° W. Have picked up 18 survivors from RICHMOND CASTLE torpedoed and sunk at 1330Z/3. in 050° N. 035° W. Two other boats known to have got away, making for Newfoundland and Ireland respectively. Oil fuel remaining 1700Z/13, SNOWFLAKE 38%, WALLFLOWER 49%.

(SNOWFLAKE 1731Z/13 to C. in C.W.A. (R) HURRICANE).

Report area searched to date. A/C will co-operate tomorrow.

(C. in C.W.A. 1802A/13 to SNOWFLAKE, WALLFLOWER).

Your 1802A/13. Have searched an area bounded by following positions, all North and West unless otherwise indicated

(A) 053° 02' 023° 00' (B) 052° 44' 023° 00' (C) 052° 22' 023° 55'
(D) 053° 03' 026° 22' (E) (053° or 54°) 27' 026° 22'
(F) 054° 27' 025° 32' (G) 053° 10' 025° 32' (H) 52° 44' 023° 55'
and 7 miles either side of a line joining 053° 57' 018° 36' and 053° 36' 025° 25'.

(SNOWFLAKE 1832Z/13 to C. in C.W.A.). *See p. 383*

A.T.18
BARRY.
URUGUAY.

My 1913/6 para.2. Amend destination of ships on arrival in U.K. as follows:-

- (1) BARRY to Belfast Lough instead of Barry.
- (2) URUGUAY to Swansea instead of Cardiff.

(D.O.D. (H) 1830A/13 to C. T.F. 38).

S.L.117.
NARVIK.

Request you will sail NARVIK to meet S.L.117 Position A, 1100A/14.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2201A/13 to Commodore, Londonderry)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

WOLVERINE. My 1931B/12. My P.C. and S. are 0200B/13
 036° 22' N. 003° 03' W. 262° 11 knots.
 (WOLVERINE, 0201B/13, to BURDOCK, ARMERIA.
 Repeated F.O.C.N.A.). *See next page.*

→ KEPPEL A/S Sweep. Sailed KEPPEL for A/S sweep in Cape de Gata Cape Palos Area.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 0320A/13, to VIDETTE (R) Admty. WOLVERINE. Force R. S.O. Force F. MALCOLM).
 My 0320. Sailed WRESTLER to join KEPPEL and VIDETTE.
 My 1731/12 (not to addressees) for VENOMOUS read WRESTLER.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 0802A/13, to KEPPEL, VIDETTE, (R) Admty, S.O. Force 'F', MALCOLM, WOLVERINE, Force 'R'.).
 On reaching 005° W. BURDOCK and ARMERIA are to proceed at best speed to carry out A/S sweep in Cape Palos Cape de Gata Area under orders of KEPPEL.
 (2). KEPPEL is to signal R/V.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 0952A/13, to BURDOCK, ARMERIA, (R) Admty. KEPPEL, WRESTLER, S.O. Force 'F', MALCOLM).

→ KEPPEL. My P.C. and S. at 2200B/13 036° 02' N. 002° 06' W. 066° 18. VIDETTE, WRESTLER in company.
 Am sweeping eastward along track of Force "Y" tonight at 18 knots up to Greenwich meridian, meeting ARMERIA at daylight.
 (KEPPEL, 1919A/13, to F.O.C. N.A. (R) Force "Y", ARMERIA). *See p. 390.*

DERWENT A/C shadowing. One shadowing 160° 37' 20" N. 7° 1' E.
 (DERWENT 0900/13 to Gibraltar W/T).

→ P. 212. My 1140/8. Your escort will be a Trawler.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1040A/13 to P. 212).

Situation report. Area X. Situation 1959B/13.
 1. P 212 036° 45' 009° 03' through 036° 32' 007° 09' to Gibraltar on surface 10.
 2. P 556 035° 43' 016° 08' through 035° 58' 013° 25' and 035° 30' 007° 30' to Gibraltar on surface 9. *See next page.*
 (3) ALOUETTE patrolling off Lisbon.
 (4) IMPERIALIST escorting 1 motor vessel off Cape Roca coast - wise to Gibraltar 6. *See p. 390.*
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1130A/13 to N.A. Station)
 Area Y. Situation 1959B/13.
 (1) S.L. 118 H.M. Ships CHESHIRE, FOLKESTONE, WOODRUFF, PENTSTEMON, WELLINGTON, FORT RYAN 029° 30' 024° 50' 010° 7.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1202A/13. to N.A. Station).

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Op. Arrival WOLVERINE from operation "Pedestal".
"Pedestal". (F.O.C.N.A., 1152A/13, to S.O. Force 'F'. (R)
WOLVERINE. Admty. C.in C. Med. C.in C. W.A. V.A. Malta.)

Cartagena Crew of German Sub. (?are) no longer allowed on
damaged board. Lorry arrived to remove crew's gear but
German U/B. was refused permission except in the case some
coats etc., belonging to vessel but not on
individual issue. C.N.S. repeated today's
assurance that men can not leave unless orders are given to hand
them to other Authority. If such orders are given he will
inform me. Precautions taken avoid substitute. Matter awaits
return from holiday of M.F.A. when he will see Ambassador again.
I have again stressed serious nature of case.
(Madrid, 1213/13 to D.N.I. (R) F.O.C.N.A.).

P. 556. Your 1206B/6. In 263° position H. 292 miles.
In Mission
(Sitt. 7.4.13) Course speed 083° 8.5. If weather moderate and
no further defects speed will be 9 knots.
(P. 556, 1324Z/13, to F.O.C.N.A.).
Your 1324/13 acknowledged. Cancel my 1106/10. Adjust
speed to pass H at 0430Z/15 P 035° 30' 007° 30' at 1830Z/16 and
R/V with escort in Q 350° Cape Spartel 5 miles at 0600Z/17.
2. Temporary bombing restrictions arranged accordingly.
3. If unable to comply within 2 hours report position course and
speed.
4. Assume you are keeping wireless watch on G.S. routine.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1836A/13, to P. 556 (R) Admty. F.O.S.).

DOLIUS Your 1923B/8 and 1824A/11 (one) Seafires are
KOHISTAN. heavily overloaded in KOHISTAN and DOLIUS.
(2) To unload, disembark A/C and reload ships
entails about 14 days, to detriment of all other
work, import and main wharves in particular.
(3) This is unacceptable. Request immediate
instructions.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1452A/13, to Admty).
Your 1452/13. It is essential that Seafires are unloaded
at Gibraltar. Delay to KOHISTAN and DOLIUS must be accepted
but they should join O.S. 38 if possible.
(D.O.D. (F) 2145A/13, to F.O.C.N.A.).

KAULDI. Your telegrams (C). As coded. Bilbao.
KAULDI, Bilbao 7 hours G.M.T. 13/8.
(N.A. Madrid, N.T.O.O. Recd. 1830/13, to Admty.
for D.N.I.).

/A/S ...

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A/S Under consideration to operate remaining A/C of
Floatplanes 813 and 824 Squadrons as A/S floatplanes at
Gibraltar. Gibraltar with an I.E. of 9 A/C using the balance
as A.R.

2. Request you will report whether this proposal
is feasible as regards accommodation and congestion in harbour.
If so necessary conversion sets and a small number of trained
A.B.R. pilots would be sent out. Balance of pilots would have
to be provided from squadrons. This would be acceptable under
the circumstances.
(D.N.A.D., 1949A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.). Reply: 1550/14.

Bombing (1) My 1506/8 delete reference area G. 07 G. 08
restrictions. G. 09 G. 10 G. 11.
(2) Cancel my 1308/12.
(3) Request total bombing restrictions in

following area -

Area	From	To.
G 10	2100/13	1600/14
G 11	0800/14	0530/15
G 12	2130/14	1830/15
G 13	0830/15	0730/16
G 14	2330/15	2030/16

All times zone minus one.

(F.O.C.N.A., 2036A/13, to Admty. H.Q.C.C. (R) F.O.S.).

RORQUAL. RORQUAL leaves Gibraltar p.m. 14th within 5 miles
of Spanish coast to J 120° Cape Palos 4 miles at
0800B/16 thence through 038° 29' N. 001° 41' E.
038° 42' N. 004° 16' E. 038° 27' N. 009° 00' E. S. of A. 125
miles a day.

2. OTUS and P. 31 decypher signal addressed 8th S/M.F.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2040A/13, to 8th S/M Flotilla, OTUS, P. 31).

PESCADOR. Armed guard put on board PESCADOR 2030B/13
position (? 129°) Cape Espichel 6 miles. Am
proceeding Gibraltar E.T.A. 0800B/15.
E.T.A. PESCADOR 0800B/15.
(IMPERIALIST, 2130B/13, to F.O.C. N.A., (R) S.O.
Trawler Group S.O. Western Patrol).

See p. 288 (S.O. Western Patrol)

RODNEY and INDOMITABLE escorted by 6 destroyers
INDOMITABLE, will pass through (?R) D at (?19)00B/13 approx.
destroyers. thence through L and K, S. of A. 17 knots.
(ii) KEPPEL, VIDETTE, WRESTLER, adjust speed so
as to R/V in daylight 14th and act as additional
(corrupt) Gibraltar.
(iii) ARMERIA remain on patrol off Cape de Gata.
(iv) KEPPEL acknowledge.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2246A/13 to KEPPEL (R) Admty. ARMERIA
S.O. Force F., RODNEY, WRESTLER, VIDETTE).

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PANTELIS. My 1140/10 cancel PANTELIS. Ship returned Aden 27/7 owing to Monsoon.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1050B/13, to Admty C.in C. S.A. Dep. C.in C. E.F., S.O. (I) Colombo Kilindini. (R) C.S.A. Lourenco Marques).

W.S. 21. 1. Intend sailing Convoy W.S. 21 at 0715Z/15.
A.S. 6. 2. Route (A) 006° 50' N. 015° 00' W.
(B) 006° 10' S. 014° 02' W.
(C) 010° 00' S. 009° 21' W.
(D) 034° 28' S. 017° 28' E.

thence as ordered by C.in C. S.A.

3. Ocean escort HAWKINS, PETARD and CATTERICK to Capetown. HAWKINS has been informed C.in C. S.A. will arrange onward escort of Durban ships.

4. Convoy A.S. 6 escorted to M.O.M.P. by ALCANTARA will join convoy W.S. 21 in (Q) 006° 31' S. 013° 30' W. at 1400Z/18. Onward S. of A. will be signalled.

5. PETARD and CATTERICK will fuel from Oiler FORTOL at St Helena.

6. Anticipated U.S. Aircraft Tender TEAL from BROOME will join ocean escort in (X) 012° 45' S. 006° 35' W. at 1600Z/20.

7. Escort shifts to area Q W/T organisation at 1200Z/21.

(R.A. West Africa, 1402Z/13, as amended 1733Z/14, to C.in C. S.A.

(R) N.O.I.C. Ascension Admty, B.A.D. Cominch HAWKINS, C.T.F.23.9.)

ELMWOOD survivors.

Portuguese British Authorities in Lisbon have agreed GUINEA due Bissao 15/8 shall take 19 ELMWOOD survivors to Lisbon and if necessary will call Bathurst embark some there for Lisbon.

Do you require this Bathurst call?

For your information MARIA AMELIA sailed for Bathurst 10/8 with 49 survivors U.S. S.S. STELLA LYKES (1 man left in Bissao Hospital).

(R.O. Bissao, 1420/13 to D.N.I. (R) S.O.I. Freetown).

BARBOURNE. Your 1033A/12. (W.R. message requesting repetition of 1633/9 quoted in 1110/10). Following is repetition of my 1633/9 (begins) Admty C.in C. S.A., from N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay BARBOURNE sails 1200 to-day. S.of A. 7 knots E.T.A. Capetown 14th coastal route to Cape Columbine thence through (A) 033° 10' S. 017° 55' E. (B) 033° 30' 017° 55' (C) 033° 52' 018° 20' ref. R.D. Capetown. (Ends). (N.S.C.O. Walvis Bay, 1425Z/13, to Admty.).

Saldanha Bay Defences.

Your 1721/2. 2 Mark X 1 6 inch guns mounted and 2 Searchlights installed.
(C.in C. S.A., 1715B/13, to Admty).

DANMARK.

S.O. (I) Jamaica has reported DANMARK overdue at Trinidad. Attention is drawn to my 2313/3/6. (D.T.D., 1857A/13, to S.O. (I) Freetown, (R) S.O. (I) Jamaica).

/M/V ...

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M/V
Stragglers,
Reports. Your 1625/11. Yes.
(D.S.D., 1903A/13, to N.C.S.O. Freetown).

→MALAYA. A.M. 1821B/16/7.
1. Propose to sail MALAYA for Gibraltar about 16/8.
2. BOREAS and VELOX will provide A/S escort until 20° N. returning to Bathurst to refuel.
3. Request you will arrange onward escort from 20° N. No destroyers from Freetown are available as all are required for urgent escort duty including QUEEN ELIZABETH and RAMILLIES. Vide my 1715Z/11 not to MALAYA.
(R.A. West Africa, 1913Z/13, to F.O.C. N.A., (R) C.in C. S.A. MALAYA, Admty. Capt. D. 18).

HAVSTEN (Norwegian) torpedoed 3/8 Survivors. JUNCAL (Arg.) landed here 13/8 30 survivors ex Tanker HAVSTEN comprising all members of crew except Captain, Second Engineer and British Wireless Operator who are presumed lost. HAVSTEN bound from Freetown to Trinidad in ballast was torpedoed 2354 G.M.T. 3/8 in 011° 18' N. 054° 45' W. She was hit by 1 torpedo in engine room on starboard hand. S.O.S. was sent out and 1 life boat, motor launch and small launch were lowered. Approx. 15 minutes after torpedo struck, S/M commenced shelling vessel from range estimated at 500 yards; 12 to 15 shells were fired and vessel caught fire. 2 further explosions heard later. Launch returned to ship in unsuccessful attempt to find Captain. Vessel not seen to sink but still on fire when last seen about 4 hours later. S/M could not be seen and did not approach boats. Survivors picked up by JUNCAL 2200 S.A.T. 4/8 in 010° 25' N. 056° 32' W. (R.O. Pernambuco, 1920Z/13, to Admty (R) S.O.(I) Montevideo, S.O. (I) Kingston, Jamaica, S.O. (I) Rio De Janeiro, N.C.S.O. Port of Spain).

Shipping Areas. Your 1222/12. (N.T.in W.D.) Concur. Request you will propose detailed dividing line including (A) necessary instructions for ships approaching Capetown consequent upon your 1224B/8. (B) Northern limit and (C) any special instructions for area off Cape Lopez. (D.T.D., 1956A/13, to C.in C. S.A., (R) R.A. West Africa).

"Q" Report NURJEHAN. QQQQ NURJEHAN suspicious 4° 29' N. 16° 04' W. (Freetown W/T 2000 G.M.T/13).

→R.T. 1. Arrival 13/8. MALAYA, QUEEN ELIZABETH, BOREAS, VIMY with R.T. 1. (S.O.I., Freetown, 2017Z/13, to Admty. C.in C.S.A.)

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South Atlantic. Contd:

CALIFORNIA
"S" Report.

Received 2055 G.M.T. SALUTA SSSS 9° 24' N.
35° 22' W. CALIFORNIA Submarine firing on us
2000 G.M.T/13.
(Portishead Radio, T.H.I. 2155/13, to Admty,
Adml. Liverpool)

TEMPLE INN.

My 0134/8 R.A. W.A.Fs. 1223/9 and 1652/11.
Understand now proposed to repair TEMPLE INN at
Lagos. Tug FLYING KESTREL may be used for towage
provided necessary repair facilities exist at
Lagos and Masters of tug and steamer agree that
towage is within capabilities of tug.

MARUDU.

2. On completion FLYING KESTREL may be employed
to tow or accompany MARUDU to Capetown assuming
such assistance is still required. As tug is
urgently required at Suez important that above
movements should be arranged with as little delay
as possible.

Two Lighters.

4. Urgent towage is required for 2 lighters from
Luderitz Bay to Table Bay. Request EMPIRE GOBLIN
and EMPIRE FAIRY be routed accordingly from
Walvis Bay to tow one each. Instructions to
Masters regarding this towage have been sent by
Managers to their Agents at Walvis Bay.
(D. of S.T. 2311A/13, to B.N.L.O. West Africa (R)
C.in C. S.A., R.A. West Africa, N.O.I.C. Lagos).

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.Operation "Pedestal".

Enemy reports. Position of 4 enemy cruisers 8 enemy destroyers is 28 (0?) degs. 32 miles Ustica at 2330.
(Med. A/C, 0010B/13 to A.H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. 2 unknown type 37° 10' N. 10° 58' E. 090°, 20 knots.
(Med. A/C, 0039B/13 to A.H.Q. Malta.)
4 cruisers 8 destroyers 39° 06' 12° 24' 180° 20 knots at 2305/12.
P.31 to remain datum submarine throughout and accuracy of line more important than geographical position.
(Capt. (S) 10, 0044B/13 to 8th S/M.F., 10th S/M.F.)
E-Boat north of Kelibia Roads.
(C.S.10, 0058/13 to Force X.)
P.C. and S. 2 unknown type 36° 27' N. 11° 27' E. 315°, 25 knots.
(Med. A/C, 0102B/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. 2 destroyers 37° 50' N. 11° 30' E., 160°, 10 knots.
(Med. A/C, 0110B/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. of 4 enemy cruisers: 38° 12' N. 12° 15' E. 060° 20 knots. Have attacked enemy with bombs level, and estimate nil hits.
(Med. A/C, 0140/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
4 enemy cruisers bear 233° 37 miles from Ustica.
Course 060° speed 20 at 0130.
(Med. A/C, 0141/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. of one unknown ship 36° 14' N. 12° 1' E. 330°, 15 knots.
(Med. A/C, 0148B/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
Enemy C. and S. are 170°, 20 knots.
(Med. A/C, 0150/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
Cruisers position at 0200 217° 30 miles Ustica.
(Med. A/C, 0210B/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. of 4 enemy cruisers are 38° 12' N. 12° 15' E. 160° 20 knots.
(Air H.Q. Malta, 0215B/13 to Med. A/C.)
P.C. and S. of 4 enemy cruisers at 0200 217° 30 knots* Ustica.
(Gibraltar, 0215B/13 to Admty.) * as received.
Enemy's C. and S. are 030° 20 knots.
(? 0235B/13 to ?)
P.C. and S. of 4 ?cruisers at 0215 038° N. 012° E. 160°, 20 knots.
(Gibraltar, 0216B/13 to Admty.)
Position of enemy cruisers 197° Ustica 25 miles at 0230.
Course 080°.
(Malta, 0238/13 to ?)

? Your 2331/12 (N.T. in W.D.) This will be done.
(2) S.E Code will be used.
(3) If convenient request estimated position at 0545 may be passed by 0400.
(V.A. Malta, 0146B/13 to C.S.10.)

/Air ...

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Air attack on enemy. Attack - (return to Base)?
(Air H.Q. Malta, 0235B/13 to A/C 'O' of No. 28 Sqdn. Malta Cmd.)
Cruisers position at 0230 - 197° 25 miles

Ustica course 080°.
(Med A/C, 0240/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
Am returning to Base my E.T.A. is (?0120).
(A/C Z of 9 QD Sqdn., 0245/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
Cruisers position at 0300 173 23 Ustica. Have attacked enemy with bombs level. Am returning to base.
(A/C 'O' of No. 28 Sqdn., 0320B/13 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

Informing S/Ms. Enemy cruisers coming your way.
(V.A. Malta, 0320B/13 to P.211, P.42.)

Enemy reports. Cruisers position at 0300 173 23 Ustica
(remainder corrupt).
(A/C 'O' of 28 Sqdn., 0320B/13 to A.H.Q. Malta.)

U-Boats. From D/F bearings considerable Italian submarine activity probable in Pantellaria Is. area but 2155B/12th is Italian T.O.O. of last sighting report intercepted.
(C.O.S. Alexandria, 0338C/13 to N.O.I.C. Malta,
(R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. Med., Admty. D.N.I.)

Orders to S/Ms. Convoy 2 hours late. Delay easterly movement until 0800 and dive at 1400.
(Capt. (S) 10, 0345B/13 to 8th S/M Flot.,
10th S/M Flot.)
Submarines will start easterly advance at 0800 dive to northwards at 1400.
(V.A. Malta, 0355B/13 to Force X (R) Force F.)
Enemy cruiser off Cape Gallo at 0300 course east 20 knots.
(Capt. (S) 10, 0411B/13 to P.42.)

U-Boat. Return to base.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 0405B/13 to A/C 'F' of No. 28 Sqdn.)
Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 37° 57' N. 11° 50' E.
(A/C 'F' of 28 Sqdn., 0414B/13 to A.H.Q. Malta.)

Enemy cruisers retiring. Enemy cruisers appear to be retiring North of Sicily.
(V.A. Malta, 0430B/13 to Force X (R) Force F,
C. in C. Med., Admty.)

/PENN ...

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PENN. My P.C. and S. 0430 036° 47' N. 011° 27' E.
160° 14 knots.
(PENN, 0445B/13 to V.A. Malta.)
My 0445B/13 BRAMHAM and PORT CHALMERS in company.
(PENN, 0550B/13 to V.A. Malta.)

Air escort. Your 2331/12th. Cancel para. 2 of my 2248/12th.
(V.A. Malta, 0536B/13 to S.O. Force X (R) S.O.
Force F.)

U/Bs. My 0338/13. Probable additional danger zone 035°
50' N. 45 miles either side of Lampedusa.
(C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 0558C/13 to V.A., Malta.
(R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. Med., Admty [D.N.I.])

Enemy report. A/C report no enemy in sight between bearings ?
169° and 040° up to a distance of 50 miles from
Pantellaria Is. at 0505.
(V.A. Malta, 0625B/13 to Malta Broadcast.)
My 0430/13th. Enemy cruiser force is continuing to retire
north of Sicily. Other surface force believed still in
harbour.
(V.A. Malta, 0630B/13, 0639A/13 to S.O. Force X (R) Force X.)

Air Escort. Fortu - 4 Spitfires BACON DUFF 0720 - V-H-F.
(Malta W/T, 0645B/13 to BBF.)
Fortu - 4 Spitfires BACON EDWARD 0800 - V-H-F.
(? 0715B/13 to ?)

You are firing at Beaufighter.
(Malta, 0730B/13 to ?)
My 0730/13. Beaufighters are patrolling at about 5500 feet.
(Malta, 0739B/13 to ?)
Malta force after A/S search expects to overtake you at
Delimara (? Point) at 1500.
(V.A. Malta, 0801B/13 to S.O. Force X, (R) Force X, S.O. Force
F.)

Situation Have 5 merchant ships in company. Passing
0736B. through position S at 0700B speed 13 knots.
(2) Very severe air attack by Junkers 87 and
torpedo bombers in failing light. Maximum
air escort essential today.
(3) MANCHESTER torpedoed and stopped in vicinity Kelibia.
Continuous attacks by E-Boats during night.
V.A. Malta pass to Alexandria.
(C.S.10, 0736B/13 to V.A. Malta, Admty., S.O. Force F.,
C. in C. H.F.)

/P.C. and S. ...

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Situation P.C. and S. of 1 M/V 36° 30' N. 12° 32' E. 195°
0736B. 10 knots.
(Contd.) (A/C 'B' of UZ5, 0752/13 to A.H.Q. Malta.)

Orders Enemy cruisers retired. Dive immediately
to S/Ms. course 040° convoy escort will attack S/Ms south
of 036° 10' after 0900.
(Capt. (S) 10, 0826B/13 to 8th S/M.F., 10th S/M.F.)

Submarines have been ordered to dive on course 040°. S/Ms
may be attacked south of 036° 10' after 0900.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, V.A. Malta, 0833B/13 to Force X.)

Orders to Join me.
SOMALI, (C.S.10, 0828/13 to SOMALI, ESKIMO.)
ESKIMO. Cancel my 0828.
(C.S.10, 0914/13 to SOMALI, ESKIMO.)

U/B. Submarine sighted on the surface bearing 308°
range 10,000 yards.
(?S.O. Force F, 0855B/13 to C.S.10.)

Enemy A/C. Am being shadowed by one enemy aircraft 90°
3*.
(? 0905/13 to C.S.10.) * possibly figure missing.

P. 42 At 0806B/13th Z (?2) 8-inch and possibly 2
torpedoes smaller cruisers and 8 destroyers P.C. and S.
2⁺ cruisers. 038° 43' 014° 57' 070° 25 knots. 2 unseen hits
(BOLZANO ?) claimed on 8-inch cruiser.
MUZIO ATTENDOLO) (P.42, 0914B/13 to C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta,
- p. 378. Capt. (S) 10.) *Confirmed by R/C (11008/14, p. 442)*

Air escort. Send fighter fitted H/F.
(C.S.10, 0925/13 to V.A. Malta.)
Two Spitfires over BACON JOHNNY at 1010 Very H.F.
(Malta W/T, 0930B/13 to BBF.)
Stop firing at Spitfires.
(V.A. Malta, 0930B/13 to S.O. 33rd M/S.F.)
Your 0925 regret none available.
(V.A. Malta, 0944B/13 to C.S.10.)

ALMERIA AMELIA LIGHT (? ALMERIA LYKES) carrying bullion
LYKES, and WAIRANGI floating and abandoned in 036° 34'
WAIRANGI N. 011° 15' E. Crews rescued.
abandoned. (ESKIMO, 0930B/13 to C.S.10.)
To be sunk, see 1835/13.
My 0930B/13th. Survivors reported French
cruiser and destroyer appearing at 0400.
(ESKIMO, 0937B/13 to C.S.10.)
1 shadowing position 36° 41' N. 11° 7' E.
(ESKIMO, 0950/13 to Malta W/T.)

/ U/B ...

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U/B. Enemy S/M may be within 45 miles of Lampedusa in lat. 035° 50' N.
(V.A. Malta, 0933B/13 to Force X.)

Survivors picked up by LEDBURY. 24 (? picked up) 30 miles astern (? shall I) join you (? or) start home.
(LEDBURY, 0950/13 to C.S.10.)
Your 0950. Proceed (? pending further orders).
(C.S.10, 1034B/13 to LEDBURY.)

Air escort. Four Spitfires over BACON KING at 1030 Very H.F.
(Malta W/T, 0955B/13 to BBF.)
Fighters have been despatched to your assistance.

At 1050 SHUAN VHF 4 Spitfires over BACON LOND SHUAN.
(Malta W/T, 1020B/13 to BBF.)
Fighters have been despatched to your assistance. My 1020B height 20,000 feet.
(Malta W/T, 1025B/13 to BBF.)
Fortu over BACON APPLE at 1055 on V.H.F.4 Spitfires.
(Malta W/T, 1030B/13 to BBF.)
Fighters are being despatched 4 Spitfires BACON BEER at 1100 V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1031B/13 Broadcast to all ships in Area 2.)
Fighters are being despatched.

At 1115 8 Spitfires over BACON CHARLIE V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1045B/13 Broadcast to H.M. Ships in Area 2.)
Fighters are being despatched. Four Spitfires over BACON DUFF V.H.F. at 1130.
(Malta W/T, 1100B/13 Broadcast to H.M. Ships in Area 2.)

Enemy A/Cs dropping mines. Enemy aircraft have been observed dropping parachute mines.
(PLOVER, 1018/13 to C.S.10.)
Not to be taken in Home Waters

? Your 1055.(N.T. in W.D.) What ship?
(V.A. Malta, 1114/13 to Force F.)

OHIO. Little prospect of oiler mending pump.
(PENN, 1115/13 to C.S.10.)
Oiler now under way.
(PENN, 1125/13 to C.S.10.)
PENN 1020 (N.T. in W.D.) approved.
(C.S.10, 1134/13 to PENN, LEDBURY.)
(? Tanker) now proceeding slow speed.
(PENN, 1140/13 to C.S.10.)
Am taking OHIO in tow.
(PENN, 1240/13 to C.S.10.)
Have taken in tow tanker (? OHIO) my P.C. and S. (? 36°)
12' N. 012° 49' E. 107° 4 knots. Request (? fighter assistance.)
(PENN, 1303/13 to C.S.10.) *see pp 349 to 406*

/Cannot ...

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OHIO
(Contd.) Cannot (? tow) by myself. She will not steer.
(PENN, 1350/13 to C.S.10.)
OHIO in tow PENN. P.C. and S. 036° 12' N. 012°
49' E. 107° 4 knots. Request tug may be sent
and fighter escort provided. LEDBURY is standing by as
additional A/A escort.
(C.S.10, 1351B/13 to V.A. Malta, (R) PENN, LEDBURY.)
See H/A 298/15 406

MANCHESTER S.O. Force F (presumed MANCHESTER) 0757 and
Sunk. 1055. Suggest LEDBURY goes to assistance in
Gulf of Hammamet.
(V.A. Malta, 1119B/13 to F.O.C. C.S.10, (R)
LEDBURY.)
MANCHESTER sank about 0400B/13th off Kelibia Roads.
(ESKIMO, 1206B/13 to F.O. 10th C. Squadron, N.O.I.C. Malta.)

FORESIGHT. Have sunk FORESIGHT in position (? 347°) Galita
Is. 13 after persistent shadowing when towing at
7½ knots. In position AA on route of Force Y
at 1030 speed 27.
(TARTAR, 1130B/13 to S.O. Force F.)
W.R. Note. Correction to TARTAR's 1130/13.
Position of sinking of FORESIGHT could read "218° Galita Island
13V."

Enemy Fleet. There were indications at 1100C/13th that a part
of Italian fleet was at sea using 6912 k/cs
bearing 301° from Ismailia 2nd Class.
(C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 1141C/13 to S.O. Force F,
V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med., Admty. [for
D.N.I.])

SS. DORSET. DORSET completely disabled fire No. 4 holds
volunteer party can be got to take ship in tow
estimated speed of tow 5 knots. Request
instructions whether to do this or assist (? oiler) with PENN.
(BRAMHAM, 1145/13 to C.S.10.)
Your 1145. Would like you to tow her but give you
complete discretion.
(C.S.10, 1234/23 to BRAMHAM.)
Your 1248B/13th. Can tug be sent to tow DORSET who was
stopped in 016° Linosa North Light 11.6 miles with BRAMHAM
uninjured and attempting to tow. Ship has fire in number 4
hold.
(C.S.10, 1302B/13 to V.A. Malta, (R) BRAMHAM.)
Do not sink her.
(C.S.10, 1318B/13 to BRAMHAM.)
Following is position in DORSET. Fore part untouched.
Number 4 hold on fire from beneath. Number 5 hold carries
petrol. Ship ? in tow as soon as possible.
(? BRAMHAM, 1336/13 to C.S.10.)

/Enemy ...

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Enemy A/Cs. 8 shadowing A/C 220°. 1 shadowing A/C 080°.
P.C. and S. MSYQ 5312 (undecipherable) 338°
25 knots.
(SOMALI, 1151/8 to Malta W/T.)

Minesweepers My P.C. and S. 035° 43' N. 014° 30' E. 281°
sent. 15 knots.
(S.O. Minesweepers, 1200B/13 to (Corrupt Group)
(R) V.A. Malta.)

My 0938 (not to Force X) (?) estimate Force X will not now
reach 035° 52' N. 013° 35' E. until 1500B join Force X as soon
as possible.
(V.A. Malta, 1310B/13 to Minesweepers, (R) S.O. Force X.)

Air escort. Send help signal whenever hostile plot detected
so that Malta can warn fighter patrols.
(V.A. Malta, 1305B/13 to Force X.)

Request composition of groups and distance apart to assist
allocation of fighters.

2. Are all groups receiving adequate cover at the moment,
(V.A. Malta, 1341B/13 to C.S.10.)

→ LEDBURY. Acting in accordance with V.A. Malta's 1119B.
My P.C. and S. 036° 02' N. 012° 13' E. 275, 23.
(LEDBURY, 1230B/13 to C.S.10, (R) V.A. Malta,
MANCHESTER.)

→ PENN, My 1325 and my 1351. PENN, LEDBURY and BRAMHAM
LEDBURY, will arrive too late to sail with Force X
BRAMHAM, (corrupt group). Request you will arrange to
with OHIO fuel and sail them for Gibraltar as early as
and DORSET. convenient.
(C.S.10, 1401B/13 to N.O.I.C. Malta, (R) PENN,
LEDBURY, BRAMHAM.)
* 398, 399
403, 404, 405, 406
Have told H.M.S. BRAMHAM (? to join) me.
(PENN, 1421/13 to C.S.10.)
Am being shadowed.
(PENN, 1425/13 to V.A. Malta.)
Take your two M.Ls with you and proceed on course 285°
about 35 miles to assist oiler.
(S.O. M/S, 1435B/13 to RYE, (R) V.A. Malta.)
Fighters are being despatched to your assistance.

4 Spitfires will be over BACON at 1515 call sign E very high
frequency.
(V.A. Malta, 1445B/13 to PENN.)
OHIO and DORSET unmanageable tow by destroyers. Have
taken off crew and am standing by. Can tug be sent after dark
my position 036° 12' N. 012° 49' E.
(PENN, 1450/13 to Malta W/T, (R) BRAMHAM, C.S.10.)

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PENN, Fighters are being despatched to your assistance.
LEDBURY, Four Spitfires will be over BACON at 1515 call
BRAMHAM sign F very H.F.
with OHIO (Malta W/T, 1520B/13 to PENN.)
and DORSET. Your 1325 regret no suitable tug available.
(Contd.) (V.A. Malta, 1521B/13 to C.S.10, (R) BRAMHAM.)
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406 RYE due to arrive your assistance she may be
with electricity she may also be able to tow with her sweep
wire.
(S.O. M/S, 1530B/13 to PENN, (R) V.A. Malta, RYE.)
Will transfer of electric power help OHIO.
(V.A. Malta, 1535B/13 to PENN, (R) C.S.10.)
Your 1450 RYE and two M.Ls coming to assist. You must
make every endeavour to tow. PENN's position 1450 036° 12'
N. 012° 49' E.
(V.A. Malta, 1550B/13 to PENN, (R) S.O. 15th Escort Group,
BRAMHAM.)
Your 1452 electric power will not help and no steam
available boiler and condensers wrecked. Ship is hole port
side amidships. Pump room and fore peak flooded.
(PENN, 1559/13 to Malta W/T, (R) C.S.10.)
Fighters are being despatched to your assistance. 4
Spitfires will be over BACON GEORGE 1625 V.H.F.
(V.A. Malta, 1600B/13 to PENN.)
Unless you have other plans for towing OHIO or DORSET and
if weather conditions are suitably foggy sweeper should be sent
to assist PENN as soon as you can spare her.
(V.A. Malta, 1608A/13 to C.S.10, (R) SPEEDY, PENN,
CHARYBDIS.)
R/V with my in 036° 00' N. 012° 12'E. at 2030B today
Thursday. My C. and S. will be 306° 23 knots. If not met
proceed independently as in "Pedestal" appendix 1 para. 5.
Intend to pass through position AA at approx. 0645B tomorrow
Friday.
(C.S.10, 1609B/13 to PENN.)

Convoy Your 1438 not to V.A. Malta.
escort. Suggest I take over now and you protect oiler
for as long as possible.
(S.O. M/S.s, 1452B/13 to C.S.10, (R) V.A. Malta.)
I do not know composition of your force and convoy or oil or
ammunition situation.
(2) I intend retaining Force X with it until about 1700.
(3) Request brief report of situation.
(V.A. Malta, 1453B/13 to C.S.10.)

KENYA Help BACON 4.
attacked. (KENYA, 1443/13 to Malta W/T.)
My 1443 cancel.
(KENYA, 1447/13 to Malta W/T.)

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U/B. Italian S/M bearing 287° first class from Dingli at 1216 G.M.T.
(Malta W/T, 1515B/13 to Force X.)

Force F,
Force R. Your 1137. Report names of ships P.C. and S. and damage situation.
2. Your 0757/13. Concur if you consider passage West impracticable but start earlier if you can and pass South of Lampedusa. Thick fog. Beaufighter can be sent to cover you tomorrow.
(V.A. Malta, 1525B/13 to Force F.)
Amend time of R/V at position "RD" to read 1900B/13th.
(S.O. Force F, 1526B/13 to Force R.)

Convoy
escort. Your 1531 not to V.A. Malta. Suggest you protect (? oiler) for as long as possible leaving sufficient time for force to reach coast. I will return to his assistance as soon as I have got these SS. into harbour.
(S.O. M/S, 1536B/13 to C.S.10, (R) V.A. Malta.)

Force X. Before entering Q.B.B. 273 return to Gibraltar with Force X negative BRAMHAM, PENN and LEDBURY.
(V.A. Malta, 1634B/13 to C.S.10, (R) Force X, SPEEDY.)
Departure 1530B/13th of Force X from position 200 Tilfolia Is. 10 at 24 knots.
(V.A. Malta, 1740B/13 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., S.O. Force F.)

PENN. Fighter aircraft are being despatched to your assistance. 4 Spitfires will be over BACON HARRY at 1700 V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1635/13 to PENN.)
{4?} Spitfires will be over BACON ISAAC at 1730 V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1705B/13 to PENN.)
Fighter aircraft are being despatched to your assistance. Four Spitfires will be over BACON JOHNNY at 1750 V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1735B/13 to PENN.)

PORT
CHALMERS. Your 1550. PORT CHALMERS last. Remainder as convenient.
(V.A. Malta, 1639B/13 to S.O. Minesweepers.)

Enemy
Destroyers. 2 destroyers 36.45 N. 11.20 E. 080°/085° 15 knots.
(A/C 'B' Flight 3 A/A Co-op Unit Duty E, 1654B/13 to Hal Far.)
P.C. and S. of enemy indicated in my 1654 36.45 N., 11.32 E. 085° 30 knots.
(A/C 'B' Flight 3 A/A Co-op Unit Duty E, 1702B/13 to Hal Far.)

/SOMALI ...

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SOMALI.

Fighters are being despatched to your assistance. 4 Spitfires will be over BOXER APPLES at 1710 V.H.F. (Malta W/T, 1700B/13 to SOMALI.)

Towage of OHIO, DORSET.

See p/p 398 to 406

As soon as merchant ships have entered harbour return with your force with despatch and make every endeavour to tow OHIO back to harbour during the night. Make use of all available ships. 2. A/S screen essential. 3. HEBE had experience with KENTUCKY. 4. If possible DORSET should be towed as well. 5. Anti E-Boat air patrol will be established off Pantellaria I. 6. Report immediately if M.Ls have sufficient fuel. (V.A. Malta, 1707B/13 to S.O. Minesweepers, (R) PENN, C.S.10.)

Force X,
Force Z.

(1) Situation Force X apparently as follows:-
(a) 2000/12 NIGERIA torpedoed now proceeding west along North African coast at 12 knots escorted by 3 "Hunts". *See p. 406.*

(b) 2000/12 CAIRO torpedoed and had to be sunk by own forces as unable to steam.
(c) 2112/12 KENYA torpedoed but apparently still with convoy.
(d) 2210/12 DEUCALION torpedoed and sunk 5 miles from Cani Rock.
(e) MANCHESTER torpedoed sank about 0400/13.
(f) FORESIGHT as in my 1936/12.
(g) C.S.10 in ASHANTI had 5 merchant ships in company at 0736/13th.
(h) DORSET and OHIO both damaged, latter was in tow of PENN at 1350/13 but difficulty was being experienced with tow.
(2) Force Z. (A) INDOMITABLE maximum speed $28\frac{1}{2}$ knots. RODNEY maximum speed $18\frac{1}{2}$ knots due to boiler defect. Also possible damage to rudder from near miss.
(B) Intend keeping Force Z concentrated for mutual protection in air attack zone until this evening.
(C) RODNEY and INDOMITABLE will then be sent to Gibraltar while NELSON, VICTORIOUS, PHOEBE and SIRIUS will be maintained in Western Med. until situation of return of damaged ships of Force X is clear.
(D) My P.C. and S. at 1600B 037° 37' N. 002° 59' E. 265° 17 knots.

(3) INDOMITABLE damaged 3 bomb hits and 2 or 3 near misses, 1 large bomb starboard side abreast foremost lift. A 4.5" group and lift blown up and distorted. Mess deck below gutted. Large hole ship's side above water. One smaller bomb in wardroom, port side blown out area gutted. One large bomb port side abaft after lift. Lift wrecked store rooms and wing quarter to lower galley gutted. Slight leak underwater port side under control. Main engines and dynamos unaffected. Flight deck out of action. Casualties 6 officers 60 men killed, 55 wounded.

(S.O. Force F, 1743B/13 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., etc.)

/My ...

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Force X,
Force Z.
(Contd.)

My 1743B/13 RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, ITHURIEL and 5 destroyers will be detached in position R.D. at about 1900B/13 S. of A. 17 knots passing North of Alboran.

Request air escort.

(S.O. Force F, 1746B/13 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) RODNEY, R.A.A.H.F.)
Your 1745, (? passing) about 10 miles south.
(V.A. Malta, 1955B/13 to S.O. Force F.)

Fighter protection. Fighters are being despatched. 4 Spitfires will be over BOXER BEER 1710 V.H.F. (Malta W/T, 1745B/13 Broadcast to H.M. Ships in Area II.)

1. Spitfire pilot in sea a.m. today about 5 miles north Linosa.
2. Beaufighters crews missing near.
3. Endeavour to rescue.
(V.A. Malta, 1749B/13 to PENN, BRAMHAM, LEDBURY.)

R/C enemy ports. P.R.U. visual 1600/13th.
(1) Naples 1 cruiser and 1 unidentified.
(2) Messina 2 cruisers 1 destroyer.
(3) Navarin 3 cruisers 6 destroyers.
(V.A. Malta, 1746B/13 to S.O. Force F.)

OHIO. *See 14/2 298 to 406*
Malta Force returning tonight to assist in towing OHIO. E.T.A. will be signalled later.
(V.A. Malta, 1751B/13 to PENN, (R) S.O. Minesweepers.)

Enemy Cruiser. One cruiser bearing 180° distance 10 miles course 090°. My position ZEMB-AESLAND.
(A/C Duty E Call Sign (UZ5E), 1755B/13 to Malta.)

BOXER Air cover. One Baltimore will be over BOXER at 1930. (Malta W/T, 1800B/13 to H.M. Ships in Area II.)
FRAPE. One Wellington will be over BOXER at 2130.
(Malta W/T, 1945/13 to H.M. Ships in Area II.)

ALMERIA LYKES and WAIRANGI. ESKIMO's 0930/13th. These ships must be sunk.
(V.A. Malta, 1835B/13 to R.A. 10 C.S.)

BRAMHAM, DORSET, LEDBURY. Situation is as follows. DORSET fire out but settled heavily by stern and unmanageable in tow of a destroyer. Am at present acting as A/A guardship. LEDBURY parted company for Gibraltar (? 30 knots.)
(BRAMHAM, 1838/13 to PENN, C.S.10, V.A. Malta.)

/OHIO ...

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→ OHIO, DORSET, Where are OHIO and DORSET and what is towing
PENN, situation?
BRAMHAM. (S.O. M/S, 1840B/13 to PENN, (R) V.A. Malta.)
See pp 398/5
406 Your 1840 my P.C. and S. 036° 03' N. 013° 02'
104° 4 knots. OHIO bombed fire in engine room
still in tow. DORSET 5 miles west of me, BRAMHAM standing
by her.
(PENN, 1919/13 to Malta, W/T, SPEEDY.)

Situation, (i) ROCHESTER CASTLE, MELBOURNE STAR, and PORT
Malta, CHALMERS (? entered harbour at) 1825/13.
→ (ii) OHIO and DORSET immobilised 15 miles N. of
Linosa. Towage by destroyer has so far failed
but all available ships will try tonight.
(iii) MANCHESTER reported sunk at 0400/13 off Kelibia.
(iv) KENYA (corrected to BRISBANE STAR, see next signal) extent
of damage unknown has been in Gulf of Hammamet today and has
discretion to go westwards or come to Malta tonight.
(v) C.S.10 in ASHANTI with Force X (composition not fully known
but less LEDBURY (corrected to PENN, q.v.) and BRAMHAM retained
to assist in towing) returned to Gibraltar at 1630.
(vi) Have instructed C.S.10 to sink ALMERIA LYKES and WAIRANGI
reported abandoned 036° 34' N. 011° 15' E.
(V.A. Malta, 1904B/13 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., S.O. Force
F, F.O.C.N.A.)
Amend my 1904/13 as follows. Para. 2. DORSET hit again and
→ sunk. OHIO in tow at 5 knots 71 miles from end of channel at
2015/13.
Para. 4. (? Unknown) ship is BRISBANE STAR and not KENYA.
Former hoped to arrive Malta about 1600/14 and latter though
torpedoed was with Force X throughout, see C.S.10 2210/13.
Para. 5. For LEDBURY read PENN. LEDBURY (? proceeding)
(? westward) independently.
(V.A. Malta, 2226B/13 to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med., S.O. Force F,
F.O.C.N.A.)

BOXER A/C. Fighter aircraft are being despatched. 4
Spitfires will be over BOXER at 1920 call sign
Charlie V.H.F.
(Malta W/T, 1910B/13 to H.M. Ships in Area 2.)

U/B. Enemy S/M previously reported was on surface.
Position 37.22 N. 22.50 W., course 065° distant
8 miles.
(A/C Duty E (Call sign UZ5E), 1912/13 to Malta.)

/Force R ...

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Force R, JONQUIL is now S.O. Force R. WESTCOTT and
 RODNEY. AMAZON with RODNEY.
 2. RODNEY will pass through positions R.D, L
 and K.
 3. My intended 0700B position tomorrow 14th 037° 40' N. 003°
 20' E.
 (S.O. Force F, 1920B/13 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) C.S.10, NIGERIA.)

→ DORSET. DORSET attacked, struck forward by one bomb, near
 miss aft by two bombs. Fire had taken firm hold
 forward near T.N.T. Ship is settling rapidly
 and is sinking. Intend acting if required as A/A escort with
 PENN in latter event.
 (BRAMHAM, 1945/13 to V.A. Malta, C.S.10.)

→ RYE. Where are you and what is situation?
 (S.O. M/S, 1950B/13 to RYE, (R) V.A. Malta)
 See 2015/13.

OHIO,
 → DORSET. BRAMHAM, RYE and PENN in company with OHIO.
 LEDBURY left for Gibraltar at noon.
 2. DORSET believed sunk.
 3. Unknown British ship (BRISBANE STAR) expected
 to arrive Malta about noon tomorrow Friday from Gulf of Hammamet
 passing south of Lampedusa.
 (V.A. Malta, 2012B/13 to SPEEDY, S.O. M/S, (R) BRAMHAM.)
 DORSET sunk.
 (BRAMHAM, 2014/13 to C.S.10, V.A. Malta.)
 035° 59' N. 013° (? 08') E. towing OHIO with PENN, course
 102° 5 knots.
 → (RYE, 2015B/13 to Admty.)

NIGERIA. My P.C. and S. at 2200B was 37.14 N. (?2).42 E.
 252° 16 knots. TARTAR, DERWENT, WILTON,
 BICESTER in company. Ship extensively damaged
 below upper deck between 53 and 90 bulkheads (? which) are
 both watertight, forward boiler room flooded and steaming on
 one unit. C.S.10 (? and) staff transferred to ASHANTI. E.T.A.
 Gibraltar 2300B/14. Steering defective. Am approx. 11
 (? feet) down by head. Request tugs on arrival. Missing
 believed killed, officers 4, ratings 51, missing 3 ratings,
 wounded 7 ratings.
 (NIGERIA, 2035B/13 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) Admty., C.S.10, S.O.
 Force F, C. in C. H.F.)

/ESKIMO ...

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ESKIMO, My P.C. and S. at 2000B/13 037° 24' N. 006° 55'
SOMALI, E. 270° 18 knots.
survivors. (2) Fuel stocks remaining ESKIMO 290, SOMALI 320.
(3) Both ships have 141 survivors from MANCHESTER,
109 from ALMERIA LYKES, 119 from WAIRANGI.
(ESKIMO, 2035B/13 to S.O. Force F, (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

S.O. M/S (Corrupt group) Delimara (Corrupt group) drifting
position. 2130. ?Intend R/V with tanker at 0530 approx.
035° 48' N. (? 009° (014°)) 00' E. unless I
meet her (? shortly).
(S.O. M/S, 2050B/13 to Malta.)
Proceed as necessary meet PENN at dawn.
PENN to keep you informed of her position.
(V.A. Malta, 2100B/13 to SPEEDY, S.O. M/S., (R) PENN.)

Enemy Following has been read. 3 unknown position
Units. 36.00 N. 13.10 E.
(A/C using call sign 9XDZ, 2120B/13.)

→ BRISBANE For BRISBANE STAR. Well done, steer to pass
STAR. through position -
(1) (? 035° 15' 012° 43'.
(2) 35° 15' N. 013° 14' E.
(3) 035° 44' 014° 33'.
Try to pass position 1 not later than 0540B/14. 6 Beaufighters
will escort you from dawn and Spitfires later.
(Malta C.C.O., 2209B/13 to BRISBANE STAR.)
For BRISBANE STAR. My 2209, 2 minesweepers and 2 M.Ls will
meet and escort you from about 0800.
(Malta C.C.O., 2255B/13.)

→ BRISBANE 2 Sweepers and 2 M.Ls are to meet BRISBANE STAR
STAR, in approx. 035° 15' N. 013° 14' E. course 066°
OHIO. 10 knots at 0800/14 and escort back to harbour.
(2) Remaining sweepers and M.Ls R/V OHIO at dawn
and escort.
(3) BERYL and SWONA are to sail at 0800/14 and escort ROBUST
down Channel and then strengthen A/A protection of OHIO.
(4) P.C. and S. of OHIO at 20(744)/13 was 035° 59' N. 013° 08'
E. 120° 5 knots.
(5) OHIO and BERYL are to be swept Q.B.B. 273.
(V.A. Malta, 2255B/13 to PENN, HEBE, HYTHE, RYE, SPEEDY.)

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U/B. Bearings of enemy U-Boat at 0310/13 G.M.T. and text.
(D.D.I.C. 0438A/13 to C.O.I.S. Ismailia, V.A. Malta, F.O.C.N.A.)

Air Operations. P.C.S. 32° N 25° E.
(A/C J. 0455/13 to 201 Group.)
JJJ Operations abandoned.
(A/C J. 0535/13 to 201 Group.)
P.C.S. of 2 enemy flying boats 32° 15' N 25° 23' E 0900 6.
(A/C 'M' of H Z 5 0601/13 to 201 Group H.Q.)
16604. Have attacked enemy flying boat with bombs level.
(A/C K. 0606/13 to 201 Group.)
Have attacked enemy with bombs level estimate 3 hits
flying boat 32° 0' N 25° 0' E.
(A/C S. 0611/13 to 201 Group.)

Attack on U/B. Attacking S/M contact in 34° 55' N 31° 5' E.
(JAVELIN 0654/13 to C.S.15. (R) C. in C. Med.)

Cositrep No. 480. 3. Air. 11/8. Navarino Harbour bombed in evening. Hits claimed on 2 cruisers, near miss on another.
4. Night 11/12. Tobruk Harbour bombed. Near misses claimed on lighters, fires started on shore. Cloud hampered operation. Mines laid in Matruh. 2 bombers missing.
5. 12/8. Fighter bombers operated against targets battle area. Lighter bombed off Sidi Barrani and believed sunk.
(C. in C. M.E. 1025/13 G.M.T.)

Port Said Movements. 12/8. Port Said arrivals JERVIS, PAKENHAM, BALADIN, EURYALUS, DIDO, COVENTRY. Departures BURRA, SAKTOURIS, SOUTHERN MAID, SOUTHERN ISLE, DELPHINIUM.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 1034C/13 to Admty. etc.)

TAKU mined area. Area dangerous due to British moored mines within 5 miles of 032° 42' N 023° 06' E.
(2) My 1915C/8 cancel para 2.
(Capt. S.l. 1145C/13 to TAKU. (R) C. in C. Med. S/Ms on patrol. S.O.S. Alexandria.)

Enemy T.Bs. P.C.S. of 8 (?torpedo boats) 31° 39' N 25° 45' E 080° 15 knots. No air escort seen.
(A/C No. ? Sqdn. M.E. Duty A. 1155/13 to 201 Gp.)
My 1154. 8 (?torpedo boats) course 080°.
(A/C Duty A 1157/13 to 201 Group.)

Enemy Units. (? P.C.S. of enemy) 1 small vessel (less than 2000 tons) 32.52 N (longitude indecypherable) 120° 4 knots.
(A/C Call sign 7 XGA 1208/13 to 201 Group.)

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Enemy Units. Contd. At 0930C/13 A/C sighted 2 M/Vs 2 destroyers P.C.S. 033° 21' 021° 12' 045° 8 knots. (S.O.S. Alexandria 1240C/13 to TAKU, PORPOISE, TURBULENT.)

ALBA JULIA. My 1211C/10, vessel expected complete loading 20th, date of sailing uncertain. (S.O.I. Istanbul 1225/013 to S.O.I. Med. etc.)

Orders to S/Ms. (?Proceed) 2101/13 as follows:
1. To Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A. from 038° 25' (?09°) 01' to reach that position at time given by following routes.
See next page P.211. 2059/15 direct. P.222 noon/16 through 037° 02' 013° 18'. P.31 0501/17 through 036° 48' 013° 30' both latter via Q B B 255 route and 038° 25' 010° 40'.
2. To Malta to R/V sweepers at end of searched channel. UTMOST through 036° 01' 014° 05'. P.46 through 035° 59' 013° 59' both to surface at 1700/14.
P.42 direct pass 038° 25' 011° 59' noon/15 then by reverse of outward route to surface off end of searched channel 1001/18.
3. Return from patrol. P.44 through 036° 01' 012° 01' to area K West of 012° 30' between 034° 59' and 035° 45'. P.34 through 036° 24' 011° 59' to area H west of 012° 01' between 035° 50' and 036° 45'.
(Capt. S.10 1227B/13 to 8 S.F. 10 S.F. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)
Operation not yet completed. P.34. 44. 46 and UTMOST are to keep N.E. of line Gozo - Pantellaria until further orders.
P.31. P.42. P.211. P.222 proceed in accordance with my 1227/13.
(Capt. S.10 1723B/13 to 8 S.F. 10 S.F. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A. Capt. S.1. Capt. S.8.)

ROBERTS. May be required for an operation. Request you will sail her as soon as practicable for Kilindini. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1234A/13 to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.R.S.C.A. C. in C. E.F. D.C.in C. E.F.)

Enemy Units. P.C.S. of 8 enemy barges and 2 M.T.Bs 31.31 N 26.20 E 080°. Speed unknown. (A/C No. ? Sqdn. M.E. Duty Z 1527/13 to 201 Group)

Alexandria destroyers. Until further orders destroyers at Alexandria are to be at following notice for sea. (A) 2 as emergency destroyers at 2½ hours notice from 0700 to 1800 and at 20 minutes notice outside Boom from 2000 to 0700. Emergency destroyers should normally be anchored at El Koti at night but may reinforce local patrol if desired. (B) 4 at 6 hours notice. (C. in C. Med. 1657C/13 to R.A. Alexandria. (R) CROOME, ERIDGE, DULVERTON, ALDENHAM, BELVOIR, HURSLEY.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean. - Contd.

Malta I. 570 13/8. C.S.R. 12th. 1212, 1517, 1554, 1755
 Air hours total 16 Spitfires up but raids did not
 Report. approach close to Malta.
 Night 12/13. 2102 hours 2 raiders approached
 dropped bombs in sea and returned serious R.D.F.
 interference. 3 Beaufighters up but though 1 Ju.87
 was sighted north of Island no interception made. 2306 hours,
 2 raiders approached and dropped bombs in sea, 1 Beaufighter up
 could not intercept owing to serious R.D.F. interference.
 13th. 0439, 0610 hours total 12 Spitfires up for raids which did
 not approach close Malta.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1725Z/13.)

Part 2. (All R/C reports)

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1735/13, 1745/13.)

Part 3. Night 12/13. 3 Wellington 8s to protect friendly
 convoy made enemy shipping searches Cape Bon Sicily area. 2
 Albacores 1 special Swordfish despatched to attack Italian
 cruisers found nothing, but Wellington 8 on armed search found
 2058 hours 4 C/Rs, 8 D/Rs 173° Ustica 23 miles course 090° 20
 knots. Enemy shadowed till 0115 hours. Bombs and flares dropped
 from 2500 feet. No hits claimed. Another armed Wellington 8
 found 2330 hours the 4 C/Rs. 270° Cape San Vito 22 miles course
 260° 20 knots. Enemy shadowed till 2350 hours bombs and flares
 dropped from 4500 feet. Bombs overshoot. Cruisers then forced to
 abandon their position and alter course by our wireless messages
 in clear to Wellington alleging that more illumination was
 required for Liberators approaching to strike. 4 D/Rs sighted
 0015 hours 10 miles East of C/Rs course 030°. 6 Beaufighters
 despatched on dusk machine gun and cannon attack on Pantellaria
 aerodrome. 1 returned early owing to engine trouble 2 could not
 find target owing to darkness remaining 3 made low flying attack
 1850 hours starting fire in West part of aerodrome. 1930 hours
 6 separate fires reported by Wellington on R/C. 1955 hours,
 1 Wellington dropped flares while 1 Liberator dropped bombs from
 9000 feet. All fell on Pantellaria aerodrome. Another flare
 carrying Wellington and bombing Liberator despatched to attack
 Gerbini but Liberator unfortunately returned early owing to
 engine trouble.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1800/13.)

Part 4. Beaufighters and Spitfires despatched before dawn
 giving fighter protection to convoy.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1815/13.)

P.211. Your 1227. Propose P.211 carries out a short
See previous page. patrol at his discretion in an area selected by
 you, passing 038° 25' N 009° 01' E at 2100/18.
 P.211 should report when West of 009° E, P.C.S.

Bombing restrictions west of 009° E will be arranged to cover
 eventually.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1838A/13 to Capt. S.10. (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta.
 8th S.F. 10th S.F. P.211.)

UNA. (?Cancel) operation. Retire immediately. Report
 when safe to do so.
 (Capt. S.10 1912B/13 to UNA. (R) Capt. S.1.
 C. in C. Med.)

/Your...

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean - Contd.:UNA.
Contd.

Your 1836/13 (N.T. in W.D.) Have recalled UNA but he may be on the bottom until 0030/14. Am recalling him again then.
(Capt. S.10 1914B/13 to Capt. S.1.)
Your 1912/13. 3 officers 3 other ranks missing. No result observed. No sign at 2nd R/V. 3 did not land.
(? UNA 0445B/14 to Capt. S.10. (R) Capt. S.1. C. in C. Med.)

Use of
Dummy
P/S.

AGM 151A of 12/8.
Italians are known to be very nervous of S/M attack and it is suggested that a few dummy periscopes might be used at suitable points on shipping routes to exploit this anxiety.
(A.C.N.S. (F.) 1916A/13 to C. in C. Med.)

CROOME.

CROOME leaving Haifa 2045 tonight on passage to Famagusta to arrive dawn tomorrow. She has been warned of your movements.
(Capt. S.1. 2001C/13 to PROTEUS, TRAVELLER.)

→KELVIN.

Following received from KELVIN (Begins)
15 C.S. (R) N.O.I.C. Famagusta. N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports from KELVIN. N.O.I.C. Famagusta's 1329/13. Intend (one further duty) oiling and sailing for Haifa 2000/13 E.T.A. 0630/14. T.O.O. 1719C/13/8. (Ends.)
(C. in C. Med. 2051C/13 to 15 C.S.)

Situation
Report 249.

My 2044/11. All ships taking part in M.G.3. returned without incident.

2. Operation M.G.4. C.S.15 in CLEOPATRA with ARETHUSA, SIKH, ZULU, JAVELIN and KELVIN carried out bombardment of Rhodes Harbour and Allioti

Flour Mills. Night 12/13 Aug. Bombardment carried out at longer range than intended owing to searchlights and 3 E-Boats. Target area covered by smoke. Salvos fired but no hits observed or reported. Flares were good. JAVELIN attacked S/M in 34° 45' N 1° 04' E from 0654 till 0804. At 0840 heavy explosions and much oil and black deposition surfacing. At 1055 JAVELIN reported no doubt U-Boat destroyed. *Not confirmed.*

3. Egyptian Schooner KHAROUR sunk by gunfire from U-Boat between Sidon and Beirut at 0300/9.

4. My 2037C/5 para 1. Indications that U-Boat was to attempt sabotage of oil installations probably at Haifa. (S.O.I. Med's 1630/11 refers.) Para 6. POPOISE reports 12/8 one ship torpedoed between Crete and Cyrenaica.

(C. in C. Med. 2303C/13 to Admty. (R) V.A.M. C.S.15. C. in C. E.F. R.A. Alexandria. F.O.R.S.C.A. F.O.C.N.A. R.A.D.)

Corrected position 30.55 N, 31.55 E. Announcement B (probably sunk) (C.C. Med. 2002/2/10)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

- CORFU. E.T.A. Simonstown 1200Z 19/8.
(F.O.I.C. East Africa and Zanzibar 0601Z/13 to
N.O.I.C. Simonstown (R) CORFU, C. in C. S.A.,
Admty.)
- Addu Atoll P.W.S.S. C. in C. E.I's 0608/12/1 (0808/12/1 intended?)
and subsequent signals. Request information
when personnel will be available to man Port
War Signal Station at Addu Atoll.
(11) Manning of War Signal Station is in abeyance.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon 0602Z/13 to F.O.C.R.I.N. (R)
Admty., C. in C. E.F.)
- CITY OF PARIS. Transport CITY OF PARIS sailing 13/8 for
Lourenco Marques E.T.A. a.m. 27/8. Ship
carrying Japanese Internees for repatriation.
(P.S.T.O. Bombay 1119Z/13 to Consul Gen.,
Lourenco Marques etc.)
- ENTERPRISE. C. in C. E.I. 1228/7/1 and C. in C. E.F's 1924/
28/5. Further perforations of boiler tubes in
ENTERPRISE indicate necessity for complete
retubing of 7 boilers during next refit. Intend
to sail ENTERPRISE for U.K. on completion of
FROBISHER's short refit probable date end of
October.
(C. in C. E.F. 1150C/13 to Admty. (R) R.A. 4 C.S.
ENTERPRISE, C. in C. E.F.)
- K.15. 1200Z/13 sailed Dutch S/M K.15 to Simonstown in
accordance with D. C. in C. E.F's 1314Z/12.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 1201Z/13 to Admty. etc.)
- Indian Ocean Danger Area. My 1558B/11/4. Now proposed to proceed by
broadcast from Colombo and diplomatic note to
countries concerned with promulgation of a
notice declaring dangerous to shipping all waters
of Indian Ocean to eastward of meridian of 75° E. This wording
will avoid divulging boundary between British and U.S. areas of
responsibility, though actually of course we would adhere to our
own area. B.A.D. is requested to ascertain that Navy Dept.
has no objections. C. in C. E.F. is requested to signify his
concurrence or otherwise in proposed broadcast from Colombo.
(Hd. of M. Approved A.C.N.S.(F) 1652A/13 to B.A.D., C. in C. E.F.,
A.C.N.B.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies.EMPIRE
ARNOLD
(sunk
4/8.)

British EMPIRE ARNOLD sunk 1032 ships time 4/8 in 10.59 N 54.25 W. 24 survivors including second mate, 3 W/T operators at Georgetown. One boat with 23 missing. Master taken prisoner. (S.O.I.) Jamaica 0001Q/13 to Admty. etc.) Amended position. 10.45 N 52.59 W. (S.O.I.) Jamaica 1131Q/15.)

Movement
summary.

1800 G.M.T. 13/8.

Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
H.M.			
AQUITANIA	39° N, 61° W.	308	19½
ASTURIAS	16½° N 37° W.	105	6
LARGS 2 Corvettes)			
A.T.18.	49½° N 35½° W.	049	14
T.A.19.	42½° N 38° W.	225	25

(D.O.D. (F.) 0938Z/13 to Opnav. (R) Comnav as amended 1154Z/13 and 1551Z/13.)

BRENAS *Cancelled
position*
(Nor)
(torpedoed
6/8.)

My 2212/12. Cancel reference to position and substitute 010° 20' N 056° 10' W. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1002Q/13 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A. S.O.I. Kingston.)

T.A.19.

Your 1540/12. E.T.A. New York 1600Z/16. (D.O.D. (H.) 1155Z/13 to Connav.)

LETITIA
(presumed
torpedoed
9/8.)

This is Connav B.A.M.S. area 2A (1300/13) transmitted to SS. CALIFORNIA EXPRESS. Report to Admty. should you sight SS. LETITIA. (Connav 1330/13 to Admty.)

S.C. and
H.X.
Convoys.

My 1845/10 cancelled. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1425/13 to Admty.)

P.555.

H.M. Sub. P.555 will be ready to sail on 20/8. Request instructions as to port of call en route to Simonstown. (B.A.M.R. 1452/13 to Admty. (R) Opnav. etc.)

Reporting
Raiders
and enemy
supply
ships
by A/C.

Your 1415/6. Cominch agrees that this procedure should be tried out if information can be given to U.S. aircraft. Cdr. Furse should arrange this locally if possible, make use of merchant shipping plots at Intelligence Centres and report action taken. Positions of U.S. Warships are not to be disclosed. (B.A.D. 1455Z/13 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty. N.A. Rio de Janeiro, for Cdr. Furse, C. in C. S.A.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.

DRACO. My 2057/10, 8 survivors Dutch DRACO in hospital New Amsterdam. Further report awaited. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1514Q/13 to Admty. etc.)

?P.555. H.M. Sub. 555 (P.555 intended) will be ready to sail on Thursday 20/8. Request instructions as to port of call en route to Simonstown. (B.A.M.R. 1530Z/13 to Admty. (R) Opnav. etc.)
See previous page

A.T.20. Your 1810/11. In view of general U-Boat situation, following route is preferred to that proposed. From U to 48.00 N 31.30 W. 53.00 N 26.20 W. 56.30 N 16.10 W to Z. M.O.M.P. 56.05 N 18.05 W

A.M. 29/8.
2. This route should also allow convoy to arrive Clyde p.m. 30th as intended. Cinclant's 2123/7 and 2110/11 refers. Liverpool section would arrive a.m./31. (D.O.D. (H.) 1611Z/13 to Connnav.)
Affirmative. (Connnav 1455/14.)

U/B 13/8 S/M estimate, and U.S. S/M Notice.
Positions. (Cominch 1633/13, 1635/13 amended 0330/14.)

VIVIAN P. British sailing vessel VIVIAN P. SMITH sunk by
SMITH. gunfire 1510 E.S.T. 10/8 20 miles north 143 miles
(sunk east Turks Island, crew landed Turks Island.
10/8.) (S.O.I. Jamaica 1638Q/13 to Admty. etc.)

HUGH J. 14/8 U.S. Army transport HUGH J. GALLAGHER
GALLAGHER. escorted by P.C.499, 12, Barbados 15/8. (Route)
(B.R.O. Trinidad 1732Q/13 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Kingston.)

Shipping My 1649/7 is similar to 2252/27 except that it
Signals. includes U.S. Managed Shipping and Shipping in U.S. strategic area. This was consequent on withdrawal of objections by U.S. Authorities to H/F transmissions in their strategic area and by their ships. It is thought that my 2038/9 will have made matter clear.
2. Subject to Navy Dept. concurrence, suggest that (a) Position signals from all merchant ships, except when in Pacific, should bear passing instructions for Admty. only. Connnav will be included in address of daily summary made to diversion authorities. (b) Position signals from all merchant ships in Pacific should bear passing instructions for Connnav only.
3. B.A.D. is requested to ask Connnav whether he concurs. (D.T.D. 1848A/13 to N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.)
Reply: 2112Z/14.

/ U/B attacks...

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- U/B attacks on S.C.94. Following is a preliminary report from BATTLEFORD on S.C.94 (1) At 1303Z/8 in 056° 42' N 032° 22' W convoy course 82° 7 knots, wind force 4 from S.W. rain squall, with average visibility 6 miles, sea slight to moderate, BATTLEFORD in position 0 astern saw KAIMOKU, ANNEBERG and KELSO torpedoed. No torpedo or U-Boat seen and no contact. BATTLEFORD picked up survivors from the 3 ships also from RADCHURCH who though not torpedoed had abandoned ship.
2. At 2250Z/8 in 057° 02' N 031° 21' W while steering 60° at 14 knots to rejoin, BATTLEFORD dropped 10 charges set 60 100 and 225 feet on good Asdic contact. No result and contact not regained.
3. At 1330Z/9 in 057° 00' N 028° ? 28' W convoy course 100° 7 knots, BATTLEFORD in position 0 astern dropped 5 charges set to 100 feet on good Asdic contact. No result and contact not regained.
4. At 0650Z/10 BATTLEFORD was detached by BROKE to assist PRIMROSE who had sighted U-Boats astern. PRIMROSE and BATTLEFORD searched without result. While rejoining at 1420Z/10 BATTLEFORD dropped 2 charges set to 100 feet on doubtful contact. Light oil came to surface. After further attack with 10 charges set to 150 and 300 feet, more light oil was seen and 2 violent underwater explosions felt. These latter attacks were made in close proximity to merchant ship wreckage and debris.
5. BATTLEFORD was still long way astern and rejoined when convoy was attacked p.m. on 10th.
(Capt. D. Greenock 1930A/13 to C. in C. W.A. D.A/S.W. etc.)

Atlantic
Convoy
Routeing.

When O.N., S.C. and H.X. convoys assemble at New York the following routeing procedure is anticipated.
For O.N. and O.N.(S) as at present for H.X. and S.C. Admty. proposes as at present Com. E.S.F. completes to New York as agreed with C.O.A.C.

Halifax.

C.E.S.F. make emergency diversions in own area.
Do you concur?
(Connav 2007/13 to Admty. etc.)
Concur. (D.T.D. 1314A/14.)
Reply from N.S.H.Q. 1524Z/14.

Shipping
Signals.

My dispatch 1631/10 (re Busra Vescas and route signals to be sent direct to addressees.) N.Z.N.B. dispatch 1447M/7. Request advise action taken by you.
(Connav 2027/13 to Admty.) Reply 1718Z/14.

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.
RAMILLIES.

QUEEN ELIZABETH and RAMILLIES speed 14.5 E.T.A. M.O.M.P. 024° N 040° W at 1730Z/30 under British Escort. Provide escort 5 destroyers from M.O.M.P. to destination, QUEEN ELIZABETH to Norfolk, Va. RAMILLIES to Philadelphia. Convoy will be routed near Bermuda for possible fuelling notices.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2041/13 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet. (R) C.T.F. No. 24. C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda. Com.4. Com.5. Admty. R.A.W.A.F. S.B.N.O. W.A. B.A.D.)

/JAPARA...

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies. - Contd.JAPARA
BRASTAGI.

Converted troop transports JAPARA (Dut) and BRASTAGI (Dut) arrived Los Angeles 11/8 and sailed 12th for S.W. Pacific to join San Francisco fast troop convoy.
(N.S.H.Q. 2044Z/13 to Admty.)

U/B.

W/T intercept from Guantanamo reports S/M sighted 21° 00' N 74° 52' W at 2150 G.C.T. 13/8.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 2059Q/13 to Admty. B.A.D.)

U/B
Campaign.

Connav Serial 13. DANMARK British torpedoed sunk 30/7 07.00 N 24.00 W. MEDEA Dutch torpedoed sunk today 0300Z 19.54 N 74.16 W convoy W.A.T.13. DELMUNDO U.S. also torpedoed today 0800Z convoy T.A.W.12, 19.55 N 73.49 W. Last reported afire. R.M. PARKER JUNIOR U.S. Tanker torpedoed sunk today 28.50 N 90.42 W. Possible salvage.
(Connav 2119/13 to Comnav. (R) N.S.H.Q. S.O.I. Kingston, C.E.C.G.P. Sea Frontiers.)

Attacks
on U/Bs.

Assessments. (N.S.H.Q. 2223Z/13)
See U-Boat Campaign.

W. Indies,
Sugar
Traffic.

Following is procedure in force for control of ships loading sugar in your area which for purposes of sugar control comprises British Guiana, Trinidad, Windward and Leeward Islands. Similar procedure exists for Jamaica ports and for Hayti - San Domingo ports.

2. Full use is made of open roadsteads whenever situation permits. Harbours with natural protection are held in reserve for periods of U-Boat activity.
3. B.S.N.O. Trinidad is informed by Admty. of ships approaching your area for sugar cargoes, with their destinations. He has local information of programme of liners passing through your area.
4. At latest convenient moment before arrival of each ship, B.S.N.O. Trinidad in conjunction with the Ministry of Food sugar co-ordinator in Port of Spain confirms or alters the proposed loading port in conformity with para 2.
5. Under this procedure sugar ships will not be allowed in St. Johns road unless the coast is considered clear.
6. Colonial Office telegram No. 287 despatched 11/8 to Governor Leeward Islands, contains Admiralty comments on use of Parham Sound.
7. Contents of this message should be communicated to Governor.
(D.T.D. 2252A/13 to R.N.O. St. Johns Antigua (R) S.B.N.O. Trinidad)

H.X. and
S.C.
Convoys.

Your 1845Z/10 and 2054Z/11, concur. From point of view of arrival of convoys on this side, days selected suit very well as H.X. convoys should normally arrive on Thursday and S.C. convoys on Mondays or Tuesdays and there is no overtaking.
(A.C.N.S. (T) 2300Z/13 to Cominch (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

STRABO
(attacked
10/8.)

STRABO, Dutch, attacked by S/M 1400 G.M.T. 10/8 in 007° 29' N 054° 05' W. 13 survivors landed Paramaribo. (S.O.I. Kingston 2323Q/13 to Admty. etc.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.

Movements. Arrival Auckland LEANDER and U.S. Destroyer CUMMINGS escorting PRESIDENT COOLIDGE U.S. (S.O.I. Wellington 0236Z/13 to Admty.)

Situation. Maori 25. Enemy air R/C Ocean Island twice 6th once 8th, 10th, 11th, Mauru 7th, 8th, 9th, Gilbert Islands, Nonouti, Guria, Mainana, 8th, Nonouti, 10th, unobserved aircraft Abemama 6th. Air attack Nauru 5th three bombs dropped several machine gun bursts, target wireless station, no damage or casualties.

D/F places Apaneke submarines in approx. positions 16 175 at 0419 M/7th; 14 170 2048 M/7th; 35 164 2220 M/7th; 8 165 2232 M/8th; 3 165 at 2354 M/8th; 17 166 at 0412 M/9th; 28.20 151.15 at 1415 M/10th; 3 161 30 at 0130 M/12th; 14 161 30 at 2341 M/12. All south and east.

U.S.S. AARON WARD contacted 3 to 4 submarines 80 miles 260° Amedee Light Noumea 2200 M/5. 1 contact heavily depth charged. 2 contacts 30 miles south of Light 0630 M/6. 1 depth charged. (N.Z.N.B. 0341Z/13 to Admty.)

CITY OF Your 1851B/12 and my 0856Z/15. Diplomat ship CITY OF CANTERBURY will be sailed from Melbourne p.m. 16/8 direct to Lourenco Marques.

2. Amend route given in my 0856Z 15th July to read A. 040° 01' S 138° 45' E.

B. 038° 45' S 120° 01' E. C. 035° 30' S 100° 00' E.

D. 036° 50' S 080° 00' E. E. 034° 30' S 060° 00' E.

F. 028° 50' S 040° 00' E.

3. E.T.A. Lourenco Marques 6/9.

(A.C.N.B. 0415Z/13 to Admty. (R) D.C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Japanese and Night Fighting. Comsowropacfor please pass following to A.C.N.B. (quote) Ref. A.G.M. 250A timed 1720A/24/2/42. (A.G.M. 260A, T.O.O. 1740/24/2 intended?). Explanation of Japanese dislike of night fighting)

Text has not been confirmed when Japanese are the attackers. Surface night attack, made it is thought by 3 cruisers perhaps accompanied by destroyers upon our forces by forces in Solomons, was executed with great efficiency. General tactics employed. Immediately before approach general illumination by aircraft flares of area to be attacked. This followed by contact with one of our patrols, 2 8" cruisers and 2 destroyers. One of our cruisers hit on stern (this corrected by C.T.F. 44's 130542 to A.C.N.B. 163 not passed by C.S.W.P. to read stem) by torpedo, other hit amidships by torpedo and disabled by gunfire. One destroyer hit by gunfire. This action caused enemy turn into our other patrol, 3 8" cruisers and 2 destroyers. This action fought Ranka (?range) probably 6000 yards. Enemy fire extremely accurate and our cruisers soon disabled. Enemy possibly unaware his success withdrew without attacking transports. Enemy used searchlight and not star shells. Green aircraft flares also used illuminate our cruisers. Enemy possibly kept close to land to confuse R.D.F. Weather conditions, very dark, no moon, frequent heavy rain squalls.

None of our forces had a clear view of the enemy at any time.

A.C.N.B. pass to other addressees.

(C.T.F. 44 0513/13 to A.C.N.B. (R) Admty. N.Z.N.B. C. in C. E.F.)

/Situation...

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand - Contd.

Situation. Digest Serial No. 203, 12/8. Air R/C Ambon area 12/8 reported one 7000 ton passenger vessel at wharf, 2 small M/Vs off Ambon. No enemy activity observed Lata.

2. Reliably reported enemy raided Babar Island (approx. 8° S. 129° 45' E.) 10/8.
3. R/C New Britain, New Ireland, area 12/8 reported 1 heavy cruiser, 3 destroyers, 1 minelayer or seaplane tender, 14 merchant ships 2 to 10,000 tons, 13 small craft 6 flying boats Rabaul harbour, 26 fighters, 5 heavy bombers Lakunai. 1 10,000 ton unidentified vessel full length superstructure heavy mast structure 2° 35' S. 1 48° 30' E. course 130° at 2320Z/11. 1 3,000 ton M/V 2° S. 149° 40' E. course 90° at 0010Z/12. 4 large vessels escorted by 2 destroyers 1 gunboat 5° S. 152° 20' E. at 0140Z/12. Latter force later sighted 7° 10' S. 149° 55' E. course 225° at 2054Z/12. 1 cruiser 1 funnel 4° 52' ?S. 152° 55' E. at 0343Z/12, course 315°. 1 10,000 ton transport stationary near shore Salamaua ?1630Z/12.
4. Reported 10/8 enemy force Kokoda area reinforced to exceed 1000. Allied? advanced force encountered renewed heavy attacks 0900Z/10 under cover smoke screen.
5. Enemy patrols reported active Ambasi area 10/8.
6. Shipping Rabaul harbour attacked by 8 Fortresses at 0200Z/12 from 26,000 feet. Direct hits scored on 4 vessels including one 12,000 tons. Vessels observed burning and listing. 8 zeros intercepted, 1 destroyed 1 probably destroyed, others damaged.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 0736Z/13.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Approximate positions.
(D.D.I.C., 1413A/13, 1421A/13.)

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Thursday.War Diary.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN - Contd:-Submarines Attacked.

- Assessments. Cancel my 1801/1 (1810/1 intended) and substitute:-
1. Ref. C.A.F.O. 834/41, 1311/41 and A.M. 1916 9/7, it has been agreed C. in C. U.S. Fleet shall assess reported A/S attacks made in U.S. strategic area and Admty. assess reported attacks made in their area with exception of attacks made by trans-Atlantic escort, whose reports are to be assessed by Authorities in whose strategic area ports of arrival of attacked ships lie.
 2. Therefore, effective immediately, H.M. Canadian ships making an attack in Atlantic West of $026^{\circ} 38' 93''$ and ships in C.O. Pacific Coasts Command, are to report to C. in C. U.S. Fleet any signalled attack report made.
 3. 1 copy of written report including Form 1203 is to be sent direct to C. in C. U.S. Fleet by H.M. Canadian ships as follows:-
 - (a) by ships in Pacific.
 - (b) by ships operating entirely within U.S. strategic area in Atlantic.
 - (c) by westbound ships on trans-Atlantic escort. *London (amended) 2048Z/20/8*
 4. Above reports are to be made direct to D.A./S.W. Bath by H.M.C. ships as follows:-
 - (d) by ships operating entirely within British strategic area in Atlantic.
 - (e) by protecting trans-Atlantic escort.
 5. 1 copy of written report including Form 1203, track charts, and photo prints of recorder tracings is to be sent through Administrative Authorities Admiralty to C. in C. U.S. Fleet and to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.
 6. Original recorder tracing for case covering para 3 above is also to be sent C. in C. U.S. Fleet or for case covering para 4 above to Admty.
 7. It is observed reported attacks are frequently much delayed with consequent loss of value. Every effort is therefore to be made by all concerned to expedite handling and despatching of reports to permit early assessment and immediate promulgation of useful information from them.
(N.S.H.Q. 2223Z/13 to C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F. etc.)

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Friday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

M.G.Bs. 10 (S.O.) 13, 9, 7 and 6 from Dover whilst on offensive patrol laid R mines on the enemy shipping route off Ambleteuse at 0015 in advance of several craft probably minesweeping plotted by R.D.F. M.G.B.13 received some damage from the fire of the shore batteries.

25 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night in north German areas.

Five mines were detonated off the Needles today.

MINERVE.

See 17/8-p.524.

North Atlantic.

Operation
"Ascendant"
(Force Y.)

ORARI and TROILUS arrived at Gibraltar at 1046A today, escorted by BADSWORTH and MATCHLESS. The two destroyers are seaworthy but their maximum speed is 20 knots.

Operation
"Pedestal".
(Force F.)

RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, WESTCOTT, WISHART, AMAZON, ANTELOPE, ZETLAND and ITHURIEL arrived at Gibraltar at 1730A today from Operation "Pedestal". INDOMITABLE'S fighters destroyed 28 enemy aircraft during the operation, probably destroyed 6 and damaged 10. She lost 8 aircraft, but saved 4 of their pilots.

Force X.

NIGERIA arrived at Gibraltar at 2334A today with KEPPEL, WRESTLER, TARTAR, WILTON, BICESTER, DERWENT and MALCOLM.

Operation
"Pedestal".

Mediterranean

Force Z operated to the northward of Algiers during today and joined Force X (ASHANTI (C.S. 10) KENYA, CHARYBDIS, PATHFINDER, INTREPID, ICARUS, FURY at 1800 in 37° 30' N., 3° 21' E., and the combined force proceeded to Gibraltar at 20 knots. Force X. was continually attacked from the air from sunrise until 1315 today, but incurred only near misses.

SS. BRISBANE STAR arrived at Malta at 1430B today damaged making a total of 4 to date.

/Tanker...

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean - contd.

Operation
"Pedestal"
Contd.

Tanker OHIO, damaged, was bombed last night and was reported very deep and unmanageable for towing. At 1143B she was about 60 miles from searched channel and subjected to heavy air attack. Concluding a brief account to Washington of the operation, Admty. state that if ships complete unloading Malta should be all right for food on increased siege ration until 1/1/1943, but the situation regarding oil fuel and aviation spirit is not yet clear.

Malta fighter aircraft keeping watch on Italian naval movements and protecting the convoy yesterday and last night destroyed at least 10 enemy aircraft and damaged several others, losing 4 themselves (one pilot safe).

DIDO,
EURYALUS.

DIDO has sustained damage aft from vibration and requires 10 days for partial docking and repairs at Massawa. C. in C. Med., states that similar damage has been experienced in all ships of the class, and is now developing in EURYALUS, which will be docked at Massawa on the return of DIDO.

Air
Operations.

Tobruk Harbour was again bombed last night, by 5 Halifax and 47 Wellington A/C. Low cloud hampered the operation. 1 Halifax and 1 Wellington bombed Sollum and a building 30 miles S.E. of Tobruk respectively. 4 Wellingtons laid 8 mines in the Outer Harbour, Matruh, while 11 Wellingtons and 2 Albatrosses provided a diversionary bombing of the harbour.

PROTEUS.

On her return to Beirut today PROTEUS reported probable hits on M/Vs of 7,000 and 9,000 tons N.W. of Anti Milo on 7/8. 2 schooners and 2 caiques were also sunk. This was her C.O's first patrol.

THORN
lost.

S/M THORN is overdue from patrol in the Tobruk area since 11/8 and must be considered lost.

East Indies.

SS. NICOS T is reported to have been attacked by a 4 engined aircraft at 0455Z today off Kalingapatam, she arrived safely at Vizagapatam on 15/8.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America & West Indies.

CALDWELL, escorting convoy O.N.117 was damaged in collision in fog this morning with a large transport (believed to be AQUITANIA) about 150 miles E. of Boston. She is proceeding to Boston escorted by CAMROSE.

Attacks
on
T.A.W.12 and
W.A.T.13.

Convoy T.A.W.12 was attacked by U-boats yesterday and again today. Yesterday EVERELZA and DELMUNDO were sunk at 0800Z in 19° 55' N., 73° 49' W. or 19° 47' N., 73° 32' W. SCARAT is reported sunk, in 19° 55' N., 73° 49' W presumably also in the convoy. British tanker STANDELLA was torpedoed today in about 21° 37' N., 76° 8' (?0') W. but reached Habana. British tanker EMPIRE CORPORAL and SS. MICHAEL JEBSEN were sunk at 1000 in 21° 41' N., 76° 9' W. SS. MEDEA in W.A.T. 13 was sunk at 0300Z yesterday in 19° 54' N., 74° 16' W. and SS SAN SIMEON in the same convoy is missing.

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.M.V. ARCTIC
visits of
Icelandic
ships to
Iberian
ports.

I understand from F.O. tel that M.V. ARCTIC is shortly to return here with her crew less Master and W/T Operator, one condition of her return being that no Icelandic vessel will in future be permitted to visit Iberian ports except with our consent. Request confirmation and an indication as to the conditions under which permission may be granted and by whom.
(A.C.I.C., 1037A/14 to Admty.)

EMTRICK.

It is probable that EMTRICK will be required for service overseas in the near future. Endeavours to find a replacement are being made.
(C.C.O., 1055A/14 to S.O.A.S.C.)

Identifi-
cation
Marks.

In use in Russian Fleet. Details.
(D.S.D., 1213A/14 A Mge. 159A.)
See Lion Copy.

C.T.F. 99.

My 1317/16 to C.T.F. 99 only. When released from the strategic direction of C. in C. British H.F. report Comcrudiv 7, WICHITA, MACOMB and HAMBLETON for duty to Cinclant, information to Comnavu and Cominch. C.O. of TUSCALOOSA will become C.T.F. 99 on your departure.
(Comnavu, 1701/14 to C.T.F. 99.)

TUSCALOOSA.

Am proceeding Scapa with RODMAN and EMMONS. Have one case of C.S.M. For protection of crew and passengers from epidemic recommend immediate isolation of patient and all passengers and at least half of crew be shore based for minimum of 2 weeks to overcome overcrowded condition of ships which exists even without passengers. Normal complement 700 present operating complement 1100 passengers 170.
Request Hoxa Gate for TUSCALOOSA 1300A/15th and Switha for RODMAN and EMMONS. Acknowledge.
(TUSCALOOSA, 2015A/14 to C. in C. H.F.)

13th
H.D.M.L.F.

To be equipped for ocean passage to Gibraltar. Arrangements.
(Admty., 2042A/14.)

Movements.

O.10.

My 1331/13. Sailed.
(Capt. S.9, 0701A/14.)

SECRET

MESSAGE

OUT
1213A/14th August
DATE 14.8.42.

ADDRESSED:

"A" Message Home & Abroad.159A.

WIL PRINT

NAVAL CODE "J" (SECRET)

FROM Admiralty.

DEFERRED BASEGRAM (Abroad only)

159A. A.G.M.748A/31st May. The following additional means of identification now in use in the Russian Fleet are to be brought into force:-

Deck Marks: Warships display strips white canvas measuring 1 metre by 4 metres on the Upper Deck as follows:-

- (i) Signal 1: 1 strip fore and aft and 1 strip athwarts in the form of a cross.
- (ii) Signal 2: 1 strip fore and aft and 1 strip athwarts in the form "T" with bar aft.
- (iii) Signal 3: 2 strips laid athwarts.

Signals are ordered and cancelled by W/T, the following code words being used:-

RAB repeat RAB, meaning: Use Signal 1.
REBRO repeat REBRO, meaning: Use Signal 2.
REDIS repeat REDIS, meaning: Use Signal 3.
TABAK repeat TABAK, meaning: Cancel signal number (as stated).

Example: TABAKREBRO, meaning: Cancel Signal 2.

2. H.M. Ships operating in Arctic Ocean (vide 748A/31st May) should have necessary strips of canvas available.

1213A/14.
For D.S.D.(284)

5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(H)
A.C.N.S.(F)
A.C.N.S.(W)
Nav.Sec.
N.A.1st S.L.
Ops.(3)
O.D.(5)
O.I.C.(2)
D.S.D.(2)
D.A/S.W.
D.N.I.(4)
M.Bks.
D. of P.(3)
D.M.S.
Hydrog.

D.M.S.Citadel
D.N.A.D.
I.P.(3)
W.D.
W/T Rm.(3)
U.S.N.(3)
D.S.O.
D.T.S.D.
N.I.D.10 (3)
C.C.O.
D.T.D (4)
M.(10) & for War Office (Capt.
Jones A.A.4a)
Air Min.(F.O.6 Sigs,5
and A.I.1.(e))
H.Q.B.C.
H.Q.C.C.
H.Q.F.C.

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.

BROKE. BROKE is to sail with C One on next duty. Request you will sail BROKE and NASTURTIUM to arrive Londonderry early a.m./21. (C. in C. W.A. 1317Z/14 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

30 M.L.F. Admty. pass to U.S. Naval Authorities and Ottawa. Admty. 1909/3 and C. in C. W.A. 1407/12. Intend sailing 30 M.L. Flotilla escorted by CAPE MARIATO, CAPE ARGONA, DANEMAN at 1200A/17. E.T.A. Reykjavik 0600Z/20. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 1417A/14.)

C.T.F.99. C.T.F.99 in WICHITA will proceed passing Hoxa Gate at 1800/14. Route through 058° 45' N 007° 12' W thence Hvalfiord. S of A 20 knots. E.T.A. 0700A 16th.

2. Escort IMPULSIVE. The 2 Vee class destroyers referred to in my 1112/14 (Hush Most Secret Distribution.) will not proceed in company with ship.

3. Request A/S air escort may be arranged during daylight. (C. in C. H.F. 1427A/14 to A.C.I.C. (R) R.A.D. H.F. C. in C. W.A. A.C.O.S. H.Q.C.C. C.T.F.99. C. in C. Rosyth. WICHITA, DUKE OF YORK.)

RUBIS. F.O.S. 2146/4, para 3. From (E) proceed by reverse of outward route to
(X) 160° Lizard Head 25 miles. Thence through
(Y) 180° Start Point 20 miles to R/V for escort to Portsmouth in position
(Z) 180° Portland Bill 5 miles at 0600/20.

2. Request submerged bombing restrictions as follows.

3. Request total bombing restrictions in area with centre prevention radius 25 miles from 0500/20 to 1000/20. (Capt. S.5. 1745A/14 to RUBIS. (R) H.Q.C.C. etc.)

P.552. Sailed ~~SE LAURENT~~ ^{L.23}, P.552 escorted by Z.5 routed via Sound of Mull and Islay Drift 10 knots. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection codeword "Sultan." (WESTERN ISLES 1750A/14.)
See 4619 movements of H.M. Ships.

MONTROSE WALPOLE DUKE OF YORK. Proceed with WALPOLE passing Switha at 2200 tonight Friday to Hvalfiord routed through 058° 50' N 007° 02' W. thence through Reykjanes Passage.

2. On arrival remain there as screen for DUKE OF YORK.

3. Report E.T.A. to me before sailing.

5. Acknowledge. (F.O.C. (D) F H.F. 1851A/14 to MONTROSE.)

OFFA. Seidisfiord arrived my 1805/13. ^{INT. N.D.}
(A.C.I.C. 1906A/14.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.?AVON-
VALE.Request you will sail AVONVALE to Plymouth with despatch.
(C. in C. W.A. 2103/14 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)Operations.East
Coast
Patrols.Patrol tonight Numbers 1 WIDGEON. 2 HAMBLEDON.
3 PYTCHLEY. 4 MACKAY. 5 MENDIP. 6 VESPER.
(C. in C. Nore. 0940A/14.)Channel
Islands
Patrol.

S.O. 8th M.G.B. Flotilla reports:-

2. M.G.Bs. 77 (S.O.) 78, 80 and 81 sailed in accordance with C. in C. Plymouth's 1322/13 and proceeded to patrol position 49° 37' N 2° 43' W when engines were cut at 2306 and a Hydrophone watch kept for E-Boats.
3. At 0030 2½ hours after dark, when it was certain E-Boats would have passed this patrol line if proceeding to English coast, M.G.Bs proceeded to a position 170° St. Martins Point 2 miles, where at 0130 they cut to 15 knots on silent engines and steered for La Corbiere light.
4. The following lights were observed.
5. At 0209 Plemont Point was picked up on the R.D.F. bearing 20° on the Port bow distant 6000 yards, and at 0210 an echo was reported bearing green 30° distant 2000 yards. Course was altered towards this echo and at 0214 a large trawler was sighted fine to starboard and another to Port.
6. M.G.Bs. proceeded close up alongside the trawler to starboard being unobserved until the last moment when the enemy trawler flashed the letter G twice as a challenge. M.G.Bs opened fire at point blank range and the trawlers fire was almost immediately silenced, while M.G.Bs circled her riddled her with 2 pdr. and Oerlikon ammunition.
7. The other trawler opened fire with 4 inch 2 pdr. and Oerlikon and M.G.Bs proceeded to circle her engaged at a cables range. A third trawler a few cables to the eastward then opened fire with star shell 4 inch and 2 pdr. but all the enemy fire was extremely high and inaccurate.
8. At 0222 M.G.Bs disengaged to the north west and returned to Harbour arriving at 0613 M.G.B.81 becoming separated and returning to Harbour independently.
9. The trawlers were proceeding approx. 110° at very low speed about 3 cables apart. It is considered that one was very severely damaged and might sink as men were seen trying to get away in a ship's boat, and another somewhat damaged.
10. M.G.Bs received only superficial damage and one serious casualty (/Lt. R. Carr, R.N.V.R. C.O. of M.G.B.80.) The next of kin have been informed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1020A/14 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

P.221.

Patrol Area for H.M. Submarine P.221 is K.103 bound parallel 063° 30' N and 062° 50' N and meridian 000° 30' E and 000° 30' W. Route and bombing restrictions are to be arranged by Capt. (S) 9th S/M.F.
(F.O.C. S/Ms. 1401A/14 to Capt. (S) 9th. S/M.F.)

MINERVE.

See 17/8 p.530.

/F.O.(S)...

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - conts:-

P.221. F.O.(S) 1258/9 para 3.
 Contd. (1) Patrol area for P.221 is K.103 bounded by
 063° 30' N and 062° 50' N and 000° 30' E and 000°
 30' W.
 (2) Request you will sail P.221 from Lerwick at
 1600A/15 routed through position
 (A) 091° Out Skerries 5 miles.
 (B) 089° Muckle Flugga 10 miles thence to patrol area.
 (3) S/M should proceed on surface at C.O.'s discretion.
 (4) Total bombing restrictions have been arranged for area 14
 North of 060° N from 2359/14 until further notice.
 (5) H.Q.C.C. is requested to arrange total bombing restrictions
 as follows.
 (Capt. S.9. 1929A/14 to S.O. S/M Lerwick.)

Dover Night 14/15 August. M.Ls. 450 and 207 from
 patrol Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East
 N.L.59A. Spit buoys E.T.D. 2130 E.T.R. 0500/15.
 Trawler FYLDEA and ALEXANDRITE at D. buoy.
 M.L.142 and R.M.L. 529 at C. one buoy.
 M.Ls. 213 (S.O.) 125, 210 and 128 carrying out
 operation N.L.59A. E.T.D. 2130 E.T.R. 0345/15. Route via No.1
 buoy each way.
 M.G.Bs. 330 (S.O.), 331, and 609 E.T.D. 2130 to patrol in vicinity
 of South Varne buoy.
 (V.A. Dover 1816A/14.)

Operation Terminated 1815, owing to local weather conditions.
 "Outward". (A.B.O. Oldstairs 1840A/14 to V.A. Dover.)

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy Help convoy "Paltry" 1 A/C bombing my position
 U.R.36 63° 30' N 31° 5' W, course 314°, speed 7 knots.
 attacked. (ARAB 1010/14.)
 My 1010/7. Focke Wulfes circled convoy once,
 height 100, disappeared course 270°.
 (?ARAB 1015Z/14 to Iceland.)
 F.W. circled U.R.36, passed over Keflavik and was shot down into
 sea by U.S. Fighters at 1215A about 9 miles north west of Grotta.
 No survivors.
 (A.C.I.C. 2141A/14.)

Teignmouth R.N.O. Teignmouth reports that at 1737/13 attack
 attacked. was made on town by 8 enemy aircraft, 7 bombs,
 damage and casualties, no damage to Admiralty
 property. R.N.A.S. motor boat 41184 was also
 attacked by cannon and machine gun fire, has
 superficial damage and casualties and returned to
 Brixham.
 (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1356/14.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.British Air Operations.Bomber
Command
Operations.

Narrative of Operations.

Day 13/8. 6 Bostons carried out patrol duty in search of reporting vessels. One aircraft was successful in locating a vessel of 100 tons apparently of that type. As a result of the attack the vessel broke in two and sank.

Night 13/14. Operations were confined to minelaying. 3 Wellingtons of 1 Group, 12 Stirlings of 3 Group, and 8 Lancasters of 5 Group laid mines in their allotted areas and 2 Lancasters in alternative areas.
(H.Q.B.C. T.H.I. 1200/14.)

Trials in
attack of
E-Boats at
night.

841 Squadrons, consisting of 4 Albatrosses, is to be placed under the operational control of Fighter Command for trials in the attack on E-Boats at night by A.S.V. fitted aircraft working under ground control.

2. Fighter Command is requested to inform Admty. when it is estimated that these aircraft are ready to operate.

3. Admty. will assume responsibility for informing Fighter Command and the appropriate Naval C. in C. of the most promising area. Fighter Command is then requested to co-ordinate the operations with the local Naval C. in C. through the Fighter Group concerned.

4. It is intended that pending experience these aircraft should only be employed against E-Boats and at night.

(D.O.D. (H.) 1536A/14.)

North
Russia.

Russians today admit loss of last remaining P.E.3 in Kola Inlet area. This reduces fighter protection radius approximately 60 miles. Ten Hurricanes serviceable. 30 now grounded through lack of 2000 piston rings for Merlin 20. Suggest these spares flown out earliest opportunity.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1747A/14 to Admty.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Operation S.N.73. My 1110/10. Intend detach destroyers to fuel Hvalfiord so that one pair arrive about 0200A/21 and the other pair about 0800A/22. Request 1. that they may be fuelled with utmost despatch so 1st. M.L.S. screen is reduced for minimum

possible period and

2. that 25 light and 25 heavy Mark VII depth charges with associate equipment and supply boiler water may be readily available if required.

(R.A.(M) 0930A/14 to A.C.I.C.)

Sheerness. Details of three ground mines detonated 13/8.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0945A/14, 0950A/14, 0955A/14)

Needles. Details of 2 ground mines detonated on 12/8.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 0950A/14.)

Operation off Ambleteuse. Last night 13/14 M.G.Bs. 10 (S.C.) 13, 9, 7 and 6 whilst on offensive patrol laid R. mines on enemy shipping route off Duibleteuse (?Ambleteuse) at 0015 in advance of several craft probably minesweeping plotted by R.D.F. from Calais to Boulogne enemy craft passed through or close to mine lay but results could not be observed as M.G.Bs were forced to withdraw at 0045 owing to gunfire and star shell from shore M.G.B.13 had damage (details)
(V.A. Dover 1037A/14.)

Q.K.12. Weather permitting carry out operation Q.K.12 tonight. Covering forces as follows.
(1) One unit M.G.Bs from 5th Flotilla vicinity 51° 49' N 3° 32' E.
(2) One combined unit M.T.Bs and M.G.Bs from BEEHIVE covering M.Ls from the southward proceeding via vicinity R B 1 and R B 4. M.G.Bs are to carry four in No. A S Y 41 mines to be dropped in vicinity of 51° 27' N 3° 4' E before proceeding to final covering position.
(3) M.Ls to proceed via southern route and return via northern. Combined unit to proceed and return by southern route.
(4) Patrols and escorts should be evaded unless a good torpedo target is encountered. "E" or "R" boats should be attacked on sight.
(C. in C. Nore 1056A/14 to BEEHIVE, MANTIS.)

Q.Z.S. 117. 4th M/S.F from Harwich 0700/15 to sweep Q.Z.S.117 and return.
(C. in C. Nore 1200A/14.)

Minelaying. By Bomber Command last night see H.Q.B.C. T.H.I. 1200/14 in British Air Operations.

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
shipping
plotted
by R.D.F.
in Dover
Strait.Track E.4D. 5 small vessels with 6 escorting
craft off Calais at 1935/13 westbound at 10 knots.
Entered Boulogne 2250.Track E.7D. 4 or more vessels off Boulogne at
2100 westbound at 12 knots. Faded off Etaples at
2200. Probably M class minesweepers.Track E.11D. 5 or 6 small vessels from Calais
at 2230 westbound. Entered Boulogne 0155
attacked off Ambleteuse by M.G.Bs without
observed results.
(V.A. Dover 0919A/14.)U-Boats.U/B
attacked.On investigating object in 60° 28' N 17° 48' W,
distance 4 miles. TP.888.
(A/C P.89H. 0710/14.)Attacked suspicious swirl oil appearing 60.28 N
17.48 W.

(A/C J. 0819Z/14.)

Am over enemy S/M in position 60° 28' N 17° 48' W.

Periscope only sighted. Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C P.8GJ 0840Z/14 to 15 Group.)U/B
sighted.Am over enemy S/M in position 60° 4' N 18° 26' W.
Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface
and observed to submerge. When first sighted was
on course 180° estimated speed 8 knots.
(A/C C3AU 1454Z/14.)P.C.S. of 1 enemy S/M submerged 60° 4' N 18° 26' W 22(?)°
8 knots.

(A/C UC3A 1515Z/14.)

Am over enemy S/M in position 60° 5' N 18° 6' W S/M reported
previously reported. Periscope only sighted.

(P8GM 1835/14.)

P and C of one enemy submarine 60° 5' N 18° 6' W 215°
speed unknown.

(A/C P86M 1845/14.)

Russian
reports.Russian staff report U-Boat in 074° 54' N 029° 00'
E 0040A/14. Admty. pass to ~~F.A.~~ ^{ENGELS} ENGELS, BELMORCANAL
and THIRLMERE.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2320A/14 to Admty.)

* See next page.

Navigational.

Newport.

Alexandria Docks Newport will be closed for repairs
to Lock Gates between 0600 and 1800/16. N.O.I.C.
Barry is requested to inform incoming shipping.
(N.O.I.C. Newport 1640A/14.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties and Defects.

Search for LETITIA survivors. Starting from Long. 23° W search out an area between 52° 30' N and 53° 30' N to the eastward. (C. in C. W.A. 0027A/14 to SNOWFLAKE. (R) WALLFLOWER.)

FLESWICK. MALLARD escorting SS. FLESWICK of F.N. 786, engine broke down, being towed by tug SEAMAN to Humber for repairs. Request Humber tug take over from SEAMAN at (examination anchorage) MALLARD and SEAMAN rejoining F S No. 880 at H 3 buoy if possible. Present position 62C buoy. (MALLARD 0930A/14.)

Search for SS. RADCHURCH. SENNEN's 2208Z/13. Propose to sail TANGO p.m./14 August to relieve STAFNES. (A.C.I.C. 1020A/14 to C. in C. W.A. SENNEN, Admty) Propose detaching STAFNES to return to Iceland at 1400Z/14 as he reports he is too short of fuel to continue search. Meteorological report. (SENNEN 1227Z/14 to C. in C. W.A.)

Shipping and Convoys.

Independent ships for N.A. Ships sailing independently for entire voyage to a destination on North American Atlantic Seaboard should be given instructions for entering two alternative ports e.g. a ship with destination New York should be given instructions for entering Boston and Delaware River. (D.T.D. 0013A/14.)

~~REBERIK~~
F. A. ENGELS. My 0015A/10. Arrived OPHELIA lost contact with F. A. ENGELS at 0500/11 in 067° 30' N 020° 59' W when in dense fog and B 3. (A.C.I.C. 1155A/14 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
See previous page.

Reporting A.M. 2038A/9 the phrase "except the two QUEENS" was a reference to SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH and SS. QUEEN MARY which ships have a special reporting procedure. (D.T.D. 1221A/14.)

A.N.D. ships. A.M. 1146/6/6 para 2 add EMPIRE MORDRED, EMPIRE BANNER, LAMBROOK, SHAHZADA, NASSA. (D.T.D. 1230A/14.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

LLANSTEPHAN
CASTLE.
SIBAJAK.

Route.
(D.O.D.(H) 1246A/14.)
Admty. 1803/8. Request you will sail BEVERLEY to R/V on 17/8 as required by N.O.I.C. Liverpool with SIBAJAK and escort to Oversay R/V. BEVERLEY is subsequently to proceed Greenock for calibration and then to Londonderry for working up.
(C. in C. W.A. 1427A/14 to N.O.I.C. Belfast.)

PS and
SP 15.

Cancelled.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1436A/14.)

CALIFORNIA.
LLANGIBBY
CASTLE.

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- Force Y. P.C. and S. of Force "Y" at 2200B/13 was 036° 00' N. 002° 04' W. 244° 13 knots.
KEPPEL, 0001B/14, to F.O.C. N.A. (R) MATCHLESS).
Your 2246A/13. Acknowledged. Position R.D. not understood.
(KEPPEL, 0149A/14, to F.O.C.N.A.).
Your 0336A/14. Am unable to comply with your 2246A/13.
Remaining in Area. MALCOLM, ARMERIA R/V with KEPPEL in area R/V position at 1400A/14.
(KEPPEL, 0600A/14, to F.O.C.N.A., MALCOLM, ARMERIA, (R) RODNEY).
- My 0600. Cancel all after area. Am sweeping towards NIGERIA. On making contact intend to join screen through area then break off leaving VIDETTE with NIGERIA.
(? KEPPEL, 0858A/14, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) MALCOLM, NIGERIA, ARMERIA, VIDETTE, WRESTLER). *Sum p 435*
- U/B At 0332Z/14. German S/M made a sighting report bearing 080° A.
Sighting (F.O.C.N.A., 0528A/14, to Force 'F' (R) Admty. Reports. C.in C. Med.).
My 0528A. German U-Boat fixed within 60 miles of 036° 30' N. 009° 30' E.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0804A/14, to Force Z. (R) Force X).
At 0352Z/14. Italian S/M 89.D made a sighting report of a force of three types of units. Time of sighting 0500B bearing 084° B at great strength.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0548A/14, to Force F. (R) Admty. Med. Fleet).
- NIGERIA NIGERIA passes through position 36° (?28') N. 00° 09' W. at about 0700B/14, steering 252° 16 knots. escort. Proceed to reinforce her screen.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0644A/14, to MALCOLM, (?ARMERIA) (R) KEPPEL, NIGERIA Admty. S.O. Force F.).
MALCOLM'S 0705B/14. My P.C. and S. 036° 29' N. ?001° 02' W. ?246° 16 knots.
(NIGERIA, 1001B/14, to MALCOLM (R) F.O.C. N.A., KEPPEL, ARMERIA).
Catalina W.D. 3 M.A/S escort from 1430 to 2200 today Friday.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1021A/14, to Force X. (R) RODNEY, NIGERIA, Force R.).
- Operation Arrival BADSWORTH, MATCHLESS with ORARI and "Ascendant". TROILUS.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1046A/14, to Admty (R) V.A. Malta, C.in C. Med. S.O. Force F.). *Sum p 434*
- Force F. E.T.A. Boom 1700A/14. INDOMITABLE, WESTCOTT, WISHART, AMAZON, ANTELOPE, ZETLAND, ITHURIEL in company. INDOMITABLE would prefer berth starboard side to and has 75 cot cases for hospital.
(RODNEY, 1056B/14, to F.O.C.N.A.). *Sum p 435*

/RODNEY ...

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Force F. RODNEY 1056B/14. Berth and proposed entry
Contd: programme. (Details). Zero hour assumed to be
1800B at northern entrance unless otherwise
signalled. Both baffles open. 36 and 37 berths
are occupied. Visible wreck of trawler in
position of 48 berthing (? is) on Chart F (?S)(?4).
(F.O.C.N.A., 1204A/14, to RODNEY, INDOMITABLE and
destroyers in company). *p-435*

U/Bs. S/M disposition.
(1) Italian, 2055Z/12th (185) 38° N. 01° E.
believed to be moving northward, damaged; 2245Z/13
(185) moving eastward probably to Cagliari; 0051Z/13. (28 D)
37° 30' N. 01° E; 3 South of Sardinia; about 6 west of Malta to
37° 30' N. 30° E.
(2) German. 1 within 60 miles of 37° 30' N. 9° 30' E. at 0332Z/14.
It is suspected there are other German U-Boats operating in
Western Mediterranean.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1114A/14, to Force Z. (R) Force X. Admty. C.O.I.S.
Alexandria, V.A. Malta).

Situation (F.O.C.N.A., 1202A/14, to A.I.G. 63, 1314A/14 to
2001B/14th. A.I.G. 64, 1322A/14 to A.I.G. 65.)

U/B,
Valencia. Following received from R.O. Valencia (Begins).
An Italian S/M entered this port about 2330
yesterday left about 0730 today after disembarking
1 dead and 2 or 3 wounded men T.O.O. 1724/13. (Ends).
(F.O.C.N.A., 1216A/14, to Admty, B.N.A. Madrid.).
Italian S/M entered Valencia 2330/12 left 0730/13 after
landing 1 dead and 2 or 3 wounded. I am trying to obtain
details. Embassy pressing internment wounded. Gibraltar
informed.
(Madrid, 1222/14, to Admty).

P. 212. In position 010°. Cape Spartel 5. No trawler.
Request instructions.
(P. 212, 1300A/14, to F.O.C.N.A.).
Your 1300. If escort has still not arrived proceed
Gibraltar unescorted. Own surface forces will be arriving
from the east at 1700A.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1340A/14, to P. 212).
Arrival P. 212.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1914A/14, to Admty).

/OTUS ...

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OTUS. My 1506/11. Owing to movements of own surface force proceed from position S.X. through S.P. 038° 57' 002° 54' E. at 0200B/17, S.Q. 038° 55' 001° 54' E. at 2230B/17, S.R. 180°. Cape de Gata 6 miles at 2330B/19, thence direct to Gibraltar, arrive 1500B/20.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1310A/14, to OTUS (R) 8th S/M F., C.in C. Med., V.A. Malta., Capt. (S) 10).

ORARI Intend sailing ORARI and TROILUS to U.K. p.m.
TROILUS Saturday 15th escorted by BADSWORTH and MATCHLESS.
BADSWORTH BADSWORTH and MATCHLESS seaworthy but maximum
MATCHLESS. speed 20 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1512A/14, to Admty). *p. 432*

A/S Your 1949/13. Existing R.A.F. slipways,
Floatplanes refuelling, and mooring facilities always over-
Gibraltar. taxed.
2. No workshops or living accommodation available near harbour.
3. Proposal would necessitate provision of additional facilities afloat not available local fitting and add considerably to congestion in already overcrowded harbour.
4. Congestion in harbour restriction on opening of Boom, added to dangerous flying conditions under lee of rock, with numerous occasions on which flying impossible due to sea conditions and impracticability of night flying inside harbour would in the aggregate undoubtedly result in heavy decrease in operational efficiency. Requesting A.O.C. concurrence.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1550A/14, to Admty.).

ESKIMO E.T.A. 0320A/15 with SOMALI. Gate 0435A. As
SOMALI. ships have 376 passengers request berth alongside.
(ESKIMO, 1558A/14, to F.O.C.N.A., (R) S.O. Force F)

P. 211. My 1310/14 to OTUS. P. 211, P.222 and P. 31 are
P. 222. to proceed diving by day until dawn the day of
P. 31. *p. 442* arrival thence on surface at C.Os discretion by
444 following route.
2. P. 211 through S.P. at 0100/18 or 21st S.Q. at 1100 18th or 21st S.R. at 0400 20th or 23rd, arriving Gibraltar 0830 21st or 24th.
3. P. 222 S.P. 2330/18th S.Q. 0500/19th, S.R. 0200/21st arriving Gibraltar 0830/22nd.
4. P. 31 S.P. 0330/20th, S.Q., 0001/21st, S.R. 0130/23rd, arrive Gibraltar 0830/24th.
5. Bombing restrictions arranged. If unable to comply within 2 hours report P.C. and S.
6. All times zone minus 2.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1610A/14, to 8th S/M Flotilla. (R) C.in C. Med. V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 10).

/KATANGA ...

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- KATANGA. My 1114/8th. Steam trial KATANGA unsatisfactory. New boiler tube required for all boilers before ship can proceed to sea. Details of requirements follow. (N.C.S.O. P. Delgada, 1615/14, to Admty (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
- RORQUAL. My 1440/11. Departure 1610 RORQUAL. (F.O.C.N.A., 1700A/14, to V.A. Malta, (R) Admty. F.O.S. C.in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10, Capt.(S) 1).
- Force F. Arrival RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, WESTCOTT, WISHART, AMAZON, ANTELOPE, ZETLAND, ITHURIEL. (F.O.C.N.A., 1730A/14, to Admty). Arrivals NIGERIA, KEPPEL, WRESTLER, TARTAR. WILTON, BICESTER, DERWENT. MALCOLM. (F.O.C.N.A., 2334A/14, to Admty (R) C.in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Malta, S.O. Force "F", R.A.10th C.S.)
See pp 432-433
- PORT LEVEN
Lisbon. My 1851/24. (1815/24 intended). Crew of PORT LEVEN arrived Lisbon and will take over ship Wednesday 19th when fuelled and provisioned. N.C.S.O. Lisbon will make final arrangements re sailing. (N.A. Lisbon, 1744B/14, to S.O. (I) Gibraltar. Pass to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, for D.of S.T., D.S.V.P.).
- VIDETTE
A/S
hunt. Part company with NIGERIA. Take ARMERIA and BURDOCK under your orders and hunt S/M to southwards of Alboran Island. (F.O.C.N.A., 2112A/14, to VIDETTE (R) ARMERIA, BURDOCK, NIGERIA, Force 'F' Admty). *See p. 432*
- INDOMITABLE,
damage. Following is a repetition of INDOMITABLE's 1958Z/14.
2. Ship hit by 2 or 3 bombs, also damaged from near misses, 3,4,5 (details).
6. Holes or bulking due to near misses causing leaks aft port side adjacent 'Y' group magazines, extent not yet ascertained. Main machinery unaffected. (V.A.C.N.A., 2150A/14, to Admty).
- JONQUIL. Unless otherwise ordered by S.O. Force F or F.O. 10th C.S. return to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 2158A/14, to JONQUIL (R) Admty, Force R, S.O. Force F, F.O. 10th C.S.).

/MALAYA ...

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escort.

Your 1913/13th. Unlikely escort available to meet MALAYA in 020° N. until 21/8 at earliest. Further signals will be made.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2218A/14, to R.A. W.A., Admty., C.in C. S.A., S.O. Force H.).

South Atlantic

AIGLON.

Sailed AIGLON routed as in my 1131/9.
(2) Ship will maintain single wireless operator period on 500 k/cs.
(3) S.of A. 7 knots. E.T.A. Kilindini 0630Z/25.
(Cdre. i/c Durban, 0712Z/14, to Admty etc.).

MARUDU.

Your 1652/11. Master of MARUDU reports he can proceed to Capetown under own steam if escorted. Estimated speed 7 knots. 2. Submit tugs EMPIRE FAIRY and EMPIRE GOBLIN to this. 3. MARUDU should be ready to sail from 19th.
(Pointe Noire, 1016/14, to R.A., W.A., (R) D.S.T. Admty. etc.).

Repair of
TEMPLE INN
at Lagos.

D. of S.T's 2511A/13 not to Admiralty. Additional repair work at Lagos requiring more than 48 hours in dock will further upset docking programme for escort vessels which is already seriously behind hand. RAJPUTANA would be available on 16/8 or KONKAN and ORISSA about 21st to provide A/S Escort to Cape.
(R.A., W.A., 1047Z/14, to C.in C. S.A. (R) R.N.O. Lagos, B.N.L.O., West Africa, Admty, D.of S.T.).

U/B and
Raider
Casualties.

C.I.B. 60.
(1) (A) SAN EMILIANO sunk by U-Boat 8/8 in 007° N. 054° W. (B) EMPIRE ARNOLD sunk 4/8 011° N. 054° W. Master taken prisoner by U-Boat.
(2) Tug EMPIRE BIRCH damaged by explosion 5 miles South Aquieda De Boa Paz. Vessel beached but is now a total loss.
(3) A/C 10/8 in 044° N. 008° W. sighted suspicious vessel flying Spanish colours, course 260° speed 15 knots. (Description). Vessel fired at aircraft. Admty suggest vessel is outward bound supply unit.
(4) U-Boat activity 13/8 CALIFORNIA reports being gunned by U-Boat 009° N. 033° W. SSSS received SALUTA in same position.
(5) 13/8 QQQQ Distress message received NURJEHAN 004° 30' N. 016° W. Message subsequently cancelled.

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U/B and (6) Report Grade B. 5 states unknown S/M in
Raider sight 4 miles from E. London 13/8.
Casualties (7) GENOTA raider victim in Indian Ocean reported
Contd: (? before Japanese Prize Court) 3/8.
(8) GLOUCESTER CASTLE now 18 days overdue
Capetown near position of victim of same unit
which sank ~~AVARIS~~ or WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY.
(9) MADRONO and MAROSA both seriously overdue may be raider
victims in East Indian Ocean.
(10) 5 life buoys thrown overboard by FLUOR SPAR 014° S. 041° E.
to rescue man not recovered.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 1145B/14, to C.in C., S.A. etc.).

LURCHER. Sailed LURCHER in accordance with N.C.S.O. Durban
1324/14. E.T.A. Kilindini A.M. 26/8.
2. Wireless Watch will be kept on 500 K/cs in
Zone B 2 operator periods.
(Cdre. i/c Durban, 1234Z/14, to Admty etc.).

ORION. Simonstown departure 1210B/14 ORION by route R6
for Durban S.of A. 22 knots E.T.A. 1230B/16th.
(C.in C. S.A., 1241B/14, to Admty, N.O.I/C.
Durban; Dep. C.in C. E.F. N.O.I/C. Port
Elizabeth; N.O.I/C. East London).

HYDRANGEA from Bathurst with orders for EGRET will
O.S. 36. join O.S. 36 in 012° 20' N. 020° 06' W. at 1200Z/16.
After HYDRANGEA has joined escort convoy is to
proceed direct to position (M) 008° 41' N. 015°
00' W. HYDRANGEA to refuel at sea if weather
permits.
(R.A. W.A., 1315Z/14, to EGRET, HYDRANGEA (R)
N.O.I.C., Bathurst, Escorts O.S. 36).

Movement 2000Z/14th areas (?Q) and S.
Summary. (C.in C. S.A., 1352B/14, to S.A. Stn.).

Trans- Following repeated for information (Quotes C.O.S.
Africa (M.E.) No. 287, 2345/12, see Mediterranean 12/8).
Personnel (W.O., 1430/14, to G.O.C.in C. West Africa).
Route.

W.S. 21 P.G. Deputy C.in C. (E.F. 1349Z/12).
Request you will sail*ALAUNIA and one corvette
to R/V with W.S. 21 P.G. and DUNCAN 24 hours
before convoy arrives off Outer end of Durban searched channel.
2. On relief DUNCAN will proceed Durban to fuel. On completion
of fuelling ENTERPRISE, DUNCAN and one corvette are to be
sailed to meet convoy off outer end Durban searched channel when
corvette mentioned in para. 1 is to return to Durban.
3. DUNCAN and corvette will escort W.S. 21 P.G. as far as
Kilindini when they will part company. D. 2 has been instructed
to order corvette to return to Durban as she is unable to
maintain convoy speed.

*See p 448 /4. ...

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W.S. 21 P.G.
Contd:

4. Estimate R/V in para. 1 will be on 18/8.
Further signal will be made as soon as details
are known.
(C.in C. S.A., 1602B/14, to Com.1/c. Durban (R)
D.C.in C. E.F., D. 2).

SUMATRA.

A.M. 1315/20/7.
Neth. Cruiser SUMATRA is to be sailed to U.K.,
not Curacao.
Destination in U.K. will be signalled later.
(D.O.D. (F) 1727A/14, to C.in C. S.A., (R)
C.in C. E.F., etc.).

ELMWOOD
survivors.

Your 1420/13. 19 ELMWOOD survivors should be
sent by opportunity you describe to disembark at
Bathurst and not to proceed Lisbon. Inform
Bathurst of time of arrival. A ship is being
arranged to lift all these survivors from Bathurst.
(R.A. W.A., 2152Z/14, to R.O. Bissau. (R) Admty,
N.O.I/C. Bathurst).

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Friday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.Operation "Pedestal".Enemy
Destroyer.

Following has been read by Malta W/T P.C.S of enemy 1 destroyer JVFT 4030 (37.40 N, longitude indecypherable) 180° O.
(A/C Using call sign 9QDZ. to 0005/14).

BRAMHAM
} towing
OHIO,

Only 5 miles progress Oiler bombed last night, very deep, very dangerous and unmanageable.
My position is 036° 03' N. 013° 14' E.
(BRAMHAM 0300/14, to C.S.10, V.A.Malta)
Malta W/T, 0610B/14.

~~Note. There is a second version of this.~~

Following has been read. Short range A/A weapons ammunition adequate. Long range 80 rounds per gun remaining.

(BRAMHAM, 0633/14).

Following has been read. BRAMHAM's 06(?33). A/A screen 100, LEDBURY 140.

(PENN 0843/14 to C.C.O.Malta).

Following read by Malta W/T 1 aircraft shadowing my position 080 Linosa 5 miles.

(BRAMHAM 0648/14).

SPEEDY.

2 unknown ships closing rapidly bearing 270° 8 miles from me. My position 035° 46' N. 014° 11' E.

(SPEEDY 0512B/14, to Malta W/T).

British Cant (? seaplane) may be rescuing pilots your vicinity about 1030. Height 50 to (? 100) feet.

(C.C.O.Malta 0812B/14 to SPEEDY).

Spitfires
"Merit".

Following has been read. 2 Spitfires call sign A.V.H.F. will be over "Merit" 0600.

(Malta W/T 0531B/14).

4 Spitfires call sign B.V. H.F. will be over "Merit" at 0635.

(Malta 0625B/14 to PENN).

Following has been read 4 Spitfires call sign C.V.H.F. will be over "Merit" at 0710.

(Malta W/T 0655B/14).

PENN, RYE.

→ (towing
OHIO).

Will attempt another tow in about one hour

(corrupt group) RYE has ship indicated (?tanker)

D (corrupt group) (corrupt group).

(PENN 0641/14 to Malta W/T) (Received much mutilated).

4 Spitfires call sign C.V.H.F. will be over "Merit" at 0710.
(Malta 0655B/14 to PENN).

What is P.C.S. and situation?

(S.O. M/S 0655B/14 to RYE, PENN, BRAMHAM),

(?Position) 035° 54' N. 013° 16' E. alongside (corrupt group)

passing new tow rope.

(RYE 0735B/14 to S.O. M/S).

/Position...

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PENN RYE Position 36° 2' N. (? 013°) 10' E. THYME (? RYE (towing intended) BRAMHAM (? PENN) and M.L. in company. OHIO) RYE will attempt another tow now, attempts during contd. the night failed because tanker was damaged very deeply and cannot steer. BRAMHAM attacked by S/M 50 rounds 4" per gun remain. No attack this morning but R/C aircraft has been over. 4 Spitfires fighter protection; (PENN 0755/14, to S.O.M/S (R) RYE BRAMHAM, SPEEDY).

U/B Italian U/Boat traffic for 24 hours ending Traffic. 2359C/13 was exceptionally high, 32 different call-signs in all being addressed by Rome. No good D/F fixes obtained but main activity in section N.W. to W. of Malta. (C.O.I.S. Alexandria 0718C/14 to V.A. Malta (R) F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. Med. Admty. (for D.N.I.).

BRISBANE If BRISBANE STAR not met at 0800 position pass STAR. through 035° 40' N. 013° 15' E then back to harbour. (V.A. Malta 0728B/14 to PENN, SPEEDY, HEBE). Aircraft reports BRISBANE STAR 090° Lampedusa 30 miles at 0700 course 090°. Expected to alter for the channel at 0800. (V.A. Malta 0745B/14 to HEBE (R) SPEEDY, Cruisers, BRISBANE STAR). *see p. 442*

SPEEDY On arrival of SPEEDY proceed Grand harbour for BRAMHAM. oil and ammunition. (V.A. Malta 0746B/14 to BRAMHAM (R) PENN, SPEEDY). If expedient PENN is to transfer her survivors to BRAMHAM before she parts company. (Malta. 0750/14).

→ Your 0745B/14. Intend joining BRISBANE STAR on relief by SPEEDY. (BRAMHAM 0900/14 to V.A. Malta). Aircraft presumed hostile in sight in Sector D. (180° - 240°) flying towards us. (Incompletely received) - (PENN, T.O.O. to SPEEDY BRAMHAM). Report PENN's ammunition requirements which will be sent in BRAMHAM. (C.C.O. Malta 0912B/14 to SPEEDY). I would like to keep BRAMHAM for the time being. (S.O. M/S 0926/14 to BRAMHAM). Your 0926 approved. (V.A. Malta 1030B/14 to S.O.M/S).

/Following..

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BRAMHAM.
Contd.Following required (Ammunition details).
(PENN 1024/14 to BRAMHAM).U/B
Sighting
Report.At 0500B/14 Italian U-Boat call sign 89
D reported a force of 3 type variable units
probably cruisers destroyers and merchant ships,
position unknown. Report was relayed by Rome
to all ships at 0716B.
(C.O.S.Alexandria 0802C/14 to S.O. Force F.(R)
C. in C.Med. F.O.C.N.A.Admt, (for D.N.I.).OHIO
Found by
M/S.Have found tanker and escort.
(S.O. M/S 0830B/14 to V.A.Malta).Enemy
Destroyer.P.C. and S. of 1 enemy destroyer are 036° 39' N.
012° 05' E. 180° 20 knots.
(A/C 'J' of No.11 Squad.1025/14 to Hal Far).
W.D.Note:- Another version of this signal
gives 36.30 N.U/Bs
orders to
S/MS.U-Boat activity suspected west of Malta probably
vicinity of 035° 50' within 45 miles Lampedusa.
P.46 and UTMOST remaining north of 036° 01'
between 013° 20' and 014° 10' and will be
recalled as soon as possible. P.34 proceed as in my
1227/13 and P.44 through 036° 10' 011° 59' both to operate
temporarily west of 012° 01', P.34 between 036° 45' and 036° 20',
P.44 between 036° 15' and 035° 50'. S/MS are not to be attacked
outside these areas if encountered on similar courses.
(Capt.S.10. 1029B/14 to P.34, P.46, P.44 UTMOST.).OHIO
towing
operation.My 2226/15 (13 intended) not to C.S.10 LEDBURY did
not proceed westward and is standing by OHIO towing
operation.
(V.A.Malta 1055B/14 to Admt,(R) C. in C.Med, C.S.10
S.O. Force F. F.O.C.N.A.).Intend retaining PENN, BRAMHAM, and LEDBURY until OHIO
operation is completed. Tanker is now about 60 miles from searched
channel and towing is very difficult and attack heavy.(V.A.Malta 1143B/14 to Admt,(R) S.O. Force F.,C.S.10,
C. in C.Med, F.O.C.N.A.).Am being shadowed by one enemy A/C course 160° speed 6 knots.
(PENN 1425/14 to Malta).

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- P.42. attack on enemy *cruisers. (13/8). Your 0914/13. R/C confirms your nice work of hitting 2 cruisers. Anticipate P.31 approx. position 2101B/15 as 038° 03' 011° 39'. *See p. 434*
(Capt.S.10. 1100B/14 to P.42.(R) P.31. *9 444*)
**BOLZANO & MUZIO ATTENSOLO.*
- Force R. C.S.10. Force R not required. My P.C. and S. 037° (?) 21' N. 006° 27' E. 272° 20 knots. ASHANTI, KENYA, CHARYBDIS, INTREPID, ICARUS, FURY, PATHFINDER in company.
(C.S.10. 1201B/14 to S.O. Force F.(R) F.O.C.N.A.)
- Enemy Cruiser. P.C. and S. of 1 enemy cruiser 36° 15' N. 12° 5' E. 350°. 15 knots.
(Med A/C "B" of QU7 1420/14 to Hal Far).
- Malta Thanks. Following personal for C.N.S. Malta is filled with admiration for gallant effort made to pass convoy through to the Island. We thank you and are most grateful.
(Govr.Malta 1510B/14 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A.,V.A. Malta).
Please congratulate all Force Y (TROILUS ORARI) from me on its safe arrival. A most pleasing success.
(V.A.Malta 1714B/14 to F.O.C.N.A.).
- BRISBANE STAR. arrived. 14/8. BRISBANE STAR arrived 1430B/
(V.A.Malta 1528B/14 to Admty, (R) C. in C.Med S.O.Force F. F.O.C.10th C.S., F.O.C.N.A.).
See p. 440
- P.211. Patrol North of 039° 00', W. of 010° 20' to comply with F.O.C.N.A. 1838/13.
(Capt.S.10.1658B/14 to P.211 (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.C.N.A. Capt,S.8. 8th S/M F., 10th S/M.F.).
- P.46. UTMOST. A/S search will be in progress throughout night south of latitude Gozo. Move forthwith to North of 036° 20' and West of 014° 00' E. before surfacing.
See previous page p. 447
(Capt.S.10, 1729B/14 to P.46 UTMOST (R) V.A. Malta).
- Suspected U/B PRIMULA. Suspected periscope in 31.46.N. 31.26 E. at 1940. One attack carried out, no contact.
(PRIMULA 2001C/14 to PENN).

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General.

15 C.S. R.A.15 C.S. is requested to sail CLEOPATRA
Force A. ARETHUSA, ZULU, KELVIN, JAVELIN, TETCOTT, DULVERTON
Force B. HURWORTH, a.m./15th to arrive Port Said in
daylight 15th.

(2) On arrival ZULU clean boilers as ordered by
R.A.(D) Med. KELVIN, TETCOTT join Force 'A' at Port Said. TETCOTT
rejoin Force 'B' on relief by BELVOIR.

(C. in C.Med. 0146C/14 to R.A.15 C.S. R.A.(D) Med. (R) Capt.(S) 1
201 N.C.Group, N.O.I.C.Beirut N.O.I.C.Palestinian Ports, Haifa,
N.O.I.C.Port Said Capt.(D) 12.Capt.(D) 22, Capt.(D) 14, S.N.L.O.
R.A.Alexandria, F.O.R.S.C.A. DULVERTON).

Part II, Final.

3.R.A.Alexandria is requested to sail EURYALUS and COVENTRY
to Haifa and Beirut respectively with JERVIS, JAVELIN, PALADIN,
→ DULVERTON and HURWORTH to arrive a.m./16th.

4. On completion JERVIS, PALADIN return to Port Said. JAVELIN,
→ DULVERTON, HURWORTH proceed Haifa.

5. PAKENHAM will be sailed to Alexandria to arrive a.m./15th
for quick docking and is to return Port Said on completion.
(C. in C.Med.0154C/14 to Admty) See also 1432C/14. *p.445*

A/C attack Following has been read by Malta W/T. Have attack-
on U /B. ed S/M position 31.57 N. 34.14 E.
(A/C using call sign L7A 0311/14, Wick Radio
intercept 0400/14).

Enemy Position course and speed of one small merchant
Units. vessel 31.53 N. 25.06 E. 000° 4.
(A/C A. 0856/14, to 201 Group).

Position course and speed of 2 transport
barges DJMV 0323 (32.03 N. longitude undecypherable) 090° 5
knots.

(A/C A. 0903/14 to 201 Group).

One submarine bearing 180° distant 5 miles course unknown.

Position 33.51 N. 32.23 E.

(A/C A. 1000/14 to ? M.I.F.).

→ DULVERTON C. in C.'s 1913/12 (DULVERTON and HURWORTH to
HURWORTH. form A/S striking force for L.W.34). E.T.A.1730/14
HURWORTH in company.
(DULVERTON, 1000C/14 to N.O.I.C.Palestinian Ports
(R) 15th C.S. R.A.(D) Med. C. in C.Med. S.N.O.L.A)

Cositrep 3. Air Night 12/13. Tobruk Harbour bombed.
No.481. Fires and explosions on shore. 4. Aerodromes on
Rhodes Island bombed in co-operation with
bombardment of Rhodes Harbour from sea. Several
fires started. 5. 13 August. Fighter bombers made four
successful attacks on M.T.central and northern sectors. One
F-Boat sunk, another (?severely) damaged North of Bardia.
(C. in C.M.E. 1035 G.M.T./14).

/Enemy.....

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Enemy Units Orders to S/Ms. At 0810C/14 P.C. and S. of 1 merchant ship 2 destroyers 34° 20' 23° 19' 345° 12 knots. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1105C/14, to TURBULENT, (R) TAKU, PORPOISE)-
Establish patrols in vicinity of following positions TURBULENT 036° 52' 021° 27', TAKU 033° 23' 020° 56', PORPOISE 034° 39' 021° 36'. Endeavour to reach them by 0001/15, 0100/15 and noon/15 respectively. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1141C/14 to TURBULENT, TAKU, PORPOISE)
(1) At 1145/14 P.C. and S of 2 large merchant ships 4 destroyers, reported by A/C, 39° 25' 18° 30' 120° 13 knots.
(2) At 1130/14, A/C report 1 merchant ship, 2 destroyers, P.C. and S 36° 14' 23° 36' 200° 15 knots. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1232C/14 to TURBULENT, *TAKU, PORPOISE, P.43).
My 1232/14th. (1) Consider ultimate destination probably Benghazi. Between 0200 and 0401 A/C will search east and west of Sante and attack using flares.
(2) May be for Tobruk but Benghazi more likely. A.S.V. A/C will search, report and drop flares between 0100 and 0300. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1415C/14 to TURBULENT, TAKU, PORPOISE, P.43).
My 1232/14. para.2. At 1630 P.C. and S. 035° 14' 023° 13' 225° 15 knots. (S.O.(S) Alexandria 1910C/14 to TAKU, (R) PORPOISE).

* See next page

P.31. My 1227/13. para.1. P.31 can only maintain about 80 miles per 24 hours. (Capt.S.10. 1200/14 to F.O.C.N.A).

DIDO EURYALUS. Your 1438/12. para.3. Request you will report major items of work to be undertaken in DIDO and EURYALUS. (A.C.N. S.(F) 1229A/14 to C.in C.Med).

DIDO has sustained damage aft due to vibration. Outer bottom plating is cracked for a length of 3½ feet across two strakes of plating at 165½. Extensive flooding results and ship is not fit for operation. Arrangements have been made for ship to be partially docked at Massawa where repairs and additional stiffening are estimated to take 10 days.

2. Similar damage experienced in all ships of the Class. Now developing in EURYALUS but is at present repairable in about 5 days.

3. DIDO is being sailed to Massawa today 14th EURYALUS will be sent there for docking on return of DIDO.

(C. in C.Med, 1302C/14 to Admty, (R) C.S. 15, A.S.L.).

/THORN....

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THORN
overdue. Regret to report THORN overdue since 11/8 has failed to answer signals and must be considered lost. THORN left (Beirut?) 21/7 to operate in Cape Matapan area routed through? vicinity of Tobruk and Ras-el-tin.
(2) 29/7 THORN requested permission to remain in Tobruk area as many targets sighted and was ordered to patrol in area between 019° E. and 024° 30' S. of 035° N ? until 6/8.
(3) No ~~indication~~ as to cause of loss but no reason to suppose books compromised. Capt.(S) is requested to report casualties direct to authorities concerned and any further details.
(C. in C.Med 1418C/14 to Admty (R) F.O.(S) Capt.(S) 10 Capt.(S) 1)

S.N.O.
Port Said,
R.A.(D)
Force A.
Force B. My 0154/14. ^{/p.443} On arrival at Port Said p.m./15/8. C.S.15 is to assume duty of S.N.O. Afloat Port Said. Flag of R.A.(D) Med. is to be transferred to WOOLWICH at 0800/15. Office of R.A.(D) Med. will however remain at D.K.D. Building Port Said.

(2) Following are to form Force A based at Port Said under Command of C.S.15:- CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA, JERVIS, KELVIN, PAKENHAM, PALADIN, BEAUFORT, TETCOTT.

(3) Following are to form Force B based at Haifa.
? EURYALUS (S.O) SIKH, ZULU, JAVELIN, DULVERTON, HURWORTH, CROOME, HERO on completion of defects.

(4) Cancel my 2055/3/7.
(C. in C.Med 1432C/14 to Med Fleet etc).

U/B. Position course and speed of 1 enemy S/M submerged 31.48 N. 30.12.E. 085°. 4 knots.
(A/C X, 1443C/14 to 201 Group).

Black Sea. Following is a repetition of N.L.O. Black Sea's 1617C/12. Addressed Admty, Ad.Miles. (Begins). Am now at Sukhum. Due to heavy air attacks at Tuapse Chief of Staff Black Sea on 10/8, requested me to leave Tuapse that night. There was some delay but we left early a.m./11 by road.
2. Enemy air activity (group Indec.? intense) in Tuapse Area during last week. During 10/8, there were 10 day raids and continual small raids by night. Considerable damage (group Indec ? in town) including electric light water main and civilian W/T Station.
3. Tuapse Naval W/T Station will continue to receive messages for me and transmit them here. (Ends).
(Ad.Miles 1514C/14, to Admty).

TAKU. Leave patrol p.m./16 through 033° 01' N. 024° 21' E. thence direct to arrive Beirut (?about) 0515C/21.
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(Capt. S.1. 1713C/14 to TAKU, (R) S.O.Subs.Alex. C. in C.Med. No.201 N.C.Group, Subs.on patrol).

/Malta.....

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Malta I.574 14/8. C.S.R.
 Air 13th 1350 hours 7 Spitfires up but raid did not
 Report. approach close to Malta. 1540 hours, 4 Spitfires
 on interception patrol west of Malta destroyed
 one JU.88 6 miles N.E. of Linosa. 1610 hours, 12 Spitfires up
 but raid did not approach close to Malta. 1730 hours, 12
 Spitfires up but no enemy aircraft seen.
 Night 13/14. Partial RDF interference during all 3 alerts.
 2023 hours, 1 raider approached, 2 Beaufighters up but raid
 turned back 25 miles N.E. of Malta. 2143 hours, 1 raider
 approached but turned back 10 miles N.W. of Malta.
 1 Beaufighter up made no interception. 2334 hours, 2 raiders
 approached but turned back before reaching coast. One
 Beaufighter up did not intercept.
 14th. 1 Alert 0656 hours 6 raiders approached, partial RDF
 interference, 12 Spitfires up but raiders turned back, 35 miles
 north of Island.
 (H.Q.R.A.F. Med 1719Z/14).

Enemy 555 (No signification) 2 destroyers DJOJ 0137
 Destroyers. (32.01 N. longitude indecypherable) at 2100 hours.
 (201 Group 1740/14 to A/C X - Sqdn).

P.43. From 0001/15 take over operational control of
See p. 14/15
 P.43.
 (Capt. S.I. 1826C/14, to S.O.Subs. Alexandria, (R)
 P.43, Capt. (S) 10. C. in C. Med).

R/C of Photographs today 14/8. Messina, 8 inch cruisers
 Enemy GORIZIA and TRIESTE, and 1 C. Class 6-inch cruiser
 Ports. with 60 feet of bows blown off; also 6 destroyers
 3 torpedo boats and 1 S/M. Trapani, 3 E-Boats,
 11 M.A.S., 1 S/M. Palermo, 3 E-Boats, 4 F-Boats.
 Cagliari 1 S/M. Pantellaria, nil.
 (V.A. Malta 1951B/14 to Admty etc).

U/B. Bearings of enemy U-Boats at 1836Z/14. T.O.O.
 1901 40 4-letter groups.
 (D.D.I. C. 2011A/14 to C.O.I.S. Ismailia. V.A. Malta,
 F.O.C.N.A.).

Malta Your T.O.O. 1508/11 to V.A.M Priorities for CLYDE
 Supplies. are:- A. Aviation Spirit. B. Milk powder - 50 tons.
 C. Naval Armament Stores (Details) D. Naval Stores
 (details).

Please confirm 2 tons compressed yeast for Army being sent in
 RORQUAL.
 (Govr. Malta. 2105B/14. to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty.).

U/B. Have obtained ASV contact in 35.37 N. 14.10E.
 (Type not indicated).
 (A/C of No. 11 Squadron Malta Duty O. 2148/14 to
 A.H.Q. Malta).

Nr. 2. Have lost touch with enemy S/M last seen in position
 35.39 N. 13.742.E.
 (A/C of No. 11 Squadron Malta Duty O. 2310B/14 to A.H.Q. Malta).

/Situation.

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Situation Western Malta convoy. 4 ships have arrived. Details
Report 250. when fully known will be signalled separately to
C. in C.E.F. and Flag Officers, Eastern Med.
(ii) Reinforcement of 36 Spitfires flown in to
Malta from FURIOUS p.m./12/8. (11/8 intended).
(iii) P.42 reported 2 hits on Italian 8 inch Cruiser in the
vicinity of Lipari Island at 0906/13.
(C. in C.Med. 2222C/14 to Admty etc).

P.46 Proceed (as?) in my 1227B/13 para.2. to surface
UTMOST. off end of searched channel not later than 1801/15.
Sweeper will not be available. If forced to dive
air raid, Port War Signal Stn. at Tablesil will keep black flag
hoisted during whole period of raid. Establish SST communication
before surfacing in sanctuary.
(Capt.S.10. 2359B/14 to P.46, UTMOST). *See p.442*

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French SS. Deputy C. in C. E.F.'s 1505/6.
 AMIRAL Confirmed that Japanese Agents are on board,
 PIERRE probably masquerading as Annamites. It is
 ex-YIANNIS. therefore most desirable that YIANNIS should,
 if possible, be intercepted and sent in.
 (M. Branch Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 0023A/14 to
 C. in C. E.F., (R) C. in C. S.A., D.C. in C. E.F., R.A.W.A.)
 Your 0023/14. Presumed ship sailed on about 6/8 when no
 forces were available to attempt to intercept. No further
 information of her movements can be obtained from East African
 Command.
 (D. C. in C. E.F., 1621Z/14 to Admty., (R) C. in C. E.F.,
 C. in C. S.A., R.A.W.A.)

Relief for Your 0137/11. Relief escort will be arranged
 TROMP. in 023° 01' S. 090° 10' 6/9 as requested.
 (D. C. in C. E.F., 0056Z/14 to A.C.N.B. Melbourne
 (R) C. in C. E.F., Admty., C.S.W.P. Unit,
 Cdre. W. Australia.)

Repatriations. My 1328/7 para. C, amend to read CITY OF
 CANTERBURY sailed from Melbourne 16/8 direct
 for Lourenco Marques, E.T.A. (?) 6/9 through

positions -

A. 040° 01' S. 138° 45' E.
 B. 038° 45' (? 118°) 01'.
 C. 035° 30', 100° 00'.
 D. 036° 50', 080° 00'.
 E. (?) 034° 30', 060° 00'.
 F. 028° 50', 040° 00'.
 (D. C. in C. E.F., 0749Z/14 to E.I. Stn., (R) Admty.)
 My 1328/7 para. (B). Amend to read CITY OF PARIS sailed from
 Bombay 13/8 for Lourenco Marques. E.T.A. 27/8 through
 Mozambique Channel west of line Q.R.S.
 (D. C. in C. E.F., 0928Z/14 to E.I. Stn., (R) Admty.)

ALAUNIA. Your 0845/9. As a temporary measure pending
 arrival of the vessels asked for in my 1419/8
 ALAUNIA is detailed to act as accommodation
 and supply ship at Khor Kuwai arriving early September.
 (2) She is also to carry out duties of base as directed by
 S.N.O. P.G. until base staff asked for in my 1808/10 can be
 made available.
 (3) Detailed instructions to ALAUNIA will be signalled later.
 (D. C. in C. E.F., 1039/14 to S.N.O.P.G., ALAUNIA, (R) Admty.,
 C. in C. E.F., F.O.I.C. Ceylon, Cmdre. Aden.) *See p 437.*

/Raiders ...

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Raiders. Raider situation No. 2.
(1) Raider "E" no further news. May have sunk or captured MADRONO due Abadan 19/7 from Melbourne between 1st to 6/7 in area 020° to 030° S. 070° to 085° E.
(2) GENOTA reported before Japanese prize courts on 3/8.
(3) Japanese raiders no further news.
(4) Raiders (H) and (J) active South Atlantic. Raider H with supply ship in company on 17/7.
(5) Altmark type tanker left Bay of Biscay between 31/7 and 6/8. (D. C. in C. E.F., 1229Z/14 to E.I. Stn., etc.)

Air Report. A. 921, 14/8 Intelligence Summary No. 152?, period 24 hours ending 1800 hours 14/8.
U.S.A. Air Force report 5 B.25s 3 Kittyhawks raided Haipong, 9/8. Direct hit 4000 ton transport. Kittyhawks accurately bombed machine-gunned whole dock area, huge oil fire started, estimated complete destruction main dock warehouses. U.S. report seasons most successful raid. (A.H.Q. India, 1340Z/14.)

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U/B Positions. Amending 1632/13 (S/M estimate).
(Cominch, 0330/14).

U/B U-boat estimated your area by D/F 0336Z/14 has made sighting report on convoy or important unit.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 0438/14 to C.T.U. 92.1.9
(R) U.S.S. S. 16. C.T.U. 29.1.2. U.S.S. O'BANNON Comanzacarea, Caribbean S.F. N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F. C.O.A.C., U.S. Aircraft Tender SANDPIPER, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Admty).

O.N. Convoys. Your 1642Z/12 would involve O.N. Convoys and the New York portions of O.N.S. Convoys arriving at approx. the same time. If this can be accepted by Cominch your proposal is entirely agreeable to us.
(A.C.N.S. (T) 0956A/14 to N.S.HQ. (R) Cominch etc).

Movement summary.	1800 G.M.T./14.			
	Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
	H.M.AQUITANIA	Approaching Boston.	266°	19½
	ASTURIAS)	15½° N. 34½° W.	105°	6
	LARGS)			
	2 Corvettes)			
	Convoy T.A.19	40° N. 49½° W.	263°	25
	Convoy A.T.18	53½° N. 29° W.	056°	14
	L.27	54° N. 35° W.	065°	11.
	(D.O.D. (F) 1000Z/14 to Opnav (R) Comnav)			

CALDWELL collision. CALDWELL struck glancing blow by SS. AQUITANIA about 0900Z/14. Bow buckled before number 23 bulkhead. No casualties. Proceeding at 8 knots escorted by CAMROSE towards Boston. Position 042° 27' 066° 57' dense fog.
(C.T.U., 24.18.6 1001Z/14 to C.O.A.C. (R) Admty, etc).

042° 25' N., 066° 57' W. collided with large transport believed AQUITANIA in fog at 0943Z/14. Transport hit my port bow, badly buckled about 20 feet, crack down starboard hand, all forward of collision bulkhead, no casualties. Proceeding Boston escorted by CAMROSE present speed 5 knots, hope increase later. (CALDWELL, 1030Z/14 to C.O.A.C. Connav (R) Admty etc).

My 1030Z. Have now amended my time of collision to read 0836Z/14. All apparent damage forward of No.12 frame. Proceeding at 9 knots. E.T.A. Boston 0600Z/15. (CALDWELL, 1458Z/14 to C.O.A.C.)

S/M attack and Sighting Summary. Cominch's 2104/13 addressed to Admty (for O.I.C.) and Comnav for action and various information addressees, informs as follows:-

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and sighting
summary.A. DELMUNDO attacked and sunk 19.55 N., 73.49 W.
about 0800Z/13. HAVSTEN torpedoed and sunk
11.18 N., 54.45 W., at 0354/3.B. R.M. PARKER, JR. sunk 1155/13. Motor
Vessel sights S/M on surface about 28.30 N.,
88.30 W., 0530/26/7. Ship fires 4 rounds at S/M.Attack reported 1415/12 in Cominch's 2121/12 according to later
information was by air and surface craft on Periscope, Magnetic
and Sound Contacts. S/M reported moving 2 to 3 knots, course
210° possible damage. Plane attacks S/M on surface 13.33 N.,
63.25 W. 1405/12 course S.W. Panair Plane sights S/M 11.40 N.
62.51 W., 1750/13, course 90° speed 10.C. Surface Craft attacks propellor sound contact 11.37 N.,
62.16 W., 1815/12. Plane attacks S/M 20.27 N., 72.33 W., 1346/13.
Surface Craft attacks sound contact about 35.15 N., 71.03 W.
0300/13.D. S/M reported 16.00 N., 64.00 W., 8/8. Plane attacks Oil
Slick 28.30 N., 8023 W. 2248/8. S/M reported sighted from shore
29.53 N., 85.22 W., 2155/10. Surface craft attacks sound
contact 25.56 N., 79.48 W., 2000/12.
(Comnav, 1247/14 to Admt).S.C. Convoy
Schedule.Your 1859Z/12, concur.
(D.T.D., 1311A/14 to N.S.H.Q.)Atlantic
Convoy
Routeing.Your 2007/13, concur.
(D.T.D., 1314A/14 to Connav).
Your 2007/13. Concur provided C.O.A.C. Halifax
and F.O.N.F. are authorized to make emergency
diversion to any convoy in their area.
(N.S.H.Q., 1524Z/14 to Connav (R) Admt etc).

U/B

Fisherman sighted S/M in 046° 37' N., 060° 10' W.
at 2355Z/13.
(C.O.A.C. 1344Z/14 to Admt).

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B.A.M.R. Washington 1530/13. Request P.555 may
call Bermuda and Gibraltar.
(F.O.S., 1402A/14 to Admt).

A.T.20

Your 1300/13. U.S. Authorities have decided to
include the Tanker and not the 2 cargo vessels.
(B.A.D., 1431Z/14 to Admt (R) C. in C. W.A.)*See next page*

A.T.20

Your 1611Z/13. Affirmative.
(Connav, 1455/14 to Admt).

/Torpedoing...

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Torpedoing of ALEXIA. My 0823Q/11 (0828Q/11 intended) Ship proceeded 12th under escort to San Juan for repairs. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1632Q/14 to Admty etc). Torpedoed ALEXIA arrived from Dominica today, survey will begin 15th. (Consul, San Juan, 1812/14 to Admty, S.O.(I) Jamaica).

U/B Positions. 14/8 S/M estimate and U.S. S/M Notice. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1637/14, 1640Z/14).

LETITIA LETITIA 041° 14' 051° 31' 277° 13.5 (C.O.A.C., 1655Z/14 to Admty).

EMPIRE ARNOLD. (torpedoed 4/8). My 0001/13. Second boat arrived Georgetown. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1718Q/14 to Admty etc).

Shipping Signals. Your 2027/13. Please see A.M.1616/12 repeating your 1631Z/10 to N.Z.N.B. with instructions to comply. (D.T.D., 1718Z/14 to Connav).

A.T.20 *See previous page.* Sailed Convoy A.T.20 to U.K. via Halifax (ocean route). M.O.M.P. position 56.05 18.05 at 1200Z/29 Chop 1200Z/28. (Connav, 1722/14 to R.O. New York).

O.N\$118. WAWALOAM (sunk 6/8). O.N\$118 taken over by T.U.24.18.8 at 1800Z P.C. and S. 044° 28' 050° 15' 240° 7½. SS. IRISH ROSE met in 045° 12' 048° 38' at 0900Z/11 has transferred to CAMPANULA master and complete crew of U.S. Auxiliary schooner WAWALOAM sunk by U-boat in 039° 18' 055° 14' at 2100Z/6. My course and speed 318° 13. (C.T.U., 24.1.16, 1905Z/14 to Connav (R) Admty etc).

Motor Minesweepers. Ref. A.M.1825/7/4/1942 para.3. Anticipate M.M.S. 99, 102, 105, 106, 107 and 108 will have completed all trials and be ready to sail by middle of September providing R.N.P.S. crews for all ships have arrived. Request preliminary arrangements for their passage may be put in hand. (B.A.T.M., 1933Z/14 to N.S.H.Q.)

U/B Following is C.T.U. 24.1.3. 1923Z/14 "Action A.I.G. 301 plus C. in C. Lant from C.T.U. 24.1.3 sighted S/M on surface 2330Z/13. 54° 02' N., 28° 10' W., Convoy S.C.95 not attacked". (Radio Washington, 2030/14 to Admty etc).

/Shipping...

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Signals.

Your 1848/13. Suggest your 0434/12 also amends amendment 60 to M.A.R.I. (N.S.H.Q., 2112Z/14 to Admty (R) B.A.D.)

S/M attack
and sighting
summary.

Para. A. MICHAEL JEBSEN and EMPIRE CORPORAL attacked and sunk 21.41 (?N) 76.09 W., 1000Z/14. S/M attacked at 1725Z/7 reported my 2043/8 (N.T. in W.D.) now established as sunk.

Surface craft attack P/s and sound contact at time and position of attack on ROBERT E. LEE.

Para. C. Fisherman sights P/s 43.47 N., 68. 51 W. 4/8. Surface craft attack sound contact 60 N. 59.54 W. 1203Z/9. S/M reported 21 N. 74.52 W. 2150Z/13. Surface craft attack sound contact at 2034 and 0319Z/14 at position given by later information as 24.23 N., 82. 04 W.

Para. D. Plane sight surface swirl 27.58 N., 95.41 W. 2122Z/13. Attack at 1405 and 2000Z/12 and 0300Z/13 reported my 2104 (?13th) should be considered only as sighting. (Cominch, 2114/14 to Admty etc).

U/B

Following is passed for information. Wake S/M Periscope sighted at 2113Z/14 heading N.N.W. in 47.50 N., 62.45 W., by Raffc. (Halifax N.S. 2125Z/14 to Admty).

U/B
Campaign.

Connav Serial 14. HAVSTEN Serial 10, corrected position 11.18 N., 54.45 W., sunk 3/8. Ship sighted by MAUA was TRICULA. STRABO Du. sunk by S/M 10/8 07.29 N., 54.05 W., DRACO Du. sunk by S/M 5/8 11.05 N., 53.30 W. Serial 12 read Santiago de Cuba. BRENAS Serial 12 confirmed sunk 14/8. 32 survivors. VIVIAN P. SMITH British Schooner shelled sunk 10/8 21.50 N., 68.40 W. MICHAEL JEBSEN and EMPIRE CORPORAL both British torpedoed sunk convoy T.A.W.12 1000 Z/14 August 21.41 N., 76.09 W. EVERELZA, SCARAT torpedoed sunk same convoy 0800Z/13 August 19.55 N., 73.49 W. DELMUNDO serial 13 also sunk. (Connav, 2131/14 to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy
Schedules.

Your 2054/11. Concur providing you agree to O.N. convoy sailing 3 days earlier. My 1642/12 and Admty. 0956/14 refer. (N.S.H.Q., 2140Z/14 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) B.A.D., Admty, C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet, C.T. 24. F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.J.S. Washington, C. in C. W.A.)

S.C. Convoy
Schedule.

Take necessary action on N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 1859Z/12 which has been concurred in by Admty. (N.S.H.Q., 2200Z/14 to C.O.A.C. Halifax (R) Admty C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, U.S. C.T.F. 24., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., B.A.D., N.M.C.S., C.T.U. 24.1.5).

/U/B...

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U/B

U-boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 1916Z/14.

(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2238/14 to C.T.U.24.1.3.
(R) C.T.U.24.6.5 C.T.U. 24.1.8. C.T.F.38,
A.C.N.B. C.T.F.24., Admty etc).

Australia & New Zealand.Transport
Movements.

Arrival 12/8 Sydney (N.S.W.) H.T. DEVONSHIRE.
13th Melbourne H.T. STIRLING CASTLE Brisbane
R.A.A.F. Store ship WAWAKAFALL RIVER, U.S. Trans-
port both Sydney (N.S.W.) H.T. ARONDA, U.S.

Transport TASMAN departed Townsville 11th due Brisbane 14th.
H.T. CLAN MACDONALD departed Melbourne 13th due Sydney (N.S.W.)
15th.
H.T. SALLAND departed Melbourne 13th due Sydney (N.S.W.) 16th.
U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER arrived Port Moresby 11th departed
12th due Townsville 14th.
H.T. EKMA departed Melbourne 10th arrived Sydney (N.S.W.) 13th.
(A.C.N.B., 0437Z/14 to Admty Connav).

Situation.

Digest Serial No. 204 13/8. Unspecified number
of enemy troops reported landed Buka 9/8. with
300 coolies to work on aerodrome.

(2) Air R/C revealed enemy convoy 3 transports 1 tanker escorted
by 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 gunboat had reached Gona at
0815Z/13. My Serial No. 203 para. 3 refers. M/Vs anchored off
shore. Warships observed proceeding N. 3 air attacks during
day by Fortresses and Marauders unsuccessful. 7 Fortresses
while endeavouring to locate convoy intercepted by 6 Zeros at
14,000 feet. One Zero destroyed 1 probably destroyed 3 others
damaged. Marauders intercepted by 7 Zeros, 1 Zero possibly
destroyed.

(3) Air R/C Banda Sea area 13/8, nil enemy activity observed
Ambon. (4) Large M/V sighted off Sio (45 miles N. Finschafen)
13/8, proceeding fast, course S.E. (5) Enemy launches reported
Mambare river (approx. 50 miles N.W. Buna) 7/8.
(6) 6 Zeros 1 bomber landed Lae 0010Z/13.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A. 0547Z/14 to Admty etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Positions approximate.
(D.D.I.C., 1350A/14 1426A/14).

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S.C.L.95

C.T.U. 24.6.5 reports that a ship was torpedoed at 0150Z in 55° 23' N. 24° 32' W. and apparently sank later. This was apparently SS BALLADIER. SS NORLUNA is also missing.

F.O.S. has today informed S/Ms operating South of 51° N. that any M/V identified as enemy may now be attacked at sight anywhere in the Atlantic outside neutral waters, and that any ship over 2500 tons met in the Bay of Biscay North of 42° 15' N. and East of 14° W. may now also be attacked at sight.

Enemy E-boats were apparently engaged in minelaying off Hastings last night. Also an enemy vessel escorted by some 20 R-boats proceeded from Boulogne and probably entered Dunkirk. In neither case were our coastal forces able to engage the enemy. Our Coastal Batteries fired 92 rounds of 9.2" and 45 rounds of 15" with unknown results, and the enemy Batteries replied with 17 rounds which fell in the South Foreland area.

Minefield
off Hastings.

In consequence of Enemy minelaying V.A. Dover asked that an area off Hastings may be declared dangerous, and a new channel established there accordingly.

North Atlantic.Force F. J2
(Return from
Op: "P. 2. 1. 7")

S.O. Force F. arrived at Gibraltar at 1745 today in NELSON with VICTORIOUS, PHOEBE, SIRIUS and 5 destroyers, and C.S.10 in ASHANTI with KENYA, CHARYBIS and 4 destroyers at 1815. F.O. Force F. is to return to U.K. with his flag in NELSON. C.S.10 is to haul down his flag at Gibraltar and return to U.K. as he is required for another appointment. CHARYBDIS, LAFOREY, LOOKOUT and LIGHTNING are to join the Gibraltar Force temporarily.

NIGERIA (damaged by torpedo on 12/8) reports she is not seaworthy for an ocean passage.

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South Atlantic.

Brazilian
Troopship
BAEPENDY
sunk.

The Brazilian authorities report that the Brazilian ship BAEPENDY carrying 400 Brazilian troops and their families was sunk by torpedo at 1900 local time today, 100 miles N.E. of Bahia and 20 miles off the shore. Fears are expressed for other Brazilian ships. All sailings from Bahia have been suspended.

Mediterranean.

Operation
"Pedestal"

Tanker OHIO arrived Malta at 0755, having been towed 100 miles in spite of great difficulty by PENN, BRAMHAM, LEDBURY and Malta local force. Her Master considers the vessel will be a total loss, making a total of 5 ships arrived of the 14 sent.

Reached Malta:-

ROCHESTER CASTLE.	-	Damaged
MELBOURNE STAR.	-	Superficially damaged.
PORT CHALMERS.	-	No damage or casualties.
BRISBANE STAR.	-	Damaged
OHIO	-	Badly damaged

Sunk.

DEUCALION, DORSET, ALMERIA LYKES, WAIRANGI, EMPIRE HOPE, GLENORCHY.

Two sunk, one missing from following:-

CLAN FERGUSON, WAIMARAMA,* SANTA ELISA.* *Sunk.

Malta Air Report states (1911/15) no bombs have been dropped on Malta during the unloading of the convoy.

PORPOISE.

At 1928C PORPOISE reported having left a large ship sinking in 34.45 N., 21.32 E.

/Air ...

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Mediterranean - contd.

Air
Offensive
against
supply
lighters.

Tobruk harbour was bombed last night and Matruh at dusk today. Two barges were sunk and 3 others hit today between Bardia and Matruh. Over 20 power lighters have been destroyed by Naval aircraft and the R.A.F. off the coast of Libya and Egypt and in harbour during the past 3 weeks. Each lighter carries the load of 90 three-ton lorries and can accommodate large tanks. They are thus of great value to the enemy who is short of transport. They carry guns and are escorted by flak ships and fighters.

Liberators this evening attacked a convoy south-west of Crete and report that one ship was hit.

Organisation. The following organisation was adopted today:-
Force A, based at Port Said under command of C.S.15:- CLEOPATRA, ARETHUSA, JERVIS, KELVIN, PAKENHAM, PALADIN, BEAUFORT, TETCOTT.
Force B, based at Haifa:- EURYALUS (S.O) SIKH, ZULU, JAVELIN, DULVERTON, HURWORTH, CROOME, HERO.

East Indies.

Force A.

WARSPITE, ILLUSTRIOUS, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERCK and 4 destroyers fuelled at Seychelles today and left for Kilindini.

America and West Indies.

Atlantic
Passengers.

Revised U.S. Navy policy regarding numbers of passengers which may be carried in United Nations ships in area of U.S. strategic control in Atlantic is contained in B.A.D. 1519Z/15.

A.F.D.25.
sunk.

ASTURIAS reported that at 2030Z today the floating dock which was being towed from New York to Freetown had its back broken by the swell in 12° 1' N. 40° 50' W. An attempt was made to destroy the wreck by demolition and depth charges, but it is still a danger to navigation.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Australia.

CANBERRA
sunk.

A.C.N.B. today reported the loss of CANBERRA during a night action at 0200/8 (no position given). There are 733 survivors, but Capt. F.E. Getting died of wounds. With this loss, the total of 15 8-in cruisers with which Great Britain and the Dominions began the war is reduced to 10.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

Sink at
Sight
instructions. Instructions regarding sinking at sight are to be modified forthwith as follows:-

1. Any merchant ships identified as enemy may be attacked at sight anywhere in Atlantic outside neutral territorial waters.
2. Any ships over 2,500 tons encountered in Bay of Biscay North of $042^{\circ} 15' N.$, and East of $014^{\circ} W.$, may be attacked at sight.
3. Submarines will be informed of movements of neutral or allied ships likely to be encountered in above area.
(F.O.S., 1048A/15 to S/MS south of $51^{\circ} N.$)

North
Atlantic
dispositions. A.M. 1047/11. Area Iceland add WICHITA, 1 destroyer. Area Scapa. add TUSCALOOSA 2 destroyers (U.S.) Area Clyde Delete TUSCALOOSA 2 destroyers (U.S.) Area Gibraltar Delete EAGLE, MANCHESTER, CAIRO, NIGERIA, INDOMITABLE, KENYA, RODNEY 2 destroyers.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1551A/15 to C. in C. U.S.Fleet).

Priorities. F.O.I.C. Greenock 1234/10. A.S.E. programme of trials involving AMBUSCADE, GRAPH, and SALTBURN (S.13184/42 of 13/8/42) just received reveals that there is no prospect of adjusting programme to meet requirements of both air training and H/F D/F trials. There is no suitable ship other than AMBUSCADE available. Admiralty decision on relative priorities of training and trials is requested.
(C. in C. W.A., 1721A/15 to Admty).

IRISH FIR. Position of Eire Merchant Vessel IRISH FIR at 1630/15 $46^{\circ} 51'$, $12^{\circ} 45'$ bound ~~Holland~~, speed 7 knots. If encountered vessel is not to be molested.
(F.O.S., 2119A/15 to S/MS).

Defence of United Kingdom.

Clyde At present only M.Ls. available for Patrol of Clyde loop are M.Ls. 283, 295 and 336. On 24/8 two of these will be required for crash boat duty for an indefinite period request four H.D. M.Ls. may be allocated for patrol duties on A/S loop.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1618A/15 to C. in C. W.A.)

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- 3rd L.C.T.F. My 1805/8. 3 ships only of L.C.T. Flotilla No.3.
H.D.M.L.F. 111. are to be sailed in this convoy.
(D.O.D. (H) 0045A/15 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).
- TUSCALOOSA. Arrival of TUSCALOOSA, RODMAN, EMMONS at Seidis Fjord delayed not less than 48 hours.
(C. in C. H.F., 0115A/15 to OFFA, ONSLAUGHT).
See pp 461, 464
- O.10 Arrival O.10 escorted by ELFIN.
(Capt. S.6., 0505A/15).
- P.54 Arriving Lerwick 2200A/15. 4 torpedoes remaining, no defects.
(P.54, 0528A/15).
(1) Intend sail P.54 escorted by LOCH MONTEITH at 1100A/16 for Dundee by usual route. E.T.A. 1600A/17.
(2) Submarine will carry out exercises with A/C in Lerwick sanctuary between 1200A and 1300A.
(3) A.C.O.S. is requested to arrange fighter protection.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1001A/15).
P.54 arrived.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1915A/15).
My 1001A/15, para. one. Route is through positions
A. 090° Sumburgh Head 6 miles B. 087° Fair Isle 5 miles
C. 058° 29' N., 002° 42' W., thence by searched channels.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 2257A/15).
- JAMAICA Scapa departure JAMAICA.
(A.C.O.S., 0731/15).
E.T.A. 2300A.
(JAMAICA, 1840A/15 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).
A.M. 1347/9. Route for JAMAICA from Clyde to Reykjavik.
(a) 270° Oversay 6 miles (b) 057° 30' N., 010° 01' W.
(c) 061° 59' ? 020° 02' thence to Reykjavik. From Reykjavik. to Merville. (r) 062° 01' 020° 30' (s) 057° 02', 011° 00'.
(t) 055° 35' 007° 00', thence to Merville.
(C. in C. W.A., 1850A/15 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).
- H.33 Intend to sail H.33 escorted by Z.5 from Rothesay at 0900A/16 to Falmouth. E.T.A. 2000A/18. E.T.A. 0900A/18 at amended position Y 250° Trevoise Head 10 miles. S. of A. 8 knots.
(Capt. S.7., 0932A/15).
- ONSLAUGHT, OFFA. Your 1756/13. Arrived ONSLAUGHT.
(A.C.I.C., 1019A/15 to R.A.D. H.F.)
Transfer mail to ONSLAUGHT and proceed to Scapa
(C. in C. H.F., 1317A/15 to OFFA).

/OFFA....

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- ONSLAUGHT OFFA 0915A/15 and your 0115A/15. Propose OFFA proceed direct Scapa with mails for *TUSCALOOSA, Contd. *RODMAN, and *EMMONS. Mails and stores for North Russia to be transferred to ONSLAUGHT.
(A.C.I.C., 1321A/15 to C. in C. H.F.)
- Seidisfjord departure OFFA 1545/15. E.T.A. Scapa 2030/16.
(A.C.I.C., 1928A/15 to R.A.D. H.F.) * *See p. 460 & 464*
- L.27 Report your P.C. and S. of A.
(F.O.S., 1047A/15 to L.27).
- H.D.M.L. Ref. A.M.1320/8. Route to Gibraltar. Codeword Major.
Flotilla 117 (C. in C. W.A., 1554Z/15).
M.M/S.F. 108,
PETUNIA etc.
- STURGEON. Intend to sail STURGEON escorted by WHITE BEAR at 1500A/16 for Holy Loch by usual route. E.T.A. 1400A/18.
(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to arrange fighter protection for passage. Speed of advance 10 knots.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1633A/15) (A.C.O.S. 2122A/15).
My 1633/15 para. 1. Route is through (a) 087° Sumburgh Head 4 miles (b) 359° Fair Island 9 miles. (c) 001° Noop Head 5 miles (d) 181° Sule Skerry 4 miles (e) 058° 41' N., 005° 07' W. (f) 058° 38' N., 005° 36' W., thence via the Minches.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 2302A/15).
- P.51 Sheerness for Chatham arrival P.51 at 1255.
(C. in C. Nore, 1706A/15).
- L.23 Sailed L.23., P.552 escorted by Z.5 routed via P.552 sound of Mull and Islay. Drift 10 knots.
N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection.
(WESTERN ISLES, 1750A/14). *See p. 424*
- Unknown Ship. The following has been read from unknown ship.
CQ pass to Admiralty - IB3 40 miles from MMX 1830 G.M.T.
(From Murmansk W/T, T.O.R. 1818/15).
- L.C.Ts. 391, 357, and 346 If weather suitable you are to take L.C.Ts. 357 and 346 under your orders and proceed in company unescorted at 0730/16 to Troon.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 1907A/15 to L.C.T.391).

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AVON VALE. F.O.I.C. Greenock's 2236/14. AVON VALE is urgently required at Liverpool for escort duty. Request you will sail her accordingly after exchange of gunmountings to arrive not later than noon 19th August.
(D.O.D. (H.), 1918A/15 to C. in C. Plymouth).

MINERVE Pass to F.N.F.L. MINERVE arrived Lerwick.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 2237A/15 to Admty).

BLANKNEY, Archangel arrivals BLANKNEY and MIDDLETON 1800C/14
MIDDLETON. (S.B.N.O. Archangel, 2355A/14).

Operations.

Dover Activity in the Dover Command last night 14/15
Patrols. was as follows:-
At 2220 six craft of E-boat size were plotted from Bullock Bank northwestward at 30 knots splitting into two groups and presumably laying mines across Q.Z.S.367 during which they did not reduce to less than 22 knots.

2. Two trawlers at "D" buoy fired star shell towards approaching enemy who were however outside visual range. M.Ls. 142 and R.M.L.529 on patrol by C.one Buoy having been given an initial interception course to steer and assisted by coast defence searchlights trained along the coast for silhouetting purposes were able to sight the enemy.
M.G.Bs. 330, 331 and 609 on patrol at South Varne were also given intercepting course and M.G.B.330 sighted retiring enemy near Bullock Bank at 2315 although 331, capable of 22 knots only, had with 609 by then been left astern. Neither M.Ls. nor M.G.Bs were able to bring the enemy to action owing to their inferior speed although they had been suitably disposed to effect an interception.

3. C.E. and C.W. convoys, which at 2300 were east of Beachy Head and south of Folkestone respectively were successfully diverted past the new danger area.

4. At 2240 an enemy convoy probably consisting of 390 foot vessel and some 20 R-boats left Boulogne northeastwards at 10 to 12 knots probably entering Dunkirk.
Force A, M.T.Bs. 218 (S.O.) 48, 24 and 25 with M.G.Bs. 41 and S.3 and Force X, M.T.Bs. 204, (S.O.) 235, and 240 were sent to attack off Calais and Gravelines respectively.
Meanwhile coast artillery fired 92 rounds of 9.2" and 45 rounds of 15" without known result and the enemy replied with 17 rounds which fell in South Foreland area.

5. M.T.B.218 developed defective V drive and 24 defective steering and 25 having lost company with 48 this force was recalled. M.T.Bs. 240 and 204 also developed defects, in one case starboard engine drain-plug blowing out and in the other a defective water-cooler, so this force also had to be recalled.

6. M.Ls. 213, 210, 128 and 125 had been despatched to lay mines in Dunkirk Channel but 128 had steering failure and returned independently and other boats were engaged by enemy patrol craft on reaching the channel and withdrew without laying mines. M.Ls. jettisoned Mines in safe condition. (See Mining)

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Patrols.
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7. Finally about 10 enemy small craft were plotted apparently carrying out a search from Boulogne in area of Les Ridens between 0340 and 0600. It seems possible that search was for an E-boat but if so this boat must have broken down rather than have been damaged in action as our craft did not engage them. The plot shows that minelaying E-boats may have proceeded eastward along enemy coast after minelaying off Rye. (V.A. Dover, 1108A/15 and 1612A/15).

M.Ls 220 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East Spit buoys. E.T.D. 2120 E.T.R. 0500/16.
M.L. 137 and R.M.L. 495 one mile S.W. of C. one Buoy.
Trawlers ALEXANDRITE and SARPEDON at D Buoy.
M.T.Bs. 219, 218 and 48 exercising between N.E. Varne and No. 2 buoys E.T.D. 2230 E.T.R. 2359.
M.Ls 213, 125, 210, and 128 carrying out Operation N.L. 59A E.T.D. 2130 E.T.R. 0345/16 route via No. 1 buoy each way.
M.G.Bs. 330, 331 and 609 at South Varne buoy and M.G.Bs. 10, 9 and 6 at Bullock buoy from 2145.
(V.A. Dover, 1807A/15).

Track-Charts of Operations. A.M. 1902B/28 appears to have been misunderstood. Track-charts are only required when operations take place within 20 miles of French coast, but they should show complete record of the movements of our forces from departure until return.
2. It would be convenient if tracings are based Charts 2675, A, B and C.
(D.O.D. (H.), 1357A/15 to C. in C. Portsmouth C. in C. Plymouth).

Portsmouth
Patrol.

2 Chasseurs and 1 Trawler patrolling in vicinity of E.A. 5 buoy.
GARTH, BERKELEY patrolling S.E. of E.A. 5 buoy.
(5) 3 M.G.Bs and 2 M.T.Bs. leave Dartmouth 2100 16th for patrol in the area South of Isle of Wight returning Needles (I.O.W.) 0530 17th approx.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1527A/15 1547A/16 and 1740A/15).

Western
Channel
Patrol.

Three M.G.Bs. and two M.T.Bs. leaving Dartmouth last light for patrol to South Eastwards, returning 0730.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1529A/15).

P. 221,
Patrol off
Trondheim.

*M. A/S patrol half-
way between Farøer
Noway.*

P. 221 left Lerwick at 1603A/15 on the surface at C.O's discretion routed through 091° Out Skerries 5 miles and 089° Muckle Flugga 10 miles, thence to carry out patrol in area bounded by 063° 30' N. and 062° 50' N. and longitude 000° 30' E. and 000° 30' W.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 1615A/15).

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Operation E.U. (Stores to N. Russia) Your 2015/14 not to all addressees U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA is to sail with RODMAN and EMMONS for Seidis Fjord and operation E.U. p.m./17 so as to arrive Seidis Fjord a.m./19 to fuel and proceed p.m. same day for Kola Inlet. Route from Seidis Fjord as in my 0051 9th and S.B.N.O. North Russia's 1455/13. T. of A. Kola Inlet should be 1900A/23.

Admiralty recypher and pass to S.B.N.O. North Russia and S.B.N.O. North Russia and S.B.N.O. Archangel also pass to Comnavu. (C. in C. H.F., 1624A/15 to U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA (R) Admty, Cdre. Task Force, 99 A.C.I.C. ONSLAUGHT, A.C.O.S., S.B.N.O. North Russia, S.B.N.O. Archangel, R.A.D., Home Fleet, Comnavu, RODMAN, EMMONS).

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British Air Activity.

Bombing restrictions. H.Q.C.C. is requested to institute total bombing restriction 30 miles either side line joining 054° N., 034° W., and 056° 01' N., 022° 40' W. forthwith until 0800A/17. (F.O.S., 1047A/15 to L.27. (R) H.Q.C.C.)

Mining.

Dangerous Area off Hastings. Owing to Enemy Mine Laying request area enclosed by following positions may be declared dangerous.

(A) 50° 48' 00" N. 00° 57' 30" E.
(B) 50° 50' 00" N., 00° 55' 12" E.
(C) 50° 50' 42" N., 00° 45' 30" E.
(D) 50° 48' 42" N., 00° 42' 54" E. (E) 50° 43' 48" N. 00° 48' 30" E.

It is further requested that Q.Z.S. 367 may be cancelled Arrangements have been made to light the Buoys off Rye and Fairlight to mark Q.Z.S. 365 which should now be used. (V.A. Dover, 0239A/15 to Admty).

Off Portland. INCHCOLM reports having exploded mine in sweep approx. 253° Portland Bill 17½ miles at 1044 today. Visibility low. Plot showed position 4 miles to northward of estimated position. (N.O.I.C. Portland 1325A/15).

Lyme Bay. 13th M/S F. In view of Mull's 1050A/15 request 13th M.S.F. may assist in clearing convoy routes in Lyme Bay. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1335/15 to C. in C. Portsmouth) Your 1335/15. 31th M/S F. will be sailed to comply It may be necessary to recall them at short notice to meet other envisaged operation requirements. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 2047/15 to C. in C. Plymouth).

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Q.K.4 B. Prepare to carry out operation Q.K.4 B on 16/8 or next suitable night. Laying to be carried out north and westward of chart position Osterd R.B. buoy. Mines 5 in number A.S.Y 33 and one in number A.S.Y.41 per M.L. 4 in number A.S.Y.41 are to be drawn for M.G.B. Probable position of laying in approximately 2 miles west of Trapegeer Buoy.
(C. in C. Nore, 1506A/15 to BEEHIVE).

Mines jettisoned. My 1108 para. 6. Add M.Ls. jettisoned seven mark XIX and 4A Mark I-IV A.S.Y.33 mines in safe condition in the vicinity of Banc Du Snow.
(V.A. Dover, 1612A/15). *See p.462. (Dover patrol.)*

U-boats.

U-boats reported. Refer to this as C.T.U. 24.1.3 2100/14 begins. Sighted S/M on surface 1848Z/14. Position 5342 North, 2322 West. Convoy not attacked.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 0045/15 to Admty).

U-boat estimated in your vicinity has made sighting report on convoy or important unit at 2100Z/14. Position estimated 54° 00' N., 24° 30' W.

(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 0112/15 to Comtask 24.1.3).
S/M sighted 53° 42' N., 23° 22' W., at 1848 G.C.T./14.
(Cominch, 0159/15 to B.A.M.S. 1A).
U-boat reported in 074° 54' N., 029° E., at 0040A/14.

Pass to BATUMI.

(A.C.I.C., 0535 G.M.T./15 to THIRLMERE, BATUMI, AZERBAIDJAN)
It is estimated that 3 U-boats may be between 57° and 60° N., and 22° and 25° W., and that convoy S.C.L 95 may be being shadowed. D/F bearings at 1022Z/15 tend to confirm U-boat is in contact.

(D.D.I.C., 1223A/15 to Escorts S.C.L.95).
Positions of U-boats are indefinite. It is estimated there are (A) 3 or 4 between latitude 057° 01' and 060° 02' and longitudes 022° 01' and 024° 59'. (B) 3 between lat. 53° 59' & 055° 03' and longitude 020° 02' and 024° 58'.

(F.O.S., 1654A/15 to L.27).

D/F bearings at 1737Z indicate U-boat in your vicinity.

(D.D.I.C., 1920A/15 to Escorts S.C.95 L).

Navigation 1.

Channel off Hastings. Dungeness to Royal Sovereign Channel width 5 cables with centre line joining the following positions is proposed subject to concurrence of C. in C. Portsmouth. Details.
Request Q.Z.S. 365 may be cancelled and new Q.Z.S. issued.
(V.A. Dover, 1751A/15, 1803A/15)
(Hydrog, 2019A/15, 2306A/15).

Seven Stones. My 2253. Sevenstones Light Buoys extinguished.
Light Buoy. (C. in C. Plymouth, 2309A/15 to CLEVELAND).

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S.A. Gear for Russia. Your 1157C/14. At request of Admiral Kharlamov the supply of 15 sets of S.A. Gear Type C Mark II (Oscillator type) has been arranged and shipment has commenced.

2. It was stated that these were to be fitted in destroyers and cruisers and all drawings and specifications have been supplied to enable this to be done. Instructions for fitting. (D.T.M., 2005A/15 to Ad. Miles).

Casualties & Defects.

Convoy O.N.S. J.120 One M/V torpedoed. One merchant ship torpedoed 55° 23' N., 024° 32' W. Vessel not sunk. Crew have abandoned. 0150Z/15. (C.T.U. 24.6.5 0230Z/15, 0239Z/15). Have searched area around torpedoed ship. Abandoned. At 0250Z heard explosion and sighted flash on that bearing. Ship apparently blown up. Survivors not picked up. Please advise shipping. (C.T.U. 24.6.5., 0400Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.) My 0150Z/15 and my 0400Z/15. Two ships remaining, NORLUNA and BALLADIER missing. Cdre. of Convoy has no knowledge which vessel torpedoed. 2nd ship believed straggling. Now changing course for short time in attempt to intercept. (C.T.U., 24.6.5., 0740Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.) If nothing found proceed with ROSELYS and NIMBLE to assist vessel torpedoed and abandoned in 055° 23' N., 024° 32' W., at 0150Z/15. Report position. →(C. in C. W.A., 0835Z/15 to SENNEN). Your 0230/15. Could this vessel have been an abandoned derelict which may have been in this position. Your 0400/15. Request further details regarding survivors. (C. in C. W.A., 1002Z/15 to C.T.U. 24.6.5). Your 0835Z/15. My P.C.S. at 1015Z 056° 22' N., 032° W, 103° 12 knots. ROSELYS, NIMBLE in company. Area searched 56° to 57° North and 29° to 33° West. Nothing found but wreckage. (SENNEN, 1027Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.) Your 1002Z/15. Vessel afloat when last sighted, possibly able to salvage. Number of survivors not known. (C.T.U. 24.6.5., 1752Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.) Your 1752/15. Were any boats or any survivors seen. (C. in C. W.A., 1823Z/15 to C.T.U. 24.6.5) Your 1823Z/15. Affirmative. (C.T.U. 24.6.5., 1920Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.) →My 0835/15. DUANE reports that survivors were left in this position. (C. in C. W.A., 2233Z/15 to SENNEN).

L.C.T. 343. Arrived L.C.T. 343 with defects. (Cdre. Londonderry, 0810A/15).

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ASHANTI.

ASHANTI is not at present fit for any prolonged operation.

2. The output of evaporator cannot compete with feed water loss due to recrudescence of leaky tanks and an excessive number of leaking steam joints. ASHANTI arrived Gibraltar on 15/8 seriously short of food and drinking water and with no washing water despite having topped up on 9/8.

3. The after turbo-hydraulic unit is out of action due to stretching bucket wheel as has occurred previously.

4. Both port and starboard turbo dynamo governors are unsatisfactory but may be within the capacity of ship's staff.
(Capt. D.6., 1025A/15 to R.A.D. H.F.)

JURA

Oban's 1626A/13 ^{/N.T. & W.D.} and JURA's 1925/A/14 ^{/N.T. & W.D.} JURA reports damage to rudder rendering ship unable to proceed. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 1113A/14 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

Your 1113A/15. Request you sail BOARHOUND as soon as weather permits to take JURA in tow and proceed with her to Campbeltown where damage to rudder can be inspected.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1323A/15 to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown).

Your 1323A/15. If weather suitable intend to sail BOARHOUND at 0800/16 to Port Ellen, E.T.A. 1200/16. BOARHOUND will take JURA in tow and proceed with her to Campbeltown for inspection of rudder defect.

(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 1830A/15 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

AKSEL I.

Your 1749A/14. Norg. M.F.V. AKSEL^I aground on sand 3 miles North of Rattray Head. Arrangements made to tow off. Norg. M.F.V. ARTHUR standing by. (N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 1141/15 to R.N.O. Montrose). My 1141/15. Fraserburgh arrivals AKSEL^I and ARTHUR. (N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 1337/15).

M.T.B 14
M.T.B.18.

My 1146A/12. ^{/N.T. & W.D.} M.T.B.14 postponed until 18/8 owing to defects. M.T.B 18 postponed until tomorrow owing to engine defects. (BEEHIVE, 1241A/15).

M.M.S.48

My 2300A/14. ^{/N.T. & W.D.} Am now retaining M.M.S.48. New cylinder block for Gardner generator not yet arrived. Time required for fitting 36 hours. (Capt. M/S B.C., 1248A/15 to Admty).

Convoy W.P.
202.
NGAROMA sunk.

Following from R.N.O. Penzance. Crew of NGAROMA consisting of Master and seven other personnel four Naval and two Military Gunners all uninjured has been landed at St. Ives. Vessel was in W.P. 202 and was lost at 0530/15 after striking submerged object. T.O.O. 2045/15 Ends.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 2145A/15).

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Shipping & Convoys - conts. -

S.D.31, Convoys S.D.31 comprising LEINSTER and A.T.18
A.T.18 C. (C) comprising BATORY and QUEEN OF BERMUDA are
T.A.18. due Clyde about 23/8 with approximately 880, 1800
and 2200 personnel respectively on board.
2. All above are British Service personnel with
the exception of approximately 500 U.S. Technicians on LEINSTER
who require to be transhipped direct at the Tail of the Bank to
ship of T.A.18.
(D.S.T., 0418A/15).

THOMAS H.

A.T.18, My 1958/9. U.S. BARRY in convoy A.T.18, due
S.C.95. Belfast 17/8, will now proceed to Belfast in the
first place to disembark 2325 U.S. Army Personnel
for Northern Ireland and then continue to Tail
of the Bank to disembark remaining 2223 U.S. Army personnel for
Great Britain.
2. U.S. WAKEFIELD after disembarkation of 3729 U.S. Army
personnel for Great Britain at the Tail of the Bank on 17/8 should
be sailed so as to arrive Belfast on 18/8 to disembark remaining
3822 U.S. Army personnel for Northern Ireland and should then
return to the Tail of the Bank.
3. 998 U.S. personnel on U.S. MONTEREY are for Northern Ireland
and should be transhipped to U.S. WAKEFIELD at the Tail of the
Bank on 17/8. Remaining personnel on MONTEREY will disembark
in Glasgow as already arranged.
(D.S.T., 0438A/15).
You will probably overtake convoy S.C.95 during daylight
today.
(D.O.D. (H), 0722Z/15 to Escorts A.T.18).
S.C.95 N.U. Steer 65° forthwith till 019° West, thence (A)
(C. in C. W.A., 0816Z/15 to C.T.U. 24.1.3).

SANDHILL Intend sailing SANDHILL escorted by TIREE at
0500/16 for Faeroes. E.T.A.0500/17. Routed
Plum. Request air escort.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall, 1020A/15 to A.C.O.S.)

SIBAJAK, C. in C. W.A., 1427/14. Request you sail
LLANSTEPHAN BEVERLEY to R/V SIBAJAK at Bar Light vessel at
CASTLE. 1600A/17.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1055A/15 to N.O.I.C. Belfast).
Intend sail LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE escorted by
PANTHER pass Clyde Boom 2000A/17 to R/V SIBAJAK at 0600A/18
in position (B) thence in accordance with A.M.1246A/14 to Gib.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1616A/15 to Admty).

Eire Admiralty signal 1034B/6.* Eire Authorities have
Ships. been informed and request any similar cases
should be brought to their notice.
(N.A. Dublin, 1235/15 to D.N.I.)
*Presumably 0134/6 intended.

D.S.31 F.O.I.C. Greenock's 1638A/12. Sailed SALADIN,
SHIKARI for D.S.31.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 1430A/15).

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Position reports. A.M.2038A/9. It has now been decided that the following ships in addition to the QUEEN ELIZABETH and QUEEN MARY are not to comply with above named signal:-

MAURETANIA, ILE DE FRANCE, NIEW AMSTERDAM, AQUITANIA, and PASTEUR

2. Orders are to be given to the Masters of all the above ships to break W/T silence and report 24 hours beforehand their revised E.T.A. at destination or rendez-vous if they expect to be more than one hour different from original expected time of arrival.

3. The provision of M.A.R.I. Section II para. 9, 12 and 16 and A.M.2104B/7 are not to be applied to these ships. (D.T.D., 1619A/15). *See also DTG. 1933 A/7/1/43.*

CALIFORNIA, CLYDE arrivals CALIFORNIA and LLANGIBBY CASTLE escorted by SARDONYX.
LLANGIBBY CASTLE. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1746A/14). *Should be on p. 431.*

Escorts to Lerwick. Following from O.S.D.E.F. begins:
Due to withdrawal of second ship for relief of troops percentage of service personnel in Shetland able to proceed on leave has fallen from 12½% to approx. 6%. Can consideration be given to provision of a weekly convoy which would restore normal percentage. If SS. AMSTERDAM is returned to normal duty at end of September, weekly convoy would no longer be necessary. Ends.
2. As CHIDDINGFOLD is at present undergoing annual refit in London, date of completion 16/9, I am unable to provide escort for a weekly sailing to Lerwick as well as the fortnightly sailing to Faeroes until her return.
3. If this weekly service to Lerwick is instituted, can escort be provided from another command for every other week until that due to sail on 22/9 i.e. for sailings during weeks commencing 17/8 and 31/8 and 14/9. (A.C.O.S., 1750/15 to Admty).

Standard route instructions. Propose. A.1. To avoid unnecessary breaking of W/T Silence by escorts propose that Admiralty's 1624/7/5 be cancelled.
2. The fact that the amended standard route promulgated by Commodore to Convoy will be within 30 miles of the new route ordered should be sufficient for the plotting of any stragglers.
3. Sailing instructions to Merchant Ships should contain an order that in the event of their straggling and having to report their position they are to do so by bearing and distance from lettered positions on their original standard route.
B. That the standard route be renamed Stragglers Route. (C. in C. W.A., 1901A/15 to Admty).

/Pink...

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Pink Routes,
amendment.

A.M. 2211A/14. Pink routes are to be temporarily amended as follows:-

Move fourth positions two degrees Southward one degree East.

A new fifth position between the Equator and 05° N., on longitude 15° W., is to be established at intervals of 15 minutes of latitude. From position (97) 04° N., 15° W. increase interval to 20 minutes of latitude. Position (81) Equator 15° W., position (100) 05° N. 15° W. (D.T.D., 1912A/15).

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- INDOMITABLE. It is of the greatest urgency to get INDOMITABLE repaired. If practicable she should be sailed with NELSON.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 0001A/15, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) R.A.A., H.F., etc.).
- Disposal of My 2005/3. F.O. Force F is to return to U.K. wearing his flag in NELSON.
F.Os. 2. C.S. 10 is to haul down his flag at Gibraltar and return to U.K. by air with his S.O.O. as he is required for another appointment.
3. CHARYBDIS, LAFOREY, LOOKOUT and LIGHTNING are to join Gibraltar Force temporarily.
(D.O.D. (F) Approved 1st S.L., 0030A/15, 1449A/15, to S.O. Force F. C.S. 10, F.O.C.N.A. (R) C.in C. H.F. R.A.A. (H.F.)). § p. 472
- Bombing AC/437 15/8. Serial G161. From 2000A/15 Restrictions. until 0600A/17 institute submerged bombing restrictions 20 miles either side of line joining 45° 46' N. 03° 20' W. and 47° 03' N. 04° 32' W. (H.Q.C.C., 0255A/15, to R.A.F. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.8).
AC/445 15/8. Submerged bombing restrictions are instituted as follows - Serial number G/162. From 1800/16 to 0600/18 20 miles either side of a line joining 47° (03') N. 04° 32' W. and 47° 46' N. 05° 40' W. and 48° 22' N. 05° 44' W. Serial Number G/163. From 0100/17 to 0400/21 in area bounded by 46° 02' N. and 45° 01' N. and 12° 01' W. and 14° 01' W. (H.Q.C.C., 1615A/15, to R.A.F., Gibraltar (R) F.O.C.N.A., S.8).
- Sinking of My 1936/12 not to C.in C. H.F. TARTAR reports FORESIGHT that she sank FORESIGHT A.M./13 in position 218° 13/8. Galita Is. 13 after persistent shadowing by aircraft. I am causing circumstances to be investigated.
(S.O. Force F., 0945/15, to Admty (R) C.in C. H.F., F.O.C. N.A.).
- MANCHESTER Casualties MANCHESTER believed few perhaps not (sunk 12/8). exceeding about 20 to 30 killed. As far as at present known no Officer casualties.
04: "Palatal". (2) Great majority crew believed landed vicinity Cape Bon.
(3) Survivors state ship torpedoed about 179 Station Starboard, probably by E-Boat, of which about 20 attacked. All 4 engines disabled.
(4) Ship scuttled after being abandoned.
(V.A.C.N.A., 1002A/15, to Admty).

/Operations ...

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Operatons
"Pedestal",
"Ascendant",
→ damage to
Ships.

To enable arrangements for repair yards to be made report by signal extent of damage in MATCHLESS and BADSWORTH and in RODNEY, NIGERIA, KENYA, ITHURIEL, WOLVERINE.

(D.O.D. (F) 1159A/15, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C.in C. H.F., etc.).

* See next page

KATANGA
trial.

My 1615/14. Consul's telegram M.A.S.T. 40 gives detail requirements.

(N.C.S.O., P. Delgada, 1307/15, to Admty (R) R.A. Gibraltar).

Route for
OTUS.

My 1506/11. Owing to movement of own surface force proceed from position S.X. through S.P. 38° 57' 02" 54' E. at 0200B/17. S.Q. 38° 55' 01" 54' E. at 2230B/17 S.R. 180° Cape de Gata 6 miles at 2330B/19, thence direct to Gibraltar to arrive 1500B/20.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1310A/15, to OTUS, (R) FURIOUS, C.in C. Med., V.A. Malta, Capt. S. 10).

TROILUS,
ORARI.
WILTON,
→ BADSWORTH.

Intend to sail TROILUS, ORARI, escorted by WILTON and BADSWORTH at 2330B/15.

2. BADSWORTH requires docking and repairs.
3. Admty is requested to signal (?destination).
4. Route A. 350° Spartel. 12.
B. 36.24 09.27.
D. 39.12 15.30.
E. 44.59 15.30. S. of A. 14 knots.
5. C.in C. W.A. is requested to signal onward route (F.O.C.N.A., 1356A/15, to Admty, C.in C. W.A. (R) C.in C. Plymouth, C.in C. H.F. WILTON, BADSWORTH.).

BORDE.

BORDE, Tug EMPIRE MEAD, arrived 0830 G.M.T./15. AL GARNA not yet arrived. N.O.I.C. Milford Haven's 1845/14 understood. BORDE unable to leave before approx. 0100 G.M.T./17 due to engine repairs.

(R.O. Fayal, 1405/15, to Admty (R) F.O.N.A., N.C.S.O., Ponta Delgada).

→ NIGERIA.

Ship was torpedoed low down at about 72 station port. Damage, details.

Ship is not seaworthy for ocean passage. (NIGERIA, 1407B/15, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, C.in C. H.F., C.S. 10).

/VICTORIOUS ...

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→ VICTORIOUS. Intend sailing R.A.(A) H.F. in VICTORIOUS, RODNEY,
RODNEY, ASHANTI, INTREPID, ICARUS, FURY, MATCHLESS,
→ destroyers. TARTAR at 0200B/16.

(2) Admty is requested to signal destination.
C.in C. W.A. is requested to signal onward route.

(3) MATCHLESS requires docking and repairing. (4) Route:

(P) 359° Spartel 11

(Q) 035° 42' 007° 58'

(R) 036° 20' 011° 02'

(S) 038° 01' 015° 02'

(T) 041° 20' 020° 03'

(U) 044° 59' 020° 03' S. of A. 16 knots.

(5) All ships will have survivors on board, details follow.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1528A/15, to Admty (R) C.in C. H.F., R.A. (A) H.F.,
C.in C. W.A. C.in C. Plymouth, S.O. Force F.).

→ My 1528A/15. Delete FURY and TARTAR and insert ZETLAND
and AMAZON.

(F.O.C.N.A., 2054A/15).

→ Force V. Intend to sail S.O. Force "V" in SIRIUS with
PHOEBE, PATHFINDER, VANSITTART, QUENTIN, ANTELOPE,
DERWENT for Freetown at 0600B/16 routed through

G. 350°. Spartel 11.

H. 034°. 15' 009° 02'.

J. 27.59 13.32.

K. 23.04 18.01.

L. 17.59 18.30. S. of A. 15 knots.

2. R.A.W.A.F., is requested to signal onward route from L.

3. E.T.A. Freetown is 0800B/23rd.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1832A/15, to Admty, R.A.W.A.F. (R) C.in C. S.A.
S.O. Force "V").

Your (?My) 1832A/15. Delete ANTELOPE and DERWENT.

(F.O.C.N.A., 2046A/15).

Movements. Arrival 1745 S.O. Force F. in NELSON, R.A.A., H.F.
→ in VICTORIOUS, PHOEBE, SIRIUS, LAFOREY, LIGHTNING,
LOOKOUT, VANSITTART, QUENTIN. 1815. C.S. 10 in
ASHANTI, KENYA, CHARYBDIS, INTREPID, ICARUS,
FURY, PATHFINDER.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1842A/15, amended 0020A/16, to Admty.
(R) C.in C. Med. V.A. Malta, S.O. Force F., C.S.10).

JONQUIL.

Your 1614A/15. (N.T. in W.R.) Acknowledged.
Have instructed BURDOCK and ARMERIA to R/V with
me in (? 020° 161° 006°) Alboran 27' (?at)
2300A/15.

My course 264° 10 knots.

(JONQUIL, 1906A/15, to F.O.C.N.A. (R) BURDOCK.
ARMERIA).

French
Shipping.

Gibraltar 2007A/15. French Motor Trawler BRITTIA
laden escorted by *A/T ESTAFETTE eastbound.
(S.O.I., Gib., 2123A/15, to Admty).

* Survey ship

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MALAYA,
QUEEN
ELIZABETH.Moves of RAMILLIES, MALAYA and QUEEN ELIZABETH.
A. To meet acute personnel shortage RAMILLIES
must return to U.K. without delay instead of to
U.S.A. She will refit in U.K.B. RAMILLIES and MALAYA should proceed Gibraltar
together as soon as RAMILLIES is ready.C. Subject to B, QUEEN ELIZABETH should be sailed for U.S.A. as
soon as practicable.D. Request consideration be given to escorted move of oilers
from Trinidad to Freetown using force escorting QUEEN ELIZABETH.

E. Request your proposals.

(D.O.D. (F) Approved 1st S.L., 0015A/15, to R.A. W.A., B.A.D. (R)
C.in C. U.S. Fleet, etc.).Admty 0015/15, para. (C). Enquiries being made as to
earliest date U.S. destroyers could be at W.O.M.P. in 40° W. which
will be signalled as soon as known.(B.A.D., 1321Z/15, to R.A. W.A. (R) Admty, S.B.N.O. W.A.,
C.in C. S.A. Cominch).Your 0015A/15. Propose sailing MALAYA, RAMILLIES with
destroyer escort on 26/8 to R/V in 022° N. on 26/8 with escort
from Gibraltar.(2) Propose sailing QUEEN ELIZABETH with destroyer escort on
24/8 to R/V with U.S. escort in 024° N. 040° W. at 1730Z/30
as in my 1805Z/11.(3) Proposed programme: QUEEN ELIZABETH can make direct passage
Freetown to Norfolk with 20% remaining without fuel en route.
For destroyers to reach 040° W. and take over I.S. from U.S.
escort they must fuel from ABBEYDALE and inclusion in convoy of
tanker fitted for oiling at sea is desirable. Otherwise prudent
endurance will only permit of destroyers reaching 035° W. and
proceeding thence to St. Vincent to fuel.(4) Dates proposed in para. 2 can be earlier depending on date
ABBEYDALE can reach R/V vide my 1715Z/11. F.O.C.N.A. is
requested to report earliest date ABBEYDALE can escort from R/V.(R.A. W.A., 1701Z/15, to Admty (R) B.A.D. Cominch, C.in C.
S.A. C.T.F. 23, S.B.N.O. W.A. F.O.C.N.A., C.in C. W.A. C.in C.,
H.F.).

ENGADINE.

Capetown Departure 1745B/14. ENGADINE for Port
Elizabeth by route R. 8 S.of A. 12 knots.

E.T.A. 0700B/16.

(C.in C. S.A., 0808B/15, to Admty, D.C.in C.E.F.
N.L.O. Port Elizabeth, Cdre i/c, Durban).LEIKANGER.
torpedoed
27/7).LEIKANGER, Norway, torpedoed by U-Boat 27/7 in
004° N. 018° W. 15 survivors landed Capetown
from HARRY LUCKENBACH (U.S.).

(S.O.I., Capetown, 0925B/15, to Admty R.A.W.A.etc).

/Shipping ...

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- Shipping A.M. 2707/10. Mari sect. 4 para. 11 MA.
Diversions. These positions being capable of unlimited modification, in executive diversion signal I considered that the scheme affords a practical and simple method of general diversion whatever routeing policy in force may be. Had there been much southbound traffic at the time of Raider attack on DALHOUSIE, diversion of such traffic would have been greatly simplified by bringing the scheme into operation.
(C.in C. S.A., 1118/15, to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.).
- LADY DENISON Your 2332/11. (Request anticipated date
PENDER. LADY DENISON PENDER will be ready to sail for West Africa). Approx. 21/8.
(C.in C. S.A., 1119B/15, to R.A.W.A., (R) Admty).
- ORONTES Suggest ORONTES should be ordered to Pointe Noire
→ CALEDON. to arrive about 17/8. CALEDON could then provide Ocean Escort to Freetown passing through 003° N. 014° W.
(R.A.W.A., 1247Z/15, to C.in C. S.A. (R) CALEDON, Admty, F.O.C.N.A., B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire).
- W.S. 21. Sailing telegram.
2. 0700/15.
3. Capetown 27th, Durban 30th.
4. Knots 12 to 15° S. and then 13.
5. Route.
6. S.O. escort, HAWKINS.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1515Z/15, 1645Z/15 to Admty amended 1857Z/16).
- U/B. Your 1428A/15. (U/B approx. positions) Request verification of one U-Boat within 250 miles of 006° N. 023° W.
(R.A.W.A., 1815/15, to Admty).
W.D. Note:- Signal as circulated gave 250 miles of 008° N., 023° W. Reply to this effect
(D.D.I.C., 0225A/16).
- ARCOLA Intend to sail ARCOLA and TAIGETE p.m./21 for
TAIGETE. Curacao, (route) Speed 7 knots.
(R.A. W.A., 1845Z/15, to Admty, B.A.D.)
- CALEDON. Remain at Pointe Noire to comply with R.A.W.A's 1237Z/15. (N.T. in W.R.). CALEDON pass to B.N.L.O. W.A. (1247Z/15 - see above)
(C.in C. S.A., 1921B/15, to CALEDON, (R) Admty, F.O.C.N.A., B.N.L.O. W.A., R.A. W.A.).

/BAEPENDY ...

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BAEPENDY, Brazilian Ship BAEPENDY carrying troops sunk by
ANIBAL torpedo, 1 boat with survivors arrived Estancia
BENEVOLO, 16th. No information ANIBAL BENEVOLO overdue
ARARAQUARA. Aracaju with many passengers. ARARAQUARA
(All rumoured overdue, Pernambuco. All 3 ships sailed
Brazilian) from here 15th. Capt. of Port has suspended all
sunk. sailings.

(R.O. Bahia, 2015Z/15 to Admty., (R) S.O.I.
Freetown, S.O.I. Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro.)

Brazilian Government announced today the sinking of three
Brazilian ships, the BAEPENDY (4,801 tons), the ARARAQUARA
(4,872 tons), and the ANIBAL BENEVOLO (1,905 tons), off the
Brazilian coast.

It is announced at Montevideo by the Brazilian Embassy that the
BAEPENDY was a Brazilian transport, and went down with the loss
of 700 or 800 troops. According to the Embassy, she was sunk
by a German submarine between Santos and Rio de Janeiro.
The Times Correspondent, New York, 17/8 in The Times 18/8.)

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Enemy Unit? Position at 0100 31.54 N 30.38 E.
(201 Group 0021/15 to A/C of No. - Sqdn. Middle East Duty Y.)

Operation "Pedestal" Admty. Summary. (Aug 31) Following is brief account of recent Malta convoy operation, Day 1 being 10/8.
A. Day minus 10. INDOMITABLE, PHOEBE and 3 destroyers left Freetown. VICTORIOUS, ARGUS (with reserve aircraft) SIRIUS and 4 destroyers left U.K. for combined A/C carrier exercise.
INDOMITABLE - 24 Sea Hurricanes 10 Martlets and 13 Albacores.

VICTORIOUS - 21 Fulmars 6 Sea Hurricanes and 12 Albacores.

Aug 2 B. Day minus 8. Convoy of 13 M/Vs and 1 oiler (speed of slowest ship 15 knots) left Clyde. Escort 2 battleships, 2 cruisers, 16 destroyers.

Aug 4 C. Day minus 6. FURIOUS with 39 Spitfires and MANCHESTER left U.K. to overtake convoy.

Aug 5 D. Day minus 5. EAGLE with 16 Sea Hurricanes and 4 Fulmars, CHARYBDIS and 3 destroyers left Gibraltar to westward.

Aug 6-8 E. Day minus 4 to Day minus 2 inclusive. All aircraft carriers less FURIOUS exercising in company between Azores and Gibraltar.

Aug 9 F. Day minus 1. 2 oilers and 4 corvettes left Gibraltar for position South of Majorca.

G. Night of Day minus 1 - Day 1. All forces passed through Straits, all cruisers destroyers, EAGLE and INDOMITABLE having fuelled at Gibraltar on this and previous nights.

Aug 10 H. Day 1 uneventful. Covering force (Z) consists of NELSON (V.A. Syfret) RODNEY, VICTORIOUS (R.A. Lyster) EAGLE, INDOMITABLE, SIRIUS, CHARYBDIS, PHOEBE and 13 destroyers. Escort force (X) to go through Narrows, NIGERIA (R.A. Burrough) KENYA, MANCHESTER, CAIRO (NIGERIA and CAIRO fitted to direct Malta Beaufighters and Spitfires) and 11 destroyers. Also in company FURIOUS and 5 destroyers. After dark 2 M/Vs and 2 destroyers left Malta and arrived Gibraltar Day 5 without incident.

I. Day 2. (Aug 11) Destroyers refuelling. 1300 EAGLE sunk by U-Boat 65 miles S of Majorca. *FURIOUS flew off Spitfires and returned to Gibraltar arriving p.m. Day 3. (Aug 12) Convoy reported by air and U-Boat R/C. *01: "Bellows".

Note: It is believed that 32 U-Boats were operating in Western Mediterranean.

Aug 12 J. Day 3. (12/8) 0100 WOLVERINE with FURIOUS sinks U-Boat ¹³⁰⁰ by ramming, aircraft seriously damaged another. Convoy in 38° N 7° E at dawn. (SH of Sardinia)

(i) Casualties from air attack (weight not yet known) during day-INDOMITABLE 3 bomb hits, 2 or 3 near misses, flight deck and both lifts out of action, main engines and dynamos undamaged. RODNEY near miss, may have damaged rudder.

FORESIGHT torpedoed, taken in tow by TARTAR but had to be sunk by her a.m. Day 4.

ITHURIEL damaged by ramming and sinking U-Boat. (COBALT)

SS. DEUCALION damaged by bombs and subsequently sunk by torpedo.

(ii) 1900 Force Z returned to westward apparently one hour behind planned position.

(iii) Enemy surface force dispositions. Battleships at Taranto, 2 8" and 2 6" cruisers and 8 destroyers 60 miles north of Trapani at 1900 steering S. 6 E-Boats left Pantellaria westwards at 2045.

(iv) About 2000 NIGERIA and CAIRO (the only 2 fighter direction

/ships)...

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Operation "Pedestal" Admty. Summary. Contd. ships) torpedoed by U-Boats NIGERIA and 4 destroyers returned to Gibraltar at 12 later 16 knots, CAIRO had to be *sunk. CHARYBDIS and 2 Tribals detached from Force Z to Force X. (v) About 2100 very heavy air attack on convoy. KENYA torpedoed ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~mined~~ but continued with convoy, 4 M/Vs sunk. *by PATHFINDER & BERWENT.

(vi) During night there was an E-Boat attack. By the morning MANCHESTER and 1 M/V were missing, presumably sunk by E-Boat. 2 other M/Vs badly damaged and had to be sunk by our own forces.

K. Day 4. (13/8) (i) 0130 enemy cruisers now 15' North of Trapani turned East attacked unsuccessfully by aircraft.

*2 subsequently damaged by S/M P.42 South of Lipari. That they did not come South possibly due to Malta purposely making en clair message indicating imminent arrival of imaginary heavy bombing force. *BOLZANO & MUZIO ATTENSOLO.

(ii) Situation at 0700. Four M/Vs and oiler with remainder of Force X in 36° N 12° E. 1 M/V not accounted for later reported herself in Gulf of Hammamet and arrived safely at Malta p.m.

Day 5.

(iii) 1800 3 M/Vs arrived Malta. 1 sunk by bombs 60 miles West Malta. Oiler disabled and engine room flooded, 3 destroyers and Malta minesweepers are still trying to get her in.

(iv) Remainder Force X returning to Gibraltar.

L. Details of air fighting not yet received.

M. If ships complete unloading Malta should be all right for food on increased siege ration until 1st. January. Situation regarding oil fuel and aviation spirit not yet clear.

(D.O.D. (F) Approved 1st. S.L. 0100A/15 to B.A.D.) *addition, 0200A/18. p. 576.*

Operation "Pedestal" Force F Report. ?Monday 10/8 D.1. (1) INDOMITABLE and MANCHESTER despatched over night Gibraltar with EAGLE to fuel owing to insufficient time to complete on D. Minus 2/D Minus 1.

(2) Force F. passing through Strait in varying visibility but must have been sighted by Spanish ship on opposite course.

(3) By 1800 whole force was in company except SIRIUS and PHOEBE who had proceeded ahead to fuel from Force R.

Tuesday 11/8. D.2.

Aug 11 (4) Fuelling of CAIRO and 24 destroyers commenced at 0600 and was completed by 2030.

(5) Enemy A/C reported by Sunderland escort 0715 and snooping by one or two A/C started 0830; information received later showed force had been reported at 0620.

Aircraft carrier shadowed throughout day by Ju.88 between 20,000 and 24,000 feet. Only INDOMITABLE one (corrupt group) 2 Hurricanes and Martlet able to compete. 1 Junker shot down, 1 damaged.

(6) "Bellows" commenced 1230. Last flight left 1515. 38 aircraft flown of which one forced landed on INDOMITABLE, 36 arrived Malta.

11 Aug (7) At 1315? EAGLE hit by probably 3 torpedoes port side when close starboard quarter of convoy. *U-Boat was not detected by screen, ship listed heavily to port and sank in 8 minutes. *U.73. Survivors picked up by LAFCRY, LOOKOUT and JAUNTY and later transferred to Western Approaches Destroyers. JAUNTY subsequently joined Force R. During next hour and half reports of S/M contact

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- Operation "Pedestal" Force F Report. Contd.
- and sighting of P/S of S/M and torpedoes were numerous. Aug 11
- (8) FURIOUS escorted by 5 Western Approaches Destroyers (?parted company) at 1830.
- (9) At dusk force attacked by bombers and torpedo bombers which approached in about 6 groups of 6 or 12 Ju.88 each at 5 minute intervals. Main attacks delivered when too dark for our fighters to see enemy. No damage. Shot down by gun fire 1 certain, 1 probable. Aug 12
- Wednesday 12/8. D.3.
- (10) Snooping began at 0550 and continued throughout the day.
- (11) In view of expected U-Boat concentration screen was adjusted to give greater A/S protection.
- (12) From 0917 to 0940 heavy attack by about 30 dive bombers, Ju.88. 2 shot down certain by A/A fire. No damage to ships. 1 German pilot picked up.
- (13) At 1200 Raiders coming in from ahead intercepted by fighters. At 1214 high level bombing attacks by about 20 Cant 1007s. At 1220 about 10 A/C dropped parachute mines ahead of convoy, number of which exploded after short delay. From 1245 to 1300 torpedo attack by 35 A/C, none of which pierced outer screen. Some circling torpedoes reported. No ships were hit but many near misses. Only DEUCALION damaged. She subsequently proceeded at 10 knots towards Coastal route escorted by BRAMHAM. On conclusion of attack VICTORIOUS was attacked by 2 enemy fighter bombers with 100 pound bombs.
- (14) Bomball attacks were intercepted but except for Martlets our fighters too slow and too weakly armed to be able to repulse big raids. Several enemy aircraft were shot down and many turned away or damaged during attack and several shadowers shot down.
- (15) Many reports of sighting of S/Ms and torpedoes and confirmed contacts throughout day and many depth charges attacks carried out. From 1400 to 1900 1 destroyer on each flank of screen dropped a depth charge at 10 minute intervals to frighten U-Boats. At 1654 after heavy depth charge attacks by PATHFINDER down contact on port side of convoy S/M surfaced astern and rammed and sunk by ITHURIEL. 3 officers 38 crew captured. S/M believed brand new of Medusa Class.*
- (16) From 1600 to 2000 Italian and German fighters in force (corrupt group). Our fighters unable to protect themselves and the convoy during this period.
- (17) From 1800 to 1850 very heavy dive bombing attack, about 40 Ju.88 and 87 concurrently with torpedo bomber attack by about 20 Cant 1007. Latter attack not pressed home.
- (18) INDOMITABLE hit by 3 bombs and near missed by 3 or 4 others. Hits caused large fires forward and aft. These were quickly got under control and extinguished about half hour later and at 2115 INDOMITABLE reported ready to steam at 28½ knots. FORESIGHT was torpedoed by torpedo bomber aircraft. TARTAR stood by and later took her in tow. FORESIGHT subsequently sunk by TARTAR as reported in my 0945/15.
- (19) At 1855 Force X was detached and Force Z turned to westward. INDOMITABLE steering gear was temporarily defective but by 2050 Force was proceeding at 18½ knots. Speed limited by boiler defect in RODNEY. Aug 13
- Thursday 13/8. D.4.
- (20) At 0100 Force Z passed Hospital ship but did not investigate. It showed a searchlight from time to time and may have been enemy for position coincided with that of bombing attack at noon D.3.

* Name given as COBALTO, with photographs. (The Times 9.10.42)

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Force X: Secret (K.A. Burroughs)

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- Operation "Pedestal" Force F Report. Contd.
- (21) At 1335 fighter patrol, in error, shot down French Civil Aircraft which passed close to Fleet. Probably Marseilles-Algiers air Liner. At 1420 2 groups of 2 unidentified A/C flew over Force at great height.
- (22) Force R Squadron sighted at 1720. At 1910 WESTCOTT and AMAZON joined me and VANSITTART was left to oil with orders to rejoin me at 0800/14.
- (23) At 2315 RODNEY and INDOMITABLE (?screened by) 6 destroyers were detached to Gibraltar. NELSON, VICTORIOUS, PHOEBE, SIRIUS and 4 destroyers turned eastward to support retirement of Force X. Friday 14/8 D.5.
- (24) Force Z operated to northward of Algiers during day and at 1800 (?) destroyers 037° 30' N 003° 21' E joined Force X, comprising C.S.10 in ASHANTI with KENYA, CHARYBDIS, PATHFINDER, INTREPID, ICARUS, FURY. Combined force proceeded Gibraltar 20 knots.
- (25) Force Y arrived Gibraltar 1046 and NIGERIA, TARTAR, WILTON, BICESTER, DERWENT, ESKIMO and SOMALI arrived as reported in F.O.C.N.A. 2334/14 and 0454/15.
- Aug 12 (26) Following is preliminary account of proceedings of Force X. 2000 NIGERIA and CAIRO torpedoed by U-Boats. C.S.10 transferred to ASHANTI. CAIRO stern blown off and ship sunk by own force. On receipt of this news CHARYBDIS, ESKIMO and TARTAR detached from Force Z to reinforce Force X. ^{DESSIE 1} ^{ALAN AXUM (respectively)} *PATHFINDER 1 DERWENT.
- (27) Between 2000 and 2100 heavy attacks by Ju.87 and torpedo bomber aircraft in groups of 10. 2 M.T. ships sunk. OHIO and 1 M.T. ship damaged.
- (28) 2112. KENYA torpedoed by U-Boat but able to proceed. When off Kelibia Force attacked 4 times by E-Boats when MANCHESTER was mined or probably torpedoed. Numerous mines seen or cut in this area. MANCHESTER sank at 0400/13.
- 12-13 (29) 2 M.T. ships sunk during this either by mines or torpedoes. During the night ALMERIA LYKES and WAIRANGI torpedoed by aircraft or E-Boat. ~~See 2.4.44~~
- (30) 2212 DEUCALION torpedoed by U-Boat, leaking, sank near Canirock. ^{a/c}
- Aug 13 (31) D.4 daylight. 1 M.T. ship sunk by A/C. DORSET damaged and sank at 2014/13 after further bomb hits.
- (32) 1600. C.S.10 in ASHANTI handed over 3 M.T. ships to local force and with KENYA, CHARYBDIS, PATHFINDER, ICARUS, INTREPID and FURY started return journey. Force attacked by E-Boats, one of which was sunk at 0200/14.
- Aug 14 (33) D.5 daylight. 0500. Attacked by U-Boat, 1 torpedo passed ahead of ASHANTI. Air attack continuous from sunrise until 1315/14 included high level bombing medium level and dive bombing by Ju.88 and Stukas and torpedo bombers and minelaying. Only near misses incurred. 2 aircraft certainly shot down.
- (34) 1430 BRISBANE STAR arrived Malta.
- (35) D.6 0755, OHIO arrived Malta having been towed 100 miles in spite of great difficulty by PENN, BRAMHAM, LEDBURY and Malta local force.
- (36) PENN, BRAMHAM and LEDBURY remained at Malta refuelling.
- (37) General remarks.
- A/A gun defence of Force F. if judged by number of enemy aircraft destroyed would be disappointing but fact that only one ship was hit by bombs and one by A/C torpedo up to time Force X was detached shows that they achieved their main purpose.
- (38) Handling and station keeping of all ships was exemplary. Their manoeuvring during S/M and air attack was as efficient as

/that...

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Operation that of fleet operation.
 "Pedestal" (39) The behaviour of H.M. Ships was all that
 Force F could be desired. Continuous vigilance shown
 Report. by destroyers on A/S screen was particularly
 Contd: commendable.
 (40) A/C carriers under command of R.A. Lyster and
 their fighters were magnificent in their
 determined, tireless and successful defence of the convoy.
 (41) Magnitude of task with which Force X. and M.T. Ships were
 confronted might well have daunted the stoutest heart. The
 display of courage, fortitude and determination in fighting a way
 through all difficulties and in spite of severe losses getting
 in 5 M.T. Ships to Malta reflects greatest credit on Captains,
 Masters, officers and men and in particular on their resolute
 leader, R.A.H.M. Burrough.
 (S.O. Force F., 2017/15, to Admty). Additional paras. See 1605/16.
 On behalf of all those who took part in the operation. I
 thank you for your message which we greatly appreciate.
 (1st S.L., 0130A/15, to Govr., Malta).
 Your 0755/15. (N.T.in W.D.) I was delighted to hear that
 the tireless and determined efforts of your forces were
 rewarded by the success they deserved.
 (S.O. Force "F", 1014/15, to V.A. Malta, (R) R.A. 10th C.S.).
 Splendid work. Well done. V.A. Malta pass to OHIO and
 local Malta craft concerned.
 (A.C.N.S. (F) (Approved 1st Lord) 1913A/15, to V.A. Malta,
 PENN, BRAMHAM, LEDBURY).
 Very grateful indeed for all that your forces have so
 gallantly fought through to us.
 (V.A. Malta, 2046B/15, to S.O. Force "F", S.O. Force "X").

ALMERIA LYKES.
WAIRANGI.

See p. 284.
 F-Boats. P.C. and S. of enemy, 7 F-Boats 32.21 N., 25.10 E.,
 120°. 8 knots.
 (Med. A/C Call Sign 27J Nr. 2, 0352/15, to No.
 201 Gp. H.Q., M.E.).
 P.C. and S. of enemy, 5 F-Boats, 6156, 2540, 100° 6.
 (Med. A/C Duty K, 0612/15, to 201 Group).
 Following has been received. My 0612. Have attacked
 enemy, 1 F-Boat, with bombs level and estimate (? 5 near misses).
 (Malta W/T, 0613/15).

Enemy Barges. P.C. and S. of 1 Transport Barge 31° 54' 35° 12'
 135° 4 knots. Have attacked enemy with (bombs
 dive?) and estimate 1 hit. P.C. and S. of 3
 Transport Barges 32° 03' 25° 18' 280° 4 knots. My E.T.A. is
 0(7?)25.
 (Med. A/C K of HZ5, 0617/15, to 201 Group).
 Following received. P.C. and S. of 6 enemy transport barges
 are MQGE 4257 (indecypherable) 100° 9 knots.
 (A/C using call sign 7XGA, 1035/15).
 Following read by Malta W/T. My 1035. Enemy has altered
 course to approximately 070°, no air escort seen.
 (A/C using call sign 7XGA, 1037/15).

/Cositrep ...

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- Cositrep 482. (5) Air. Night 13/14. Tobruk harbour bombed. Although cloud hampered operation several good fires started in docks and on shore. One ship off harbour straddled. Mines laid in Matruh. (C.in C. M.E., 0930 G.M.T./15).
- Enemy Convoy. At 0905 P.C. and S. of convoy in my 1232/14 para. (1) 036° 22' 021° 39' (? 355° 322° or 057° (corrupt group) knots. Probable destination (?Benghazi). (S.O.S., Alexandria, 1015C/15, to TAKU, PORPOISE). P.C. and S. of 2 merchant ships, 5 destroyers 35° 42' N. 22° 07' E. 160° 8 knots. (Read by Malta W/T) (A/C - Call Sign 7XGE, 1445/15). My 1015/15. P.C. and S. convoy at 1335, 035° 44' 022° 14' 210° 13 knots. Aircraft attacking at dusk. (S.O.S., Alexandria, 1515C/15, to PORPOISE, TAKU). Following has been read. P.C. and S. of 2 merchant vessels and 2 destroyers (enemy) 34° 44' N. 23° 06' E. 180° 8 knots. (A/C Callsign 7XGE, 1530/15).
- Bi-weekly 11/8. In evening 9 Liberators bombed Navarino Opsum No. 47. Harbour claiming 2 hits on 1 cruiser, 1 hit second cruiser, near miss on 3rd. Smoke seen issuing from 1 cruiser after attack.
- Night 11/12. 2 Halifaxes 45 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. Weather clear at first later deteriorating to 8/10 low cloud after midnight. Bombs burst on jetties and started 1 fire on docks. Large fire at petrol installations N.W. of harbour, another fire near petrol installations S. of harbour. Shipping inside and outside harbour attacked and near misses claimed on 6 lighters inshore north of harbour. Other results unobserved owing to cloud. 9 Wellingtons laid 18 mines in and off Matruh Harbour. 8 Liberators 3 Albacores bombed harbour to cover operation. Results obscured by cloud. 1 Wellington 1 Albacore dropped flares. 2 Wellingtons offensive R/C W. of Matruh. 1 attacked M/V off Sidi Barrani, no hits claimed.
- 12/8. 4 Hudsons dawn reconnaissances for coastal shipping between Bardia and Matruh. 1 Hudson bombed lighter E. of Sidi Barrani. 2 hits setting deck cargo on fire. Vessel believed sunk. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1016Z/15).
- Night 12/13. 5 Halifaxes 27 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations Tobruk. 2 fires started on docks near main jetties, explosion near tank workshops, 2 fires 1 violent explosion near A.A. gun positions north shore. Explosion near petrol installations south shore. Shipping off jetties attacked but no results claimed. Low cloud over objective hampered operations. 1 Wellington unable to reach Tobruk bombed Sollum jetties scoring near misses. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1045Z/15).
- Night 12/15. 3 Wellingtons bombed Maritza Aerodrome, 11 Wellingtons attacked Calato Aerodrome, Rhodes, 1 fire started Maritza, 4 large fires Calato, and several bombs among about 30 dispersed aircraft. Operating in conjunction with Naval bombardment Rhodes Harbour. 4 Albacores illuminated Rhodes harbour with flares.

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Bi-weekly 13/8. 2 Hudsons offensive R/C at dawn for coastal
Opsum No.47. shipping between Bardia and Matruh. 2 Hudsons
Contd: attacked 2 F-Boats North of Baluia. 1 F-Boat
sunk, second severely damaged by 3 direct hits
which caused violent explosion. 1 Hudson missing.
5 Hudsons despatched to make dusk attack on Convoy 8 U-Boats
previously reported East of Sidi Barrani did not find.
5 Albacores subsequently despatched also failed to find and
bombed Matruh Harbour. Results obscured by cloud.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1103Z/15).

Night 13/14. 5 Halifaxes 47 Wellingtons bombed shipping and
harbour installations Tobruk. Low could again hampered
operation. Bombs straddled 1 ship in shore north of harbour
silencing her A.A. guns. Several hits on jetties started large
fires. Fire and explosion at Naval fuel tanks. Very large fire
started on west side harbour and violent explosion near El Gubbi
Main Aerodrome. 1 Wellington bombed medium ship and light 10
miles East Tobruk. Results unobserved. 1 Halifax 1 Wellington
unable to reach Tobruk bombed Sollum and building 30 miles south-
east Tobruk respectively. 4 Wellingtons laid 8 mines in Outer
Harbour Matruh. 11 Wellingtons 2 Albacores provided diversion
bombing of harbour causing violent explosion on south shore.
Other results obscured by cloud. 2 Albacores dropped flares.
A swordfish on night patrol over shipping routes Northeast Port
Said attacked S/M 30 miles W. Jaffa with 4 depth charges and M/G
fire. Results unobserved.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1142Z/15).

14/8 Beaufighters shot down 2 JU. 52s into sea off Sidi
Barrani. 1 Beaufighter damaged by enemy fighters crash landed
at base. Aircraft did not find lighters (reported by R/C between
Tobruk and Bardia) and attacked schooner east of Tobruk claiming
1 near miss with bomb. 10 Hurricanes 6 Fulmars shipping
protection of Port Said and in Gulf of Suez.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1204Z/15).

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UTMOST.(i) Buoy may be encountered marking side repeat
side of channel.(ii) If unable to comply with my 2359/14 para. 1,
remain in sanctuary UTMOST east and P. 46 west of
line 230° from Delimara surface at 1001/16. If sweepers not at
R/V proceed into harbour as previously ordered.

(Capt. S. 10., 1041B/15, to S/Ms. named).

P. 46, UTMOST arrived.

(V.A. Malta, 2132B/15, to Admty).

UNA.

Leave patrol through 037° 32' 016° 13' 035°
23' 015° 14' 035° 25' 014° 12' to R/V with
sweeper at 1001B /19 at end of Channel.
(Capt.S.10. 1043B/15, to UNA (R) Subs on Patrol,
C. in C.Med, Capt.(S) 1.).

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Patrol following vicinities from 0001/16 in
anticipation of R/C reports from North. P.34.,
036° 33' 011° 50' 034° 4' 035° (?22') 011° 55'.
Area limited as in my 1227/13 from Caicos.
(Capt.S.10, 1121B/15, to P.34 P.44 (R) C. in C.
Med., Capt.(S) 1).

/SZEGED.

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SZEGED.

My 1109C/30. (Hungarian SZEGED preparing to sail for Danube) SZEGED sailed for Burgos 15/8. N.L.O. Black Sea informed. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 1520C/15 to S.O.(I) Med).

Enemy
Units.

1 merchant ship 1 destroyer 038° 43' 012° 56' 205° 15 knots at 1615B/15. A/C may attack before 0200/16. (Capt.S.10. 1625B/15, to P.34 P.42, P.44 (R) C. in C.Med Capt.(S) 1).

Op. "Pedestal"
ALMERIA LYKES
WAIRANGI.

Do you know if ALMERIA LYKES and WAIRANGI were (?sunk)? Neither C.S.10. ESKIMO nor SOMALICAN confirm that this was so. (S.O. Force F.1802B/15 to V.A.Malta (R) C.S.10, Capt.(D) 6.).

Your 1802/15. No. C.S.10 was instructed to sink ships on return journey as a result of ESKIMO's 0930/13th to F.O.I.C.(C.S.) 10. Extensive R/C in Pantellaria, Cape Bon, Kelibia Roads area have not disclosed any merchant ships.

(N.O.I.C.Malta 2253B/15 to S.O. Force (F) F.O.I.C.(C.S.) 10).

Should be on p. 481.

H.D.M.L.s.

H.D.M.L.s 1149 and 1159 both on passage are allocated 101st and 102nd H.D.M.L. Flotillas respectively to replace H.D.M.L.s 1069 and 1039.

H.D.M.L.s 1126, 1158, 1122, all on passage plus 6 others to be shipped later will form 1173th H.D.M.L. Flotilla allocated to your command.

Reference to 111th Flotilla in A.L. M.O.D. 5034/41 of 29/11/1941 is cancelled.

(D.D.O.D.(C) 1804A/15 to C. in C.Med).

Situation
Report
251.

Submarines. PROTEUS arrived Beirut 14/8. At 0730/7 attacked escorted northbound convoy of 3 ships N.W. of Anti Milo. 1 Merchant Ship 7,000 tons sunk and another of 9,000 tons probably hit. 2 Schooners and 2 Caiques were sunk during C.O.'s first patrol. (C. in C.Med 1851C/15 to Admty).

Enemy
Intelligence.

Photographs A.M. to-day. My 1951B/14. Palermo, no change. Messina, 2 destroyers arrived, 1 destroyer and 1 torpedo boat sailed. Taranto, 1 LITTORIO afloat and 1 in dry dock, 3 CAVOURS, 4 destroyers, 1 torpedo boat, 12 submarines. Naples, 0800, 2 C or D Class 6" cruisers, 2 fleet destroyers alongside and 2 leaving harbour, 2 small destroyers, 1 torpedo boat, 7 submarines, 2 F-Boats. Reggio, 3 fleet destroyers. (V.A.Malta, 1859B/15 to S.O. Force (F) S.O. Force 'X' F.O.C.N.A. C. in C.Med, Admty.).

/Malta.....

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean - Contd.

Malta Air Report. I. 576 15/8 C.S.R. Malta. 14th, 1200 hours 11 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach close to Malta. 2 afternoon alerts 1330 hours, 12 raiders made a search 10 miles N.W. of Malta 12 Spitfires up did not intercept owing to partial R.D.F. and R.T. interference. 1623 hours, fighter sweep 12 plus Me.109s crossed coast great height serious R.D.F. interference, 12 Spitfires intercepted but Me.109s had height advantage 1 Me.109 damaged. 1 Spitfire shot down sea pilot rescued unhurt. 1830 hours, (1?) plus raiders approached partial R.D.F. interference. 6 Spitfires and 1 Beaufighter up but raiders dropped bombs in sea and fled home. Night 14/15th, 1 alert, 1947 hours 7 bombers approached but only 2 crossed coast, 3 Beaufighters up and in spite of serious Beaufighter and partial R.D.F. interference 1 incoming Cant. 1007 destroyed 10 miles North of Malta and ?1 bomber destroyed near harbour. No bombs dropped on land. 15th 0420 hours 8 Spitfires up for raid which did not approach close to Malta. 0445 hours, 4 Spitfires on search for missing pilots found nothing. My I. 574 part 2, 2 alerts partial R.D.F. interference on both occasions.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1900/15.)

0643 hours 1 enemy aircraft flying low approached to within 15 miles of Malta and returned 4 Spitfires up sighted nothing. 0737 hours, 26 Me.109s twice crossed Island at great height. 12 further Me.109s suspected to be carrying bombs approached to within 5 miles of Malta. 20 Spitfires up intercepted the latter 6 miles E. of Malta and destroyed 1 Me.109, 1 Spitfire crashed in sea through engine failure pilot rescued unhurt. No bombs dropped on Malta during unloading of convoy.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1911/15.)

→ PORPOISE.
Enemy ship
sinking.

Enemy P.C. and S. 034° 45' 021° 32' 210° 11 knots.
1 large ship left sinking.
(PORPOISE, 1928C/15 to C. in C. Med., (R) Capt.
(S) 1, S.O.(S) Alexandria, TAKU.)

→ TAKU.

No aircraft available to co-operate tonight.
At your discretion move to vicinity of 032° 47'
020° 17'.
(S.O.S. Alexandria, 1951C/15 to TAKU.)

U/B?

Following has been read by Malta W/T.
Have obtained A.S.V. contact (probably S/M) in
32.46 N. 34.48 E.
(A/C using call sign AZ7U, 1957/15.)

→ PORPOISE,
→ TAKU.

Act independently PORPOISE after 2359/15.
TAKU after 0900/16.
(S.O.S. Alexandria, 1957C/15 to PORPOISE, TAKU.)

ERIDGE.

If not in contact will be in 031° 50' N. 030°
20' E. at 0930/16th.
(ERIDGE, 2045C/15 to C. in C. Med., (R) HURSLEY,
R.A. Alex., 201 N.C. Group.)

/ROBERTS ...

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ROBERTS Your 1234/12. ROBERTS now 4 months out of dock speed reduced to about 9 knots and endurance correspondingly. If delay can be accepted ROBERTS could be docked at Alexandria with risk due to prolonged bombing. Alternately she could be docked at Durban or Colombo. Request early decision.

(C. in C. Med. 2051C/15 to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F., D.C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.S.F.).

Enemy 1 merchant ship, 2 destroyers, 037° 25' 011°
Units 47' 180° 15 knots at 2200B/15.
P.34, P.44. (Capt. S. 10, 2231B/15 to P.34, P.44. (R) C. in C.
See p 483. Med., Capt. (S) 1).

Malta Stocks, If fuel stocks brought to Malta by "Pedestal" are Suggested safely unloaded it will be possible for the base Destroyer again to maintain and operate a small surface Striking force. 4 destroyers are suggested and I Force. very much hope they can be spared to me, for I feel they could again cut enemy western routes to Tripoli. Now that F.A.A. strike is practically non existent and expenditure of aviation spirit must continue to be restricted, a surface strike seems most necessary and as temporary measure I suggest PENN, BRAMHAM, and LEDBURY should remain for the purpose, the 2 "Hunts" being replaced in due course by destroyers, as the latter are more suitable as regards speed and seaworthiness in winter weather and torpedo armament. An essential condition of being able to operate naval forces from Malta is of course a really adequate number of fighters to maintain local air superiority.

(V.A. Malta 2328B/15 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty).

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Saturday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Air Requirements Mauritius. Following from Air Ministry to H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.(R) 207 Group A.H.Q. India 222 Group, N.O.I.C.Mauritius. (Begins) OX6389 29/7 India, 0142 24/7 and 0152 25/7 R.A.F.requirements at Mauritius, (i) Advance flying boat base with accommodation and facilities for up to 6 F.B.
(ii) Accommodation and facilities for 1 T.B.squadron.
Recommendation of N.O.I.C.Mauritius that F.B. base be at Grand Port and aerodrome at Plaisance has been accepted.(Ends).
(Head of Air Branch 0036A/15 to C. in C.E.F., F.O.I.C.E.A.& Z).

G/R Aircraft Ceylon. Your 1627/4, Air H.Q. India informed me that while need for long range R/C and long range bombers in Ceylon is fully appreciated no prospect is seen of meeting this requirement until arrival of reinforcements by end of 1942, and even this depends on situation in Middle East.
(C. in C.E.F. 0501Z/15 to Admty).

Loan of Indian Flotilla. Your 0533/9th. ^{/p. 268} Offer of HIRAVATI, RATNAGIRI and INVESTIGATOR for loan emergency destroyer division is much appreciated. When consent of Indian Govt.obtained request ships may be sent at earliest date. Request programme.
(2) Concur position be again reviewed when PUNJAB Flotilla A/S efficiency worked up.
(3) Your reference hunting groups presumably refers to escort groups since experience in Home waters and elsewhere has shown clearly that hunting groups are of small value.
(C. in C.E.F.0629Z/15 to F.O.C.R.I.N.(R) Admty, D.C. in C.E.F. S.N.O.P.G. Cdre R.I.N., N.O.I.C.Karachi, F.O.I.C.Ceylon Cdre.Aden).

SATURNIA, VULCANIA. (1) Information received that Italian ships SATURNIA and VULCANIA have passed Gibraltar and may be expected on E.I Station shortly for a further repatriation trip. E.A.Command are requesting transport accommodation to Berbera on this account.
(2) Request very early confirmation whether presence of these two ships is to be expected.
(D.C. in C.E.F.0942Z/15 to Admty).

A.P. Convoys. 1. Propose to allocate letter A.P. to convoy between Middle East Aden or (?East Africa) and Persian Gulf.
2. Forthcoming moves for TAKLIWA and BERGENSFJORD will be A.P.1.
3. Addressees please inform Sea Transport Officers and N.C.S.Os.
(D.C. in C.E.F. 0949Z/15 to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F. F.O.Ceylon, (?F.O.C.R.S.F) C.A. Commodore Aden, F.O.C.R.I.N. S.N.O.P.G).
Concur (D.T.D.1315A/17).

/A.S.....

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies - ~~ports~~:A/S
Whalers.

C. in C.E.F. 0328/7. para 3B. 1. Intend to sail A/S whalers SORSRA, SOBKRA, and SOLVRA to Khor Kuwai about 22/8 on completion of their A/S working-up practices with S/Ms. Programme will be signalled

in due course.

2. Cde.R.I.N. is requested to keep air patrol informed of their movements.

(D.C. in C.E.F. 1007Z/15 to S.N.O.P.G. (R) C. in C.E.F. etc).

RESOURCE.

Your 1842/12. Request you will sail RESOURCE for Aden as soon as convenient.

(D.C. in C.E.F. 1214Z/15 to C. in C. Med (R) Admty, C. in C.E.F.).

Movements
Seychelles.
*Fotel A.*WARSPITE, ILLUSTRIOUS, MAURITIUS, HEEMSKERCK, NAPIER ACTIVE, FORTUNE, INCONSTANT arrived and left same day after fuelling. *for Kilindini (Simp. 457)*
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles 1505/15 to Admty, S.O. (I) Colombo, S.O. (I) Bombay, S.O. (I) Aden, S.O. (I) Kilindini).

SUMATRA.

Will be sailed direct for U.K. where ship will be taken over by R.N. Soon after arrival U.K. part of crew will be sent to Curacao. Request signal

composition of complement and keep nominative lists in readiness on arrival.

(D.N.L.O. from B.D.Z. 1515/15 to SUMATRA (R) B.S.O. Colombo).

Mauritius
Seychelles.

Your 82578 (M.O.5) 16/4.

Will you please give order of priority of ports in Mauritius and Seychelles in relation to priority of E. African Ports laid down in your telegram quoted above.

(G.O.C. in C.E. Africa 1345 G.M.T. /15 to W.O.).

PANTELIS.
(overdue).

Your 1140/10, PANTELIS returned to Aden 27/7 for engine repairs.

(D.C. in C.E.F. 1707Z/15 to S.O. (I) Capetown, (R) Admty, etc).

Officers for
Hormuz.

My 1808/10. (Officers required to act as N.O.I.C. and N.C.S.O. Hormuz). If C. in C. Med is unable to supply Officers, request Admiralty may be informed now, to enable them to be flown out at first opportunity.

(D.C. in C. Med (R) Admty, S.N.O.P.G.).

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U/B. U-Boat estimated in your vicinity has made a sighting report of convoy or important unit at 2248Z/14 ENIGMA, 54 groups, vicinity 53° 15' N. 28° 30' W. At 2336Z/14 ENIGMA 34 groups uncertain fix 55° 30' N. 27° 00' W. (Cominch, 0413/15 to C.T.F.38, (R) C.T.U. 24.1.3, C.T.U. 24.1.18, C.T.U. 24.6.5, Admty., C. in C. Lant, C.T.24, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C. L.27.)

LETITIA. Request you will report immediately you have any news of LETITIA. (D.T.D., 0902Z/15 to Connav, C.O.A.C.)
Your 0902/15 not to N.S.H.Q. Only news of LETITIA received is as follows. NC.S.O. Clyde's 1753/6, 1855/6 and 0030/7. N.S.H.Q. estimates an unknown vessel from U.K. in position 42.21 N. 60.34 W. at 2000Z/15. Course 315°, presumably LETITIA. (C.O.A.C., 1309Z/15 to Admty., (R) Connav, N.S.H.Q.)
My 1309/15.

LETITIA was heard to call Halifax W/T (CFH) on 630 k/cs at 1250Z/15 and 1254Z/15. Endeavour to contact was made by Halifax W/T until 1325Z/15, nothing further was heard. Message was not broadcast.

(C.O.A.C., 1401Z/15 to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q., Connav.)
Understand from Cominch 2152/14 that LETITIA is casualty. Canadian Govt. assume that no announcement will be made until they have had ample time to warn next of kin privately. (N.S.H.Q., 1716Z/15 to Admty.)
Your 1504/15 not to Admty.

R.C.A.F. aircraft reports LETITIA in 43° 25' N. 62° 20' W. Course 275° speed 14 knots at 2040Z/15. (C.O.A.C., 2321Z/15 to N.S.H.Q., (R) Admty.)

S.C. 95. S.C.95 N.U.
Steer 65° forthwith till 019° W. thence (a). (C. in C. W.A., 0816Z/15 to C.T.U. No. 24.1.3 for Cdre. (R) SNOWFLAKE, A.I.G. 191 Group 15, A.I.G. 303, N.O.I.C. Greenock, C.T.F.38, WALLFLOWER.)

Sinking of My 0001/13.
EMPIRE Corrected position 010° 45' N. 052° 59' W.
ARNOLD, 4/8. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1131Q/15 to Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A., B.A.D., Connav.)

Shipping Ships sailing from U.S.A. Atlantic seaboard for via Trinidad. African ports via coastal convoys and Trinidad are being routed to destination by port of departure and these routes are passed to Admty. These ships are subsequently sailed in E convoys and re-routed to destination by Trinidad. In order to reduce signalling it is proposed that the route from Trinidad issued by original port of departure should not be passed to Admty. or British Intelligence Centre. (D.T.D., 1145Z/15 to Connav, (R) N.S.H.Q., S.O.I. Jamaica.)

/DRACO ...

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- DRACO. My 1514/13. Ship sunk 1400 G.M.T./5 400 miles from Barbados, second boat with 8 survivors arrived Nickerie. (S.O.I), Jamaica, 1146Q/15 to Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A., B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., Connav.)
- Puerto de la Cruz. My 2133/4. Who is watching Puerto de la Cruz? No decision can be traced from B.R.O. Trinidad 1727/5 and Curacao 1543/6. (D.T.D., 1205A/15 to S.B.N.O. Trinidad.) Reply: 1021/16.
- Movements of big transports. Your 2039Z/12. You should be receiving this information vide A.M. 2250B/9/5 para. 2. Request you will report any specific instances of non-receipt. (D.T.D., 1231A/15 to N.S.H.Q.)
- P. 555. Your 1452/13. S/M P.555 should sail when ready about 20/8 for Simonstown calling at Bermuda and Gibraltar. (D.O.D.(F), 1355A/15 to B.A.M.R., (R) Opnav, F.O.C.N.A., F.O.S., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.), Cdr. Subs. U.S. Fleet, R.A.W.A., N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.A.)
- Convoy Diversions. Your 1524Z/14 (re emergency diversions for O.N., S.C. and H.X. convoys.) affirmative. (New York, 1400/15 to Admty., C. in C. U.S. Fleet (C. and R.), N.S.H.Q., C.T.F.24, C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet, C.E.S.F., N.O.I.C. St. Johns, C.O.A.C.)
- Independently Routed Ships. 1. To guard against errors which are occurring in addressing United Nations ships of new construction, ships with changed names or changed signal letters, suggested that routeing officers should obtain from masters of all ships routed independently signal letters in use for current voyage and include them in route signal immediately prior to ship's name.
2. Need does not arise for ships in convoy or stragglers therefrom as these can be addressed by convoy call sign and ships names as heretofore.
3. If you concur request you will amend relative sections of G.I.R.O. accordingly and we will issue similar instructions to all N.C.S.Os and B.R.Os.
(D.T.D., 1400Z/15 to Connav.)
- L. 27. Your 1047A/15. *NT. W.D.*
P.C. and S. 054° 31' N. 030° 00' W. 071° 10½'.
Weather report.
(L.27, 1403Z/15 to F.O.(S), (R) H.Q.C.C., C. in C. W.A., Capt. (S) 7th, Capt. (S) 3rd, MINOS.)

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C.O.A.C. Your 1605/14 (not to Admty.)
Against C.O.A.C. please insert "exercises operational supervision and control of escorts and shipping within that portion of the Canadian Coastal zone under his command, and under C.T.F. 24 exercises operational supervision and control of Western Local Escort Force".
(C.O.A.C., 1407Z/15 to C. in C. W.A., (R) F.O.N.F.)

Motor Minesweepers. Admty. 1825B/7/4 and B.A.T.M. 1933Z/14 are being passed to addressees for necessary action.
C.O.A.C. is requested to inform N.M.C.S. of proposed date of sailing from Canadian Port and N.M.C.S. to arrange necessary onward routing and fuelling with American Authorities. B.A.D. Washington pass P/L copy to N.M.C.S.
(N.S.H.Q., 1425C/15 to C.O.A.C., N.M.C.S. Washington, (R) Admty., B.A.T.M., N.O.I.C. Shelbourne, B.A.D., F.O.I.C. Greenland.)

KELVINBANK, LAWRENCE. Have you any news of KELVINBANK and LAWRENCE (U.S.) ex W.A.T.10? B.R.O. Trinidad's 1614Q/7 refers.
(D.T.D., 1441A/15 to S.O.I. Jamaica, (R) B.R.O. Trinidad.)
Reply: 1142/16.

Dispositions. Section east.
Cable ship LORD KELVIN, U.S. Dest. BERNADOU 048° 20' 047° 10' 082° 10.
U.S. Destroyer COLE 043° 35' 057° 15' to U.S.N.O.B. Argentinia, ex L.C.37, WASAGA, MALPEQUE, due St. Johns N.F. p.m./15.
(C.O.A.C., 1501Z/15 to Admty.)
Section south-west.
U.S.S. KITE 43° 30' 65° 05' coastwise to U.S.N.O.B. Argentinia, 8.
(C.O.A.C., 1507Z/15 to Admty.)

H.X.201. Average speed 9.22 knots. Fog at times till 7/8, but weather generally good. One straggler night 4th. All ships now reported.
(D.T.D., 1505Z/15 to Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

Independent Routes. Requested that ships sailed independently from ports in U.S. strategic area to U.K. may be routed North and West of Porcupine Bank in order to minimize risk of sighting by enemy aircraft.
(D.T.D., 1508Z/15 to Connav, (R) N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

WINFIELD SCOTT (overdue) My 1157/29. Ship arrived San Juan 4/8. Regret delay advising.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 1514Q/15 to C. in C. E.F., S.B.N.O.W.A., etc.)

/Passengers ...

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.

Passengers, Cancel my 1707/19/7. Following is revised
U.S. Area. U.S. policy regarding numbers of passengers in
United Nations ships in area of U.S. strategic
control in Atlantic.

(B.A.D., 1519Z/15 to Admty., etc.)

See Lion Copy.

Your 1935/11 has been carefully considered by Navy Dept. As
a result revised U.S. policy for Atlantic has been promulgated
to all U.S. Authorities concerned (for details see my 1519Z/15.)

2. Your para. (b). New rules allow up to 250 passengers for
these ships. If it is necessary to embark more than this
number, request I may have early information so that
rerepresentation can be made to treat ship as a special case
under para. (f) of U.S. Policy.

3. Your para. (e). There is at present no difficulty regarding
rail passage from Canada to U.S.A.

(B.A.D., 2059Z/15 to Admty., (R) S.B.N.O.W.A., C. in C. W.A.,
N.S.H.Q., C. in C. S.A., R.A.W.A.F., F.O.C.N.A., A.C.N.B.,
N.Z.N.B.)

A.T. 20. Your 0424/4 (re inclusion of STRATHMORE in N.A.
15 instead of A.T.20 to avoid delay to latter.)
para. 1.

Due to probable late arrival of ORMONDE at Boston, a small
delay may be necessary if that ship is to be included.

2. U.S. Army particularly wish her to be included. 3. Agreed,
British Army Staff.

(B.A.D., 1617Z/15 to D.S.T.)

Agreed. (D.S.T., 0452A/17.)

U.S. Navy and My 0931/3rd. I handed my proposals to Adm.
Trinidad. Oldendorf over a fortnight ago. He communicated
with Adm. Hoover but no answer has been received.
I can do no more and there appears to be no
chance of any arrangements being made before my relief takes
place. I may prove wrong but I view the situation with grave
apprehension.

(F.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1631Q/15 to B.A.D., (R) S.B.N.O.W.A.,
Admty.)

Escort Your 0318/8. As this subject is part of a
Vessels, larger problem involving many other Military
Minesweepers, and Naval stores other than ships, would prefer
Production. to postpone reply until general policy has been
settled.

(N.S.H.Q., 1648Z/15 to Admty., (R) B.A.D.,
N.M.C.S., Washington.)

U/B Positions, Estimate 15/8.
& S/M Reports. (Cominch, 1716/15, 1717/15.)

/F.D. 24 ...

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1519Z/15th August.

Date. 15. 8. 42.

From B.A.D. Washington.

Recd. 2328

NAVAL CYPHER XD BY CABLE.

Addressed Admiralty D of S.T. N.Z.N.B. Australian Commonwealth
Naval Board S.B.N.O.W.A.T. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa C. in C. Western
Approaches C. in C. South Atlantic R.A.W.A.F. F.O.C.N.A.

728. Cancel my 1707/19/7.

Following is revised U.S. Policy regarding numbers of passengers which may be carried in United Nations Ships when in the area of U.S. Strategic Control in the Atlantic.

(A) The combined number of passengers and crew shall not exceed the lifesaving capacity of the Ship, whether the Ship is escorted or unescorted.

(B) Passengers not connected with the war effort shall not sail on unescorted Ships except as stated in sub paragraph (G) (3) below.

(C) There shall be no limit other than (A) above on the type or number of passengers on Ships having special escort (E G Troop Convoys).

(D) Ships in Trade Convoys may carry passengers up to the limit in (A) above, except that women and children shall not be carried in excess of half the lifeboat capacity of the Ship.

(E) U.S. Ships sailing unescorted are to be limited in number of passengers as follows, the Ship to be capable of making the designated speed through the water on the particular voyage in question.

- (1) Ten knots or less. Twelve service personnel.
- (2) More than ten knots but less than fifteen knots. One hundred service personnel.
- (3) Fifteen knots and above but less than twenty knots. 250 service personnel.
- (4) Twenty knots and above. Special case, to be decided in each case. Employees of Government Departments or Agencies and Contractors Employees en route to or from Employment on Government contracts, are considered to be in the same category as service personnel.

(F) British Controlled ships other than large fast liners shall comply with sub paragraph (E) above. With possible exceptions to be made in special cases on request. The Large fast liners may carry service personnel up to the limit of the lifesaving capacity the following are classified as Large fast liners. QUEEN MARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH, AQUITANIA, MAURETANIA, NIEUV AMSTERDAM, ILE DE FRANCE, PASTEUR.

(G) With regard to women and children (the latter under sixteen years of age)

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(1) Women regularly employed on Official War duties may travel under the same rules as male service personnel on both U.S. and British Controlled ships, and the restrictions of subparagraphs (G) (2) (3) and (4) below shall not apply to such women.

(2) Women and Children shall not travel on any unescorted U.S. Ship, except in special cases, each case to be decided upon its merits.

(3) Unescorted British Controlled ships other than Large fast liners shall carry no women and Children, except to ports not on convoy routes which shall be considered as special cases on Large fast liners (listed in subpara (F) above) Women and Children up to half the lifeboat capacity of the ship may be carried.

(4) Women and Children may be carried on ships in Trade Convoys up to half the lifeboat capacity of the ship, as stated in sub para (D) above.

(H) There shall be no limit on numbers of prisoners of war, Enemy Aliens or Undesirables carried on any escorted or unescorted U.S. or British Controlled Ship, provided adequate guards are furnished.

1519Z/15.

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- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L. (2)
- 4th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- Ops. (3)
- O.D. (5)
- D.N.I. (5)
- O.I.C. (3)
- D.T.D. (4)
- D.T.D. (M)
- D.T.D. (C)
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- M. (5)
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- I.P. (3)
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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.

A.F.D. 24. My 2335/22/7 and 2125/3.
Now established one pontoon can be transported in A.F.D.24 without jeopardising safety of dock.
2. Pontoon will be constructed in two portions, A. two thirds, and B. one third of whole. Jib and boiler will be stowed separately. 3. Preparation of dock to transport pontoon may cause slight delay.
4. Request reply to paras. 2 and 3 of my 2125/3.
(B.A.D., 1809Z/15 to Admty., (R) R.A.W.A.)

Attacks on U/Bs. Cominch 1811/15/8.
See U-Boat Campaign.

U/B. U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit your area at 1820Z/15th.
(Cinclant, 1922/15 to C.T.U. No. 92.1.9, C.T.U. No. 90.9.4, C.T.U. No. 90.9.5, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, (U.S.), Admty., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C.)

QUEEN ELIZABETH. My 1321/15.
U.S. Escorts could meet H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH at original M.O.M.P. in 040° W. any time after 21/8 provided 5 days notice is given.
(2) U.S. Authorities request earliest possible information of your intentions.
(B.A.D., 2007Z/15 as amended 1321Z/16 to R.A.W.A.F., (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., S.B.N.O.W.A., C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.)

STANDELLA, WAWALOAM. Connav Serial 15.
STANDELLA British tanker also torpedoed 14/8 in Convoy T.A.W.12 but proceeding with convoy.
WAWALOAM U.S. Schooner sunk by S/M 6/8 39.18 N. 55.44 W.
(Connav, 2112/15 to Comnav, (R) N.S.H.Q., etc.)

QUEEN MARY. T.A. 19. Your 2039/12. E.T.A. New York 1600Z/16.
(D.O.D.(H), 2329A/15 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.

CANBERRA Regret to repeat loss of H.M.A.S. CANBERRA during
sunk 8/8. night action 0200/8. 733 survivors. Capt.
F.E. Getting died of wounds. Arrangements are
entrained for announcement of loss to be made
simultaneously by Commonwealth Govt. and Washington as soon as
next of kin have been informed. Request Admiralty will
conform.
(A.C.N.B., 0532Z/15 to Admty., (R) B.A.D.)

Situation. Digest Serial No. 215, 14/8.
Air R/C reported enemy S/M 14° 19' S. 118° 18' E.
at 0332Z/13.

2. Portion Buna convoy including 1 destroyer 1 gunboat 2 M/Vs
10,000 tons and 5,000 tons 1 small craft sighted by air R/C 6°
50' S. 150° 10' E. at 0450Z/14 course 40°. 1 cruiser or
destroyer, 1 M/V sighted 7° 35' S. 148° 40' E. at 2300Z/13
course E. No shipping observed Buna Gona area. Several
barges beached and 50 to 100 tents observed Gona area.
3. Our forces outnumbered Kokoda area and withdrawing.
4. Considerable air activity Lae aerodrome where minimum 26
fighters reported afternoon 13/8.
5. 4 flights of 3 Hudsons attacked Mape (Timor) from 0330Z/14.
Scoring direct hits on buildings.
6. Seven B.17s unsuccessfully attacked units Buna convoy
returning Rabaul and dropped bombs Gona area 13/8. Inter-
ception by 6 zeros, 2 shot down, 3 others hit.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 0655Z/15 to Admty., etc.)

? Your 0318/8 (N.T. in W.D.) concur.
(N.Z.N.B., 1212M/15 to Admty.)

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Saturday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.All positions indefinite.
(D.D.I.C., 1419A/15, 1428A/15.)Submarines Attacked.

U.S. F - 353. Serial number 6.
Assessments. Summary of official assessment of attacks on subs.
U.S.C.G. TRITON, V.P.-81, U.S.S. HAMILTON 24.18
N. 81.32 W. 1745Z/28 February E.
C.G.C. NEMESIS 28.18 N. 80.08 W. 1845Z/23 March E.
V.P.-32 25.50 N. 80° W. about 1830Z/31 March E.
Plane 3.6.33 N. 74.48 W. 1118Z/2 April E.
U.S.S. BREESE 02.49 S. 171.45 W. 0325Z/24 April E.
1435Z/01 May D.
U.S.S. LIVERMORE 42.27 N. 59.55 W. 0206Z/3 May E.
Plane 44.55 N. 55.02 W. 1235Z/3 May E.
SS. EXPOSITOR about 73.30 N. 20.10 E. 2200Z/2 May D.
Naval aircraft 26.52 N. 86.37 W. 1740Z/9 May E.
U.S.C.G. NIKE 27.11 N. 79.56 W. 2035Z/22 May B.
U.S.S. MOFFETT SOC - Milwaukee aircraft and P.B.Y A/C from
V.P.-83 01.52 S. 36.14 W. 0749Z and 1300Z/23 May E.
C.G. HERMES 33.37 N. 118.17 W. 0345Z/24 May E, 0343Z/28 May E.
2139Z/20 June E.
1704Z/23 June E.
Plane 29.38 N. 87.20 W. 2145/25 June E.
U.S.P.G. ST. AUGUSTINE 34.46 N. 75.24 W. 1549Z/27 June E.
1810Z/27 July A. Interrogation ASSINIBOINE's prisoners
reveals U-Boat number was *21 Zero left Kiel 18 July. Desire
dates departure FABC and AL also location E.N. last mentioned
O.I.C. serial number 21.
(Cominch, 1811/15 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

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