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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.

RODNEY
and WARSPITE.

1. RODNEY with 3 Destroyers left Plymouth at 0640 today for Scapa; and WARSPITE with 3 Destroyers left the Clyde at 1538B also for Scapa.

KENT and
JAMAICA.

2. KENT and JAMAICA with one Destroyer arrived at Hvalfiord tonight for Akureyri.

U/B
sunk.

3. STARLING, sloop, of the 2nd Escort Group, reported at 1145Z that she was chasing near and H/F D/F bearing. At 11430Z she was hunting with the group in 56.12 N. 39.52 W. and at 2159B she reported as still hunting. At 0215Z on 2nd June, the U-boat (believed U.202) surfaced and surrendered, many prisoners being taken including the C.O.

UNTAMED
lost.

4. No sign of activity has been made by the S/M UNTAMED lying sunk in the Clyde exercise area since about 1830B on 30th May, and F.O.S. considers that there is now no possibility of any of her crew surviving. He points out that as UNTAMED is the second S/M lost recently in this area from unknown causes, it is of the utmost importance that she should be raised if possible so that the cause of sinking may be ascertained; and Admty. have approved his proposal that TEDWORTH should remain on the spot at least until her naval divers have been able to examine the hull of UNTAMED.

St.
Catherine's
Lighthouse
destroyed.

5. At 1125 the Lighthouse at St. Catherines, Isle of Wight, was destroyed, the boiler house wrecked, and 3 lighthouse-keepers buried by 4 M.E. 109 A/C which attacked with bombs and cannon.

Enemy
mines

6. In the Lyme Bay area 2 Ground Mines exploded spontaneously and 4 were detonated by Sweepers to-day; one was detonated to-day in Rye Bay, 2 in the Thames Estuary, 1 off Orfordness, 1 off Southwold, and 1 off Spurn Point.

North Atlantic.

7. At 1428, a U-boat was attacked by Hudson aircraft in 36.14 N. 07.33 W. No visible result although the aircraft remained in the vicinity for 54 minutes.

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South Atlantic.

Attack on
C.D.20

8. Convoy C.D.20 which was attacked on 28th May near Cape Agulhas and lost 2 ships, was again attacked by U-boat at 0805Z today in 31.08 S. 30.18 E. about 80 miles S.S.W. of Durban (A later report gives the position as 31.09 S. 29.13 E.). The Dutch Ship SALABANGKA, Swansea for Calcutta, was torpedoed and taken in tow by MASTERFUL but sank at 1700Z in bad weather after an explosion thought to be due to a second torpedo.

Mediterranean.

Eastern
Boundary
extended.

9. From today, the eastern boundary of Mediterranean Station is extended to the meridian of 20 degs. E. (or up to Benghazi and Corfu). Oran and Algeria sub-areas are established. The former extends from 02.13 W. to 01.20 W. under the Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Oran. The latter extends from 01.20 E. to 08.40 E under the Commodore Algeria. Other details of the re-organisation are outlined in C. in C. Mediterranean's 311542 May. Routeing position at present in use in the Central Mediterranean will shortly be published in Mediterranean Convoy Instructions. Meanwhile ships not holding Levant War Memoranda are to obtain these positions on their next occasion of visiting Algiers, Bone, Malta or Tripoli.

Pantellaria
Bombardment
PENELOPE.

10. The cruiser PENELOPE escorted by PALADIN and PETARD made a successful bombardment of Pantellaria at 1830 today in fair visibility. Hits were obtained in the barracks and No.2. battery area. Enemy batteries replied at from 10,600 to 11,200 yards, and PENELOPE was hit once, with little damage, and returned to Malta on June 2.

DZIK

11. The Polish DZIK reports that at 0715/25, 12 units N.E. of Cape Spartivento (toe of Italy) a 7,000 ton northbound tanker was attacked, and two hits heard. Five hours later the tanker was observed stationary and hissing furiously.

Operation
Marigold.

12. Submarine SAFARI reports the first half of Operation "Marigold" successful. One casualty is missing at Gonone. No prisoners were taken.

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

H.D.M.Ls.

13. In view of the acute shortage of harbour defence motor launches, C. in C. Levant intends to take over 1223 and 1252, ex TACTICIAN, intended for Turkey. They will be replaced by 1256 and 1296, due shortly in WELSH TRADER.

Air
Operations.

14. Thirteen R.A.F. Middle East Liberators and Halifaxes attacked the oil installation at Augusta, Sicily last night. Baltimore Light bombers on an anti-shipping sweep along the North East coast of Crete attacked and damaged a schooner in Misabella Bay, the vessel being last seen down by the stern. Beaufighter long range fighters attacked another schooner in the Aegean off Melos Island and left it smoking. Eighteen U.S. Marauders with fighter escort bombed Porto Ponte Romano, Sardinia scoring direct hits on the Customs house and causeway, with 3 near misses on a large merchant vessel. On the return journey the escorting Lightnings shot up gun positions and a naval vessel, causing explosions. Eighteen U.S. Mitchells with fighter escort attacked Terra Nova. A probable hit and near misses were scored on a 435 ft. merchant vessel, and a direct hit and near misses on a 410 ft. M/V. Attacks on Pantellaria were continued by 18 U.S. Lightnings, 19 U.S. Fortresses, 30 U.S. Lightnings escorting the Fortresses, and 14 U.S. Lightnings, all of which caused damage to gun positions and buildings and 2 hits on vessels in harbour. Stagnone seaplane base (Marsala, Sicily) was raided by 28 U.S. Warhawks, and 12 seaplanes destroyed and 6 damaged. A schooner and 3 small boats in the vicinity were shot up and left burning. At Porto Torres Harbour, Sardinia, 12 U.S. Lightnings bombed ships on either side of the pier, the dock area, and the town, gun positions and a factory at Stintino were shot up.

Enemy
Air
Operation.

X 15. Four bombs were dropped in the sea off Grand Harbour during a raid on Malta at 1550 by 22 plus enemy fighters and fighter bombers who approached at great height. 1 M.E.109 was probably destroyed.

Black
Sea.

X 16. N.L.O. Black Sea reports that during the first week of May, a Russian submarine operating off the west coast of the Crimea, torpedoed and sank 2 merchant vessels of 4000 and 6000 tons, one of which was carrying troops. During operations by Russian E and R-boats and naval aircraft between 24th and 28th May, 8 F barges and one Siebel ferry were sunk, and one merchant vessel set on fire.

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East Indies.

Indian
Ocean
Aircraft
Bases.

X 17. As the result of a conference at Nairobi today executive action is being taken to provide a number of bases for aircraft. Details are given in A.H.Q. East Africa's 011705C.

America and West Indies.

Shipping
Casualties.

18. S.S. MONTANA, while inbound on fire, collided with S.S. JOHN MORGAN, outbound, off Cape Henry at 0408Q. The latter ship exploded and sunk.

U.S. Joint
Staff College.

19. A United States Army and Navy Staff College is being organised in Washington to train staff officers for joint staffs, particularly in amphibious operations. The first course starts today and the second on August 1. The U.S. Chiefs of Staff have invited 3 British Officers as students on the second course, and the offer has been accepted.

Australia and New Zealand.

? 20. The U.S. Navy Department announced today the U.S. submarines in the Pacific and Far Eastern waters had sunk seven more Japanese vessels, a destroyer and six auxiliary ships, and had also damaged and probably sunk a large tanker.

21. POINT SAN PEDRO, American 3303 tons, was missed by 2 torpedoes at 0228Z in 27.18 S. 154. 10 E.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Trawlers
for
Liverpool.

Transfer of trawlers from Belfast to Liverpool is to commence on June 8th and to be completed as soon as practicable. (2) Trawlers concerned at sea on June 8th will be ordered to proceed to Liverpool on completion of duty. (3) F.O.I.C. Liverpool is to take over the allocation of trawlers to their respective duties. (C. in C. W.A. 011846B to F.O.I.C. N.I.)

21st.
M.G.B.
Flotilla.

M.G.B.'s 664, 677 and five more boats to be nominated later, will form the 21st M.G.B. Flotilla which is allocated to Dartmouth. (D.D.O.D.(C) 012259B to C. in C. Plymouth)

31st
M.T.B.
Flotilla.

M.T.Bs 650, 671, and 682 after working up are allocated to the 31st M.T.B. Flotilla at Yarmouth. (D.D.O.D.(C) 012300B to C. in C. Nore.)

11th
M.T.B.
Flotilla.

M.T.B.'s 348 and 351 plus 6 others to be nominated later are to form the 11th M.T.B. Flotilla based at Felixstowe. (D.D.O.D.(C), 012301B to C. in C. Nore)

Movements.KENT,
JAMAICA.

Akureyri departures at 2305B/31st R.A. 1st C.S. in KENT with JAMAICA and ECLIPSE. E.T.A. Hvalfiord 2000B/June 1st. Your 301804, refers. (A.C.I.C. 010053B to C. in C. H.F.) My 010053. Arrived. (A.C.I.C. 012752B to C. in C. H.F.)

S/M
Movements.

My 311345B sailed (UNBENDING). S.O.A. 9 knots. E.T.A. 1430B/3rd. (C. in C. Plymouth, 011025B and 011409B) Intend sailing SCIMITAR escorting URSULA from Lough Foyle buoy at 1930B/2nd by standard routes. Speed 8 knots arriving Rothesay 0830B/3rd. On arrival S.7 is requested to sail SCIMITAR for Lough Foyle escorting UNBENDING. (Cdre. D. W.A. 011631B)

Positions of S/M's at 0800B/2nd and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S.011724, 020144, 021507)

ONSLAUGHT,
MUSKETEER,
MAHRATTA.

After embarking passengers stores and mail in MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA destroyers addressed proceed pass Switha 1500/2nd routed West of Iceland Faroes mine barrier to Seidis Fjord. (2) On arrival complete with fuel thence act in accordance with C. in C. H.F.01325/141 para.11. (R.A.F. H.F.011456B to ONSLAUGHT, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA)

WARSPITE /...

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WARSPITE. Sailed WARSPITE in accordance with my 291146.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 011538B to C. in C. H.F.)

RAMILLIES,
ORKAN,
IROQUOIS. My 311657B (See special file), and S.O.E.418.
ORKAN and IROQUOIS are to part company 2000B/4th
and return to Plymouth. WENSLEYDALE continues
routed previously ordered. (2) S.O. of escort
will now be in ORKAN.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 011855B to RAMILLIES, etc.)

PRINS ALBERT. My 301202B. PRINS ALBERT returned Falmouth.
(F.O.I.C.Falmouth 011905B to F.O.C. Gibraltar)

MONOWAI. From position F steer direct to 360° Inishtrahull
5 miles, thence to destination. Omit G.
(D.O.D.(H) 011932B to MONOWAI)

Operations.

Coastal
Patrols. My 310954B. "Kettle" returned.
(F.O.I.C.Portland 010611B)
(2) BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE patrolling
southward of E.A. 5 buoy. (3) GREY SHARK,
GREY FOX immediate notice Newhaven during dark.
(4) M.L.346, 572 patrolling eastern approach channel.
(5) Chasseur 41 at St. Helens. GARTH, MEYNELL, LORD WAKEFIELD
at Yarmouth. (6) 3 M.L.'s from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N.
between 01° 45' W. and 2° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011220B and 012159B)
(1) BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE anti E-Boat patrol
tonight on latitude 50° 25' N. between 0° 15' W. and 1° 00' W.
passing F buoy at 2315 and 0500. Codeword "Advent".
(2) M.L.346, 572 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5
buoys. (3) GREY SHARK, GREY FOX immediate notice at Newhaven
from 2330 to 0300. Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011235B)
(1) Intend M.L.'s 269 (S.O) and 303 and 233 to patrol tonight
on lat. 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 011334B)
My 011334B. Cancelled owing to weather.
(F.O.I.C.Portland, 012026B)

S/M
Patrols. Estimated position TUNA 0800B/1st is 063° 55' N.
000° 50' E. diving by day, S.O.A. 65 miles per
day for Lerwick.
(F.O.S.010914B to S/M's)
HERRING leaving patrol so as to pass through
position G. 054° 30' N. 035° 01' W. at 0800B/3rd.
H. 054° 45' N. 027° 59' W. at 0800B/5th. J.055° 02' N. 022°
58' W. at 0100B/6th June. Onward route will be signalled.
Proceed diving by day as far as position H.
(F.O.S.011019B,011021B)

Request /...

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S/M Request you will recall SHAD to arrive Lerwick
Patrols. 6th June.
(Contd.) (F.O.S. 011024B to (?) Capt. S.9)
My 011019. Add 12 hours to time of passing
through position H and J.
(F.O.S. 011416B to Subron 50)
(F.O.S. 011419B to C. in C. W.A.)

Cancel my 011024.
(F.O.S. 011501B to Capt. S.9)
(B) SHAD patrolling vicinity 64° 50' N. 001° 25' W.
(C) TUNA 62° 54' N. 000° 17' E. dived by day towards Lerwick
advancing 65 miles per day.
(D) STUBBORN 62° 10' N. 001° 32' E. probably on surface, due
090° Muckle Flugga 10 miles at 0900B/3rd.
(E) TALLY HO 64° 06' N. 005° 28' W. to patrol vicinity 64° 45'
N. 005° 18' W.
(F) ULTIMATUM 62° 07' N. 001° 56' W. probably on surface to
Lerwick due 090° Muckle Flugga 5 miles at 0500B/3rd.
(G) TRUCULENT leaves Lerwick 1200B/2 through 090° Muckle Flugga
6 miles probably on surface but dived by day when North of 62°
N. towards 63° 25' N. 001° 40' W.
(H) SEADOG leaves Lerwick 1600B/2nd through 090° Muckle Flugga
7 miles probably on surface towards 63° 26' N. 000° 55' W.
(L) HAKE 54° 02' N. 037° 01' W. to patrol vicinity 53° 30' N.
037° 05' W.
(M) HERRING vicinity 54° 40' N. 038° 35' W.
(N) HADDO patrol near 51° 01' N. 034° 57' W.
(F.O.S. 011724 to Admty)

Allied Air Activity.

On day 31st May 6 A/C bombed Cherbourg, 12 A/C
attacked ship-yards at Flushing, and 12 A/C
bombed Zeebrugge.
(H.Q.B.C., 011230B)

Enemy Air Activity.

St. Following from N.O.I.C. Isle of Wight begins.
Catherines At 011125 St. Catherines Signal Station G.P.O.
Lighthouse Niton W/T and Lighthouse were attacked by
bombed. 4 ME.109 by bombs and cannon-fire.
No naval casualties.
Lighthouse received direct bomb hit. 3 light-
house keepers buried. Boiler house wrecked.
Ends.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011607B to Admty)

Mining.

Lyme My 312102B. "Stencil" sailed 0601.
Bay (F.O.I.C. Portland 010835B)
Area. OCEAN VIEW reports mine detonated in Sweep in
080° Berry Head 12.75 miles at 1011/31.
Mine believed to be German R-type.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 011018B)

Yarmouth /...

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

- Yarmouth. LL sweepers detonated one red magnetic mine at 0952 in 538° 3B buoy 3 miles.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 011003B), (Cdr M/S Lowestoft 021140B)
- Rye Bay. X Sweeping carried out in Rye Bay yesterday.
One red mine detonated in 50° 53' 16" N.
00° 51' 21" E.
(V.A. Dover, 011004B)
- Humber. Acoustic mine detonated 010943 305° H.2 buoy.
(F.O. Humber 011102)
- S.N.111C. Intend carrying out operation S.N.111 C as follows.
(A) Deep mine field from South to north (D)
(1) AGAMEMNON, PORT OF QUEBEC, CASTLETON, NEWARK, ST. MARY'S LANCASTER and SCOTT. (2) C. in C. H.F.
is requested detail 1 cruiser (and?) air escort is requested when outside the north Minch. Codeword "Vertigo". Details.
(R.A.M. 011102B)
- Mining results in Danish waters. X (1) May 6th Danish SS. CUMMO 492 tons mined and sunk near Kattegat Syd lightship.
May 7th Cutter number 164 BODIL mined and sunk in position 54° 35.5' N. 11° 08' E.
May 12th reference my 131110 LUOSSA mines 8 miles south east of Moen lightship.
May 13th M.S. SVALEN mined and sunk North of Brandso. May 15th German M.S. ARUSA mines near Tangen 15½ miles off Hals. German Schooner mined and sunk in position 54° 58.3' N. 11° 02' E. (All graded A.2)
(2) Reference my 181241 GNEISENAU (18160 tons) reported mined in Fehman Leixt (graded C.3 repetition C.3)
(N.A. Stockholm, 011114 to Admt)
- Q.U.4. My 291132N postponed a further 24 hours.
(C. in C. Nore, 011214B to BEEHIVE)
- Harwich. 1 ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1145 in 51° 48.3' N. 01° 28.7' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 011236.)
One ground mine detonated by F.M.S. at 0731 in 51° 56.8' N. 01° 43.4' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 011341B and 021208B)
One ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1346 in 52° 03' N. 01° 48' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 011433B and 012254B)
- Thames Estuary. One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1123B/31 in 534° Sunk Head Tower 1.32 miles.
(Capt. M/S, Sheerness, 011603B)

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H.V.6. Carry out operation H.V.6 0700B/3rd June.
Initial position 050° 52'.4N. 005° 45'.1 W.
119° 3 miles.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 011821B to PLOVER)

Enemy Intelligence.

Off Eddystone. WENSLEYDALE investigating unidentified plot
in position 210 Eddystone l2. If nothing seen
by 0400 return Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 010222B to QUORN)

ALBATROSS Minelayer ALBATROSS fully loaded with mines passed
on 20th through Great Belt northbound May 20th. A.2.
May. (N.A. Stockholm, 011801)

U-Boat exercises (1) 8 U-Boats accompanied by 4 escort vessels,
off 2 gunboats and 4 transports observed at anchor
Bornholm. off Tegn May 15th. (2) 10 U-Boats accompanied
by 3 escort vessels and one gunboat anchored for
night between Allinge and Tegn May 18th.
Graded A.2.
(N.A. Stockholm 011809)

Cherbourg. Photographs taken at 31/1130/B/ show Cherbourg.
Since 28 May one Elbing D/R, two T/B 280 ft have
arrived and one Wolf T/B and three E/R boats have
departed. Naval shipping now comprises one
Elbing D/R, two Moewe, two T/B 290 ft. nine E/R Boats, one
Submarine chaser, and seven T.T.T. Merchant shipping shows
no change.
(R.A.F. Medmenham, 012330B)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported On day 30th May. 4 Whitleys of 10 O.T.U. complet-
or ed A/S patrol. A U-Boat was sighted and an
attacked attack developed. Depth charges were dropped
in Biscay which photographs show exploding about 100 feet
Area. astern and slightly to starboard of the fully
surfaced U-Boat.
(H.Q.B.C. 011230B)
D/F Bearings at 1840Z and 2045 indicate U-Boats
in approx. 47° 20' N. 22° W. and 48° N 19° W.
respectively.
(D.D.I.C. 012330B to Escorts C.U.2.)

Navigational.

Workington. Port of Workington is now open to all vessels.
To obtain maximum draught for safe entry deduct
8 ft. 6 ins from predicted height of tide.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 012030B to Admty)

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- CORMULL. Departure tugs PRIZEMAN and SCOTSMAN towing SS. CORMULL by inshore route. E.T.A. Humber 2100 today. N.C.S.O.Thames 310559 refers. (F.O.I.C.Gt. Yarmouth, 010540B)
- UNTAMED. Arrivals V. RANGER. Reference my 311833B is proceeding to join CHIEFTAIN. (N.O.I.C.Campbeltown, 010601B to F.O.I.C.Liverpool) Following from Cdr. S.3 in TEDWORTH, begins.
- (1) Divers are now on S/M which is lying on an even keel. 011128B. (2) 011128B. Diver reports no response to tapping. 011230B Ends. (N.O.I.C.Campbeltown, 011430B to F.O.S.)
- Following from Cdr. S.3 in TEDWORTH (Begins): Salvage Company has taken charge in conjunction with TEDWORTH and are placing lifting craft. Further examination by Divers cannot take place before to-morrow. WOLFE and USURPER will be detached p.m. today after latter has been seen by Diver. Propose returning to Campbeltown in USURPER. T.O.O.011430B. (N.O.I.C.Campbeltown, 011750B)
- My 011430B. Diver reports bottom is hard flat sand. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 011911B to Admty)
- S.3 reports that there has been no definite sign of activity in UNTAMED (P.58) since about 1830B on 30th May. Divers located submarine this forenoon on even keel but got no response to tapping on hull. Regret I now consider there is no possibility of any of crew surviving. (2) UNTAMED is the second submarine that has been lost in Clyde exercise area recently from unknown causes which is most disconcerting. It is therefore of the utmost importance that she should be raised if possible so that the cause of sinking be ascertained beyond doubt. (3) As no chance of saving life now remains I propose that the operations be turned over to the salvage authorities who are on the spot and all naval vessels withdrawn except TEDWORTH. She should remain till no longer required by the salvage authorities and at any rate till her naval divers have been able to examine the hull of UNTAMED to ascertain whether there is any external evidence of the cause of the sinking. (4) A submarine of similar class is being left available in the neighbourhood for comparison purposes. (F.O.S.011944B to Admty)
- Your 011944, para. 3. Approved. (D.O.D.(H), 01215B to F.O.S.)
- HESPERIA. Rescue tug HESPERIA arrived Greenock to be taken in hand for defects. (F.O.I.C.Greenock, 011018B) HESPERIA has returned to Campbeltown. (N.O.I.C.Campbeltown, 011502B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)
- Sailed Rescue Tug HESPERIA for Greenock for stores and repairs. E.T.A. 2300B. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 011730B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- A.F.D.18. Arrived SAMSONIA. (Cdre. D. W.A. 010945B to C. in C. W.A.)

AUBRIETIA /...

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Casualties and Defects. - Contd.

AUBRIETIA. E.T.A. Merville midnight 1st June. Request permission to postpone fuelling until after boiler cleaning to make good defects in fuel tank. (AUBRIETIA, 011115Z to N.O.I.C.Londonderry)

WORCESTER. Your 011643. Intend to part with "Railway" at 51 Buoy. Main feed line fractured in 3 places by near miss mine. Pipe can be landed for repair after securing. A/S gear out of action. (WORCESTER, 011807B to C. in C. Nore)

LARIAT. A.M.301614B May. Arrived rescue Tug LARIAT with engine and D.G. defects. (F.O.I.C.Milford Haven, 012359B)

Shipping and Convoys.

"Stipple" signals. A.M.071612B. ^(p. 236, May W.D.) Delete para. 3 and substitute: Begins: This signal will be prefixed by the code name "Stipple" which will signify that the priorities are approved by C. in C. W.A. Convoys will be grouped in the following categories and named also in their own categories in the order of priority: (A) Definitely threatened or being attacked, or convoys of special importance. Convoys in this category require air cover. (B) May require air cover in the near future, with indication of date. (C) Troop convoys including Monsters which have not repetition not been included in category (A). Air cover is required for these if aircraft are available after allowing for commitments in categories (A) and (B). (D) Standing out of danger; unlikely to require cover tomorrow. Ends. (2) Naval addressees are requested to pass to associated R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Commands as from A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command. (A.C.N.S.(H), 010125B to C's in C.)

H.X.240. Your 312320B. My position 56° 13' N.
E.G.2. 038° 08' W. at 0700Z/1st June. Weather 8572
H.X.241. 1312.
(STARLING, 010900B to Admty)
Alter course as necessary to intercept and support H.X.No.241. Intention is that you shall cover H.X.241 until past estimated patrol line of U-Boats and then return and cover S.C.132 through same area proceeding to U.K. as soon as S.C.132 is clear. Signal will be made when it is considered that you should transfer but you should anticipate this movement if you consider it desirable in consequence of information in your possession on the spot.
(C. in C. W.A. 011029B to E.G.2)
Am chasing near H/F D/F bearing on course 312°.
(STARLING, 011145Z to C. in C. W.A.)
My 011029B. Route of convoys are at present indefinite.
On crossing 040° W. steer for 052° N. 044° W.
(C. in C. W.A. 011205B to E.G.2)
Am hunting U-Boat with the group in 056° 12' N. 039° 52' W.
(STARLING, 011430Z to C. in C. W.A.)

My /...

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H.X.240. My 011430Z. Am still hunting.
E.G.2. (STARLING, 012159B to C. in C. W.A.)
H.X.241.
(Contd.)

AMARAPOORA. My 1210/30. Sailed from Barry Roads. E.T.A.
Gibraltar June 6th.
(N.C.S.O. Newport, Mon. 011300B to Admty)

T.A. 45. F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail SS. MARIPOSA
to New York when ready (about 3rd June).
(D.O.D. (H), 011347)

Escort Ships are allocated as follows.
Group (1) Destroyers (A) to Londonderry, B.1 VERSATILE.
allocations. B.4 WALKER, B.7 VANSITTART. (B) to Liverpool,
B.2 VESPER, B.5 WESTCOTT, B.6 FROBISHER.
(2) Sloops (A) to Liverpool 37th group STORK.
(B) to Greenock 4th group WOODCOCK, REDPOLE. (3) Frigates
(A) to Londonderry. 3rd Group. DERG, TOWY, HELFORD, USK, ETTRICK.
B.1 GLENARM. 38th Group TAVY. 39th Group FAL.
(B) to Liverpool. B.6 BARLE, (B.3 CUCKMERE. (4) Previous
allocations are cancelled where not applicable.
(C. in C. W.A. 011658B)

WORCESTER- On arrival in U.K. about 6th June request you will
SHIRE. sail WORCESTERSHIRE to Southampton for conversion
to M.O.W.T.
(D.O.D. (F), 011701B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

O.N.S.9. Preliminary D/F bearings at 1522Z indicate
U-Boat possibly in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 011748B to Escorts O.N.S.9, E.G.40.)

OCEAN (1) OCEAN FREEDOM floated 0100B today by Russians
FREEDOM. and beached Western shore Kola Inlet 0600B.
(N.O.I.C. Murmansk, 011915B to S.B.N.O. North Russia)

Irish F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to assume
Sea operational control of the Irish Sea Escort force
Escort from F.O.I.C. N.I. at the earliest convenient
Force. date. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven will be required to
deal with Commodore reports of B.B. convoys, and
only matters in connection with the I.S.E.F. that
affect policy or the command as a whole should be
referred to me.
(C. in C. W.A. 01211B)

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O.S. 49
K.M.S.16.

(1) A/S escort (a) to Freetown. KEPPEL S.O.
BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, LOBELIA, ACONIT.
(b) To Gibraltar, ROSELYS, RENONCULE, FLORES.
(II) F.O.I.C.Gib. is requested subsequently to
sail ROSELYS, RENONCULE to join S.L.151.
(C. in C. W.A. 012346B to N.O.I.C.Greenock)

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North Atlantic.

TEVIOT Following is a repetition of my 311156 (begins).
 BERGAMOT Intend to sail TEVIOT, BERGAMOT, HYDERABAD, BRYONY,
 etc. return OXLIP and ERNE to U.K. at 2130 May 31st routed
 to U.K. through.

(A) 35.46 North 06.23 West. (B) 37.18 North 11.59
 West. (C) 39.59 North 13.30 West. (D) 44.59 North
 13.30 West.

Thence as ordered by C. in C.W.A. S. of A. 12½ knots, codeword
 "Autumn"

(2) ERNE has one engine defective.

(3) C. in C.W.A. 161456 May amended by his 271448 May refer. (Ends)
 (F.O. Gibraltar 010928B to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty. H.Q.C.C.
 C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth. Cdre.W.A.).

K.M.S.15

My 311309 amendments to list.

(F.O. Gibraltar 010937B to F.O.'s 1/c and N.O.'s
 I/C French North Africa (except N.O.I.C.
 Casablanca) Admty. Connav etc.).

K.M.S.15 sailed as in my 311309 amended by my 010937 and as
 in my 311752 (N.T. in W.R.) plus FINISTERRE for Algiers less
 (5 ships). Cdre., Cdr. Hayward R.N.R. in CITY OF CANBERRA).
 (F.O. Gibraltar 012100).

Dispositions

Situation 1959B/1st.

WORCESTERSHIRE 042 degs. 01' 024 degs. 42' 013
 degs. 13.

(2) TRUSTY 021 degs. 52' 020 degs. 59' through
 026 degs. 10' 020 degs. 59' at 1930B/2nd thence 040 degs. on the
 surface 11 knots.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 011108B).

Situation 1958B/1st.

T.A.43 unescorted 043 degs. 36' 029 degs. 45' through 040 degs.
 01' 036 degs. 01' thence 265 degs. 19½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 011154B).

U/B

My 041030 May and your 292221 April.

Survivors

Not yet possible to establish exact position in
 which S/M sank.

landed at

Survivors were picked up approx. about equidistant
 from Morayra Cape and Point Ifach according to
 fishermen who rescued them.

Altea (Spain).

(N.A. Madrid 011310B to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.).

U.G.S.8A.

TAG. Section U.G.S.8 A. arrived with Task Force 66
 and Task Group 21.3.

(Commorseafron 011520Z to C. in C. Med. (W) (R)
 Port Director New York etc.).

Axis

E.ILLUECA with German cargo sail from Alicante

Shipping

2100 May 31st for Gulf of Lions Port. J.ILLUECA and

Alicante

CARMEN FREIXAS both at Alicante loading German
 cargoes sailing shortly.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar 011529B to S/M (8) Flot. LA
 SULTANE, ARETHUSE (R) Capt.(S) 8, S.O.(I) Med.).

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Convoy X.K.8. Sailing telegram (7 ships). (2) 1400B/1. (4) 8 knots. (6) CLARE, TEST, TRENT. (F.O. Gibraltar 011535B, 011537B).

U/B reported sunk. X French Admiral reports as follows. Coastal R/C Flights 28th, 29th May S/M of unknown nationality sunk off Dragonera Is. (Balearic Is.) 14 survivors rescued by Spanish Warships and landed at Valencia 30th by Spanish Destroyer VELASCO. Ends. Please telegraph comments for guidance as to reliability of such report. (Green Leaves, Casablanca 011645A to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty. for D.N.I.).

Neutral Shipping Routes. Your 1710/18th these routes have been communicated to Ministry of Marine. (N.A.Madrid 011756B to Admty.).

TOTLAND Intend sailing TOTLAND on completion of defects to overtake and act as additional escort to X.K.8. My 302013 May refers. (F.O.C. Gibraltar 011808B to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.).

TRUSTY My position 2001Z/1st June 021 degs. 35' N. 020 degs. 57' W. S. of A. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (2) Expect to pass through (1) position (D) at 2245Z/2nd. (2) 035 degs. N. at 1930Z/5th (3) position (E) at 2330Z/6th and overtake (?escorting vessel) in accordance with F.O.C.W.A. 281500Z at position (G). (3) Request appropriate amendment to bombing restrictions. (TRUSTY 012042Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.A. (R) F.O.S.).

Probable U/B Following from Agadir plane reports probable sub sighting 26.23 N. 15.52 W. at 010655A. (C.M.S.F.F. 012200Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty.).

Casablanca Movements. Arrivals June 1st French COMMANDANT DELAGE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, ANNAMITE, LA GRACIEUSE, CHASSEUR II, U.S.S. CARD LUDLOW, DOYLE INGHAM, UPSHUR, WOOLSEY, BRISTOL, BIBB BABBIT, GREER, PIONEER, PORTER, THREAT, P.C.471, 481, 474 ESCALANTE. (C.M.S.F.F. 012230Z to C. in C. Med. (W)).

L.C.I.(L)'s. Arrived Flight 9, 301 L.C.I.(L) 278, 281, 286, 259, 136, 308, 289, 280, 318, 303, 123, 257, 294, 122, 284, 313, 292, 316, 261. (F.O. Gibraltar 012245 to Admty. (R) Cdre. Amphibious Force, N.W. African Waters, C. in C.M.F. S.B.N.O.W.A. B.A.D. Comlan crabnaw).

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Movements Gibraltar. Departure K.M.S.15 escorted by U.S.S. YEW for Oran PIROUETTE, FOXTROT. U.S. Destroyers RHIND, ROWAN, NIBLACK, and BENSON, JAUNTY, CHAMPLIN, for Algiers TWOSTEP for Bougie, LAUDERDALE for Tripoli. SHARPSHOOTER, CHARLES MCIVER for Malta. ALYNBANK M/M103, 105, 106 for Alexandria. MARIE LOUISE MACKAY for Algiers.
(F.O. Gibraltar 012315B to Admty. etc.).

Axis Shipping Cartagena Spanish REUS and ROSEN ILLUECA expected to leave Cartagena tonight for Barcelona or Port Vendres with German cargo.
(F.O.C.N.A. 012336B to 8th S/M Flot. LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE)

Air Report. A.I.547 1st June. Op. Summ. No. 21 for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 1st June, 1943.
(g) Sightings and attacks. At 1118/1 36.08 N. 08.18 W. U-boat sighted on surface C.O. (?090) degs. 15 kts. by Hud. H. 233 but completely submerged when A/C still at 2000 ft. No attack. At 1428 (or 1425)/ position 36.14 N. 07.33 W. U-boat C.O.090 degs. 12 (?kts) attacked on surface by Hud. A/48 without visible results. U-boat submerged and A/C remained in vicinity for 54 mins. Nothing further seen.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar 012336Z).

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W.S. 30,
Escorts,
lack of
destroyers.

Your 311554 not to C. in C. E.F.
QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NORMAN and CATTERICK from
Pointe Noire. Of these first two were with
W.S.29 off S.E. Coast of Madagascar until 29.
(2) Since E.F. destroyers have been detached to
S.A. Command it has not been possible for a single
one to be employed as striking force with a
coastal convoy. Their employment has been
dictated by the requirements of W.S. convoys,
capital ships, and monsters. Furthermore much
of their steaming time is accounted for by
unproductive passages from Madagascar to Pointe
Noire a distance of 3700 miles.
(3) Recent incidents in U-Boat warfare in S.A.
waters indicate that an increasing effort will
be made to attack coastal convoys despite
maximum available surface and air escort.
Surface escort by trawlers precludes offensive
action when attack develops owing to the
negligible margin of speed of these vessels
over their consorts.
(4) It is therefore for consideration that W.S.
convoys at least as far as the Cape should be
self-sufficient in A/S escorts.
(C. in C. S.A., 011555B to Admty., (R) F.O.C.W.A.,
C. in C. E.F.)
(Received in W.D. 9.6.1943, delayed due to
signal being indecypherable).

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- NORMAN. Sailed NORMAN to Capetown passing through 034° 24' S. 024° 50' E. and 035° 02' S. 020° 01' E. S. of A. 18 knots. E.T.A. Capetown 0600Z/3rd June. 2. Shifts to W/T group S.L. at 0800Z/2nd June. (Cdre.i/c. Durban 010931Z, 011304Z to Admty. etc.)
- Movements. Arrival 1712Z/31 May, FANDANGO escorting. (S.O. (I) Freetown 011014Z to H.B.M. Consul General, Monrovia. (R) Admty.)
- ALCANTARA. (1) Intend to sail ALCANTARA at 0700Z/2nd June for Dakar routed through 009° 27' N. 014° 27' W. B. 010° 23' N. 017° 08' W. C. 011° 57' N. 017° 37' W. D. 014° 26' N. 017° 33' W. S. of A. 16 knots, E.T.A. 1600Z/3rd June. (2) Comar Dakar is requested to sail ALCANTARA p.m. 6th June for Tunis. (F.O.C.W.A. 011023Z. to Comar Dakar (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty.)
- STIRLING CASTLE, ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE. Your 301741 STIRLING CASTLE, ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE. Request chop dates. (F.O.C. W.Af. 011101Z. to F.O.I.C. Gib.)
- W.S.30. Your 312048 May. Route for W.S.30 (? is) as in my 271122 April from position "Jig". (C. in C. S.A. 011135B. to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, B.N.L.O. W.Af. SUFFOLK.)
- FLORA MACDONALD. (torp. 30/5.) U.S. ship FLORA MACDONALD torpedoed at approx. 2249Z/30th May in 07° 15' N. 013° 20' W. and on fire. Arrived Freetown under tow a.m. 1st June still burning. Crew total 66 taken off. Two dead. (S.O. (I) Sierra Leone 011407Z, 011838Z. to Admty. (R) Opnav, U.S.N.O. Freetown, C.G. Monrovia.)
- COMMANDANT DETROYAT. Departure 1st June. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 011440Z. to Admty. etc.)
- Attacks on U/Bs. My 252027A. November. No assessments made during May of attacks in your area. (D.A/S.W. 011519B. to F.O.C. W.Af.)
- CARTHAGE etc. Amend time given in para. 3 of my 301002 to with C.M.42. 1200Z/3. (Cdre. Durban 011539Z. to Admty. C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F. F.O.E.A.)
- GAMBIA. Arrival 1115 1st June. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 011602Z. to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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- ILE DE FRANCE. Sail ILE DE FRANCE for Freetown when ready via
(C) 24.01 S. 39.58 W. (D) 17.59 S. 34.02 W.
(E) 08.01 S. 31.03 W. (F) Equator 27.15 W.
(G) 07.20 N. 23.10 W. (H) 08.35 N. 15.30 W.
(Cominch C. & R. 011608Z. to N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro
(R) Comsolant for Admty., N.S.H.Q. F.O.C. W.A.)
- Movements, BOHEMIAN CLUB U.S. sailed Recife 1630Z/31st
Recife. escorted U.S. Cruiser MARBLEHEAD and U.S. Destroyer
MOFFETT, E.T.A. Ascension 5th June.
(A.S.O. (I) Recife 011657Z. to Admty. (R) S.O. (I)
Freetown (S.L.) C. in C. S.A. B.N.S.O. Rio de
Janeiro.)
- GAMBIA. Intend sailing GAMBIA from Bathurst to ? U.K.
(Liverpool) 3rd June actual route A. 016° N. 021°
W. B. 045° N. 020° 59' W. C. 048° N. 018° W.
thence as ordered by (? C. in C. W.A.) (2) GAMBIA
to shift to Home Station W/T organisation on crossing (? 043°) N.
(F.O.C.W.A. 011713Z. to C. in C. W.A. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C.
Med. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty. GAMBIA.)
- M.L.244. Departure 1st June. M.L.244 Accra. E.T.A. 0600Z
2nd June.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 011827Z. to Admty.)
- W.S.30. My 312048 para. 2. insert new position Z. 001° 52'
S. 005° 12' E. between positions D. and E. Para.6
delete BOADICEA and add WITCH.
(F.O.C.W.A. 011844Z. to Admty. etc.)
- Escorted Intend to sail DUCHESS OF RICHMOND, ORDUNA,
Sailings HIGHLAND PRINCESS and ELIZABETHVILLE at 0645Z/4th
for Dakar June escorted by BRIDGEWATER, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM
and and BELLWORT. Route:- (A) 010° 21' N. 016° 40' W.
Casablanca. (B) 011° 43' 017° 59'. (C) 013° 37' 017° 59'.
(D) 014° 26' 017° 33' thence to Dakar S. of A. 9½,
E.T.A. 1400Z/6th June. 2. DUCHESS OF RICHMOND will
be detached at daylight 6th June to proceed
independently to U.K. 3. Comar Dakar is request to sail ORDUNA,
HIGHLAND PRINCESS and HOGGAR escorted by ANTELOPE, MALCOLM
Fr. Sloop DUMONT D'URVILLE and LA BIERE to Casablanca as soon as
possible by following:- (E) 018° 07' N. 17° 19' W. (F) 021° 29'
017° 42' (G) 025° 36' 016° 48'. (H) 030° 18' 011° 057°.
(J) 033° 22' 009° 16' thence to Casablanca, S. of A. 10 knots.
4. Comar Dakar is requested to signal expected sailing Dakar
E.T.A. Casablanca and time of shifting to North Atlantic W/T
organization as soon as known. 5. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is
requested to give orders for onward sailing of ORDUNA, HIGHLAND
PRINCESS, and MALCOLM from Casablanca.
(F.O. West Africa 012047Z to Comar Dakar, F.O.I.C. Gib.
Commorseafron, (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)
As amended F.O. West Africa 022201, 031927.

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U-Boat.

Following read. One S/M on surface, estimated position at 2110, 006° 51' N. 012° 09' W. (SNOWDROP 012134Z. to Freetown.)

S/M sighted on surface at 2110Z/1st in 006° 51' N. 012° 09' W.

(F.O.C. W.Af. 012231Z. to S. in Areas P.2. P.3. (R) Admt.)

R.D.F. contact and S/M wake sighted 006° 51' N. 012° 09' W. at 2110Z. (?Lengthy) R.D.F. contact chased at 2156Z. Am rejoining STANDELLA with who I was detached at dusk. Course 294° 10 knots. (SNOWDROP 012234Z. to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) BRIDGEWATER.)

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Mediterranean.

U/B sighted by A/C. Following has been read. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in position 34° 50' N. 14° 05' E. probably a surface vessel. (A/C 1934 010005B.)
Following read. My 0005 P.C. and S. of enemy submarine on surface 34° 50' N. 14° 05' E. 145 6. (A/C 1934 010042.)

Hopper W.11 collision. Hopper W.11 beached in area three after collision with wreck of W.19. Vessel listed to starboard with deck awash at H.W. stern afloat. Crew quarters and side buoyancy chamber flooded. Pumping operations in hand. (S.C.E. Aden 010551Z to C.E. in C.Admt.)

Op. "Marigold" P.211 (SAFARI.) Operation "Marigold". ^(Landing military personnel, E. Coast of Sardinia) 1st half successful, 1 casualty missing at Gonone. No prisoners. Passing through 038° 45' 009° 15' at 0630 June 2nd. My position is 040° 00' 010° 23'. Weather report 9060 1500. (P.221 (SAFARI) 010601B to C. in C.Med. (R) Capt. S.8.)

Your 010601, acknowledged. Well done all. Pass 038° 45' 009° 15' at 0630/2nd and 037° 10' 007° 50' at 0630/3rd June. N.O.I.C. Bone Informed. (Capt. S.8 010952B to P.211 (SAFARI) (R) 8th S/M Flot. Capt. S.10)

M.E.Air Report. A.681 June 1. Daily Opsum 34 30/31 May. No operations.
31 May 4 Beaufighter bombers anti shipping R/C Aegean, 1 returned early engine trouble escorted by second Beaufighter, remainder attacked a Caique about 100 tons off Thermia Island bombs overshoot many hits with cannon fire. Following delayed details 30 May 3 Beaufighters anti shipping recce West Coast Greece 1 M/V 800 tons carrying deck cargo hay attacked off Cephalonia vessel left with cargo blazing. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 010834Z to Air Min.)

Beirut Movements. 31 May '43. Departures JENNET, M.Ls. 350, 348. (S.O.I. Beirut 010855C to Admt. (R) C. in C. Levant.)

G.U.S.8. Additions to his 291308. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 010902 to Cdre. Algiers, etc.)

Alexandria Movements. Arrivals 31st May. DELPHINIUM, SOEMBA, BURRA, LA MOQUEUSE, G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS.
Departures 31st May, HURSLEY, ROMEO. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 010911C to Admt. C. in C.Levant.)

/M.G.B....

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M.G.B. M.T.B. Patrol. Intend sailing M.G.B. 643 (S.O.) 647, and M.T.B. 656 at 1600B/1st for patrol off Pantellaria and towards Trapani. Arriving area 2130B/1st and leaving 0430B/2nd. E.T.A. Bizerta 1000B/2nd. Fighter protection "Bootleg", 3.
(F.O.I.S. 011017 to C. in C.Med. S.O. Force Q, PENELOPE.)

Black Sea. 1. Enemy shipping A. During first week of May a Russian Submarine torpedoed - sank off West Coast of Crimea 2 merchant ships of 4000 and 6000 tons. One of these vessels was carrying troops. B. During operations of Russian E. and R. Boats and naval aircraft in Rawsaba Straits area on May 24th 6 F. Barges were sunk and merchant vessel set on fire and on May 28th 2 F. Barges were sunk. On May 25th Russian R. Boat sank Siebel Ferry.
2. Russian schooner KRASNAOPI GRUZIA was sunk during landing operations South East Novorossisk in February (?1943.)
3. Enemy air activity. along Caucasus Coast this has been confined to R/C. In area (3 corrupt groups) enemy has carried out several large scale attacks on Russian positions. (Numbers of enemy planes brought down.)
4. Land. No change in general situation in Kuban and Novorossisk areas. Enemy are attacking in area N.E. of Novorossisk but Russians are repulsing all attacks and inflicting heavy losses.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 011050C to Admty. etc.)

K.M.S.15/
U.G.S.8A F.O.C.Gib. pass to Commodore and escorts K.M.S. 15/U.G.S.8A. My 311059 May. H.M. Tug EMPIRE NED for Bizerta, U.S. Ship W.R. CHAMBERLAIN for Delys.
(U.S. N.O.B. Oran 011104B to Admty. F.O.C.Gib. C. in C.Med. Connav, (R) N.O.I.C. Bizerta, N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

LEOPARD. Please pass following from S.F.N.F. Levant to F.N.F.L. London (begins): Present is situation regarding F.S. LEOPARD. A Bank of soft sand has formed to depth of 5 feet to seaward and astern of ship. Pumping gained until 0200C/31st May since when level has remained steady. Towing succeeded in moving vessel about 6 feet astern but failed to drag her through sandbank, about 1000 tons of water in vessel. This is potentially reduced by compartments. Weather calm and ships company returned to ship. (Ends). S.O. (I) Levant 301625 refers.
(?via Alexandria W/T 011241C to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, for Adm. Auboyneau.)

Malta. Situation report for week ending 29 May 1943.
4. Convoy. K.M.S.14 arrived from west 23 May. 3 M/Vs, 1 salvage vessel, 2 small naval vessels personnel, few details cargo, practically all coal. 24 May, 3 tankers, 2 M/Vs, left Malta. M.W.28 discharged 21942 tons, 1239 tons remained to discharge.
(Govr. Malta 011250B.)

/Situation...

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Situation Report No. 101. First and Eighth Armies, N.A.T.A.F. and N.A.A.F. pass N.L.Os.

1. During the night 29 May/30 May PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE carried out sweep along East Coast of Sicily and M.G.Bs. from Bizerta operated as a striking force to intercept any E-Boats minelaying activity in the war channel.

2. Convoy of three merchant vessels was attacked by two F.W. off Cape St. Vincent at 1300/30. SS. LLANCARVAN was sunk. There were no casualties.

3. ORION escorted by TROUBRIDGE and PETARD carried out bombardment of Pantellaria between 0100/31 and 0200/31. 150 rounds of six inch and some smaller calibre from destroyers all fell in the inner harbour. No appreciable opposition was encountered. There was no damage or casualties in H.M.Ships.

4. During the night 30 May/31 May ISIS and ILEX carried out patrol North of Pantellaria and JERVIS and G.S. QUEEN OLGA operated off East Coast of Sicily. Motor torpedo boats and Motor gun boats from Bizerta swept between Cape Granitola and Castellammare, and M.T.Bs. from Malta between Licata and Corrienti Island.

5. 12 mines were swept in Bizerta Roads and six North of Cape Bon. Many obstructors have been encountered in area East of Cape Bon Peninsula. 30 were swept with no mines on 30th May and 89 with 15 mines on 31 May.

6. DZIK reports at 0715/25 in position 12 miles North East of Cape Spartivento (Italy) attacked 7000 ton northbound tanker. Two hits were heard and five hours later the vessel was observed stationary and burning furiously.
(C. in C.Med. 011300B to Admty. etc.)

H.D.M.Ls. In view of acute shortage H.D.M.Ls. intend to take over 1223 and 1252 ex TACTICIAN and destined for Turkey. H.D.M.Ls. 1256 and 1296 due shortly in WELSH TRADER will be sent to Turkey in lieu. Your 101920 May and 150319 April refers.
(C. in C.Levant 011359C to Admty. (R) B.N.A. Ankara, C.F.E. MOSQUITO.)

U/Bs. R.A.F. report 2 submerged S/Ms in 037° 00' N. (004°?) 15' E. at 1320B.
(S.O.12th C.S. 011409B to C. in C.Med. (R) PENELOPE, HUSSAR, MELBREAK, N.O.I.C. Malta, N.O.I.C. Sousse.)

N.W.A.A.F. Report. N.W. African Air Forces Opsum May 31. N.W.African Strategic Air Force. 28/29 May. In addition to information already given Wellingtons dropped 4 x 500 S Ninfa. Also prevented enemy aircraft landing after raid on Sousse.

31 May. 26 Fortresses (B.17) 4 returned early airfield installations Foggia. Target well covered, 2 large fires observed. 27 Fortresses (B.17), 8 returned early, Foggia airfield. Fires observed Hangar Aero among administration buildings, and along southwest boundary of field. 28 Fortresses (B.17), 2 returned early, Foggia marshalling yards.

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N.W.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) 20 Marauders (B.26) escort 12 Warhawks (P.40) 18 Mitchells, escort 12 Lightnings (P.38), 24 Lightnings (P.38) Pantellaria. 4 separate attacks. 13 Lightnings (P.38) 2 returned early. Cagliari. Hits on numerous buildings and barracks. 14 Lightnings (P.38) Santa Catarina Power Station, Sardinia. Explosion with fires and smoke observed. 400 foot M/V damaged at Polte Pomano. 26 Lightnings (P.38.) 3 returned early Guspini Sardinia. Hits on factory buildings and barracks area.

N.W.African Tactical Air Force. 31 May. 12 Warhawks P.40. 3 Missions Pantellaria, 12 x 500 demolition bombs. Direct hit on group of houses. (H.Q.N.W.A.A.F. Adv., 011359B, 011417Z.)

LA SULTANE. LA SULTANE leaves patrol through 042° 00' 007° 40' at 1600/3rd 038° 43' 003° 41' at 0500/6th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 57' 003° 09' at 0700/7th. (Capt. S.8 011430B to 8th S/M Flot. ARETHUSE, LA SULTANE, (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Capt. S.10, N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Enemy Units. Following read via Alexandria W/T. P.C. and S. of 3 enemy merchant vessels of 10,000 tons Cape Colonne 275° speed slow 2 A/C escorting at (?1225B.) (A.H.Q.Malta 011430B to all ships.)

P.R.U. June 1st visuals. 1150 Taranto 2 battleships, 2 cruisers. 1105 no major naval units. (N.O.I.C. Malta 011434B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

P.47 (DOLPHIN) information Enemy reporting a submarine off Cape Zaffarano at 1145 today. (Capt. S.8 011502B to P.47 (DOLPHIN).)

MAURITIUS. Arrival 0656Z departure 1502Z. (Com. Aden 011504Z to A.I.G. 85.)

Enemy Intelligence. Special intelligence summary section E. para. 39. Asdic transmissions have also been heard. (Capt. S.1 011551C to A.M. S/M P.339 (R) G.S. KATSONIS, PARTHIAN.)

German repatriation N. Africa. X Original German proposal was for repatriation direct from N.African ports in Axis shipping with Barcelona as alternative. 2. It was assumed that Barcelona was preferable but your 291715B May suggests that entry of Axis shipping into N.African ports may be acceptable in which case use of Barcelona would be unnecessary.

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patriation
N.Africa.
(Contd.)3. Request you report your views and nominate
ports of embarkation.
(Hd. of M.I. 011654B to C. in C.Med.)Hospital
ship,
routeing.International Red Cross state that in view of
present situation in Mediterranean they are
obliged to change route of their vessels between
Cape San Sebastian and Marseilles and vice
versa, and that instead of following the direct
route ships will, until further notice, hug the
coastline.2. I.R.C.C. are being informed that the matter is being
considered, but that meantime they should continue to follow
approved route. Request your early views.
(Head of M.I. 011703B to C., in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

SOUTHERN SEA

Arrived and left 1st June.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta 011717C to Admty. C. in C.
Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, Cmdre. D.)Adm. Sir J.
Cunningham.Admiral Sir John Cunningham and Secretary
leave Algiers 0630B tomorrow, Wednesday by direct
Hudson aircraft for Heliopolis. E.T.A. 1830C.
Flag Lieut. follows in courier plane spending
night at Tripoli (L). Admiral will proceed to
Alexandria a.m. Thursday 3rd June.
(C. in C.Med. 011747B to C. in C.Levant,
R.N.G.H.Q. Cairo, (R) Admty. S.N.O.Trip.)French
Warships,
Employment.X I am endeavouring to obtain a more precise
answer to questions in A.M. 051331. Divergent
figures on French Naval Personnel available are
caused,A. by French stating they have had to take on
coast defences and manning up Force X.B. by Michelier's reluctance to send French crews to England
for fear they will be turned over to Fighting French.This latter reason is really the operative one and we may
get quite fresh ideas if the Union becomes an accomplished fact.2. Meanwhile following remarks have been received from Admiral
Michelier,A. It is intended to put LORRAINE on a reduced maintenance
basis to reduce personnelB. The Alexandria cruisers to work on patrol from Dakar until
they can go for modernising.C. Michelier is prepared to take over escort ships in U.K.
provided the ships can be taken over immediately on arrival of
crews. He will inform us shortly how many he can take over.3. With reference to para. 2C. no engagement of any sort has
been made nor is Michelier in a position to make conditions to us.4. Are Admiralty still contemplating manning landing craft with
French crews and is this point to be taken up with French?

(C. in C.Med. 011755B to Admty.)

/Port Said...

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Port Said Movements. 1st June Port Said arrivals ROMEO, L.C.Ts. 108, 114, 139, 149, 154, departures G.S. AETOS, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, ROMEO, R.F.A. ATHEL MONARCH, R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 011803C to Admty. C. in C. Levant, (R) F.O.Red Sea and Canal Area, R.A. Alexandria.)

K.M.S.15. Amend destination MARITA and SVANHOLM to Sousse. LYMINGE and OUSEL Philippeville for orders. Pass to Cdre. and ships concerned.
(C. in C.Med. 011815B to BROCKLESBY, Escorts of Convoy K.M.S.15, (R) N.O.I.C. Bone, N.O.I.C. Philippeville, F.O.I.S. N.O.I.C. Sousse, Admty.)

Alexandria-Tripoli Convoys. Request for programme. (Admty. 011832B.)
See East Indies.

Diesel Carriers. Your 311409 May and C. in C.Levant 311951 May para. 2.
3 Diesel O.F.Carriers VIDONIA, VINDELECIA and OUTPOST manned by R.N.P.S. crews are being sailed with Landing Craft Flight E. on 7th June.
2. These are converted trawlers similar to LAPAGERIA and 3 others used in "Torch", their capacity is 35 tons approx.
3. Endeavour is being made to sail in K.M.S.19, 2 additional diesel carriers and 4 water carriers. No further R.N.P.S. crews are available but they may be R.F.A's. Request you will confirm forthwith that these are required.
(D. of P. 011835B to C. in C.Med. (R) D.N.C.X.F. C. in C.Levant.)
Reply C. in C.Med. 031717.

UPROAR, SOKOL. P.31 (UPROAR) and O.R.P. SOKOL sail at 1600/31st and 1700/31st for area Q. and M. respectively, routed as follows: P.31 (UPROAR) through 035° 14' 015° 35' and 037° 20' 016° 52'. O.R.P. SOKOL 035° 20' 015° 26' and 036° 10' 015° 42'.
(Capt. S.10 011933 to C. in C.Med. (R) V.A.Malta, C. in C.Levant, 10th S/M Flot. Capt. S.1 Capt. S.8)

PENELOPE bombardment of Pantellaria Bombardment successful visibility fair. Hits in barracks and number 2 battery area. Battery number 2 only fired twice during approach. Batteries number 1 and 4 opened at 11200. Other batteries perhaps 5 and 6 opened at 10600. Enemy accuracy quite good until smoke screen effected. Inaccurate fire followed ship out to about 16000. PENELOPE hit once little damage. E.T.A. boom 0530. Request lights from 0330.
(PENELOPE 012000 to V.A.Malta, (R) C. in C.Med. C.S.12.)

Movements Algiers. Arrivals R.A."H" in KING GEORGE V, HOWE, FORMIDABLE, FARNDALE, TYNE DALE, SLAZAK, LIDDESDALE, HAYDON, ACTIVE, VENOMOUS, VELOX, CLEVELAND, CALPE, M.L. 480, U.S.S. DUPONT DICKERSON, ELLIS.

/Departures...

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Movements
Algiers,
(Contd.) Departures ROYAL SCOTSMAN, EGGESFORD, MELBREAK,
M.M.S. 20,65.
(Cdre. Algiers, 012001B to Admty. C. in C.Med.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

SIBYL. Departure submarine SIBYL (P.217).
(Cdre. Algeria 012003B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrivals EGGESFORD, STROMA and JULIET.
Philippeville (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 012014B to Admty. etc.)

Movements 1st June departure G.S.IERAX, M.L. 350, 348.
Haifa. Arrival G.S. IERAX.
(N.C.I.C. Palestinian Ports 012045 to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrival today MELBREAK.
Oran. Departures ADVENTURE?, MELBREAK, MINPA.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 012105B to Admty.etc.)

Bizerta Bizerta arrival M.T.B. 651, P.T. 209,210,212,
Movements. 218 departure KINTYRE, BREAM, H.D.M.Ls. 1236, 1222
1211, P.T. 201 and 208 (31st.)
(F.O.I.S. 021238B to C. in C.Med. Admty.
F.O.I.C. Gib. Cominch, Comcomcrabnaw.)

M.L. 443. M.L. 443 not found. Am patrolling between 036°
40' and 037° N. and 001° 30' and 002° E.
(M.L. 295 012235B to N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Routeing Routing positions at present in use in Central
positions. Mediterranean will shortly be published in
Mediterranean Convoy Instructions. Meanwhile
ships not holding Levant War Memoranda are
to obtain these positions on next occasion of
visiting Algiers, Bone, Malta or Tripoli.
(C. in C.Med. 012255B to Med. Station 462 K.)

Movements Arrivals FALK, KLO, 7 L.C.Is. Sailed HOLCOMBE,
Tripoli. ATHERSTONE, WHEATLAND, VETCH, M.L. 1122, M.L.459.
(N.O.I.C. Tripoli 012257B to Admty.)

Sousse Arrival 1st ROTHESAY, POLRUAN, CLACTON,
FELIXSTOWE, GLOXINIA, ASHANTI, M.Ls. 1222, 1211.
Departure ASHANTI.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 012300B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med.)

/Malta...

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Malta Air Report. A.I. 587 June 1st C.S.R.
A. Air. Part 1, Offensive. Night 31st May/1st June. Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily and Toe of Italy.
Part 2 Enemy Air Activity. Night 31st May/1st June. 3 Beaufighters made interception patrols off East Coast of Sicily. Day 1st June. 8 Beaufighter and 40 Spitfire sorties to escort incoming shipping and provide protective patrols over tankers in harbour. 1550 hours 22 plus enemy fighters and fighter bombers approached Malta at great height. 11 Spitfires airborne on interception and 1 Me. 109 probably destroyed. 4 bombs dropped in sea off Grand Harbour.
(A.H.Q.Malta 012305B.)

M.T.Bs. Arrivals M.T.Bs. 640, 633, 636.
(V.A.Malta 012352B to Admty. C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, C.C.F.)

Malta Movements. Departed UNISON arrived UNSEEN.
(V.A.Malta 012355B to Admty. C. in C.M.E. C. in C.Levant, S.1, S.8.)
Arrived H.S. SOMERSETSHIRE, ROMNEY, CROMARTY and BOSTON, M.V. BALTARA.
Departed PENELOPE, PETARD and PALADIN, JERVIS and QUEEN OLGA, LAMERTON and WILTON.
(V.A.Malta 012357B to Admty. C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.)

Enemy Intelligence. 127843. 6679, cipher 1st June, signed Eisenhower. Para. 3. High lights of interrogation prisoners of war captured from ex motor schooner STELLA MARIS en route Pantellaria to Trapani. Personnel discharging vessel apparently from Machine Gun Battalions. Customs Guards also seen. MILMART Troops in charge of Arty. Due to continual air raids nearly the whole population of town has moved galleries in mountains with all belongings.
(A.F.H.Q.Algiers T.O.O. Nil, Recd. 0350/2.)

28 June
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MOST SECRET

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MOST SECRET

060107Z/June

From C. in C. Eastern Fleet

Date 6/6/43
Recd. 1715

Naval Cypher X (Plug) by W/T

Addressed Admiralty

G/R Air Squadrons.

G/R Air
Squads.

Your QJM 100/823. Following is a repetition of A.H.Q. India's 011447 paragraph 1. Air Ministry have sent two recent directions affecting GR operations Bay of Bengal area.

(a) 36 Wellington GR Squadron is to proceed forthwith to the Mediterranean Air Command to reinforce medium range GR anti U-boat operations that area.

(b) Second long range GR Liberator Squadron in this Command is to form AS 354 Squadron on Liberator 5 aircraft about August/September.

060107Z

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Note by War Registry:-

011447 previously circulated incomplete.

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5th S.L.	D.A.C.R.
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A.C.N.S.(H)	D. of P.(2)
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	D.N.A.O.
U.W.R.	D.A.W.T.
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East Indies.

BALTA. Departure BALTA E.T.A. Colombo 021230Z.
(N.O.I.C. Cochin 010200Z. to Admty. etc.)

M.M.S.130. Arrival.
(S.O. (I) Bombay 010246Z. to Admty. etc.)

RAMDAS. Departure RAMDAS for Madras.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam 010546 to Admty. etc.)

P.B.42. Arrivals LAUNCESTON. KONKAN with P.B.42.
(S.O. (I) Bombay 010847Z. to Admty. etc.)

Convoy P.B.42. Arrived less EMPIRE SYDNEY reloaded to Karachi.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 010910Z. to Admty. etc.)

SICILIA Swedish ship SICILIA sunk at 0830B/27 May in
sunk 024° 31' S. 035° 12' E. All crew saved. Report
27th May. received from C.S.A. Lourenco Marques. Cause of
casualty unknown.
(S.O. (I) Colombo 011002Z. to Admty. (R) C. in C.
E.F. S.O. (I) Capetown.)

Aircraft Squadrons, Personal from A.O.C. in C. A.O.C. 538 1 June
disposal. 011245Z. Air Ministry have sent two recent
directions affecting G/R operations, Bay of Bengal
Area. Army D.B.W.O. furret. (Portion undecypherable
repetition requested) to reinforce medium range G.R.
anti U-Boat operations that area. Second long range
H.R. Liberator Squadron in this Command is to form as 354 Squadron
on Liberator (corrupt group) aircraft about August, September.
2. Have already informed Air Ministry that I wish 354 Squadron
to form initially at Cqatack (as received) as most suitable base
for undertaking long range general and photographic R/C in area
(?North) Malaccan Straits, Nicobar and Andamans East to Mergum
Archipelago and Northwards to Tavoy, Moulmein, and Approaches
Rangoon. Recent movement and future strategy both point importance
this area and need for extension better cover than has been
possible from Ceylon and Southern India. 3. In light these
decisions would appreciate you discuss with A.O.C. 222 of whole
question of dispositions and control G/R Squadrons Bay of Bengal
here, particularly to take account of G/R requirements which may
arise that area under future strategy proposals recently decided
at conference London and Washington. 4. For my part do not see
any point retaining G/R resources under control A.O.C. Bengal
except perhaps small detachment 353 Squadron which might be
moved up to cover coastal strip to 35 miles from Arabian Coast
between Calcutta and Sandoway. For the rest suggest control
should be exercised by 225 group under strategical operation of
A.O.C. 222 Group on your and my behalf. 5. When you have
considered request A.O.C. 222 Group submit appreciation as report
with your agreed recommendations. Correction in para. 1. For
"III" read "A.H.Q. India".
(A.H.Q. India 011447Z. to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

/Aircraft...

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies - Contd.

Aircraft Bases, Indian Ocean. X A. 105 June 1st. Following from A.O.C. 222 Group and A.O.C. East Africa. Reference your AX. 567 April 23rd as amended by your AX.233 May 1st. As result of Conference held at Nairobi June 1st executive action is being taken to provide following bases Middle East Command. (A) Persian Gulf Advanced Base 16 Wellingtons Masir. (B) Aden Main Base 1 Flying Boat Squadron and 1 Wellington Squadron. Advanced Bases Socotra Salalah and Sciusiban 16 Wellingtons each. (C) East Africa Kisumu Major Base Maintenance 4 Squadrons vide A.H.Q. East Africa. Letter reference A.H.Q.E.A/907/3/A May 7th. Permanent Flying Boat Bases Mombasa 1 Squadron Dar Es Salaam, 1 Squadron Diego Suarez 2 Squadrons. Advanced Bases Pamanzi, 3 Aircraft Seychelles, 9 Aircraft Tulear, 6 Aircraft Mauritius, 9 Aircraft. G.R. Wellingtons main bases Mombasa 1 Squadron, Dar Es Salaam, 1 Squadron Anjrakaka 1 Squadron. Advanced bases Mogadishu, 8 Aircraft Tulear, 8 Aircraft Mauritius 8 Aircraft. G.R. Venturas Mombasa, 8 Aircraft Lindb, 6 Aircraft Dar Es Salaam 6 Aircraft. (D) After detailed discussion we are of opinion that L. of C. difficulties do not warrant development of Obbia as G.R. Advance Base. We strongly recommend that Southern Sea Reconnaissance Boundary of Aden should be moved to 5° N. instead of 10° N. as at present. This would enable Aden operating Wellingtons from Sciusiban to overlap Patrols with East Africa operating from Mogadishu thus coastwise shipping would still be fully covered. (E) We are not clear from para. 9 AX.567 whether Venturas will be permanently based in East African Command or whether Venturas at present based in Union will throw off detachments to Mombasa Mindi and Dar Es Salaam as and when required. Pending clarification we are providing detached facilities only at these three bases. (F) Also strongly recommend Major Base Maintenance 1 Flying Boat Squadron at Aden. (G) All foregoing with particular reference to para. (D) subject to approval of A.O.C. in C. Middle East. (H) Durban. 2 Flying Boat Squadrons at present operating from St. Lucia. Balm should provide Major Base Maintenance for these Squadrons at Congella.
(A.H.Q. E. Africa 011705C. to Air Min.)

Westbound Convoys Med. / Your 290835Z May para. 2. Understood from C. in C. Med. that no through convoys have yet been fixed from Alexandria westwards after the X.T. to connect with M.K.S.16/G.U.S.9, leaving Tripoli June 30th. 2. C. in C. Levant is requested to promulgate his Alexandria-Tripoli convoy programme.
(D.T.D. 011832B. to C. in C.E.F. C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C. Med.)

M/V recognition, Checkmate system. / Your 300711Z/May. Concur. Proposed alternative procedure will be included in Admiralty General Message which will be promulgated shortly.
(D.T.D. 011927B. to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C.S.A.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 31st. arrivals - STRATFORD escorting L.C. 57 ex Sydney. ST. CLAIR, NIAGARA, CHICOUTIMI, QUESNEL ex H.E. 241.
Departures WASAGA escorting J.N. 29 to Botwood.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 010020Z to Admty.)
Kingston arrival U.S. Destroyer BARNEY.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 011152Q to Admty.)
Kingston departure U.S.S. MONTCALM.
(N.O.I.C. Montreal, 011612Q to Admty.)
Kingston departure U.S. Dest. BLAKELEY, U.S. Dest. BARNEY for New Orleans. U.S. Dest. BADGER for Guantanamo.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 011945Q to Admty.)
Arrival ST. CROIX, ALGOMA ex J.A. 54. M.L. 053, 083 from Digby. H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN from New York. H.M.C.S. BLAIRMORE, THE PAS from O.N.S. 8.
Departure THE PAS to X.B. 56. 72 M.L. Flot. to Sydney thence Newfoundland.
(C. Halifax, 012101Z to Admty., etc.)

Convoy Arrived.
H.F. 57. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns, 010203Z to Admty.)

Convoy L.C. 57A, my 311527. Sailed late 12 hours.
L.C. 57A. (N.C.S.O. Sydney, C.B., 010210Z to Admty.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
1800 G.M.T.	T.A. 43	43½° N. 30° W.	232°	19¼
1st June.	ILE DE FRANCE	33° S. 29° W.	308°	18

(D.O.D.(F), 010850Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)

Task Commander Task Group 21.12 311555 addressed for
Group action to C. in C. Lant and for information to
21.12. N.O.B. Bermuda, Cominch, Comairforlant, and
Comnav, informs as follows: This refers to
my 302245. Departed accordingly.
(Comnav, 010852 to Admty., (R) C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy Sailing telegram (9 ships).
X.B. 56. (2) Halifax 1100Z/1st June. (3) E.T.A. Cape
Cod Canal 1900Z/3rd, Boston 1800Z/3rd.
(4) 7.5 knots. (5) Route. (6) W.4 and DUNDAS.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 011045Z, 011049Z to Admty.)

Canadian / Request you will retain Canadian support group
Support for the present, pending clarification of U-Boat
Group. situation and operate it in case of necessity
to westward Westomp.
(C. in C. W.A., 011051B to C. in C. C.N.W.A., (R)
Connav, Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Cdre. (D)
Argentia, H.Q.C.C., Cdre. (D) W.A., A.C.I.C.)

/C. in C. W.A. ...

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Canadian Support Group. (Contd.) C. in C. W.A. 011051. Report whether Canadian support group is ready to sail now. 2. Ships are to be at short notice for sea and are to commence group training and exercises forthwith. (C. in C. C.N.A., 011237Z to F.O.N.F., (R) A.I.G. 302.)

ORIBI. My 311650Z (311540 intended). Sailing delayed 24 hours due to weather. Amend para. 4 accordingly. (C.C.N.F., 011155Z to B.A.M.R., (R) C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q., N.M.C.J.S. Washington, C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admty., C. in C. W.A., Cdr. 1st U.S.N. Dist. Boston, ORIBI.)

G.A.T. 64. Arrived. Minus NORINDIES (U.S.) detached Aruba with engine trouble. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 011203Q to Admty.)

Convoy H.S.88A. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Sydney, 011226Z to Admty.)

Convoy B.S. 45. B.S.45 arrived less (? LAG) WATER and CHEYENNE. (N.C.S.O. Sydney, 011231Z to Admty.)

Convoy Q.S. 49. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Sydney, C.B., 011233Z to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. Sail B.Y.M.S. 37, 47, 48 when ready about June 5th Charleston to Halifax for onward routeing to Londonderry via Saint Johns N.F. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A. Ships should not operate at speeds above 1,000 R.P.M. Have radius of 1700 to 1800 miles at nine knots using 30 American gallons fuel per hour. Total tank capacity 5700 gallons. Approval granted carry 1200 gallons extra fuel as deck cargo in barrels provided vessels sailed on favourable weather report and so not refill barrels after fuel is removed. (Cominch, 011254Z to C.E.S.F.)
When ready about 0800Q June 2nd depart Throggs Neck. Proceed to Boston via Long Island Sound and Cape Cod Canal. Report to C.T.G. 02.1 for onward routeing to Halifax. Arrival Halifax report C. in C. C.N.A. for orders. Speed 10 knots. (C.E.S.F., 011521Z to B.Y.M.S.210, 69, 188, 189, (R) N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Admty., etc.)

/Convoy ...

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Convoy F.H. 58. Presailing (A) Saint John N.B. 1900Z June 2nd. (B) NIPIGON, BRANTFORD. (C) 11 ships. (D) 41 hours. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.B., 011314Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N. 186. Request O.N.186 be re-routed forthwith to pass through 47° N. 47° W. thence to BM. (C. in C. C.N.A., 011406Z to C. in C. W.A., (R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Connav.) O.N. 186. (1) You will be relieved by Western Local Escort W.2 ST. CLAIR H/F D/F (S.O.), MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE, QUESNEL at Westomp 047° 01' N. 051° 20' W. at 1600Z June 2nd. (2) Upon relief, Group C.2 proceed St. Johns plus KING HAAKON VII, LANCER and GRIPER. Group B.1 proceed Argentina less HURRICANE who is to proceed St. Johns. (3) "Chop" 1600Z June 1st. (F.O.N.F., 011427Z to Ships escorting O.N.186, (R) C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., Admty., C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Com. (D) W.A., Capt. (D) Argentina, S.O.P.A. Argentina, ST. CLAIR.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate submarine North of 040° N., West of 040° W. 1200Z/1st June. (N.S.H.Q., 011422Z.)

WEST POINT. Sail WEST POINT via (J) 39.07, 66.10. (K) 40.38, (?55).50. (L) 41.15, 43.45. (M) 40.30, 30.59. (N) 37.25, 17.50. (O) 34.02, 08.03 (? estimated) to be E.T.A. 47° W. Port of return is New York. (Cominch C. & R., 011506Z to P.D. Norfolk, (R) C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, C.E.S.F., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., Admty.)

Convoy B.S. 45. Following is recoded version N.O.I.C. Sydney 011231Z. (Begins). B.S.45 arrived less SUREWATER and CHEYENNE. (Ends). (N.O.I.C. Sydney, 011521Z to Admty.) My 011231Z. B.S.45 SUREWATER and CHEYENNE now arrived. (N.C.S.O. Sydney (C.B.), 011936Z to Admty.)

S/M Estimate 1st June, U.S. S/M Notice. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 011530Z, 011531Z, 011555Z, 011556Z, 011557Z, 012128Z.)

ILE DE FRANCE. Cominch C. & R. 011608Z to N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro. See South Atlantic.

/SALISBURY ...

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SALISBURY. Your 312232. Cdr. 1st U.S. Nav. District Boston request SALISBURY be sailed to Halifax as additional escort B.X.57 sailing 12th June. Cdr. 1st U.S. Nav. District Boston pass to SALISBURY.

(C. in C. C.N.A., 011636Z to B.A.M.R., Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O. N.F., Cdr. 1st U.S.N.D. Boston, S.B.N.O.W.At., SALISBURY, C.E.S.F.)

Solops 22. May 28th 3 M/Vs and 2 destroyed sighted in Kahili area. May 29th 1 light cruiser and 1 destroyer sighted off Empress Augusta Bay. (B.A.D., 011643Z to Admty., C. in C. E.F., (R) Concentric Colombo, Capt. on Staff Kilindini, F.L.O. India.)

Convoy J.H. 54. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 011740Z to Admty.)

T.A. 43 (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND). Convoy T.A. 43 comprising EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND sailed from U.K. 29th May for Halifax. 2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to C.G.S. Ottawa and Milstaff Washington. (D. of S.T., 011813B to N.S.H.Q., (R) C. in C. C.N.A., B.A.D.)

Convoy B.X. 55. Sailing telegram Part 2. Total 35 ships. (List). (U.S. P.D. Boston, 011818Z to Cominch C. & R., etc.)

Convoy H.X. 238. H.X.238 average speed 9.6 knots. Off Oversay at 211500Z. All arrived. (D.T.D., 011819B to Connav, N.S.H.Q., (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.W.A.)

Convoy J.O. 4. Sailing telegram (2 ships). (2) 1st June 2300Z. (4) 14 knots. (5) (Route). (6) U.S.S. BLAKELEY, BARNEY. (N.O.I.C. Kingston (Jamaica), 011820, 011830 to C.C.S.F.)

Convoy H.J. 56. Sailing telegram. 2. Halifax 1900Z/1st June. 3. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 0800Z/5th June. 4. 7. (Route). 6. MOOSEJAW. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 011854Z to Admty.)

/Oiling ...

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Oiling at sea. Your 191225 April, para. 3. O.N.184 will transfer BRITISH GLORY 204 in one operation, DAVILA 378 in four operations, CHR. TH. BOE nil, MOSLI 479 in six operations, EMPIRE SALVAGE nil. Depth charges transferred PETTER, J.H. SENIOR, BRITISH GLORY, CHR. TH. BOE, MOSLI all nil. 2 failures subsequent to securing steady line escort, over-ran hoye, severing armoured length with propeller, and armoured hose cut on escorts rail. (B.R.L.O. New York, 011902Z to Admty.)

R/T. My 092359. Consequent on most U.S. Army aircraft being unable to work on 2410 k/cs Navy Dept. have issued orders to sea frontiers that when U.S. aircraft employed on air coverage of large troop transports and H.X. and O.N. Convoys are unable to communicate on 2410 k/cs, authorities providing such coverage shall inform ship concerned by despatch.
(A) That such aircraft will communicate on 3000 k/cs.
(B) E.T.A. of aircraft concerned.
(B.A.D., 011957Z to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. Med., C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.N.F.)

Convoy S.Q. 51. Sailing telegram (4 ships).
2. 1400Z/23. 3. 1600Z/5. 4. 7½ knots.
5. (Route). Sydney - Gaspe "Chop" 0200Z/3.
6. CAPE ARGONA and LORD MIDDLETON. MILLTOWN to Gaspe only.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney, 012017, 012019Z to N.C.S.O. Quebec, (R) Admty.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
Para. P.B.Y. sights two subs. course 160°
35.45 N. 74.26 W. 010030. Plane sights periscope
13.50 S. 37.00 W. 010957. Periscope sighted
area 26.58 N. 80.02 W. 011830. P.C.489 attacks
sound contact 00.25 N. 46.35 W. 312300 May.
Plane sights swirl and dark shadow 12.10 N. 79.24 W. 311315 May.
C.G. Boat attacks sound contact area 39.09 N. 74.00 W. 312040 May.
(Cominch, 012056Z to Admty.)

Shipping Casualties. Connav serials 29th May to 1st June.
MONTACA while inbound afloat burning and JOHN MORGAN outbound exploded and sunk both in collision off Cape Henry at 0408Q/1st June.
FLORIDA serial 28 arrived Fortelaza in tow with broken back.
(Cominch C. & R., 012104 to Comnav.)

/Army ...

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Army and Navy Staff College, Washington. / Being organised to train staff officers for Joint Staff particularly in amphibious operations.
(J.S.M. Washington, 012235Z to W.C.O. London.)
See Lion Copy.

U/B. Submarine sighted 011555Z in 19.23 N. 73.45 W.
(Kingston, 012245Q to Admt.)

DUNDAS. E.T.A. 020330Z. Boiler hours.
(DUNDAS, 012314Z to C. in C. C.N.W.A., (R)
Capt. (D) Halifax.)

Australia and New Zealand.

7 Japanese ships sunk. / The Navy Department announced today that United States submarines in the Pacific and Far Eastern waters have sunk seven more Japanese vessels - a destroyer and six auxiliary ships - and, besides, have damaged and probably sunk a large tanker.

Besides the destroyer, the ships sunk were a large tanker, a large cargo ship, two medium-sized cargo ships, a small cargo ship, and a medium-sized transport. The total of successful attacks by American submarines on Japanese ships is now 240, and these resulted in the sinking of 169 ships.
(New York, June 1st - The Times, June 2nd.)

Convoy C.O. 97. Departure 1st June Sydney section comprising 3 ships CARLISLE for Melbourne, TIJUCA for Mauritius, JAMES GUTHRIE for Colombo and Madras.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney (N.S.W.), 010557Z to Admt.)

Digest Serial No. 497, May 31st. Submarine sighted passing Cape Orford north-bound morning.
2. Midday photos reveal 5 small probable coasters in Wewak Harbour.
3. R/C shortly after dawn reported no activity at Hansa Bay.
6. Catalina reported sighting submarine which crash dived 135 miles S.S.E. Port Moresby late afternoon. Later bombed Gasmata.
10. At Kendari morning 30th 1 10,000 ton seaplane tender photographed also 1 small merchant vessel.

Lion 36A

MOST SECRET

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MOST SECRET

012235Z/ June

From J.S.M. Washington.

Date 2/6/43
Recd. 0542Z

Cypher

*Army and Navy Staff College.
Washington.*

Addressed War Cabinet Offices, London.

IZ.1934. J.S.M. 952. 1st June 1943.

U.S. Chiefs of Staff inform us that an Army and Navy Staff College is being organised in Washington to train staff officers for Joint Staffs particularly in amphibious operations. Special emphasis is to be given to the study of logistics and to the employment of air forces. The course is to last four months of which the first two will be spent at the Naval War College, the Command and General Staff School, or the Air Corps Technical School, each student spending a month at each of the above schools of the Service to which he does not belong. For the last two months students will be together in Washington in the Army and Navy Staff College. .

2. Officers selected to attend the College will normally be of the rank of Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel or Major if in the Army or Marine Corps, or Commodore, Captain or Commander if in the Navy. Army Officers above the age of 45, 40 or 35 years respectively of the above ranks will not be eligible for selection.

3. The first course starts on June 1st and the second course on August 1st. U.S. Chiefs of Staff would welcome the attendance of three British Officers as students on the second course, and while suggesting that it might be best for an officer from each of the three Services to attend leave this for the British to decide. They would like to know soon whether we wish to take up the vacancies offered and early in July the names of the officers selected.

4. We suggest that from every point of view it is desirable to take advantage of this offer.

012235Z

P.T.O.

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First Sea Lord
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Digest Serial No. 497, May 31st. (Contd.) 12. Convoy escort observed 2 torpedo tracks 37 miles south-west Cape Howe early hours 31st. 13. Aircraft reported sighting submarine 100 miles North East Cape Moreton afternoon. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 010732Z.)

Movements. Arrival Milne Bay 31st U.S.S. BALLARD. Thursday Island 31st LATROBE. Cairns 31st GYMPIE. Townsville 31st U.S.S. HENLEY, U.S.S. LAMSON. Sydney 31st U.S.S. DRAYTON. Port Phillip

31st ADELAIDE. Departure Port Moresby 31st WAGGA for Milne Bay. Thursday Island 31st LATROBE for Merauke. Darwin 30th SWAN for Thursday Island. Cairns 31st KATOOMBA for (Corrupt group). KAPUNDA for Port Moresby. (?Brisbane) 31st GOULBURN for Sydney. Fremantle 31st QUIBERON, NEPAL for Geraldton. (A.C.N.B., 011129Z to Admty.)

Solops 22. (B.A.D., 011643Z to Admty., etc.)
See America and West Indies.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 011340B, 011343B.)

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly Summary. ✓ My 221059 July. 1. At 1353/28 Hudson aircraft of 608 Sqn. sank a U-Boat in 39° 59' N. 01° 41'E. with Rocket projectiles. 30 to 40 survivors were seen in the water. 2. Liberator E/120 attacked a U-Boat at 2036/28 in 54° 41' N. 36° 31' W. Oil and wreckage were seen, also a large black object in middle of depth charge scum. 3. Halifax R/58 and 4 other aircraft sank a U-Boat at 1550/31 in 46° 38' N. 10° 42' W. The crew were seen in the water. 4. TUNA reports that she sank one U-Boat during a patrol in Northern waters. No further details. 5. The total sightings and attacks in the Bay of Biscay patrols has now reached 132 sightings and 88 attacks (attacks shown in para. 3 treated as one incident). Provisionally assessed that these attacks led to 9 kills. (D.A/S.W., 011520B to Cominch.)

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

- Main Units. X 1. C. in C.H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, and BERWICK arrived at Hvalfjord at 0915B today; WARSPITE arrived at Scapa at 1522B; and SCYLLA with FURIOUS have arrived at Hvalfjord.
- Enemy Main Units. X 2. Photographs taken yesterday by a Russian P.R.U. confirm the Admty. belief that TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST, and LUTZOW are still in the Altenfjord area.
- Anti U-Boat Measures. X 3. STARLING of E.G.2 to whom a U-Boat, believed U.202, surrendered at 0215Z this morning, reports that the prisoners confirm that the U-Boat maintained a depth of 820 feet during most of the 14 hour hunt, and considers that depth-charge settings of 900 and 1000 feet are urgently necessary.
- WORCESTER, damaged. 4. The destroyer WORCESTER reports today that she sustained minor damage off Spurn Point on 31st May from the Mine which sank the SS. CATFORD in convoy F.N.34.
- Ipswich bombed. X 5. The dock area at Ipswich was bombed by 4 or 5 F.W.190 A/C at 0523 this morning in an attack lasting about one minute. No damage was caused to ships, docks, or Naval Personnel, but some damage and casualties occurred in the town.

South Atlantic.

- X 6. STANDELLA, British tanker, 6197 tons, in convoy T.S.42 was torpedoed at about 0536Z in 07.25 N. 13.26 W. (about 80 miles S.W. of Freetown) RAPID was sent to her assistance.
- X 7. A French naval aircraft attacked a U-Boat at 1210Z in 14.15 N. 17.35 W. One bomb fell directly over the fore part, and a large patrol of oil was seen.

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.2 M/Vs,
destroyer and
torpedo boat
sunk by D.14.

8. JERVIS and QUEEN OLGA of the 14th D.F. at 0141B, reported 3 unidentified vessels bearing 340° 2 miles in a position 143°, 36° N. 16° E. six miles (off Cape Spartivento Italy). At 0233B JERVIS reported 3 merchant ships and a destroyer sunk, and no damage sustained. Later information showed that one M/V of 3500 tons caught fire and blew up, and one M/V of 1500 tons was sunk by QUEEN OLGA. A destroyer marked C.T. on the bows was driven ashore well on fire. A smaller torpedo boat marked X.137 was sunk.. Very early and rapid hitting was established with gunfire. The only torpedo fired missed.

Air
Operations.

9. Four Beaufighter bombers on anti-shipping reconnaissance in the Aegean sank two caiques of 80 tons and 15 tons respectively in Paros Bay. Another caique of 30 tons was damaged off Cape Malea and was abandoned.

16 Wellingtons attacked Pantellaria last night dropping 22 1000 lb. and many smaller bombs. 4 separate attacks on Pantellaria were made today by the N.W.A. Strategic Air Force and over 150 1000 lb. bombs were dropped. The N.W.A. Tactical Air Force made 11 missions to Pantellaria, dropping 500 lb. bombs.

7 Wellingtons raided Naples last night, dropping 2 4,000 lb. 10 1,000 lb. and 25 500 lb. bombs.

Enemy Air
Operations.

10. At 1621, 21 plus enemy fighters and fighter bombers approached Malta and were intercepted by 12 Spitfires before they could cross the coast, but 2 bombs were dropped in the sea north of Grand Harbour.

NEBOJSCA.

11 The Yugoslav submarine NEBOJSCA is to be handed over to the Royal Yugoslav Navy as soon as convenient.

China.

12. 10 U.S. Kittyhawks in a successful attack on enemy troop concentrations in the Yochangyang area near Ichang, sank some laden barges containing 13 crated aircraft.

14 Kittyhawks made a further attack on troops and landing barges in this area.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America & West Indies.

X 13. The port of Halifax was closed last night until further notice due to suspected enemy mines. Four were sighted in 42.50 fathoms within a radius of 7 miles from Sambro Light Vessel, of German type, buoyant, moored, thought to be acoustic or magnetic. Recovery of a specimen is at present impossible owing to weather. The channel has been swept by Oropesa without result.

C. in C.C.N.A. propose to retain the 122nd M.S. Flotilla at Halifax until the present mining situation is cleared.

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Wednesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

S/M
Movements.

1. SEVERN is required to reach Algiers not later than 18th June.
2. Unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. Med. SEVERN will proceed to Algiers without calling at Gibraltar, passage being made on the surface from 043° North.
(F.O.(S), 021024B to Capt. (S) 3.)
Intend to sail UNBENDING escorted by SCIMITAR from Rothesay at 2030B tomorrow by standard route to Lough Foyle buoy, E.T.A. 0730B/4th, thence as ordered by Cdre. (D) W.A. (Capt. (S) 7, 021127B.)
ULA sailed from Dundee to Scapa.
(Capt. (S) 9, 021527B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/3rd and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S), 021717B, 021937B, 031026B.)

DUKE OF YORK,
SOUTH DAKOTA,
ALABAMA,
BERWICK.

Hvalfjord arrival C. in C. H.F. 301834.
(A.C.I.C., 020915B.)

ZETLAND. Admiralty's 311828B. My P.C.S. 043° 31' N. 013° 30' W., 000°, 17. Request route.
(ZETLAND, 021000B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
A.M. 311828B. From position Z.D pass through positions S.E 049° 05' N. 010° 30' W. Z.F 180° Bishop 10, thence by Q.Z.S.410, 409 to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021233B to ZETLAND.)

Plymouth Command.

1. Disposition of forces 1200.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021033B.)

WARSPITE. C. in C. H.F. 292233. Cancel serials 69, 70 and 71. Proceed into harbour direct from initial position for serial 68. Periscope sighted in area B at 0945 today.
(C.S.10, 021120B to WARSPITE.)
Scapa arrival WARSPITE, QUAIL, SCORPION and ORWELL.
(A.C.O.S., 021522B.)

CHARYBDIS. Return to Plymouth forthwith.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021229B to CHARYBDIS.)
My P.C.S. 046° 55', 017° 07', 055°, 21, E.T.A. 2045.
(CHARYBDIS, 021800B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

/Landing ...

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.Landing
Craft
Flight F.My 271735B. Postponed 24 hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021307B.)

ECLIPSE.

Proceed Akureyri passing Hvalfjord Boom at
1800/2nd.
(2) On arrival complete with fuel and act under
orders CUMBERLAND.
(C. in C. H.F., 021441B to ECLIPSE.)

INDOMITABLE.

Arrived INDOMITABLE.
(N.O.I.C. Belfast, 021514B.)
INDOMITABLE will be required to sail from Clyde
for exercises at Scapa on about June 12th.
Storing and embarkation of reserve aircraft should begin on
June 5th and be completed if possible by June 7th so as to
allow time for further exercises in the Clyde area before
proceeding North.
(D.O.D.(H), 021910B to R.A.A.)

A.F.D. 18.

Condition improved. Observed position 1400B/2nd
051° 04' N. 015° 30' W., speed 4 knots increasing.
SAMSONIA West. BUSTLER capable of towing at
maximum safe speed.
(CHANTICLEER, 021528B to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 021528B. Owing to delays already experienced and
possibility of further bad weather it has been decided that
SAMSONIA shall join you and stand by to assist with tow in
case of necessity.
(C. in C. W.A., 021728B to CHANTICLEER.)ONSLAUGHT,
MUSKETEER,
MAHRATTA.Sailed ONSLAUGHT, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA in
accordance with C. in C. H.F.'s 01325/141 para. 8.
E.T.A. 2200R/3rd.
(R.A.D.H.F., 021556B to A.C.I.C.)
Return to Scapa.
(D.O.D.(H), 021925B to ONSLAUGHT, MAHRATTA,
MUSKETEER.)A.M. 021925. ONSLAUGHT, MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA are to
return to Scapa forthwith to disembark all passengers who have
not been provided with visas for North Russia except five
D.E.M.S. ratings on draft to merchant ships.2. Destroyers are to be sailed again for Seidisfjord without
delay to comply with C. in C. H.F. 292357.

(A.C.N.S.H., 021945B to C.S.10, R.A.D.H.F., ONSLAUGHT.)

Admty. 021925. E.T.A. 2330. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA in
company.

(ONSLAUGHT, 022044B to A.C.O.S.)

Amend my 021318. ONSLAUGHT, MAHRATTA, MUSKETEER returning
Scapa, leaving again about 2359 to Seidisfjord.

(A.C.O.S., 022222B to A.I.F.36.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - Contd.

RENOWN. A.S. Rosyth's 021220B June and my 140813B May. Ship will be ready to sail p.m./16th June. (RENOWN, 021705B to C. in C. H.F.)

RAMILLIES. Your letter 6173/025 of 14th May is approved. A.M. 231258 and C. in C. H.F. 251114 also refer. (D.O.D.H., 021725B to RAMILLIES.)

CUMBERLAND, SCYLLA, FURIOUS, BERMUDA. CUMBERLAND 021447. SCYLLA take FURIOUS, ATHABASKAN, ECLIPSE, MIDDLETON under your orders and proceed to Akureyri passing Hvalfjord Gate at 0800Z/3rd to pass Hrisey Island at 0400Z/4th.
2. On arrival ATHABASKAN, ECLIPSE act as ordered by CUMBERLAND.
(C. in C. H.F., 021817B.)
Hvalfjord arrivals 2nd - 1855B - SCYLLA, FURIOUS, ECHO, MIDDLETON and ATHABASKAN. FURIOUS for aviation petrol which was not available at Akureyri. CUMBERLAND and BERMUDA continuing to be discharged Akureyri.
(A.C.I.C., 021857B to Admty.)

Landing Craft Flight K. A.M. 262039, C. in C. W.A. 270932 May and my 301828 May.
Intend sailing Flight K (L.C.I.(L) 100 S.O. of Group, 164, 165, 166, 178 and 245 of 21st flotilla and 171 S.O., 169, 172, 179, 181, 241 of 22nd flotilla) escorted by COLUMBINE from Needles 0700/4th for Gibraltar.
(2) Routed A.M. Q.Z.S. 413, 415, 411, and 410 then to pass through 180° Bishop Rock 7 miles and thence in accordance with A.M. 271901B. S.O.A. 10 knots. E.T.A. 1500/10th.
(5) Codeword "Apricot".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 021906B.)

TEVIOT, BERGAMOT, HYDERABAD, BRYONY, OXLIP, ERNE. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 010928.
Onward route from D to E 052° 05' N. 011° 58' W. F 055° 10' N. 010° 00' W., thence destination as follows.
(C. in C. W.A., 022307B to TEVIOT, etc.)

Operations.

Operation V.P.-D. Carry out V.P.-D. (1) Patrol D.
(2) M.T.Bs 620 (S.O.) and 626. (3) 1300B/2nd June or first suitable day thereafter. (4) 3.
(5) No. (6) No. (7) 090° Noss (Bressay) 110 miles.
(A.C.O.S., 020945B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

/M.T.B. ...

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.

Operation V.P.-D. (Contd.) X M.T.B. 626 and 620 sailed 1345B. S.O. 626. (A.C.O.S., 021508B to Admty.) (Corrupt group) Admiralty's telephone message of 1st June referring to SS. SCRAMSTAD and my 020945B. R/C would be much appreciated. (A.C.O.S., 021750B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Coastal Patrols. 1. Weather permitting intend M.Ls 205 (S.O.), 233 and 245 to patrol tonight on lat. 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W. Details. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 021101B.) (1) BLEASDALE, STEVENSTONE, GLAISDALE anti E-Boat patrol tonight on lat. 50° 25' N. between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W., passing F Buoy at 2315 and 0500. Codeword "Device". (2) M.L. 346, 572 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 Buoy. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021229B.) BLEASDALE, STEVENSTONE, GLAISDALE patrolling southwards of E.A.5 Buoy. M.L. 346, 572 patrolling eastern approach channel. Chasseur 12 at St. Helens. LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021241B.) My 021101B cancelled owing to weather. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 022130B.)

S/M Patrols. TRUCULENT left Lerwick unescorted at 1140B/2nd proceeding on surface at C.O.'s discretion till 062° N., thence diving by day as much as possible. Routed through 090° Muckle Flugga 6 miles and 063° 25' N. 001° 40' W., thence patrolling line CC. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 021143B to S/Ms.) SEADOG sailed from Lerwick 1620B/2nd through 091° Muckle Flugga 7 miles and 063° 25' N. 000° 55' E. to patrol line EE. Proceeding on the surface at C.O.'s discretion till 062° N., thereafter diving as much as possible by day. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 021629 to S/Ms.) Positions of submarines at 0800B/3rd and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B. (A) HERRING 54° 30' N. 35° 01' W. dived by day through 54° 45' N. 28° 01' W. at 2000/5th. (B) HAKE vicinity 53° 30' N. 37° 05' W. (C) HADDO vicinity 51° 01' N. 34° 57' W. (E) TALLY HO vicinity 64° 45' N. 05° 18' W. (F) SHAD vicinity 64° 50' N. 01° 25' W. (G) TRUCULENT 62° 30' N. 01° 20' W. dived as much as practicable through 63° 25' N. 01° 40' W. to vicinity 65° 10' N. 03° 25' W. (H) SEADOG 62° 10' N. 00° 50' W. dived as much as practicable through 63° 25' N. 00° 55' W. to patrol vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 55' E. (F.O.(S), 021717B to Admty.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Bombing
restrictions
(HERRING).

My 011019 and 011021.
 1. (a) Submerge line 20 miles.
 (b) 054° 40' N. 038° 01' W. to (g) forthwith
 to 1500/3rd. (g) to (h) 0100/3rd to 0800/6th.
 2. (a) Total line 20 miles.
 (b) (h) to (j) 0600/5th to 2300/6th.
 (F.O.(S), 020921 to H.Q.C.C.)

"Stipple"
signals.

/ Admiralty 010125B.
 (A) "Convoys of special importance", this is
 intended to cover such convoys as special
 troop convoys as in "Torch", and others of
 particular military or political importance.

Every endeavour should be made to cover all convoys in class
 A at least by single unit continuous cover if necessary at cost
 of reinforcing cover to convoys higher in priority in class A
 by additional aircraft.

(B) If date indicated in this category is date covered by
 "Stipple" signal - i.e. tomorrow, this means that as far as
 can now be foreseen, these convoys will not require cover
 tomorrow, but that cover may be required and this possible
 requirement must be taken into account before covering any
 convoy in category C.

(C) Convoys in this category should be covered by single aircraft
 in reference to providing more than one aircraft for convoys
 under A - i.e. safe and timely arrival of convoys in C has
 priority over killing U-Boats round convoys in A provided latter
 have single unit continuous cover.

(D) If convoys in this category are now presenting profitable
 opportunities for sightings and attacks groups can afford to
 make the best of these opportunities today as far as their
 resources permit, taking into account their future commitments
 as indicated by other categories.

General. Nothing in "Stipple" signal precludes group commanders
 from affording cover to convoys not included in "Stipple" if
 they have the aircraft to spare and if it is considered they
 can be valuably employed in this way.

(H.Q.C.C., 020930Z.)

Mining.

Yarmouth.

LL Sweepers detonated red magnetic mine at
 020902 in 169° 4.B Buoy 3/4 mile.
 (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 020931B & Capt. M/S
 Gt. Yarmouth 041500B.)

S.N. 111C.

R.A.M's 011102B is being passed to GLASGOW
 detailed for this duty.
 (C.S.10, 021132B to A.I.G. 40.)

/Q.U.4 ...

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Q.U. 4. My 291132B. Postponed until further orders.
 (C. in C. Nore, 021133B to BEEHIVE.)

WORCESTER. WORCESTER was 150 yards from SS. CATFORD when latter ship was mined. WORCESTER reports that plume of water was as high as CATFORD's mast and that flash was seen and that explosion appeared to be that of a contact mine. WORCESTER sustained minor damage to main feed line and A/S gear.
 (C. in C. Nore, 021216B to Admty.)

Thames Estuary. One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1047B/31 in 173 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° Sunk Head Tower 2.8 miles. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 021405B.)
 One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1238B/31 in 204° Sunk Head Fort 3.6 miles. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 021407B.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Merchant Ship. One merchant vessel bearing 248° (??/8) miles of position 47° N. 19° W. fixed within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of 1000 hours. Course 050°.
 (A/C 59 Sqdn. Duty 'B', 021100B to 15 Group.)

Altenfiord. X Russian P.R.U. June 1st shows in Altenfiord one pocket battleship, one six-inch cruiser, four Narvik-class destroyers, 3 destroyers type unknown, one coast defence ship, one depot ship, one oiler, one unidentified vessel. In Langfiord TIRPITZ and 3 destroyers.

This information received after delay which Russian assured me will not occur again.

2. R/C will be carried out as often as weather permits which under present conditions should be frequently. An A/C has taken off today.

3. Russian C. in C. informed me he intends to carry out high-level torpedo attack on ships in Altenfiord on June 6th.

4. This attack had been planned before he had any knowledge of operation F.H.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 021330A to Admty.)

O.I.C. Comment. The following German main units are believed to be in Altenfiord area - TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST and LÜTZOW. According to previous photographs received from the Russians TIRPITZ and LÜTZOW were berthed in Kaafiord (southern end of Altenfiord) and SCHARNHORST in Langfiord, but photographs had been incorrectly interpreted by Russians. The present report indicates three main units are still in the Altenfiord area and are believed to be TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST and LÜTZOW.

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HOME COMMANDS.

U-Boats.

U-Boat surrendered to STARLING. (Believed U. 202) U-Boat surfaced and surrendered believed U.202. Many prisoners including C.O. (STARLING, 020215Z to C. in C. W.A.) My 020215Z. U-Boat transmission detected by H/F D/F at 1126Z and group turned towards at 18 knots. U-Boat detected by STARLING's Asdic at 1215Z. Thereafter following attacks carried out: 3 by STARLING 2 barrage attack, 6 by WOODPECKER, and 3 by WILD GOOSE. Throughout these contact was lost at 800 yards and by 2045Z it was clear that U-Boat was too deep even for 700 feet setting to be effective. It was decided to hunt it to exhaustion. STARLING maintained contact while remainder formed square patrol. Many S.B.Ts released by U-Boat but contact firmly held for total of 14 hours. U-Boat surfaced at 020202Z, was shot up by STARLING, and abandoned ship. Depth charge settings of 900 feet and 1000 feet appear urgently necessary.

(STARLING, 020400Z to C. in C. W.A.)

My 020400Z. It is confirmed from prisoners that U-Boat maintained depth 820 feet throughout majority of hunt.

(STARLING, 021900Z to C. in C. W.A.)

We congratulate you and your ships on the relentless hunt which resulted in the destruction of a German U-Boat on 2nd June.

(1st S.L., 022016B to E.G.2.)

U-Boats in North Atlantic. D/F bearings at 2300Z/1 indicate U-Boat within 60 miles of 54° N. 31° 30' W. (D.D.I.C., 020351B to HAKE.) Periscope report by MATCHLESS in approx. 058° 55' N. 003° 33' W. at 0948B. (2) A/S search by 6 destroyers and 4 A/S Trawlers with air co-operation carried out until 1800B, produced no further sighting or contact. (A.C.O.S., 021820B to Admty.)

U-Boats assessments. The following attacks have been assessed as known sunk.

Liberator D/224 on 29th April.

Sunderlands F/10 and P/461 on 29th April.

Hampden K/455 on 30th April.

2. The attack by Wellington H/172 on 29th April has been assessed as probably sunk.

3. Request you will convey our congratulations to those concerned.

(1st S.L., 020938B to Air Ministry.)

U-Boats in Biscay Area. Am over enemy submarine in 45° 11' N. 09° 32' W. Submarine has dived. (A/C 248 Sqdn. Duty 'S', 021541 to 19 Group.) Request you will convey our congratulations to the several aircraft who took part in the destruction of a U-Boat in the Bay on 31st May. (1st S.L., 021811B to Air Ministry.)

/off ...

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats - Contd.

Off North Cape. ✓ By D/F at 1913Z today U-Boat in 73° 24' N. 22° 20' E. Reliable. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 022213B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

PORCUPINE. QUORN's 020141 and your 020230. Intend to sail QUORN escorting CHARON towing PORCUPINE at 0530 for Needles. Request renewed air protection.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 020423B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
My 020423B. Sailed 0555.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 020640B.)
QUORN with CHARON towing PORCUPINE arrived Needles 1024/2.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 021100B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

UNTAMED. TEDWORTH is to work in conjunction with and as required by the Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association until further orders.
2. C.O. TEDWORTH's programme as outlined in his 181725B is suspended.
(Director of Salvage, 021407B to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown.)

LARIAT. Admiralty's 301614. Sailed LARIAT. E.T.A. 2000/2nd June.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 021441B to N.O.I.C. Barry.)

EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE. Returning to Swansea. Making water in boiler room, unable to cope with it. E.T.A. Mumbles Head 2100. No assistance required.
(EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE, 021700Z to N.O.I.C. Swansea.)

VIOLET. Sabotage. ✓ C.A.F.O.199/41. VIOLET reports that one of three drums of lubricating oil drawn at Casablanca on 24th April contained steel arisings and pieces of cotton waste. Contents of remaining two drums were in good order. Matter is under investigation at Londonderry. Understand matter has already been reported to Captain D. Freetown, but not known whether any action then taken.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 021854B to D.N.I.)

Unknown Ship. Sailed Rescue Tug ABEILLE IV to assist vessel reported by aircraft at 2045 broken down in 260° Strumble Head 12 miles.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 022139B to Admty.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- O.N. 187. Sailed H.M.C.S. BITTERSWEET, EYEBRIGHT, LA MALBAIE, MAYFLOWER, PICTOU, Tug SAMSONIA, Tanker NORVINN, ROXANE, ATHEL REGENT, ESSO BAYONNE, PRESIDENT DE VOGUE for O.N.187. H.M.S. BURNHAM will be sailed to overtake on completion of calibration.
(Com. D. W.A., 020050B to C. in C. W.A.)
- M.K.F. 15. My 301337B. Floating Dock considerably delayed by weather.
(2) Keep within 60 miles of M.K.F.15 until convoy passes 049° 30' N. Estimate M.K.F.15 in 045° 18' N. 015° 51' W. at 0800B/2nd, steering 003°, 12½ knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 020201B to CHARYBDIS.)
M.K.F.15 sighted by Ju.88 in 046° (? 44') N. 016° 07' W. port beam 0800Z/2nd.
(UNICORN, 021047B to C. in C. W.A.)
- C.U. 2. D/F bearings on 0118Z/2 indicate U-Boat in 45° 40' N. 22° 30' W. Radius 75 miles.
(D.D.I.C., 020423B to C.U.2, WORCESTERSHIRE.)
D/F bearings at 1137Z indicate U-Boat in contact with convoy on WORCESTERSHIRE.
(D.D.I.C., 021415B to Escorts C.U.2.)
- A.T. 46. Clyde arrival SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 020814.)
- T.A. 46,
T.A. 48. Convoy T.A.46 SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH and T.A.48 SS. QUEEN MARY will be ready to leave Clyde p.m. 6th and p.m./10th June respectively.
2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ships to New York.
3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange air protection.
(D.O.D.(H), 021653B to C. in C. W.A.)
- P.W. 348,
W.P. 348. On no account should ships be allowed to straggle to southward of Q.Z.S.415.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 020919B to Escorts, PRINCE CHARLES.)
- O.S. 49/
K.M.S.16. My 012346.
(1) SAPPER is to be sailed as additional escort to Gibraltar.
(2) F.O. Gibraltar is requested subsequently to sail SAPPER to join S.L.131.
(C. in C. W.A., 021042B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

/REMBRANDT ...

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REMBRANDT. 1 M/V MRNQ properly identified herself as REMBRANDT. Apparently fired on plane. Characteristics. Request confirmation position characteristics of REMBRANDT.
(MADISON, 021245 to Admty.)

MADISON, HUGHES proceeded to intercept enemy merchant vessel reported by plane in 047° 31' N. 020° 38' W.

(C.T.G. 21.6, 021300 to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 021129B. Aircraft BW3B reported one enemy merchant ship in position 248°, 27° N. 19° W., 78, course 050°. Am proceeding to intercept.

(CHARYBDIS, 021336B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Your 021336. Ship has been correctly identified as Dutch REMBRANDT.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 021555B to CHARYBDIS.)

Your 021245. Dutch REMBRANDT could be in your vicinity bound for U.K.

(D.C., 021555B to MADISON.)

H.X. 241. (1) Request you sail WINCHELSEA p.m. tomorrow to join H.X.241 routed through LQ 055° 00' N. 043° 00' W. LR 059° 00' N. 036° 00' W. LS 059° 00' N. 024° 00' W. LT 057° 00' N. 015° 00' W. LO 056° 35' N. 008° 29' W. and estimated to pass LQ at 2200B/4th. Speed 9½ knots.

(2) S.O. in HIGHLANDER. 46 ships.

(C. in C. W.A., 021452B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

Disembarkation of Passengers. The practice of disembarking at Belfast passengers for Bristol Channel ports and at Loch Ewe passengers for East Coast ports has been suspended.

2. Bristol Channel passengers remain on board to destination. East Coast passengers are disembarked at Methil or Leith.

3. The arrangements now under suspense can be re-imposed at short notice.

(C.T.D., 021830B to A.I.G. 19.)

W.S. 31, K.M.F.17. 1. AMAZON, DOUGLAS, WITHERINGTON, LEDBURY and ARROW are required for escort of W.S.31.

2. Group V consisting of MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, WALLACE, VICEROY, WOOLSTON, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, BLANKNEY and HAMBLEDON will provide escort for K.M.F. 17.

3. Both convoys will leave U.K. on 19th June.

4. Owing to congestion at Clyde at this time C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to arrange that the minimum number of escorts for W.S.31, K.M.F.17, O.S.50, K.M.S.17 and O.N.S.11 shall sail from Greenock.

(D.O.D.(H), 021838B to R.A.D.H.F.)

/Anti ...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

Anti
U-Boat
tactics.

Your 301855. Approved.

2. Each return to the mean line of advance should be for a short leg only, and subsequent alterations should normally be away from the original route, to which return should be made by a long leg at nightfall.
3. When a Support Group is present the Senior Officer of the escort should consider the advisability of using it to search out along the original route, directly after the dawn alteration has been made.
(A.C.N.S.(U.T.), 021905B to C. in C. W.A.)

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

U.G.S.8A.

Casa Section arrived 1 June (list.)
(C.M.S.F.F. 020705 to P.D. New York.)
Arrivals BARON DUNMORE (from Casablanca)
KATY (T) NORHEIM (T).
(F.O. Gibraltar 020705B to Cominch C. and R.
C.M.S.F.F. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

TEST.

My P.C. and S. at 0800B today Wednesday 036°
20' 006° 33' W. 342° 6. Weather report and
uncoded position to nearest degree, 9070 2573 3607.
(TEST 020802B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) TOTLAND.)

X.K.8.

Convoy X.K.8 sailed in accordance with my 311614B
May less CLARE. TOTLAND sailed as additional
escort.
(F.O. Gibraltar 020925B to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty.
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med. H.Q.C.C.)

French
Warships
for U.S.A.

French Admiralty requests ?LA TAPAGEUSE,
COMMANDANT DELAGE, sister ships for Bermuda and
LE MALIN for Boston be included in G.U.S.8.
Please advise. Repair trails (LE MALIN?)
scheduled 4th June.
(Commorseafron 021027Z to C. in C. Med. (R)
Admty. S.B.N.O.W. At. C.T.F. 66, Connavnav.)

Dispositions.

Situation 1959B/2nd.

T.A.43 unescorted 039° 49' 038° 25' 265° 19½.
2. 2 Swedish relief ships 034° 01' 040° 22'
through 034° 01' (738°) 59' thence 086° 12½.
(F.O. Gibraltar 021055B.)

Situation at 2003B/2nd. TRUSTY passes position 026° (?10')
021° 01' at 0045B/3rd thence 040° on surface 10
(F.O. Gibraltar 021105B.)

X.K.8 ARNON 036° 48' 007° 17' through 036° 20' 008° (?01')
and 036° 30' 010° 01' thence 310° from northward to southward.

2. TRUSTY bearing approximately position 026° 10' 021° (?01')
at 0045B/3rd thence 195° on the surface 10.

3. P.316 (TEMPLAR) 042° 33' 010° 23' 175° 9/2.

4. F.S. GEORGES LEYGUES sails from Casablanca 2000/2 through
033° 27' 009° 29' and 030° 01' 011° 45' thence 217° 23.

5. TEVIOT, 4 corvettes, 1 sloop 041° 07' 013° 30' 359° 12½.

6. PRINS ALBERT 039° 30' 039° 49' through 036° 40' 010° 01'

to Gibraltar 18.

7. B.Y.M.S. 26, 9 and 27 024° 42' 015° (?47') coastwise northward

8. ADVENTURE sails Gibraltar 2100B/2 through 035° 46' 006° 24'

and 036° 15' 012° 20' thence 326° 18.
(F.O. Gibraltar 021113B.)

SALMON
Spanish.

Spanish trawler SALMON left Corunna night June 1st.
(Corunna 021115 to Admty. (R) Gibraltar.)

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K.M.S.15. SOMERSET COAST and LEVANT did not sail.
(F.O.Gibraltar 021202B to Cdre. Algiers, (R)
C. in C.Med. Connav, Admty.)
K.M.S.15 MADRAS CITY did not sail.
(F.O.Gibraltar 021242B.)

ADVENTURE. Intend sailing ADVENTURE at 2100B June 2nd for
U.K. routed through A. 35 46 N. 06.24 W.
B. 36.15 N. 12.20 W. C. 39.01 N. 14.40 W.
D. 45.00 N. 14.40 W. thence as ordered by
Admiralty. S.O.A. 18 knots. Codeword "Pillbox."
(F.O.Gibraltar 021219B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. C. in
C.W.A. C. in C.Plymouth, A.O.C.C.C. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
Sailed ADVENTURE in accordance with my 021219B.
(F.O.Gibraltar 022134B.)

Axis shipping Bilbao Arrival 1st CABO MENOR. Arrival 2nd REGEJA,
WATERWEG, JEUNE DENISE. Departure 1st
COURDANNES, SYDNEY, CASTILLO RIAZA.
(Bilbao 021235 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

CHASSERAL. Swiss stemship CHASSERAL leaves Genoa for
Gibraltar about 6th June.
(D.E.W.D. 021300B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C.
in C.Med.)

TRUSTY Your 012042Z. On crossing lat. 026° 10' N. at
0045B/3rd pass through following positions at
time stated E. 037° 01' 010° 28' at 0345/7th
F. 043° 01' 010° 27' at 2105/10th thence as
ordered by F.O.S. All times zone minus 2.
2. Proceed on surface at your discretion at 10 knots until reach-
ing 035° N. at 2200/5th thereafter diving by day. S.O.A. 104
miles per day.
3. Total bombing restrictions have been arranged from 0045/3rd
to 2200/5th thereafter submerged bombing restrictions until
2100/10th 10 miles either side of your route from 35 miles
ahead to 35 miles astern of your estimated position. Report if
you are unable to keep within your bombing restrictions.
4. Read H.S. and G.S. routine.
5. Cancel my 301851B.
(F.O.Gibraltar 021509B to TRUSTY.)

Convoy G.C.13 sailed for Casablanca, FILLEIGH, SELLINGE.
G.C.13. (F.O.C.Gibraltar 021712B to C.M.S.F.F. (R)
C. in C.Med. Connav, Admty.)

German A/C Lisbon. My 301901 (re an areoplane attacked convoy a.m.
Cape Reca 1230, off Sagres 1310 flying south.
One A/C seen off Peniche 1600 flying south. All
times G.M.T. A/O.
(N.A.Lisbon 021730B to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty.)

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- G.U.S.8. Intend sailing MANCHESTER PORT, HAWAIIAN, WM. B. TRAVIS, LIBERTY, GLO, GEORGE LEONARD, PAN RHODE ISLAND (T). Request Pendant numbers. (F.O.Gibraltar 021744B to Cdre. Algiers. etc.)
- REUS. Departure Cartagena 1st June 20 hours REUS Port Vendres Fruit German. (Cartagena 021820 to Gibraltar (R) B.N.A.Madrid, etc.)
- L.S.T.412. E.T.A. 031700Z. Passed through CYCLAMEN. (L.S.T.412 021900Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.W.Af.)
- M/V repairs in Spain. Admiralty pass to C. in C.Med. Admty. 312049. Submit following procedure:
1. For ships repairing Valencia. Fullest possible details to be sent me by signal with suggested date of arrival. I will reply after consulting firms concerned and with M.W.T.R. here and suggest amended dates if necessary.
2. For ships repairing Cadiz. M.W.T.R. Gibraltar to arrange direct with Consul, keeping me informed. Only vessels which firms representatives can inspect at Gibraltar can be handled at Cadiz.
3. Approx. estimated cost will be submitted by signal, but cannot be at all firm until vessels arrive. Payment to be made through Spanish special account or in free pesetas by arrangement through Finance Advisor made by this Embassy.
4. Naval Attache and M.W.T.R. will meet ships on arrival and settle final details with Master, Consul, and firm including security.
(N.A.Madrid 022220B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. etc.)
- X.K.8. RAVENSPPOINT returned. (F.O.Gibraltar 022300B to Admty.)

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Convoy Arrived convoy M.C.7. 9 ships escorted by
M.C.7. FALMOUTH, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, VERBENA.
(Cdre. Durban 020515Z to Admty.)

Convoy * Following read Submarine on surface bearing
T.S.42 ahead submerged 007 25' N. 013 26' W. Tanker
STANDELLA torpedoes unable to make way.
torpedoed. (SNOWDROP 020536Z to Freetown W/T.)
RAPID sent to torpedoed STANDELLA. ANTELOPE
has joined me.
(BRIDGEWATER 020618Z to R.A.W.Af.)

STANDELLA torpedoes in T.S.42 at approx. 0536Z in 007° 25' N.
013° 26' W.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 020701Z to Ships in P.2 and P.3 (R) Admty.)

Lagos Departures 2nd June WITCH, CROCUS.
Movements. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 020942Z to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions Situation at 2000Z.
ASTER (group missing) LE TIGRE with D.C.28
034° 50' S. 019° 10' E. to Capetown 6½.
Portuguese sloop GONCALO VELHO off Agulhas to
Eastward 10.
NORMAN 034° 35' S. 025° 30' E. to Capetown 20.
QUADRANT, REDOUBT 032° 35' S. 029° 10' E. to Capetown 20.
NIZAM 031° 20' S. 033° 35' E. to Durban 15.
ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY 030° S. 032° 35' E. to Durban 9.
FREESIA, NORTHERN CHIEF, SONDRRA with D.N.43 028° 30' S. 032° 30'
E. to 026° 00' S. 038° 00' E. 8.
CARTHAGE with C.M.42 030° 35' S. 044° 15' E. to 021° 37' S. 052°
10' E. 10½.
HAWKINS 024° 50' S. 041° 03' E. to 026° 15' S. 041° 00' E. 20.
(C. in C.S.A. 021115B.)

Situation 2001Z/2.

PORTSDOWN, BUTTERMERE screening cable ship LADY DENISON PENDER
about 006° 26' 022° 16'.

CILICIA on patrol about 008° 01' 028° 05' 14 June.

COWSLIP, M.L. 305, 263 off Cape Palmas.

WITCH, CROCUS escorting 005° 20' 000° 50' E. to Takoradi 12.

M.L. 244 off Accra, CLARKIA 004° 40' S, 013° 25' 058° 10.5.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 021235Z.)

Situation at 1959Z/2nd June.

FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, STONECROP, LA MALOUINE, CAMPION with
O.S.48 021° 50' 018° 05' 180° 8¾.

TRUSTY on surface 025° 38' 021° 01' to 026° 01' 020° 59' at
2245Z thence 039° 10½.

B.Y.M.S.26,09,27 024° 32' 017° 28' coast wise Northward 8.

COMDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting 018° 06' 017° 15' 005° 10.

SCARBOROUGH, FLEETWOOD, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, SPIREA, COLTSFOOT,

BALSAM, BUTSER with S.L.130, 014° 59' 017° 38' to 017° 00' 017°
20' thence 351° 7½.

ASPIRANT BRUN escorting 010° 15' 015° 58' 010° 38' (016°?) 47'
thence 235° 5½.

ALCANTARA 010° 08' 016° 27' 010° 23' 017° 08' thence 348° 16.

CILICIA on patrol about 008° 01' 028° 05' 14.

LA GRANDIERE 012° 39' 017° 15' to Dakar 13.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 021237Z.)

/Pointe...

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Pointe Noire Arrivals Pointe Noire 1000Z/2nd DAUNTLESS,
Movements. BLACKMOOR.
(B.N.L.O.W.Af. 021125 to F.O.C.W.Af.)

DUMONT Arrived. My 281752Z refers.
D'URVILLE. (Comar Dakar 021152Z to F.O.C.W.Af. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst, Admty.)

Convoy X Convoy C.D.20 again attacked by U-Boat at 0805Z/
C.D.20, 1st in 031° 08' S. 030° 18' E.
U/B attack Dutch ship SALABANGKA torpedoed and now being
SALABANGKA towed to St. Brides Bay H.M.Tug.
torpedoed. 2. U-Boat not sighted. Counter attack by
escorts negative.
(C. in C.S.A. 021229B to Admty. C. in C.E.F.
Cdre. Durban N.L.O. East London, N.L.O.Port
Elizabeth, (R) S.O.(I) Colombo.)

Dutch ship SALABANGKA sank at 1900Z/1st. Weather conditions
were against successful salvage. My 021229B refers.
(C. in C.S.A. 021706B to Admty. C. in C.E.F. Cdre. Durban,
N.L.O.East London, N.L.O.Port Elizabeth, (R) S.O.(I) Colombo.)

S.L.130. Sailed 1020Z DUNKERQUE, SAN ANDRES, PINTO,
CAP CANTIN, BOSPHORUS to join S.L.130 F.O.C.W.Af.
291240 refers.
2. Dakar section escorted R/V by CALAIS, Air France
1 and 3, who then return Dakar.
(Comar Dakar 021232Z to F.O.C.W.Af. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst, Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in
C.Med.)

My 021232. Dakar section joined. Arrived Dakar 1800Z local
escort and DUNKERY.
(Comar Dakar 021947Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) SCARBOROUGH, etc.)

Overdue HOPETARN not arrived.
shipping. (C. in C.S.A. 021248B to Admty. C. in C.E.F.
(R) Com. Durban, S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay.)

QUADRANT, Sailed (?QUADRANT), REDOUBT to Capetown coastwise
REDOUBT. through 034° 24' S. 024° 50' E. and 035° 02' S.
020° 01' E. S.O.A. 20 knots. E.T.A. Capetown
1300Z/4th June.
2. Shift to W/T Group S.L. at 2000Z/2nd June.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 021453Z to Admty. C. in C.E.F. etc)

SAVORGNAN Report proposed programme for SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.
DE BRAZZA (C. in C.S.A. 021531B to B.N.L.O.W.Af.)

ALCANTARA. Departure 0706Z/2nd June 1943.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 021537 to Comar Dakar.)

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Movements St. Vincent. Following from Saint Vincent. (Begins) Arrivals 1st DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE (Italian). Departures 1st MALANGE (Portuguese), Philadelphia 22nd. T.O.O. 020900 (Ends.) (S.O.(I) Freetown 021643Z to Admty. etc.)

Troop Movements. Following is anticipated itinerary of HIGHLAND MONARCH and HIGHLAND BRIGADE: E.T.A. Lagos 16th June to embark first flight Mayfair to capacity for transshipment STIRLING CASTLE Freetown, accommodation all ranks 4371. Balance to embark NEW NORTHLAND, E.T.D. Lagos 18th June, E.T.A. Freetown 22nd/23rd June.

2. ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE, BRIGADE, MONARCH, and NEW NORTHLAND will embark Freetown 1st West Africa Infantry Brigade to capacity, E.T.D. Freetown 27th June E.T.A. Lagos 2nd July.

3. ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE, BRIGADE, MONARCH will then embark balance of first flight Mayfair E.T.D. 6th July (Lagos.)

4. G.O.C.W.A. agreed.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 021652Z to S.S.T.O. Lagos, F.O.C.W.Af. (R) D. of S.T.)

T.L.13. T.L.13 sailed 1730Z/2nd June. Route B. E.T.A. Lagos (Nigeria) 0600Z/4th June. (3 ships). Convoy codeword "Bamboo" convoy W/T identity VLD 1 - 8 QLA 174.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi 021707Z to Admty. etc.)

ROHILKHAND. Now expect to arrive Walvis Bay 1600Z/4th June. Weather report 2762 1446. P.C. and S. 1900Z/2nd June 18.59 11.57 151° 5 knots.
(ROHILKHAND 021726Z to N.O.I.C. Walvis Bay, (R) C. in C.S.A.)

MAURETANIA. C. in C.E.F. 310744 MAURETANIA has range of 5760 miles at 20 knots on basis of full capacity 3000 tons fuel and Octane 55 tons per mile but with no reserve for deviation or emergency. Anticipate vessel will leave p.m. 4th June arriving Diego Suarez a.m. 12th June where she will require 1800 tons fuel oil. Vessel will have space for 2200 tons fresh water and for stability purposes and in order to avoid salting assembly tanks master requests as much fresh water as possible. Assuming vessel leaves Diego Suarez p.m. 12th June E.T.A. Colombo is a.m. 17th.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown 021742B to C. in C.E.F. N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, F.O.Ceylon, (R) D. of S.T. P.S.T.O. India, S.T.O.Colombo.)
As amended 030035B.

BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT. My 012047. Request you will (?sail) BRIDGEWATER and BELLWORT escorting ELIZABETHVILLE to Bathurst as soon as disembarked at Dakar. Request expected sailing.
(F.O.C.W.A. 021819Z to Comar Dakar, (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty. D.S.T.O.W.Af.)

/Takoradi...

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Takoradi
Movements.

Arrival 2nd June BURDOCK, COMMANDANT DESTROYAT
F.S.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 021830Z to Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.
R.N.O.Lagos.)

Maranham
Reporting.

Your 200011, May. (re establishment of U.S.Naval
observer post at Sas Lueiz.) Am informed U.S.
Naval observer Maranham has now taken over all
ships reporting duties.
(B.N.S.O.Rio de Janeiro 022101Z to B.A.D. (R)
Admty. Ass. B.N.S.O.Recife.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Enemy
Units and
M/Vs.
destroyed.

Following read. Three unidentified vessels bearing 340 degs. two miles, my position 143 degs. 38 degs. N. 16 degs. E. 6 miles. (D.14 020141B to Malta W/T). My 020141B. 3 merchant ships, 1 destroyer destroyed and no damage sustained. My P.C. and 8 at 0500 036 degs. 40' N. 016 degs. 38' E. 220 degs.

29 knots.

(?D.14 020233B to V.A. Malta).

My 020753 (N.T. in W.D.) JERVIS and QUEEN OLGA caught enemy one mile off Cape Spartivento. One M/V 3500 tons caught fire and blew up. One M/V 1500 sunk by OLGA. Destroyer with C.T. on bows driven ashore well on fire. Smaller torpedo boat marked X.137 sunk. Very early and rapid hitting established with gunfire, the only torpedo fired missed. No casualties or damage. OLGA developed boiler defects at inconvenient time but proved an admirable consort. No other authorities informed.

(V.A. Malta 021520B to C. in C. Med.).

M.E. Air
Report.

A.683 2 June 43 Daily Opsum 35.31 May/1 June. 6 Liberators (B.24) 9 Halifaxes oil installation Augusta. 2 Halifaxes returned early technical troubles. Remainder bombed. Bursts base main

harbour mole south of railway station and near fuel tanks. Other bombs near seaplane base. Fire seen near Citadel. 2 Liberators crashed landing on return 1 burning out. Both crews safe. 48 1000 lb. H.E. 86 x 500 lb. H.W. at 1935Z hrs. 1 June. 3 Baltimores (A.30) 4 Beaufighter bombers independent anti shipping R/C off Crete and Aegean sea respectively. 1 Baltimore A.30 bombed schooner about 75 tons in Mirabella Bay. Vessel damaged by near miss left down at stern. Beaufighters attacked schooner 200 tons off Melos Island. 1 near miss many cannon strikes. Vessel left smoking.

(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 020844Z).

Enemy
Units.

Following has been read. One enemy cruiser and (? 1 vessel, type unknown) in 41 degs. 03' N. 10 degs. 01' E. "fixed" within half an hour of 1000 hrs. Course 250 degs. Speed 15 knots. (A/C 16 Q.F. 020936).

G.T.X.2.

Following is a repetition of my 020839B. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail G.T.X.2. at 0001 June 8th.

2. Speed of ships 8 knots, S. of A. 8 knots.

3. (Route).

4. Sections join and detach with local escorts as follows:-
Oran 35.30, . 00.44 West. 0500 June 9th. Algiers 36.55 03.07
0600 June 10th. Bougie 36.59 05.11 1830 June 10th. Philippeville
37.13 06.56 0600 June 11th.

Bone E.T.A. 1200 June 11 sailing again at 1800 June 11.

Bizerta Q.K.B.94 0800 June 12. Tunis Q.K.B. 97 1100 June 12.

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G.T.X.2. Sousse 35.58 11.02 0030 June 13.
(Contd.). M.F.A. (as received) 34. 20 11.20 1800 June 13.
Tripoli E.T.A. 1200 June 14.
5. Malta section detach in position 35.04 11.57 at
0945 June 13 via Q.K.B. 125 to Malta E.T.A. 0530
June 14.
6. First two letters of W/T call sign 8 P.
7. All positions north and east unless otherwise stated. All times
B.
8. Fighter priority 3 by day, 2 by night, until 1800 June 9th then
2 day and night to Tripoli. Codeword "Betimes" 339. Malta section
on detaching "Decabe" 328.
9. Escorts Gib. Algiers TANGO, GAVOTTE, VISENDA, MAN-O-WAR, Gib.
Tripoli, LIDDESDALE, CLEVELAND, SLAZAK, CONVULVULUS, Gib. Malta
two destroyers detailed by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
(C. in C. Med. 020950B to V.A. Malta etc.).

PARTHIAN (1) PARTHIAN concentrate on Piraeus - Crete
P.339 traffic.
(TAURUS) (2) P.339 (TAURUS) concentrate on Salonika south
KATSONIS. and northbound traffic.
(3) G.S. KATSONIS traffic to Rhodes may be fairly
heavy.
(Capt.(S) 1 021002C to PARTHIAN P.339 (TAURUS)
G.S. KATSONIS).

Convoys M.K.S. 14, G.U.S.8. My 251805. Convoy is to enter
M.K.S.14 Oran to discharge Prisoners of War.
G.U.S.8. (2) Com. N.O.B. Oran Force sail convoy when ready
signalling amended times R/V to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar
and C.M.S.F.
(C. in C. Med. 021019B to F.Os i/c and N.Os i/c
French North Africa (except N.O.I.C. Casablanca,
N.O.I.C. Sfax and N.O.I.C. Sousse) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, Admty. Connav, S.O. Force 'H' Capt.(S)
8th S/M Flot.CMS.F).

Alexandria Arrival 1st June M.L. ?1046 HURSLEY, CESSNOCK,
movements. EREBUS, SUTLEJ, WOLBOROUGH, PROTEA.
Departure 1st June G.S. KONDOURIOTIS.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 021045C to Admty. C. in C.
Levant).

Anti Intend M.G.B.641, S.O.647 and M.T.B. 651 to
E/B Patrol. operate as anti E-boat striking force tonight 2nd,
3rd June sailing 2000B 2nd and anchoring east of
Cape Zebib E.T.A. Bizerta 0700B/3rd fighter
protection "Lizard" 3.
(2) Intend sailing P.Ts. 214, S.O. 211, 215 at 1700B/2nd for
sweep between Marettimo and (?Granitola) E.T.A. Bizerta 0800B/3rd
fighter protection "Miner" 3.
(F.O.I.S. 021057B to C. in C. Med.).

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P.43 (UNISON) information. Deviation of chariot as follows:- north, south, south east, north west, zero. East and south west 5 degs. west. West 3 degs. west. North east 2 degs. east.

P.45 (UNRIVALLED) returned this morning, P.51 (UNSEEN) leaving this evening.
(Capt.(S) 10, 021109B to P.42 (UNISON)).

ORION Sail at 1800/2nd through position (A) 036 degs. 54' 012 degs. 10' at 0100/3rd thence to bombard
PALADIN Pantellaria as ordered by C.S.15.
TROUBRIDGE to bombard (2) Return by reverse of outward route.
Pantellaria. (3) Speed of advance 23 knots.
(4) Codeword "Banker" priority 2.
(5) ISIS and ILEX keep clear C.S.12's 011505

refers.

(V.A. Malta 021153B to ORION, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE (R) C. in C. Med. etc.).

NEBOJSCA

Y.S.S. NEBOJSCA is to be handed over to Royal Yugo-Slav Navy as soon as convenient. Arrangements should be made direct with Cdr. Saksida and date of transfer reported. Your 301509 (N.T. in W.R.) May pass to Cdr. Saksida.
(C. in C. Levant 021236C to Capt.(S) 1 (R) Admty. F.O.S. N.O.I.C. Port Said, F.O.C. Red Sea, NEBOJSCA Y.S.S. Senior Yugo-Slav N.O. Alexandria).

P.R.U.

2nd June. Visuals 0810 Taranto 2 battleships 2 cruisers. 1045 Messina no major naval unit.
(V.A. Malta 021256B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

[C. in C. Mediterranean 021257, see foot of page 62]

P.211 (SAFARI)

Bombing restrictions for your return route arranged assuming you leave Bone at 1930/3rd passing 037 degs. 10' 007 degs. 50' at 2130/3rd and 038 degs. 45' 009 degs. 15' at 2230/4th.
(Capt.(S) 8 021326B to P.211 (SAFARI) (R) S.8.).

Your escort for Bone will be trawler SHIANT.

(2) Small convoy due Bone from eastward about 0630 3rd.
(Capt.(S) 8 022020B to P.211 (SAFARI)).

P.47 (DOLFJIN)

P.47 (DOLFIJN) leaves zone C on 4th so as to pass 038 degs. 25' 011 degs. 30' repeated 038 degs. 25' 011 degs. 30' at 2100/5th 038 degs. 08' 003 degs. 42' repeated 038 degs. 08' 003 degs. 42' at 1800 9th thence to R/V escort Algiers in 036 degs. 56' 003 degs. 10' repeated 036 degs. 56' 003 degs. 10' at 0630/10th.

P.48 (UNRUFFLED).

(2) P.46 (UNRUFFLED) leaves zone F (?on) 4th so as to pass position P at 2230/6th thence Malta as ordered by Capt.(S) 10.
(Capt.(S) 8 021352B to S.8. (R) C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers).

/Convoy...

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Convoy
P.A.39

Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 021445Z to Admty.).

Aden
movements.

Arrivals MADRAS with SIMBRA in company.
(Com. Aden 021514Z to C. in C. Levant etc.).

ALBARO

Report B.4 ALBARO due to arrive Istanbul from Aegean in transit for Constanza. Vessel will use CELENO escort in Black Sea (My 311731C refers). (S.O.(I) Istanbul 021530C to C. in C. Levant . S.O.(I) Levant, S.1, S.10, D.N.I.).

Smoke
Apparatus.

To meet operational requirements, all Levant escort vessels are being fitted with C.S.A. emitters and more than 70 will be equipped by end of June.
(2) Para.1. of your 201412 May. Anticipated average expenditure has been assessed at one ton per ship

per month.

(3) Expenditure of C.S.A. for ships and area smoke screens for Mediterranean generally is being met largely from captured stocks ex Western Desert which may have been pooled with Army. It has been arranged that this South African supply should be similarly treated.

(4) It was considered that besides immediate needs this source would be of value in future.

(C. in C. Levant 021631C to Admty.).

Movement
Port Said.

2nd June Port Said arrival COUNDOURIOTIS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 021647C to Admty. etc.).

TACTICIAN

Intend sailing P.314 TACTICIAN at 1700B/3rd. routed through 035 degs. 11' 015 degs. 55' at 0600/4th thence through 040 degs. 01' 018 degs. 58' en route for patrol in South Adriatic.

TACTICIAN will leave Adriatic to pass 039 degs. 50' 018 degs. 55' at 0800 15th and 034 degs. 52' 021 degs. 54' at 0800/18th from whence Capt.(S) 1st S.F. is requested to arrange onward routing to Beirut. TACTICIAN will shift to Alexandria W/T routines at 0800 18th.

(Capt.S.10, 021742B to Capt.(S) 1st S.F. (R) C. in C.M.F. C. in C. Levant, Capt.(S) 8th S.F. Capt. (S) 10th S.F.).

Combined
Operations
Personnel
requirements.

× A.M. 111836A March para.2 Levant Station Personnel requirements.
2. The question of providing reliefs has been given careful consideration and you are requested to signal your views on the following proposals.
(a) Officers. The exchange of inexperienced Officers

from Combined Operations at home with those on the Levant Station, about to be commenced, will solve this part of the problem.

A.M. 181504 refers.

(b) Ratings. It is proposed to draft part of C.C.O's quota of untrained /ratings....

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Operation
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ratings direct to SAUNDERS for training and relief of trained personnel for draft to U.K. This will relieve the strain on C.C.O's training organisation at home which is taxed to the utmost.
(D. of P. 021747B to C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C. Med.).

Dredger
Bizerta

There is a most urgent requirement for a Dredger in Bizerta Lake. Can one be spared from Middle East, if so request she be sailed as soon as possible.
(C. in C. Med. 021759B to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty.).

U/B sunk
28/5.

Request you will convey our congratulations to the Hudson Aircraft of 608 Squadron which destroyed a U-boat in Mediterranean on 28th May. (D.A.S.W. Approved 1st Sea Lord 021810B to Air Ministry (R) C. in C. Med.).

TROOPER
TACTICIAN

Anticipate you will be S. of Cephalonia night of 5th 6th at your discretion report then result of "Tiger" together with brief situation report for benefit of P.314 (TACTICIAN). Shift to Alexandria W/T routine at 1200/7th.
(Capt.(S) 10, 021937B to TROOPER (R) C. in C. Med. Capt.(S) 1, C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta).

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals MINNA M.L.336.
Departures R.A.'H' in KING GEORGE FIFTH, HOWE, FORMIDABLE, FARNDALE, TYNEDALE, SLAZAK, LIDDESDALE, HAYDON, ACTIVE, VENOMOUS, VELOX, CLEVELAND, CALPE, DELHI, M.L.480, 338, 575.
(Cdre. Algeria 022000B to Admty.).

Situation
Report
No. 102.

(1) M.T.Bs. from Malta operated off East Coast of Sicily during night 31stMay/1st June.
(2) PENELOPE escorted by PALADIN and PETARD carried out successful bombardment of Pantellaria at 1830/1. Hits were obtained on barracks and in vicinity of Battery near the town. Some opposition was encountered and PENELOPE was hit once but sustained little damage.
(3) JERVIS and QUEEN OLGA on sweep of East Coast of Sicily destroyed three Merchant ships and (corrupt group) destroyer (W.D. Note: See V.A. Malta 021520B) off Cape Spartivento at 0200/2. No damage to H.M. ships.
(4) During sweeping operations East of Cape Bon Peninsula on 1st June (?32) mines were swept with 78 anti-sweeping devices.
(C. in C. Med. No T.O.O. received 022001 to Admty. etc.).

(? 021259 intended,
see page 103)

/SPORTSMAN....

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SPORTSMAN
(P.229). Arrival.
(Cdre. Algiers 022005B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Departures EGGESFORD, JULIET and STROMA
Philippeville (N.O.I.C. Phillippeville 022027B to Admty. etc.).

Haifa
movements. Arrival 2nd June SOUTHERN SEA, ISLAY, CUMBRAE,
G.S. AETOS.
Departure 2nd June SOUTHERN SEA, ISLAY, CUMBRAE,
G.S. AETOS, G.S. IERAX.
(N.O.I/c Palestinian Ports 022046C to Admty.
C. in C. Levant).

Movements Bizerta. Arrivals - BREAM. Departures FOULA,
Bizerta HUNDA.
(F.O.I.S. 022113B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

Movements Arrivals HUSSAR, HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, WHEATLAND,
Bone. VETCH.
Departures ISIS, ILEX.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 022125B to Admty. C. in C. Med.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, V.A. Malta).

Malta Air A.I. 517. C.S.R. 2 June.
Report. (A) Air Part 1. Offensive, night 1/2 June.
Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily and
toe of Italy. One special equipment Wellington on
shipping search in Gulf of Taranto made no
significant sighting and bombed road and railway bridge south of
Bovalino.
Part 2. Enemy air activity night 1/2 June. 2 Beaufighters made
interception patrols south of Sicily. 1 Beaufighter was airborne
on interception. Day 2 June. 21 Spitfires provided escort for
incoming naval units. 15 Spitfires were airborne on interception
for raids which turned back. 1621 hrs. 21 plus enemy fighters and
fighter bombers approached Malta. 12 Spitfires intercepted enemy
A/C which turned back and did not cross the coast. 1 F.W.190
damaged in combat. Two bombs dropped in sea north of Grand Harbour.
(A.H.Q. Malta 022140).

Sfax Arrival PRINSES BEATRIX (?also) L.C.I. 243.
movements. (N.O.I.C. Sfax 022159B to Admty.).

EXPLORER Your 151526 May. On completion of discharge at
Malta S.S. EXPLORER should return to Gibraltar for
orders. 5736/29th May from A.F.H.Q. Algiers to War
Office refers.
(D. of S.T. 022211B to P.S.T.O. Med. (R)
D.S.T.O. Malta).

/Sousse....

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Sousse movements.

Departure GLOXINIA L.S.T. 401303 unescorted. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 022132B to Admty.).

Malta movements.

Arrived M.G.Bs. 658, 663. Sailed M.T.Bs. 640, 633, 636.

(V.A. Malta 022208B to Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).

Arrived PENELOPE, PALADIN, PETARD, ASHANTI, JERVIS

QUEEN OLGA, UNRIVALLED.

Departures PETARD, ORION, TROUBRIDGE, PALADIN, UNSEEN.

(V.A. Malta 022235 to Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, S.1. S.8.).

Movements Tripoli.

Arrived ^{WHADDON} Whaddon, LOYAL.

(S.N.O. Tripolitania 022259 to Admty. (R) R.A. Alexandria).

N.W.A.A.F. report.

M. 5857E 2 June.

N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum (?101) June 1.

N.W.A. Strategical Air Force June 1. Porto Ponte

Romano 18 U.S. Marauders (B-26?) escort 16 U.S.

Lightnings (P-38) (55 x 1000 or 51 x 1000?) bombs

from 10,000 feet. Direct hits on Customs House and Causeway. 3 near misses on large M/V. On return U.S. Lightnings (P-38) shot up gun positions and Naval vessel on which explosions occurred. Terra Nova. 18 U.S. Mitchells (B-25) escort 24 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) 1 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) returned early. 42 X 1000 bombs dropped from (10300 or 10320?) to 11600 feet. 1 probable hit and near misses on 435 foot M/V 1 direct hit and near misses on 410 foot M/V. Both left burning. Fires seen in area. 4 Mitchells (B-25) damaged by flak. 2 in combat, 1 crashed in sea near Philippeville one crash landed near Bone. Pantellaria 18 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) 1 returned early. 9 x 100 bombs dropped from 3000? feet. 6 hits in area of targets, 3 in southeast corner of harbour. Gun positions shot up and silenced. 19 U.S. Fortresses (B-17) 114? X 1000 H.E. on 2 gun positions from (21,5000 or 22,500?) feet. One target missed entirely, near misses on other with possible hits. 30 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) escorted these Fortresses (B-17) dropped 27 X 1000 bombs on 2 Artillery positions from (3000 or 4000?) feet. Direct hits on both. 14 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) dropped 14 X 1000 bombs on gun positions from 3000 feet. 3 hits on edge of 1 target, 1 direct hit on another, 2 hits on boats in harbour, 4 among buildings gun positions shot up and temporarily silenced. Stagnone seaplane base. 36 U.S. Warhawks (P-40) 8 returned early, 18 strafed target on deck, 10 provided top cover at 4,000 feet 12 seaplanes destroyed, 6 damaged. Schooner and 3 small boats in vicinity shot up and left burning 1 U.S. Warhawk (P-40) destroyed by Flak. Balastrate railway bridge, 12 U.S. Lightnings (P-38), 1 returned early, 10 X 1000 bombs, dropped in vicinity 1 near miss on bridge 1 in mouth of tunnel near Trapieto 1 P-38 crash landed. Porto Torres harbour 13 U.S. Lightnings (P-38) 1 returned early, 12 X 1000 bombs from 3000 feet 1 between ships moored either side of pier 1 in east dock area 3 in town. Gun positions and factory at Stintine shot up. Weather on 2 U.S. Lightnings (P-38). Northwest African tactical air force. 1 June

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N.W.A.A.F.
Report.
(Contd.).

24 U.S. Warhawks (P-40) with 500 lb. bombs
successfully flew three missions against assigned
targets Pantellaria.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. 022335Z).

Mad. 66A
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MESSAGE No T.O.O.

IN

From: Freedom, Algiers.

Date: 2.6.43.
Recd: 1130Z

Addressed: ETOUSA (Action).

Tunisia: Situation Report.

"EDITED LITERAL TEXT".

Interior Addresses: Action: Troopers (Pass to) H.M.
Ambassador Madrid for U.S.
Ambassador Madrid, Resident
Minister Achimota, Britmilat
Ankara for Marshal Chakmak,
Defender Wellington for
Puttick.

Rptd: USFOR MIDEAST BRITMAN
Washington ARMDIA Delhi
PAIC Land Forces Melbourne
Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs
Capetown Force Nairobi.

From: FREEDOM.
Signed: Eisenhower.
Cite: FHCCE.

Ref. No. 6590. LINREP 51.

Summary of operations 27th. to 30th. May.

1. Ground: Movements of our troops to assembly areas continued.

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2. Naval: H.M.S. VETCH carried out a promising attack on a U-boat off Yenes (M-17) on 25th. May. During recent patrols our submarines sank a tanker off Monte Carlo, a 4000 ton motor vessel off Messina, NE Sicily, a trawler at the entrance to Augusta Harbor (Eastern Sicily) and damaged a 4000 ton motor vessel off Catania.

3. Air: Heavy attacks were made against military targets in Italy, Sardinia, Sicily and Pantelleria. Of these the heaviest was made on Leghorn during night 27/28th. May where 4 separate formations of B-17's (Fortresses) totaling 106 aircraft dropped 206 tons of bombs. Large fires were started at the oil refinery and shipyards and direct hits were scored on 3 ships. On 30th. May, B-17's attacked an aircraft factory and several airdromes in the vicinity of Naples with excellent results. Shipping, oil storage and dry docks at Naples were also damaged. Pantelleria Harbor and airdrome installations were successfully attacked each day during the period, the largest attack occurring 29th. May when our medium bombers dropped 77 tons of bombs starting fires and doing great damage to piers, gun emplacements and docks. Throughout the period the airdromes in Sicily and Sardinia were attacked almost continuously. Severe damage was done to installations and many enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground. A Hudson on a shipping patrol attacked and sank a surfaced U-boat north of Balearic Islands.

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X 4. Political: General De Gaulle accompanied by Massigli and Phillipp arrived yesterday in Algiers and was met by General Giraud at the airport. A small demonstration was staged in the afternoon without knowledge of French Headquarters. Upon the tone or prospects of the negotiations, it is too early to comment.

No T.O.O.
Advance Copy Ops. O.I.C.

1st. Lord
1st. S.L.(2)
4th. S.L.
5th. S.L.

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A.C.F.S.(W)
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D.O.D.(H)(2)
D.D.I.C.(2)
D. of P.(2)
D.C.(2)
Hd. of M.
D.N.I.(4)
I.P.(2)
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Ad. Blake.
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D.A.W.T.
R.A.(V)(4)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

- STRATHAIRD, Your 300403Z/May to D. of S.T. only. Intended
STRATHMORE. that STRATHAIRD and STRATHMORE should return to
Durban after disembarkation at Bombay about 20/6.
(2) For P.S.T.O. Capetown's information they will
probably be used for further on-carriage from
Durban to Middle East or India but this is not yet firm.
(D. of S.T. 020257B to P.S.T.O. India. (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown,
D.S.T.O. Durban, C. in C. E.F.)
- KOSCIUSZKO. Transport KOSCIUSZKO sailed for Suez via following
personnel for Suez. Requirements Aden.
E.T.A. Aden. 8th June.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay, 020322Z to P.S.T.O. M.E. (R)
D.S.T.O. Suez, D.S.T.O. Aden, P.S.T.O. I.D.S.T.)
- NIEUW Your 300932Z NIEUW AMSTERDAM will not be available
AMSTERDAM. for return of U.S. civilian technicians to U.S.A.
(2) The best suggestion we can make is that they be
sent to Suez to arrive by about 20/6 for embarkation
in MAURETANIA which will proceed to U.S.A. via U.K.
(D. of S.T. 020328B to D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf,
(R) P.S.T.O. India, P.S.T.O. M.E.)
- A/S Escort My 272C of 25th May (250925Z, May) add NETRAVATI
Force. to C.A.S.F. Para. 3. (C).
(C. in C. E.F. 020601Z to East Indies (284C) (R)
Admty.)
- M.L's. M.L's 475, 476 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 020731Z to Admty etc.)
- EDWARD Arrival EDWARD F. JOHNSON in tow Tug BOLD.
F. JOHNSON, (N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 020735Z Admty, C. in C. E.F.
BOLD. F.O.C. Ceylon.)
- SIBAJAK. Concur. Ocean escort will be provided. P.S.T.O.
Capetown, 311540 May refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 020806Z to P.S.T.O. (?Capetown)
(R) N.L.O. Port Elizabeth, D.S.T.O. Durban, D. of
S.T., P.S.T.O. M.E., C. in C. S.A.)
- M.L's. Request dispositions for M.L's 115, 141, 283, 286,
237, 210, 303, 379, 390, 391, 198, 421, 476, 813,
830, 831, 832, 857, 829, 1051, 1058, 1061, 1088,
1121, 1177, 1204 and 27th Flotilla L.C. 55th Flot.
M.M.'s 21, 68, 89, 106, 131, 132, 211. L.S.T.
320, 364, M.T.B. 206.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay, 020914Z to Admty)

HASHIMI /...

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HASHIMI. Departure HASHIMI for Calcutta.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 020931 to Admty, C. in C. E.F., etc.)

Floating Dock facilities, Trincomalee. Confirm that floating dock Admiralty 201622 (?201625 intended, re allocation of floating dock) can operate south of French Pass without dredging. Local opinion confirms there should be no swell in this berth.
(F.O.Ceylon, 021108Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)

SOBKRA. SOBKRA sailed.
(F.O.E.Af. 021121Z to Admty)

Movements Colombo. Following is repetition of my 311234Z (Begins) Admty. C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O.C.R.S.F. from F.O. Ceylon, Colombo arrivals 31 May 0535, S/M 024. Departures 0835Z CANTON 69, 204, 177, 31, 10, 289, 584. 1140Z WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN. T.O.O.311234Z (Ends)
(Colombo, 021125Z to Admty etc.)

SUSSEX, NIEUW AMSTERDAM. SUSSEX with NIEUW AMSTERDAM E.T.A. Colombo 0100Z June 4th. SUSSEX requires (details)
(SUSSEX, 021148Z to F.O. Ceylon (R) C. in C. E.F. C.S.4, Capt. Supt. Colombo.)

Convoy arrangements. (1) Will now have one personnel ship JALADURGA for B.P.83 sailing 10th June my 281147Z refers. (2) B.P. 84 from Bombay VARSOVA, EL MADINA, SANTHIA VARELA sails 18th June last named ship is for Karachi. (3) From Karachi to join P.A. convoy for Suez. One personnel ship NEVASA and one animal ship GAZANA sails 20th June.
(P.S.T.O. India, 021156Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.C.S.O.Bombay, D.S.T., Abdacom.)
As amended P.S.T.O.India 030841.

SAGAING, Trincomalee, pier. For Adm. Somerville. F.O. Ceylon confidential code 201112 (re proposals for use of SAGAING as pier to be abandoned) May to Admiralty indicated deep water quay situation at Trincomalee.
(2) Estimate of 18 months to complete, stump of concrete pier is built appears quite unacceptable.
(3) You may care to discuss with C.E. in C.
(C. in C. E.F. 021451Z to Adm. (R) F.O. Ceylon)

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Movements,
Colombo.

Colombo departure, add to my 301200Z May
1500Z M/L 1082.
Arrivals 2nd June 0730Z BALTA. 0830 AMRITSAR.
0830 LAOMEDON.
Departure 0230 RANPURA.
(F.O. Ceylon, 021436Z to Admty. etc.)

Coast
Defences.

Scale approved by C.O.S. for Addu Atoll,
Diego Garcia and Cocos Islands.
(W.O., No.T.O.O. to C. in C. India)
See Lion Copy.

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Date 2.6.43

o C.in C. India,
Repeated G.O.C. Ceylon.

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From The War Office

Coast Defences, Scale 4.

IMPORTANT

85694 Cypher (M.O.12) 2 June.

Following is summary revised scale of defences approved by C.O.S. for (A) Addu Atoll, (B) Diego Garcia, (C) Cocos Islands. Paper follows air mail.

(A) ADDU ATOLL.

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

1. Function. Occasional fleet duelling base and temporary base for flying boats.
2. Scale of Attack. Likely to be limited to attacks by one or more armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance, armed merchant cruisers or submarines.
3. Air Raid Intelligence.
One T.R.U. Station - Heratera
One C.O.L. Station - Gan
(180 ft tower)
4. Airfield requirements. Airfield Gan Island to be developed for operations two disembarked F.A.A. squadrons.
5. A.A. Guns. Heavy - 4
Light - 8
6. Coast and Local Defences.
Recommended scales.
Midu - 2.6 in. (Naval)
Gan - 2.6 in. (Naval)
Gan - 4.12 pdr.
Hittadu - 2.6 in. (Naval)
Wilingili - 1.4 in. (Naval)
Wilingili - 2.12 pdr.
Kanda - 2.12 pdr.
7. Land Defence. Responsibility C.in C., India.
8. Naval Defences. Controlled minefield covering Northern and Southern entrance Indicator nets.
9. Operations Room. Naval operations room with V.H.F., R/T and Homing facilities. Arrangements for initiation air raid warnings and co-ord shore defences with A.A. fire of ships in harbour. Land lines to R.D.F. system, controlled mining station, Port war signal station.

10. Command. Officer Commanding Base to be appointed by C.in C. Eastern Fleet, in consultation C.in C. India.

B. DIEGO GARCIA

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

1. Function. Harbour may be used for fuelling light craft and flying boats on detachment.
2. Scale of attack. Limited to attack by armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance from armed merchant cruisers or submarines.
3. Airfield Requirements. Nil
4. Anti-Aircraft Defences. Nil.
5. Naval Defences. Nil.
6. Coast Defences. Eclipse Point - 2.6 in.(Naval)
7. Land Defences. Responsibility C.in C. India.
8. Command. Commander to be an Army Officer of appropriate rank.

C. COCOS ISLANDS.

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

Owing present relative immunity these islands, and value attached continued use cable station, no repeat no action should be taken liable attract enemy attention, or indicate importance attached islands.

1. Function. Cable station and emergency base for flying boats.
2. Scale of Attack. Bombardment by cruisers. Attacks armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance from cruisers, armed merchant cruisers or submarines. Landings small raider-borne force object occupying island and/or destroying installations.

Note:- To present preliminary bombardment by ships would require scale coast defence guns higher than practicable to provide or maintain. Also would be useless provide infantry garrison strong enough guaranteed security islands, without providing adequate protection against preliminary sea or air bombardment. Also there is insufficient space and inadequate maintenance facilities for large garrison. Garrison should be sufficient merely prevent unopposed occupation by small Japanese raiding force.

Considered/....

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Considered own fleet must be regarded primary means defence these islands.

- 3. Airfield Requirements. Nil.
- 4. Anti-Aircraft Defences. Six L.A.A. guns Implemented discretion C.in C. India.
- 5. Naval Defences. Nil.
- 6. Coast Defences. Two 6 in.(Naval) Horsburgh Island.
- 7. Land Defences. Responsibility C.in C. India.
- 8. Command. Commander to be Army Officer appropriate rank.

T.O.O. Nil

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Suspected mines, Halifax. X Port at Halifax is closed until further notice due to suspected enemy mines. (N.O.I.C. Halifax 020016Z. to Admty.) Cominch 022013 to C. in C. C.N.A. only. About four mines sighted Halifax approaches in 42.50 fathoms. Within radius seven miles Sambro Lt. vessel mines are German buoyant moored. Do not resemble any known type but thought acoustic or magnetic. Recovery of specimen at present impossible due weather. First mine located floating on surface but still moored. Others may be drifting. Channel has been swept Oropesa without result. (C. in C. C.N.A. 022157Z. to N.S.H.Q. Cominch, F.O.N.F. C.E.S.F. Admty.)

122nd M.S.Flottilla. In view of your 281621 May and Admiralty 301559 May cancel my 271941 May. 2. Anticipate sailing 122nd M.S.F. May 5th routed in accordance with Admiralty 271221 April not to all addressees. (C. in C. C.N.A. 020109Z. to Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington. (R) Cmdre. S.F. B.A.D. N.O.I.C. Shelburne, F.O.I.C. W.Af. Admty. B.A.T.M. C. in C. H.F.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. June 1st. Arrivals M.L. 062. ex Wabana MALPEQUE escorting B.W.26 ex Sydney. Departures M.L.06 to Wabana M.L. 063 to St.Pierre. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 020225Z. to Admty.) Philadelphia sailed p.m. 31 N.S.K.14 for New London. (N.S.H.Q. 020549Z. to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)
Departure MOOSEJAW to H.J.56. (C. Halifax 020650Z. to Admty.)
Arrival San Francisco 31st May LURLINE. Departure Port Hueneme 1st June YOUNG AMERICA for Brisbane. Both U.S. Army transports. (N.S.H.Q. 021638Z. to Admty.)
Departure REGINA to H.J. 57. (C. Halifax 022049Z. to Admty.)

Group organisation. Following group organization of R.C.N. Ships and R.N. Ships on loan is intended where changes in existing organisation are required necessary signals will be made to authorities immediately concerned. Ships now refitting will join their groups on completion of working up. (2) C.1. ASSINIBOINE, ST. LAURENT, BURWELL, ITCHEN, AGASSIZ, GALT, SACKVILLE, NAPANEE, CHILLIWACK, RIMOUSKI, FREDERICTON. C.2. GATINEAU, BROADWAY, ST. FRANCES, LAGAN, PRIMROSE, CHAMBLY, MORDEN, DRUMHELLER, POLYANTHUS, KAMLOOPS, FENNEL. C.3. SASKATCHEWAN, BURNHAM, RESTIGOUCHE, BITTERSWEET, LA MALBAIE, MAYFLOWER, PICTOU, EYEBRIGHT, CELANDINE, HALIFAX. C.4. CHURCHILL, SKEENA, HOTSPUR, BRANDON, COLLINGWOOD, WOODSTOCK, ORILLIA, AMHERST, KITCHENER, NASTURTIUM. C.5. OTTAWA, KOOTENEY, ST. CROIX, ARVIDA, ROSTHERN, WETASKIWIN, DIANTHUS, DAUPHIN, TRILLIUM, NEW WESTMINSTER. (3) W.1. BUXTON, RICHMOND, BUCTOUCHE, BARRIE, CHICOUTIMI, QUESNEL, NIPIGON. W.2. ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, SHERBROOKE, BADDECK, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE.

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America & West Indies.

Group organisation. (Contd.) W.3. GEORGETOWN, CHELSEA, LETHBRIDGE, SHAWINIGAN, BRANTFORD, GRANBY, BROCKVILLE. W.4. COLUMBIA, HAMILTON, KAMSACK, THE PASS, BATTLEFORD, BLAIRMORE, TRURO. W.5. LINCOLN, LEAMINGTON, MONCTON, MATAPEDIA, HEPATICA, MELVILLE, DIGBY. W.6. ST. ALBANS, MONTGOMERY, TRAIL, TIMMINS, COBALT, LACHINE, COWICHAN. W.7. CALDWELL, SALISBURY, OAKVILLE, ARROWHEAD, DUNDAS, MINAS. W.8. ANNAPOLIS, ROXBOROUGH, DUNVEGAN, SASKATOON, CHEDIAC, KENOGAMI, KENORA. W.9. NIAGARA, MANEFIELD, NANAIMO, SUDBURY, PORT ARTHUR, NORANDA, BURLINGTON. ? W.10. TWEED, CALGARY, SNOWBERRY LUNENBURG, EDMUNDSTON, CAMROSE, PRESCOTT.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 020509 to F.O.N.F. Capt. D. Halifax (R) N.S.H.Q.
C. in C. W.A.)

U.S. Dispositions. Cominch 011445 addressed for action to Admiralty informs as follows:- This refers to my 251519. Changes. Serial 76. Pacific. BARNES, NASSAU, TENNESSEE at San Diego. CONCORD at sea. ESSEX Pearl Harbour. LONG ISLAND at San Francisco. PENNSYLVANIA at Seattle. Atlantic. ARKANSAS at Norfolk. BOGUE, CINCINNATI, MILWAUKEE, OMAHA, PRINCETOWN at sea. CARD in N.W. Africa. TEXAS at Boston. MARBLEHEAD at Recife. YORKTOWN in Trinidad.
(Comnaveu 020716. to Admty.)

Movements Summary	Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
1800 G.M.T.2nd.	CILICIA.	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank.
	(D.O.D. (F) 020945Z. to Opanav (R) Comnaveu.)			

Convoy B.W.26. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 021133Z. to Admty.)

Convoy N.J.28. Arrived
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 021134Z. to Admty.)

O.N.186. Canadian Support Group. O.N.186. My 011427. Para. 1. Canadian support group KITCHENER, S.O. PORT ARTHUR, WOODSTOCK, join with W.2. at WESTOMP to provide coverage. (F.O.C.N. 021246Z. to Ships escorting O.N.186 (R) C. in C. C.N.A. C. in C. W.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. Cominch, ST. CLAIR, KITCHENER.)

S/M estimate 2nd June. U.S. S/M notice. (Cominch 021512Z, 021601Z, 021602Z, 021603Z.)

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- N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa (?estimate) of Submarines N. of (corrupt group) North West of 040° W. 1200Z/2nd. (N.S.H.Q. 021515Z.)
- U/B. Attacked A/S contact in 046° 50' N. 059° 15' W. at 1435Z. Am now proceeding. (WESTMOUNT 021520Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)
- MONTEREY. MONTEREY departed Ambrose 1300Z/June 2 for Cristobal. E.T.A. 1730Z June 7. S. of A. 19.5 knots. (P.D. New York 021552 to Cominch C. & R.)
- S.C.130. S.C.130 Average speed 7.13 knots, off Oversay 252100Z/May. All arrived. (D.T.D. 021635Z. to Comnav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.W.A.)
- U.S. Flag incident. An unfortunate incident has arisen in connection with use of U.S. national flag for wrapping stores which have arrived at U.S. Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I. This has caused bad feeling locally. C.O. of U.S. Torpedo Station has been informed that matter is being reported to you for investigation. 2. Particulars are as follows:- torn up sections of U.S. National flag were used for wrapping sets of coupling screws in several U.S. type torpedoes recently arrived from U.K. package No. CWT/488 despatched from R.N. Torpedo Depot, Chatham. The torpedoes in question were originally outfits of "Town" class destroyers. (B.A.M.R. 021646Z. to Admty.)
- U-Boat. S/M contact attacked by surface vessel in 046° 50' N. 059° 15' W. at 1435Z 2nd June. (C. in C. C.N.A. 021715Z to G.B.7A.)
- Convoy H.H.X. 242. Sailing Telegram Part 2. (17 Ships, list etc.) (N.C.S.O. Halifax 021730Z to Admty.)
- NENE. E.T.A. 0759Z/3rd. (NENE 021912Z. to F.O.N.F. (R) Capt. (D) St. Johns.)
- A.T.49. (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.) Convoy A.T.49. Request you will sail EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND from Halifax so as to arrive Liverpool 18th June, reporting E.T.A. Bar L.V. and estimated position of ship at daylight on day of arrival. 2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange air protection. 3. Fighter protection code word "Skunk" (D.O.D. (H) 021936B to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- S/M attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para A. STARLING attacked S/M area 56.12 N. 39.52 W. about 0200/2. P.Cs. 484 and 565 /attack...

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S/M attack and sighting summary. (Contd.) attack S/M. 37.34 N. 73.19 W. 1640/2. Para.C. Y.P. 501 attacks S/M on surface 30.04 N. 81.14 W. 0040/2. Para. D. Cap Plane sights conning tower 34.32 N. 76.48 W. 1225/2. (Cominch, 022044Z to Admty)

Convoy H.J.57. (1) Sailing telegram (4 ships, list).
(2) Halifax 2000Z/2 June. (3) E.T.A. St. Johns 0300Z/6. Argentinia 1400Z/5. (4) 7.5 knots. (5) Route. (6) REGINA. (N.C.S.O.Halifax, 022047Z, 022051Z to Admty.)

Convoy F.H.58. Sailing telegram Part 2. (8 ships, list etc.)* (N.C.S.O.St. Johns N.B. 022104Z to Admty.) *via Halifax.

B.Y.M.S. allocation. Further to my 112033 March. The following allocation of B.Y.M.S. is confirmed and balance of ship spares and base spares will be forwarded accordingly. 155 M.S.F. U.K.65,66,67,185,37,47,48,186. 156 M.S.F. Levant 31,68,187, 209,49,50, 155, 156, 157 M.S.F. U.K.69, 188, 189, 210,38,51,171, 172. (B.A.D. 022217Z to Admty (R) Dep. C. in C. Levant. C.O.A.C. F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

U.S. Staff College, Washington. Following from Chiefs of Staff No. C.O.S.(W) 627. Reference J.S.M. 952. British Chiefs of Staff are glad to accept offer of three vacancies on second course of new Army/Navy Staff College. (2) Proposed that one officer from each of the three services, probably of ranks of Cdr. R.N. Lieut. Col. and Wing Cdr. R.A.F. will be nominated. (Air Min. 022220Z to Britman, Washington)

Information to Russia. J.S.M.957 2nd June. Disclosure of Technical Info. to the U.S.S.R. Please see "Green" 400 para. 4 and 5. We shall be glad to receive general guidance as soon as possible. We feel that open discussion with U.S. Chiefs of Staff now would avoid embarrassment of being unable, when asked, to confirm that information obtained from Russians will be made available to U.S. (2) Would remind you that information passed to Harriman mission re agreement with U.S.S.R. never reached U.S. Chiefs of Staff. See C.C.S. 75th meeting item 5. (J.S.M.Washington, 022311Z to W.C.O. London)

French Forces, Equipment. J.S.M.958, 2nd June 1943. Following is text of Telegram No.9262 dated 31st May from Marshall to Eisenhower. (Begins) Recent Combined Chiefs of Staff decision as follows for your information. "Agreed that re-arming and re-equipping of French Forces North Africa should proceed as rapidly as availability of shipping and equipment will allow but as secondary commitment to requirements of U.S. and British in various theatres" (Ends.) (J.S.M. Washington, 022343Z to W.C.O. London)

/Kiwi...

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No.49.

Photographs morning 30th Airfields and Seaplane
 alighting areas Kahili Ballale Faisisho 15.
 One D.B. 4 M.B. 22 F.B. 1 F.B. also 8 A.K. and 3 E.
 in Buin Faisi Area afternoon R/C Liberator same day
 strafed Maru West Coast Bougainville sighted further
 vessel West Shortland Island. Ship reported Brackett Strait 033
 from first probably with supplies for Vila. Japanese land based
 air strength 29th Solomons 30 F. 32 B. 31 R. New Britain 14 L.
 128 B. 38 R. New Ireland 9 F. 9 B. 4 R.
 (C.W.R. Wellington 020020Z. to C. in C. E.F. Admty. D.N.I.
 A.C.N.B. G.H.Q. New Delhi B.A.D.)

Movements.

Arrival Port Melbourne 1st June U.S. N.T. HERMITAGE.
 (A.C.N.B. 020822Z. to Admty.)
 Arrivals. Thursday Island 1st. INVERALL Geraldton
 1st QUIBERON, NEPAL. Sydney N.S.W. 1st U.S.S.
 DRAYTON. Milne Bay 1st WAGGA. Departures. Geraldton
 1st. QUIBERON, NEPAL. Townsville 1st U.S.S. HENLEY. Caloundra
 1st F.S. CAP DE PALMES.
 (A.C.N.B. 021311Z. to Admty.)
 Arrivals 1st June GLADSTONE U.S.A. Transport VAN HEUTSZ
 MERAUKE U.S.A. Transport VAN DER LIJN fast hired transport
 KATOOMBA departed Thursday Island 1st due Mackay 5th.
 (C.S.W.P.S.F. 021514 to Admty.)

Digest
serial
No.498.
June 1st.

Midday photos reveal 1 small merchant vessel with
 barge alongside in Massawa Bay (22 miles West Rabaul
 2. One small freighter photographed off Talasea
 afternoon. 3. S/M observed passing Cape Orford
 southbound afternoon. 4. Two small unidentified
 vessels sighted in Wewak Harbour forenoon.
 10. Single Liberator bombed Kendari aerodrome
 before noon unobserved results. One small vessel sighted in
 harbour also 20 fighters and bombers on aerodrome. Weather
 conditions bad. 11. One Gunboat, 3 medium loaded Merchantmen
 sighted at Lautem (North Eastern Timor) noon. 13. Two torpedoes
 missed POINT SAN PEDRO 3300 tons 27° 18' S. 154° 10' E. at 010228Z.
 (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 020904Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
 (D.D.I.C. 021400B, 021401B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Fishing
Vessels in
the Biscay
Area.

1. Except French fishing vessels found within about 75 miles of the French coast, all fishing vessels in the Biscay Area are now to be attacked. The leaflet campaign against French tunny-ships in that area is however being continued and Naval forces encountering such ships are to warn them that drastic action will shortly be taken against them.

Main units.

2. CUMBERLAND and BERMUDA arrived at Akureyri at 1721B today.
ZETLAND reached Plymouth from Gibraltar at 2101B.

Operation
F.H.

3. In consequence of adverse ice-conditions in the Barents Sea, Operation F.H. has today been postponed 48 hours, so that the sailing-date of the corvettes CAMELLIA and BLUEBELL from North Russia will now be the 8th June.

Operation
H.V.6.

4. PLOVER left Milford Haven at 1903 tonight for the mine-laying operation H.V.6.

Enemy Mine.

5. One ground mine was detonated by Sweeper off Yarmouth at 1519 today.

North Atlantic.

? U/B attacked.

6. Commandant, Moroccan Sea Frontier Force, reports that at 1430Z on May 26 in 34.26 N. 30.20 W. the U.S. C.G.C. BIBB attacked a U-Boat with depth charges, and attempted to ram. The attack is evaluated as probable.

South Atlantic.

HOPETARN

7. N.O.I.C. Durban reported today that the SS. HOPE TARN, British, 5231 tons, on passage from Colombo to Table Bay, was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat at 1720Z on 29th May in 30.50 S. 39.32 E. about 460 miles E. by S. of Durban

/The...

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South Atlantic.

HOPETARN
(Contd.)

The second officer was taken prisoner, 7 were killed or drowned and 36 rescued by SS. NIRVANA.

GAMBIA.

8. The cruiser GAMBIA concluded her courtesy visit to Gambia today and left Bathurst for Liverpool.

Mediterranean.

Pantellaria
Bombardments

9. ORION, accompanied by PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE, left Malta at 1800/2nd to bombard Pantellaria. 170 rounds of 6-inch were fired at No. 1 battery between 0135 and 0148 this morning. The destroyers also fired 90 rounds. There was intermittent opposition, but no damage or casualties.

The destroyers ISIS and ILEX, who had been patrolling north of the island during the night, bombarded the harbour at daylight. Hits were observed in the S.W. corner of the Inner Harbour. Only one salvo was fired by the shore batteries.

Force H.

10. Rear-Admiral, Force H, in KING GEORGE V, with HOWE, FORMIDABLE, and 9 destroyers, arrived at Oran today from Algiers.

Air
Operations.

11. Two Spitfires escorting a P.R.U. Spitfire over Syracuse attacked and damaged a loaded schooner of 400 tons off Cassibile.

Three Beaufighters on anti-shipping R/C in the Aegean attacked an 80 ton schooner east of Melos and left it smoking.

Attacks on Pantellaria continued today, Marauders, Warhawks, Lightnings, Bostons and Mitchells all taking part.

ASHANTI.

12. The defects of ASHANTI are such that C. in C. Mediterranean has no option but to send her to U.K. for refit in spite of his lack of destroyers.

X.T.G.1.

13. Convoy X.T.G.1 left Alexandria today, 11 merchant ships for Tripoli and Malta, 5 merchant ships for Benghazi.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

SPORTSMAN.

14. S/M SPORTSMAN reports that at 1309/19^{May} in 43.01 N. 07.40 E. she sank by torpedo the French ship GENERAL BONAPARTE (2,796 tons, on passage from Ajaccio to Nice.)

At 1141/26, in 42.53 N. 06.58 E. one torpedo hit was obtained at long range on a large tanker.

At 1340/28, a tug and lighter were attacked with gunfire off Hyeres. One hit was obtained before SPORTSMAN was forced to dive by accurate return fire.

America & West Indies.

Halifax
mining.

15. The port of Halifax was opened at 1413Z. Ships were directed to approach with caution from southward, passing 44.08 N. 63.16 W. thence to Sambro Bank Light Vessel and Channel J.A.6, keeping to Westward Buoy.

16. SS. HALMA, Panamanian, 2937 tons, ex convoy B.X.55 was probably mined and sunk in 44.45 N. 63.45 W. between six and eight miles 146° from Sambro Light Vessel, Halifax, at 1730Z. All her crew were landed.

17. The minesweeper COMOX swept by Oropesa and exploded a mine in 44.27 N. 63.14 W. at 1725Z.

Australia & New Zealand.

Convoy
Protection

18. The recent increase of Japanese U-Boat activity in the South and South West Pacific is noted with concern by the Admiralty. B.A.D. is asked to signal any information obtainable re-convoys and escorts in these areas, and what air protection is available.

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Australia & New Zealand - Contd.

19. SS. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, torpedoed on May 2nd east of Fiji, arrived at Auckland today in tow.

X 20. Two Liberators destroyed a coastal vessel at Tinputz with 2 direct hits, and attacked and left burning a similar vessel at Teop.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Fishing
Vessels
in Biscay
Area.

My 251224B May. All fishing vessels are to be attacked in Bay of Biscay area except French fishing vessels east of a line drawn along longitude 002° 30' W. from southern limit of sink-at-sight zone to 045° 34' N., thence 049° N. 007° 30' W.

2. The leaflet campaign against French Tunny Ships is still being continued however and a ship should when practicable be exempt from attack in daylight until further orders.

3. Any naval force encountering French tunny men should take action described in para. one of my 251224B May.

4. A copy of this signal is to be kept with H.W.O.84. (C. in C.H.F., 032006B to H.F. Z.42.)

Movements.

ONSLAUGHT,
MUSKETEER,
MAHRATTA.

Cancel my 1556B/2nd. Sailed ONSLAUGHT, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA to Seidisfiord. E.T.A. 0800B/4th. Admty. recypher and pass to S.B.N.O. North Russia. (R.A.D. H.F., 030040B to A.C.I.C.)

Rosyth
Command.

Principal ships present at 0900/3rd. (C. in C. Rosyth 030901B)

INDOMITABLE.

Sailed INDOMITABLE. (N.O.I.C. Belfast 030907B.)

S/M
Movements.

Intend sailing UNTIRING at 0600B/6 for Holy Loch escorted 23 Buoy by M.L.300 E.T.A. 1600B/6, thence by M.L. 454 to 35 Buoy E.T.A. 0700B/7, thence by escort detailed by A.C.O.S. to vicinity Shiant Isles E.T.A. 2000B/7, speed 10 knots.

C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange onward escort to Holy Loch throughout.

(Capt. S.6 031030B)

Intend sailing GRAPH and LOCH MONTEITH from Holy Loch at 2200B/5 to Dundee from 0800B/8th June speed 10 knots. Thence GRAPH to Chatham as arranged Capt. (S) 9.

(Capt. S.3., 031353B.)

F.O.S. 281119B. Intend TRUANT to arrive Scapa about June 14th for 14 days and to be followed by MINERVE about 26th June.

(Capt. S.3 031433B to F.O.S.)

Intend sailing SARDONYX escorting UNIVERSAL from Lough Foyle Buoy at 2000B/4th by standard routes. Speed 8 knots arriving Fairlie 0830B/5th. On arrival S.3 is requested to sail SARDONYX for Lough Foyle escorting SURF. S.3's 021627B refers.

(Cdre. D. W.A. 031511 to Capt. S.3.)

My 021127. UNBENDING. Sailing delayed twelve hours.

(Capt. S.7 031738)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/4 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 031804B, 040822B, 041836B)

/Intend...

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S/M Intend to sail TUNA, P.238 and P.34 escorted by
Movements. CUTTY SARK 2200/4 for position (a) 181° Hoxa Head
(Contd.) 2 miles, routed through 089° Fair Isle 6 miles.
E.T.A. 1115B/5th.
(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail P.241 with
escort to R/V CUTTY SARK in position (a) thence
H.M.S. CUTTY SARK, H.M.S. TUNA, P.238, P.241, and P.34 to Holy Loch
by searched channel. E.T.A. 0600B/7.
(S.O. S/M. Lerwick, 032325B)

ADVENTURE. Onward route from D through E. 50° N. 13° W.,
F. 50.20 N. 09.25 W., thence by Q.Z.L. 15 and to
Milford Haven.
(D.O.D. H. 031221B to ADVENTURE.)

NORFOLK. My 031430. Admty. 071723 May and 141848 April.
Intend sailing NORFOLK from Needles 0930/4th,
for Scapa. AMBUSCADE will be sailing in
company for Clyde.
(2) Route. E.T.A. Hoxa Boom 0600/6th.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031348B.)
Admty. 071723 May and 141848 April. Intend sailing
NORFOLK from Needles 0930/4th for Scapa. AMBUSCADE will be
sailing in company for Clyde.
(2) Route. E.T.A. Hoxa Boom 0600/6th. H.M.S. AMBUSCADE will
part company at position V. of fleet notice to Mariners 385(T)
1943 and proceed Greenock, E.T.A. 1500/5th.
(3) A/A escort will be provided by STEVENSTONE and GLAISDALE
as far as Trevoise Head.
(5) Codeword "Cadger".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031430B)

Landing My 271735B May. Postponed further 24 hours.
Craft (C. in C. Plymouth, 031439B.)
Flight F.

Russian / My 261310.
Warships (Operation referred to in para. one now deferred.
from Far (Ad. Fisher, 031447C to Admty.)
East by
Northern
Route.

RAMILLIES. My 311657B May and 011855B June. Sailed
RAMILLIES. E.T.A. Greenock 0445/5th. Passing
boom at 0545/5th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031701B.)

CUMBERLAND Akureyri arrivals. CUMBERLAND and BERMUDA.
BERMUDA. (A.C.I.C. 031721B to Admty.)

/ZETLAND...

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Movements - Contd.

ZETLAND. Arrived ZETLAND.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 032101B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)
Cancel my 032019. A.M. 311701 May. Intend to
sail ZETLAND at 0600/4th to Portsmouth for
onward routing to Tyne speed 20 knots. E.T.A. Needles
1200/4th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 032321B)

CHARYBDIS. Arrived CHARYBDIS.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 032103B.)

ORWELL. Proceed to pass Switha 2000B/4th to Akureyri
routed west of Iceland Faeroes Mine Barrier and
east of Iceland.
2. On arrival complete with fuel and act as
ordered by C. in C.H.F.
3. C. in C.H.F. 030004 is passed to you for information.
(R.A.D. H.F. 032220B to ORWELL)

Operations.

Operation F.H. X Admiralty 1945B. Operation F.H. postponed
48 hours owing to adverse ice conditions
Barentsburg. 2. Adjust sailing of destroyers
at your discretion.
(C. in C. H.F. 030004B to R.A.D. H.F. (R)
ONSLAUGHT)

Operation F.H. postponed 48 hrs. D day is now 6th June.
2. CUMBERLAND acknowledged through R.N.O. Akureyri.
3. Admiralty recypher and pass to S.B. N.O. North Russia.
(C. in C. H.F. 030029B to H.F.)

My 292357 May. Operation F.H. postponed 48 hours.
2. Sailing-day for corvettes now 8th June.
3. S.B.N.O. North Russia pass by secret hand message to
CAMELLIA, BLUEBELL.
(C. in C.H.F. 030034B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Coastal Patrols. 1. Weather permitting intend M.Ls. 122 and 215
to patrol tonight on lat. 50° 20' N. between 01°
45' W. and 02° 25' W.
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave
patrol line at dawn/4th returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
3. Object anti E-Boat patrol. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 031050B and 031447B.)
BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON, STEVENSTONE patrolling southward of
E.A.5 buoy. M.G.Bs 614, 615, 611 immediate notice Newhaven.
(4) M.Ls. 124, 464 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.
(6) Chasseur 15 at St. Helens. GOATHLAND, QUORN, LORD WAKEFIELD
at Yarmouth. (7) Portland M.Ls 122, 215, 205 patrolling 50°
20' N., between 2° 25' W. and 1° 45' W..
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031216B and 031410B)

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Patrols.
(Contd.)

1. BLEASDALE, STEVENSTONE, ALBRIGHTON patrol tonight on latitude $50^{\circ} 25'$ N. between $00^{\circ} 15'$ W. and $01^{\circ} 00'$ W., passing F. Buoy at 2315 and 0500. Codeword "Advent".
2. M.L. 124, 464 patrol searched channel between F. and E.A.5 buoys.
3. M.G.B. 614, 615, 611 immediate notice Newhaven from 2350 to 0300.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031222B)
My 031050B. "Device", sailed at 2224.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 032235.)

SCYLLA. .

On completion of Operation F.H. request that you will sail SCYLLA for Plymouth.
2. She is required to operate in the Bay area under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth.
(D.O.D. H., 031605B to C. in C.H.F.)

S/M

Patrols.

Positions of submarines at 0800B/4th and movements for the following 24 hours.
(A) HERRING $54^{\circ} 38'$ N. $32^{\circ} 05'$ W. dived by day through $54^{\circ} 45'$ N. $28^{\circ} 01'$ W. at 2000/5th.
(B) HAKE and HADDO as in my 021717. (C) TALLY HO and SHAD as in my 021717. (E) TRUCULENT approx $64^{\circ} 05'$ N. $02^{\circ} 16'$ W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity $65^{\circ} 10'$ N. $03^{\circ} 25'$ W. (F) SEADOG approx $63^{\circ} 34'$ N. $00^{\circ} 40'$ W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity $64^{\circ} 20'$ N. $00^{\circ} 55'$ E. (G) SATYR $61^{\circ} 16'$ N. $00^{\circ} 19'$ W. to patrol vicinity $63^{\circ} 28'$ N. $01^{\circ} 07'$ E. proceeding dived as much as practicable when North of 62° N.
(F.O.S. 031804B to Admty.)
My 011019 and 011416. Amend route as follows after passing (H) at 2000/5th June proceed on surface at C.O.'s discretion. (M) $054^{\circ} 01'$ N. $022^{\circ} 02'$ W. at 2000/6th, thence through (N) $055^{\circ} 59'$ N. $016^{\circ} 58'$ W. (O) $056^{\circ} 30'$ N. $010^{\circ} 00'$ W. to R/V with escort in 180° Barrahead 8 miles at 0500/9th.
(F.O.S. 031807B to HERRING)(F.O.S. 031808B to C. in C.W.A.)
SATYR left Lerwick 2320B/3rd. unescorted and on the surface at C.O.'s discretion till 062° N., thence diving as much as possible by day. Routed through 090° Muckle Flugga 9 miles, thence to patrol line FF.
(S.O. S/M. Lerwick, 032331B to S/Ms.)

Operation
"Peacock".

Request you will sail CHARYBDIS and 2 destroyers as soon as practicable to 44° N. 11° W. and then to patrol between latitudes 45° and 43° N. and longitudes 10° W. and 12° W.
(A.C.N.S. H. 032255B to C. in C. Plymouth)
My 032255. Operation "Peacock".
(D.O.D.H. 032350B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Rescue
from
Glider.

TEVIOT leave remainder and proceed at best speed to search for six survivors of a glider down at 1119B in 44.49 N. 10.40 W.

Continue search as long as possible consistent with arrival at Londonderry 6th June. Whitley A/C will assist in search.

(C. in C.W.A. 031343B to TEVIOT.)

My 031343. Aircraft which was towing Glider reports amended position 044° 49' N. 010° 50' W. Crew of three were sitting in glider with dinghy alongside.

(C. in C.W.A. 031503B to TEVIOT.)

Sunderland aircraft will also assist in search.

(C. in C.W.A. 031551B to TEVIOT.)

Your 031343B. Only 3 men in Glider, all picked up and well. P.C.S. 044° 32' N. 010° 50' W., 355°, 15 knots. Weather 2872 1373.

(TEVIOT, 032031Z to C. in C.W.A.)

Enemy Air Activity.Off
Lands
End.

3 Aircraft approx. true course 320° height less than 1000 feet. 49° 12' N. 09° 14' W.

(A/C 224 Sq. Duty E. 030610 to 19 Group.)

Ipswich
bombed
on 2nd
June.

Four or five F.W.190 attacked Ipswich Dock Area 0523/2nd June. No damage to ships or dock installations, no casualties amongst Naval Personnel. Bombs dropped in Residential Area with loss of life. Gas holders ignited by cannon fire, pattern shop Messrs. Ransome Rapier Ltd. destroyed by H.E. bombs, iron Foundry Messrs.

Cocksedge Ltd. damaged by H.E. bombs both believed 300 lbs in weight. Latter only minor damage. One F.W.190 crashed alongside lock gates. Pilot of plane killed. Method of attack low-level bombing and M.G. fire. No A/A fire by H.M. Ships and none heard from A.A. battery ashore. Raid occurred within 1 minute of warning, duration approx. 1 minute. (Cdre. M.S.P. Ipswich, 031058B to Admty.)

Mining

Yarmouth.

LL Sweepers detonated red magnetic mine at 1519 in 208° 6A buoy 2 miles. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 031543B.)

H.V.6.

Request PLOVER may be sailed for Portsmouth as convenient on completion of operation H.V. six. 2. After boiler cleaning at Portsmouth PLOVER will be available for mining trials as required by VERNON, but is to be at 48 hours notice for further operations. (A.C.N.S. H. 031645B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

My 011245 and 021145. Sailed PLOVER.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 031903B.)

/Iceland...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining - Contd.

Iceland. Check sweep of Q.Z.S. 407 and close search each side of line joining $064^{\circ} 00' N. 023^{\circ} 33' W.$ and $064^{\circ} 20' N. 023^{\circ} 33' W.$ has been carried out with sweeps set to 20 fathoms. Negative results.

(2) Intend that LYME REGIS, GLEANER and DUNBAR sail 1400B/5th June to carry out check sweep and search of west and north west coasts of Iceland as follows:

(a) A.M. Q.Z.S. 406. (b) Thence 4 miles off Headlands to latitude $066^{\circ} 21' N.$ (c) Thence 2 miles off Headlands through Straumnes passage to 060° 15 miles from Hornbjarg Light. (d) Thence to $066^{\circ} 15' N. 018^{\circ} 58' W.$

(3) On completion proceed Akureyri. GLEANER, ARDROSSAN and PETERHEAD will return to (?Hvalfjord) leaving 4 M/S. S.O. LYME REGIS at Akureyri.
(A.C.I.C. 032051B to C. in C. H.F.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Skager Rack. Enemy merchant vessel in $57^{\circ} 57' N. 08^{\circ} 06' E.,$ course 270° and speed 5 knots.
(A/C of 18 Group 030345 to 18 Group)

GRAF ZEPPELIN. A/C 3 report has been received that GRAF ZEPPELIN was lying off Gdynia about 20th May. As she was not located in Gdynia on 21st it is possible she may have begun trials in Danzig Bay. Request photographic R/C of Gdynia and Danzig and R/C of Danzig Bay, particularly Neukrug measured-mile, to locate this vessel.
(D.D.I.C. 031303B to H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boats.

Off Cape Wrath. Doubtful contact reported in $058^{\circ} 39' N. 005^{\circ} 13' W.$ at 022310.
(A.C.O.S., 030113B to RODNEY.)

U-Boat sunk by TUNA on 30th May. TUNA reported (1) at 1411B/30th May in $064^{\circ} 17' N. 000^{\circ} 43' E.$ torpedoed Westbound (corrupt group) German U-Boat. U-Boat had no guns on fore-casing and was camouflaged diagonal light and dark stripes.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 032023B to F.O.S.)

(Sinking not confirmed from enemy sources 2A)

Casualties and Defects.

CHARON. A.M. 011349B. Cancel reference to Hull, arrangements have been made for CHARON to be taken in hand at Humber.
(Capt. Rescue Tugs, 030053B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

/EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE..

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects. - Contd.

EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE. My 021224B 22444 returned Swansea owing to flooded stoke-holds and requires docking. (N.C.S.O. Swansea, 030854 to N.C.S.O. Milford Haven.)

UNTAMED. Salvage operations are in progress in 106° 4.4 miles from ship light Sanda Island. Request instructions be issued that all ships are to keep clear of an area of 2 mile radius from above position. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 031004B to Admty.)

Rosyth Loop. X No. 6 Loop out of action. Fault in tail cable. (C. in C. Rosyth, 031245B to Admty.)

PINTADE. Your 021509B. PINTADE entered Dartmouth with defect. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 031514B to F.O.I.C. Portland)

SAMSONIA. SAMSONIA has been ordered to return to base owing to breakdown of Port engine. (C. in C. W.A. 031631B to CHANTICLEER.)

Shipping and Convoys.

M.K.F.15. D/F bearings at 2341Z/2 indicate U-Boat in area within 100 miles of 48 N. 15 W. has reported convoy or important unit. (D.D.I.C. 030405B to Escorts M.K.F.15.)

AMSTERDAM. Scapa departure AMSTERDAM at 0602. (A.C.O.S. 031026 to N.O.I.C. Invergordon.)

E.G.1. Request you will sail E.G.1. consisting of BITER, H.X.242. PELICAN, WEAR, JED, SPEY on completion of exercises p.m. 4th June toward 054° N. 037° W. Making good 12 knots. (2) Intention is for E.G.1 to proceed to support H.X. No. 242. (C. in C.W.A. 031048Z to Cdre. D. W.A.)

My 031048Z. E.G.1 is to pass through 056° N. 020° W. and 056° N. 025° W. in order to keep clear of HERRING. (C. in C.W.A. 031615Z to Cdre. D.W.A.)

My 031048Z not to F.O.(S) U.S. Submarines are on patrol in central Atlantic proceeding to U.K. on completion of patrols.

2. Submarines at present at sea are HERRING, HADDO, HAKE.

3. Position of Submarines is given in C. in C. W.A. daily situation reports. 4. Submarines operate under submerged

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E.G.1
H.X.242
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bombing restrictions and you will be informed of the areas where these restrictions are imposed when you are in their vicinity. If on surface by day submarines will carry out recognition procedure with aircraft.
(C. in C.W.A. 031616Z to E.G.1.)

Not met H.X. 242. H.H.X. 242 scattered in vicinity H.O.M.P. at 1500Z.
(W.6. 031701Z to Connav.)

E.G.2,
E.G.40,
H.X.241,
O.N.S.9,
S.C.132,
O.N.187.

My 011029B. It is now intended that Escort Group 2 shall remain with H.X.241 and that Escort Group 40 shall if fuel permits transfer from O.N.S.9 to S.C.132 during daylight 4th June approx. 041° W.

(2) Escort Group 40 then to support S.C.132 until p.m. 6th June, then transfer in approx 033° W. to O.N. No. 187 remaining with this convoy until about 050° N., thence St. Johns N.F.

(3) E.G. 40 report forthwith whether fuel situation permits this programme being executed.

(C. in C.W.A. 031051B to E.G.40, E.G.2)

S.O. 40th Escort Group 031401Z. Programme outlined in my 031051B will be carried out. (2) E.G.2 is to remain with H.X.241 until further orders. (3) E.G.40 is to transfer to S.C.132 at noon 4th June if O.N.S.9 is not threatened. Route is given in my 031351Z.

(C. in C.W.A. 031709Z to E.G.40, E.G.2.)

C.U.2.

You will be relieved by SABRE in 000° Altacarry 3 miles at 1800Z/4th.

(C. in C.W.A. 031116Z to C.T.G. 21.6.)

Sailing SABRE to relieve Ocean Escort of C.U.2 at 1800Z/4 in 000° Altacarry 3 miles. S.O. MADISON Cdre. in E.W. SINCLAIR. 15 ships. (2) Following are destinations. (3) Ships for Clyde, Mersey, and Swansea are to be detached as necessary to proceed unescorted. (4) SABRE to Londonderry from Barry Roads.

(C. in C. W.A. 031125Z to Cdre. D.W.A.)

O.S.49/
K.M.S.16
B.3.

Request you sail BATTLER escorted by TYRIAN and TUMULT p.m. June 5th northabout to join convoy O.S. 49 and K.M.S.16. S.O.B.3. group is to retain command of close escort to convoy.

(C. in C.W.A. 031520B to N.O.I.C. Belfast.)

Evasive
Steering
for convoys
under 11 knots.

When a convoy is so heavily threatened by U-boats that it is considered a drastic (?diversion) would be of no avail, evasive steering by day should be carried out at discretion of S.O. of escort. subject to following provisos the intervals and amounts of alteration are to be at Cdre's discretion

(a) After the initial alteration away from route no subsequent alterations during the day should bring

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convoy nearer the original route.
(b) Any leg on the original mean line of advance is to be of short duration.
(c) Return to original route should be made by a long leg at nightfall.
2. Alterations of course should be made by altering leaders together with remainder in succession. 3. When convoy Support Group is present, S.O. of escort should consider advisability of using it to search out along original route immediately after 1st alteration has been made. B. N.C.S.O.'s are to inform Cdre.'s accordingly. (C. in C.W.A., 031620Z and 031820B.)

K.M.S.17
O.S.50

My 021530B. R.F.A. ORANGELEAF should sail in K.M.S.17, destination Algiers.
(D. of Stores, 031802B to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)
Request you will arrange for ABERCROMBIE and ROBERTS to be sailed for Algiers in K.M.S.17.
(D.O.D.F., 031817B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.S. 50/K.M.S. 17 will sail from Mersey on June 18th.
This will not affect subsequent O.S./K.M.S. convoys.
(D.T.D., 032013B.)

O.N.188
HESPERIA.

My 191714B April. It appears unlikely that any White Ensign Rescue Tug will be available to sail with Convoy O.N.188.

(2) It is proposed, therefore (A) to sail HESPERIA (Red Ensign) in this Convoy. (C) That Trawler Escort be detailed to act as Liaison between S.O. Escort and HESPERIA, observing that Tug carries no Naval Signal Publications.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 031804B to C. in C. W.A.)

T.A.46.
(QUEEN
ELIZABETH)

My 021653. 2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to signal estimated S.O.A. and E.T.A. Ambrose Light to above addressees. 3. Route through positions: A. 270° Oversay 6' at 0700B/7. thence B 55° N. 16° W. C. 51° N. 22° W. D. 44° N. 27° W. E. 39° N. 37° W. F. 38° N. 51° W. G. 38° N. 70° W. and thence to New York.
(D.O.D.H. 031807B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

H.X.241.

Sailed WINCHELSEA in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 021452.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 032009B)

S.C.132

46 ships. Commodore in REAVELEY. Additional A/S escort and for rescue duties NORTHERN WAVE and STAFNES, rescue ship RATHLIN.

(2) Escort oilers ATHEL PRINCE, BRITISH FREEDOM, GLARONA. (3) Depth charges ATHEL PRINCE 35 in flotation, BRITISH FREEDOM improvised 60.
(C. in C.W.A. 032143B to E.G. 40.)

/H.X.240B. ...

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H.X. 240B.

Sailed NARVIK to meet H.X. 240B.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 032146B.)

E.N.43.

Owing to change in sailing date of O.S.50/K.M.S.17
propose E.N.43 sails 2030/15.
(D.T.D. 032155 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

X.K.7. My 281555, add BRIKA. Request destination. (F.O. Gibraltar 030919B. to Admty. (R) C. in C. Mediterranean.)

U-Boat attacked. Following has been read from unknown source. S/M sighted surface 3300 11 course 235° speed 12 attacked. (Gibraltar 031030 to admty.)

Attacks on U-Boats. U.S.C.G.C. BIBB sights periscope and makes good sound contact at 1430Z/May 26th in 34.26 N. 30.20 W. 4000 yards ahead of U.G.S.8A. Charges dropped. Periscope again sighted and BIBB attempted to ram S/M without success. Full pattern of charges dropped. Reliable lookout on nearby merchant ship reports seeing debris thrown up with explosion of D.Cs. BIBB searched area 1½ hours after attack. Results negative. Large streaks of heavy oil observed directly over point of explosion. Evaluation probable. V.P. 73 P.8. sights possible U-Boat submerging at 0555Z/1 in 26.23 N. 15.52 W. Sighting from 1500 feet range 1½ miles. S/M on course 238° speed six knots, sea rough. Plane proceeded to spot in 40 seconds. No wake or swirl observed. No attack made. Evaluation possible. (C.M.S.F.F. 031035 to C. in C. Med. (R) Cominch, Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib.)

Shipping Cartagena. Cartagena expected sailing AMPURDAN June 3rd, CONAME June 4th, both Spanish, German cargo, destination Gulf of Lions Port. (F.O. Gibraltar 031035B. to 8th S/M Flot. F. S/M. LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE. S.O. (I) Med. Capt. (S) 8th.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001/3B HAARLEM 036° 48' 007° 05' to Gibraltar 9. (2) G.C.14 ANTHONY MELBREAK sailed 1800/3 through 035° 45' 006° 30' and 034° 08' 008° 01' to Casablanca 13½. (3) CLARE sailed 1900/3 to overtake X.K.8 during daylight 4th 19 knots. (F.O. Gibraltar 031056B.)

Situation 1959B/3rd. GEORGES LEYGUES 027° 21' 014° 02' through 027° 03' 014° 20' and 022° 09' 017° 37' thence 180° 23. 2. TRUSTY 028° 38' 018° 41' 040° 10 knots on the surface. 3. S/M. TEMPLAR 041° 02' 010° 16' 175° 9/2. 4. X.K.8. TEST, 036° 48' 010° 29' 310° 7. 5. ADVENTURE 037° 12' 013° 08' through 039° 01' 014° 40' thence 000° 18. 6. B.Y.M.S.19,9,27, 027° 10' 013° 33' Northbound coastwise 8. 7. Hospital ship AMARAPOORA 045° 56' 011° 44' 180° 11. 8. ASTURIAS 042° 27' 018° 01' through 040° 01' 018° (?01') thence 128° 16. 9. CLARE sailed 1900B/3 to overtake X.K.8. during daylight 4th 19 knots. (F.O. Gibraltar 031112B.)

MELILLA, search for lost air liner. Spanish Destroyer MELILLA left Ferrol 1830B yesterday June 2nd to search for Aircraft G-AGBB in 46° 30' N. 9° 37' W. (N.A. Madrid 031210B. to Admty.)

/My...

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- MELILLA search for lost air liner. (Contd.) My 031210, not to Lisbon. Spanish (D) VELASCO MELILLA reports:- After exhaustive search regret no trace of aircraft or passengers. (Madrid 031631B. to Admty. (R) B.N.A. Lisbon.)
- CHASSERAL (Swiss). Following is a repetition of my 031155 (begins). Addressed A.I.G. 262 (Ships and Authorities in area "G") Capt. (S) 10, H.Q. N.W.Africa Coastal Air Force, A.O.C. Malta 8th S/M.F. LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE. From F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. Swiss CHASSERAL 2928 gts speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots, national colour and Switzerland on hull, leaving Genoa about 6th June for Gibraltar by approved route. Not to be molested this voyage. T.O.O. 031155 (ends). (F.O. Gibraltar 031302 to 8 S/M.F.)
- MALOJA (Swiss). My 291139 May. Steamship MALOJA now expected to leave about 5th. (D.E.W.D. 031455B. to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med.)
- CLARE X.K.8. CLARE sails 031900B June routed through P. 035° 46' N. (0006°) 23' W. to R/V X.K.8 in position (?A) 038° 20' N. 012° 43' W. at 041630B June. S. of A. 19 knots. (F.O. Gib. 031644B. to Escorts of X.K.8. C. in C. Med. Admty. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth (?H.Q.C.C.)).
- G.T.X.2. Intend to hold following ships to sail in G.T.X.2. (list). (2) Malta W/T pass to N.O.I.Cs. for whom you are responsible. (F.O. Gib. 311752B. to F.Os.1/c. Admty. etc.)
- NURIA R. Spanish NURIA R. 2733 G.T. speed 8 knots (?usual) markings on sides, sailed 1750/3 for Marseilles by approved route with P.O.W. parcels. Not to be molested on this voyage. (F.O. Gib. 031755B. to S. & A. Area G. etc.)
- S.L.130. Early departure R.F.A. FORTOL necessitates 4 Corvettes fuelling Casablanca. Intend following movements. MIGNONETTE and SPIREA to Casablanca on reaching latitude 032° N. AZALEA and COLTSFOOT to Casablanca on relief by MIGNONETTE and SPIREA. E.T.As. at Casablanca will be signalled later. (SCARBOROUGH 031801Z. to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Commorseafon. F.O.C. W.A. C. in C. W.A.)
- X.K.8. Sailed CLARE to overtake and join X.K.8. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 031910B. to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

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MESSAGE

031803/June

IN

From F.O.C. Gibraltar.

Date. 19.6.43.
Recd. 1608

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Naval Code X by W/T

Convoy Movements, Reports.

Addressed C. in C. Mod. Repeated N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.

Following is N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 012327Z.
Addressed F.O.C. Gibraltar begins - Would appreciate signal of arrivals all U.G. convoys indicating particulars of Non-arrivals. Could this be done for U G F 8 and U G F 8A. ends.

2. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa has also stated reports are required of all sailing in G.U. convoys.

3. Request authorities concerned may be asked to include N.S.H.Q. Ottawa in addressees of all such signals.

031803.

Note by War Reg. C.in C. Mod's 190951 refers.

A.C.N.S. (H)	D.T.D. (4)	H.W.R. (2)
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North Atlantic - Contd.

- Movements, Warships June 3rd, arrived from Gibraltar U.S.S.
Casablanca. HAMBLETON. Departed for Safi P.C. 474.
(Commorseafron 032045 to C. in C. Med.)
- Convoy G.C.14 sailed for Casablanca, J.M.H. TOTTLE. (T).
G.C.14. Ship holds S.P. 02272 (25) and one ship pad 830.
E.T.A. 041130B.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 032045B. to C.M.S.F.F. (R) C. in C.
Med. Connav. Admty.)
- Movements, Departures. MOLDE escort duties Hormillo.
Gibraltar. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN escort duties Melilla, MELBREAK
ANTHONY with G.C.12. Arrival LIDDESDALE from
Algiers.
(F.O. Gibraltar 032110B. to Admty. C. in C. Med.)
- Air Report. A.I. 557 3rd June. Daily Opsum 214. U.S.A. A/C
(Port Lyautey) at 1130B/3 33.00 N. 21.10 W.
attacked U-Boat on surface course 235° 12 kts,
no details.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Gib. 032358B.)
- A.I. 556. Opsum 214 for 24 hours ended 1800/3 June.
(G) Sightings and attacks. U.S.A. A/C (Port Lyautey) at 1130/3
L.Y.B.H.0050 attacked U-Boat on surface course 235/12 kts no
details.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar 032359B.)

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Noire
movements.

Departures from Pointe Noire 1630Z/2nd June
DAUNTLESS, BLACKMOOR in accordance with your
021113 (corrupt group) E.T.A. at Takoradi
0631Z/5th.
(B.N.L.O.W.Af., 030845A to F.O.I.C.W.Af.)

ARGO,
INKPEN.

Intend sailing ARGO escorted by INKPEN 1000Z/5.
French air cover until 1200/6th.
2. Speed made good 10 knots. Routed from
Ree Island to pass through following position at
G.M.T. stated: (A) 11.21 N. 17.13 W. 0600/6.
(B) 10.29 N. 12.35 1230/6. (C) 09.27 N. 14.00 W. 0530/7.
(D) 12.28 N. 13.30 W. 1200/7.
3. Request total bombing restrictions 20 miles ahead and astern
and 10 miles either side of estimated position.
4. Should ARGO pass outside total bombing restrictions zone or
become separated from escort then position, course and speed
would be signalled initially. Subsequent signal would be made
if passing outside modified total bombing restrictions zone.
5. ARGO proceeding on surface throughout passage but may dive
if attacked.
6. ARGO has no W/Ts.
(Comar Dakar, 030911Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty., N.O.I.C. Bathurst,
INKPEN.)

FERNMOOR.

Your 311749 May. My 211319 May to you and
Admty. only refers. FERNMOOR is being sailed in
C.D. convoy for Durban a.m./3rd June. Ship will
leave Durban in D.N. Convoy 9th thence proceeding
independently to Suez E.T.A. Suez 29th June.
(C. in C. S.A., 030917 to C. in C. Med., (R)
Admty., F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.
E.F., Com. Durban.)

Convoy
Cycles,
fuelling.

Your 311033 which is being repeated to Gibraltar.
Second alternative seems preferable provided
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar concurs and can ensure escort
for FORTOL from and to R/V.
(D.O.D.(F), 031027B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med.)

Convoy
C.D. 21.

Sailing telegram (7 ships).
(2) 1030B/3rd. (3) Port Elizabeth p.m./5th
May, East London a.m./6th May, Durban a.m./8th
May. (4) 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots. (5) Coastal, reference
position (TB) Saldanha Bay. (6) LADY ELSA,
ST. ZENO, NORTHERN ISLES, NORWICH CITY, BLAAUWBERG.
(15) 316 T.D.1 to 9 "Pasture" 184.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 031059B to Admty., etc.)

/ANTELOPE ...

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BULLDOG.

My 261002 May and your 271548. Convoy has been delayed. E.T.A. ANTELOPE at Casablanca now 14th June. Request that if necessary you retain BULLDOG until then.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 031121Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med., Admty.)

Escort for
Transports.

Your 291825 May.* HIGHLAND PRINCESS and ORDUNA will require onward escort to U.K. DUCHESS OF RICHMOND proceeds independently from Dakar area.
(F.O.C.W.A., 031122Z to Admty., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

* Requesting report whether number of personnel in HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ORDUNA and DUCHESS OF RICHMOND will necessitate onward escort to U.K.

W.S. 30.

Departure 0737Z/3rd June SUFFOLK, CARNARVON CASTLE, CORFU, RAPID, WOLVERINE, BOADICEA, CATTERICK with W.S.30.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 031123Z to C. in C. S.A., B.N.L.O.W.Af., (R) Admty., C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)

Dispositions. ROHILKHAND, BARWIND, M.M.S.107, 021° 30' 013° 20' to Walvis Bay, 5 knots.
VIRGINIA, THYME with N.C. 15 (3 ships) off Saldanha Bay to Capetown 9 knots. (See 031529B.)

(C. in C. S.A., 031124B.)

My 031124 amend position VIRGINIA and THYME to read 030° 25' 016° 05' to Capetown, 8.

(C. in C. S.A., 031529B.)

Situation at 2003Z/3rd.

SUFFOLK, CORFU, CARNARVON CASTLE, WOLVERINE, BOADICEA, CATTERICK, RAPID with W.S.30 006° 28' 014° 53' to 004° 25' 014° 02' thence 118°, 13.

CILICIA on patrol about 007° 59' 027° 35' (?222°).

BUTTERMERE, PORTSDOWN screening LADY DENISON PENDER 006° (?25') 022° (? 18').

COWSLIP, 2 motor launches off Cape Palmas.

CROCUS, CORINTHIAN, BURDOCK, (? COMMANDANT DETROYAT F.S.), ARMERIA, DUNCTON with T.A.43 004° 30' 001° 57' to (004°) 20' 002° 02' thence 262°, 7.

Motor Launch (Cpt. group) 272 escorting about 005° 47' 002° 00' E. to Lagos, 9.

CLARKIA (? escorting) 002° 26' S. 009° 54', 058°, 10½.

DAUNTLESS, BLACKMORE 000° 36' S. 005° 57' E. to Takoradi 16.

(F.O.C.W.Af., 031124Z.)

Situation at 2002Z/3rd.

FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, LA MALOUINE, STONECROP, CAMPION with O.S. 48 018° 10' 018° 05' 180°, 8½.

SCARBOROUGH, FLEETWOOD, MIGNONETTE, SAXIFRAGE, SPIREA, COLTSFOOT, BALSAM with S.L.130, 017° 37' 017° 28', 351°, 7.

/BUTSER ...

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Dispositions. BUTSER escorting about 017° 30' 017° 30' to join
(Contd.) O.S.48.
ASPIRANT BRUN escorting 012° 05' 017° 22' to
012° 42' 017° 40' thence 020°, 5½.
GAMBIA 013° 46' 017° 05' 300°, 17½.
CILICIA on patrol about 008° 30' 027° 41', 14.
QUERCY 012°, 031° 05', 090°, 12.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 031125Z.)

T.S. 42. Arrival 1730Z/2nd June BRIDGEWATER, SNOWDROP
escorting T.S. 42.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 031126 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) R.N.O. Lagos, Admty.)

HOPETARN torpedoes in 030° 50' S. 039° 32' E.
torpedoed at 1720Z/29th May.
29th May. (2) First impact felt on port side at 1630Z
possibly from torpedo which failed to explode.
(3) Second torpedo hit starboard side engine
room at 1720Z and ship sank in 7½ minutes.
(4) Neither the S/M nor track seen prior to attack.
(5) Ship did not open fire.
(6) SSSS signal not made.
(7) C.B. locked in perforated chest and sank with ship, my
031132Z.
(8) Total crew 44 includes 8 D.E.M.S. 7 killed includes one
D.E.M.S. 2nd Officer taken prisoners. 36 survivors recovered
by NIRVANA.
(9) U-Boat surfaced within 200 yards boats a few minutes after
sinking, S/M freshly painted light grey 750 tons. No number
discernible. 2 guns one forward, one aft wire cutters on bow.
Captain and 3rd Engineer interrogated below deck in S/M and
subsequently released. 2nd Officer retained as prisoner.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 031132Z to Admty., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F.)
36 survivors have been rescued ex B/S HOPETARN torpedoed
near 30° S. 39° E. at 1700Z/29th May. Second Officer taken
prisoner, four killed by explosion and three others drowned.
Entire crew now accounted for.
(C. in C. S.A., 031519B to Admty., C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I)
Colombo, (R) Com. i/c Durban.)

Saldanha Bay defences. X My 101233 para. (A) 1. Now evident that
additional vessels are necessary to maintain
booms at Saldanha Bay. Considered here that
two boom trawlers would suffice but request
Admiralty views.
(2) Boom vessels are not required for maintenance
of booms at other Union Ports.
(3) Any vessels sent out for Saldanha Bay would be maintained
operated and manned by S.A.N.F.
(C. in C. S.A., 031153B to Admty., (R) D.S.A.N.F., C.S.D.,
B.D.O. S.A.)

/QUERCY ...

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- QUERCY. To avoid possible S/MS alter course forthwith and steer due north to 014° N. Steer thence to 014° N. 019° W. and thence to Dakar.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 031245Z to F.S.QUERCY (R) Comar Dakar.)
- REDSHANK. Intend sailing REDSHANK 4th June in convoy to Takoradi for onward passage independently to Capetown via Pointe Noire.
(F.O.C.W.A. 031321Z to C. in C.E.F. C. in C.S.A. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, B.N.L.O.W.Af. REDSHANK.)
- SALABANGKA SALABANGKA torpedoed in convoy in 31° 09' S. torpedoed 29° 13' E. at 0805Z/1st June. 1st June. 2. One torpedo hit starboard side engine room and crew took to the boats at 0815Z. 3. Neither the submarine nor torpedo tracks seen. 4. Ship did not open fire. 5. SSSS signal not made. 6. Confidential books in locked boxes thrown overboard by Master and W/T operator. 7. 85 crew including 8 D.E.M.S. 10 killed comprising one European, three Dutch East Indians, six Lascars. 75 survivors recovered by H.M.Tug MASTERFUL one seriously wounded. 8. Ship re-boarded at 0915Z and taken in tow by MASTERFUL at 1130Z. 9. Further explosion heard at 1650Z thought to be due to second torpedo and ship sank by bows at 1700Z.
(Cdre. Durban 031340Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F.)
- CORBRAE. A.M. 291201 May. (When will CORBRAE sail for U.K.) Anticipated CORBRAE can be released within one month of arrival of generating sets for EDINBURGH CASTLE. It is 2 years and 3 months since CORBRAE was last docked. She may have to be towed to Dakar for docking when she can make onward passage to U.K. via Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.W.A. 031348Z to Admty.)
- CUBA Arrival 3rd June transport CUBA (?French) (N.C.S.O. Takoradi 031501Z to Admty. etc.)
- Convoy Sailing telegram (7 ships, list.) W.S.30. 2. 0700/3rd June. 3. Nil. 4. knots 13. 5. (Route.) CUBA from Takoradi under escort of WITCH joining convoy in 003° 08' N. 002° 01' W. at 1600Z/6th June. 6. SUFFOLK S.O. CARNARVON CASTLE, CORFU, WOLVERINE, RAPID, BOADICEA, CATTERICK.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 031348Z, 031516Z to Admty.)

/Convoy...

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- Convoy T.S.43. Sailed 1600Z/3rd June T.S.43 escorted by CROCUS, BURDOCK, ARMERIA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, CORINTHIAN (S.O.escort) DUNCTON, E.T.A. Freetown 0800Z/9th June route "Orange" stragglers route to Gulf of Sidra. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 031631Z to Admty. F.O.C.W.Af. N.O.I.C. Lagos.)
- 4th C.S. Delayed weather. P.C. and S. 029° 16' S. 036° 48' E. 260° 14 knots. E.T.A. Breakwater 1800B/4th. Request air escort. (R.A.4th C.S. 031801Z to N.O.I.C. Durban (R) C. in C.E.F. C. in C.S.A.)
- Takoradi Movements. Arrivals 3rd June WITCH, CROCUS, H.M.M.Ls. 1006 and 1078. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 031827Z to Admty.)
- Convoy S.T.68. 1. Intend to sail S.T.68 at 0800Z/4th June escorted by MILFORD and TAMARISK, GIRL MINA, YESTOR, 4 M.Ls. 5 ships for South America, 6 for Cape, one for Sajdandra, 8 for Takoradi, one for Matadi and 2 for Lagos. REDSHANK sail in convoy to Takoradi.
2. route, speed 9 knots.
3. 2 M.Ls. will be detached as ordered by F.O.C.W.Af.
4. Ships for South America and Cape will be dispersed at dawn and dusk respectively 7th June.
5. 2 remaining M.Ls. will be (group missed) to escort and screen ST. LOUIS at 1209 and (corrupt group) thence to Takoradi.
6. MAHOUT, CLAN MURRAY, and GAMBIA will be detached at C. to proceed independently; former to Matadi other to Lagos.
7. E.T.A. Takoradi either p.m. 8th or a.m. 9th according to speed (?made good) after dispersal. (F.O.C.W.Af. 031913Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) N.O.I.C. Lagos, WOODPECKER, C.C.S.O. Kingston Jamaica, MILFORD, S.O.18, D.F. B.N.L.O.W.Af.)
- L.S.T.421 Intend to sail L.S.T.421, B.Y.M.S.19, escorted by B.Y.M.S.19 M.Ls. 289 and 574 at 1600Z June to Dakar. M.Ls. (?Route) (A) (?009°) 34' N. 014° (?33') W. "Chop" 010° 36' N. 017° 19' W. thence direct E.T.A. 0800Z/7th speed 8 knots. Further orders for M.Ls. follow:-
3. W/T watch will be kept in accordance with A.F.Os. one/15th section (?A) F Table 2 (4A) signal letters B.Y.M.S.19 BQW(?Y)
4. Request Comar Dakar will issue (Cpt. Group) (?for) L.S.T.421 and B.Y.Minssweeper 19 to (?proceed) in company to Gibraltar via (?Casablanca)
5. (U.S.) C.M.S.F. is requested to sail both on (cpt. group) Gib. (F.O.C.W.Af. 031919Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C.M.S.F. Comar Dakar, (R) L.S.T.421, C. in C.Med. Admty.)

/GAMBIA...

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GAMBIA.

Departure 1700Z/3rd June GAMBIA F.O.C.W.Af.
011713 refers.
(?My) 021242, add GAMBIA intends to shift to
W/T organization N.A. at 2200Z/4th June in
accordance with "S" order (?1)/42. No station
orders held.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 031929Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R)
C. in C.W.A. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.Med.
Admty. F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Cable
operation.

Cable not yet located. Relief necessary for
BUTTERMERE in 1800Z/7th and PORTSDOWN in 1800
10th. Datum position 006° 23' N. 022° 15' W.
(PORTSDOWN 032145Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

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Enemy Units. 4 medium vessels detected by Radar (R.D.F.) 4 destroyers bearing 050° distant 8 miles position 40° 12' N. 13° 42' E.
(A/C. V.A.C.P. 030050B to Air H.Q. Malta)

Convoy A.P.32. Sailing telegram (2 ships) (2) 0400Z/3rd June. (3) Longitude 055° 2000Z/5th June latitude 022° 2000Z/7th June Khor Kuwait 1000Z/9th June. (4) 10 knots. (5) GAN (0) 022° 15' 060° 40' P.G.W. (6) MADRAS to Hormuz. (15) H.V.D. 3 aircraft "Ribald" BNJ.
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 030425Z, 030429Z to Admty etc.)

M.E.Air Report. A.685 3 June. Daily Opsum 36. 2 June 4 Beaufighters bombers anti shipping R/C Aegean, 1 Caique 80 tons 1 Caique 15 tons sunk in Pares Bay. 30 ton Caique damaged off Cape Malea. Some of crew killed remainder abandoned ship.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E.030854Z)

Repatriations, Smyrna. Smyrna. TAIREA, TALAMBA and SONTAY sailed 0300 G.M.T. 3rd June Alexandria.
(C.S.A. Smyrna, 030901C to M.W.T. (R) B.N.A. Ankara, S.O.(I) Istanbul, S.O.(I) Alexandria) GRADISCA, CITTA DI TUNISI and ARGENTINE, Italian, sailed 0300 G.M.T. 3rd June.
(C.S.A. Smyrna, 030907C to M.W.T. etc.)

Beirut movements. 2nd June, arrivals. IERAX, SOUTHERN SEAS, JOHN WILLIAMSON, M.L's 350, 348.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 030907C to Admty)

Alexandria movements. Arrival 3rd June ROMEO departure 3rd June WOLBOROUGH.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 031030C to Admty)

ASHANTI defects. ASHANTI's starboard turbo-generator is out of action and the port one is unreliable. Repairs cannot be carried out satisfactorily in Mediterranean. (2) Many other defects (details). She is anyhow long overdue for refit. (3) I have no option but to send her to U.K. for refit in spite of shortage of destroyers in Med.
(C. in C. Med. 031054 to Admty (R) V.A. Malta)
Request you will sail ASHANTI for Gibraltar. My 031054 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 031055B to V.A. Malta)

SIMOOM /...

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SIMOOM. Intend sailing P.225 (SIMOOM) 1630/4th for exercise thence through 036° 58' 003° 04' at 2000/4th. 038° 01' 003° 44' at 0300/5th 042° 00' 007° 30' at 0245/7th to patrol in area between 040° N. and 041° 30' N. East of 007° 30', West of Corsica and Sardinia.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031154B to C. in C. Med. (R) N.O.i/c. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 8th S.F., LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE)
My 031154. P.225 (SIMOOM) passes 040° 00' 007° 30' at 0245/7th thence patrol area.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031612B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

American M.T.B.'s. Your 271914B May and A.M. 261229B May. Five boats have been allocated to Mediterranean and will be shipped as soon as opportunity occurs.
(2) The remaining 2 boats are being converted for use as high speed towing vessels for the H.S.T.S. in U.K. (3) Three sets of towing winches and high speed targets are being ordered for the Mediterranean and will be sent as soon as available so that 3 M.T.B's may be converted for high speed target towing at a later date should you so wish.
(D.O.D.(C), 031206B to C. in C. Med. (R) C.C.F.)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. at 1415 of 2 destroyers one medium M/V 3 SE.A/C 38.55 N. 9.50 E. 100° 10 knots, based on a "fix" obtained within half an hour of 1400.
(A/C. G.P.M./W. via Malta, 031220Z)
P.C. and S. at 1243B of two 6,000 ton M/V's, two destroyers, 42.20 N. 9.45 E. 000° 10 knots based on a "fix" within half an hour of 1200.
(A/C. H.T.W./E. 031325B via Malta W/T)
P.C. and S. at 1306B of 2 3,000 ton M/V, 2 destroyers, 41.38 N. 9.24 E. 180° 8 knots based on a "fix" taken within half an hour of 1300.
(A/C. H.T.W/E, 031330B via Malta)
Aircraft report 2 Merchant Ships and 2 destroyers in 041° 38' 009° 24' at 1306 course 180° 8 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031457B to 8th S.F.)

ADVENTURE. Your 311427B May, para.1(A). (N.T. in W.D.) 1-4 Re stores. (5) To enable future programme of ADVENTURE to be arranged, including refit, request you will state whether you require her to make any further trips.
(D.M.S. 031302B to C. in C. Med.)

ALDENHAM, Convoy. Codeword "Evolution 2". Sail at 1400B/3rd route "Blaze" to R/V convoy 2000B/3rd with PETARD, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, PRINSES BEATRICE. S. of A. 20 knots and escort them to position DD., 276° Victoria Edge Egdemsi taking 2.25 miles route between "Strong" and "Ugly". S. of A. 15 knots. Requesting fighter defence priority. Return to Tripoli at best speed by

reverse /...

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- ALDENHAM
Convoy.
(Contd.)
- reverse route to "Strong" thence direct to "Blaze".
N.L.O.211 Group is to arrange fighter priority.
Codeword when detached "Sampler 2".
(S.N.O.Trip. 031323B to ALDENHAM (R) PETARD,
C. in C. Med. Largs, R.A. Force L. etc.)
- Command
in
Turkey.
- Personal from 1st S.L.
I have been considering draft Memorandum on Command
in Turkey prepared by C.s in C. Middle East, for
submission to Turkish General Staff. Para.8
of this Memorandum envisages British Naval parties
ashore in Turkey. (2) The present manpower
situation is very tight and we are not budgetting in the Admiralty
for any additional naval personnel on this score. (3) Grateful
for confirmation that you are prepared to find these parties from
your Station resources and for a rough estimate of numbers involved
(1st S.L. 031352B to C. in C. Levant.)
- Convoy
Instructions.
- Med. N.C.S.Letter 87. Between longitude 009° 30'
E. and 013° E. convoys and stragglers are not to
zigzag and paravanes are to be streamed.
(C. in C. Med. 031402B to F.O.s I.C. etc.)
- SAFARI,
SIBYL.
- P.211 (SAFARI) after passing 038° 45' 009° 15'
at 2230/4th operates in area J until 0100/6th and
then operates outside 100 fathom line between
latitude 040° 30' and 041° 45' east of Corsica and
Sardinia west of 012° east.
(2) Southerly limit of P.217 (SIBYL) area off east coast Corsica
is extended to 041° 45' N.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031402B to 8 S/M.F.)
- K.M.S.15/
U.G.S.8A.
- Arrivals (list)
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 031414 to Admty.etc.)
BROCKLESBY pass to Cdre and escorts K.M.S.15/U.G.S.
8A. (corrupt group). My 031014B (N.T. in W.D.)
EMPIRE KESTREL returned Oran.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 031625B to Admty etc.)
My 031414, (additions)
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 031721B)
- SERAPH
P.47.
- P.219 SERAPH leaves patrol through 039° 59' 010°
38' at 1800/5th 038° 37' 010° 38' at 2330/6th
038° 22' 004° 25' at 1202/9th thence R/V P.47 and
escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 10' at 0830/10th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 031416B to 8 S.F. (R) C. in C. Med.
etc.)
- MAURITIUS.
- Will arrive Port Tewfik 0600C C. in C. Levant
031119C refers (N.T. in W.R.)
(MAURITIUS, 031434Z to N.O.I.C.Suez (R) C. in C.
Levant, F.O.C. Red Sea (Suez))

Movements /...

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Movements, Departure 0507Z MADRAS. Arrival 1318Z,
Aden. TOOWOOMBA.
(Cdre. Aden, 031432Z to C. in C. Levant, F.O.
R.D.C.A. etc.)

P.R.U. 3rd June P.R.U. visuals. 2 Battleships, 2 Cruis-
ers in Taranto at 1230.
(V.A.Malta, 031642B to C. in C. Med.etc.)
P.R.U. visuals 3rd June. 1530 2 Battleships
2 Cruisers at Taranto 1600 no major naval unit at Messina.
(V.A.Malta, 031751B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Diesel Para. 3. your 011835. Additional trawlers will
Carriers. be of value but it would be preferable if all 6
could be water carriers.
(C. in C. Med. 031717B to Admty (R) C. in C.
Levant, D.N.C.X.F.)

LEOPARD. For F.N.F.L.London. (1) F.S.LEOPARD now
beached parallel to coastline with list 17°
to port. Sand bank has been heaped up by
storm all alongside ship up to depth of 10 ft.
(2) Extensive repair should be done after salvage to hull,
boiler room and engine room. Experts all say that she must be
repaired. Duration of repair from about 6 to 8 months in
good dockyard. (3) If refit impracticable, which will be
known in few days if bad weather prevents salvaging her as ship,
following parts are to be salvaged: (List)
(F.S. LEOPARD, 031816C to Admty)

N.W.A.A.F. June 2. 27 B Lightnings P.38 with bombs escort
Opsum 102. 24 U.S. Lightnings P.38. Trapani - Milo A/D.
Mission not completed due weather. 24 U.S.
Warhawks P.40 12 to strafe 12 high cover troops,
Radio Station building shot up. 2 U.S. Lightnings
P.38 weather observation Bone Sicily. Pantellaria, 4 separate
attacks, 38 U.S. Marauders B.26 dropped 111 x 1000 bombs from
11000 to (11500 or 17500?) feet. Escort 25 U.S. Lightnings
P.38, 1 returned early, dropped 20 x 1000 bombs from 2700 to
3000 feet. Hits and near misses on target areas. Some bombs
fell among buildings and dock area. 28 U.S. Lightnings P.38,
1 returned early, dropped 25 x 1000 dropped from 2000 to 3000
feet. Hits or near misses on targets, a building hit and blew
up. 3 U.S. Lightnings P.38 photo R/C Sardinia and Pantellaria.
N.W.A. Tactical A.F. June 1 additional. Pantellaria 11 U.S.
Warhawks P.40 dropped 11 x 500 from 3500 feet, 2 hits in centre of
target, others fell in area. June 2 11 Missions Pantellaria,
52 U.S. Warhawks P.40 52 x 500 bombs dropped from 3000 to
4000 feet 1 direct hit others results unobserved.

N.W.A. Coastal Air Force. June 2nd. 6 FW.190 and 4 ME.109
attempted to dive bomb Naval vessels but were driven off
without dropping bombs by U.S. Spitfires. Intruder patrols
8 Hurricanes Pantellaria Harbour. No results seen.
(N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 031845B)

Floating /...

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- Floating R.E. Workshops. A similar even more extensive provision of army post repair ships has been under discussion between Admiralty and War Office and in reply to your 201817/May to C. in C. Mediterranean only I repeat my 1936/3/Feb. (N.T. in W.R.) to D.N.C.X.F. Value of SS. PROGRESS in her proper role as a floating R.E. Workshop for Port repairs has not been seriously tested during operation "Torch". Since her arrival at Algiers on 10th December, 1942 personnel and equipment have proved of some value in general salvage and repair work to H.M. and Merchant Ships though PROGRESS is not really equipped for this work. Her machine shop has provided assistance to R.N. Base Engineer Officer as well as to R.E. Railway Workshop Company. The ship has also been used purely as a transport for the heavy equipment and machine tools of the R.E. Form Construction and Repair Group concerned. Nevertheless do not consider provision of further ships of this type justified. Available resources should rather be concentrated on providing salvage ships and equipment and portable repair plant ashore. (C. in C. Med. 031851B to B.A.D. (R) Admty)
- Tankers. Admty. 011208 para. 2. Tankers quoted are not required to return to North Africa for the present. (C. in C. Med. 031856B to C. in C. Levant (R) Admty)
- CARMEN F. My 1730/31. CARMEN F. left Harbour 1730 today for Port Vendres. Repeat Intelligence Centre. (Alicante, 031945B to Admty)
W.R. Note: Passing Action being taken by W.R. for F.O.(S), H.Q.C.C., C. in C. Western Approaches C. in C. Plymouth.
- Movements, Algiers. Arrival W. (as received) JULIET, STROMA.
Departures: TARTAR M.T.B. 86, M.L's 232, 568.
Arrived and sailed Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND. (Cdre. Algiers, 032040B to Admty etc.)
- Movements, Oran. Today's arrivals, KING GEORGE V, HOWE, FORMIDABLE, FARNDAL, HAYDON, CALPE, ACTIVE, TYNDALE, CLEVELAND, VELOX, VENEMOUS, SLAZAK, L.S.T.8, 9, 65, 160, 161, 162, 163, 199, 419, 11 and 384.
Today's Departures U.S.S. ARTOSTOOG. U.S.S. THURSTON, U.S.S. COLE, L.S.T. 428, H.M.T. EMPIRE NED, M.M.S. 70, U.S.S. GYANDOT, U.S.S. CONASCGA, U.S.S. CHAMBERLAIN.
C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnav.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 032007B to Admty etc.)
- Movements, Malta. Sailed BEAUFORT, ROCKWOOD, KAWARIM (sic) EXMOOR. Merchant Ships, KAIMATA, EMPIRE CONRAD, BADARPUR, BRITISH SOLDIER, EMPIRE HARMONY.. (V.A. Malta, 032032B to Admty etc.)
Hospital ship SOMERSETSHIRE and Transports BRITISH SOLDIER, BADARPUR, KAIMATA, EMPIRE HARMONY, EMPIRE CONRAD left for Tripoli.
(D.S.T.O. Malta, 032204 to D.S.8)

Situation /...

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Situation Report No.103. (1) My 021257 para. 3. One 3500 ton merchant vessel caught fire and blew up, one 1500 ton merchant vessel was sunk by G.S. QUEEN OLGA. A destroyer was driven ashore well on fire and a small torpedo boat was sunk. (2) ORION escorted by PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE fired 170 rounds six inch in successful bombardment of No.1 battery Pantellaria between 0135/3 and 0148/3. Destroyers also fired 90 rounds. Intermittent opposition. No damage or casualties. ISIS and ILEX who had been patrolling North of the Island during the night bombarded the harbour at daylight. Hits were observed in the southwest corner of inner harbour. Only one salvo was fired by shore batteries in return. (3) During the night 2/3 June M.T.B's carried out sweep of East Coast of Sicily as far north as Syracuse and of the south coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola. M.G.B's from Bizerta operated as anti E-Boat striking force in vicinity of Cape Zebib. (4) Sweeping operations were continued in area East of Cape Bon peninsula on 2nd June. 18 mines were swept and 49 anti - sweeping devices encountered. (5) SPORTSMAN reports at 1309/19 in 43.01 N. 07.40 E. sank by torpedo French ship GENERAL BONAPARTE. At 1141/26 in 42.53 N. 06.58 E. fired 6 torpedoes at long range at large tanker one hit was obtained but tanker did not sink. At 1340/28 attacked tug and lighter with gunfire off Hyeres. One hit was obtained before SPORTSMAN was forced to dive by accurate return fire.

(C. in C. Med. 032213B to Admty etc.)

Arrivals, ORION, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE, GLOXINIA, L.S.T's 401, 303, 403. M.T.B's 640, 633, 636.

Departures: ASHANTI, H/S SOMERSETSHIRE, Arrival and departure EGGESFORD.

(V.A. Malta, 032217 to Admty etc.)

U/B Survivors Rescued by Spanish Destroyer. Admiralty pass to C. in C. Med. Valencia report ungraded but reliable. Spanish Destroyer VELASCO rescued 6 wounded from U-Boat sunk between Palma (Majorca) and Valencia and landed them at Valencia night of May 30th. 2 since died. Palma (Majorca) reports grade B few survivors of enemy S/M rescued by Spanish Warship and landed Valencia. One other survivor picked up by launch and landed at Port Soller. Embassy will present note requesting internment of survivors at Valencia. (N.A. Madrid, 032032B to Admty. (R) Gib. and Algiers)

Malta Air Report. M.S. 12883. A.I.534 June 3rd C.S.R. Malta. (A) Air. Part 1 Offensive. Night 2nd/3rd June. 4 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily and southern Italy. Two flare carrying Albacores co-operated with Naval bombardment of Pantellaria. 1 special equipment Wellington on armed shipping search in Gulf of Taranto found no shipping target and bombed railway west of Cape Spartivento. Day 3rd June. 2 Spitfires escorting P.R.U. Spitfire attacked and damaged schooner 400 tons off Cassibile. 23 Spitfires on offensive sweep south Sicily destroyed 2 and damaged 3 ME.109s. Part 2 Enemy Air Activity. Night 2nd/3rd June. 1 Beaufighter.

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Malta. made interception patrol west of Sicily.
Air Day 3rd June. 39 Spitfires were airborne for
Report raids which turned back before reaching Malta.
(Contd.) 16 Spitfires and 3 Beaufighters provided escort
for outgoing shipping. 2 Spitfires escorted
P.R.U. Spitfires.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 032032Z)

Movements, 3rd June Port Said arrivals WOLBOROUGH, AETOS,
Port Said. CUMBRAE, ISLAY. Departure SPETSAI.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 032123C to Admty etc.)

K.M.F.17. Your 291705B/May. The present composition of
K.M.F.17 is BRITANNIC, FRANCONIA, TAMAROA, LARGS
BAY, CRISTOBAL, SANTA ROSA and J.W.MCANDREW.
(2) None of these vessels appear suitable as (a)
BRITANNIC and FRANCONIA are too large (b) TAMAROA and LARGS BAY
are refrigerated troopships which we do not want to risk.
(c) CRISTOBAL, SANTA ROSA and J.W.MCANDREW are U.S. troopships
on loan to us and we are therefore reluctant to risk them.
(D.S.T.032152B to P.S.T.O.Med.)

Movements, Arrival PETARD. Departure (?Algiers) ROYAL
Sfax. ULSTERMAN, PETARD.
(N.O.I.C.Sfax, 032154B to Admty)

Movements, Bizerta arrivals ACUTE, KINTYRE.
Bizerta. (S.O.I.S. 032156B to Admty etc.)

Movements, Arrivals FOULA, HUNDA, ISIS ?ILEX, LAMERTON,
Bone. WILTON, TARTAR, SAFARI.
Departures ACUTE, SAFARI, WHEATLAND, HUSSAR,
ATHERSTONE, VETCH, HOLCOMBE, LAMERTON, WILTON.
(N.O.I.C.Bone, 032210B to Admty etc.)

UNISON. Expect me end of searched channel 0830/4th.
Weather prevented operation.
(P.43 (UNISON), 032212B to Capt. (S) 10 (R) P.651,
P.51 (UNSEEN)).

M.L's. M.L.1122 arrived towing M.L.459.
(N.O.I.C.Benghazi, 032216C to Admty)

S/M's Departures TACTICIAN, UNRIVALLED.
Malta. (V.A.Malta, 032219 to Admty etc.)

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Movements,
Tripoli.

Arrived and sailed PETARD, sailed LARGS, WHADDON,
LOYAL, ALDENHAM.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 032305B to Admty)

M.K.S.14.

M.K.S.14 sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 032332 to N.O.I.C. Bone,
N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Oran, (R) Admty. etc.)

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MESSAGE

IN

050825Z June

Date 3.6.43
Recd. 2320

From C. in C. Middle East

CIPHER

Addressed War Office

*Supplies for Balkans -
Shipping.*

IMMEDIATE

339207 ATB/59744 cipher 3 June.

One. Information from London and Washington indicates overlapping and possible duplication supply arrangements for Balkans. In particular we understand U.S. are shipping relief clothing.

Two No distinction can be drawn between "relief" supplies and minimum essential supply shipped in normal course under normal procedure. Relief supplies as such shipped now must in existing circumstances take up shipping space, in already greatly reduced shipping programme, which should be allocated to M.E. essential needs both Military and Civil. Even if heavy additional shipments for ultimate destinations in Balkans were now possible. They might at this stage embarrass reception and movement facilities in Mideast at a critical moment.

Three. Imperative therefore so-called relief supplies should not be shipped until Balkan essential requirements assessed and provision action taken in normal way when presumably additional shipping required will be made available.

Four. Preliminary examination shows food supply requirements for Dodecaneso, Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia of order of 250,000 tons monthly of which 200,000 tons cereals.

Five. Provision and supply procedure for both Military and Civil needs for M.E. well known in London and Washington and procedure for Balkans must repeat must initially be the same. In short Balkans must be regarded as extension of M.E. similar to Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, though problem is vastly greater in scope. Separate action by independent bodies at this stage may easily embarrass action in initiating Military administration.

Six./....

Six. Memorandum agreed ME, MESC, MEMRA follows by bag.

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Movements. Arrival RAMDAS.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 030110Z to Admty.).
Arrival 0339Z/3rd D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN
escorting H.T. JALAGOPAL.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 030319 to Admty.).
Arrival 0320Z POONA with one ship departures 0900Z BOMBAY,
KONKAN with (corrupt group) 82.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 031238Z to Admty.).

AORANGI Ref. P.S.T.O. Capetown's 301251B May. We are
SIBAJAK reluctant to let AORANGI sail from Durban for India
with only unescorted numbers on board in view of
the considerable numbers of personnel awaiting
passage in South Africa for India.
(2) Request your advice as to when escorted sailing could be
arranged observing that SIBAJAK will also be ready about 15/6.
(D. of S.T. 030225B to C. in C. E.Fleet, (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown,
P.S.T.O. India, P.S.T.O.M.E., P.S.T.O. Durban, C. in C.S.A.
C. in C. Levant).

Aircraft Com. N.A.S. Ceylon's 160609Z May paras. 1 and 3
Bases. remarking on para.3 (A) of Admiralty message
032254B May and his remarks of para.3 (B) and 3
(C) of the same Admiralty message are concurred
in.
(2) Para.2 of Com. N.A.S. above quoted message is not concurred
in. Understand that proposals in his para.4. are being taken care
of by Admiralty.
(3) Noted that A.O.C.222 group is reluctant to hand over Colombo
racecourse.
(4) Following are further extracts from remarks about Kayattar
by Com. N.A.S. (begins) "The surrounding country is flat and
desolate, being sparsely cultivated and there are few trees. Local
reports indicate that during the South West monsoon winds, gaps
in the Western Chats act as a funnel and produce very high
winds and dust storms on the aerodrome. Living conditions will
be very bad particularly in July and August. (ends).
(5) Further stated by Com.N.A.S. in same signal that it will take
three days to embark or disembark Squadron personnel and that
communications with Kayattar are bad.
(6) In view of above quoted limitations, Kayattar aerodrome is
not acceptable, and it would be preferable for Squadrons to
remain embarked.
(7) Important that any alternative aerodrome to Kayattar should
have? good communications, reasonable amenities and be sited where
squadrons can be embarked and disembarked rapidly. Proposed
therefore that such an aerodrome should be developed in Madras area
F.O. Ceylon pass to C. in C. and Com.N.A.S. Ceylon.
(C. in C.E.F. 030718Z to Admty. (R) R.A.N.A.S.I.O. Com.N.A.S.
Ceylon, C. in C. Ceylon, F.O. Ceylon).

Escorted Escorting sailing can be arranged immediately
sailings. after arrival of W.S.30 P.S.T.O. Capetown's
311540B and C. in C.E.F's 020808Z (N.T. in W.R.)

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Escorted sailings (Contd.) refer.
(C. in C.E.F. 030945Z to D. of S.T. (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown, P.S.T.O. India, P.S.T.O.M.E. D.S.T.O. Durban, C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Levant).

Convoy B.P.82 (1) Sailing telegram (4 ships).
(2) 0830Z/3rd June. (3) E.T.A. position (M) Karachi R/V 0730Z/6th June expected time crossing 1600Z/7th June E.T.A. position (Q) West of Quoin Island 0430Z/10th June.
(4) 7½ knots. (5) (Route). (6) BOMBAY, KONKAN. (N.C.S.O. Bombay 030958Z, 031002, to Admty.).

Air Report India. A.307 030943Z 3 June Daily Opsum No.445. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. Reports. 30th May. 6 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) offensive R/C sank 1 boat damaged another near Shasi. 5 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) destroyed 3 locomotives near Yochow. Severely damaged 1 large boat and 1 motor launch at Yochow. (A.H.Q. India 031055Z).

CITY OF LONDON Transport CITY OF LONDON sailed 3rd June for Basra with following on board (personnel and stores). Requirements. E.T.A. Basra 12th June. (D.S.T.O. Bombay 031103Z to D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf, (R) P.S.T.O. India).

MASTIFF Arrived. (F.O.E.Af. 031122Z to Admty.).

Dispositions U.S. Pacific Fleet changes. My 261824/May refers. BARNES, NASSAU, TENNESSEE at San Diego. CONCORD at sea. ESSEX at Pearl Harbour. LONG ISLAND at San Francisco. PENNSYLVANA at Seattle. (D.O.D.(F) 031756B to C. in C.E.F.).

OPHIR VASNA Your 200815Z/May, para.4 confirmed. OPHIR and Vasna should be sailed for Levant earliest possible Necessity for return of one hospital ship is appreciated. (Head of M.(I) Approved 4th S.L. 032040B to C. in C.E.F. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).

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A.P.C.55. Sail A.P.C.55 in next N.K. convoy for onward routing in Trade convoy by Comgulfseafon and Comcaribseafon to Trinidad. N.O.B.Trinidad sail in T.B.convoy for Recife. Ultimate destination is Gibraltar via Freetown for which onward routing from Recife will be issued later. Manned by British Merchant Marine crew. Economical speed 9 knots estimated endurance 2300 miles. B.A.D.Washington has for Info. (Cominch 030030Z to Comeastseafon (R) Comgulfseafon, Comcaribseafon, Com. 4th Fleet, F.O.C.W.Af. S.B.N.O.W.At. Admty. V.A.Gibraltar, Cinclant, N.O.B.Trinidad.)

SEARCHER. SEARCHER having embarked aircraft will be ready to leave Norfolk (VA) 12th June for inclusion in H.X.244 from New York on 12th June. (B.A.R.M. 030135Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.U.S. Fleet, S.B.N.O.W.At. N.S.H.Q. SEARCHER.)

T.A.42A. Convoy T.A.42A sailed from U.K. 31st May for (AQUITANIA.) New York with no personnel on board. (D. of S.T. 030210B to B.A.D. B.M.W.T.New York, (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Request continuous air escort be arranged for T.A.42A from Eastern limit to destination estimated position at 2000Z/3rd June, 43.05 N. 28.30 W. onward route (?) 42.05 N. 29.03 W. P. 40.00 N. 37.00 W. Q. 38.00 N. 51.00 W. R. 38.05 N. 70.02 W. S.O.A.19 knots. (C. in C.C.N.A. 031427Z to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C. (R) F.O.N.F. N.S. H.Q. Cominch, Admty.)

Movements. 2nd June St. Johns N.F.
Arrivals WASAGA ex N.J.28, FORT WILLIAM ex L.C. 57A, BROADWAY, LAGAN, MORDEN, CHAMBLY, PRIMROSE, DRUMHELLER, KING HAAKON VII, HURRICANE, LANCER, GRIPER ex O.N.186, P.554 ex exercises.
Departures ST. CLAIR, TRANSCONA, MIDLAND, MULGRAVE, QUESNEL, KITCHENER, WOODSTOCK, PORT ARTHUR to O.N.186, P.554 to exercise, POLYANTHUS to Baltimore, ORIBI to Boston. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 030215Z to Admty.)
Kingston departure WEASEL. (N.O.I.C. Kingston 030833Q to Admty. etc.)
Departure MAHONE, DUNDAS escorting H.S.89. ST. FRANCIS to St. Johns N.F. (C.Halifax 031542Z to N.S.H.Q. etc.)
Escorting H.X.242 MONTGOMERY departed May 31 New York. Departed CHELSEA June 1st to Halifax. Arrived New York May 30 LINCOLN escorting O.N.184. (N.S.H.Q. 031651Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)
San Francisco June 1st Army Transport PRESIDENT MONROE (U.S.) Noumea. (N.S.H.Q. 032025Z to Admty.)
Arrival CHELSEA from New York. (C.Halifax 032141Z to Admty.)

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EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. Your 012733? Owing to difficulties of acceptance in Liverpool it is preferred EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND should not arrive until 18th June. Can this be arranged?
(D. of S.T. 030216B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D. Connav.)

Your 030216. This can be arranged. Army will now embark 10th June.
(N.S.H.Q. 031352Z to D. of S.T. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D. Connav.)

Convoy S.B.44. Arrived.
(R.O.Cornerbrook 031100Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

U.S.Mines re sweeping. Your 212349Z not to C. in C.Levant, confirm that present minesweeping forces can sweep Mark XIII adjusted for two looks, the ordinary pulse procedure being adequate.

2. No further information is required concerning existing actuations but details of any future alterations or additions to the present units should be communicated together with proposed methods of sweeping.
(D.M.S.031156B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C.E.F. C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.)

SCYTHIA. Request air escort be provided SS. SCYTHIA from as far eastward as practicable. Estimated position at 2000Z/3rd June. 42.00 N. 36.40 W. Thence BB 42.00 N. 37.00 W. RC 39.00 N. 47.00 W. DD 38.00 N. 60.00 W. EE 39.00 N. 69.00 W. Thence Ambrose Channel. Estimated S.O.A. 14 knots.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 031307Z to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C. (R) F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q. Cominch, Admty.)

Convoy S.H. 84. Arrived plus CYRUS FIELD.
(N.C.S.O.Halifax 031316Z to Admty.)

TRILLIUM Your 011452. Request TRILLIUM proceed to Halifax as additional escort B.X.58 sailing 18th June.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 031329Z to B.A.M.R.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M estimate. N.S.H.Q. estimate of submarines north of 040° N.W. of 040° W. 1200Z/3rd June.
(N.S.H.Q. 031400Z.)

Halifax mines. Cancel my 020018 port is now opened. Ships are to approach with caution from southward passing through 044° 08' N. 063° 16' W. thence to Sambro Bank Light Vessel and Channel J.A.6 keeping to westward buoy. A paraphrased version has been passed to B.A.M.S. 2A under T.O.O. 031407Z.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax 031413Z to G.B.7A.)

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Halifax
mines.
(Contd.)

My 031413. East Channel is closed and only route mentioned may be used.
(C.Halifax 032025Z to G.B.7A.)

122nd M.S.
Flotilla.

C. in C.C.N.A's 021529 not to Admiralty. Propose to approve request to retain 122 M.S.Flottilla Halifax until present Mining situation is cleared and expected delay seven days. C. in C.C.N.A's 020109 refers.
(B.A.D. 031433Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q.)

S/M estimate
3rd June,
U.S.S/M
Notice.

(C. in C.U.S.Fleet 031435Z, 031436Z, 031452Z, 031423Z, 031454, 031611Z.)

Mines
Halifax.

C. in C.C.N.A. reports enemy mines in vicinity of Halifax. One mine found on surface. Mine disposal officer states mine is German buoyant moored influence type. Does not resemble any known type of recovered German mine. Mine still attacked to "Jinner" and has straight spring mooring spindle as found in type P. painted Green. M.D.O. attempting to tow mine to beach for examination.

(N.S.H.Q. 031436Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A.)

Your 022157Z it is probable that mines are "Emma" described in Admiralty A.G.M. 694A of 17th April. Specimen recently recovered confirms this information Oropesa sweeps should therefore be set to 22 to 25 fathoms.
(D.T.M. 032206B to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. Cominch, F.O.N.F. C.E.S.F.)

Convoy
X.B.56.

Boston section arrived 031410Z. Cape Cod Canal Section arrived 031330Z.
(P.D.Boston 031501 to Connav.)

U/B activity
South and
S.W.Pacific.

The recent increase of Japanese U-Boat activity in the South and Southwest Pacific has been noted with concern.

2. It would be appreciated if you would signal any information obtainable regarding convoys and escorts in the above area and also what air protection is available.

(D.T.D. Approved by A.C.N.S.(U.T.) 031510B to B.A.D.)

Convoy
G.Z.33

Arrived.
(British L.O.Cristobal 031515R to Admty.)

/Fast...

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Fast troop convoys, diversion. On occasions when it is possible to do so it would be very helpful if prior warning could be passed to C. in C.C.N.A. when it is intended to re-route fast troop convoys. This would enable V.L.R. aircraft to proceed direct from base and thus remain longer. When A.M. 031304* was received here aircraft would already have been airborne had weather permitted.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 031538Z to Admty. Cominch, C. and R. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.W.A.)
* N.T. in W.D.)

VERY B. My 162038 April. VERY B.HUMBY Schooner arrived
HUMBY. Halifax 17th April and is at present in a Newfoundland port.
(N.S.H.Q. 031553Z to Admty. Connav, C. in C.N.A. F.O.N.F. N.O.I.C. Sydney.)

Waxo trials. Admiral Usborne would like H.X.243 to carry out Waxo trials en route to U.K. It is requested Lt. Cdr. Horrell may take passage in S.O. Escort Ship to advise and help. Would you inform me on which ship Lt. Cdr. Horrell will be accommodated and when he should arrive St. Johns.
(B.R.L.O. New York 031557Z to F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. C. in C.W.A. (?C. in C.C.N.A.) N.C.S.O. Halifax, D.E.M.S. New York.)

Convoy Arrived less PAN PANCHITO, Br. KINGSLEY.
F.H.58. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 031612Z to Admty.)

Dispositions. Section south west X.B.56 A.
FREDERICTON, BLAIRMORE 043° 09' 068° 48' 269°
12 altering to 233° in 069° 00' W.
F.H.58, BRANTFORD, NIPIGON 042° 53' 065° 21'
087° 7.5 altering to 048° in 065° 17' W.
U.S.S. AMARUK Halifax approaches inbound.
B.X.55, W.5 Halifax approaches inbound.
ORIBI 043° 45' 063° 28' 249° (?15) alter. to 266° in (?065°) 00' W.
H.S.59 MAHONE, DUNDAS 044° 30' 062° 53' 090° 7.5 altering to 064°
in 062° 25' W. to 053° in 060° 58' W.
ST. FRANCIS 044° 35' 061° 42' 079° 15 altering to 064° in 059°
23' W. to 081° in 057° 00' W.
POLYANTHUS 043° 03' 060° 40' (?67°) 13 F.O.
H.X.242, W.6 042° 22' 059° 32' 085° 9 altering to 072° in 059° 02'
West.
Halifax portion of H.X.242 W one 042° 32' 060° 12' en route
Halifax 9., CHELSEA, SHAWINIGAN, BARRIE depart Chebucto Head
0330Z/4 to join O.N.186.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 031615Z to Admty.)
My 031607 (?031615 intended) section south west add VISON
departed Digby 1900Z for Halifax. Speed 10 knots.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 032234Z to Admty.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies - Contd.

- LE TERRIBLE. St. Thomas arrival 29th May French Light Cruiser LE TERRIBLE.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 031632Q to Admty. etc.)
- Dock trials. Lorsa 9755. Your 271803 May Trials of docks 450 ton and larger still proceeding. Teething troubles being experienced but anticipate satisfactory arrangement will result. Request experience gained with 250 ton and 350 ton docks may be communicated as soon as available.
(B.A.D. 031703Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med.)
- Convoy Arrived.
B.W.27. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 031706Z to Admty.)
- Convoy Arrived.
Q.S.50. (N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. 031716Z to Admty.)
- Floatplane N.A.R. from D.A.W.T.
Fighters, Request information on U.S.Naval policy regarding
policy. floatplane fighters with particular reference to
A. Whether any Martlet floatplanes have been
produced other than prototypes.
B. Whether a floatplane version of Hellcat or
Corsair is being planned or produced.
2. Spitfire Floatplane design has been sealed but none will be
produced until a real operational need can be foreseen.
(D.A.W.T. 031716B to B.A.D.)
- KING HAAKON Request following from KING HAAKON VII be
VII. passed to Royal Norwegian Headquarters London
(begins):
Arrived St. Johns N.F. June 2nd and will be based
here until July. Will then be employed in patrol
duties in Belle Isle Straits. Request mails be forwarded
T.O.O. 031345.
(F.O.N.F. 031832Z to Admty. (R) KING HAAKON VII.)
- U/B. Following from examination vessel SHELBURNE
periscope sighted 116° 3 miles from Roseway
light at 1755Z.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 031925Z to G.B.7A.)
- B.Y.M.S. 1. At 0800Z June 3rd sailed B.Y.M.S.68,31,186,187
and 209 to Londonderry through A. 47.30 N. 47.00
W. thence via Great Circle route.
2. S.O.A. 10 knots. 3. Constant W/T communications
in accordance with B.A.D.Washington 2125Z April 15th
(F.O.N.F. 032001Z to Admty. (R) Cominch, C. in
C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. Cdre. D. W.A. C. in C.W.A.)

/Rescue...

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Rescue ships policy. Your 091651 April. There are no Rescue Trawlers and frequently no Rescue Ships attached to convoys west of Westomp, and as Western Local Groups frequently have only four ships it is considered unwise to detach escorts for Rescue work. Request therefore that policy be laid down that west of Westomp rear ships of columns act as Rescue Ships. (N.S.H.Q. 032014Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. Capt. D.Halifax, C. in C.W.A. Cominch C.E.S.F.)

Sub. attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. C. U.S.S. IMPULSE attacks sound contact 31.51 N. 76.48 W. 031150. U.S.S. SOMERS Radar contact 01.06 S. 41.24 W. 022200. Para. D. B.24 Radar contact 37.15 N. 72.55 W. 030415. A/C Radar contact 29.45 N. 59.20 W. 021332. WESTMOUNT attacked sound contact 46.50 N. 59.15 W. 021435. (Cominch 032140Z to Admty.)

Employment of French Warships. Your 291647 Chiefs of Staff concur in proposed letter. (1st S.L. 032146B to B.A.D.)

B.D.Es. F.Es. Lorsa 9771. Request number of depth charges it is desired should be carried in B.D.Es and F.Es assigned to U.K., subject to space and stability being satisfactory. (B.A.D. 032241Z to Admty.)

SEARCHER 2nd arrived SEARCHER Norfolk. (N.S.H.Q. 032244Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

HALMA (Pa.) sunk. HALMA (ex B.X.55) torpedoed or mined and sunk south by east Sambro Light Vessel 9 miles at about 1830Z today. (C. in C.C.N.A. 032323Z to G.B.7A Cnav, C, in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. H.Q.C.C. A.C.I.C. Cdre. D.W.A. Cdre. D.Argentia.) As amended C. in C.C.N.A 041322Z.

K.15. Netherlands submarine K.15 will be ready to sail from New London June 10. Request destination. (B.A.D. 032325Z to Admty. (R) F.O.S.)

Operation "Torch" report. Your 212159Z May. (Intention of U.S.A's O.N.1 to publish an official account of operation "Torch" and R.N.account in same.) A copy of C. in C. Mediterranean's report on the operation (ref. No. Med. W.00200, D.30th March) was sent direct to C. in C.U.S.Fleet. (Head of M.II 032334B to B.A.D.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi 50. A/C sighted S.S. crash dive 19° S. 178° 25' W. 1115M/2nd native reports S.S. submerging in Channel between Tokgoa and Ewoje Island New Hebrides 1600M/2nd slight increase barge activity Vella Lavella area. Two DD Tentmarus 4 unidentified sighted by A/C morning 31st Buin Shortland Area also 4 DD (?) AK 1 small unidentified West Coast Bougainville course south. Coast watcher reports 2 small AK same place course north. At dusk 31st 3 Liberators attacked settlements Tinputz Numa area N.E. Bougainville large fires started both places 2 coasters bombed and strafed 1 hit and fired. (C.W.R.Wellington 030035Z to C. in C.E.F. etc.)

Digest serial 2. Four unidentified vessels sighted from 30 miles No. 499 June 2. distance in Kavieng harbour forenoon.
 3. Large submarine passed Cape Orford south bound late afternoon.
 5. Liberator strafed small merchant-man 50 miles N. N.E. Wewak course 120° morning. Later photos Wewak Harbour reveal 1 small freighter, 1 submarine chaser, 15 luggers.
 9. Photos following morning reveal 1 submarine chaser, 1 medium 2 small medium merchant vessels, 8 barges of Lautem (Timor). Two Liberators attacked morning scoring close miss on medium transport. Intercepted by five fighters whereof one probably destroyed. Three Bs unsuccessfully attacked afternoon. One other B.25 missing. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 030824Z to Admty. etc.)

M/V repatriation "Checkmate" System. "Checkmate" System. "Checkmate" System. "Checkmate" system already in force this area will be amended to conform with your 241910B. 2. As necessary organisation is already established and observing time lag in signals propose C.S.W. P.S.F. assume function of Admiralty for identification purposes this area. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 031416Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F. C. in C.S.A. F.O.Ceylon, Connav, N.Z.N.B. Com. 7th Fleet.)

Movements. Hired transport EKATERINI COUMANTAROU departed Melbourne 2nd June due Fremantle 10th. Hired transport DUNTRON arrived and departed Thursday Island 2nd due Townsville 4th. Victualling Store Issuing Ship MERKUR departed Townsville 2nd due Challenger Bay 2nd. U.S. Transport VAN HEUTSZ departed Gladstone 2nd due Townsville 4. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 031516 to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions. (D.D.I.C. 031341B, 031350B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- Force "H". X 1. The flag of S.O.Force "H" will be struck in NELSON at noon tomorrow and hoisted in RODNEY.
- Operation "Peacock". X 2. At 0847 CHARYBDIS with LIMBOURNE and MEYNELL left Plymouth at 20 knots to patrol between latitudes 43° and 45° N. and longitudes 10° and 12° W.
- Landing Craft and Coastal Craft for Gibraltar. X 3. A flight of 12 L.C.I.(L) Landing Craft (Flight K) escorted by the corvette COLUMBINE left Portsmouth at 0725 today for Gibraltar; and 2 trawlers escorting 2 M.T.Bs. 3 M.G.Bs. 5 M.Ls. and 13 H.D.M.Ls. left Milford Haven at 0925 for the same destination.
- U.K./Lisbon Air Service. 4. In view of the recent attack upon civil A/C in the Biscay Area, the Royal Dutch Airlines Service between Lisbon and the U.K. will in future operate by night only under control from Bristol.
- Mining. X 5. The mine-laying operation H.V.6 at the southern entrance of St. George's Channel was completed by PLOVER at 1633B today; and one floating mine was sunk by the patrol vessel P.12 off Start Point.

North Atlantic.

- U-Boats. X 6. Two or three U-Boats were estimated this afternoon to be operating in the Gibraltar-Casablanca area, east of 11° 01' W.
7. Hudson F/48 sighted a U-Boat on the surface in 35.55 N. 09.25 W. which submerged. The aircraft attacked, and a pale blue-green patch 30 ft. across was seen 10 seconds later, persisting for 2½ minutes.

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South Atlantic.

Argentine
Revolt.

X 8. A revolt against the Government of President Castillo in Argentina broke out this morning. In the afternoon it was announced that a provisional government committee had been formed, headed by General Arturo Rawson. President Castillo took refuge in the minesweeper DRUMMOND off Buenos Aires, and subsequently resigned.

Owing to the political disturbance, no ships were permitted to leave Buenos Aires. The only British vessel affected was the ROCHESTER CASTLE. The port was re-opened at 051305Z.

Mediterranean.

Air
Operations.

T 9. 29 Middle East Wellingtons raided Pantellaria town and harbour last night, causing a large fire and adding to two fires already burning.

5 Wellingtons of the N.W.African Air Force last night bombed Tatanzara and Syracuse.

a/ Middle East Baltimore light bombers attacked a 50 ton caique in the Aegean off Scorpano Island today. The crew abandoned caique and were apparently killed by bursts.

/ Long range fighters destroyed 2 sailing vessels in harbour at Stampalia Island, Dodecanese.

X Wellingtons attacked Reggio and Syracuse.

? 45 U.S.Liberators bombed Grottaglio aerodrome, near Taranto.

10. Pantellaria raids were continued last night by 29 Wellingtons which dropped 58 tons of H.E.

Today, attacks on Pantellaria were made by Marauders, Mitchells, Fortresses and Lightnings. Warhawks also made 7 missions totalling 55 sorties.

ERIDGE,
DERWENT.

11. Admiralty prefer that permanent repairs to ERIDGE and DERWENT be undertaken in U.K., and the exchange of machinery between the 2 ships proposed by C. in C. Levant is not approved.

/G.T.X.1...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

G.T.X.1.

X 12. Convoy G.T.X.1 arrived at Alexandria today, 12 L.S.Ts. and 5 merchant ships from Gibraltar, 9 merchant ships from Malta and Tripoli.

East Indies.

13. The hospital ship VASNA is to sail for Alexandria as soon as ready. (She sailed on 6th April via Aden and Suez.)

America & West Indies.

Mines
Halifax.

X 14. Four mines were accounted for today, 3 by S.A./L.L. sweepers, and one exploded spontaneously in 63° 13' 20", 44° 25' 40".

Australia & New Zealand.

15. The U.S. merchant vessel EDWARD CHAMBERS exchanged gunfire with a surfaced enemy submarine at 0052 in 27.17 S. 153.59 E. The vessel later reached port.

X 16. The New Zealand trawler KIWI, on passage from Auckland to Noumea, was fired on by a U.S. merchant ship and hit whilst passing at night, largely because KIWI had no procedure for carrying out recognition. N.Z.N.B. ask Admiralty whether N.Z. minor war vessels may be issued with Key Memorandum No. 6, observing that they will be operating in dangerous waters. In reply, the Admiralty state that in exceptional circumstances this Key Memorandum may be issued to selected minor war vessels on New Zealand Station if N.Z.N.B. is satisfied that security conditions are adequate and that safe means of custody exist.

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TORCH II
JANO Your 011809/June and A.M. 300007/May. TORCH II is to revert to her original name of JANO (vide N.O.I.C. Holyhead's GM/116B/2 dated 22nd February 1942).
(Hd. of M. 041753B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

S.O. Force
H. Flag of S.O. Force "H" will be struck in NELSON and is to be hoisted in RODNEY at 1200 tomorrow.
(C. in C.H.F. 042121B to RODNEY).

Movements.

TYRIAN
TUMULT Scapa arrivals. TYRIAN, TUMULT.
(A.C.O.S. 040552).
Sailed TYRIAN, TUMULT for Belfast E.T.A. 0800B/5.
(R.A.D. 041243).

ZETLAND. Sailed ZETLAND.
(C. in C. Plymouth 040609B).
C. in C. Plymouth's 032321B. Intend to sail ZETLAND 1800B today to overtake and join convoy C.E.181 at C.2.buoy at 2115B/4, in company with convoy till 0530B/5, then parting company and proceeding to Tyne.
(2) Route after leaving convoy. Speed after leaving convoy 20 knots, adjusted to pass B.2. buoy after 0700B/5, E.T.A. 2130B/5th.
(4) Codeword before joining and after leaving convoy "Jovial".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041159B).
ZETLAND bound Tyne will join you at C.2. buoy at 2115B/4, extra escort, parting company at 0530B/5.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041245B to VIVACIOUS).
My 041159B. Sailed.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041835B).

S/M
movements. My 021127 amended by my 031738. Sailed (UNBENDING).
(Capt.S.7 040928B).
Intend to sail SURF escorted by SARDONYX from Clyde boom 0900B/5 to Londonderry, E.T.A. 1800B/5th. Speed 12 knots.
(Capt.S.3. 041003B and 041526B).
Intend sailing SEVERN and WHITE BEAR from 180 degs. Garroch Head 2 miles at 2000B/6th to 180 degs. Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A. 0930B/8.
(2) Thence SEVERN South.
(Capt.S.3. 041107B and 061838B).
UNIVERSAL, SARDONYX leave Lough Foyle 2000B for Clyde 8.
LOCH MONTEITH, MINERVE, RUBIS, 055 degs. 23' 006 degs. 12' at 2000B to Clyde 9.
(Capt.S.3. 041559B to S/M's).
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/5 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 041746B, 050031B).
PROTEUS exercising off Plymouth in S/M area between 0930 and 1100/5th.
(C. in C. Plymouth 042201B).

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Movements.

S/M
Movements
(Contd.).

My 032325. Sailed (TUNA, P.238, P.34).
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 042212B).

Landing
Craft Flight
K.
COLUMBINE.

My 021906B. Sailed 0725/4th.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 040840B to F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar).

Rosyth
Command.

Principal ships present at 0900/4th.
(C. in C. Rosyth 040901B).

Coastal
Craft Groups
E and F for
Gibraltar.

Admiralty's 151940 May. Routed A.M. 172035
February as modified by A.M. 012011 June through
Q.Z.S. 315. Speed 10 knots. Codeword "Staysail".
E.T.A. 10th June.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 040925 to F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar).

Admiralty's 151940 May routed A.M. 172035
February as modified by A.M. 012011 June through Q.Z.S.315 sailed
Trawlers HORNPIPE (S.O.) and SCOTTISH. Escorting M.T.Bs. 649,
665, M.G.Bs. 662, 659, 660 M.Ls. 569, 558, 565, 563, 580,
H.D.M.Ls. 1242, 1297, 1246, 1253, 1271, 1258, 1270, 1301, 1224, 1254,
1247, 1257, 1277. Speed 10 knots. Codeword "Staysail" E.T.A. 10th June.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 040925 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

NORFOLK

My 031430B. Sailed 0942B/4th.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 041007B to A.C.O.S.).

ILLUSTRIOUS

When ILLUSTRIOUS is ready C. in C.W.A. is
requested to sail her to the Clyde to work up
under F.O.C.T.

(2) When ready for service ILLUSTRIOUS is placed
under the orders of C. in C.H.F.
(D.O.D.H. 041240B).

ONSLAUGHT
MUSKETEER
MAHRATTA

Your 021556. Arrived.
(A.C.I.C. 041359B to R.A.D.H.F.).

COLOMBO

Sailed COLOMBO 1448/4. E.T.A. Scapa 1300/6.
(C. in C. Plymouth 041647B).

INDOMITABLE

Arrived R.A.(A) in INDOMITABLE.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 041704B).

/PRINS.....

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PRINS Intend sailing PRINS ALBERT escorted by IROQUOIS
 ALBERT (S.O.) ORKAN at 2030/5 for Gibraltar, E.T.A.
 IROQUOIS 1930Z/8. Routed as in A.M. 271835B May Speed 18
 ORKAN. knots. Escorts parting company as in C. in C.
 Plymouth's 041321B June.
 (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 041803B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Operations.

Operation X A.M. 032255. CHARYBDIS taking LIMBOURNE and
 "Peacock" MEYNELL under his orders and proceed at 0800B/4th
 to position (Z) 044 degs. 02' N. 010 degs. 58' W.
 (2) Route Q.Z.S. 409 and 410 thence through
 position (a) 180 degs. Bishop Rock 10 miles.
 (b) 049 degs. 01' N. 010 degs. 01' W. S.O.A. 20 knots.
 (3) On arrival at position (Z) ships are to patrol in the area
 between latitudes 043 degs. 01' and 045 degs. 02' N. and
 longitude 010 degs. 01' and 011 degs. 59' W. until further orders.
 (5) Codeword "Talbot".
 (C. in C. Plymouth 040027B to CHARYBDIS, LIMBOURNE, MEYNELL).
 My 040027B. Sailed 0847/4.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 040955B to Admty. V.A. Gibraltar).

Coastal My 032235B. "Device" returned owing to weather.
 Patrols. (F.O.I.C. Portland 040134B).
 (1) Intend M.Ls. 122 (S.O) 215 and 245 to patrol
 tonight on latitude 50 degs. 20' N. between
 between 01 degs. 45' W and 02 degs. 25' W. Details.
 (F.O.I.C. Portland 041140B).
 M.G.B. 611, 614, 615, GREY FOX, GREY SHARK, patrolling to
 southward of E.A.5 buoy.
 4. M.L.309, 124 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.
 5. ALBRIGHTON, CHASSEUR 14 at St. Helens. LORD WAKEFIELD at
 Yarmouth.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth 041333B).
 (1).M.G.B.611, 614, 615 GREY FOX, GREY SHARK to carry out
 Anti-E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between
 00 degs. 15' W. and 01 degs. 00' W. from 2330B to 0415B. Codeword
 "Device"
 (2). M.Ls. 309, 124 to patrol searched channel between F and
 E.A.5 buoys.
 (3)ALBRIGHTON immediate notice at St. Helens. Codeword "Advent".
 (C. in C. Portsmouth 041335B).
 CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 159, 155 and 304 are to patrol 8 miles
 070 degs. and 250 degs. from 090 degs. Start 24 miles. Attention
 is called to Q.Z.X. 1011, 1012 and 1013.
 Leave Dartmouth 2230B for patrol. Leave patrol for Dartmouth
 0430B.
 Codeword "Obstacle"
 (C. in C. Plymouth 041345B).
 Your 041345B. "Obstacle" is remaining in harbour at
 immediate notice owing to fog.
 (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 042135B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 041335B. Para.1. Coastal forces to remain at Newhaven at
 immediate notice reverting to half-an-hours notice at 0330B.
 Para.2. M.Ls. remaining at St. Helens.
 Para.3. Add BLEASDALE.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth 042213B).

/Cancel....

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Operations.

Coastal Patrols (Contd.). Cancel my 041140B. owing to weather. Boats remaining in harbour at short notice. (F.O.I.C. Portland 042219B).

S/M Patrols Positions of submarines at 0800B/5th and movements for following 24 hours.
(A) HERRING approx. 54 degs. 42' N. 29 degs. 15' W. dived by day through 54 degs. 45' N. 28 degs. 01' W. at 2000B/5 thence probably on surface to 54 degs. 01' N. 22 degs. 02' W. at 2000B/6th.
(B) and (C) HAKE, HADDO, SHAD, TALLY HO, as in my 021717.
(D) TRUCULENT patrolling vicinity 65 degs. 10' N. 03 degs. 30' W.
(E) SEADOG, patrolling vicinity 64 degs. 20' N. 00 degs. 55' E.
(F) SATYR vicinity 63 degs. 00' N. 00 degs. 50' E. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 63 degs. 29' N. 01 degs. 11' E.
(F.O.S. 041746B to Admty.)
Request you sail BARB and BLACKFISH 8th June for anti enemy submarine patrol in central Atlantic. Route follows. (F.O.S. 041807B to Consubron 50).

Operation F.H. Request your estimate of how long it will be before unloading can be carried out at Barentsburg pier.
(2) Have you any alternative suggestions for unloading.
(D.O.D.H. 041835B to "Gearbox").

Allied Air Activity.

A/C in sea Keep a look out for survivors Beaufighter A/C believed down in sea in vicinity your track. (C. in C.W.A. 040949Z to Escorts M.K.F.15).

V.L.R. signals. Reference forms V.L.R. it is suggested that if forms V.L.R. were transmitted by 15 Group as received i.e. in cypher they would be received by the addressees much quicker. At present they are first decyphered here and then sent on in P/L.
Request you state if it is acceptable for this group to forward these signals in cypher.
(15 Group 041745B to H.Q.C.C.).

U.K./Lisbon Air Service. Nav. 101 4/6 Secret. Due to proved risk of attack on civil aircraft operating by day across Biscay and approaches K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines Service U.K. - Lisbon will commencing Saturday 5 June operate by night only. Timetable will until further notice be dep. Chivenor 2200Z arr. Lisbon 0500Z, dep. Lisbon 2130Z, arr Bristol (Whitchurch) 0430Z. D.C.3 and D.C.2 aircraft will be used. Aircraft under Bristol (Whitchurch) civil control. Routes Chivenor - Lundy Island thence (1) -

/point....

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Allied Air Activity.

U.K./Lisbon point 49 degs. 56' N. 09 degs. 18' W point 43
Air degs. 10' N. 11 degs. 00' W - Lisbon or when
Service. cloudcover available (2) - point 50 degs. 00'
(Contd.). N. 07 degs. 33' W - point 43 degs. 10' N. 10
degs. 00' W - Lisbon. Aircraft carry standard
camouflage and markings for British Civil
Aircraft but no (R) no IFF. All warning and
movement messages and route details will be notified by control
Whitchurch to M.L.S. H.Q. 10 Group.
(Air Ministry, Bristol 041820B to Admty.).

Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Following from Jan Mayen. A/C heard at 0555Z,
Mayen. easterly direction.
(A.C.I.C. 041707B to C. in C.H.F.).

Mining.

Larne My 222229 May, 222234 May and 252150 May.
Exercise Sweep (100 degs) completed. No mines found.
Area. (C. in C.W.A. 041040B to Admty.).

H.V.6. / Operation H.V.6. completed.
(PLOVER 041633B to C. in C. Plymouth).
(A) Initial position 50 degs. 52-4' N. 05 degs.
45-1' W. direction 119 degs. length 3.1 miles.
(C) 0706/4th. (D) Eight ft.
(PLOVER 041900B to Admty.).

Off Floating mine sunk by P.12 in 50 degs. 16' 20" N.
Start 03 degs. 33' 15" W.
Point. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 041758B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

Cherbourg Photographic R/C of Cherbourg 4th June shows 1
Elbing Class destroyer and 4 T.Bs. present.
(C. in C. Plymouth 041601B).

U-boats.

U-boat By D/F at 2255Z/3, U-boat estimated anywhere
reported within 75 miles of 59 degs. 00' N. 24 degs. 00'
in North W.
Atlantic. (D.D.I.C. 040225B to C. in C.H.F. C. in C.W.A.
A.C.I.C. H.Q.C.C.).

/U-boat....

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U-boat
sunk by
TUNA on
30th May.

*(Sinking not confirmed
from enemy sources
S.N.)*

Following received from TUNA.
(1) At 1411B/30th May torpedoed westbound U-boat
in 64 degs. 17' N. 000 degs. 43' E. U-boat has
no gun on fore-casing and was camouflaged light
and dark stripes.
(F.O.S. 041209B to Adty.).

Casualties and Defects.

Rosyth
loop.

My 031245. Repairs completed and correct.
(C. in C. Rosyth 041015B to Admty.).

MENESTHEUS

Your 241703 May and F.O.I.C. Northern Ireland's
291134 May. Numbers 1 and 3 generator-engines
each have one cracked cylinder head which it is
desired to replace at same time.

Provided second main engine head arrives from Belfast in time
propose MENESTHEUS should arrive Clyde p.m. 13th. Request you
will signal estimated time required for this work.
(R.A.M. 041102B to N.O.I.C. Glasgow).

Dinghy

At 0220/4 in 63 degs. 27' N. 29 degs. 19' W.
K. 269 received message from Base "Dinghy
equipped with radio". Attempts made to contact
dinghy and weak ? signals heard dinghy? faded on

attempting to come.

(R.A.F. Iceland 041224B to H.Q.C.C. 15 Group).

L.C.I. 245

Your 021906. L.C.I. 245 has entered Portland
with engine defects and will require towage.
Repairs cannot be effected at Portland.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 041630B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

UNTAMED.

TEDWORTH reports no progress today owing to
unfavourable weather.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 041645B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

SOUTHERN
GEM

Essential repairs on SOUTHERN GEM will be
completed p.m. 6th June and she will then be
sailed to arrive Falmouth p.m. 7th provided
trials of Dynamo are satisfactory.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 041754B).

CAMELLIA
BLUEBELL

On return to U.K. about 15th June, CAMELLIA and
BLUEBELL can be taken in hand for docking and
minor defects at Liverpool.
(2) They will be required to leave U.K. on June
25th.
(D.O.D.H. 041851B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

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O.S.49 and K.M.S.16. (1) Escorts KEPPEL (S.O) BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, ROSELYS, RENONCULE, LOBELIA, ACONIT, FLORES, SAPPER.
(2) KEPPEL and BURZA fitted H/F D/F.
(Capt. D. Greenock, 040108 to C. in C. W.A.)
R.F.A. OLIGARCH, fitted with platform and rail and special derricks and carrying cargo of Admiralty furnace oil will be available for fuelling escorts in K.M.S.16. (2) Vessel will accompany convoy into Mediterranean.
(D.T.D. 041247B)
(A) 1437B/4. (B) KIRKELLA - To Lough Foyle on completion.
(C) 17. (D) Commodore in EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP for Bone. Vice Commodore in PENRITH CASTLE for Freetown.
(N.C.S.O.Mersey, 041618B to A.I.G.191)
C. in C. W.A. 041213. Intend sailing KEPPEL p.m. today to Belfast and thence to join O.S.49/K.M.S.16.
(Capt. (D) Greenock, 041640 to C. in C. W.A.)
SANDOWN CASTLE, Ascension/St.Helena, Capetown.
PEEBLES, Bone. INGLETON (N.D.) Casablanca. EMPIRE GAT, Algiers
DAN-Y-BRYN, Casablanca. IDDESLEIGH, Philippeville. CLAN CAMPBELL M/F, Capetown for Bunkers, Bombay/Colombo/Calcutta.
CAPE WRATH, Algiers. CANARA M/F, Gibraltar F.O. EMPIRE SPINNEY, Algiers. TAHSINIA (N.D) Capetown for Bunkers Colombo/Trincomalee/Calcutta. CLAN CAMERON, Gibraltar F.O. BELGIAN AIRMAN (Bel.) Bone. DE LA SALLE (Fr.) Freetown for Bunkers, South Africa. SOMERVILLE (Nor.) Philippeville. RANCHER, Gibraltar. EASTGATE, Gibraltar. GERARD DOU (Dut.) Oran. JAN (Nor.) Algiers.
Did not sail: EMPIRE DAY, Critical Speed 6/8 knots.
CLAN CAMPBELL, Sailing late to overtake. CLAN CAMERON, sailing late to overtake.
(N.C.S.O.Clyde, 041831B to Admty)
My 041831B. CLAN CAMERON sailed at 1920B/4 to overtake.
(N.C.S.O.Clyde, 041940B to Admty)
PEEBLES, INGLETON, EMPIRE GAT, DAN-Y-BRYN, IDDESLEIGH, CAPE WRATH, CANARA, EMPIRE SPINNEY, CLAN CAMERON, BELGIAN AIRMAN, SOMERVILLE, RANCHER, EASTGATE, GERARD DOU, JAN, sailed at 041919B June. EMPIRE DAY did not sail owing to critical speed.
(D.S.T.O.Greenock, 042125B to D.S.T.)
Sailed KEPPEL in accordance with Capt. (D) Greenock's 041640B. E.T.A. Belfast 0215B/5th.
(N.O.I.C.Greenock, 042258B)

PASTEUR. A.T.47 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 040918B to C. in C. W.A.)

S.C.133. My 011051. If there is no change in present U-Boat situation intend to use Canadian support group to support S.C.133 on the Atlantic run.
(C. in C. W.A. 040924Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

E.N.43. Your 032155B. Concur.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 041013B to Admty)

M.K.F.15. Liverpool portion following ships, E.T.A.
Bar Light Vessel 0455B/5.
Clyde Portion following ships, E.T.A. Clyde Boom

2300B/4 /...

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- M.K.F.15. (Contd.). 2300B/4. Intend detach Escort Group 42 to Londonderry on passing 007° W. KELVIN and JAVELIN will escort convoy to Clyde light vessel. (UNICORN, 041203Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- MARIPOSA. Sailed 1144/4th. (P.S.T.O.N.W. Ports, 041247 to D.S.T.)
- E.G.1. Sailed BITER for Merville. C. in C. W.A. 311155 refers. (F.O.I.C.Greenock, 041346B)
- Explosive Cargoes on East Coast. /A.L/TD. 02010/43 of 27th January. The expansion of the bombing programme is already creating difficulties in maintaining the present restrictions on the quantity of explosive allowed on the East Coast in a single ship, and some casement has become essential. (2) It is proposed to relax the existing restrictions as follows:
(a) down to and including Tees, no limit.
(b) South of the Tees, including London, 1200 tons net in any single ship. (3) For the next few months the proposal in para.2. will be mainly permissive. It is unlikely that regular heavy shipments of explosive will call for discharge in London before the late summer. The Ministry of War Transport has undertaken to avoid London discharge so long as alternatives remain open.
(4) Request your remarks.
(D.T.D.041550B to C. in C. Nore.)
- C.U.2. Sailed SABRE in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 031125Z. (Cdre. D. W.A. 041746B)
- T.A.44. Route as follows: Through J.270° oversay 6 miles at 0100/7th June. K.54.05 N. 16.58 W. L.50.59 N. 23.00 W. M.42.57 N. 29.02 W. N.42.01 N. 37.56 W. O.42.00 N. 47.05 W. P.42.28 N. 59.30 W. thence to Halifax. (D.O.D.(H), 042046B to F.O.I.C.Liverpool, C. in C. W.A.)
- H.X.241. Indefinite D/F bearings at 1750Z indicate U/B possibly in your vicinity. (D.DI.C. 042131B to Escorts H.X.241, E.G.2)
- Oiling at Sea. Nomenclature. Cancel para. 6 of my 191225 April and substitute - "Para.6. It is requested that the alternative oiling methods shall be referred to as platform, emergency blondin, emergency canvas, American canvas, or metallic; and depth-charge fittings as improvised or platform".
(2) A.L.M./T.D. 2109/43 dated 31st May refers. (D.T.D.042220B)

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- O.N.188. (1) TWEED is to clean boilers and sail as additional escort to O.N.188. (2) TWEED will subsequently be ordered to transfer to R.C.N. Supporting Group.
(C. in C. W.A. 042255B to Cdre. D. W.A.)
- Freetown Groups. Order of sailing of Freetown Groups:
Group Liverpool Take out Bring back.
Sailing.
38 18th June. O.S.50. S.L.133
39 4th July. O.S.51 S.L.134
37 19th July. O.S.52 S.L.130
(2) My 260755 May is amended accordingly.
(C. in C. W.A. 042302B)
- E.G.1. Sailed C. in C. W.A. 051048 (E.G.1)
(Cdre. D. W.A. 042320B to C. in C. W.A.)
- H.X.242. 64 ships, 5 escorts, 3 Support Groups now present.
Request B.A.M.S. broadcast R/V 051500Z 044° 26' N.
(?longitude) Course (?108°, 271°) Speed 9.
(W.6, 042331 to Connav)

CONFIDENTIAL

MESSAGE 030226Z/June IN

From ^RCOMMODOREAFRON.

Date 4.6.43.

Recd. 0658

Naval Code (X) by W/T

Addressed F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, repeated COMINCH, Admiralty, C. in C. Mediterranean.

IMMEDIATE.

*u/b
attacked
by U.S.
MC.*

(?P1 032342) (?Course 235) (?speed) 12.
Liberator made three attacks first and second attack sub. fully surfaced. On first attack 1 DC dropped but failed to explode, other DC hung up. Second attack all DC hung up. Exchanged fire on both attacks. Plane checked armament and released one practice DC two miles from sub. Third attack 2 DC dropped fifteen seconds after conning tower submerged. Both DC exploded. Estimate 40 and 100 feet from sub. Estimate possible damage.

030226Z (? 040226Z intended)

~~Advance copies - Ops., O.D., O.I.C.~~

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (2)
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.O.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- U.W.R.
- Capt. Pim
- Ops. (3)
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- D.N.I. (4)
- D.T.D. (4)
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- D.E.W.D. (3)
- D.A.W.T.
- C.C.L.S.
- D.N.A.O.
- Admiral Usborne

WD. Note - A+C Gibraltar 032359B refer.

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CARMEN My 021529B (Presumably 011509 intended re
FREIXAS. CARMEN FREIXAS at Alicante loading German cargo.)
CARMEN FREIXAS left Alicante 1730/3rd for
Port Vendres.
(F.O. i/c Gibraltar, 040210 to 8th S.F. F.S.
LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE, (R) S.O.(I) Med. Capt. (S)8)

Situation 1958B/4th. Submarine SLAR (?TEMPLAR) 039° 18'
010° 04' through 38° 50' 010° 01' thence 162° diving by day 9/2.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 040941B)

Situation 20(?02)B. H.S. AMARAPOORA 041° 31' 011° 01'
through 040° 01' 011° 01' thence 165° 11. (2) B.Y.M.S. 9,
26. 27 030° 01' 011° 59' 034° 8. (3) X.K(?8). TEST (E) 039°
05' 013° 50' through 039° 58' 015° 10' thence 002° 7½
(4) S/M TRUSTY 031° 42' 015° 47' 040° 10 knots on surface.
(6) ASTURIAS 039° 08' 016° 34' 128° 13.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041019B.)

Situation 1959B/4th. T.A. 42A unescorted 040°(?08) 036° 30'
through 040° 01' 036° 01' thence 260° 19.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041027B.)

Axis Arrival 2nd, MARIA, CARMEN. Arrival 3rd
Shipping MERGLIA, CABO, SACRATIF. Departure 2nd WATERWEG,
Bilbao. Departure 3rd HENK, SEBASTIAN MARTIN.
(Consul, Bilbao, 041120, to Admty.)

MALOJA Following is a repetition of my 041036 (begins)
(Swiss) Swiss MALOJA 1788 G.T. National colour and
Switzerland on (? hull) leaves Genoa about 5th
June for Gibraltar by approved route, speed 9
knots. Not to be molested this voyage. (Ends.)
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041123 to 8th S/M Flotilla,
LA SULTAN, ARETHUSE.)

EMBLA Swedish EMBLA 1053 G.T. speed 7 knots usual
(Swedish) markings on side sailed 1330/4th for Marseilles
with prisoners of war parcels by approval route.
Not to be molested this voyage.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041413B to 8th S/M Flot.,
LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE.)

U/B Am over enemy Submarine in 35.55 N. 09.725 W.
(A/C 3 L.O./F 041510, via Gib.) Attacked See
042350B.

K.M.S.15. My 021202 (SOMERSET COAST and LEVANT did not sail)
and 030105 (latter to C. in C. Med. only). Cancel
reference to LEVANT.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041604B to Cdre. Algiers.)

Movements, Arrival June 4 P.C.482 MELBREAK, ANTHONY.
Casablanca. (C.M.S.F.F., 041945 to C. in C. Med.)

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U/B Survivors landed at Altea (Spain) X My 011310. R.O. Alicante reports fisherman have located S/M 10 miles 90° Ifach Point in 48 fathoms. (N.A. Madrid, 042019B to Admty., (R) F.O.i/c Gibraltar.)

Survivors from U-Boat. My 032032 (N.T.in W.D.) Confirm landing survivors at Valencia. Number stated to be 9 all wounded. (N.A. Madrid, 042037B to Admty., for D.N.I. Personal.)

U/Bs. X Estimated 2 or 3 U-Boats are operating West of Gibraltar East of 011° West. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 042143B to TRUSTY, P.316 (TEMPLAR.))

Air Report. A.I. 559 4th June. Daily Opsum No. 215. 4 June. Surfaced U/Boat 35.55 N. 09.25 W. course 090/12 Kts. attacked at 1506B/4 by Hudson F/48. U/B submerged and pale blue-green patch 30 ft. across seen 10 seconds later persisting for 2½ mins. Nothing further seen in 20 mins. (A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 042350B)

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U/B
QUERCY. By D/F at 2025/3 G.M.T. U-Boat estimated within 100 miles of 13° 30' N. 31° 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 040050B to F.S. QUERCY, (R) F.O.C. West Africa, Commar Dakar)

ILE DE
FRANCE. 041930Z. ILE DE FRANCE, CI 4 QM. Freetown 11th 1400Z, knots A.18, B.20. Route to Freetown. Requirements. Communications. (R.O.Rio, 040237 to Connav, Usnavcom Recife, Admty)

MAURETANIA. Adoption of route given in your 030742 will give MAURETANIA a p.m. arrival at Diego Suarez involving probability of delay over night. Intend therefore to shorten her route to give her first light arrival 12th June. (C. in C. S.A. 040419 to C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez.)

Group sailing No.20. 8 ships escorted by NORTHERN DAWN and DRANGEY. Expected sailing 130° Cape Inhaca 26 miles at 0430Z/June 5th (list). Expected to arrive Durban p.m. June 6th. S. of A. knots 8. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 040731Z to Admty etc.)
Add to my 040731Z group sailing No.20, probable FORT FROBISHER 9½ knots Alexandria. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 041303Z)
My 040731Z, cancel CHARLES J. FOLGER, now loading Lourenco Marques. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 041525Z)

Convoy D.C.29. Sailing telegram (12 ships). (2) 0600Z/4th June. (3) 8 knots. (5) Coastal reference 61 to 68 Saldanha Bay T.B. (6) NIZAM, ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, ST. LOMAN, VEREENIGING. (7). (Route) (12) E.T.A. Capetown p.m. 8th. E.T.A. Port Elizabeth a.m. 6th E.T.A. (?East London) p.m. 5th. Convoy W/T call sign C.Z.D.1 to 9 Q.G.A.150, codeword "Playmate" 391. (N.C.S.O. Durban, 040732Z to Admty etc.)

S.L.130. Your 040119Z (N.T. in W.D.) Sailing with MARY KINGSLEY at 1100Z to R/V S.L.130 at 1800Z. Freetown P/T all addressees. (F.S. CMDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, 040803Z to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Escorts S.L.130, Admty, Comar Dakar, SCARBOROUGH)
Your 040119Z not to all addressees. E.T.A. Bathurst 0800Z/6. Route through 014° 45' N. 017° 41' W. S. of A. 11.5 knots.
Your 011941. MARY KINGSLEY joined S.L.130 at 1745Z. (COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, 042100Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst)

ALCANTARA. Arrived 1908Z/3. (Comar Dakar, 040758Z to F.O.C. W.A.F., Admty.)

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SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. Departure from Pointe Noire 2300Z/3rd SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA routed through 018° 30' (?S) 011° 20' E. E.T.A. Simonstown 1100Z/11th. (B.N.L.O. W.Af. 040805A to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Admty. C. in C. S.A.)

HOPETARN (sunk by U/B 29/5) U-Boat mentioned in my 031132 was German. (Cdre. Durban, 040909Z to Admty. C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F.)

U/B attacked by A/C. French Naval Aircraft reports attacking conning tower at 1210Z/2 in 14° 15' N. 17° 35' W. course 270°. One bomb fell directly over fore part of submarine large patch of oil seen. (F.O.C.W.Af. 040920 to Admty)

GEORGES LEYGUES. Your A.I.G.55/3 June. Commorseafron's 310950Z May not to F.O.C.N.A. states GEORGES LEYGUES sailing delayed approx. one week on date given in his 29/1919Z May. (F.O.C.W.A. 040934Z to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Commorseafron)

Dispositions. Situation at 2001Z/4th. FOWEY, MYOSOSTIS, MALLOW, STONECROP, LA MALOUINE, CAMPION, BUTSER with O.S.48 015° 10', 018° 05' 171° 8½ F.D.V. CALAIS?, LA GRANDIERE, Air France escorting 015° 12' 017° 55' to Dakar 9 SCARBOROUGH, FLEETWOOD, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, SPIREA, COLTSFOOT, BALSAM with S.L.130 020° 05' (?017°)(?15') (?000°) (?7). ASPIRANT BRUN escorting 014° 10' 017° 13' to Dakar 5½. GAMBIA 018° 49' 020° 59' (?205°) 17½. CILICIA on patrol about 008° 35' 027° 35' 14. QUERCY 014° 01' 030° 30' 090° 12½. L.S.T. 421 B.Y.M.S.19, 2 M.L.008° 48' 013° 40' to 009° 34' 014° 33' thence 291° 8. (F.O.C.W.Af. 041057Z)

Situation at 2000Z/4th June LADY ELSA, NORWICH CITY, ST. ZENO, NORTHERN ISLES, BLAUWBERG with C.D.21 (8 ships) 034° 15' 023° coastal to Durban 8 Portuguese Sloop GONCALO VELHO 032° 40' 029° 05' northbound 10. NIZAM, ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, ST.LOMAN, VEREENIGING with D.C.29 (12 ships) 031° 30' 029° 55' coastal to Capetown 9. FREESIA, SONDRÁ, NORTHERN CHIEF 026° 25' 037° 10' to St. Lucia 9, NORTHERN DAWN, STELLA POLARIS, DRANGEY patrolling off Inhaka. (C. in C. S.A. 041209B)

PAMPA. Viewing shortage of tonnage on South Coast route due to withdrawal of privately owned ships Argentine transport PAMPA has been taken over by Argentine State merchant fleet to operate commercially to South Coast Ports. (S.O.(I) Buenos Aires, 041215Z to Admty)

CORFU. CORFU sailed 3rd June. (D.S.T.O. W.Af. 041235 to S.S.T.O. Takoradi (R) S.S.T.O. Lagos, D. of S.T., F.O.C.W.Af.)

U/B /...

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U/B. American transit aircraft report sighting submarine on the surface in 07° 20' S. 20° 20' W. at 051430Z.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 041328Z to Admty)

HAWKINS. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C.Durban, 041334Z to Admty etc.)

MAURETANIA, Position 4th June. MAURETANIA. (A) Sailed
CITY OF p.m. June 4 for Colombo via Diego Suarez.
EDINBURGH. CITY OF EDINBURGH. (B) As before.
(S.T.O. Capetown, 041235Z to Admty for D. of S.T.
(R) D.S.T.O. Durban.)

O.S.48 Intend to bring all ships for South America and Cape into Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.A. 041423Z to Admty. C. in C. S.A. Connav)

Convoy Sailing telegram. (2) 0800/4th June. (3) knots
S.T.68. 9. (4) SILVERSANDAL, CARLTON, BENLEDI, ORIENT CITY, STANCLLEEVE, OCEAN VICTORY (N.D.) REDSHANK, OKSYWIE, Takoradi 9th June. GAMBIAN, CLANMURRAY, Lagos 10th June. MAHOUT, Matadi 13th June.
NESTOR, UMVUMA, CITY OF ORAN, CHATEAUROUX, EMPIRE LAKE, EMPIRE BROOK, for Walvis Bay. OCEAN TRADER, FORT ELLICE, EMPIRE HUSKIN for Rio de Janeiro. OCEAN WAYFARER. CEFNYBRYN for River Plate.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 041457Z to Admty)

Revolt in Argentina. X Owing Political disturbance no ships permitted leave Port of Buenos Aires. Only one vessel ROCHESTER CASTLE so far affected.
(B.R.L.O. Buenos Aires, 041552Z to Admty)
Intense political tension in City. President and some Cabinet Ministers have put to sea in minesweepers but probably have done so to await events.

DRUMMOND 1st Army Division marching practically unopposed on City where two infantry regiments are reported to be supporting President. Slight clash reported at Naval Mechanician School. Seagoing Squadrons have returned from exercises to Bahia Blanca and Navy have so far shown no indication of acting against President.
(B.N.A. Buenos Aires, 041912Z to Admty, D.N.I.)

MAURETANIA, MAURETANIA sailed 1600Z/4th June escorted by
QUICKMATCH. QUICKMATCH to 040° S. S. of A. 20 knots. E.T.A. Diego Suarez 0600Z/12th June (Route).
Onward route to Colombo (details). W/T organisation S (?L) shifting to NU at 0200Z June 9th.
Books held.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 041601Z to Admty etc.)

Freetown /...

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Freetown, Departures 0955Z/4th. MILFORD, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, TAMARISK, PICT, YESTOR, REDSHANK, Movements. M.L's 296, 209, 272, 281 with S.T. 68.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041627Z to N.O.I.C.Takoradi
(R) R.N.O. Lagos., B.N.L.O. W.Af. C. in C. S.A. Admty.)

Departures 1628Z/4th June 1945. H.M. L.S.T.421, B.Y.M.S.19, escorted by M.L's 289, 574.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041720Z to Comar, Dakar, (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. etc.)

COWLIP,
WILLIAM
GASTON.

WILLIAM GASTON anticipated being ready to proceed 1200Z tomorrow Saturday. Feed water consumption excessive, have topped up from WILLIAM GASTON but no more available. At present rate of loss anticipate feed water will be exhausted by 1200Z/6.
(COWSLIP, 041720Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

U/B
Situation,
Routeing
of M/V's.

Consider most desirable in view of U-Boat situation in South Atlantic, that ships bound for East Africa and Middle East from U.S.A. should also be through routed in accordance with my 211556 paragraph (2). (2) (?If) concur in request (where practicable) ships now on passage to Cape may be diverted forthwith to a South American port for re-routeing.
(C. in C. S.A. 041755B to Connav (R) Admty. C. in C. E.F.)

Portuguese
Vessels,
interception.

Your 241213B/May (QUANZA). In future take similar action in case of all Portuguese vessels carrying mail.
(Head of M.I. Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 041936B to C. in C. S.A.)

W.S.30.

Convoy W.S.30 sailed 3rd List. Fuel taken etc. (2) CUBA sailing from Takoradi to rendezvous with convoy. (4) Personnel embarked see my code 042015. (5) Mail loaded Freetown for Middle East and Durban 625 bags.
(D.S.T.O. W.Af. 042013Z to P.S.T.O.Capetown etc.)

ILE DE
FRANCE.

041930Z. ILE DE FRANCE Freetown 11th 1400Z. Knots A. 18. B.20. Route to Freetown. Requirements.
(R.O.Rio, 042037 to Connav, Usnavcom, Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

SOUTHERN
SEAS.

3rd June 43 departure.
(S.O. (I) Beirut, 040915 to Admty.)

M.E. Air
Report.

A. 651 4th June. Daily Opsum 37. 2/3 June no operations. June 3. 3 Beaufighters anti shipping R/C Aegean. 80 ton schooner attacked East of Melos. Vessel left smoking on port side. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 041004Z.)

KATSONIS.

Leave patrol to pass through (a) 035° 34' 027° 41' at 0600C/May 6th.
(b) 031° 48' 032° 34' proceeding on surface daylight 8th to arrive Port Said searched channel 0530C/9th May. Estimate your speed 80 miles diving by day and 200 miles when on surface during daylight.
(Capt. S.L. 041013C to KATSONIS G.S. (R) C. in C. Levant, R.A.L. Cdre. Levant Area, etc.)
My 041013, amend position (A) to read 035° 15' 026° 35' at 0230C/6th June.
(Capt. S.L. 041703C to KATSONIS).

Enemy
Units.

P.C. and S. of one medium enemy M/V one destroyer one escort vessel is 42.49 N. 10.03 E. 070° 10 knots at 1023B.
(Based on a fix obtained by observation of terrestrial objects (10,000 feet)).
(A/C GPM/F 041036B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

L.C.I. (L)
Flotillas.

Following is a repetition of my 272303.
Following are movements and final destinations of landing craft I (L) flotilla staff.
Composition, 1 engineer officer 9 P.Os. and 14 others.
(1) First flotilla already at Sousse. (2) Second flotilla to Sousse about 1st June. (3) Third flotilla Jijelli. (4) Fourth flotilla to Sousse about 17th June. (5) Fifth flotilla to remain Jijelli. (6) Sixth flotilla to Tripoli then to Malta about 3rd July. (7) Seventh and pilot (Eighth) flotilla to Malta about 18th June. (8) Ninth, Tenth and 11th flotillas with craft-flotilla allocated to U.S. Navy.
(C. in C. Med. 041042B. to HAMILCAR (R) Admty. etc.) W.R.Note not previously received.

TROOPER.

On leaving Adriatic pass through 038° 44' 019° 46' at 1200/5th thence through 035° 10' 021° 56' at 1200/7th.
(Capt. S.10, 041110 to TROOPER (R) C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1st S.F.)
(?Group omitted)'s 271137 May. After passing 035° 10' 021° 56' at 1300C/7th June proceed Beirut through (A) 034° 18' 023° 48' at 0530C/8th. (B) 033° 44' 033° 05' at 0530C/12th to arrive searched channel at 0600C/13th.
(Capt. S.L., 041731C to TROOPER (R) Capt. (S) 8th, 1st, S/M F. KATSONIS, G.S. C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10.)

/Orders...

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S/Ms.

If weather is unsuitable you may remain a 3rd night off objectives. P.43 (UNISON) will sail again tonight.
(Capt. S.10., 041111B to P.51 (UNSEEN) P.45 (UNRI VALLED)).

X.T.19

Ref. A.M. 011832B. My 221826 and 311339 both of May being passed to you. Intend to run X.T. 19 from Alexandria on 23rd June to connect with M.K.S.16, G.U.S.9.
(C. in C. Levant, 041132C to Admty (R)
C. in C. E.F., C. in C. M.F.)

SHAKESPEARE

Intend sailing P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) at 2000/5th through 037° 54' 004° 21' at 0515/6th 042° 01'005° (?59') at 2230/8th to patrol off South of France north of 042° W. of 007°.
(Capt. S.8., 041152B to C. in C. Med., (R) 8th S.F., N.O.I.C. Algiers, V.A. Gibraltar, LA SULTANE, ARETHUSE).

SEBAT

My 211025. Turkish SEBAT arrived Istanbul from Burgos fully laden 3rd.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 041212C to S.O.(I) Levant, (R) Admty).

NEWFOUNDLAND,
PALADIN,
TROUBRIDGE,
bombardment
of Pantell-
aria.

Sail at 2100/4th direct to pass North of Pantellaria to position (AA) 036° 55' N., 011° 40' E. at 0500/5th thence bombard Pantellaria as ordered by C.S.12.
2. Return through position (BB) 036° 10' 011° 20' (CC) 036° 07' 013° 00' S. of A. 23.
3. Codeword "Entire". Request details of fighter protection arranged may be signalled by C. in C. Med.
4. Attention is called to C.S.12th's 031147. Acknowledge. (V.A. Malta, 041218B to NEWFOUNDLAND, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE, (R) S.N.O. Trip. N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, C. in C. Med., C.S.12, C.S.15, ISIS, S.O.I.S. N.O.I.C. Bone, N.A.S.A.F., N.A.T.A.F., N.A.C.A.F., N.A.A.F., N.L.O. 242 Group N.L.O.211 Group. ILEX, A.H.Q. Malta. All cruisers and destroyers operating in area between Bone and Malta).

My 041218 on outward route pass through 036° 25' 012° 40' E. then North of Pantellaria.

(V.A. Malta, 041357B to NEWFOUNDLAND etc).

ERIDGE,
DERWENT.

A.S. Malta's 181539/May. It is preferable that permanent repairs to ERIDGE and DERWENT be undertaken in U.K. where replacement machinery etc. for both ships can be provided.

2. Exchange of machinery between the two ships proposed in C. in C. Levant's 101014/May is not therefore approved.

3. Repair of these two ships can only be considered as long-term projects.

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ERIDGE,
DERWNET.
(contd). 4. Request your intentions in due course.
(D.O.D. (F) 041241B to C. in C. Levant, (R), V.A.
Malta, A.S. Malta, C. in C. Med).

P.R.U. 2 Cavours 1 "D" class, 1 Regolo at Taranto 1050,
P.R.U. visuals.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 041325 to C. in C. Med., etc).
No change at 1545. My 041325 refers. No major
units at 1650 at Messina. Visuals only.
(V.A. Malta, 041836).

PACKICE,
SQUALL. Departures 0307Z PACKICE and SQUALL in company.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 041401Z to C. in C. Levant, etc).

Intended
Movements,
Sousse. Intend sailings as follows: (A) QUEEN EMMA,
PRINSES BEATRIX, escorted by LOYAL, PETARD
at 2000/4th to Sfax through U.R.S.M. E.T.A.
Sfax 0600/5th.
(B) LOYAL, PETARD at 0630 from Sfax to U through
S and R. S. of A. 20 knots. Thence PETARD to
Bizerta by Swept Channel at 20 knots. LOYAL to Sousse to R/V
LARGS.
(C) LARGS escorted by (?WHITEHAVEN) (Corrupt Group) from Sousse
at 1400 S. of A. 14 knots through T.U.R.S.B. to Tripoli.
On arrival S.N.O. Tripolitania is requested to sail LOYAL to
(?Malta) and after (?oiling) WHADDON to Sousse. WHADDON to
arrive by 1200/7th. Fighter protection is requested for (B)
and (C) also A/S(Protection?) for (C).
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 041420B to N.O.I.C. Sfax, S.N.O. Tripolitania,
F.O.I.S. N.A.C.A.F., Group 242 (R) C. in C. Med).

UNRULY,
UNRUFFLED. Onward routeing from P at 1200/6th through 038°
30' 011° 35' thence through zones A B and C to
patrol in zone F.
(2) P.46 (UNRUFFLED) from eastward passing P
at 2230/6th thence to Malta is to keep well
clear.
(Capt. S.8., 041444B to P.49 (UNRULY) (R) Capt.
(S) 10, 8th (S) F).

Movements
Algiers. ANTONIA, ALMENARA and TORFINJARL sailed 1615B
Tuesday to Bone for onward routeing.
(S.O.I.S., 041633B to Admty etc).

German
repatriation,
N. Africa. This will be largely a question of dates.
Admty's 011654 refers. Provided that repatriation
will not be before late July I would be prepared
to accept that repatriation ships should be
sent to Bougie or Philippeville preferably the
former.

/Using...

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German repatriation, N.Africa. (Contd.)

Using these ports would avoid (a) a long train haul to west. (b) the use of British hospital ships to convoy repatriots to Barcelona a duty for which we can ill afford our own ships. If the likely date of the operation is earlier than late July request I may be informed as the matter will then need reconsideration.
(C. in C. Med. 041943B to Admty)

ENNERDALE, deficiency.

The arrival of ENNERDALE without fulfilling ~~(corrupt group)~~ hoses and petrol and lubricating oil stowage presented a serious and unexpected problem.
Action is being taken to remedy the matter, but I consider I should have been informed to the change in the ship and of the loss of the hose.
(D.N.C.X.F. 041951C to Admty. (R) S.O. Force V. C. in C. Med.)

Situation report No.32.

Convoys G.T.X.1 arrived Alex. 4th June, 12 L.S.T's and 5 merchant ships from Gib., 9 merchant ships for (?from) Malta and Tripoli. X.T.G.1 sailed Alex. 3rd June 11 merchant ships for Tripoli and Malta 5 merchant ships for Benghazi. (2) My 271731 May para. 3 F.S.LEOPARD still aground salvage so far unsuccessful (see S.O.(I) Levant 011241 June to Admiralty only). (3) My 221926 May para. 2 DELPHINULA still on fire and will be a total loss. (4) Delete para 5 of my 271731 May.
(C. in C. Levant, 041958C to Admty)

Movements, Algiers.

Arrivals REIGHTON WYKE, KING SOL, VISENDA, PIROUETTE, FOXTROT, Tug JAUNTY, L.S.T. 428, M.M.S.70, 102, MINUET.
Departed OAKLEY, U.S.S. ELLIS DUPONT, DICKERSON S/M SIMOOM (P.225)
Arrived and departed BROCKLESBY.
(Com. Algeria, 042019B to Admty etc.)

Malta Air Report.

A.I.556 4 June. C.S.R. (A) Air. Part 1, Offensive Night 3/4 June. 3 Torpedo Wellingtons 1 special equipment Albacore and 3 Torpedo Albacores made armed shipping search South East of Toe of Italy. 1 Albacore is missing. 3 Mosquitoes made Intruder Patrols over East and West Sicily and Southern Italy. Day 4 June, Nil.
Part 2 enemy air activity. Night 3/4 June. 2 Beaufighters made interception patrols North of Malta and East of Sicily.
Day 4 June. 0543 hours 35 plus ME 109's and FW.190's approached Malta at height and were intercepted 15 miles North of Malta by 12 Spitfires which destroyed 1 ME.109 probably destroyed another ME.109 and damaged 2 ME.109's. 1 Spitfire is missing.
0754 hours 18 plus enemy fighters including FW.190 approached Malta and were intercepted North of Island by 16 Spitfires. 1 FW.190 was damaged. 8 other Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 042031Z)

Haifa /...

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean - Contd.Haifa
movements.SOUTHERN SEA arrived and left 4th.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 042115C to Admty,
C. in C. Levant.)Bizerta
movements.Bizerta. Arrival: L.S.T's 6, 9, 159, 171, 157,
310, 318, 314, 317, 332 (?167), 374, 376, 369,
372, 379, (?386), 410, 417, 420, 425, (?427),
381, 316. (?L.V)'s 639, 550, 638. S.C.639,
498, 978. Y.M.S. 3 Sustain.
Departure WESTRAY, KINTYRE, BREAM.
(F.O.I.S. 042136B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

K.M.S.15.

Arrived EMPIRE KANGAROO. H.M. Trawler COVERLEY
and TWOSTEP.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie, 042220B to Admty etc.)EURYALUS,
PALADIN,
TROUBRIDGE.Sail at 2215/5 through 036° 07' 013° 00' 036° 10'
011° 48'; 036° 51.6' 011° 14' at 0700/6 Q.K.B.
107 and 93. (2) (A) PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE
detach to Bizerta by Q.K.B.94 at 1030/6.
(B) EURYALUS, to Algiers from position (?N) as
ordered by C. in C. Med. (3) S. of A. 23 knots.
(4) Codeword "Spirit" priority 2. (5) EURYALUS escorting
(? changing) to Algiers broadcast at 1330/6th.
(V.A. Malta 042221B to EURYALUS, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE, (R) S.N.O.
Trip, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, S.O.I.S., N.O.I.C. Bone
etc.)Movements,
Bone.Arrivals BRIXHAM, EGGESFORD. Departures ISIS,
ILEX, FOULA, HUNDA.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 042305B to Admty etc.)

PETARD.

Detach at "Social" and proceed Bizerta in
accordance with R.A.(L) 041345B. "Zeal" 034°
27' 010° 56' "Might", "Strong", "Ruthless",
"Welcome" Q.K.B.107, Q.K.B.94.
Adjust speed to pass "Ruthless" at 1030B/5th thence
at 25 knots. E.T.A. Bizerta 1900/5th. Codeword "Prince".
Fighter priority 3.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 042314B to PETARD (R) LOYAL, PRINSES BEATRIX,
F.O.I.C. and N.O.I.C. French North Africa (except N.O.I.C.
Casablanca), F.O.I.C. Gib., Admiralty. Connav, S.O. Force H.
Capt. (S) 8 except C. in C. W.A., R.A.(L))Movements,
Malta.Departures NEWFOUNDLAND, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE,
JERVIS, UNSHAKEN, UNRULY. Arrivals, UNSEEN,
UNISON.
(V.A. Malta, 042322B to Admty etc.)

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MESSAGE

IN

No T.O.O./4th. June.

Date 6. 6. 4

Recd. 1539Z.

From Algiers.

Tunisia, Situation Report.

P/L.

Address: Action: Troopers pass to H.M. Ambassador Madrid for U.S. Ambassador Madrid, resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshall Chakmax, Defender Wellington for Puttick.

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From: FREEDOM
Signed: Eisenhower
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LINREP 52.

Summary of Operations 31 May to 2 June.

1. Ground. The evacuation of prisoners from forward areas and the re-grouping of our forces continued.

2. Naval. During night 29/30 May our destroyers operated along East Coast of Sicily. H.M.S. ORION escorted by H.M. Destroyers TROUBRIDGE and PETARD bombarded Pantelleria in early morning 31 May. Same night H.M.S. ILEX and ISIS patrolled north of Island and H.M.S. JERVIS and Greek destroyer QUEEN OLGA operated off East Coast of Sicily. MTBS and MGBS from Bizerta and similar craft from Malta were so active off West and South coasts of Sicily respectively. On night 31 May June MTBS from Malta were active off East coast of Sicily. In daylight following day, the cruiser PENELOPE with H.M.S. PETARD and PALADIN bombarded Pantelleria, some opposition was met and PENELOPE received a direct hit which caused little damage. In early morning 2 June H.M.S. JERVIS and Greek Destroyer QUEEN OLGA sank two merchant vessels of 3500 and 1500 tons respectively and an escort vessel off Capo Spartivento. A second escort vessel was driven ashore burning fiercely.

3. Air. Bombers of the Strategic Air Force carried out a heavy attack on Foggia 75 miles N.E. of Naples on 31 May. In this raid 81 B-17's Fortresses dropped 210 tons of bombs on the aerodrome and on railway marshalling yards. Medium bombers and fighter bombers concentrated on targets in Sardinia and Sicily. In the course of many operations Pantelleria was heavily and continuously attacked.

(2)

At Stagnone Sicily which was raided on 1 June by 36 P-40's Warhawks, 6 Seaplanes were destroyed at their moorings and a 2 masted schooner was attacked and set on fire. Other enemy shipping was attacked at Ponte Porto Romano Sardinia on 1 June when 18 B-26 Marauders obtained near misses on a large merchantman, on their return from this raid, a naval vessel was attacked off Cape Spartivento and was seen to explode. At Ol Ia Sardinia 2 motor vessels received near misses when attacked on 1 June and were left burning.

4. Political. An atmosphere of great tension has marked the negotiations of the past few days. The disturbed political situation has not been reflected in public participation of demonstrations. Clear definition of the political position should result in the next few days.

No T.O.O./4th.

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Movements. CHALLENGER arrived Trincomalee 0400Z June.
(N.O.i/c Trincomalee, 040050Z to Admty.)
Arrival NETRAVATI.
(N.O.i/c Calcutta, 041024Z to Admty.)
Departure 1040Z/4th June WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN D.S.
escorting APPLELEAF H.T. JALAGOPAL.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 041117Z to Admty.)
Colombo arrivals 4th June 0150Z SUSSEX.
(F.O. Ceylon, 041246Z to Admty. etc.)
KENYA arrived. Sailed (?CARADOC)
(F.O. E.A., 041421Z to Admty.)

EDWARD F. JOHNSON, BOLD. Left 0340/4th S.G.B. R.T. BOLD towing EDWARD F. JOHNSON E.T.A. a.m. 10th. Request another tug on arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 04/0500Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty., F.O. E.Af., F.O. Ceylon.)

VASNA Hospital ship VASNA is to sail for Alexandria as soon as ready. Your 010827 not to all addressees refers.
(C. in C.E.F., 040608Z to P.S.T.O. India, (R) Cdre. R.I.N., VASNA, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, Admty.)

Movement Summary. No. 70 June 4th. (1) NEPAL and QUIBERON in company left Geraldton June 1st due Diego Garcia June 9th. (2) RANPURA escorting one transport left Colombo June 2nd due Kilindini June 12th. (3) CARADOC leaves Kilindini June 4th due Seychelles June 7th. (4) Movement Summary No. 69 item 4 CARTHAGE escorting C.M. 42 now due Kilindini June 11th. (5) Y message 285 is cancelled.
(C. in C.E.F., 040802Z to E.F. (291Y))

Naval Aircraft. The following are being delivered (A.M.071928 May 180132 May 211742 May North Africa leaving Nairobi mid June in convoys of 6. (Walrus at rate of 3 every month). (A) 11 Seafire (B) 11 Walrus. (C) 19 Martlets. (D) 6 Albacore. 2. Request flying crews returning East Africa be sent by air priority "A" in lettered sequence of preference. Remainder to be disposed of as shown.
(A) to rejoin 877 squadron Nairobi. (B) Pilots rejoin 788 Squadron Port Reitz. Some observers and T.A.G.s from (D) being used with these to be disposed of as in (D) below. (C) Lieutenants P.E.I. Bailey and Pridham-Wippell and Sub. Lieutenants Spiers and Beeston to join North Africa pool. Remainder rejoin 795 squadron Mackinnon Road (D) Lieut. (A) Housden to be sent CORMORANT. All remainder join North Africa pool including T.A.Gs. 3. All maintenance crews accompanying above ferry flights to be returned by air to their East Africa Base.
(R.A.N.A.S. 10, 040814Z to C.O.N.A.S. Egypt, (R) Admty., C. in C. Levant, C. in C. E.F., N.A.S. East Africa, A.H.Q. E.A.)

/NIEUW...

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NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Colombo NIEUW AMSTERDAM arrived 4th.
(Colombo, 040910Z to Admty, C. in C.E.F.)

India Air Report. A.314 4 June. 040925Z. 4 June daily Opsum 446.
3 June. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. reports.
2. June. 10 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) heavy successful attack enemy troop concentrations area Yochangyang near Ichang. Many casualties inflicted. Attack also made enemy supply and troop filled barges. Laden barges sunk containing 13 crated aircraft. 14 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) again attacked enemy troop concentrations landing barges same areas inflicting heavy casualties. After attack 15 enemy fighters contacted. 1 enemy fighter destroyed. 2 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) missing. 3 U.S. Kittyhawks (P.40) attacked enemy river craft Uchang. 4 enemy fighters attempted interception. 1 enemy fighter damaged. 2 U.S. Liberators (B.24) detailed sea search. Abandoned due weather.
(A.H.Q. India, 040958Z.)

KEDAH. Your 221318 and F.O. Ceylon's 180535/May. Approved to employ KEDAH temporarily as a mobile depot ship. 2. Subject to to your comments she should be sailed to U.K. for refit at the end of the present monsoon period. 3. A.M. 291841/April is cancelled. Decision as to KEDAH's final employment will be made at a later date.
(D.O.D. (F) 041017B to C. in C.E.F., (R) F.O. Ceylon, D.G.S.R. Bombay.)

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America & West Indies.

BLAIRMORE. E.T.A. Boston 041000Z.
(BLAIRMORE 040001Z to S.O.P.A. Boston, Connav, etc.)

WEASEL. Your 030833*. Latest information here showed WEASEL left Guantanamo 26th May towing two barges direct to Curacao E.T.A. 31st May en route Trinidad and Freetown. Request information when WEASEL arrived Kingston and what was reason for this call and delay in voyage.

(B.A.D. 040021Z to N.O.I.C. Kingston, (R) Admty.)

*Kingston departure H.M.R.T. WEASEL.

Your 040021.

WEASEL left Guantanamo with three barges in tow. Two broke adrift during dark hours 27th/28th May in heavy weather. Tug arrived Kingston 29th for repairs to lifeboat and starting battery. U.S. Tug MONTCALM recovered tow and delivered barges to Kingston. On completion of repairs WEASEL left with all barges in tow at 0700/3rd June for Curacao. Due 8th June. (Capt. i/c Jamaica 041541Q to B.A.D. (R) Admty.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 3rd.
Arrivals MENE ex H.X. 240, TROIS RIVIERES ex B.W.27.
Departures FORT WILLIAM, CHIKOUTIMI escorting C.L.68 to Sydney. B.Y.M.S. 68,31,186, 187, 207, to Londonderry. M.L. 077 to Wabana.

(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 040130Z to Admty.)

Following is recoded version of my 021359Z (previously received undecypherable.) Begins: D.N.I. Wellington Comsowes-pacseafon Melbourne Admiralty from N.S.H.Q. Departure San Francisco 30, May NOORDAM (Dut.) for Noumea. U.S.A.T. 021359Z Ends.

(Ottawa C.C.O. 040145Z to Admty.)

Arrival LETHBRIDGE, MONCTON, MATAPEDIA, KENORA ex B.X. 55, BARRIE, BARLE ex S.H. 84.

(N.O.I.C. Halifax 041206Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Arrivals FENNEL, NANAIMO, NORANDA ex H.X. 242. RED DEER from Pictou N.S. Departure KENORA escorting H.J. 58, CHELSEA, SHAWINIGAN, BARRIE to O.N. 186.

(N.O.I.C. Halifax 042106Z to Admty., etc.)

ORIBI. F.O.N.F. 5's 311650Z and 011155Z E.T.A. 1700Z/4th June.
(ORIBI 040144Z to Cdr. 1st U.S.N.D. Boston, (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.M.R. F.O.N.F. 5.)

S/M estimate (Cominch 040201Z, 041456Z, 041457Z, 041604Z, 4th June, U.S. 041605Z, 041606Z.)
S/M Notice.

HALMA (Pan) HALMA ex B.X. 55 torpedoed or mined and sunk at sunk 3rd 031730Z 6 to 8 miles 146° from Sambro Light June. Vessel. COMOX swept by Oropesa and exploded mine in position 44° 27' N. 63° 14' W. at 031725Z. (N.S.H.Q. 040335Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. Cominch.)

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HALMA (Pan.) B.X.55, HALMA, (Pan.) probably sunk by mine five
sunk 3rd miles East Sambro light vessel. All personnel
June. landed, none missing.
(Contd.) (N.C.S.O. Halifax 041231Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.
Cominch.)

Enemy mine, X Mine recovered today new type of German
Halifax. spherical magnetic mine diameter about 42
inches. (Description.) Serial number V-1236.
(C.Halifax 040510Z, to N.S.H.Q.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.,	Patrol	Blank.
1800 G.M.T.	(D.O.D.(F)	040825Z to Opanav	(R) Comnav	
4th.				

Shipping This is Conroute's 282051, Connav serials 25 to
Casualties, 28, which informs as follows:
B.T.14. Following ship casualties occurred 28th May in
convoy B.T.14: CARDINAL GIBBONS torpedoed at
Stem Flooding Forepeak believed able to proceed
JOHN WORTHINGTON slightly damaged same attack
proceeding with convoy Florida torpedoed.
(Comnav 040952Z to Admty.)

Wreck. After part of a vessel reported afloat about 6
miles south east of St. Pierre dangerous to
navigation.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 041207Z to All ships Area D.
(R) C. in C.U.S.Fleet, N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy Experience with O.N.186 shows that U-Boats on
Escorts, making first sighting report may lose bearing
tactics. rapidly. Recommend wide divergence of escorts
when sweeping for first U-Boat contacting convoy.
(F.O.N.F. 041209Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) C. in
C.W.A. Admty. D.A.S.W. D. Halifax, N.S.H.Q. Cdre.
D.W.A. D.Argentia.)

Convoy. Arrived less HALMA (Panamanian) between 2006Z
B.X.55. June 3rd and 0015Z June 4th.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax 041220Z to Admty.)

Convoy Boston section arrived 041023Z Cape Cod Canal
X.B.56A section arrived 040750Z.
(U.S.P.D.Boston 041240Z to Cominch C. and R.)

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122nd M.S. B.A.D. 031433 concur. Attention is drawn to
Flotilla. my 032206 last sentence.
2. Mine contains a Mark Four unit with 15 stage
P.D.M.
(D.M.S. 041420B to C. in C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.)

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q.'s estimate of Submarines North of 40 N.
S/M estimate. W. of (740) W. 1200Z/4th.
(N.S.H.Q. 041425Z.)

Dispositions. H.S. 89, DUNDAS, MAHONE 045° 57' 059° 20' 003° 7.
5 altering to 328° in 046° (09?) N. and to 270°
in 046° 30' N.
U.S. Tug KEYWAYDIN 042° 40' 061° 33' 242° 8 O.N.
186, W.2 042° 41' 061° 35' 240° 9.5.
CHELSEA, SHAWINIGAN, BARRIE departs Halifax 2000A/4th to O.N.
186 in 041° 38' N. 064° 39' W. at 1200A/5th.
Special River Group 4 Georgetown depart Halifax 2100Z/4th
to position 044° 07' 063° 16' W. thence 063°.
S.C.133 W.5 departs Halifax 1400Z/5th to position 044° 30' 061°
22' thence 064° 7.5.
VISON 042° 30' 064° 21' 044° 10 to Halifax.
POLYANTHUS 040° 22' 066° 43' 240° 13.5.
FREDERICTON 042° 46' 067° 43' 078° 12 altering to 042° in 065°
26' W. for ?Liverpool 1100Z/5th.
U.S.S. AMAROK departed Casco Bay 2200Z/4th to position 043° 01'
N. 065° 20' W. thence to 309° 9.5.
H.J. 58, KENORA departed Chebucto Head 2100Z/4th to position
044° 30' N. 062° 06' W. thence 061° 7.5.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 041550Z to Admty.)
My 041550 add T.A.43, 039° 38' 058° 08' 275° 19.5.
altering to 000° in 063° 00' W.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 041655Z to Admty.)
My 041520Z section east add H.M. S/M P.554 departs St.
Johns 1015Z/5th to exercise vicinity Cape St. Francis
returning to St. Johns before dusk.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 042106Z to Admty.)
Following is recyphered version of my 041620 (begins):
section north west S.Q.51 LORD MIDDLETON, CAPE ARGOA, MILLTOWN
049° 33' 066° 28' 339° 7.5 altering to 215° in 048° 29' N.
MILLTOWN detaches S.Q.51 at 0400Z/5th to Gaspe section north
west HERSCHELL, FLINT, TEXADA, MADRONA, Y.M.S. 239, CITRUS
vicinity 049 14' 067 05' to Halifax 9 WESTMOUNT patrolling
Port Aux Basque approaches P.553 exercising surfacing and
submerging with surface craft vicinity Pictou N.S. daily B.S.
49 MISCOU leaving Cornerbrook for Sydney p.m. Friday 4th 7.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 041621Z to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. Correct allocation of B.Y.M.S. to 155 M.S.F.
given in my 022217 to read 65-66 67-185 37-47
48-186.
(B.A.D. 041615Z to Admty. Dep. C. in C. Levant,
C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

/Sail...

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B.Y.M.S. (Contd.) Sail B.Y.M.S. 22,24,45,46 onward from Belem to Freetown via Recife when ready 5th June. Sail B.Y.M.S. 14,43,44 when all three are ready., Advise all times of departure, routes, speeds of advance.
(Cominch 041822Z to Com. 4th Fleet, (R) Alusnob, Belem, F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C.Lant, C. in C.E.F. C. in C.Med. N.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.)

BLACKWOOD. When ready proceed Ambrose R/V with U.S. Tanker W.S. PARISH about 1300Q June 5. Escort to Boston via route given in separate letter. Completion carry out scheduled compass trials at discretion. When finished, return New York report Comeastseafon. Cominch 020015.
(C.E.S.F. 041829 to BLACKWOOD, (R) C.T.G. 02.3, Cominch, C. in C.C.N.A. Admty. N.S.H.Q. B.N.L.O. New York, F.O.N.F. C.T.G. 02.9, C.T.G. 02.1.)

Dispositions Operational units in North Atlantic.
N. Atlantic. Area Iceland (C): ALBANA, DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, BERMUDA, BERWICK, CUMBERLAND, JAMAICA, KENT, SCYLLA, 15 destroyers.
Area Scapa: RODNEY, WARSPITE, VALIANT, BELFAST, EMERALD, GLASGOW, 9 destroyers.
Area Clyde: INDOMITABLE, 1 destroyer.
Area Plymouth: UGANDA, 1 destroyer.
Area Gibraltar: HOWE, KING GEORGE V, FORMIDABLE, AURORA, CARLISLE, DELHI, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS, 7 destroyers.
On patrol: CHARYBDIS. Passage to U.K. ADVENTURE.
(D.O.D.(H) 041846B to C. in C.U.S. Fleet, (R) Opanv, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, B.A.D.)

T.A.42 (AQUITANIA.) T.A.42 N.K. alter forthwith for new point S. 41.02 42.30 thence O. 38.05 70.02 omitting Q. (Cominch C. and R. 041906Z to AQUITANIA, C. in C.W.A.)

ASPIRANT, CAIRO (Derrick.) (723)00Z June 5th. M.R.W.G. H.M.R.T. ASPIRANT towing Derrick CAIRO New York via Keywest arrives June 10th. Route.
(P.D. New Orleans 041920Z to Gulf S.F. Pass to Convoy Control Officer Keywest, Cominch C. and R. Cdr. Gulf S.F. Convoy Control Officer Keywest.)

Overdue shipping. SEMINOLE (U.S.) and OCEAN MAID both overdue San Juan.
(N.S.H.Q. 041931Z to Admty. Connav.)

/Operation...

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Operation "Torch" orders. J.S.M. 961, 4th. Ref. Fan 130 message 9060/29th May (0114Z/29.) Following is text of N.A.F.229 dated 1st June: begins, Copies of orders for landings being prepared and will be forwarded to London as directed. Ends. (J.S.M.Washington 041937Z to W.C.O.London.)

Rescue ships Your 031957. Concur for S.C.133. Further signal will follow regarding policy for rescue ships. (D.T.D. 041959B to N.C.S.O. Halifax, (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.W.A. F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Patrol Sqdn. 63. This is Cinclant's 041621 to Comairforlant for action and repeated to N.O.B.Iceland, Comnavu, Comeastseafon, Cominch, Comfleair, Quonset Point and C.T.F.24. Cominch 041302 (re transfer of patrol squadron 63 to temporary duty in Iceland) comply. (Comnavu 042031 to Admty.) Note: See 041302 from Cominch passed to you as C.R. 183 - 041604.

JULIA A. JOHNSON sunk. Aux. Schooner JULIA A. JOHNSON foundered and sank off Lawn Nfld. June 3rd. (N.S.H.Q. 042038Z to Admty. Cominch, N.C.S.O. Montreal.)

Sub attack & sighting summary. HALMA sunk probably mine area 44.45 N. 63.45 W. 031730. All times Z. Para. A X/B-26 sights sub course 290 07.20 S. 20.20 W. 031430. Para. C. Navy Plane sights sub. 01.12 S. 41.26 W. 041600. Para. D. B.18 JADAR contact 37.05 73.50 W. 040925. P.V. Plane Radar contact 38.20 N. 72 W. 040900. U.S.S. SOMERS sights periscope 02.50 S. 38.03 W. 041540. Periscope sighted area 43.37 N. 65.16 W. 031755. Surface craft attack sound contact 13.15 S. 38.20 W. 030545. (Cominch 042115Z to Admty.)

U-Boat. U-Boat position by D/F at 042027Z within 150 miles 34 N. 42.20 W. type B.T. 10408 k/cs. (Cominch 042155Z to B.A.M.S. 1B L.C.I.(L) 173.)

Convoy H.S.89 8 ships E.T.A. 0400Z. (MALONE 042210Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney.)

M/Vs routeing Your 241531 (transpacific routeing for such ships which cannot be accepted for Mediterranean route.) Request qualifications for Med. route. (N.S.H.Q. 042216Z to Admty.)

Indefinite D/F bearings at 2027Z indicate U/B in your vicinity which may have reported you. (D.D.I.C. 042225Z to L.C.I.L. 173, (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q. etc.)

/Bombing...

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Bombing J.S.M.962. 4th June. Ref. C.O.S.(W) 612 (121130)
Targets. At today's meeting Combined Chiefs of Staff agreed
1. That it was inadvisable to publish a list of
intended bombing targets in occupied countries,
2. That inherent military importance of a target
should be criterion as to its selection, and
3. That these views should be communicated to British Chiefs of
Staff.
(J.S.M. 042221Z to W.C.O.London.)

Assessment of U/B attacks on O.N.S.5. This is 042013 from Cominch (R) Comnavu, B.A.D.
'Suggest you assess attacks by Escorts O.N.S.5,
in view of circumstances".
(Comnavu 042337Z to Admty.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.51 WILLIAM WILLIAMS torpedoed 2/5 East Fiji
arrived Auckland under tow a.m. 3rd June.
Typhoon sighted submarine 22.31 S. 178.35 E.
at 0652/4th. My 50, further submarine sighting
Tonga morning 3rd course West. Small A.K. departed Vila to
North West 2nd, 2 more A.K. arrived Vila same day departed
early morning 3rd. Photos Buka Aerodrome noon second show 13B
of which 5 unserviceable one damaged L.B.6 F. including
3 ineffective. Runway condition good 12 dispersed M.T.
Japanese land based air strength 1st Solomons 18 F 17B 36R
New Britain 93F 119B 34R New Ireland 9F 9B 4R.
(C.W.R.Wellington 040045Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.)

Digest Serial 2. Morning R/C aircraft sighted 3 medium vessels
No. 500 June 3. whereof 185 miles north of Wewak other 215 miles
further north all on course 220°. Later sighted
2 small barges 120 miles north north west Wewak
course 30°.
3. Photos reveal 2 small merchant vessels, 8 luggers or coasters
in Wewak Harbour midday.
5. Next morning 3 Liberators sighted 1 small vessel north of
Batu Putih Island (20 miles W. Fak Fak) and later sighted 2 others
at Bebo also 1 at Kaimanaw. Bombs dropped at Bebo and Dobo area
strafed Loile at Taberfane (25 miles S. by W. Dobo) seven
floatplanes sighted wherefore 6 intercepted and 1 destroyed
plus 1 damaged.
6. With unobserved results two Liberators at dawn attacked
shipping off Lautem refer digest serial No.,499 para. 9.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 040610Z.)

/Movements...

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia & New Zealand.Movements.U.S.S. MIZAD departed Sydney 2nd for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B. 041231Z to Admty.)Arrivals 30th May Milne Bay U.S. Transport
ANHUI, 3rd June Townsville MJRKUR (sic.) 4thTownsville U.S. Transport VAN HEUTSZ, U.S. Transport PRESIDENT
JOHNSON arrived Townsville 2nd departed 3rd due Port Moresby
5th U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN arrived and departed Thursday
Island 3rd due Townsville 7th Dutch naval store ship MINJAK
TANAH departed Thursday Island 3rd due Cairns 6th H/T TAROONA
departed Townsville 3rd due Port Moresby 6th.

(C.S.W.P.S.F. 041232Z to Grabbag San Francisco Conad.)

Arrival Exmouth Gulf 1st U.S.S. HERON Townsville 1st U.S.
BOWEN 3rd, U.S.S. LAMSON 3rd, U.S.S. FLUSSER Thursday Is. 3rd,
H.M.A.S. LATROBE Brisbane 3rd, U.S. SCAMP, H.M.A.S. GEELONG
Port Moresby 1st, U.S. destroyer BALLARD Sydney (N.S.W.) 2nd,
GOULBURN. Departure Port Moresby 3rd KAPUNDA, Milne Bay 3rd.
BUNBURY, KATOOMBA, WAGGA.

(A.C.N.B. 041639Z to Admty.)

CHEVREUIL.F.S. CHEVREUIL leaves Noumea Sunday 6th June
for East Coast New Caledonia. Absent approx.
5 days.(CHEVREUIL 042304Z to Admty. for F.N.F.L. N.Z.
N.B. A.C.N.B. Cdr. 3rd U.S. Fleet.)KIWI,
fired on
by U.S. M/V.H.M.N.Z.S. KIWI on passage from Auckland to
Noumea was fired on by a U.S. Merchant Ship and
hit whilst passing at night largely because
KIWI had no procedure for carrying out
recognition.2. As far as is known there is no method of
recognition procedure laid down for use between Merchant
Vessels and minor war vessels.3. As minor war vessels of R.N.Z.N. proceed on Ocean passage
and are operating in advanced areas this seems to be a serious
matter and liable to cause further unfortunate incidents.4. Request whether New Zealand minor war vessels may be issued
with key memorandum Number 6, observing ships will be
operating in dangerous waters.

(N.Z.N.B. 042322Z to Admty.)

Kiwi 52.Corvette with small A.K. or A.O. Faisi 16 32 of 4
for south east later sighted (?near) 145 still
on same course zig-zagging west Vella Lavella.My serial 50 last part both vessels sunk, fishing
buildings burnt some A.A. positions knocked out and Japs taken
to hills. Numanuma again attacked 2nd also Tinputz where small
A.K. strafed. Japanese land forces Buka 4000 Buin 13000
plus possible additional Inf. Regt. Numanuma 400 Kieta 500
Shortland Faisi 5000 Ballale Ervemta 3000 Vella Lavella 210.
Kowombingara Vila Munda 10000 including 5000 labour corps
Rendova 200 Rekata Bay 2000 New Georgia outposts 500 Veiguna
300. Total 34000 to 37000 exclusive labourers.(C.W.R. Wellington 042324Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. D.N.I. A.C.N.B.
B.A.D. G.H.Q. New Delhi.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 041319B, 041326B.)

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

- Main units. 1. RAMILLIES with one destroyer arrived in the Clyde at 0556B today.
- Operation V.P. D. 2. M.T.Bs. 626 and 620 returned to Lerwick at 0915B from Operation V.P. D. At 2354B last night in a lead S.E. of Traelso, near Bergen, they torpedoed and sank a southbound German Motor Ship of 7000 - 8000 tons and also torpedoed and heavily damaged her escort vessel. They were engaged by both ships as well as by 3 Coastal Batteries, but sustained only slight damage and 7 casualties. They were not pursued during their return.
- Operation F.H. 3. Operation F.H. was again postponed today for a further 24 hours, the sailing-date for CAMELLIA and BLUEBELL thus now being 9th June.
- Operation "Peacock" 4. CHARYBDIS, LIMBOURNE, and MEYNELL were recalled from their patrol in the Biscay area at 1031B today.
- L.C.T.(R) craft. 5. S.O.S.G.(J) in LOCUST considers that the L.C.T.(R) craft are at present over-loaded by about 100 tons and that this, together with their low standard of water-tightness, makes them unsafe in wind of more than force six.
- Escort and Support Groups. 6. Admty. have decided that in the Western Approaches command Escort Groups should in future have a paper strength of 9 ships, and that there should be six support groups with a paper strength of 6 ships each. They have also decided to re-inforce West Africa by a formed Group of 9 Escort Vessels, to re-inforce the Mediterranean by 6 Escort Vessels, and to relieve the Eastern Fleet Destroyers now on escort duty at the Cape by 9 Escort Vessels.
- Thames Estuary. 7. There was some enemy A/C activity over the Thames Estuary last night, and minelaying to the E. of the Kentish Knock is suspected.
- Convoy O.S.49/K.M.S.16 8. The combined convoy O.S.49/K.M.S.16 left the U.K. at 0800Z today. It consists of 76 M/Vs., of which 43 will break off with K.M.S.16 for the Mediterranean.

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Convoy
M.K.F.15.

9. Both portions of convoy M.K.F.15 arrived in the U.K. today.

North Atlantic.

U/B attacked. X 10. Hudson M.48 attacked a U-Boat at 1941B in 36.02 N. 10.28 W. with 4 depth charges. Thirty seconds after the attack an object thought to be a body was seen in the sea, and after 15 minutes an oil patch 400 yards across.

South Atlantic.

11. SS. DUMRA, British, 2304 tons, was torpedoed and sunk at 0550Z in 28.15 S. 33.20 E. approx. 60 miles from Cape St. Lucia, Natal. She was independently routed from Tulear, Madagascar, to Durban. The Master was lost with his ship, the Chief Engineer taken prisoner, and 25 are considered killed or drowned.

Mediterranean.

Force H. X 12. At 1256B, C. in C.Mediterranean ordered Force H to remain at Mers El Kebir.

Pantellaria Bombardment. X 13. The cruiser NEWFOUNDLAND, escorted by PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE, carried out a bombardment of batteries at the southern end of Pantellaria at 0540 today. Some return fire was encountered on the completion of the operation, but no damage or casualties were sustained.

The destroyers ISIS and ILEX operated north of Pantellaria last night. M.T.B. operations were cancelled on account of weather.

Air attack on Spezia. X 14. 115^{*} Fortresses of the N.W.African Air Force today attacked Spezia, the farthest northerly point yet reached by this Force. Bombs were dropped from 21,000 to 26,000 feet. Three LITTORIO battleships were among the enemy naval

* *Alps Summary, (page 398 B) says 134./force...*

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Air attack
on Spezia.
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force there, and a near miss is claimed on one. All the Fortresses returned, only four being damaged by flak. One 350 ft. merchant vessel is claimed hit.

Other Air
Operations.

15. Middle East Beaufighters damaged a tug and dredger off Levkas Island.

3 Liberators and 6 Halifaxes attacked the harbour at Catania, Sicily, last night. 12 Wellingtons bombed Pantellaria last night, dropping two 4,000, six 1000 lb. bombs, and several smaller. The bombing of Pantellaria was continued today by U.S. Mitchells and Lightnings, in 2 missions, and Warhawks, in 7 missions.

Marauders, and Warhawks bombed Porto Ponte Romano, Sardinia, and obtained one direct hit on a 500 ft. M/V.

Enemy Air
Activity.

X 16. From 6 to 8 enemy aircraft attacked Algiers last night. 1 Ju. 88 was destroyed by a Beaufighter, and another probably destroyed by A/A. Barracks were badly damaged and there were several direct hits on houses. Military personnel were among the casualties.

Minesweeping.

17. The 12th M.S. Flotilla is continuing the clearance of the area east of Cape Bon peninsula; 13 mines were cut on 3rd June, and 20 today; bad weather stopped operations on the 4th. The 13th M.S. Flotilla has been employed in clearing the mined area off Sousse.

Operation
"Tiger."

X 18. S/M TROOPER reports operation "Tiger" successful. (W.D. Note - apparently a coastal operation in the vicinity of Bari, Adriatic.) All but two have now been landed in folboats. Assault craft had previously been damaged by weather. (p. 175)

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.East Indies.

Destroyers. X 19. Admiralty today instructed C. in C. Eastern Fleet to send one fully efficient fleet destroyer to the Mediterranean. RAIDER, on completion of deperming, will sail from Kilindini for Suez accordingly on 10th June. RAPID, temporarily attached to West Africa Command, is being relieved by a fast escort from U.K. as soon as possible, and will then come under the orders of C. in C.E.F.

On 1st July, there will be only 3 destroyers on the East Indies Station.

America & West Indies.

Mines, Halifax. X 20. Seven more enemy mines were accounted for off Halifax today, four by L.L.S.A. sweepers and three by L.L. sweepers. The total to date is 14 destroyed and one recovered.

Iceberg Collisions. 21. Two British tankers in Convoy H.X.242, NICANIA and JOHN A.BROWN, were in collision with icebergs today, and the former was seriously damaged.

Collision Loss. 22. SS. REIGH COUNT, Panamanian, collided in dense fog at 1915Z with an unknown vessel and sank approx. 154° 14 miles from Sambro light vessel. Survivors were landed by FENNEL.

Australia & New Zealand.

Enemy Destroyer Sunk. X 23. At about noon today, in an attack by U.S. aircraft on an enemy force in the Bougainville area, a destroyer was sunk and a corvette and cargo vessel set on fire.

Convoy Protection. 24. Replying to the Admiralty inquiry on June 3rd, B.A.D. reports that in the opinion of Adm. King, the submarine menace in the south and south west Pacific does not appear to be a sustained effort. An extra destroyer division has been sent to join

/Adm...

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Australia & New Zealand.

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Protection.
(Contd.)

Adm. Carpenter's forces in Australia. There is ample protection, both surface and air, if used. B.A.D.'s information is that except for occasional convoys the convoy system is not being adopted at the moment, and it is the opinion that air protection can be described as casual.

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Policy.

UNICORN.

Admiralty's 031353 April. Propose UNICORN be transferred to H.F. as from today. (F.O.C.T. 051112B. to C. in C. H.F.) Intend UNICORN shall continue exercises in Clyde area for the present. (V.A.A. H.F. 051213 to C. in C. H.F.)

Irish
Sea
Escort
Force.

C. in C. W.As. 012111B. If convenient F.O.I.C. Milford to assume operational control of the Irish Sea Escort Force on June 6th. (F.O.I.C. N.I. 051540B. to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

Escort
and
Support
Groups.

The following decisions concerning the re-adjustment of escort forces have been made:-
(1) Escort Groups in W.A. to have a paper strength of nine ships. (2) Six Support Groups of paper strength six ships each. (3) To reinforce West Africa by a formed group of nine escort vessels. (4) To reinforce the Mediterranean by six escort vessels. (5) To relieve the Eastern Fleet destroyers at present employed on escort duty in the Cape by nine escort vessels.
2. Request a member of your staff may attend at the Admiralty as early as convenient to discuss methods of implementing the above proposals.
(A.C.N.S. H. 051955B. to C. in C. W.A.)

Relief
of
RAPID.

Owing to recent casualties C. in C. Mediterranean is short of Fleet destroyers. 2. RAPID, at present employed as an escort vessel in West Africa can no longer be spared for this duty. 3. Request you will relieve her in West African Command by one escort vessel suitable for use with fast personnel convoys as soon as practicable.
(D.O.D. H. 051956B. to C. in C. W.A.)

Personnel
in
North
Russia.

✕ Admiral Fisher's 041125C. Naval reliefs have not been embarked in destroyers owing to objections of Soviet Government. 2. Admiral Fisher's 211716C. May, para. 2. Note has been handed to Maisky pointing out that numbers of personnel to be maintained in North Russia should be judged by operational requirements. Note suggests that even when convoys are not running, the base staff must be maintained at full efficiency. It is undesirable therefore to make drastic reduction at present. The Chiefs of Staff do not consider that time is opportune to threaten that unless visas are granted convoys will not be re-started. 3. S.B.N.O. North Russia's 221902B. May, para.2. As Many personnel as can be spared within the terms of para. 2. above are to be returned to U.K. as opportunity offers provided Ambassador to whom Foreign Office are telegraphing separately, see no objection. We appreciate that reliefs will be necessary before next convoy.
(A.C.N.S.H. 0520000B. to Ad. Fisher, S.B.N.O. North Russia, S.B.N.O. Archangel.)

/RAMILLIES...

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RAMILLIES. Arrived RAMILLIES and WENSLEYDALE.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 050556B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Landing Craft Flight F. My 271735B/May. Postponed further 24 hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth 051013B. to Admty. F.O.I.C.Gib.)

S/M movements. SABRE is to meet P.59 in 000° Shiant Isle 4 miles at 2000B/7 and escort to Holy Loch.
(C. in C. W.A. 051041B. to Cdre. D. W.A.)
Sailed SYRTIS in accordance with S.O. S/M

Lerwick's 032325B at 0918/5.
(A.C.O.S. 051121.)
Your 032325. (re K.15). Dundee via Holy Loch.
(F.O.S. 051241B. to B.A.D. Washington.)
F.O. (S) 021311 and H.Q.C.C. 311620 May. Approved for STUBBORN to be detailed.
(A.C.N.S.H. 051707B. to F.O.S.)
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800/6 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 051713B.)
PROTEUS exercising off Plymouth between 0800 and 1700/6.
(C. in C. Plymouth 051755B. to Admty.)
Sailed GRAPH and LOCH MONTEITH in accordance with Capt. (S) 3rd S.F. 031353B 2 hours early.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 052028B.)
Cancel my 051755B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 052129B.)

Landing Craft Flight E. Shall not be able to sail flight E. before p.m. June 9th.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 051206B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

M.Ls. Groups E. and F. Convoy codeword "Staysail" consisting of 2 trawlers and 23 coastal craft estimated to be in 50° 02' N. 11° W. at 1600B/5th, routed through 50° 02' N. 13° 40' W. thence 180°. S.O.A. 10 knots.
(D.O.D.H. 051424B. to ADVENTURE.)
EMPIRE FAUN, water tanker 846 tons, is due Falmouth a.m. 7th June. Request you will sail her for Gibraltar with Landing Craft Flight E.
(D.O.D.H. 051431B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.F.D.18. Your 051207B. Position of floating dock at 052000B should read 043° 38' N. 017° 00' W. One Sunderland between 041550B and 041830B only air cover in past 60 hours. E.T.A. position O for OBOE 070800B.
(CHANTICLEER 051542B. to C. in C. W.A.)

ADVENTURE. Position 049° 34' N. 013° 09' W. E.T.A. Boom 1530/6. Weather 3672 1553.
(ADVENTURE 051603B. to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

/ZETLAND...

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ZETLAND. ZETLAND arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Tyne 051927B.)

PRINS ALBERT. My 041803B. Sailed.
ORKAN. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 052025B. to F.O.I.C. Gib.)
IROQUOIS.

Operations.

Operation C. in C. H.Fs. 041232. ATHABASKAN and ECLIPSE
F.H. sailed.
(A.C.I.C. 050112B. to CUMBERLAND.)
Operation F.H. postponed a further 24 hours.
D day is now 7th June.
(C. in C. H.F. 051245B. to H.F.)
Operation F.H. postponed a further 24 hours. 2. Sailing
date for corvette now 9th June. 3. S.B.N.O. North Russia pass
secret hand message to CAMELIA and BLUEBELL.
(C. in C. H.F. 051253B. to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Operation Admiralty 050729B. Am returning Plymouth.
"Peacock". MEYNELL in company. My position 048° 00' N. 013°
14' W. S.O.A. 20 knots.
(LIMBOURNE 050930B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Both forces return to Plymouth passing through
positions D. 049° 33' N. 010° 16' W. and E. 180° Bishop Rock 7.
(2) Attention of destroyers is drawn to my 241751 and 302149
May.
(C. in C. Plymouth 051031B. to CHARYBDIS, LIMBOURNE, MEYNELL)
E.T.A. 1030.
(CHARYBDIS 052350B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Coastal STEVENSTONE and GLAISDALE arrived.
Patrols. (C. in C. Portsmouth 051038B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)
1. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 159, 155 and 304 are to
patrol 6 miles 040° and 220° from position 220°
start 16 miles. 2. Object. Anti E-Boat Patrol.
3. Leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol-line by 2330B.
Leave patrol-line for Dartmouth 0430B. 5. Codeword "Gibson".
(C. in C. Plymouth 051319B.)
1. M.G.B.611 (S.O) 614, 615, GREY FOX, GREY SHARK to carry
out Anti-E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude 50° 25' N. between
00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. from 2330B to 0415B. Code word
"Object". 2. M.Ls. 346, 572 to patrol searched channel between
F. and E.A.5 buoys. 3. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE immediate notice
at Yarmouth. Code word "Advent".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 051500B.)
M.G.B.611 (S.O) 614, 615, GREY FOX and GREY SHARK patrolling
to Southward of E.A.5. Buoy. M.Ls. 346 and 572 patrolling
Eastern Approach Channel. 5. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE, KRAKOWIAK,
KINGSTON, TURQUOISE at immediate notice at Yarmouth.
6. CHASSEUR 10 at immediate notice at St.Helens. 7. M.Ls. 303
(S.O), 245, 269, from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between
01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 051540B.)
Plymouth's 051319. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 052115B.)

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Operation VP-D. One M/V sunk. One Escort Vessel damaged. My 021508B. M.T.B. 626 and 620 returned Lerwick 0915B today. (2) At 2354B/4th attacked Southbound German motor ship estimated 7,000 to 8,000 tons and one escort vessel in lead S.E. of Traelso (060° 08' N. 005° 15' E.) (3) Merchant Ship hit with 4 torpedoes and sank immediately. Escort, believed M-Class minesweeper, was engaged with pom-pom and oerlikon and explosion seen amidships with collapse of bridge structure and funnel accompanied by clouds of steam. Vessel last seen low in water making for beach. (4) Both vessels returned fire and battery at Roetingen and Neset opened fire as did (Marsten) on way out. (5) Casualties 2 Officers slightly wounded, 2 ratings seriously 3 slightly wounded, superficial damage to both boats. (6) No pursuit by surface or air. One hostile A/C sighted at 0315B/5th on way back. (A.C.O.S. 051045B. to Admt.)

S/M Patrols.

My 041807. Request you will sail BARB and BLACKFISH so as to part company with escort in position D. 180° Barrahead 10 miles at 2300/8th. Thence S/Ms. as follows:-

Position.	BARB passing	BLACKFISH passing
(E) 056° 50' 010° 00'	0700/9th.	1100/9th.
(F) 056° 10' 014° 59'	0001/10th	0800/10th.
(G) 055° 31' 020° 01'	1800/10th	0600/11th.
(H) 054° 45' 027° 58'	2200/11th	1600/12th.

2. Final patrol-square will be signalled. 3. S/Ms. are to proceed on the surface to position (H) thence dive by day. (F.O.S. 051242B. to Comsubron 50.)

Following is paraphrase of my 051251 addressed HADDO and HAKE. Begins:- HAKE proceeds at 2000B/6th to patrol southern half of square C.3. HAKE proceeds at 1200B/6th to patrol eastern half of square D. one ends. (F.O.S. 051253B. to C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A. H.Q.C.C.)

Intend sail BARB and BLACKFISH escorted by CUTTY SARK from Clyde at 1700B/8 for (a) 180° Barra Head 8 miles, E.T.A. 0501B/9. 2. Thence S/M as directed by F.O.S. CUTTY SARK to R/V HERRING prior to (a) at 0500B/9 June and escort her to Clyde, E.T.A. 1800B/9 June.

(Comsubron 50. 051344B. to A.I.G.216.)

Position of S/Ms. at 0800/6th June and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B. A. HERRING 54° 20' N. 24° 50' W. probably on surface through 54° N. 22° W. at 2000/6th 56° N. 17° W. then 56° 30' N. 09° 58' W. S.O.A. 240 miles per day. B. HAKE as in my 021717, moving at 2000/6th to vicinity 52° 10' N. 36° 30' W. C. HADDO as in my 021717, moving at 1200/6th to vicinity 50° 40' N. 39° 01' W. D. TRUCULENT vicinity 65° 10' N. 03° 30' W. E. TALLY HO vicinity 64° 45' N. 05° 18' W. F. SHAD vicinity 64° 50' N. 01° 25' W. G. SEADOG vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 55' E. H. SATYR vicinity 63° 29' N. 01° 11' E.

(F.O.S. 051713B. to Admt.)

Add 6 hours to all times in my 051242.

(F.O.S. 051737B. to Comsubron 50.)

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Allied Air Activity.

Altenfiord
R/C.

My 021330 para. 2. Yesterday and to-day's R/C unsuccessful because of bad weather. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 051950B. to Admty.)

Area
"Orderly".

X In view of the success of operation "Derange" a new area to be named "Orderly" is to be instituted forthwith. This area will be a rectangle contained on the North by lat. 50° N. on the S. by lat. 45° N. on the East by long. 18.17° W. on the West by long. 21° W. This area should be covered by L.R. and L.R. aircraft (including stripped Sunderlands of 15 and 19 Groups) wherever the convoy situation permits using aircraft for this purpose. A.O.Cs. concerned are to arrange daily the number of aircraft that can be spared for this operation and agree mutually as to the patrols to be carried out according to the types of aircraft available. A.O.C. 19 Group is to be responsible for co-ordinating this operation and subject to there being no convoy in the orderly area is to arrange for one Leigh Light Catalina Sortie each night until further notice. The Catalina is to refuel at an advanced base to obtain maximum time on patrol. (H.Q.C.C. 052244B. to 15 and 19 Groups.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Thames
Estuary.

X There was some enemy air activity over the Thames Estuary during night 4th/5th. Between 0345 and 0415 some four aircraft were operating at heights between 1000 and 3000 feet to the eastward of Kentish Knock and minelaying is suspected. Tongue Fort engaged these planes at extreme range. Between about 0415 and 0440 two aircraft were operating at heights between 2000 and 12000 feet over the inner Estuary. In the Oaze Area they were heard just above cloud level (2000 feet to 3000 feet) and engaged, and at 0425 one was sighted on a North Easterly course just inside the boom at a height of about 2000 feet and engaged. At 0429 four loud explosions were heard and according to one reliable report, were seen about midway between Sheerness and Southend. (S.O. T.L.D.F. 051555B.)

Mining.

Search
by
M/S.9.

Have detonated 3 R. type mines less than 3 cables outside Northernmost limit of Q.Z.X.1000. 2 mines reported in my 041916B were at less than 7 cables inside E. and W. limit. Search of Q.Z.7 cables each side gave negative results. (M/S.9. 051444B. to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Your 05144B. Area Admiralty Message Q.Z.X.1000 tube enlarged by one mile to northward and half a mile to East and West.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 051630 to M/S.9.)

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Mining - Contd.

Off
Berry
Head.

Following from R.N.O. Brixham begins:-
H.73 reports picking up Black Hornet Mine Trawler
in 122° Berry Head, 7 miles at 1130. Mine was
not rusty. Trawl was on bottom. No damage to
ship or crew. Trawl out away. Mine sank without
exploding T.O.O. 051510B.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 051624B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Q.Z.X.1011.

Two point two miles from Northern Edge of Q.Z.X.
1011 now cleared. Intend continuing tomorrow.
(GWEAL 051931B. to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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- HOTSPUR. My 041156B. Sailing of HOTSPUR postponed 24 hours owing to defects.
(C. in C.Nore 051014B.)
- WINCHELSEA. Rudder jammed hard over. Position 056° 40' N. 022° 40' W. Estimate 24 hours to complete repair. Approx. course 98°, speed 8 knots.
(WINCHELSEA 051420 to C. in C.W.A.)
My 051420Z. Temporary repairs effected. Proceeding to join. (H.X. 241.)
(WINCHELSEA 051630Z to C. in C.W.A.)
- ENDSLEIGH. Rescue tug PROSPEROUS entered Haven at 1400/5 with coaster ENDSLEIGH with engine defects. Towed from 070° St. Anne's Head 1½ miles.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 051455B to Admty.)
- UNTAMED. Diver TEDWORTH reports both escape hatches closed but after hatches not secured. After vent closed. Vent abaft conning tower not yet identified open. After plane horizontal. Fore plane to rise. Body Chief E.R.A. Challoner recovered from after hatch wearing D.S.E.A. Body has been landed Campbeltown.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 051945B to Admty.)
- L.C.T.(R) Consider L.C.T.(R) are over loaded by about craft. 100 tons. This and their low standard of water tightness would make them unsafe in wind of more than Force Six. They are noticeably (?) wetter and slower than L.C.G.
(S.O.S.G.(J) in LOCUST 052230B to S.O.Force J, (R) C.C.O.)
- Shipping & Convoys.
- M.K.F.15. M.K.F.15. The following arrived 0040B/5th. 13 ships and C.4.
(D.S.T.O.Greenock 050051B.)
Clyde arrivals Clyde portion of M.K.F.15 escorts UNICORN, JAVELIN, KELVIN.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 050054B.)
- M.K.F.15 Liverpool portion arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 050630B.)
- QUEEN MARY. My 301735 May. Following are details of personnel on board. Total 14,841.
(D.S.T. 050124B.)
E.T.A. R/V 061000Z.
(A.T.48 051000Z to Admty.)

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O.S.C.49 and K.M.S.16. My 041831B. CLAN CAMPBELL sailed at 0215B May to overtake. (N.C.S.O. Clyde 050220B to Admty.) Sailed ORCHIS, LOBELIA, ACONIT, ROSELYS, RENONCULE, and BURZA for O.S.49. (Cdre. D.W.A. 050735B.)

R.F.A. OLIGARCH fitted with platform and rail blast carrying Admiralty Furnace Oil is included in K.M.S.16. Ships escorting convoy O.S.49 should take opportunity to top up before convoys split. (C. in C.W.A. 050914Z to Escorts.) My 041831B. Destinations RANCHER, EASGATE Gibraltar for orders. (N.C.S.O. Clyde 050939B to Admty.) Inform Commodore following did not sail: EMPIRE FRANKLIN, EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE, EMPIRE DAY.

2. Amended destinations: FORT CHIPEWYAN, Gibraltar for Middle East. CANARA, Gibraltar F/O. HELMWOOD, Gibraltar F/O. EMPIRE MOON, Gibraltar F/O. CLAN CAMERON, Gibraltar F/O. RANCHER, Gibraltar.

4. VINRIVER is carrying 60 depth charges in improvised stowage.

5. CLAN CAMPBELL, CLAN CAMERON sailed late from Clyde to overtake. (C. in C.W.A. 051017B to Escorts.) Sailed NARCISSUS with Admiral Stark and party for Merville, E.T.A. 1900B. After disembarking party NARCISSUS will sail to overtake O.S.49 and K.M.S.16. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 051118B.) Your 031127. Request details by letter of stowage arrangements of explosives and dangerous cargo embarked OLIGARCH and of precautions taken for their safety. It should also be confirmed that M. of W.T. Representative's concurrence in stowage arrangements was obtained. (D. of Stores 051233B to F.O.I.C. Tyne.) Sailed BATTLER escorted by TYRIAN and TUMULT to overtake, S.O.A.15 knots. C. in C.W.A. 031520 refers. (N.O.I.C. Belfast 051639B.)

Operation Duties. / Operation duties hitherto performed by Comtask 24.7 in regard to Canadian groups C.1 to C.5 inclusive now be performed by Cmdre. D. Western Approaches. Duties hitherto performed by Comtask 24.7 in regard to U.S. ships and duties hitherto performed by Comtask 21.2.3 henceforth will be performed by Cmdnt. N.O.B. Londonderry (Task Unit 7.11.1) acting escort control officer. (N.O.B. Londonderry 061000Z to Comnavu.)

T.A.46. Intend sailing QUEEN ELIZABETH passing Clyde Boom 2359Z/6th to pass through A. at 0500Z/7th, thence in accordance with A.M. 031807B June. S. O.A.26 knots. "Chop" date 9th June. E.T.A. Ambrose Light Vessel 1800Z/12th June. Codeword "Sleeve". (N.O.I.C. Greenock 051016B to Admty.)

/H.X.241...

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- H.X.241. Incomplete D/F bearings at 1133Z indicate U-
E.G.2. Boat possibly in vicinity of convoy.
(D.D.I.C. 051400B to Escorts H.X.241, E.G.2.)
Your 051400B. Not in vicinity of H.X.241.
(STARLING 051400Z to Admty.)
- A.M. 051400. Further bearings indicate U-Boat was within 75
miles of 57.30 N. 32.30 W.
(D.D.I.C. 051540B to Escorts H.X.241, E.G.2.)
If you consider convoy is not threatened S.O. Escort Group
2 is to leave at daylight 6th and escort MORETON BAY, ESPERANCE
BAY, CONTISSA, and EROS to North Channel. Merchant ships
thence independently to destinations. S.O.E.G.2 to Liverpool.
(C. in C.W.A. 052030Z, and 060551Z to E.G.2.)
- Important ship. } Ship No. 22340 with important Government cargo
is to be sailed forthwith to Milford Haven for
Falmouth where she is required by June 10th.
2. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to include her
with ships mentioned in A.M. 251821 May para. 2
for Gibraltar and for onward routing to Algiers.
(D.T.D. 051538B to N.C.S.O. Clyde.)
- O.N.188. My 031804B. Rescue tug HESPERIA detailed as
Rescue Tug in convoy O.N.188.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 051556B to C. in C.W.A.)
- O.N.S.10. Following ships are to sail in the convoy
carrying spare depth-charges.
- | Ship | No. of D/Cs. |
|-----------|--------------|
| EL MIRLO | 50 |
| GULFCREST | 60 |
| BENEDICK | 60 |
| ARMATHIA | 40 |
| CANTAL | 40 |
- (D.T.D. 051825B.)
Escort for O.N.S.10. DUNCAN (S.O.), TAY, VIDETTE, LOOSESTRIFE,
SNOWFLAKE, SUNFLOWER, PINK. DUNCAN, TAY fitted H.F/D.F.
PINK will not sail if SNOWFLAKE and SUNFLOWER undergoing damage
repairs are available.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 052205B to C. in C.W.A.)
- T.A.44. A.M. 281915B. Intend sailing ANDES 1400Z/6th.
Route. E.T.A. Halifax 1200/13 June.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 051930Z to Admty.)
- S.C.132, If convoy not threatened proceed at daylight
O.N.187, tomorrow to support O.N.187.
E.G.40. Estimated position at 0800/6, 058° 05' N. 033°
10' W. course 255° speed 9½ knots.
Report fuel remaining on leaving S.C.132.
(C. in C.W.A. 052232B to E.G.40.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Dispositions. Situation report for area XA Add new para. (2) to my 040941B Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND passes through Straits 0400B thence 287 degs. 13½. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 050032B to Med. Stn. C. in C. Plymouth).

Casablanca movements. ANTHONY and MELBREAK sailed Casa 0630A June 5th for Gibraltar. (C.M.S.F. 050707 to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C.Med. Admty.).

Convoy T.E.21 Sailed as in my 041133. (041733 intended). (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 050822B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Dispositions Situation 2001B/5th. ASTURIAS 034 degs. 05' 008 degs. 09' to Casablanca 16.
(2) S/M TEMPLAR (?039 degs.) 45' 009 degs. 34' to 036 degs. 51' 009 degs. 13' at 0430/6th thence 098 degs. diving by day 9/2.
(3) H.M. Hospital Ship AMARAPOORA 037 degs. 13' 010 degs. 04' through 037 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' to Gibraltar 11.
(4) British Yacht minesweepers 9, 26, 27 (?032 degs) 37' 009 degs. 52' through (?035 degs.) 20' 009 degs. 20' and 034 degs. 05' 008 degs. 10' to Casablanca 8.
(5) T.O. 5 C.T.G. 21.4 passing through Straits to R/V Casablanca Section in 034 degs. 01' 008 degs. 16' at 18 (?00)B/6th thence 235 degs. 13½.
(6) Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND (?028 degs.) 40' 009 degs. 40' through 037 degs. 01' 011 degs. 01' thence 357 degs. 13½. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051048B).
Situation 1958B/5th. X.K. (?19) TEST (E) 041 degs. 40' 015 degs. 06' 002 degs. 8.
(2) AMARAPOORA 037 degs. 13' 010 degs. 04' through 037 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' to Gibraltar 11.
(3) 2 Swedish Relief Ships 034 degs. 56' 022 degs. 27' 086 degs. 12½.
(5) Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 036 degs. 40' 009 degs. 40' through 037 degs. 01' (?039 degs.) 01' thence 357 degs. 13½.
(6) H.M.S. TRUSTY 034 degs. 46' 012 degs. 44' on surface 10 knots to 035 degs. 01' 012 degs. 30' at 2200 (?5th) thence (?040 degs.) diving by day 10/2. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051102B, 051242B).
Add new para.(7) to my 051102. Floating dock in tow tug CHANTICLEER 4 corvettes 044 degs. 08' 016 degs. 42' 180 degs.6. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051514B).
Situation 2002B/5th. 2 Swedish relief ships 034 degs. 35' 022 degs. 27' 086 degs. 12½.
(2) GAMBIA 025 degs. 12' 020 degs. 59' 001 degs. 17½. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051116B).

/Escort....

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Escort for
FORTOL.

A.M. 031027. Anticipate escorts could usually be provided.
(2) In view of narrow margin of escorts usually available there may be occasions on which this will be impracticable.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051110B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.W.A. F.O.C.W.A.F.).

CHASSERAL

My 021300. Steamship CHASSERAL now leaves 8th. (D.E.W.D. 051212B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med.).

Refugees
Lisbon.

My telegram 031755B (N.T. in W.D.).
June 10th is important Portuguese public holiday and therefore not thought suitable for embarkation. U.S. Legation have asked U.S. Embassy in Madrid to postpone operation by 24 hours if possible. Please confirm that shipping will be available. Gibraltar pass to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
(Ambassador (?Lisbon) 051235B to C. in C. Med. (R) Gibraltar, Madrid, Foreign Office).

American Legation have told Embassy that further 600 French Refugees are expected to arrive Setubal 10th or 11th June. Portuguese Gov. requires assurance that ship will be available to embark them before any arrangements can be made. Request immediate information. Embassy telegrams 031755 (N.T. in W.R.) and 051235 refer.

(N.A. Lisbon 051715B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. F.O.C. Gibraltar, B.N.A. Madrid). Reply 060808.

SEVERN

SEVERN leaves Scilly Isles at 0930B/8th. Diving by day Route Gold to 043 degs. N. E.T.A. 1300B/13th 115 miles (corrupt group) Day.

(2) Thence on surface as ordered by V.A. Gibraltar to Algiers.

(3) Communications.

(4) S.Ps. SEVERN is painted blue.

(Capt.(S) 3rd 051503B to V.A. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. F.O.S. Capt.(S) 8th. C. in C. Plymouth, S.O.S/M Gibraltar, SEVERN).

M/Vs.
Attacked off
Cape. St.
Vincent.

Your 311129B May N.A. Lisbon's 301901B/May (Re 3 Merchant Vessels from Lisbon attacked by two Focke - Wulfs off Cape St. Vincent) We suspect that these aircraft flew over Spanish and Portuguese territory. Request you will ascertain from Officer of S.S. LLANCARVON direction from which FockeWulfs approached.
(Head of M.I. 051517B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) N.A. Lisbon).

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Gibraltar movements. Arrivals CYCLAMEN L.S.Ts. 412, 324.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 051643B to Admty. (R)
C. in C. Med. F.O.C.W.A.).

Axis Shipping Bilbao. Arrival 4th, TIM, THRIANTHA, JACQUELINE, MARIBEL,
arrival 5th, COURDANNES, SYDNEY, OLGA, GLYCINE,
WATERWEG. Departure 4th, MARIA CARMEN. Departure
5th, WATERWEG, BALTIC.
Repeated S.O.(I) Gibraltar).
(Consul Bilbao 051705 to Admty.).
W.R. Note. Passed to F.O.S. H.Q.C.C. C. in C.W.A.
and C. in C. Plymouth).

ASTURIAS Arrived.
(C.M.S.F. 051805 to Admty.).
A.M. 301825 May. Propose sailing p.m. tomorrow
after stores are disembarked. Request route.
(ASTURIAS 052114Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
F.O.C.W.A.).
ASTURIAS ready sail noon 6th, request routeing, Admty.
301825 refers.
(C.M.S.F.F. 052245 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med.
F.O.C.W.A. Admty.).

Gibraltar movements. Arrivals. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN ex escort duties East.
MOLDE ex escort duties East. ANTHONY MELBREAK
from Casablanca.
Departures LA SETOISE escorting T.E.21 X. to
Oran.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 052155B to Admty. (R) C. in C.
Med. Com. N.O.B.Oran. C.M.S.F.).

Air Report. A.I.562 5 June. Daily Opsum No.216 5 June. At
1410B, 35.38 N. 09.48 W. U-boat C.O. 270 degs. 12
was? sighted on surface by Hudson A/48 on sweep.
U-boat dived, no attack.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar 052300B).

U/B sighted by A/C. Aircraft sighted S/M 1941B/5th 036 degs. 02' N.
010 degs. 28' W. course 270 degs. 10 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 052338B to TRUSTY, P.316.
(TEMPLAR)).

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Convoy Sailed KUMAON, KATHIAWAR escorting D.N.44,
D.N.44. N.C.S.O. Durban 050632 refers.
2. After dispersal of convoy KUMAON and
KATHIAWAR proceed to Diego Suarez. (Route.)
3. S.O.A. after dispersal 12 knots E.T.A. Diego
Suarez 0700Z/11th June.
4. Shift to W/T Group V. at 2000Z June 9th (?5)
C. in C.E.F. 311315 May refers.
(Cdre. Durban 050531Z to Admty. etc.)

NORMAN, Capetown arrival 4th June and departure 0735Z
QUADRANT, June 5th NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT for Pointe
REDOUBT. Noire. E.T.A. 0600Z/9th June. Tuning on W/T
organization for area P. at 1400Z/8th June and
maintaining wireless guard on broadcast S.L.
Route A. 027° 00' S. 014° 00' E. B. 018° 00' S.
011° 00' E. S.O.A. 19½ knots
(C. in C.S.A. 050943B to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Weekly state South Atlantic station 5th June.
Capetown to (?Suez) NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT.
Cape area VIRGINIA, THYME, ASTER, QUICKMATCH,
CAPE WARWICK, LE TIGRE.

Capetown to Durban COCKCHAFFER, ST. ZENO, NORTHERN ISLES,
BEDLINGTON.

Durban to Capetown NIZAM, ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, ST. LOMAN.

Durban area KUMAON, FREESIA, VERBENA, KATHIAWAR, NORTHERN DAWN,
STELLA POLARIS, DRANGEY, NORTHERN CHIEF, LADY ROSEMARY,
VIVIANA, SONDRÁ.

Walvis Bay BARWIND, M.M.S. 107.

Saldanha Bay SPINDRIFT.

Capetown MEAD, CECILE MAPLESON, ETHIOPIAN, HERTFORDSHIRE, KELT,
ARCTIC EXPLORER, WELLARD, INDIAN STAR, NORTHERN DUKE, GENISTA.
Simonstown FROBISHER, LEWES, P.552, P.614, M.Ls. 381,830,1150.
East London KIRRIEMOOR, TULIP.

Durban HAWKINS, NIGELLA, RESOLUTION, MANCHESTER CITY,
MARGUERITE, FALMOUTH, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM, RACEHORSE, JASMINE,
M.L. 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, MASTERFUL, COVENTRY CITY, PRUDENT,
SPHENE.

(C. in C.S.A. 051048B.)

Situation 052001.

PORTSDOWN, BUTTERMERE screening LADY DENISON PENDER about 006°
26' 022° 16'.

TURCOMAN 008° 30' 013° 25' 256, 9.

MILFORD, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, PICT, YESTOR, REDSHANK,
4 M.Ls. with S.T.68 005° 24' 011° 16' 125° 9.

SUFFOLK, CORFU, CARNARVON CASTLE, WOLVERINE, BOADICEA, RAPID,
CATTERICK with W.S.30 003° 10' 006° 08' 090° 13.

COWSLIP, 2 M.Ls. off Cape Palmas.

CORINTHIAN, BURDOCK, COMMANDANT DETROYAT F.S. ARMERIA, CROCUS,
DUNCTON with T.S.43 003° 36' 006° 50' to 003° 30' 007° 40'
thence 309° 6½.

CLARKIA 002° 54' 003° 26' 042° 10½.

SARABANDE 004° 50' 000° 10' E. to Takoradi 8.

M.L. 244 off Accra, 1 M.L. off Cottenou.

(R.A.W.Af., 051113Z.)

/Situation...

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Dispositions. Situation at ?1959Z/5th.
(Contd.) GAMBIA 025° 55' 021° 00' 000° 17.5.
SCARBOROUGH, FLEETWOOD, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA,
SPIREA, COLTSFOOT, BALSAM with S.L.130, 023°
28' 017° 48' to 023° 45' 017° 48' thence 045° 7.
COMDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 015° 10' 017° 43' to 014° 45' 017°
41' thence Bathurst 11.5.
QUERCY 014° 00' 023° 07' 090° 12.5.
FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, STONECROP, LA MALOUINE, CAMPION,
BUTSER with O.S.48 (011°?) 32' (017°?) 35' to 010° 15' 016°
55' thence 118° 8½.
L.S.T.421, B.Y.M.S.19, (?M.Ls.) 289, 574, 010° 00' 016° 38'
to 010° 08' 017° 19' thence 358° 8.
BRIDGEWATER, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, BELLWORT escorting 009° 30'
015° 12' to 010° 21' 16° 40' thence 316° 9½.
CILICIA on patrol about 008° 30' 027° 30' 14.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 051155Z.)
Situation at 2000/5th June.
QUICKMATCH 038° 55' 018° 50' to Durban 20 knots.
LADY ELSA, NORWICH CITY, ST. ZENO, NORTHERN ISLES, BLAAUWBERG
with C.D.21 (10 ships) 033° 45' 026° 55' coastal to Durban
8 knots.
NIZAM, ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, ST. LOMAN, VEREENIGING with D.C.
29 (11 ships) 033° 50' 027° 00' coastal to Capetown 9 knots.
HAWKINS 031° 25' 031° 55' to 034° 08' 033° 37' 20 knots.
Port (Portuguese intended) Sloop GONCALO VELHO 029° 20' 032°
00' North bound 10 knots.
FREESIA, SUNDRA 028° 45' 032° (?15') to Durban 12 knots.
VERBENA, LADY ROSEMARY, VIVIANA with S.L.C.45 (7 ships) off St.
Lucia to 026° 00' 038° 00' 8 knots.
OTTERHOUND, STELLA POLARIS, DRANGEY, L.M.D.20 (8 ships) 027°
55' 032° 55' to Durban 8 knots.
KUMAON, KATHIAWAR with D.N.44 (3 ships) 028° 10' 033° 40' to
026° 00' 038° 00' 12 knots.
NORTHERN CHIEF 028° 00' 033° 50' to St. Lucia 8 knots.
(C. in C.S.A. 051306B.)

ARGO. My 030911 and my 051046 not to Admiralty.
Intend to sail ARGO from Dakar escorted by "AIR
FRANCE 3" at 1400Z/7th French air protection
until 1200Z/8th.
2. Speed made good 12 knots. Route as in my 030911 para. 2
passing same position at following time G.M.T.
A. 0630/8th. B. 1200/8th. C. 0200/9th. D. 0730/9th.
3. Para. 3 to same as in my 030911.
(Comar Dakar 051158Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

MAURETANIA. MAURETANIA sailed 4th June. E.T.A. Diego Suarez
0600Z/12th June. Draught on arrival Diego
Suarez 30 ft. 3 inches. Requirements.
(S.T.O. Capetown 051229B to C. in C.E.F. N.O.I.C.
Diego Suarez, F.O. Ceylon, (R) D. of S.T.
P.S.T.O. India, etc.)

/Buenos...

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Buenos Aires revolt. Ref. my 041552 (re no ships allowed to leave Port of Buenos Aires.) Port re-opened. (B.R.L.O. Buenos Aires 051305Z to Admty.)

HAWKINS. Sailing HAWKINS to Simonstown routed through M. 034° 08' S. 033° 37' E. N. 039° 35' S. 027° 42' E. O. 039° 20' S. 021° 12' E. P. 037° 00' S. 020° 00' E. S.O.A. 18 knots. E.T.A. Simonstown breakwater 1500Z/8th June. 2. Shifting to W/T group S.L. at 2300Z/5th. (N.O.I.C. Durban 051447Z to Admty. etc.)

Repatriations Following from St. Vincent, begins: Departures 4th DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE, Italian, Port Elizabeth 17th. T.O.O. 050900, ends. (S.O.(I) Freetown 051533Z to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Capetown, Connav, Washington, B.N.L.O. Dakar.)

Movements Freetown. Departure 0652Z/5th June BRIDGEWATER, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, BELLWORT escorting. (S.O.(I) Freetown 051600Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. etc.)

Convoy N.C.16. Sailing telegram (2 ships). 2. 1600B/5th June. 4. 12 knots. 5. Coastal. 6. ROHILKHAND. 12. Capetown E.T.A. 0700B/8th June. 14. One ship (693) and one ship (692) respectively and both hold (23) and (24). 15. Codeword "Huntsman." (N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay 051611B to Admty. etc.)

ATLANTIS. Hospital ship ATLANTIS due 7th June destination Belfast for Avonmouth. (D.T.D. 051613B to N.C.S.O. Freetown.)

Movements Walvis Bay. Sailed B.D/V BARWIND and M.M.S. 107 in company for Capetown S.O.A. 7 knots. E.T.A. Capetown 1000B/10th June. (N.L.O. Walvis Bay 051631B to Admty. etc.)

DUCHESS OF RICHMOND, Dakar Group No. 6. Following ship sailing in Dakar Group No. 6 will be detached at daylight 7th June in approx. 013° 33' N. 017° 59' W. to proceed independently DUCHESS OF RICHMOND. Clyde for orders, 15th June, "Chop" 9th June. A. 15½ B. 17½. Days 19. Fuel oil. (Route.) (N.C.S.O. Lagos 051658Z as amended 061352Z to Admty. (R) Connav. etc.)

Lagos, Movements. Departure June 5th SARABANDE, M.L. 266, (?263), 274. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 051712Z to Admty. etc.)

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Takoradi
Movements.

Arrival 5th June DAUNTLESS, BLACKMOOR, ORFASY.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 051720Z to Admty.)

Group
Sailing,
No. 6.

Dakar group number 6, 0645/5th June, knots 9½,
ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ELIZABETHVILLE for
Dakar, DUCHESS OF RICHMOND for Clyde estuary
for orders. Escorted by BRIDGEWATER (S.O.),
ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, BELLWORT. (route). E.T.A.
Dakar 1400/7th June. Proceeding part 051854.

DUCHESS OF RICHMOND will be detached to proceed independently
at daylight 7th June. From Dakar ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS
will proceed with HOGGAR to Casablanca (route) escorted by
ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, F.F.S. DUMONT D'URVILLE and LA GRANDIERE.
Wireless callsign FVD.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 051856Z as amended 061352Z to Admty.)

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PARTHIAN, KATSONIS information. Reported that ships loaded with German troops and ammunition are leaving Piraeus steering 48° possibly calling at Milo or Syra during day. (Capt. (S) 1 050058C to PARTHIAN, G.S. KATSONIS (R) TAURUS.)

Convoy K.M.S.15. Sailed less TITUS. (N.O.i/c Philippeville, 050359B to N.O.i/c Bizerta, (R) Admty., F.O.i/c Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav.)

Beirut movements. 4th. Arrivals SOUTHERN SEAS departures IERAX. (S.O.(I) Beirut, 050757C to Admty., (R) C. in C. Levant.)

Tripoli movements. Arrived 4th June. BEAUFORT, ROCKWOOD, KANARIS, ALDENHAM, EXMOOR. (S.N.O. Tripoli, 050835B to Admty.(R) R.A.L.)

Alexandria movements. Arrivals 4th. TETCOTT, DULVERTON, BELVOIR, PRIMULA, PINDOS, G.S. SPETSAI, MIAOULES. Departures 4th CROOME, IPSWICH, MARYBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOEMBRA, BURRA, ROMEO. (S.O.(I) Alexandria, 050911C to Admty., C. in C. Levant.)

M.E. Air Report. A. 653 June 5th. Daily Opsum 38 June 3/4. 29 Wellingtons Pantelleria Town and Harbour. Large fire visible 70 miles started among sheds near light railway yards. 2 fires already burning when aircraft arrived increased by bombing. 1 violent explosion several other fires caused Town Area. 234 by 500 pound H.E. 24 by 250 pound H.E. at 2110Z hours. 4 torpedo Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C. Aegean. No sightings. June 4, 52 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Grottaglie aerodrome near Taranto, 7 returned early technical troubles, 45 bombed in 2 formations at 1058Z and 1135Z hours. Hangars and administrative buildings well covered by bombs and left burning. 3 Baltimores (A.30) anti-shipping R/C Aegean. 1 Caique 50 tons attacked off Scarpanto near misses scored. Crew had abandoned ship and were apparently killed by bursts. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 051044Z)

FERNMOOR. C. in C.S.At. reports Boom Carrier FERNMOOR E.T.A. Suez 29th June. She will be urgently required to load at Algiers. (2) Request ship be sailed with M.W. S.36 to Tripoli (Libya) to join next convenient convoy to Algiers. (C. in C. Med., 051051B to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

/Aircraft...

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Aircraft for A/A Practice. To meet urgent Naval A.A. practice requirements in Levant in accordance with A.M.111422B May intend to transfer 728 Squadron consisting of six Defiants to Levant. 2. Med. Air Command requested to issue routeing instructions to leave Tafaroui 10th June for Dekheila.

3. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar requested to arrange passage of maintenance personnel and stores in escorts of next convoy to Tripoli for onward passage as required by C. in C. Levant. 4. F.R.U. Squadrons remaining in Western Med. will be 727 Squadron at Blida for Algiers and Jijelli. 779 Squadron to operate from Gibraltar or Tafaroui as arranged between F.O.I.C. Gib. R.A.H. and Air Authorities concerned. 5. Malta's immediate practice requirements have been met by provision three Naval Hurricane pilots and no further action is intended at present. (C. in C. Med., 051105 to C. in C. Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar H.Q. Med. Air Command, (R) Admty., V.A. Malta, A.C.A.F., C.O.N.A.S., Med. R.A.H., S.N.O. Trip., Commob Oran, C.O.N.A.S., Egypt, R.A.F. Tafaroui.)

ASHANTI Request you will sail ASHANTI at 1600/5th June to Gibraltar. Route through 100, 39, 44, 82, 16. S. of A. 20 knots. E.T.A. 1300/6th June. Codeword "Annex". Priority 3. (C. in C. Med., 051118 to Com. Algeria, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. (R) Admty.)

My 051118. Request you will sail ASHANTI on arrival for U.K. Admiralty is requested to signal destination. (C. in C. Med. 051913B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty., ASHANTI.)

N.A.A.F. Report. N.A.A.F. Opsum 103V June 3. N.W. African Strategic Air Force May 31st June 1st. 16 Wellingtons Pantelleria, fires started. June 1/2. 9 Wellingtons, 2 returned early, Naples (1 Group missing) and docks. 2 x 4000, 10 x 1000, and 25 x 500 from 5 5000/1000 ft. Bursts among port buildings and industrial plants. 16 Wellingtons Pantelleria. June 3. 21 Marauders B.26 escort Lightnings P.38 Pantelleria. Bombers dropped 83 x 1000 from 10500 feet. Escort 14 x 1000 from 3000 feet, 18 Mitchells B.25 escort Lightnings P.38, Pantelleria. Bombers dropped 54 x 1000 from 10000 feet. Escort 12 x 1000 from 3000 feet. Large explosion seen and fires started. 40 or 42? Lightning P.38 returned early, Pantelleria. 34 x 1000 from 2500. 43 Warhawks P.40 6 Missions Pantelleria. 43 x 500 from 3250 feet. 6 Bostons A.20 Pantelleria. 20 x 250 from 7500 feet. (A.D.V.H.W., N.A.A.F. 051245.)

Force H. X Force H remain at Mers El Kebir. Further signal follows. (C. in C. Med. 051256B to R.A. Force H, N.O.I.C. Oran, F.O.I.C. Gib.)

/French...

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French Submarines. ~~X~~ My 101707 May refers. Following is summary of later report by S.8 after further operational experience and visit to submarine base Oran (begins) "None of French Submarines are modern by war standards but they have large number of highly trained officers and ratings and given a chance I think they will do well. They are extremely keen to get new construction submarines and I suggest they should take over British new construction submarines as and when they can be spared. The offer of even one would be a tremendous encouragement and it would be a sounder proposition than spending vast sums refitting their out of date submarines in U.S.A." (Ends.) 2. I fully concur. When British submarine construction and manning situation justify this course request I may be informed of possibilities. Request Admiralty inform Cominch. (C. in C. Med., 051258 to Admty. (R) F.O.S. S.8., B.A.D. F.O.C. W.Af.)

K.M.S.15. Tunisia arrived (9 ships).
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 051312B to Admty. etc.)

Massawa Movements. 5th June. Departures: H.M. Tug ST. MONANCE Tugs C.H. SPEDDEN and EMPIRE WARLOCK towing A.F.D. 27 at 0700 C. for Suez. S. of A. not known. Coastal.
(N.C.S.O. Massawa, 051319Z to Admty.)

P.R.U. 2 Battleships 2 Cruisers sighted visually at Taranto at 1110. Messina obscured.
(V.A. Malta, 051336B to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, etc.)

At 1630 P.R.U. reports no change Taranto since my 051336. 1725 Messina. No Major naval unit. Visuals.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 051855B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

SOLVRA. Arnival 0407Z SOLVRA.
(Com. Aden, 051432Z to C. in C. Levant etc.)

P.53 Intend sailing. 1. P.53 at 1700/6th routed through position (S) to arrive position (p) at about 1200/8th for patrol as ordered by Capt. (S) 8th S.F. 2. P.42 at 1700/6th routed through 035° 14' 015° 35' at 0800/7th and 038° 24' 017° 32' at 0001/10th for patrol in Zone Q.
(Capt. S.10, 051444B to C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 8th (R) C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1st, 8th S.F., 10th S.F.)

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N.A.A.F. Report. M.6166E, 5 June, N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 104 June 4. N.W.A. Strategical Air Force 3/4 June. 5 Wellingtons dropped 12 x 500 H.E. and 360 x 4 incendiary bombs on Reggio and 6 x 500 H.E. and 180 x 4 D Incendiary on Syracuse. Results not observed. 340,000 leaflets over Reggio and Ca Anzaro. 29 Wellingtons dropped 58 tons H.E. Pantellaria, explosions and fires. 4 June. Pantellaria. 18 U.S. Marauders (B.26) dropped 45 x 1000 H.E. from 11,000 feet direct hit on battery. Escort 18 or 14 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) dropped 13 x 1,000 H.E. from 3,000 feet hits in target area. 18 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) dropped 52 x 1,000 H.E. from 8,600 to 9,500, no direct hits. Escort 14 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) dropped 14 x 1,000 H.E. from 3,000 feet hits on target area. 20 U.S. Fortresses (B.17) 1 returned early, dropped 114 x 1,000 H.E. from 20,000 feet. Hits on town. Explosions and fires. 27 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) dropped 26 x 1,000 H.E. from 1,500 to 2,500 feet. Near misses on guns Milo aerodrome. 30 U.S. Lightnings (P.38), 4 returned early, 22 x 1,000 H.E. dropped from 2,000 feet. 3 Hangars left burning. 2 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) collided and crashed into sea in flames. N.W.A. Tactical F. June 3. (Additional) Pantellaria attacked by 6 Bostons escort 12 U.S. Spitfires. June 4. Pantellaria. 7 Missions totalling 55 sorties U.S. Warhawks (P.40) (O.90) dropped 36 x 500 H.E. from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Direct hits near misses. 1 aircraft returned early.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 051507, 052020B.)

Convoys K.M.S.15/U.G.S.8A. Algiers section arrived 41 ships. K.M.S.15 as in F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 31109 and 311752 amended by 012100 and 030105 and C. in C. Med. 281710 and 031646 plus Levant. U.G.S.8A arrived as in C. in C. Med. 272150 plus GALLIUM, CHATEAU LATOUR, MARION M. BOVARD, (for Bone) and JOHN HARVEY, C. in C. Med. 311020 (not to all addressees) HANTIETAM not arrived. (Com. Algiers 051613B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav (R) Connob Oran.)

Movements Arrived TORFINN JARL, ALMENARA, with escorts. Philippeville (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 051631B to Admty. etc.)

Port Said 5th Port Said arrivals. Movements. SOEMBA, ANTWERP, MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH, ROMEO, BURRA, L.S.Ts. 416, 415, 414, 411, 404, 368, 367, 323. Departures KOEMBA, ANTWERP, BURRA, ROMEO, R.F.A. PEARLEAF, L.S.Ts. 416, 414, 404, 368, 367, 323, 416, 414, 404, 368, 367, 323 M.) (N.O.I.C. Port Said 051703C to Admty, G. in C. Levant.)

/N.A.A.F....

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N.A.A.F. Report. Addressed Etousa for action. Interior addresses to C.G. Eighth Air Force, to C.G. Ninth Air Force, from Spaatz A.G. N.R. 6199 to Eaker and Brereton.

1. 26 P.38s escorted by 24 P.38s dropped 22 x 1,000 lb. bombs from 2,000 feet on Milo Aerodrome. Target area well covered, 3 hangars left burning.
2. 18 B.26s escorted by 14 P.38s, 18 B.25s escorted by 14 P.38s 19 B.17s, 27 P.38s dropped 264 x 1,000 lb. bombs on assigned targets, town and docks of Pantellaria. Hits were scored on enemy positions, a large explosion and flames seen in town.
3. 55 P.40s of Tactical Air Force dropped 36 x 500 lb. bombs on Pantellaria with good results. Coastal carried out usual escort and patrol missions.
4. Night 3/4 June: 5 Wellingtons dropped 12 x 500 lb. and 360 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs on Tatanzara and 6 x 500 lb. 180 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs on Syracuse. Results not observed. 29 Wellingtons dropped 58 tons of bombs on town and docks of Pantellaria. Fires were visible and violent explosion. (N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv., 051847B.)

P.55 (UNSPARING.) Your escort will be trawler CAVA.

2. CLEOPATRA sails from Algiers 0600/6th to East.
3. 2 Landing Craft sail to westward mainland 0630.
4. M.Ls. on patrol to east and west of Algiers. (Capt. S.8th 051900B to P.55 (UNSPARING).)

ASIAN replacement. Your 271733 May (replacement of ASIAN under Adana list.) M. of W.T. are providing replacement (Admty. 051909B to N.A. Ankara.)

Oilers. Your 031856B. Request confirmation that these oilers could not be accepted in lieu of three oilers in U.G.S.10 which could then come to U.K. (D. of S. 051940B to C. in C.Med.) Reply 081722.

Army Situation. Newtel No. 12. Situation review week ending including 4th June.

Adm. Tripoli. Average discharge week ending 1 June, 3520 tons, excluding bulk petrol of which 11000 tons discharged. On 29 and 30 May 5550 personnel disembarked and 2100 embarked incl 108 P.O.W. During this period 2350 tons loaded 900 tons forward 1450 backloaded to base. Benghazi Average daily discharge for 28 May - one June 960 tons. Air freight. Total lift by air Cairo to fwd. L.G's 9300 lbs. 62 personnel. Reserves Tripoli on 31 May all in tons packed M.T.petrol 15000, bulk M.T.petrol 1500. H.O.P. 4000. A.G.O.3800. S.U.P.S.17200. Amn. 18700. Aviation spirit 8800. O.S.stores 7000. All above excluding stocks still held forward reduction in stores convoys. On 21 May reserve situation Tripolitania stores en route or loaded enabled us reduce X.T.16 and M.K.S.15 (previously) X.T.17 by approx. 15000 tons each. Intention is future convoys from X.T.G.2 load to approx. 1000 tons per day.

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Army
Situation
(Contd.)

10. Boundaries. Eighth Army handed over area up to Tunisian frontier to First Army with effect 0600 hours 1st June.
(C. in C.M.E. 052000C to W.O.)

Malta Air
Report.

A.I.575, 5 June. A. Air Part 1, Offensive. Night 4th/5th June. 1 Wellington made armed search for enemy shipping along east coast of toe of Italy. Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over east and west Sicily and in the Taranto Area. Day 5th June. Nil.

Part 2 Enemy Air Activity. Night 4/5 June.

3 Beaufighters made interception patrol north of Malta and east of Sicily.

Day 5th June. 32 Spitfires airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta.
(A.H.Q. Malta 052010Z.)

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals WHEATLAND, LAMERTON, WILTON, TRANSVAAL, L.S.T.302. Departures VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE, FOXTROT, PIROUETTE, SPEEDWELL, arrived and sailed HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, VETCH, HUSSAR, HENGIST, WISHART, ASHANTI.
(Cdre. Algeria 052013B to Admty. etc.)

S/Ms Algiers.

Arrivals submarines SICKLE (P.224), CASABLANCA (French) Departure SHAKESPEARE (221.)
(Com.Algeria 052016B to Admty. etc.)

ULTOR,
UNBROKEN.

Following is a repetition of my 051444 begins:
C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8, (R) C. in C.Levant, Capt. S.1, 8th S/M F. 10th S/M F. From Capt. S. 10. Intend to sail P.53 (ULTOR) at 1700/6th routed through position S. to arrive position P.

at about 1200/8th for patrols as ordered by Capt. S.8.
2. P.42 (UNBROKEN) at 1700/6th routed through 035° 14' 015° 35' at 0800/7th and 038° 24' 017° 32' at 0001/10th for patrol in zone Q. Ends.

(Capt. S.10 052025B to 8th S/M F. 10th S/M F.)
(Capt. S.8 052228B to S/Ms on patrol.)

Haifa
Movements.

Arrival 5th June G.S. AETOS, G.S.IERAX, CUMBRAE, ISLAY.
Departure 5th June G.S. AETOS, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, SAINT JOHN.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 052043C, 060813 to Admty. C. in C.Levant.)

Movements.

Sailed ALDENHAM, SAKTOURIS, FALK, KLO, L.S.T.413, L.C.T.100, 1132/-3, 158.
(S.N.O.Tripolitania 052104B to Admty. (R) R.A. Alexandria.)

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Combined Operation, French Personnel. Your 011755 para. 4. It is not desired that French personnel should be returned to England to be trained as Combined Operational Craft crews, but possibly you might consider it satisfactory if a limited number of French personnel were formed into Landing Craft crews in Mediterranean, trained locally and employed as French Units on appropriate occasions. Admiralty wish to leave a decision in this matter to your discretion. (D. of P. 052104B to C. in C.Med.)

Tobruk Movements. Arrived 4th L.C.T. 138. Arrived 5th MAPLE. Sailed 5th L.C.T. 138 for Derna. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 052130C to Admty.)

Movements Bougie. Arrivals FOULA, HUNDA, ISIS, ILEX, M.Ls. 480, 338, 575, BISCAYNE, SENTINEL. Departure FOULA and HUNDA. (?N.O.I.C. Bougie 052152B to C. in C.Med. Admty. etc.)

Sfax Movements. Arrivals PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA. (N.O.I.C. Sfax 052201B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.Levant.)

TROOPER, Operation "Tiger". X Operation "Tiger" successful. All but two now landed in Fol Boats, assault craft previously damaged by weather. Very light air patrol, no surface patrols met, no Italian coastal shipping encountered. Trans-Adriatic traffic moving by night arriving Bari soon after daybreak at end swept channel in position 040° Boca Grande 6 miles. Missed one ship here. (TROOPER 052251B to Capt. S.10th S.F. (R) Capt. S.1st S.F. C. in C.M.F. A.M.P.314.)

Malta Movements. Arrivals L.C.Ts. 313, 317, 318, 325, 341, 354, 361, 308, 446. NEWFOUNDLAND, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE, PETARD. Departures GLOXINIA, L.S.Ts. 303, 401, 403 JERVIS, UNISON, UNSEEN, EURYALUS, PALADIN, TROUBRIDGE. (V.A.Malta 052351, 060954 to Admty. C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.)

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East Indies.

VASNA. Your 040608 not to P.S.T.O. Middle East refers. H.S.VASNA sails for Alexandria 6th June. (P.S.T.O. India 050935Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) P.S.T.O.M.E. C. in C.Med. Admty.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM. NIEUW AMSTERDAM E.T.A. Aden 100530Z requirements Suez. Embarked Colombo 216 Ceylonese troops. Disembarked Colombo 3150 U.S. troops. (S.S.T.O. Ceylon 051027 to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) D. of S.T. D.S.T.O. Suez, D.S.T.O. Aden.)

Convoy P.B.43. Bombay portion arrived. (N.C.S.O. Bombay 051048Z to Admty.)

Eastern Fleet Destroyer to Med. A.M. 161746 April para. 2 (Hush - N.T. in W.D.) You are requested to send one fully efficient Fleet Destroyer to the Mediterranean. She should be sailed for Suez as early as practicable for special work up. 2. RAPID is being relieved by a fast escort from U.K. as soon as possible and will then come under your orders. (V.C.N.S. 051335B to C. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.) W.D. Note - RAIDER selected, see 070828.

SUSSEX. Colombo departure 5th 1033Z SUSSEX. (F.O. Ceylon 051400Z to Admty.)

Scale of Defence. / (A). Addu Atoll, (B) Diego Garcia, (C) Cocos Islands. (Hd. of M.II 052320B to C. in C.E.F.) See Lion Copy.

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MOST SECRET · M E S S A G E 052320B June OUT

Addressed C.in C. Eastern Fleet Date 5.6.43.
Repeated B.A.D. Washington
F.O.C.R.I.N.
F.L.O. Delhi
F.O. Ceylon
R.A.N.A.S.I.O.
Australian Commonwealth N.B.
N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll
N.O.I.C. Diego Garcia.

NAVAL CYPHER (C)

Base Defences

From Admiralty.

IMPORTANT

Following is summary revised scale of defences approved by C.O.S. for (A) Addu Atoll, (B) Diego Garcia, (C) Cocos Islands. Paper follows mail.

(A) ADDU ATOLL

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

1. Function. Occasional fleet fuelling base and temporary base for flying boats.

2. Scale of Attack. Likely to be limited to attacks by one or more armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance, armed merchant cruisers or submarines.

3. Air Raid Intelligence.

One T.R.U. Station - Heratera

One C.O.L. Station - Gan
(180 ft. tower)

4. Airfield requirements. Airfield Gan Island to be developed for operations two disembarked F.A.A. Squadrons.

5. A.A. Guns. Heavy - 4
Light - 8

6. Coast and Local Defences.

Recommended scales.

Midu	-	2.6 in. (Naval)
Gan	-	2.6 in. (Naval)
Gan	-	4.12. pdr.
Hittadu	-	2.6 in. (Naval)
Wilingili	-	1.4 in. (Naval)
Wilingili	-	2.12. pdr.
Kanda	-	2.12. pdr.

7. Land Defence. Responsibility C.in C., India.

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8. Naval Defences. Controlled minefield covering Northern and Southern entrance. Indicator nets.

9. Operations Room. Naval operations room with V.H.F., R/T and Homing facilities. Arrangements for initiation air raid warnings and co-ord shore defences with A.A. fire of ships in harbour. Land lines to R.D.F. system, controlled mining station, Port war signal station.

10. Command. Officer Commanding Base to be appointed by C.in C., Eastern Fleet, in consultation C.in C., India.

B. DIEGO GARCLA

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

1. Function. Harbour may be used for fuelling light craft and flying boats on detachment.

2. Scale of attack. Limited to attack by armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance from armed merchant cruisers or submarines.

3. Airfield Requirements Nil.

4. Anti-aircraft Defences Nil.

5. Naval Defences Nil.

6. Coast Defences. Eclipse Point - 2.6 in. (Naval)

7. Land Defences. Responsibility C.in C. India.

8. Command. Commander to be an Army Officer of appropriate rank.

C. COCOS ISLANDS

Following does not repeat not cover R.A.F. facilities required for protection sea routes for which plans already prepared.

Owing present relative immunity these islands, and value attached continued use cable station, no repeat no action should be taken liable attract enemy attention, or indicate importance attached islands.

1. Function. Cable station and emergency base for flying boats.

2. Scale of Attack. Bombardments by cruisers. Attacks armed merchant cruisers, submarines and midget submarines which may be preceded by aircraft reconnaissance from cruisers, armed merchant cruisers or submarines. Landings small raider-borne force object occupying island and/or destroying installations.

Note:- To prevent preliminary bombardment by ships would require scale coast defence guns higher than practicable to provide or maintain. Also would be useless provide infantry garrison strong enough guarantee security islands, without providing adequate protection against preliminary sea or air bombardment. Also there is

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insufficient space and inadequate maintenance facilities for large garrison. Garrison should be sufficient merely prevent unopposed occupation by small Japanese raiding force.

Considered own fleet must be regarded primary means defence these islands.

- 3. Airfield Requirements. Nil
- 4. Anti-aircraft Defences. Six Light guns
Implemented discretion C.in C. India.
- 5. Naval Defences. Nil
- 6. Coast Defences. Two 6 in. (Naval) Horsburgh Island.
- 7. Land Defences. Responsibility C.in C. India.
- 8. Command. Commander to be Army Officer appropriate rank.

052320B
for Hd. of M.(II) (Ext. 1136).

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| 1st S.L.(2) | |
| Controller | D.B.D. |
| Vice Controller | D.O.D.(F)(2) |
| 4th S.L. | D.N.I.(4) |
| 5th S.L. | D.O.D.(H)(2) |
| V.C.N.S. | D.S.D.9.(2) |
| A.C.N.S.(H) | D.of P.(2) |
| A.C.N.S.(F)(2) | D.of P.(O)(2) |
| A.C.N.S.(UT)(2) | D.D.I.C.(2) |
| A.C.N.S.(W) | Hd. of M.(12) |
| A.C.N.S.(A)(2) | I.P.(2) |
| Civil Lord | W.D. |
| Secretary | D.N.O. |
| Nav. Sec. | D.of L.D. |
| U.W.R. | Dep. Contr.(10) |
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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

Convoy Q.S.51. My 041554 and 041559. Q.S.51 sailed 0300Z June 5th passed Red Islet 1830Z June 5th. 7 ships, less LORNASTON did not sail boiler trouble. (N.C.S.O. Quebec, 050005Z to N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B.)

Convoy C.L.68. E.T.A. 1100Z at position D. 015° flat point 20 miles. 3 merchant ships present DRAKEPOOL, IMPEROIL (Cdore) ATLANTIDA. FORT WILLIAM will escort convoy from position D. of Sydney C.B. Harbour entrance. Her boiler hours at 1500Z. (CHICOUTIMI, 050030Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. June 4th 1943. Arrivals ST. FRANCIS ex Halifax. Departures GRENADIER Tug EMINENT to H.X.242. GEORGIAN to J.N.30. KAMLOOPS, H.M.N.S.KING HAAKON VII to Sydney C.B. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 050033Z to Admty)

New Orleans arrived 3rd June ALGONQUIN (U.S.A.T.) (N.S.H.Q. 051933Z to Admty)

U/B. Submarine by sound contact in 042° 22' N. 066° 30' W. at 2355Z/4th. (C. in C. C.N.A. 050050Z to Connnav, Admty, etc.) My 050050 for 042° 22' N. read 044° 22' N. (C. in C. C.N.A. 050230Z to G.B.7A)

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. E.T.A. 2300Z/5th. (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, 050100Z to Cdre. i/c Halifax, N.S. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q.)

Sweeping of U.S. Mines. Your 031156. Presume reference to existing actuations in para. 2 takes account of 3 or 4 looks even though their use is at present forbidden without special permission. (2) Only addition or alteration to mine now contemplated is inclusion of sterilizer, when available. (B.A.D. 050145Z to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F., C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant.)

U.S. S/M Notice. S/M Estimate 5th June. (Cominch, 050200Z, 051520Z, 051521Z, 051606Z, 051607Z, 051608Z, 052110Z)

Minesweeping Halifax. Mine bag today June 4th four in number. Three put up by S.A/L.L. Sweepers in positions (1) 44° 17' 40" N. 63° 32' 40" W. (2) 44° 17' 50" N. (3) 44° 16' 20" N. 63° 25' 40" W. All were actuated by Blue Pulse but as mine recovered is Bipolar this may be coincidence. One

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Minesweeping mine exploded spontaneously in 63° 13' 20", 44° 25' 40" one mile beam of Oropesa sweepers not operating S.A. Foregoing is in addition to following four mines disposed of yesterday 3rd June. One by gunfire 44° 22' N. 63° 11' W, one by Oropesa 44° 27' N. 63° 14' W. One recovered. One presumed to have sank SS. HALMA. (C. Halifax, 050245Z to Admty, N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., Cominch, C.E.S.F., C. in C. I.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Shelburne.)

Dispositions. My 041550Z Section South West add Jamaica PRODUCER 2300Z. Position 043° 30' 066° 20' 261° 15' altered to 225° in 069° 02' West and 180° 070° 19' W. (C. in C. C.N.A., 050350Z to Admty)

Convoy B.S.46 consisting of 3 ships and escorts returned to port. Escorts developed engine trouble further signal will follow. (R.O. Cornerbrook, 050428Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney) My 041207 and 050428 MISCOU effected repairs B.S.46 sailed late 13 hours. (R.O. Cornerbrook, 051102Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney)

U/B's My 301952 (N.T. in W.R.) following additional information has been received from American Army Greenland (Begins) Pilot saw what he believed to be wake of several submerged subs. just prior to sighting surfaced crafts distance approximately three miles. Surfaced crafts numbering between six and ten were all small no definite estimate of size. Each of the subs. had one conning tower one forward deck gun. One sub. had two conning towers and may have been mother ship. No evidence of refuelling or similar activities. Information is given from only a brief glimpse of the objects by the pilot. The subs. crash dived before any number further observations could be made. Original information evaluated A.2. this additional information A.3 evaluation (ends) (C. in C. C.N.A. 050510Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) A.C.I.C. Connv, Cdr. (D) W.A., Admty. N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Cdre. (D) Argentia.)

Movements	Ship	Position.	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol.	Blank.
1800	(D.O.D.(F), 050945Z to Opnav (R) Commaveu)			
G.M.T. 5th.				

NORSEMAN. Kingston 0030/6 Cable vessel NORSEMAN escorted by C.G.83383 repairing cable in (O) 6th June knots (A) 10 (B) 11 (N) 017° 53' N. 076° 07' W. (O) 18.06. 76.06 (N) 017.53 N. 076. 07 W. (O) 18.06 76.06 Reference (P) Kingston. (Q) GUANTANAMO days 20. (B.R.O. Kingston, 051100Q to Admty)

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- Waxo
Trials. Your 031557 this has been arranged in HURRICANE. He should arrived St. Johns June 11th. Admiral Osborne request three additional copies "Waxo 3" be sent with him.
(F.O.N.F. 051112Z to B.R.L.O. New York (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A., C. in C.C.N.A.)
- Adml. Osborne and Commander Hodgson sailed St. Johns with C.1 group in ITCHEN.
(F.O.N.F.051150Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty.)
- G.A.T.65. Arrived.
(B.R.L.O.Trinidad, 051203 to Admty)
- Convoy
H.S.89. Arrived less TOVELIL.
(N.C.S.O.Sydney, 051223Z to Admty)
- Fast
Troop
Convoys,
diversion. Your 031538Z. This will be done when possible, but, as re-routeing is normally ordered as a matter of urgency, it will not therefore be practicable to do this on every occasion.
(D.O.D.(H), 051250B to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) Cominch (C. and R.), N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A.)
- Planes
for
Biscay
Patrol. X051307Z. Cominch 042244 addressed for action to Admiralty and for information B.A.D. and Comnavu, informs as follows: This refers to my 041302. (Circulated as 041604. Re transfer of Patrol Squadron - N.T. in W.D.) It is hoped that the planes thus made available will enable you to increase your Bay of Biscay forces. If they would relieve an equal number of planes that you can use on the Bay, I am further prepared to send a squadron of P.V.1 to Iceland C.
(Comnavu, 051307Z to Admty)
- N.S.H.Q.
S/M
Estimate. N.S.H.Q.Ottawa estimate of submarines North of 040° N.W. of 040° West 1200Z/5th.
(N.S.H.Q. 051433Z)
- LE TERRIBLE. My 031632 LE TERRIBLE carried out exercises off St. Thomas and departed 4th June destination unknown.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 051424Q to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.At., N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.)
- Convoy
C.L.68. Arrived less (Sw) FREDEN.
(N.C.S.O.Sydney, 051503Z to Admty)
- U.G.S.
Convoys
intervals,
for sailing. X15 day intervals will be continued for U.G.S. Convoys up to and including U.G.S.13 on July 27. 10 day intervals for sailing of subsequent convoys.
(Cominch, 051523 to C. in C. Lant. (R) Com. 3, Com.4, Com. 5, C.E.S.F. B.A.D. P.D.Norfolk, F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. N.O.B.Bermuda etc)
U.G.S.9 /...

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- U.G.S.9. U.G.S.9 alter course forthwith for New Y. 27 N. 42 W. thence W. no change in stragglers route. (Connav, 051543Z to C.T.F.69 (R) C. in C. Lant, Admty, N.S.H.Q.)
- Convoy H.X.239. H.X.239 Average speed 9.03 knots. Off Oversay 270030Z. All arrived. (D.T.D. 051638B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.W.A.)
- Convoy S.C.131. S.C.131. Average speed 8.32 knots. Off Oversay at 301200Z. All arrived. (D.T.D. 051639B to Connav, N.S.H.Q., (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.W.A.)
- Group System, Support Group. A.M. 250050 May. Following proposals have been received from C. in C. W.A. (Begins):
"(a) In order to retain the full flexibility of the Group System and for the purpose of esprit de corps it is proposed to retain the old Escort Group identities for all Groups. (b) To avoid complications in appointments and the chain of command it is also proposed to abandon the term "Support Group" and to introduce "Support Force". A Support Force will consist of one or more Escort Groups and may be joined by one or more Escort Carriers or other ships. The Support Force will be under the orders of the Senior Officer present. To make Support Forces doubly distinctive they will be identified by double letters. The forming and disbanding of a Support Force will be promulgated by General Signal". (Ends.)
(2) Subject to the approval of U.S. authorities it is proposed to concur with these proposals.
(D.O.D.(H), 051736B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.)
- Convoy S.C.133. Departure LEAMINGTON, MONCTON, MATAPEDIA, ESQUIMALT, HEPATICA escorting S.C.133. (C. Halifax, 051740 to Admty etc.)
Sailing telegram Part 2. (49 ships, list, destinations etc.).
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 051747Z to Admty)
- S.C.133. Escort Oilers.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 051802Z to Admty.)
- ACADIA. Departing New York, 1830Z June 5 at Ambrose U.S.A. H.S. ACADIA Oran. E.T.A. 0130Z June 14. S. of A. 17.5 knots. Ocean route positions and letter designations. No "chop" Gibraltar.
Absolutely no codes held. H.F. regular watch. Diversion in plain English. Running with lights. No position reports. Unarmed.
(P.D. New York, 051856 to Cominch, G.R. (R) F.O.C.W.A.F., Admty. N.S.H.Q. UNICORN, Cdr. N.W.A. S.F., C. in C. Med. Cmdt. 3rd U.S. Nav. Dist. New York. C.E.S.F., N.O.B. Oran, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. U.S. N.O.B. Bermuda)
U.S.A.H.S. ACADIA? departed Ambrose 1838Z June 5th.
S. of A. 17.5. E.T.A. Oran, 0130Z June 14.
(P.D. New York, 052216Z to Cominch C. & R. (R) Admty etc.)

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U/B activity South and S.W. Pacific. Your 031510. I talked with Adml. King on this matter today. He informed me as follows. (2) In his opinion the submarine menace in South and South West Pacific does not appear to be a sustained effort. An extra destroyer division has been sent to join Admiral Carpenter's forces in Australia. There is ample protection both surface and air if used. King is not unduly pessimistic but is keeping a very watchful eye on the whole situation. (3) He hinted to me that McArthur was not using his A/C enough against Submarines but was contenting himself with bombing New Guinea. (4) My general information is that except for occasional convoys the convoy system is not being adopted at the moment and it is the opinion air protection can be described as casual.

(B.A.D., 051850Z to Admty)

Convoy H.F.58. (1) Sailing Telegram (10 Ships, list etc.) (2) Halifax 1900Z/5. (3) E.T.A. St. John N.B. 1500Z/7. (4) 7.5 knots. (5) (Route) (6) NIPIGON, NANAIMO. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 052005Z, 052007Z to Admty)

T.A. 45 (MARIPOSA) Convoy T.A. 45. Comprising U.S. MARIPOSA sailed from U.K. 4th June for U.S.A. (2) Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa. (D. of S.T. 052025B to B.A.D. Washington, B.M.W.T. New York, (R) N.S.H.Q.)

B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. 210, 69, 188, 189 departed BOSTON in company June 5th at 1245 Q en route Halifax via coastal route to Brazil Whistle Buoy thence to 44 (708) N. 63.16 west thence by Q.J.A. 51 to destination. Speed 10. Guard Louisburg 5502 .5 kilocycles between 2200 and 1200Z. (C.T.G. 02.1 052025Z to C.E.S.F.)

SCYTHIA. SCYTHIA ex convoy M.K.F.15 is due New York about 9/6 for repairs. (D. of S.T. 052030B to B.M.W.T. New York, (R) B.A.D.)

Sub. attack and sighting Summary. All times Z. Para. A. Aircraft attacks sub. 30.18 N. 42.50 W. 0900/5. Aircraft attack subs. 32.28 N. 43.10 W. and 31.50 N. 43.21 W. about 1842/4. Aircraft attacks sub. course south 33.08 N. 43.36 W. 1930/4. Para. C. U.S.S. IMPULSE attacks sound contacts. 36.21 N. 73.58 W. 0004/5.

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Sub.attack and sighting Summary (Contd.) U.S.S. ICARUS attacks sound contact area 25.26 N. 79.44 W. 0130/5. Para. D. P.C.455 sound contact 44.22 N. 66.30 W. 2355/4. Sound contact area 32.12 N. 64.30 W. 1515/4. Cominch, 052053Z to Admty)

Convoy F.H.8A. Pre-sailing telegram. (A) Saint John N.B. 1900Z 6th. (B) MAGDALEN. (C) 5 ships. (D) 40 hours. (N.C.S.O. Saint John N.B. 052256Z to Admty)

Escorts for QUEEN ELIZABETH. My 190047 May paras. 4 and 5 Cominch can now provide 1 destroyer as part escort from Norfolk to Bermuda. Intend BAZELEY remain at Bermuda and join escort from there. (B.A.D. 052321Z to S.B.N.O. W.At. (R) Admty.)

GEORGIAN. E.T.A. 1030Z/6. Boiler hours 2. Your 051906 (N.T. in W.R.) ships referred to did not R/V. (GEORGIAN, 052325 to F.O.C.N. (R) Capt. (D) St. Johns N.F.)

German Mine, Halifax. X Further to and in correction of my 040510, herewith further particulars German buoyant magnetic mine recovered off Halifax. (C. in C. C.N.A. 052340 to N.S.H.Q.)

Bomber Offensive, Analysis. U.S.398R. 9242 5th June. For: O.G. E.T.O. Usfor London. From: Joint Chiefs of Staff. (1) On this date, at a meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, it was agreed that periodic analyses should be made of effects of Combined bomber offensive from U.K. (2) British Air Ministry will be asked by British Chiefs of Staff to initiate these analyses in co-operation with General Eaker. (Agwar, No. T.O.O. to H.Q. Etousa.)

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- HERMITAGE. U.S. ship HERMITAGE departed Port Phillip 4th. S.O.A. 16.3 knots E.T.A. Wellington 1200L/9th. (A.C.N.B. 050354Z to Admty. Connav, N.Z.N.B. Cdr. 3rd U.S. Fleet.)
- Convoy C.O. 98 Departure 5th Sydney Section Convoy C.O. 98 comprising four ships U.S.S. GOLD STAR for Fremantle, SHELDON, JACKSON for Aden and Suez, JUAN FLACO BROWN for Colombo and Calcutta, SWIFT ARROW for Abadan. (N.C.S.O. Sydney 050405Z to Admty.)
- Movements. Arrivals Nil. Departures Townsville 4th U.S. Destroyer PLUSSEY, Thursday Island 4th, LATROBE Sydney 4th, GOLLBURN, Fremantle 4th U.S. Seaplane Tender CHILDS Cairns 3rd GYMPIE, Exmouth Gulf 3rd (corrupt group.) (A.C.N.B. 050636Z to A.I.G.115, Admty.)
- Digest serial 3. Aircraft E.Q. Klute (as received) Wewak No. 501 June 4. observed many moving lights in Ramu River southwest of Matang and also in Sepik River from thirty miles inland to mouth. After dawn 3 small well camouflaged merchantmen, 1 escort vessel sighted heading into Sepik River.
10. Two B.25s bombed Koepang evening while two Liberators reported nil shipping at Lautem and dropped bombs in vicinity.
11. Allied merchant vessel EDWARD CHAMBERS exchanged gunfire with surfaced enemy submarine 27° 17' S. 153° 59' E. 0052/4. Vessel ?later reached port.
13. Five Beaufighters attacking Tagerfane afternoon 4th intercepted by 8 to 9 Floatplanes whereof 1 probably destroyed and 2 damaged. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 050654Z.)
- SHROPSHIRE. My 281732 May para. 2 not to Admiralty. As far as can be forecast Admiralty desire, subject to Naval Board agreement, that SHROPSHIRE escort W.S. convoy leaving U.K. mid August. This will entail about 2 months passage time. Request Naval Board views. (SHROPSHIRE 051014B to A.C.N.B. (R) Admty. N.L.O. Australia House London.) Cancelled see SHROPSHIRE 070924Z.
- Air-Navy Action in Solomons. Destroyer sunk. Washington, June 6. The following report was issued today by the Navy Department:- South Pacific. In the early morning of Saturday a formation of Flying Fortresses bombed Japanese installations at Kahili, in the Buin area. At about noon on the same day a formation of Dauntless dive-bombers and Avenger torpedo-bombers escorted by Warhawk, Corsair, and Lightning fighters, attacked a Japanese destroyer, corvette, and cargo vessel in the Bougainville area. Several hits by large bombs were scored on the destroyer, which undoubtedly sank. The corvette and the cargo vessel were also set on fire. (The Times, 5.6.43)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 051412B, 051418B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Irish Sea
Escort
Force.

X 1. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven has today taken over from F.O.C.N.I. the operational control of the Irish Sea Escort Force.

Landing
Craft
for
Gibraltar.

X 2. Flight F. of Landing Craft, consisting of 23 T.L.C.(4), 3 L.C.F.(3), 15 M.F.V's, 3 Boom Defence Vessels, 2 Tugs, and one M/V., escorted by 5 Trawlers, left Plymouth at 1249B today for Gibraltar.

Landing
Craft
Flight K.

3. The Destroyers ORKAN and IROQUOIS escorting PRINS ALBERT to Gibraltar are to part company with her at last light today and proceed to cover Flight K of Landing Craft escorted by COLUMBINE during daylight tomorrow.

SARGASSO
Sunk.

4. The dan-laying Yacht SARGASSO was mined and sunk off St. Albans Head today.

Eastbourne
bombed.

X 5. Eastbourne was attacked by about 12 A/C at 1330 today and an observation-hut at Beachy Head was damaged by M.G. fire. Naval property at Eastbourne was damaged, but there were no naval casualties and 2 of the enemy A/C are reported shot down.

QUEEN
MARY.

6. The SS. QUEEN MARY arrived in the Clyde at 2240B today with 14,841 personnel from New York.

North Atlantic.

TRUSTY
damaged.

7. S/M TRUSTY reported at 1207Z that she had been rammed by a Spanish merchant ship and had both periscopes out of action. Her noon position was 35.49 N. 11.47 W. She is returning on the surface to Gibraltar. ST. NECTAN, trawler, was sent to her assistance.

U/B.

8. A Wellington aircraft at 2304B sighted a fully surfaced U-Boat in 36.30 N. 02.13 W. The aircraft was damaged by flak on the run in, the second pilot and navigator wounded, and no attack was made.

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

U/B
Attacked
by BIBB.

9. The U.S. Coastguard cutter BIBB, escorting Convoy U.G.S.8A. reports having attacked a U-Boat at 1430 on 26th May in 34.26 N. 30.20 W. A look-out reports seeing debris thrown up with an explosion.

Bombing
in
Portuguese
territorial
Waters.

X 10. The master of SS. LLANCARVAN (bombed and sunk on 30th May) reports that his ship was within territorial waters at the time, being 2 miles off Cape St. Vincent. The C.O. of H.M. trawler HUDDERSFIELD TOWN fixed the position at 160° Cape St. Vincent 2 miles. The 2 aircraft appeared from N.W. and S.E. respectively. At no time were they seen to cross the coastline.

South Atlantic.

11. SS. CITY OF LILLE made an "S" report, which was intercepted by Simonstown and received in the Admiralty at 0908, from 31.05 S. 17.12 E.

12. SS. WILLIAM KING, American, 7176 tons, independently routed from Bahrein to Table Bay, was torpedoed and sunk at 11.30 G.M.T. in 30.34 S. 34.15 E. about 165 miles E. of Durban.

Mediterranean.

C. in C.
Levant.

X 13. On the hauling down of his flag as C. in C. Levant, Their Lordships have expressed to Admiral Leatham their appreciation of his valuable services both as F.O.I.C. Malta, during the most trying period of the siege and bombardment of the island, and also in his most recent command, which he assumed at the shortest notice without considering his personal convenience.

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grounding.

14. At 0134C, C. in C. Levant reported that the cruiser MAURITIUS was aground in Great Pass, Hydrographer Shoal, Alexandria. She was re-floated at 1350C and returned to Alexandria. On 7th June, C. in C. reported she would be ready for sea about 13th June.

ADVENTURE.

15. C. in C. Med. asks that ADVENTURE may be available for further trips to the Mediterranean during June and July.

Malta
Docks.

X 16. No 5 dock, Malta, was pumped out today, and the very extensive repairs to the masonry have proved highly successful. The clearance of masonry and debris abreast of the major damage is being begun immediately.

Air
Operations.

17. 50 U.S. Liberators attacked the railway ferry termini at Messina, San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria this morning. At Messina, bursts were seen on the railway sidings, near the naval barracks, and oil installations in the harbour area. Direct hits were scored on the terminus at San Giovanni, and at Reggio bursts were seen south of the terminus and near a ferry boat.

20 Middle East Wellingtons attacked Pantellaria from 2040Z to 0155 last night dropping 38 tons of bombs. Two Hurricanes also machine gunned buildings in Pantellaria Harbour. Today, the bombing of Pantellaria was continued by Warhawks, Lightnings and Marauders of the Strategical Air Force, and Bostons, Mitchells and Baltimores of the Tactical Air Force.

East Indies.

Cruisers.

18. If CARADOC is employed as gunnery ship at Durban, Deputy C. in C. E.F. considers that another C or D class cruiser will be required. The withdrawal of the armed merchant cruisers, whose endurance and good sea-keeping qualities have proved them to be such valuable ocean escorts, and has hitherto freed the cruisers for fleet training, will be felt.

G/R
Sqdns.

19. The Air Ministry have sent two recent directions affecting G/R operations in the Bay of Bengal area. No 36 Wellington G/R Squadron

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East Indies.

G/R
Sqdns.
(Contd.)

is to proceed forthwith to the Mediterranean Air Command to reinforce medium range G/R anti U-Boat operations in that area. A second long range G/R Liberator Squadron in the East Indies Command is to form as No.354 Sqdn. or Liberator V. aircraft about August or September.

America and West Indies.

Mines,
Halifax.

X 20. Eight more mines were disposed of off Halifax today, making a total of 22, and one ~~one~~ recovered.

Australia and New Zealand.

Hospital
Ships.

X 21. The Japanese have lodged a protest against six alleged attacks on hospital ships in the Far East, and A.C.N.B. and C. in C. E.F. have been asked for information.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Irish
Sea
Escort
Force.

X C. in C. W.A.012111 and F.O.I.C.N.I. 051540.
June 6th is convenient date. Have accordingly
assumed operational control of Irish Sea Escort
Force. (2) Force at present comprises 3rd A/A
Group consisting of P.C.74 and ROSEMARY. 8th A/S
Group (Trawlers) A/S Whalers SOUTHERN BREEZE
and SOUTHERN SPRAY and 4 A/S Trawlers KINGSTON
BERYL, HELIER 11, PAUL RYKENS and SETTER.
(F.O.I.C.Milford Haven, 061315B to F.O.C.N.I.)

QUORN.

My 020005 May. In view of future commitments
on East Coast request QUORN, who is due for
refit, be returned to C. in C. Nore during week
ending 12th June.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 061418B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

COLOMBO.

COLOMBO is allocated to the Mediterranean Fleet.
(2) Request you will signal as soon as possible
on what date it is estimated that she will be
ready for service.
(D.O.D.(H), 061509B to C.S.10)

Defence of U.K.

London
Defences.

Ref. A.M.041550 additional risk to London Docks
in event of heavy air raids is inevitable.
(2) Under existing scale of enemy mining and
aircraft attack in London area the risk is small
and no objection is seen from naval point of
view at present.
(C. in C. Nore, 061400B to Admty)

Movements.

MEYNELL,
LIMBOURNE.

Arrived MEYNELL, LIMBOURNE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 060544B)

S/M
Movements.

My 031030B. Sailed (UNTIRING).
(Capt. S.6, 060605)
Capt. (S) 6's 031030B. Intend sailing STELLA
PEGASI so as to R/V P.59 for escort to 000°
Shiant Isles 4 miles, E.T.A. 2000B/7th June.
(A.C.O.S.061158B)

Arrival of TRUSTY in U.K. is delayed. F.O.C. West Africa
281500 May, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 301856 May and 021509 June refers.
(F.O.S.061546B to Admty)

My 201628 April. Amend dates of USURPER and UNIVERSAL
leaving U.K. to 8th June and approximately 20th June respectively.
(2) Add SURF about 28th June to 8 S/M Flotilla, ULTIMATUM about
12th July to 10th S/M Flotilla. TALLY HO about 15th July to

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Movements.

S/M 1st S/M Flotilla.
Movements. (F.O.S. 061708B, to Admty)
(Contd.) Positions of S/M's at 0800B/7 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 061714B, 071419B, 072151B)

Add to my 061728 in P/L UNTIRING escorted by M.L.454 4 miles south 28 buoy 10 knots north.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 061727 to Admty)

SEVERN escorted by WHITE BEAR will be on passage South in Irish Sea to-night.

(C. in C. W.A. 061939B to PRINCESS IRIS)

DUKE OF Intend to proceed to Akureyri in DUKE OF YORK
YORK, with SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, FURIOUS, BERWICK,
SOUTH SCYLLA, MILNE, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE, OBEDIENT,
DAKOTA, ECHO, MIDDLETON, ELLYSON, RODMAN, EMMONS,
ALABAMA, MACOMB, FITCH passing Hvalfiord Gate at 0040Z/7th
FURIOUS, June. (2) Route by Swept Channel. S.O.A.
BERWICK, 18 knots to Straumnes thence as necessary for
SCYLLA. exercise and to pass Hrisey Island at 2045Z/7th
June.
(C. in C. H.F. 061227B to Admty)

CHARYBDIS. Arrived CHARYBDIS.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061244B)

Landing X Sailed Flight F. at 1100B/6th for Gibraltar
Craft consisting of T.L.C. (4) 535, 536, 538, 540, 542,
Flight F. 580, 581, 582, 601, 614, 617, 702, 563, 589,
590, 591, 592, 594, 595, 587, 579, 625, 849 M.F.V.
12, 33, 42, 65, 66, 67, 68, 54, 59, 60, 69, 25,
71, 72, 34 Landing Craft F. (3) 5, 6. B.D/V
BARBERRY, H.M.S. BAROVA, BARNABY. SS. EMPIRE DAMSEL. Tugs
HUDSON, SCHELDE, Escorted by H.M. Tug SHEPPEY, ST. KILDA, ENSAY,
MOUSA and PRODUCT. (2) Routed as in Admiralty 1935/30th March
1943. (4) C. in C. Mediterranean is requested to signal onward
route from position N. (5) Codeword "Fisher".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061249B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)
My 061703. Flight F. will be in approx. 270° Long ships
4 miles at 0030.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 062229B to P.C.74)

NELSON. Your 0416B and NELSON's 051737. MATCHLESS
from Scapa and PANTHER from Londonderry will R/V
in position (M) at 081250B June.
(R.A.D. H.F. 061313B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

MATCHLESS proceed passing Switha 1630B/7 to R/V with NELSON, MET-
EOR, PANTHER and 2 Hunts in position (M) 055° 05' N. 005° 31' W.
at 1250B/8th. (2) When met 2 Hunts will be detached to return
to Plymouth. MATCHLESS take METEOR, PANTHER under his orders
and provide onward escort for NELSON to Scapa. (3) Codeword
for passage north HARRIS. (4) Cdre. Londonderry is requested
to sail PANTHER to comply with para.(1) above.
(R.A.D. H.F. 061315B)

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COLOMBO. Scapa Arrival COLOMBO.
(A.C.O.S.061402B)

ATHABASKAN, Arrived Akureyri 2200B/5th ATHABASKAN and
ECLIPSE. ECLIPSE.
(A.C.I.C. 061413B to C. in C. H.F.)

ADVENTURE. Your 022134 arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 061501B to F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar)

PRINS My 041321B. (1) ORKAN and IROQUOIS are to part
ALBERT. company with PRINS ALBERT at last light today
Landing and proceed to cover landing craft convoy
Craft escorted by COLUMBINE from first light 7th.
Convoy. (2) Estimated position of convoy at 0600/7th
045° 28' N. 014° 00' W. course 180° speed 10
knots. (3) At last light 7th or when fuel
necessitates ORKAN and IROQUOIS are to return
to Plymouth in company.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061555B to ORKAN, IROQUOIS)

ILLUSTRIOUS Admiralty 041240B/6th. Intend sailing ILLUSTRI-
OUS to Clyde 1700B/7th escorted by SHIKARI and
SCIMITAR. On passage ILLUSTRIOUS will work up
to full-power and carry out gunnery trial exercises
in North Channel and Irish Sea from approximately 7th to 10th
June. On conclusion of trials ILLUSTRIOUS will report her
E.T.A. to N.O.I.C.Greenock. Codeword "Master".
(N.O.I.C.Liverpool, 061701B)

Operations.

Coastal Plymouth's 051319 "Gibson" arrived.
Patrols. (N.O.I.C.Dartmouth, 060748B)
(1) Patrol A. CONQUEROR and M.L's 159, 155 and
304 are to patrol 6 miles 120° and 300° from
105°. Start 14 miles. (2) Codeword "Obstacle"
(3) Patrol B. M.G.B's 115 and 75 are to patrol 6 miles 090°
and 270° from 125° Eddystone 13 miles. (4) Codeword "Gibson".
(5) Above anti E-Boat patrols are to leave Dartmouth as
requisite to reach patrol line by 2330B, and leave patrol line
for Dartmouth 0430B. (6) Patrol C. M.T.B's 92 and 227 are
to patrol between 315° Sept Isles Light 8 miles and 045° Sept Isles
Light 8 miles. (7) Leave Dartmouth for Patrol 2145B. Speed
on passage 22 knots. Leave patrol to be within 20 miles
own coast by first light 7th. (8) Object. To intercept
enemy shipping. Codeword "Occasion". (10) Patrols are not
to enter area bound on north by Lat. 50° 5' and on West by
line Start to Les Heaux unless in contact with the enemy.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061357B)
(1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude 50° 25' N. between
00° 15' W and 01° 00' W. from 2330B to 0415B to be carried out.
(A) If weather calm by GREYSHARK, GREY FOX, M.G.B.611, 614, 615,
BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE, STEVENSTONE immediate notice at Yarmouth

(B) /...

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(B) If unsuitable for coastal force patrol by BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE, STEVENSTONE, M.G.B's immediate notice to Newhaven. (2) Decision will be signalled at about 1800B. (3) M.L.572, 464 patrol searched channel between F. and E A 5 buoys. (4) Communications. Codeword

"Advent"

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061524B)

M.L.269, 303 sail Portland 2215 for patrol 15 miles South Anvil Point returning daylight /7.

CONQUEROR, M.L.159, 155, 304 - sail Dartmouth 2230 to Patrol 150° Start Point 14.

M.G.B. 115, 75 sail Dartmouth 2130 to patrol 125 Eddystone 13.

M.T.B.92 and 227, - sail from Dartmouth 2145 to patrol south-westwards.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 061703B to A.I.G.31)

M.L's 138 and 137 at Bullock Bank.

M.G.B's 40 and 42 at Bullock Bank E.T.D. 2330 E.T.R. 0545/7.

M.L's 104, 101, 102, 108, 107, 213, 210, 573. 128 carrying out operation M.L. 86, route via D Buoy each way E.T.D. 2220

E.T.R. 0600/7. M.T.B's 210, 221, 202 and M.G.B's S2, S1, 41

at Number Four Buoy E.T.D. 2315 E.T.R. 0215/7. M.T.B's 204, 235,

231, from Dover E.T.D. 2330 and M.G.B's 117, 114, 108, 116,

from Ramsgate E.T.D. 2359 at 'V' Buoy E.T.R. Dover 0300/7

Ramsgate 0230/7 respectively.

(V.A. Dover, 061831B)

My 061524 para. (1). Carry out patrol (B). GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, and M.G.B's are to be at half-an-hours notice.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 062024B)

Your 061357B. "Obstacle", "Gibson", "Occasion" sailed (less M.L.159) at 2201, 2224, and 2151 respectively.

(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth, 062225B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

My 061032B. "Prize" sailed.

(F.O.I.C.Portland, 062233B)

S/M
Patrols.

(1) Capt. (S) 3 is requested to sail UPSTART on 12th June for Lerwick and patrol. (2) STUBBORN will be required at Lerwick about 21st June for 10 days trial on special equipment with H.Q.C.C. (3) My 161151 para. (7) O.15 will now be required for patrol.

(F.O.S. 061706B)

Positions of Submarines at 0800B/7th and movements for following 24 hours. (A) HADDO approx. 50° 40' N. 37° 48' W. dived to patrol vicinity 50° 45' N. 39° 01' W. (B) HAKE vicinity 52° 20' N. 36° 30' W. (C) HERRING 55° 13' N. 18° 55' W. probably on surface through 56° N. 17° W. and 56° 30' N. 10° W. speed 10 knots. (D) TRUCLENT, TALLY HO, SHAD, and SATYR as in my 051713.

(F.O.S.061714B to Admty)

Operation
F.H.

Operation F.H. Amendment no 2. para. 6 (B) delete MATCHLESS substitute ORWELL.
(C. in C. H.F. 061926B to H.F.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.

Eastbourne X bombed. Following from N.O.I.C. Newhaven Begins: At 1330 approx. 12 aircraft made sharp attack on Eastbourne. Widespread superficial damage was done to Naval property but no Naval casualties sustained. Beachy Head Signal Station, Birling Gap, C.G. Station, and R.O.C. observation-hut at Beachy Head were machine-gunned, no casualties but damage to R.O.C. hut. 2 planes reported shot down. (Ends).
(C. in C. Portsmouth 062018 to Admty.).

Mining.

SARGASSO sunk. SARGASSO sunk by mine in 50 degs. 31' N. 01 degs. 42' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 061611B to Admty.).

HOUND
HYDRA
MUTINE
FLY. Request you sail HOUND, HYDRA, MUTINE, and FLY to Plymouth at earliest opportunity. They are to operate under C. in C. Plymouth until further orders.
(D.M.S. 061848B to C. in C. Nore).
Have steam for full speed by 1400 tomorrow.
(C. in C. Nore 062218B to HOUND, FLY, MUTINE).

St. George's Channel. X Type Emma Mine cut in 051 degs 41' 12" N. 007 degs. 36' 24" W. Condition suitable for recovery.
(M/S 4 062046B to C. in C. Plymouth).
Your 062046. Take practicable steps to recover mine, using trawler.
(C. in C. Plymouth 062235B to M/S 4).

Lyme Bay. Three point six miles from Northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1011 now cleared. Two mines detonated in sweep as follows:- (1) 1352 277 degs. Portland Bill 6.6 miles (2) 1653 267 degs. Portland Bill 5.5 miles. Intend continuing tomorrow.
(GWEAL 062141B to C. in C. Plymouth).

M/S 9. The performance of this flotilla would be much improved if STIGNA and SPINA be attached for danning duties thereby releasing 2 fleet sweepers.
(M/S 9 062227B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

E-boats. Enemy shipping plotted by R.D.F. in the Plymouth Command on 6th June. 80 X six craft first plotted E.T. 0126/6 in 230 degs. Portland Bill 15½ miles on a N.N.W. course, average speed 35 knots.
E.81 X was formed at 0136 when the original group split into two groups of three, E.80 X went east and E.81 X went westwards. At 0141 both groups turned away to the south fading at 0203 and 0208 respectively.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 061044B to Admty.).

/Enemy.....

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Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boats.
(Contd.)

Enemy shipping plotted by Portsmouth, R.D.F. night of 5/6th June.
E. 14 Q.3 craft operation 20 miles North of Cherbourg between 2358 and 0041, speed 15 knots. Attacked by Albacore aircraft. Possibly torpedo-boats.

E.80 X. 6 craft at 0126 in 17.5 miles S.W. of Portland Bill, course N. speed 39 knots. Altered course at 0136 to East and then South faded at 0215.
E. 81 X. 3 craft split from E 80 X at 0136, course West and then South. Faded at 0215.
All time minus two.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 061120B to Admty)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic.

Am over enemy S/M in 62° 05' N. 15° 50' W.
(A/C F.N.8 Duty A. 061057B to 18 Group)
My 061057B. Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C. F.N.8, Duty A. 061102B to 18 Group)
Am investigating oil-patch in 62° N. 16° W. course 200°, one knot.
(A/C 220 Sq. Duty A. 061320B to 18 Group)
Am over enemy submarine in 62° 00' N. 14° 55' W.
(A/C. 269 Sq. Duty W. 061335 to 18 Group)
By D/F at 1610Z U-Boat, possibly eastward bound estimated anywhere within 75 miles of 63° 30' N. 01° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C.061946B to S/M's)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties & Defects.

- NOREFJORD. Arrived 2135B/5. Returned from O.N.187 with Engine Trouble.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast 060015B. to Admty.)
- UNTAMED. Your 021407B. Mooring place and diver examined job yesterday. One body recovered with D.S.E.A. gear, breathing oxygen not operating, from after escape hatch. Lifting craft being placed today.
(TEDWORTH 060851B to Admty. Salvage.)
Lifting Craft securely placed over position. Weather permitting diving operations will recommence tomorrow.
(TEDWORTH 062145B to Admty. Salvage.)
- SAMSONIA. Intend to sail SAMSONIA at 1200B/6th to Greenock for repairs to scavenger-pumps of port engine.
E.T.A. 1730B.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 061102B.)
My 061102B. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 061209B.)
- M.T.B.672. Owing to continued unsatisfactory condition of M.T.B. 672 engines, intend sailing her to Bangor at 1600B today. E.T.A. Bangor 1830B/6th. Necessary repairs and adjustments can be made there.
(N.O.I.C. Holyhead 061154B. to D.C.F.M.)
- KEPPEL. X Your 051629. Some water was in oil supply at Water in Oil. Greenock from CORUNDA on 27th May. Majority of water was in oil supplied by SERBOL 5th June. Estimated total of 12 tons of water in tanks.
(KEPPEL 061157Z. to Capt. D. Greenock.)
- MENESTHEUS. My 041102B and F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 051530B. MENESTHEUS screened by CASTLETON will leave vicinity of Crowlin Island about 0001B/13th June and proceed via Little Minch to arrive Clyde Boom 2300B. On completion of MENESTHEUS repairs, ships should return to Port ZA.
(R.A.M. 061204B. to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- BANDIT. Tug BANDIT reports serious leak underwater in ballast tank. Pumps can keep water down but vessel must dock for examination. Suggest BANDIT proceed to Aberdeen for docking.
(R.N.O. Inverness 061312B. to F.O.I.C.Aberdeen.)
- ADVENTURE. Propose to undertake following urgent defects, starboard main Circulator Impellor bearings worn beyond limit and must be rewooded. Time required 4 days working day and night. Anticipate being able to embark all stores designated. Propose to sail 11th June.
(ADVENTURE 062020B. to Admty.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping & Convoys.

H.X.241. Incomplete D/F bearings at 0637Z indicate U-Boat in area 56° 30' N to 58° N. 25° W. to 40° W. (D.D.I.C. 060912B to Escorts H.X.241, E.G.2, S.C.132 O.N.187, WINCHELSEA.)
A.M. 060912. Further bearings indicate U-Boat was in area within 75 miles of 57° N. 40° W. (D.D.I.C. 060959B to H.X.241, etc.)

Oiling and D.C.fittings nomenclature. X Cancel A.M. 04220B. 2. Cancel para. 6 of A.M. 191225 April and substitute "Para. 6. It is requested that oiling methods shall be referred to alternatively as:- (a) platform (b) emergency blondin (c) emergency (d) canvas (e) American canvas (f) metallic and the depth charge fittings either as improvised or as flotation".
3. A.L. M/TD 2109/43 dated 31st May refers. (D.T.D. 061108B.)

OXFORDSHIRE. Intend to sail. Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 1030B/7th June. Route. (N.O.I.C. Avonmouth 061109B. to Admty, V.A.Gib.)

O.N.S.10. Escort for O.N.S.10. Add RIPLEY fitted HF/DF. (Cdre. D. W.A. 061304B. to C. in C. W.A.)

O.S. 49/K.M.S.16. (A) 0800Z/5. (C) B.3 KEPPEL H/F D/F, BURZA H/F D/F, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, LOBELIA, ACONIT to Freetown. ROSELYS, RENONCULE, FLORES, RATTLER, TYRIAN, TUMULT, SAPPER to Gibraltar. Combined convoy codeword "Parole." K.M.S. 16 after splitting "Hamson". R.F.A. OLIGARCH fitted platform and rail and special derricks with full cargo furnace-oil available for fuelling escorts of K.M.S.16. (D) 76 (43 breaking off with K.M.S.16.) (E) Commodore in EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP Vice-Commodore and Commodore O.S. 49 W. in PENRITH CASTLE. (C. in C. W.A. 061339Z. to R.A.W.Af. F.O. Gib.)

O.S.49/K.M.S. 16. Ships and destinations in O.S.49. (C. in C. W.A. 061348Z.)
Ships breaking off with K.M.S.16. EMPIRE GAT, EMPIRE SPINNEY, JAN (Norwegian) CAPE WRATH, BEACONSFIELD, CHARLTON HALL, EMPIRE BAXTER M/F R/T S.O. Clears 8 ships for Algiers. BIAFRA SALVEDA (Salvage Tug) ALRESFORD, EMPIRE THACKERAY, NYANZA, OLIGARCH (Escort Oiler) EMPIRE VALOUR, CORVUS (Norwegian) 8 ships for Gibraltar. EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP R/T CDRE. KING STEPHAN, PEEBLES, BELGIAN AIRMAN, EMPIRE STALWART, M/F R/T BRUCE M. LESTO, CRACKSHOT, DAGO II, SPEEDFAST 10 ships for Bone. EASTERN CITY, MAKEFJELL (Norwegian) 2 ships for Bougie. SCHIAFFINO (French) GERARD DOU (Dutch) 2 ships for Oran. TESTBANK, EMPIRE ORTOLAN, SS. SOMERVILLE, IDDESLEIGH, 4 ships for Philippeville. VINRIVER (carrying 60 depth charges improvised). Algiers/Oran ANTONIO for Huelva. EASTGATE, R/T HELMWOOD, EMPIRE MOON, R/T 3 ships for Gibraltar for orders. FORT CHIPEWYAN M/F R/T Gibraltar/Middle East CLAN CAMERON, RANCHER 2 ships for Gibraltar/Malta CANARA

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O.S.49
/K.M.S.16.

M/F R/T. Gibraltar/Persian Gulf. Following
4 ships are divertible MATHURA M/F R/T.
Capetown (Bunkers) Karachi/Bombay ARMADALE SS.
Durban/Aden/Port Said/Alexandria/Haifa CLAN
CAMPBELL M/F R/T Capetown (Bunkers)/Bombay/Colombo/
Calcutta. TAHSINIA N.D. Capetown (Bunkers)
Colombo/Trincomalee/Calcutta.
(C. in C. W.A. 061358Z. to F.O. Gibraltar.)

T.A.44.
(ANDES).

T.A.44 sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 061400Z.)
ANDES sailed 1600/6th.
(P.S.T.O. N.W. Ports 061720 to D.S.T.)

D.S.41.

D.S.41 Route.
(C. in C. W.A. 061625B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

A.T.48.

Clyde arrival QUEEN MARY.
(C. in C. Plymouth 062238B to Cominch.)

QUEEN MARY.

Arrived 062240B.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock 062245B to D.S.T.)

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ASTURIAS.

Request you route ASTURIAS through:

A. 033° 30' N. 009° 15' W. B. 030° 10' 011° 04'
 C. 024° 06' 018° 05' D. 011° 10' 017° 48'
 E. 008° 59' 015° 01'. Your 052245 refers.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 060415B to Commorseafon
 (R) Comar Dakar, Admty., F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C.
 Med. ASTURIAS.)

Reference route. Propose to pass through 010° N. 017° 30'
 W. between positions (D) and (E).

(? ASTURIAS, 061645Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)

Request confirmation that position D. of ASTURIAS route
 is 11° 10' N. 17° 48' W. as in my 060415. Your 060803 not to
 ASTURIAS refers. Commorseafon pass to ASTURIAS. F.O.C.W.Af.
 pass to Comar Dakar.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 061835B to Commorseafon (R) Admty.,
 F.O.C.W.A., Comar Dakar, N.O.B. Casa., C. in C. Med., Comfairwing
 ASTURIAS.)

Dispositions.

Situation report for Area X.A. at 1957B/6.

P.316 (TEMPLAR) 036° 44' 008° 22' through 036°
 37' 007° 24' at 0330/7th 035 53' 006° 15' at
 1030/7th and 035° 49' 006° 06' at 1115/7th

thence to Gibraltar 9/2 until 0630/7th then 11 knots on surface.

2. T.O.5, C.T.F.21.4, 033° 55' 008° 25' through 032° 59' 010° 01'
 thence 249° 13½.

3. CYCLAMEN 2 trawlers 036° 51' 009° 28' 291° to R/V CHANTICLEER
 a.m. 8th 9.

4. S.S. PALMA 035° 07' 012° 21' to Gibraltar 14.

5. Trawler Y.M.C.9 26 27(a) 033° 08' 009° 29' through 033° 20'
 009° 20' and 034° 05' 008° 10' to Casablanca 8.

6. ASHANTI sailing p.m. 7th through 035° 46' 006° 23' and 037°
 18' 011° 59' thence 322° 18½

7. ASTURIAS 033° 01' 009° 30' through 030° 10' 011° 04' thence
 226° 16.

(F.O.Gibraltar, 061041B)

Amend para. 6 of my 061041 to read: Sailing p.m. 7th.

Add new para. (8) TRUSTY 035° 49' 010° 32' 090° to Gibraltar
 10 knots on surface.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061547B)

Add new para. 9 to my 061041B, C, G.35, U.S.S. BRISTOL
 departs Casablanca 0900B/7th through 035° 45' 006° 30' to
 Gibraltar 9½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061829B)

Situation report for Area X.B. at 2001B.

TRUSTY 036 degs. 17' 011 degs. 09' through 036 degs. 59'
 010 degs. 28' at 0345 6th thence 000 degs. 10/2 (See amendment
 061553).

(3) Two Swedish relief ships 035 degs. 18' 016 degs. 13' 084
 degs. 12½.

(4) BULLDOG, MELBREAK 037 degs. 35' 011 degs. 17' through 039
 degs. 18' 015 degs. 50' thence 306 degs. to R/V with
 CHANTICLEER p.m. 7th 15.

(5) Floating Dock in tow one tug CHANTICLEER (?4) corvettes (E)
 041 degs. 11' 017 degs. 08' through 040 degs. 02' 017 degs.
 08' thence 126 degs.6.

(6) S.L.130 SCARBOROUGH 025 degs. 25' 016 degs. 11' 042 degs.7.

/(8) Hospital....

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Dispositions (8) Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 041 degs. 16'
(Contd.) 011 degs. 14' 357 degs. 16½.
(10) PRINS ALBERT 2 destroyers 046 degs. 44'
013 degs. 30' through 042 degs. 01' 013 degs. 30'
thence 153 degs. 18. Two destroyers part company
on reaching 042 degs. North and return Plymouth.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061043).
Amend para. 1 of my 061043B to read: S/M TRUSTY 035 degs. 49'
010 degs. 32' 090 degs. to Gibraltar 10 knots on the surface.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061553.)
Situation 2003B/6th.
18 L.C.I.(L) S.O.173, 034 degs. 31' 035 degs. 50' 079 degs. 10.
Convoy U.G.S.9, C.T.F.69, 028 degs. 59' 040 degs. 17' 083 degs.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061213B.)

Axis Telegram 99. HOCHHERINER sailed 0440 May 6th.
Shipping NORDFELS, SPERBER arrived 0400/6th.
Bilbao. (Consul Bilbao 061145 to M.E.W.)

TRUSTY Have been rammed by Spanish merchant ship, both
damaged. periscopes out of action.
My position 1200Z/6th, 035 degs. 49' 011 degs. 47'.
Am proceeding on surface to Gibraltar. Request
total bombing restriction and route.
(TRUSTY 061207Z to F.O.C.Gibraltar, (R) F.O.S.)
Your 061207. Pass through 035 degs. 49' N. 006 degs. 06' 30" W.
at 1750B/7th thence by Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar. Report if unable
to maintain 10 knots on surface and if assistance of tug required.
Total bombing restrictions arranged. Q.K.A.87 follows.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061609B to TRUSTY, (R) F.O.(S).)
My 061609B. Trawler H.M.S. ST. NECTAN sails 2000B/6th
10 knots to intercept and to escort you to Gibraltar.
(F.O.I. C.Gibraltar 061817B to TRUSTY (R) F.O.S.)
TRUSTY rammed by Spanish M/V both periscopes out of action.
Proceeding Gibraltar on surface from 35 degs. 9 N. 11 degs. 47 W.
at 141 (corrupt groups) 1400B/6th 10 knots. ST. NECTAN sailing
2000B/6th 10 knots, to intercept and escort TRUSTY Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061921B to Admty. etc.)

LLANCARVAN X Master SS. LLANCARVAN reports ship within
(sunk May 30.) territorial waters when bombed being 2 miles off
Cape St. Vincent. C.O. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN fixed
position at 160 degs. Cape St. Vincent, 2 miles.
2. SS. MERKLAND left Gibraltar before master could
be interviewed. Other ships not in a position to observe incident.
3. Master and Chief Officer SS. LLANCARVAN states first aircraft
approached from north westward round Cape St. Vincent and dis-
appeared to south east. 2nd aircraft observed coming from south
east and disappeared to north west. At no time were aircraft
seen to cross coastline. Your 051517B and S.O.(I)'s R.S.223
and 224/20/4 of 1st and 4th June to D. of N.I. and B.N.A.Lisbon
refer.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061232B to Admty. (R) B.N.A.Lisbon.)

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ASHANTI. Intend to sail ASHANTI on completion of dynamo defects at 1200B June 7th for U.K. routed through (O) 35.46 N. 06.23 W. (P) 37.18 N. 11.59 W. (Q) 39.59 N. 14.40 W. (R) 44.59 N. 14.40 W. thence as ordered by Admty. S. of A. 20 knots. Codeword "(?Simony)" B.N.R. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 061919B to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med. C, in C. Plymouth, C. in C.W.A. H.Q.C.C.)

Movements, Arrivals WISHART, VELOX, VENOMOUS, CLEVELAND, Gibraltar. ACTIVE, ORP, SLAZAK from Mers El Kebir, ASHANTI from Algiers. Departures L.S.T. 412, 324 L.C.I. (L) 136, 258 to Algiers. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 062012B to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Convoy Sailing telegram T.O.5. (2) Casablanca Section T.O.5. 1400A/6th. (3) 34.00 N. 08. (10) W. 1830A/6th. (A) 37.59 N. 10.00 W. 0300A/7th 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. (4) 1st "Chop" 10 north 0300A/7th. 2nd "Chop" 25.10 W. 1830A/9th. Radio shift (?20) W. 2100A/8th. (Route) (6) Task Group 21.4 U.S. (D) ELLIS, U.S. (D) SCHENCK U.S. (D) BABBIT. (Morrocan S.F.F., 062121Z, 062131Z to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Warships June 6th U.S.S. BABBITT and SCHENCK Casablanca. departed to join T.O.5 ASTURIAS for Freetown. Arrived DUPONT and DICKERSON from T.O.-5, U.S.S. P.C. 474 from Safi. (Commorseafron, 062126 to C. in C. Med.)

Air A.I.565 June, 6. Operational summary No. 217 for Report. 24 hours ended 1800 hours June 6th 1943. (G) Sightings and attacks. Hud. Mike/48 on A/S sweep at 1941/5 June 36.02 N. 10.28 W. attacked with four D/Cs U.boat course 270° 10 knots from head 10° to U.boat's track while conning tower half submerged. U/boat straddled, only 2 D/C explosions seen. 1 close alongside conning tower on port side another (100 or 900?) feet astern and 30° to starboard. Conning tower rose out of water to deck level then submerged and 30 seconds later object thought to be body seen in water. After 15 minutes oil patch 400 yards across. (A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 062245Z)

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.

ASTURIAS, floating dock. Your 061739 May. Com. Fourth Fleet reports dock will be ready to sail from Bahia about 19th June ? Intend to use ASTURIAS as Ocean escort. Com. Fourth Fleet has agreed to provide A/S escort for first part of passage. (F.O.C.W.Af. 060532Z to Admty. (R) Com. Fourth Fleet.)

Movements, Takoradi. Sailed 0600Z/6th June WITCH escorting SS. CUBA to R/V W.S.30. 0749Z/6th June DAUNTLESS, BLACKMOOR Freetown. E.T.A. 1100Z/8th June, speed 20/22. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 060752Z to Admty. etc.)

West Africa. Revised directive to G.O.C. in C. (War Office 060905B to G.O.C. in C.W.A.) See Lion Copy.

CITY OF LILLE "S" Report. Following has been read Simonstown W/T from CITY OF LILLE. SSSS 31.05 S. 17.12 E. S/M sighted. (Simonstown W/T No. T.O.O. to Admty. Recd.0908/6.)

CUBA. Sailed A.M. 6th June. (S.S.T.O. Takoradi 060950Z to D.S.T.O.W.A.)

ALCANTARA. My 051621 to F.O.C.W.Af. only. Intend to sail ALCANTARA 1800Z/6 for Freetown (?E.T.A.) 0700Z/8 speed made good 14 knots. Routed from Goree Island through positions:- (A) 10° 54' N. 17° 16' W. (B) 09° 17' N. 14° 41' W. (Comar. Dakar 061006Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) ALACANTARA, Admty.)
Sailed 1858Z ALCANTARA. My 061006 refers. (Comar Dakar 061859Z. to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation 2000Z/6th June. (?SPIREA) FLEETWOOD, MIGNONETTE, AZALEA, COLTSFOOT, BALSAM with S.L.130 025° 22' 016° 09' 042° 7. QUERCY 014° 22' 018° 04' to Dakar 12½. FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, LA MALOUINE, STONECROP, CAMPION, BUTSER with O.S.48, 009° 37' 015° 37' to Freetown 8½. L.S.T. 421 B.Y.M.S. 19 M.L.289,574 012° 38' 017° 23' to Dakar 8. BRIDGEWATER, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, BELLWORT escorting (?011°) 47' 017° 59' to 013° 37' 017° 59' thence Dakar 8½. CILICIA on patrol about 008° 30' 027° 35' 14. FOXHOUND, MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY, escorting off Freetown to 010° 50' 017° 21' 8. ALCANTARA off Dakar to South 14. (F.O.C.W.A. 061138Z.)

NIZAM, ROCKROSE, FRITILLARY, ST. LOMAN, VEREENIGING, with D.C.29 034° 20' 022° 15'. Coastal to Capetown 8 knots. NORTHERN ISLES 034° 05' 026° 30' to East London 6 knots. QUICKMATCH 034° 10' 027° 05' to Durban 20 knots. LADY ELSA, NORWICH CITY, ST. ZENO, BLAAUBERG with C.D.21 031° 50' 029° 30'. Coastal to Durban 8 knots. VERBENA, LADY ROSEMARY, VIVIANA with D.N.45 027° 05' 035° 50' to 026° 00' 038° 00' thence to 026° 00' 041° 00' KUMAON, KATHIAWAR with D.N.44 026° 00' 038° 30' to 026° 00' 041° 00' 12 knots. HAWKINS 037° 30' 030° 05' to 039° 35' 027° 42' 18 knots. (C. in C. S.A. 061140B.)

/Situation...

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Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z. F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA 017°
(Contd.) 55' 011° 30' to Simonstown NORMAN, QUADRANT,
REDOUBT, 023° 15' 012° 45' to 018° 011° 19.
Motor M/S 107 BARWIND 026° 15' 014° 30' to 028°
15' 7. ROHILKHAND with N.C.16 028° 20' 015° 50'
Coastal to Capetown 12. ASTER, CAPE WARWICK,
LE TIGRE with C.N.23. 029° 30' 016° 30' to 028° 015° 8. Add
speed of SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA 11½ knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 061156B)

KIRRIEMOOR. Sailed 061145Z June KIRRIEMOOR in accordance
with C. in C. S.A's. 021711B. (N.T. in W.R.)
Routed coastwise speed 6 knots E.T.A. Durban
081100Z/June.
(N.L.O. East London 061148 to Cdre.1/c. Durban
(R) C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F. Admty. N.L.O.
Capetown, N.L.O. Port Elizabeth.)

Movement, Arrival 0830/6 June. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES
Bathurst. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 061132 to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

Dakar, 5th June. Cruisers. GEORGES LEYGUES Casablanca.
Weekly state. GLOIRE Dakar. A.M.C. QUERCY on passage from
Surinam to Dakar. Escort ships, LA GRANDIERE,
DUMONT D'URVILLE, CALAIS, ASPIRANT BRUN. Dakar,
AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY,
VICTORIA, Casablanca area. S/Ms. CENTAURE, ARGO,
Dakar.
(Comar, Dakar 061226Z. to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty., C. in
C. Med.)

DUMRA British ship DUMRA torpedoed and sunk at 0850B/5
sunk. approximately 60 miles from Cape St. Lucia.
(C. in C. S.A. 061305B. to Admty. etc.)

Dakar My 051856 and 051658. Reference number of convoy
Group should read Dakar Group 6.
No.6. (N.C.S.O. Freetown 061352Z. to Admty.) Amended.

Convoy Westbound ships STAR OF CAIRO, CAPE SPENCER,
C.N.23. CHARLES W. PEALE are to remain in convoy until
daylight tomorrow 7th. On dispersal they are to
rejoin routes as ordered. Acknowledge.
(C. in C.S.A. 061358B. to ASTER (R) Admty.
F.O.C.W.Af. A.S.O. (I) Recife, Connav.)
Westbound ships referred to in my 061358 (Convoy C.N.23)
are to proceed to Walvis Bay and await instructions. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. S.A. 062001B to ASTER (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.Af. Asst.S.O.I.
Recife, Connav.)

Movements, Simonstown arrival 5th June VIRGINIA, THYME.
Simonstown. (C. in C. S.A. 061518B. to Admty. etc.)

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- ASTURIAS. E.T.A. Freetown 0830Z (?12th) June. Acknowledge. (ASTURIAS 061735Z. to F.O.C.W.A. (R) N.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
- S.R.5. Intend to sail Convoy S.R.5. consisting of ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, and HOGGAR, escorted by LA GRANDIERE, DUMONT D'URVILLE, ANTELOPE and MALCOLM 2300Z/7 for Casablanca. 2. Speed made good 10 knots, E.T.A. 1700Z/13. 3. Route as in your 012047 amended by your 022201 and 031927. 4. Convoy shifts to North Atlantic W/T organization 0001Z/11. 5. Admiral Afrique informed. (Comar, Dakar 061744Z. to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. Commorseafon, etc.)
- Floating Dock. A.M. 181535 May. Dock reported ready to leave Bahia 19th June. Your 021528 June approved. (D.O.D. (F) 061759B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Med. B.A.D. Cominch.)
- Dakar Group. Dakar group number 6. Pass to Cdre. Amend position to read 018° 07' N. 017° 19' W. My 051856 June refers. (N.C.S.O. Freetown 061801Z to Comar Dakar (R) Connav, Commorseafon, Admty. etc.)
- H.D.M.Ls. Your 281737/may para. 1. Seven of the eight boats referred to in para.2. of my 250312/May and H.D.M.L. 1150 already on station are to constitute 135th Flotilla. The remaining boat will form part of another flotilla, the number for which will be signalled later. (Head of M.II. 061816B. to C. in C. S.A. (R) F.O.C.W.A.F.)
- Weekly State. West African Station. 5th June. 1943. Cape Blanco Area GAMBIA, SCARBOROUGH, FLEETWOOD, AZALEA, MIGNONETTE, SPIREA, COLTSFOOT, BALSAM. Dakar ALCANTARA. Dakar Area FOWEY, MYOSOTIS, STONECROP, LA MALOUINE, MALLOW, CAMPION, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES. Freetown Area BRIDGEWATER, MALCOLM, ANTELOPE, BELLWORT, BUTTERMERE, MILFORD, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA. Freetown FOXHOUND, SNOWDROP, WASTWATER. Cape Palmas Area SUFFOLK, CORFU, CARNARVON CASTLE, WOLVERINE, CATTERICK, RAPID, BOADICEA, CORINTHIAN, ARMERIA, CROCUS, BURDOCK, CDT. DETROYAT, COWSLIP. Takoradi DAUNTLESS, WITCH, BLACKMORE. Takoradi Area CLARKIA. Lagos PRESIDENT HOUDUCE. Mid-Ocean patrol CILICIA. (F.O.C.W.A. 061831Z to Admty. etc.)
- BRIDGEWATER. E.T.A. Goree Island 0800Z/7th May. (BRIDGEWATER 061937Z to Comar Dakar, (R) F.O.C.W.A.)
- BRITISH POWER. Sailed from Tristan da Cunha 1634 GMT/6. (C. in C. S.A. 062216B. to Admty. etc.)

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MOST SECRET

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M.E.S.S. G.E.
060905B June '43

FROM:- The War Office

D.T.B.:- 6.6.43.

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ADDRESSED:- G.O.C. in C. West Africa repeated
C. in C. Middle East G.O.C. in C. East Africa
203 Military Mission,

IMPORTANT

WEST AFRICA
Director & G.O.C.C

074/1596

87080 cipher (M.O.4.) 6 June, '43.

Revised directive to G.O.C. in C. W.A. now approved. Paraphrased version as follows.

1. This directive supersedes that issued you by Chiefs of Staff August '42, 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. W.A. 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 French Military authorities. When necessary consult French Civil authorities through Consuls General Dakar, 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., E.A. 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., M.E. in connection Security Air Reinforcement Routes from Gold Coast to Egypt, and despatch maintenance such units as it is decided send M.E.
8. Policy H.M. Govt. regarding British W.A. is every effort be made ensure Security all four territories all ports, Air Reinforcement routes to M.E. (where

/appropriate

appropriate in consultation French authorities), and those airfields necessary defence vital sea communications through British W.A. waters.

In this connection S.O.E., whose activities are co-ordinated under guidance Resident Minister, maintains small mission in W.A. against event in emergency of any subversive action being necessary.

No such action would be initiated in any circumstances without authority H.M.G. communicated you through Resident Minister.

All subversive operations para-military nature are under your control and would be carried out only with your concurrence.

You will where appropriate consult co-operate with C. in C. S.A., F.O.C., W.A., A.O.C. W.A., C. in C. M.E., G.O.C. in C. E.A.

9. In addition those responsibilities relating internal security, your main task will be directing mob training 81, 82 W.A. Divs. ultimate despatch these divs. to theatre overseas and their subsequent maintenance that theatre.

10. Policy H.M.G. regarding French Colonial possessions W.A. is that everything should be done increase contribution made these territories towards common war effort and promote harmony between neighbouring French territories.

11. Resident Minister convenes presides over W.A.V.C. of which you are member. He will give you guidance broad political matters.

Full text follows by air West Africa only.
C. in C. Middle East repeat Minister of State
G.O.C. in C., East Africa repeat Eagon for
information Governors 203 Mil. Miss. repeat Union
S.A. and Southern Rhodesia.

G.O.C. in C. West Africa pass to Resident Minister.

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War Diary.

6.6.1943.
Sunday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean

MAURITIUS, Regret to report MAURITIUS firmly aground in
grounding. Great Pass on Hydrographer Shoal. Sea calm.
Tug in attendance proceeding direct to discharge
ammunition and fuel.
(C. in C.Levant 060134C to Admty. (R) C. in C.
Med. R.A.Alexandria.)

MAURITIUS has been refloated and is entering Alex.
(C. in C.Levant, 061330C to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. V.A.
Malta, N.O.I.C. Alex., 15th C.Sqdn.)

My 060134. Preliminary examination of MAURITIUS (corrupt
group) reveals following. A. Forefoot set (?to) starboard and
fore peak compartment flooded to number 6 bulkhead below platform
deck.

B. Asdic dome broken off and interior lower gear distorted.
Compartment dry.

C. Oil fuel from A.1 tank leaking through fracture in 63 and
(?53) bulkhead starboard side.

D. Ship's bottom not holed.

2. Ship docks a.m. tomorrow Monday when estimated time for
repairs will be given.

(C. in C.Levant 061939Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. R.A.
Alexandria.)

MAURETANIA. Your 181944C May. Confirmed. P.S.T.O.India
is embarking a total of 230 cabin passengers
and 830 Troopdeck in Colombo for passage to U.K.
2. What accommodation will be available from
South Africa after you have embarked personnel
as required.
(D.S.T. 060138B to P.S.T.O.M.E.)

Middle East Air Communique 6th June. It was announced from H.Q. R.A.F. Middle East today
Continuing their offensive sweeps against enemy
shipping in the Aegean sea and off the west coast
of Greece, our long range fighters destroyed
two sailing vessels in the harbour at Stampalia
Island on June 4th, and yesterday* damaged a tug
and a dredger off Levkas Island.
During the night of June 4/5th, our heavy bombers attacked the
harbour at Catania.
(Mideast T.O.O. 0800Z/6.) * See 060944.

Refugees, Your 051715 and your 051235. Ship will be
Lisbon. available on either 10th or 11th June as required.
(C. in C.Med. 060808B to B.N.A.Lisbon, (R) Admty.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, B.N.A.Madrid.)

G.U.S.8 Pass to convoy Commodore. Anchor G.U.S.8 and
M.K.S.14. M.K.S.14 in Oran convoy assembly area except ships
carrying P.O.W. for Oran. Convoy will be sailed
morning of June 7th after prisoners have been
unloaded.
(Cmdr. N.O.B.Oran 060829B to HOLCOMBE, (R) Port
Director, Oran.)

G.U.S.8/M.K.S.14. Intend to sail convoy at 0700B/7th June.
Gibraltar R/V 1800B/8th June. Casablanca R/V 1600/9th June.
(Commob Oran 061445 to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.Med.
Connav, (R) Commorseafron.)

/Damage...

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ZETLAND.

Your 281535. Damage caused by collision with BROKE in Algiers Harbour during assault on 8th November 1942, since increased by near miss bomb during recent operations.
(C. in C.Med. 060922B to Admty. (R) F.O.Gibraltar.)

G.T.X.2.

F.O.I.C. Gibraltar pass to Cmdre. and Escorts of G.T.X.2. Intend to sail:
9 DUX, 8 BJORKHAUG, 10 (?MAMMY), 8 ODYSSEUS, 8 SHUNA, all coasters, direct to Bizerta, and 8 L.S.T. 422 for Alexandria.
(U.S.N.O.B.Oran 060933B to Admty. F.O. Gibraltar, etc.)

M.E.Air
Report,

A.655 June 6th, Daily Opsum 39. 4/5 June.
3 Liberators (B.24) 7 Halifaxes Catania Harbour.
1 Halifax returned early. Remainder found low cloud and haze Catania Area, some bursts seen North of Harbour remainder results obscured.
16 x 1000 lb. H.E. 65 x 500 lb. H.E. 1800 x 4 lb. incendiary at 0040Z hours. 3 torpedo Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C Aegean no targets found. 2 Hurricanes intruders, Pantellaria Harbour machine gunned. Results unobserved. Following delayed details, 3/4 June. 2 Hurricanes intruders Pantelaria Harbour machine gunned results unobserved.
June 4th. 6 Beaufighters, 3 Beaufighter Bombers anti shipping R/C West Coast Greece and Aegean respectively. 2 Caiques each 200 tons attacked in Stampalia Harbour, direct hits scored debris thrown into air, 1 bomb on jetty. 1 Beaufighter hit by A.A. down in sea off Harbour sank immediately, no sign of crew. 1 tug 150 tons, 1 dredger, 250 tons attacked North of Levkas Cannon strikes observed.*
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 060944Z.) * M.E.Air Communique 060800Z states this tug and dredger were attacked on 5th June.

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM.

Your 060834Z (N.T. in W.D.) NIEUW AMSTERDAM has no fuel, water or other requirements at present and would prefer proceed direct to Suez.
(SUSSEX 060958Z to N.O.I.C. Aden.)
On completion disembarkation NIEUW AMSTERDAM embarks to capacity with personnel for New Zealand. D. of S.T's 262129B May refers.
(P.S.T.O.Middle East 061253C to D.S.T.O. Suez, (R) F.O.R.S.C.A. etc.)

Convoys
K.M.S.15,
U.G.S.8A.

Bone section arrived less GALLIUM, JOHN HARVEY, MARION BOVARD, plus LYMINGE, 1500/5.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 061008B to A.I.G.259 (R) N.O.I.C. Casablanca.)
K.M.S.15 arrived SVANHOLM.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis 061800B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.I.S. etc.)
K.M.S.15 Bizerta arrivals. (list.)
(F.O.I.S. 061948B to Admty. etc.)

/Movements...

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Alexandria.Arrivals 5th June MAURITIUS, G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS,
WOLBOROUGH. Departure 5th June B.D.V. MAGNET,
M.L. 351, G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS.
(S.O.(I) Alex. 061103C to Admty. C. in C.Levant.)Convoy
X.T.G.1.Since there are no joiners for X.T.G.1 from
Tripoli, Sfax, or Sousse, westward section will
be sailed from Bizerta.2. Request you will sail BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK,
OAKLEY and PENTSTEMON to Bizerta to arrive by
1200B June 10th.(C. in C.Med. 061123B to S.N.O.Tripolitania,
(R) N.O.I.C. Sfax, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C.
Tunis, S.O.I.S. N.O.I.C. Bizerta, Admty.)

PARTHIAN.

Leave patrol to pass through A. 035° 16' 026°
35' at 0127C/8th B. 033° 57' 032° 41' at
1759C/9th proceeding on the surface at 11½
knots during daylight 9th to arrive Beirut 0602C/
10th June.(Capt. S.1 061137C to PARTHIAN (R) 1st S.F.
KATSONIS, G.S. C. in C.Levant, R.A.D.Med. etc.)

BATTLE.

Following aircraft embarked in BATTLE for
reserves at Gibraltar: 20 Seafire, 2 Hurricane
IIC. The Hurricanes are intended to be held
against a possible requirement for an EscortCarrier returning to U.K. without operational aircraft of her
own.In addition BATTLE is operating 7 Swordfish and 4 Seafire.
(D.N.A.O. 061319B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.Gibraltar.)

ADVENTURE.

Request ADVENTURE may be available for further
trips to Mediterranean during months of June
and July. A.M. 031302 refers.2. Mine stock at Mediterranean is satisfactory
and mines should not be required but it is quite certain that
emergency requirements will arise for special stores which have
not arrived in time or of which expenditure has been unduly
heavy.(C. in C.Med. 061404B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Levant, V.A.Malta,
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Repatriations X A.X.464 6th June.

Bari.

Further to my A.X. 327 May 13 (not to Admiralty.)
The Italian ships are again being used for
exchange of British and Italian prisoners and are
due to arrive Bari at 0800 hours on 8th June.
Immunity at Bari from attack has been guaranteed
for period 24 hours after arrival of vessels.
Please take action accordingly and inform Naval
authorities concerned. Acknowledge.(Air Ministry 061409Z to H.Q.M.A.C. (R) Adv.
N.W.African Air Force, R.A.F.Malta, R.A.F.M.E.
Admty.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy units. 7 At 1215 two escort vessels, one destroyer, 2 freighters 2000 tons flying balloon at 2,000 feet position 340° Augusta seven miles coast crawling North at five knots.
(Malta W/T 061412B to All H.M. Ships in Area 2.)

SICKLE. P.224 (SICKLE) leaves Algiers 1800/6th on surface through 038° 44' N. 000° 40' E. to patrol off Tortosa Cape.
2. P.224 (SICKLE) will leave this vicinity about 8th or 9th June and return Algiers passing to eastward Balearic Islands.
(Capt. S.8 061414B to 8th S.F. (R) TRUMPETER, ARETHUSE.)

N.A.A.F. J.6267 E 6th June.
Report. N.A.A.F. Opsum 105 June 5. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. June 5. 127 U.S. Fortresses B.17 Spezia 12 returned early. Dropped 71 x 1600 A.P. 188 x 2000 G.P. from 21000 to 26000 ft. Hits on dock area, believed hits on M/V, near misses on battleship. 4 B.17 damaged flak. 36 U.S. Mitchell's B.25 escort 28 U.S. Lightnings B.38 on 2 Missions Pantellaria. 5 Lightnings returned early. Bombers dropped 108 x 1000 from 8500 or 7500? T.P. 10000 ft. Escort dropped 20 x 1000 from 3000 ft. Targets areas well covered. 28 U.S. Lightnings B.38 Pantellaria dropped 28 x 1000 from 2500 T.P. 3000 feet direct hits and near misses on assigned targets. Radio station strafed. 3 Me.109, 1 F.W.190 destroyed 1 Me. 109 probably destroyed 1 F.W.190 damaged. 1 U.S. Mitchell B.25 destroyed. 1 damaged 18 U.S. Marauders B.26 escort 24 U.S. Warhawks P.40 shipping Porto Romano 96 x 500 dropped from 8200 to 8800 feet. 1 direct hit 500 feet M/V many hits on Quay and coal dump. Large explosion flames and smoke seen. 30 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Monserrato aerodrome 4 returned early. 24 1000 dropped from 2500 T.P. 30000 feet. Hits on workshops and hangars and buildings which were left burning. 2 Me. 109 encountered of which 2 destroyed. 1 P.38 1 missing. 28 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Monserrato Aerodrome Mission failed due to navigational error. 28 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Capeterra Aerodrome 4 returned early 24 x 1000 dropped from 3000 feet among buildings and 12 aircraft on field.
N.W.A. Tactical A.F. June 5, 56 Warhawks P.40 on 7 Missions Pantellaria. 55 x 500 dropped from 3/4000 feet hits and near misses on targets. Enemy activity 4/5 June. 6 to 8 enemy aircraft attacked Algiers. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by Beaufighter. 1 probable by A.A. Barracks badly damaged. Several direct hits on houses. 1 French Sengalese killed, 1 British, 1 U.S. probably, 20 French Military injured. 8 H.E. dropped including 2 x 1000
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 061553B.)

Situation report No. 104.

1. During the night 3/4th June coastal craft carried out sweeps in Pantellaria area and between Marittimo and Cape Granitola.
2. During the night 4/5th June ISIS and ILEX operated North of Pantellaria. M.T.B. operations were cancelled on account of weather.

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- Situation Report No. 104. (Contd.)
3. NEWFOUNDLAND escorted by PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE carried out bombardment of batteries at south end of Pantellaria at 0540/5. Some return fire was encountered on completion of bombardment when ships turned away. Only one salvo was accurate. No damage or casualties were sustained.
4. 12th M.S.F. continue clearance of area east of Cape Bon peninsula. 13 Mines were cut on 3rd June and 20 on 5th June. Bad weather stopped operations on 4th June. During the period 3rd June to 5th June 13th M.S.F. have been employed clearing mined area off Sousse.
5. Seven berths are now available at Bizerta for working coasters. Normal running repairs can be carried out at Ferryville within limited facilities. At Tunis it is anticipated that canal will be cleared for small coasters by 8th June.
6. U.S.S. BIBB, escort of convoy U.G.S.8A, reports attacking U-Boat at 1430/26 May in 34° 26' N. 30° 20' W. Periscope was sighted. LOOKOUT reports seeing debris thrown up with explosion of depth charges. Subsequent search of area was negative.
(C. in C.Med. 061612B to Admty. etc.)
- TRESPASSER, SHAKESPEARE. TRESPASSER (P.312) is to be west of 005° E. by 2230/8th and is leaving patrol through 042° 01' 004° 46' at 1200/9th, 039° 50' 004° 53' at 2230/10th, 038° 07' 004° 03' at 2230/11th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 14' at 0630/12th.
2. SHAKESPEARE (P.221) is not to proceed west of 005° until after 1200/9th.
(Capt. S.8 061636B to 8 S.F. (R) C. in C.Med. etc.)
- Movements, Port Said. 6th June Port Said arrivals COUNDOURIOTIS, AETOS, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, departures COUNDOURIOTIS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 061739C to Admty. etc.)
- Cables. Para. 1 of A.M. 201952 May. Bizerta.
2. Three underground cables from Nabeul to Tunis and Tunis to Bizerta originally provided for S/M cable have now been put in working order.
(C. in C.Med. 061850B to Admty.)
- P.R.U. At 1720, 2 battleships, 2 cruisers at Taranto.
P.R.U.visual.
(V.A.Malta 061856B to C. in C.Levant, etc.)
- Swedish Relief ship. Ankara telegram number 1055 of 31st May to Foreign Office para. 3. This situation arose due to 12 days delay in receipt F.O.C.N.At. station's 162226 May (safe passage for Swedish relief ship.) Matter is being investigated.
(C. in C.Levant 061933C to Admty. (R) Minister State, Cairo, B.N.A.Ankara.)

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Movements, Arrivals SIRIUS, submarine UNSPARING (P.55),
Algiers. departures CLEOPATRA, MINNA, submarine SICKLE
(P.224.)
(Cdre. Algiers 062015Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrivals today. C. in C.Med. pass to Commavnav.
Oran. U.S.S. THURSTON, U.S.S. COLE, H.M.T.HENGIST,
HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, VETCH, REIGHTON WYKE,
KING SOL, PIROUETTE, FOXTROT.
(Commob Oran 062023B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrived WHADDON, LARGS. Sailed WHADDON, KANARIS,
Tripoli. ROCKWOOD 6th Flotilla L.C.I.(L).
(S.N.O.Tripolitania 062037B to Admty.)
Following is a repetition of my 052104 (begins)
Admty. (R) R.A.L. from S.N.O.Tripoli. Sailed
ALDENHAM, SAKTOURIS, FALK, KLO, L.S.T. 413,
L.C.T.100,113, 153, 158. (Ends.)
(S.N.O.Tripoli 062131B to Admty. (R) R.A.L.)

Movements, Arrivals FOULA HUNDA, CLEOPATRA. Departures
Bone. SIRIUS, LAFOREY, TARTAR, BRIXHAM, BREAM, M.T.B.315
(N.O.I.C. Bone 062045 to Admty. etc.)

Improvised X A simple improvised Baffle suitable for use
Baffle, Bone. against circling torpedoes has been made at Bone
from Summerfield Tracking and Oil Drum Flotation.
2. Provided it is clearly understood that this
Baffle is not proof against high speed submarine
or aircraft torpedoes and will have only a short life, it has
considerable possibilities for improvisations against circling
torpedoes pending arrival of light net from U.K. 3. Details.
4. Material required for one cable.
5. Mediterranean Station Authorities addressed, requested to
report estimated requirements. Military stocks of Tracking
Limited and applications for release will be dealt with
by C. in C. My 282044 to C. in C.Levant and D.N.C.X.F. only
also refers.
(C. in C.Med. 062100B to All F.Os.I.C. and N.Os.I.C. on Med.
Station, (R) Admty. C. in C.Levant, Commavnav, D.N.C.X.F.)

Movements, Bizerta arrival TROUBRIDGE, CASTLETON, H.D.M.L.
Bizerta. 1165. Departure ST. DAY, M.L. 480, (9565), 575.
2. My 052152 (032156B intended, Bizerta arrivals)
add SEER arrival.
(F.O.I.S. 062107B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

D.19. F.O.I.S. 061603 (N.T. in W.R.) leave patrol as
necessary to pass through position C. and D. of
F.O.I.S. 052142 (N.T. in W.R.) and arrive Malta
by 1200.
(V.A.Malta 062136 to Capt. D.19, (R) F.O.I.S.
C.S.15, C.S.12, C. in C.Med.)

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Malta Docks.. My 221952. (re state of docks.)
Number 5 dock has been pumped out today 6th June. The very extensive repairs to Masonry have proved highly successful. Clearance of the cascade of Masonry and debris abreast the major damage is being commenced forthwith. From a cursory inspection the displacement of dock blocks does not appear to be extensive. (A.S.Malta 062142P to Admty.)

Movements Haifa. Arrival 6th June BURRA, departure 6th June IERAX, G.S., BURRA.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 062150C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Malta. Arrivals EURYALUS, LOYAL.
Departures M.T.Bs. 77,73,84,62,65,268,313,633.
M.G.Bs. 663, 658, M.Ls. 126,134,135,462.
(V.A.Malta 062240B to Admty. etc.)

Malta Air Report. A.I.593, 6th June. C.S.R.Malta. A. Air part 1, offensive. Night 5/6 June.
Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Eastern and Western Sicily.
Day 6th June. 19 long range Spitfires made an offensive sweep over south east Sicily and in the Catania area as diversion for bombing raids by Liberators of 9th Bomber Command Part 2, Enemy air activity, May.
Day 6th June. 20 plus enemy fighters approached Malta at great height and were intercepted by 16 Spitfires one Me. 109 was probably destroyed 21 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 4 Spitfires provided escort for incoming Naval Units.
Part 5, operations by A/C of other commands.
Day 6th June. 2 Liberators of 98 Bomber Group U.S.A.A.F. airborne from Lete to bomb Messina dropped bombs in target area and saw bursts in railway yards and areas adjacent. Liberators landed at Malta 1529 hours owing to mechanical trouble.
(A.H.Q.Malta 062244Z.)

Movements, Sfax. Arrivals ALDENHAM, GLOXINIA, G.S.SAKTOURIS.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax 062259B to Admty.)

Retiring C. in C, Levant. On hauling down your flag as C. in C. Levant, Their Lordships wish to express their appreciation of your valuable services both as F.O.I.C. Malta, during the most trying period of the siege and bombardment of that island, and also in your most recent command which you assumed at the shortest notice without considering your personnel convenience.
(1st Lord 062311B to C. in C. Levant, Personal for Admiral Leatham.)

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JERVIS. Arrived and left JERVIS.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 062331C to Admty. etc.)

S/Ms Malta. Arrival UNRIVALLED. Departure ULTOR, UNBROKEN.
(V.A.Malta 062354B to Admty. etc.)

Enemy Units. Following has been read: Two enemy destroyers and
two small craft in 38.59 N. 17.15 E. course
210° speed 12 knots.
(A/C GDK/H 062355B.)

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G/R Air Squadrons. Your Q.J.G. 100/823. Following is a repetition of A.H.Q. India's 011447 para. 1 Air Ministry have sent two recent directions affecting G/R operations Bay of Bengal Area. (A) 36 Wellington G/R squadron is to proceed forthwith to the Mediterranean Air Command to reinforce medium range G/R anti U-Boat operations that area. (B) Second long range G/R Liberator Squadron in this Command is to form as 354 Squadron on Liberator V aircraft about August September. (C. in C.E.F. 060107Z to Admty)

Convoy B.P.82 Karachi portion B.P.82 sailed 0440Z/6th June to R/V. N.C.S.O. Bombay, 030958 refers. ITOLA Bahrein Military Stores knots 10½, MASIMPUR Bahrein Ballast knots 12. (N.C.S.O. Karachi, 060546Z to C. in C.E.F.)

Boom Defences. X Booms at Manza can be maintained in an efficient state without the use of boom carriers by means of B.D.V's from Kilindini. Your 22241 May refers. Manza boom can be stored with Kilindini booms when no longer required if present plans for storage at Kilindini come into operation as expected space for a minor boom depot with crane facilities at the quay and rail access near but not in the immediate vicinity (of the?) M(CM) base can be obtained and should not require a great deal of work or expenditure but in view of the fact that the booms at Manza Bay can be maintained from and stored at Kilindini it is not considered that the gain in efficiency by using Tanga justifies expenditure of material and effort or inevitable duplications entailed. (F.O.E.A. 060621Z to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F.)

Movements. Departures BENGAL for Bombay via Colombo. (N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 060637Z to Admty) Departure BARODA. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 061125Z to Admty.)

Departure DURBAN. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 061153Z to Admty) KENYA sailed. (F.O.E.A. 061326Z to Admty) Colombo arrivals 6th June. 0500Z Sub. 0.23 Departures 0310Z HINDUSTAN 0300 ADAMANT. (F.O. Ceylon, 061520Z to Admty.)

CARADOC. E.F. Cruisers. If CARADOC is employed as gunnery ship at Durban (Admiralty 301501B May refers). I consider that another CD class cruiser will be required. (2) Assuming that WS convoys will not run via the Cape concurrently and that the existing number of modern E.F. cruisers are available for escort duties for the majority of their time at the expense of fleet training, the reply to para.2 of your 042253 is yes. (3) The withdrawal of A.M.C's whose endurance and good sea keeping

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E.F.
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qualities have proved them to be such valuable ocean escorts and has hitherto freed the cruisers for fleet training will be felt.
(Dep. C. in C. E.F. 060739Z to Admty. for C. in C. E.F.)

VASNA.

Departure, H.S. VASNA S. of A. 12.5 knots.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 060750Z to Admty. F.O.I.C.
R.I.N. F.O. Ceylon, C. in C. E.F., Com. Aden,
N.O.I.C. Alexandria)

REVENGE,
RESOLUTION,
Destroyers.

In all cases in my 201141 May for RAIDER substitute QUIBERON and for RACEHORSE substitute QUICKMATCH.
Para. 6 to be deleted.
(C. in C. E.F. 060852 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Com. i/o Durban, R.A.E.F. REVENGE, RESOLUTION, C.C.M.D. Admiralty)

Convoy
P.B.43

Arrivals 0530Z PUNJAB, 0930Z DURBAN, BATHURST.
CARNATIC with P.B.43.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 061019Z to Admty)

Attacks
on
Hospital
Ships.

Admty 061833B. See Australia.

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REGINA M/Vs. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 060900Z. 3 Merchant ships in company. (REGINA 060012Z to F.O.N.F.).

ORIBI Boston arrived 041726Z ORIBI from St. Johns N.F. (N.S.H.Q. 060237Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D. C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F.).

Movements Arrival GENERAL H.F. RETHERS U.S.A.T. 6th June. (B.R.O. Georgetown 060850Q to Admty.). Kingston June 1st DAVID SHANKS and GEORGE WASHINGTON both U.S.A.T. for New Orleans. Arrived New Orleans 4th. (N.S.H.Q. 062057Z to Admty.). San Francisco 4th WILLARD A HOLBROOK (U.S.A.T.) Brisbane. (N.S.H.Q. 062058Z to D.N.I. Wellington).

U/B sighted by A/C. Following is a recyphered version of my 060938. (Begins) S/M sighted by aircraft in 043 degs. 40' N. 067 degs. 23' W. at 0720Z June 6. (Ends). (C. in C.C.N.A. 060939Z to G.B.7A). My 060938 U.S.S. P.C. 455 reports S/M contact in 043 degs. 40' 067 degs. 20' at 1425Z. (C. in C.C.N.A. 061542Z to G.B.7A).

Movements	Ship.	Position	Course	Speed.
Summary	CILICIA	08 degs. N. 28 degs. W.	Patrol	Blank.
1800 G.M.T.				
6th.		(D.O.D.(F) 061003Z to Opnav (R) Comnaveu).		

Convoy B.T.14 Arrived 5th. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad 06119Q to Admty.).

Convoy H.J. 56 Arrived. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 061122 to Admty.).

Convoy O.N.S.5. assessment of attacks on U/bs. Your 042013. We will assess. Have received full reports of surface ship attacks but have no reports of attacks by aircraft. Request these may be forwarded. (2) Comnaveu's 042337 refers. (D.A.S.W. 061310Z to Cominch (R) Comnaveu B.A.D.).

Convoy L.C.57B. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns 061313Z to Admty.).

Convoy H.J.57 Arrived. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 061315Z to Admty.).

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U/B. Aircraft sighted periscope in 043 degs. 38' N.
062 degs. 16' W. 220 degs. 5 knots at 1303Z/6th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 061350Z to G.B.7A).

S/M estimates (Cominch 061446Z, 061447Z, 061525Z, 061526Z,
6th June. 061527Z).
U.S.S/M
Notice.

H.X.243 Your 251323 May. H.X. 243.
Number of Advance sailing telegrams show 70 presenters New
Ships. York of which nine are doubtful and 30 from
Halifax. Should total number be limited to 80?
If so it may be necessary bring some ships from
New York into Halifax to make room for ships of higher priority
from Halifax.
(N.S.H.Q. 061511Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C.C.N.A.
F.O.N.F. B.A.D. Connav, N.M.C.S. BR.L.O. New York and N.C.S.O.
Montreal (Both for Midship). *90 ships to sail (Admty 071205B - page 248)*)

Kingston defence. Following received by W.O. from Commander, North
Caribbean Area:-
"5616 Cypher 2 June.
Reference my telegram 5042 10 March. Understand
Kingston now only port likely to be used. Quantities
and date of commencement uncertain but Colonial Office has
instructed that production must commence without delay. In these
circumstances recommend defence measures port Kingston should be
reconsidered with a view to expediting delivery equipments already
allotted including naval measures consisting of boom defence and
provision of additional H (?D) M.Ls. T.O.O. 1530Q".
(2) Request your remarks).
(Hd. of M. 061521B to S.B.N.O.W.At. (R) N.O.I.C. Kingston).

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate S/Ms. north of 040 degs.
S/M north west of 040 degs. west 1200Z/6th.
Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 061527Z).

Convoy Arrived.
N.J.29 (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 061738Z to Admty.).

Convoy Sailing telegram part.2. (23 Ships, list etc.).
B.X.56 (P.D.Boston 061821Z to Cominch C and R).

O.N.S.9. O.N.S.9. SASKATOON sailed St. Johns N.F. 1815Z/6th
SASKATOON. to join W.L.N. W.3. in "Westomp" as in my
061639 (N.T. in W.D.).
(F.O.N.F. 061825Z Escorts of O.N.S.9. W.3. (R)
C. in C.C.N.A. C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. C. in C.U.S.
Fleet, Admty.).

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Convoys Numbers of Ships, Cycles, Escorts. In reply to C.C.S. 222 Cominch submitted. (1) U.G.S. Convoys must remain at 60 ships on account of escort situation, but if submarine situation remains abnormally favourable along U.S. Mediterranean route, exception may be made though in no case will more than 80 ships be authorized. (2) U.G.S. Cycle will be closed to ten days starting with U.G.S. 13, but other commitments of Atlantic Fleet may make it necessary to rescind this decision. In the same paper Cominch states: (3) Tentative arrangements, but with same reservation as in (2) above, will be made to close C.U. Convoys to 32 days starting late July. (4) It will not be possible on account of increased demands by U.G.S. and C.U. Convoys to assign first ten U.S. D.Es. to British control. (5) It will not be practicable in near future to assign additional support groups to British control. Cominch states he is "well aware of need for firm decisions in respect of these matters to the end that there may be proper planning for employment of shipping. Definite decision will be made as soon as the situation permits". Combined Chiefs of Staff took note of above and agreed that future readjustments pertaining to Convoys should be made directly between the U.S. Navy and Admiralty. (E.A.D. 061835Z to Admty.).

Enemy mines, Halifax. My 050245Z. Mine bag 5th seven; three in 44.18.30" 63.18 at two minute intervals. Two in 44.19 63.17 and one in 44.16.40" 63.32.40". Four of above by L.L.- S.A. three by L.L. Sweepers but unlikely to be acoustically actuated. No P.D.M. on any. Four red two blue. One in OROPESA sweep position 44.15.30" 63.21.30". Last in channel swept OROPESA yesterday probably indicating delay release Mechanism confirmed by six day clock on mine recovered. All L.L. swept mines of high sensitivity four exploding inside and under short leg. Two midway between ships at two cable station and 2300 ampere pulse. One (?indicate) one forward of end of short leg. Information indicates probably depth setting seven to ten fathoms. Total mines destroyed fourteen and one recovered to date. (C. Halifax 061932 to Admty. N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. Cominch, C.E.S.F. C. in C.W.A. F.O.N.F. N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Shelburne) (See also 062027)

WEST POINT. N.U. alter course forthwith for (P) 37.10 64.40 (Q) 37.45 53.01 (R) 40.20 41.01. thence (M) omitting (J) (K) (L). (Cominch C and R 061935Z to WEST POINT).

Convoy S.C.133 REIGH COUNT. (Pan.) sunk in collision. S.C.133 REIGH COUNT in collision in dense fog and sunk approx. 154 degs. 14 miles Sambro light vessel 1915Z/June 5th. Ship struck by unknown vessel in way of number 4 hold and sank in 20 minutes 38 survivors included Capt. landed Halifax

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Convoy S.C.133 REIGH COUNT (Pan.) sunk in collision. (Contd.) by FENNEL. List of survivors will follow from U.S.N.O. to U.S. Authorities. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 061947Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.U.S. Fleet, F.O.N.F.).

Sub. Attack and Sighting Summary. All times Z. B. Hudson attacked Sub. course 210 62.50 N. 16.02 W. 060853. Plane attacked Sub. course 270 62.05 N. 15.50 W. 060857. R.A.F. plane sighted Sub. course 180.62 N. 14.55 W. 061135. (D) Panam. Plane sights surfaced Sub. 43.40 N. 67.23 W. 060720. Plane sights periscope course 220 43.38 N. 62.16 W. 061303. P.C.455 sound contact 43.40 N. 67.20 W. 061526. Y.P.-500 sound contact 32.56 N. 79.08 W. 061425. (Cominch 062015Z to Admty.).

Enemy mines Halifax. C. Halifax's 031413Z and 051227Z. (1) In clear weather Q.J.A.51 south channel extension from Sambro L/V as far as position (A) 044 degs. 08' N. 063 degs. 16' west will be swept daily completing at 1300P. (2) Inbound convoys should not pass through position (A) before this time without special permission. (3) It is impressed on all escorts that times of arrival as signalled to me must be adhered to or alternatively at least 8 hours warning be given of any change. This is essential. (C. in C.C.N.W.A 062027Z to All H.M. and H.M.C. Ships and General Message Establishments under the C.O.A.C. Comorand Command of C.O.A.C. Series Letter O-35. (R) N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, Admty.). As Amended C. in C.C.N.W.A. 080256Z.

Convoy F.H.58A. Sailing telegram (5 Ships, List etc.). (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.B. 062034Z to Admty.).

Convoy B.S.46 Arrived less NORTHTON (N.C.S.O. Sydney 062055Z to Admty.).

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. Halifax arrived 061833Z EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. (N.S.H.Q. 062105Z to D. of S.T.).

Convoy O.N.186 Boston section arrived 062054Z. (U.S.P.D. Boston 062114Z to Connav etc.).

NIPIGON. E.T.A. St. Johns N.B. 070645Z. S.M.R. 3 receiver defective. NANAIMO in company. (NIPIGON 062220Z to N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.B.).

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Kiwi 53. N.Z.A.F. Catalina on passage Suva to Auckland 5/6 is overdue. Search in progress. U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported large oil slick 23 degs. 31' S. 166 degs. 45' E. at 0937M/4, enemy C/W station probably located Samba Head on south coast Choiseul, another suspected eastern San Cristobal. One P.E. and one A.K. or A.O. (reported Kiwi 52) sighted east of Vella Lavella 2325M/4 also one A.P. or A.K. west of Choiseul 07 degs. 27' S. 156 degs. 38' E. course 120 degs. at 2210M/4. At 0730M/5 probably same vessel sighted approaching Woodford Island (extreme west of New Georgia group). Afternoon 3/ June, 2 Liberators destroyed coastal vessel at Timputz with 2 direct hits and attacked similar vessel at Teop. Latter abandoned and left burning.
(C.W.R. Wellington 060047Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.).

Movements Arrivals Sydney N.S.W. 4th MANOORA, U.S.S. GAMBLE, U.S.S. PREBLE. Brisbane 4th WARRAMUNGA. Townsville 4th SWAN. Port Moresby 5th SHEPPARTON. Darwin 4th CASTLEMAINE. Departure Thursday Island 4th for Darwin INVERELL.
(A.C.N.B. 060216Z to Admty.).
Arrival Brisbane 4th. U.S.S. MIZAR. Departure Sydney 5th. for Fremantle U.S.S. GOLDSTAR.
(A.C.N.B. 060217Z to Admty.).

Digest Catalina located Submarine early hours 60 miles
Serial No. East of Lae course West. Bombs and depth charges
502 June 5th. dropped but results unobserved.
(3) Single destroyer passed Cape Orford heading North after daybreak.
(4) Morning R/C observed 2 small cargo vessels of 500 and 1500 tons respectively approaching mouth of Sepik River from North. 4 hours later sighted 2 small unidentified type vessels and approx. 10 barges at river mouth, also three 1,500 tonners camouflaged inshore opposite village Kopar 1 mile up river.
(5) Four Catalinas detailed to attack Ambon midnight 4th/5th June encountered bad weather and one only bombed Lahy Aerodrome where 3 fires started. Other 3 aircraft attacked Langgyer Airfield area also Dobo light. fragmentation bomb hit Lugger in Manoembai River near Kobo.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 060800Z).

Alleged attacks on Japanese Hospital Ships. Japanese have lodged protest against various alleged attacks on Japanese Hospital ships in Far East. Allegations are as follows:-
(1) ARABIA MARU attacked by three Consolidated aircraft on 3th January off Rangoon.
(2) AMERICA MARU attacked on 30th January by aircraft near Rabaul, 4 degs. 12' 38 secs. S. 152 degs. 17' 45" E.
(3) MANILA MARU attacked 4th March by 2 torpedoes in 136 degs. 17' E. 55 degs. 36' N.
(4) URAL MARU attacked 3rd April by aircraft in 2 degs. 47' S. 150 degs. 7' E. when making for Rabaul.
(5) FUSO MARU attacked 3 times by aircraft on 15th April in

/3 degs.....

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attacks on
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3 degs. 33' S. 152 degs. 20' E. when making for
Island of Shortland.
(5) BUENOS AIRES, MARU, attacked by torpedo on
25th April by submarine when in the neighbourhood
of Hong Kong.
Request you will signal all available information
regarding these attacks as soon as possible,
stating whether forces engaged were British,
American, or Australian.
(V.C.N.S. 061833B to A.C.N.B. C. in C. E.F.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 061346B, 016400B).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Main Units.

1. At 0247B this morning C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, FURIOUS, BERWICK, SCYLLA and 11 destroyers left Hvalfiord for Akureyri.

Enemy
convoy
attacked.

X 2. One 800 ton and one 500 ton ship with an escort of small craft were attacked off Berck-sur-Mer at 0105 today by our A/C who claim two possible hits on the 800 ton ship.

Enemy
minelaying.

X 3. What appeared to be a very old ground mine exploded yesterday off the Eddystone in the fishing net of the M/S Trawler INCHGOWER; and enemy coastal craft plotted between 0113 and 0242 this morning are suspected to have laid mines in that area.

SCEPTRE
damaged.

4. The S/M SCEPTRE was accidentally depth charged by our own A/C at 1820B today while exercising to the West of the Orkneys and will require docking to repair.

South Atlantic.

U/B
attacked.

5. COWSLIP, Corvette, escorting Convoy T.S.43, made 3 attacks on a U-Boat sighted on the surface and seen to dive in 06.38 N. 12.25 W. at 2210 G.M.T.

Saldanha
Bay.

X 6. C. in C. South Atlantic reported today that the Saldanha Bay boom defences were taken over by the South African Naval Forces on 26th May.

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.Lampedusa
Raid.

7. A raid to destroy the R.D.F. station at Lampedusa was carried out last night. M.T.Bs approached the island apparently undetected but mortar and small arms fire was opened on the assault craft as they were about to land and the attack had to be abandoned. During withdrawal the M.T.Bs were illuminated by searchlight and engaged with fair accuracy by two 4" batteries without damage or casualties. Two soldiers are missing. The Axis version of this operation represented that it was made by "five companies of commandos" and was "repulsed with the loss of several landing craft".

UNRUFFLED.

8. S/M UNRUFFLED reports that at 1531B on 3rd June in 39.13 N. 16.01 E. she fired 4 torpedoes at a southbound tanker of 8,000 tons and obtained 3 hits. The result was not observed owing to a moderate counter attack by T.B. escort.

Minesweeping,
Tunisian Coast.

9. F.O. Inshore Squadron, at 1541B today reported Operation "Antidote" completed.

Coastal
Craft
Sweep.

10. Last night coastal craft carried out a sweep of the East Coast of Sicily to Syracuse, and of the South Coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola.

Air
Operations.

11. The bombing of Pantellaria continued. In attacks by Fortresses, Marauders, Mitchells, Lightnings and Warhawks, the town and assigned targets were well covered. The Tactical Air Force also flew Mitchells, Bostons, Mustangs, Spitfires and Warhawks in operations against Pantellaria. Last night 27 Wellingtons bombed the town and docks. Six Spitfire bombers from Malta escorted by 6 Spitfires bombed warehouses near the jetty at Pozzalo. Two Beaufighter bombers on anti-shipping R/C in the Aegean attacked a 200 ton caique, but the attack was broken off owing to intense A/A fire.

Loss of
SPLENDID.

12. Some details concerning the loss of S/M SPLENDID on 24th April are furnished today by C. in C. Levant from her engineer officer, now a prisoner of war, through a repatriated prisoner.

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Dock.13. Admiralty floating dock No. 27 has left
Massawa for Alexandria.Through
Convoys.

14. In an estimate of the numbers of ships for
through Mediterranean convoys from the end of
July, the Admiralty realise that the numbers of
ships arriving at Gibraltar for through convoy
during August and the first half of September
may be large for the present numbers of escorts,
but in view of the great importance attached to
the planned programmes it is desired to pass
through as many as possible. If C. in C.
Mediterranean feels that the arrivals of U.G.S.
convoys are definitely beyond capacity, W.S.A.
will be advised to send some ships round the
Cape.

M.T.Bs for
French.

15. Admiral Auboyneau states that consequent
on the loss of the French light cruiser LEOPARD,
one Lieutenant-Commander and 3 junior Lieutenants,
with the necessary number of midshipmen and crew,
are available for commissioning M.T.Bs in the
Levant area. He asks whether newly built craft
can be provided, or possibly M.T.Bs now manned by
British crews at Beirut.

America and West Indies.

H.X. 243.

16. The Admiralty today approved to sail 90
ships in Convoy H.X.243.

Convoy
Organisation.

17. Instructions in regard to the stationing
in convoy of A.C.Vs., M.A.C. ships, and escort
oilers were issued by the Admiralty today.

Australia and New Zealand.

18. Four Dauntless and Avenger aircraft obtained
hits with 500 lb. bombs on an enemy destroyer off
Buin. Two other ships were left burning.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

UNICORN. Your 051112B. Concur.
(C. in C.H.F. 071139B to F.O.C.T.).

KRAKOWIAK KRAKOWIAK is allocated to Mediterranean Station.
(2) C. in C.Plymouth is requested to report earliest date KRAKOWIAK can sail after fitting Type 271 and converting type 285 to M.3.
(3) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to transfer one Hunt-class destroyer to Plymouth Command by mid July.
(D.O.D.H. 071227B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Personnel in North Russia. Admiralty 052000, para.(3). Ambassador sees no objection.
(Ad. Fisher 071606 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.).

Conversion of Trawlers. Your 301102/5. Approved.
(D.A.S.W. 071716B to C. in C. Nore).

GAMBIA GAMBIA is placed under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth.
(2) The ship may call at Plymouth to fuel if necessary before being sailed for Liverpool.
(D.O.D.H. 071801B).

Defence of U.K.

Lochalsh A/A defences. N.O.I.C. Lochalsh has been informed that all local Military Light A/A defences are being withdrawn forthwith. This will considerably reduce protection of the base against A/C as the Army's heavy A/A guns will be undefended against close attack.
(R.A.M. 071158B to Admty.).

Movements.

S/M movements. Sailed SEVERN escorted by WHITEBEAR 3½ hours late on S.3's 04 1107.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 070018B).
Intend sailing USURPER, H.44, SALADIN from Rothesay 1700B/8th June to 180 degs. Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A. 2300B/10.
(2) Thence USURPER South. H.44, SALADIN to Plymouth, E.T.A. 1100B/11.
(Capt.S.3. 071129B).
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/8 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 071647B, 07251B).
SEVERN escorted by WHITEBEAR southbound estimated to be off Sairt Govans light ship at 2200B/7th.
(C. in C.W.A. 071720B to NELSON).
P.59 escorted by SABRE, southbound in Minches during dark hours tonight.
(C. in C.W.A. 071725B to MATCHLESS, HOTSPUR).

/Capt.....

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Movements.

S/M movements. (Contd.) Capt.(S) 3rd's 071129. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to arrange onward escort of H.44 to Portsmouth and Capt.(S) 5th escort Portsmouth to Sheerness. (Capt.S.7. 071747). Arrived your 291535 May. (S.54). (S.B.N.O. North Russia 072007B to Admty.).

DUKE OF YORK. SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA FURIOUS BERWICK SCYLLA. X Hvalfiord departures at 0247B/7th. C. in C. H.F's 061227. *for 2000000000 6.6.43. 190* (A.C.I.C. 070447).

Unknown Ship. ?NELSON. ?My 041613B June (See special File). Sailed codeword "Harris" escort METEOR, MEYNELL, QUORN. (C. in C. Plymouth 071041B to A.C.O.S.).

ASHANTI F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 061919. Request you will signal onward route for ASHANTI whose destination is Poplar to refit. (D.O.D.H. 071110B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Landing Craft Flight E. Intend sailing at 1600/9 Flight E. of L.C. consisting of L.C.G.(L) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, L.C.T.(R) 136, 140, 141, 147, 167, 171. L.C.F.(3) 8, 10, 11, 12. L.C.T.(3) 306, 316, 347, 410, 418. Tugs EMPIRE LARCH, EMPIRE SPITFIRE, O.F. Carriers. VIDONIA, VINDELICIA, OUTPOST. Water Carrier EMPIRE FAUN. Escorted by A/S.T's SALTERELLO and SOUTHERN GEM (S.O. routed as in A.M. 1935/30 March. Codeword "Gibson". (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 071700B to Admty.).

ILLUSTRIOUS Sailed in accordance my 061701B. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 071700B).

Landing Craft Flight F. Ex Flight F T.L.C. 542 arrived Plymouth M.F.V.12 arrived Newlyn. (C. in C. Plymouth 071901B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar). Alter course forthwith for position 48 degs. 00' N. 14 degs. 00' W. thence to position M. (C. in C. Plymouth 072119B to SHEPPEY).

Operations.

Coastal Patrols. My 061032B. "Prize" returned 0512. (F.O.I.C. Portland 070545B). Your 061357B. "Obstacle" "Gibson" and "Occasion" arrived at 0938, 0516, and 0641 respectively. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 070840 to C. in C. Plymouth). / (1) Intend....

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Coastal Patrols. (Contd.) (1) Intend M.Ls. 122 (S.O.) and 215 to patrol tonight on latitude 50 degs. 20' N. between 01 degs. 45' W. and 02 degs. 25' W.

(2) Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S.382 and leave patrol-line at dawn 8th returning via Q.Z.S.382.

(3) Object: Anti E-boat Patrol. Codeword "Device". (F.O.I.C. Portland 071055B and 071115B);

(1) Patrol. A. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 155 and 304 are to patrol 6 miles 120 degs. and 300 degs. from 105 degs. Start Point 14 miles. Code word "Gibson".

(3) Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 115 and 75 are to patrol 2 miles 360 degs. and 180 degs. from 210 degs. Eddystone 5,5 miles.

(4) Codeword "Obstacle".

(5) Above anti-E boat patrols are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol-lines by 2330B, and leave patrol line for Dartmouth 0430B.

(C. in C. Plymouth 071501B).

(1) Anti E-boat patrol tonight on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 15' W. and 01 degs. 00' W. from 2330B to 0415B to be carried out.

(A) If weather calm by GREY SHARK, M.G.B.611, 614, 615. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE immediate notice at Yarmouth.

(B) If unsuitable for Coastal Force Patrol by ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE M.G.Bs. immediate notice at Newhaven.

(2) Decision will be signalled at about 2000B.

(3) M.L. 464, 124 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5. buoys.

(5) Communications. Codeword "Advent".

(C. in C. Portsmouth 071610B).

M.Ls. 293 and 139 patrolling at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. S2 - S1 and 41 Bullock Bank. E.T.D. 2330. E.T.R. 0545/8. M.Ls. 104, 101, 102, 108, 107, 213, 210, 573 and 128 carrying out operation N.L. 86. E.T.D. 2220. E.T.R. 0600/8.

M.T.Bs. 204 - 235 and 231 from Dover at 2300 and M.G.Bs. 117, 108, 114 and 119 from Ramsgate at 2330 at Outer Ruytingen Bank. E.T.R. Dover 0430/8 Ramsgate 0400/8.

M.T.Bs. 221, 219 and 24 carrying out operation N.L.83. E.T.D. 0045/8. E.T.R. 0400/8.

(V.A.Dover 071805B and 071920B).

My 071610 para.1. Carry out patrol, A.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 071905B).

Your 071501B sailed "Gibson" less M.L.155.

Sailed "Obstacle".

(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 072208B to C. in C. Plymouth).

My 071055B. "Device" sailed 2221.

(F.O.I.C. Portland 072230B).

S/M patrols.

Request you will recall SHAD, to arrive Lerwick 13th June.

(F.O.S. 071558B to Capt.S.9.).

Positions of submarines at 0800B/8th and movements for the following 24 hours.

(A) HAKE vicinity 52 degs. 21' N. 36 degs. 30' W.

(B) HADDO vicinity 50 degs. 45' N. 39 degs. 01' W.

(E) TRUCULENT, TALLY HO, SHAD, SATYR, and SEADOG on patrol as in my 051713.

(F.O.S. 071647B to Admty.).

/Operation.....

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Operation V.P.- L. / (1) Patrol L. (2) M.T.B. 345 escorted to coast by M.T.B.653 who then returns. (carry out V.P.- L).
 (3) 1200B/9th June or suitable day thereafter.
 (4) At C.Os. discretion.
 (5) No. (6) No. (7) 065 degs. Out Skerries 110 miles.
 (A.C.O.S. 071655B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).

Proposed daily R/C and intended attack by Russians and Altensfiord. My 021330/30th para.2. Unexpected spell of bad weather has restricted Soviet Russia. Para.3. Operation postponed for same reason. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 071925B to Admt.).

Allied Air Activity.

Anti U-boat tactics. × Experience to date from F.A.A. A/C. 15 Group and BOGUE shows A/C are most likely to approach U-boats undetected in daylight in conditions of good visibility if they fly immediately below cloud cover and take full advantage of cloud during run in to attack. When there is no low cloud, a height of 4000 feet is recommended as in majority of cases sighting of the wake leads up to actual sight of U-boat. The lookout from a U-boat appears less effective when aircraft is flying high than when aircraft is at about 1000 feet.
 (C. in C.W.A. 072137B to Admt.).

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. 1 unidentified enemy A/C sighted N.E. of Skalar at 062231 course N.W. and at Vopnafjord at 062230. 1 unidentified enemy A/C sighted from Raufarhofn at 070445 South.
 (A.C.I.C. 071206B).

Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen A/C crossed Island East to West 0645Z, then observed far away course North.
 (A.C.I.C. 071925B to C. in C.H.F.).

Mining.

Iceland. My 032051. Para.A, B and C completed.
 (2) 60% searched 1 mile wide 20 fathoms deep to Staalberg Huk then 50% 1 mile wide 14 fathoms deep to North Cape. All negative results. Continuing with remainder of para.C and D at 0300Z/7th.
 (A.C.I.C. 070111B).

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Mining. - Contd.

Off Plymouth X Suspected enemy mine-laying in area enclosed by
(A) 50.11 N. 04.03 W. (B) 50.10 N. 03.51 W.
(C) 50.06 N. 03.51 W. (D) 50.06 N. 04.05 W.
(C. in C. Plymouth 070257B).

Ground mine exploded in fishing net of M/S T. INCHGOWER at 1748 on 6th June in position 110 degs. Eddystone 3 miles. Heavy explosion. Recovered fragments indicate very old mine.
(C. in C. Plymouth 071532 to Admt.).

Type My 062046. Sank before recovery possible.
"Emma" (M/S 4 070355 to C. in C. Plymouth).
Mine.

Operation My 061831B. Operation N.L.86 not carried out owing
N.L.86. to weather.
(V.A. Dover 070818B).

M/S 9. Request you will sail SIGNA to Portsmouth at
SIGNA earliest opportunity. She is to be attached to
SPINA. 9th M/S Flotilla.
(D.M.S. 071039B to C. in C. Nore).
Your 062227. SIGNA will be sailed to Portsmouth
forthwith. SPINA now refitting and due to complete
14th June, will be sailed as soon as possible.
(D.M.S. 071052B to M/S 9).

Admiralty's 071039B. Request you sail SIGNA to R/V with
C.W.184 at B.3. buoy at 2100B today for onward passage to
Portsmouth.

(C. in C. Nore 071209B to F.O.I.C. Harwich).
A.M. 071039B. Departure 1530/7 Trawler SIGNA.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 071531B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Sweep of Take FLY and MUTINE under your orders and proceed
Q.Z.S.151 to Portsmouth for onward routing to Plymouth.
and Q.Z.S. (2) Leave Harwich today, to carry out Oropesa and
117. L.L. sweep of Q.Z.S. 151 and 117 on passage.
(C. in C. Nore 07/1040B to HOUND).
Departure HOUND, MUTINE, FLY.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 071400B).

Operation Intend carrying out operation "Hostile 9" tonight.
"Hostile 9". Force is to sail from Plymouth to pass Gate at
1845B/7th. Support Force destroyers KRAKOWIAK and
GOATHLAND are to sail from Plymouth to pass Gate
at 2130B/7th.
(C. in C. Plymouth 071055B).

STEVENSTONE and LA COMBATTANTE are to sail to R/V with
KRAKOWIAK in 180 degs. Start Point 4 miles at 2230B/7th. Proceed
by Q.Z.S. 413 and 415.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 071512B to Capt.D.1.).

/My 071055B.....

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Mining.

Operation My 071055B.
"Hostile 9" (1) Support force will now consist of KRAKOWIAK, (Contd.). STEVENSTONE, and LA COMBATTANTE.
(2) KRAKOWIAK is sailing from Plymouth to pass Gate at 2100/7th to R/V LA COMBATTANTE and STEVENSTONE in 180 degs. Start Point 4 miles at 2230/7th.
(3) Ref. "Hostile 9" Operation order para.13 (A) amend position Z to read 049 degs. 44' N. 003 degs. 02' W. (C. in C. Plymouth 071545B).
My 071512 codeword "Match".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 071724B to STEVENSTONE, LA COMBATTANTE).
My 071512B. Sailed (071512B Secret).
(C. in C. Portsmouth 071727B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Humber Magnetic Mine detonated 1041 in 331 degs. 62B Buoy 18 cables.
(F.O. Humber 071159 and 071207B).

S.N.111C. My 011102B. Delete. para.(O) and (P) and substitute.
(1) AGAMEMNON, LANCASTER, and NEWARK, Port 'ZA' 0015B/13th.
(2) PORT QUEBEC and St. MARY'S Scapa 2130B/12th.
(3) MENESTHEUS and CASTLETON Clyde 2300B/13th.
(R.A.M. 071208B).

ST. MARY'S. Arrived ST. MARY'S 071330B.
(TRELAWNEY 071352 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

Enemy Intelligence.

Off Plymouth. Enemy shipping plotted by R.D.F. in Plymouth Command on 7th June.
E.44 P S.5 craft first plotted at 0113 in 150 degs. Eddystone 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ on N.N.E. Course, speed approx. 35 kts.

Group turned eastwards in 100 degs. Eddystone 10 reducing speed to 7 kts approx. altering course away to the south at 0156 and increasing speed to 36 kts. fading at 0242.
(C. in C. Plymouth 070931B and 071127B).

Enemy shipping plotted by R.D.F. in Dover Strait from 0900/6, 0900/7.
One medium and five small from 4 miles South of Boulogne at 2340, Southbound at 12 knots, faded off Berck-Sur-Mer at 0110. Attacked by 3 Albatrosses at 0105 and identified as one 800 ton ship, one 500 ton ship, and escort of about 3 to 6 small vessels. Two possible hits claimed on 800 ton ship.
(V.A. Dover 070935B).

/Unknown....

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Enemy Intelligence. - Contd.

Unknown Unidentified plot reported 3 A Buoy 130 degs. 5
craft. miles. Investigate if anything seen.
(C. in C. Nore 071817B to MONTROSE, WORCESTER).

U-boats.

U-boats Daily resume. All times Zone B. Patrol "Copper"
reported or from 1009/6 to 1625/6 during which W/269 at
attacked in 1336/6 sighted conning-tower in 62 degs. 12' N.
North Atlantic. 15 degs. 20' W. distant 6 miles but was over
position one min. after disappearance U-boat so
did not attack and nothing further seen.
G/269 from 1048/6 to 1415/6 during which sighted
surfaced U/boat in 62 degs. 50' N. 16 degs. 02' W.
210, 15 kts, distant 7 mls. and attacked from 50 ft. with 4 270-lbs.
Torpex Mk. XI D/Cs. Mk. XVI pistols set 25 ft. Soared 100 ft.
about 2 seconds after disappearance U/boat. Number 4 D/C landed
dead on track at apex of swirl and 2 mins after attack saw large
air bubbles which persisted for 5 mins.
Fortress A/220 one A/S sweep from Benbecula from 0831/6 to 1425/6
during which sighted surfaced U-boat 1057/6 in 62 degs. 05' N.
14 degs. 20' W. 036/10 kts. and attacked at 1102/6 from 25 ft. with
3 270 lbs. Torpex Mk. XI d/cs. pistol Mk. XVI set 25 ft. Number 1
D/C very close starboard side and others overshot.
After attack U-boat remained surfaced on erratic course with 5 men
in conning tower but A.A. gun not fired. A/220 fired 1000 rounds
from 305 and 200 rounds .03. A/C attempted to drop remaining D/C
which hung up and U-boat submerged to C.T. depth then re-surfaced
with bow higher then stern and four mins. later U-boat slowly
submerged stern first. At 1254/6 in same position A/220 sighted
oil streak moving slowly 200 degs. 1 knot and attacked it at 1404/
6 on reaching Ple with one D/C. After this attack oil-streak
seemed disturbed and stopped but after resumed course as before.
(R.A.F. Iceland 070203B).

By D/F at 2327Z/6, U-boat estimated between 63 degs. 00' N.
and 65 degs. 00' N. and between 01 degs. 00' E. and 00 degs. 30'
W.

(D.D.I.C. 070347B to C. in C.H.F.).

At 2335Z/6 a U-boat transmitted. Bearings indicated a
position in the area of 61 degs. 00' N. 15 degs. 00' W. on a
repetition of this transmission at 0149Z a bearing from Greenland
of 058/B degs. suggests that U-boat may have been off the West
coast of Iceland (C).

(D.D.I.C. 070805B to C. in C.H.F. A.C.I.C.).

Master of fishing trawler COPIEUX reports sighting submarine
on surface 52 degs. 42' N. 12 degs. at 0700/6th.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 071919B to Admty.).

Technical.

Stability Following for information begins. Repeats S.O.S.G.
of L.C.T.(R) (J)'s 052230.
craft. and begins: To: C. in C. Plymouth. Repeated
C.C.O., F.O.I.C. Falmouth, S.O.S.G.(J) in LOCUST.
From S.O. Force J. F.O.I.C. Falmouth 052206. After
consultation with Priddys Hard, it is estimated

/that.....

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Stability of L.C.T.(R) craft. (Contd.). that maximum weight of ammunition in any one L.C.T.(R) is 90 tons. T.O.O. 061132. Ends. (C.C.O. 071445B to Admty. Capt.M.L.C.).

Casualties and Defects.

UNTAMED TEDWORTH reports one lifting-craft in position but further operations suspended owing to moderate southerly gale. Remaining craft returned to harbour. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 071146B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

KRAKOWIAK My 071227. KRAKOWIAK can be taken in hand at Devonport for fitting Type 271 and converting Type 285 to M.3. (D.O.D.H. 071507B to C. in C. Plymouth).

SCEPTRE SCEPTRE was accidentally depth-charged by own aircraft at 1820B today while exercising with C.O.Q.C. to west of Orkneys. Damage which will require docking to repair. After daylight in harbour tomorrow to effect thorough examination and make good various defects consider possible SCEPTRE will be able to proceed to sea for further exercises. (A.C.O.S. 072303B to Capt.S.3, F.O.S.).

Shipping and Convoys.

S.C.132 By D/F at 2109Z/6. U-boat estimated probably anywhere within 45 miles of 55 degs. 30' N. 31 degs. 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 070023B to Escorts S.C.132 E.G.1.).

T.A.46 QUEEN ELIZABETH. Sailed in accordance with my 051016B. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 070148).

S.C.133 E.G.5. My 040924Z. Request you will sail Canadian Support group to support S.C.133 from about 046 degs. W. (2) It is proposed if you concur to call this group the 5th Escort Group temporarily pending decision on Ad. 051736B. (C. in C.W.A. 070904Z to C. in C.C.N.A.). Comply with C. in C.W.A's 070904Z. (C. in C.C.N.A. 071321Z to F.O.N.F.). Your 070904 para.2. concur. F.O.N.F. inform E.G.5. (C. in C.C.N.A. 071939Z to C. in C.W.A.).

/D.S.41.....

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- D.S.41 Intend sailing BANFORA escorted by SHIKARI and SCIMITAR passing Clyde Boom 2200B/8th thence in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 061625B. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 071036B).
- O.N.J.188 Your 062046B. Detailing a destroyer for O.N.J. Convoy involves missing at least 1 day training. When O.N.J. convoys are comprising only 2 or 3 ships it is considered at present 1 escort is sufficient and it is requested when U.S.S. SYMBOL or any other escort is available this may be included in your signal. Request reply for O.N.J.188. (C. in C.W.A. 071103B to A.C.I.C.).
Your 071103. SYMBOL is not available and no local escort vessels have sufficient speed for O.N.J.188. (A.C.I.C. 071853 to C. in C.W.A.).
- OXFORDSHIRE Sailed hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 1040/7. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0530B/13. (N.C.S.O. Avonmouth 071259B).
- T.A.47 Admiralty 061936B. Intend sailing S.S. PASTEUR 1400Z/8th June. Route to Halifax. S.O.A. 19½. E.T.A. Halifax 1400Z/15th. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 071713Z, and 080853B to Admty.).
- H.X.242 H.X.242. S.O. Escort C.1. in ITCHEN. 62 ships. Additional A/S Escort and for rescue duty GRENADIER, rescue tug EMINENT, rescue ship DEWSBURY H/F D/F.
(2) Escort oiler HOPE MOUNT, and CHESAPEAKE platform NOREG, LAURELWOOD, DERRICK, ORWELL canvas hose.
(3) Depth charges HOPE MOUNT flotation 60 improvised 40, CHESAPEAKE improvised 60, LAURELWOOD improvised 109. (C. in C.W.A. 072034Z to E.G.1.).
- H.X.241 (1) At 0800/8 detach PENNYWORT and ASPHODEL to Lough Foyle exercise area for A/S exercise. (C. in C.W.A. 072226B to B.4.).
- O.S.50 C. in C. Portsmouth 021906B not to all addressees.
E.G.38 Request you will boiler clean H.M.S. COLUMBINE and
COLUMBINE. sail her as necessary to join 38-escort group escorting O.S.50. (C. in C.W.A. 072331B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

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AMARAPOORA. Arrival Hospital Ship AMARAPOORA.
(F.O.Gib. 070801B. to Admty.)

TRUSTY. Met TRUSTY 0830B/7. P.C.& S. 035° 50' N. 007°
(damaged 47' W. 090° 10½. Light air, smooth sea, and
6 June.) slight swell, fine and clear. No assistance
required to dock TRUSTY.
(St. NECTAN 070920B to F.O.C. Gibraltar.)
F.O.C. Gibraltar 061921 and Capt. S (8) 071222
(N.T. in W.D.). Subject to there being no damage
to either pressure hull or conning tower which prevents her
diving, consider TRUSTY can proceed to U.K. without periscopes.
When submerged TRUSTY would proceed at safe depth and would
only read W/T routine when on the surface at night.
(F.O.S. 071902B. to F.O.C. Gib. (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth,
Capt. S. (8) S.O. S/M Gibraltar, Capt. S. (3).)

Dispositions. Situation 1958B/7th. 18 L.C.I. (L) S.O. 173
035° 17' 031° 07' through 035° 20' 030° 50'
thence 083°.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071116B.)

M.K.S. 14. My 060939 (060930 intended) add FILLEUGH,
Phosphates, also to join S.L.130 from Lisbon
FLAMINIAN, General. PORTSEA, Potash and General.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071207B. to Admty.)

ASHANTI. My 061919B, sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071212B. to Admty.)

Move of 728 C. in C. Med. 051105. (? U.S. N.O.B. Oran) is
Sqn. to requested to report whether stores of 728 Squadron
Levant. can be embarked in ship joining G.T.X.2 for
Tripoli. (2) WISHART and CLEVELAND will be
detached from G.T.X.2. as necessary to embark
maintenance personnel. (3) Pending disposal of
Beaufighter A/C of 728 Squadron maintenance unit 1 Flight
Sergeant and 10 ratings are to be retained at Tafaroui.
(4) (U.S.) N.O.B. Oran pass to R.A.F. Tafaroui.
(F.O.C. Gib. 071236B, 071916B to (U.S.) N.O.B. Oran, R.A.F.
Tafaroui (R) N.O.I.C. Tripoli, R.A. (H) C.O. N.A.S. Med.
C. in C. Med. etc.)

B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. 26, 09 and 27 arrived today. B.N.L.O.
Dakar pass to Comar Dakar.
(Commorseafron 071522 to F.O.C.W.Africa (R)
Comar Dakar, N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty. etc.)

O.S.49. Propose include in O.S.49 (list). All for Dakar.
Request rendezvous. Advise. B.N.L.O. Dakar pass
to Comar Dakar.
(Commorseafron 071555 to Admty. (R) F.O.C. Gib.
C. in C. Med. etc.)

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Axis Shipping Arrivals 5th SYDNEY, CASTILLO, ANDRADE.
Bilbao. Departures 6th SPERBER, NORDFELS, MONTE CORONA,
MARIA CARMEN, MARINA. Departures 5th MARIBEL,
PAX CHRISTI, MARIE GABRIELLE. Departures 6th
HOCHERINER, TRES FORCAS, MONTE BIZCARGUI,
CAMPUZANO.
(Consul, Bilbao 071620 to Admty. etc.)

AMBRIZ. Portuguese AMBRIZ 920 G.T. speed 9 knots, usual
markings on sides, sailed 1630/7th for Marseilles
by approved route with prisoners of war parcels.
Not to be molested this voyage.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 071631B. to Capt. S.10 etc.)

TEMPLAR. Arrival.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 071633B. to Admty.)

GEORGES LEYGUES. GEORGES LEYGUES sailed my 291919 1800A/June 7th
radio shift 2200A/June 8th 26.10 N. 14.55 W.
(C.M.S.F. 071840 to Comar Dakar (R) Comnavnaw,
C. in C. Med. F.O.C. W.A. Admty. Comfairwing 15.)

French Refugees. † Your 061713 (N.T. in W.R.) Ship should arrive
Setubal evening tide 10th June. Embarkation
should be made the same night and ship sailed
morning tide 11th. 2. Portuguese holiday will
not interfere with arrangements.
(B.N.A. Lisbon 071841B. to C. in C. Med. (R)
Admty. etc.)

EMPIRE MIGHT. Owing to delay to ship carrying replacement stores
it has become of urgent operational importance
that EMPIRE MIGHT should reach Alexandria as soon
as possible. 2. Request that if possible she
be sailed to overtake at Algiers K.M.S.16 due to
leave Gibraltar 16th June. 3. Otherwise she should be sailed
to catch convoy G.T.X.3. due to leave Gibraltar 23rd. June.
4. In the circumstances escort is considered essential.
5. Request your intention.
(D.O.D. (F)*071859B. to F.O.C.W.A. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C.
Med. C. in C. Levant.)* Approved A.C.N.S.(F)

Movements, Arrived B.Y.M.S. 26.09 and 27. Departures
Casablanca. P.C.480, BRISTOL, ANNAMITE, GEORGES LEYGUES.
(Commorseafon 071955 to C. in C. Med.)

TRUSTY. Arrival. My 061921B refers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 072112B. to Admty. F.O.C.R.I.N.
C. in C. Med. F.O.S. S.8., F.O.C. W.A., C. in C.
F.A. S.3. S.9, C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.)

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Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrival, VISENDA M.K.S.14. Departures Nil.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 072203B. to Admty. etc.)

Air
Report.

A.I.572 7 June. Daily Opsum 218. At 2304B/6 June
36.30 N. 02.13 W. Well P/179 sighted fully
surfaced U-Boat Co. 090°/15 kts. Aircraft
damaged by flak on run in. Second Pilot and
Navigator wounded no attack.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Gibraltar 072330B.)

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WILLIAM KING, torpedoed. Following received on 500 k/cs, WILLIAM KING 30.34 S. 34.15 E. torpedoed, crew in boats, time of sinking 061130 G.M.T., have two men badly burned. Help required. (Simonstown W/T, T.O.R.070819, 071004B) Survivors in life boats from U.S. WILLIAM KING report ship torpedoed in 030° 34' S. 034° 15' E. at 1130Z/6th (Time doubtful). (?C. in C. S.A. 071227B to Admty. C. in C. E.F. (R) S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Basra.)

QUERCY. Arrived 2230Z/6th. (Comar Dakar, 070852Z to F.O.C.W.Af. etc.)

Dakar Movements. Arrived 0830Z BRIDGEWATER, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, BELLWORT escorting HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ORDUNA, ELIZABETHVILLE. F.O.C.W.A.F. 012047 as amended refers. (2) Arrived 0800Z L.S.T. 421, B.Y.M.S. 19, M.L.289, M.L.574. F.O.C.W.A.F.'s 031919 refers (Comar Dakar, 070944 to F.O.C.W.A.F. Admty. F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., C.M.S.F.)

FOXHOUND, MORRIS DANCE. Departure. 1936Z/6th, FOXHOUND, MORRIS DANCE escorting. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 071000Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

DUMRA (sunk 5/6) SS. DUMRA torpedoed in 028° 15' S. 033° 20' E. at 0550Z/5th. C. in C. S.A. 061305 refers. (2) Ship hit by 2 torpedoes. 1st blew bow off. 2nd hit starboard side amidships about 4 minutes later. Ship then sank in 3 minutes. (3) S.S.S.S. sent 5 times on emergency aerial. (4) Neither S/M nor track of 1st torpedo seen. 2nd track seen approaching from (?beam). (5) Ship did not open fire. (6) C.B.'s sank with ship. Total crew on board 93 including 2 D.E.M.S, 66 survivors including 1 D.E.M.S. Master lost with ship. Chief Engineer taken prisoner and balance of 25 considered killed or drowned. (8) S/M surfaced immediately after ship sank about half mile from boats. Boat called alongside and water sprayed by Tommy Gun to hurry this. S/M disappeared on surface to eastward at about 12 knots after taking Chief Engineer prisoner. (9) Description, 500 to 700 tons. Freshly painted very light grey. No number discernable. 4 inch gun forward A/A gun aft. (N.O.I.C.Durban, 071010Z to Admty. C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.)

AORANGI. Durban 1300Z/8th June AORANGI Bombay via Kilindini 0800Z/14th June, knots in convoy 13½ then (A) 13½ (B) 15. In convoy D.N.46 to position. (E) 028° 32' S. 032° 30' E. (F) 026° 00' S. 038° 00' thence (G) 020° 05' S. 041° 25' E. (H) 009° 30' S. 042° 25' E. (J) 006° 15' S. 041° 35' E. (N.C.S.O. Durban, 071031Z, 080638Z to Admty)

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B.Y.M.S. (1) Intend sailing B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 20, 28 at 0700Z/8th June to Takoradi for onward sailing to Simonstown and Eastern Fleet, calling at Point Noire and Walvis Bay en route.

(2) Route VINE E.T.A. Takoradi p.m. 12th June. Requirement 20,000 gals. Diesel oil 7,076,000 gals water. (3) N.O.I.C. Takoradi is to sail B.Y.Minesweeper for Pointe Noire as soon as ready reporting requirements. (4) B.N.L.O. West Africa is to sail B.Y.minesweeper for Simonstown B.Y.minesweeper for Simonstown B.Y. minesweeper calling at Walvis Bay for water. (5) Continuous W/T Guard will be maintained on group ? FT until passing 010° S. There after B.Y.minesweeper should be ordered to keep watch on broadcast S.L. Any B.Y. minesweeper becoming detached will keep watch on Inter-national single operative periods.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 071311Z to N.O.I.C. Takordi, B.N.L.O. W.Af. (R) B.Y.M.S., 11,12,20,28, N.C.S.O.Walvis Bay, C.C.S.A., N.O.I.C. Lagos, C. in C. E.F. Admty.)

Saldanha Boom Defence. My 211319 May refers. Saldanha Bay Boom Defences were taken over by S.A.N.F. on 26th May. (C. in C. S.A. 071445B to Admty. (R) S.A.N.F. etc.)

EXCELLER. EXCELLER (U.S.) 16 knots from New York to Capetown has been diverted to Walvis Bay. E.T.A. a.m. 9th June. (2) Ship is to be sailed p.m. 11th June through G.021° 59' S. 013° 01' E. thence to R/V with convoy W.S. 30 in 020° 20' S. 012° 22' E. at 0800Z on 12th June. If not met continue on same course from G till dusk and report to C. in C. S.A. Acknowledge. (C. in C. S.A. 071651B to N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay (R) SUFFOLK, Admty.)

FROBISHER. Your 241347 (N.T. in W.R.) para. 4. Request arrival of FROBISHER at Durban may be deferred until a.m. 13th June in order to allow for gunnery practices prior to sailing from Simonstown. If these are omitted ship can arrive Durban p.m. 12th June. (C. in C. S.A. 071659 to C. in C. E.F. (R) C.S.4, Cdre. i/c Durban, Cdre. i/c Simonstown, FROBISHER)

Movements, Takoradi. Arrival 7th June CORFU, BOADICEA, SARABANDE M.L.No. 266 and 274. (N.O.I.C.Takoradi, 071704 to Admty (R) F.O.C. W.Af. N.O.I.C.Lagos.)

Refits of Escort Vessels. Your 311902 May (Re one escort vessel to be sent to U.K. for refit, with each S.L. convoy). TAMARISK will be sent with convoy S.L.132. No ship will be sent with S.L.131. (F.O.C.W.A. 071730Z to Admty)

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ARGO. Sailed ARGO 1355Z escorted by Air France 3 in accordance with my 051158. (Comar, Dakar, 071756Z to F.O.I.C. W.A.F., Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

ELIZABETHVILLE. Your 021819. Intend to sail ELIZABETHVILLE escorted by BELLWORT, BRIDGEWATER S.O. for Bathurst 1000Z/8th. (2) S. of A. 10 E.T.A. 1000Z/8th routed from Goree Island direct to 013° (corrupt group) N. (?016°) 54' W. thence Davis Strait under French air protection throughout passage. (Comar, Dakar, 071826Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Gambia, BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT, D.S.T.O. West Africa.)

Movements, Arrived 1900/7th June FOWEY, CAMPION, MYOSOTIS, Freetown. MALLOW, STONECROP, F.S. LA MALOUINE, BUTSER with O.S.48. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 071941Z to Admty etc.)

COWSLIP, Have carried out 3 attacks on U-Boats sighted on attack on the surface and seen to dive in 006° 38' N. U/B. 012° 25' W. Have now lost contact. Am remaining in vicinity and searching. Am running on salt water and am incapable of more than 11 knots as boilers are priming. (COWSLIP, 072210Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

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- SICKLE.** Operation cancelled. Return to Algiers by reverse of outward route, proceeding on the surface at your discretion. Report your E.T.A. (Capt. S.8 070012B to P.224 (SICKLE) (R) 8th S.M.F. LA SULTANE.) Will arrive Algiers (908)00B. (SICKLE 070122B to Capt. S.8.)
- Convoy T.E.21X.** T.E.21X arrived. (Com. N.O.B.Oran 070851B to Admty. etc.)
- TAURUS.** You have freedom of action in Eastern Aegean. Your Western Boundary line south of lat. of Cape Aoro is a line 326° from 035° 20' 026° 54' You will probably be recalled to leave your area 11th June. (Capt. S.1 070917C to P.339 (TAURUS) (R) PARTHIAN, C. in C.Levant.)
- M.E.Air Report.** A.657 June 7th. Daily Opsum 40. June 5/6. 20 Wellingtons Pantellaria Harbour. 80 fires started round harbour and in town. One violent explosion among sheds near light railway. 1 x 4000 lb. H.E. 150 x 500 lb. H.E. 20 S.B.C. 30 lb. incendiary between 2040Z and 0155 hrs. 2 Hurricanes machine gunned buildings Pantellaria Harbour, results unobserved. June 6th. 52 U.S.Liberators (B.24) ferry termini Messina, San Giovanni, and Reggio Di Calabria. 2 returned early engine trouble. Remainder bombed? Many bursts on railway sidings south of terminus Messina, other bombs southwest and east of terminus and near Siap fuel tanks and Naval barracks on Eastern arm of harbour. At San Giovanni 2 hits on terminus, other bursts in town. Near miss on ferry boat at entrance to Reggio harbour, other bombs south of terminus and in town. Total 32 fighters attacked. 8 Me. 109s shot down, 2 Me.109s and 1 Mc.202 probably destroyed. 4 Me.109s, 1 Mc.202 damaged. Propaganda leaflets dropped. 324 x 500 lb. H.E. 54 S.B.C.4 lb. incendiary on Messina at 1125Z hours, 144 x 500 lb. H.E? on San Giovanni 132 x 500 lb. H.E. on Reggio at 1045Z hours. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.,070936Z.)
- CASABIANCA.** Intend sailing CASABIANCA 2000/8th to patrol in (?an) area north of 042° N. and east of 008° E. routed through 038° 25' N. 003° 30' E. at 0530/9th and 042° 10' N. 008° 00' E. at 2345/11th. (Capt. S.8 071012B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, Capt. S.10, 8th S.M Flot. ARETHUSE.)
- Movements, Alexandria.** Arrival 6th June ROMEO. Departure 6th June HYACINTH, EASTON, CARLISLE, WOLBOROUGH. (S.O.I. Alex. 071045C to Admty.)

/FIRUZ...

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FIRUZ, CELENO, ALBARO. ex French tanker FIRUZ, German flag, 12000 tons capacity, passed Canakkale 1730 G.M.T. June 6th bound for Constanza. Expected enter Black Sea today June 7th. Security authorities will meet CELENO and escort off Bosphorus. N.L.O. Black Sea informed.

(S.O.I. Istanbul 071105C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.I. Levant, (R) S.l, D.N.I. Via N.I.D.)

- A. My 071105. FIRUZ entered Black Sea 1030 G.M.T. June 7th.
 B. Report B.4 CELENO or ELBE (ex P.L.M.16) sunk in Black Sea beginning June.
 C. My 021530. ALBARO still expected shortly. B.3
 (S.O.(I) Istanbul 071551C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, (R) Capt. S.l. D.N.I.)

DERWENT. Your 041241B subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med. propose DERWENT be towed to Western Mediterranean for further repairs necessary for ocean passage, and for onward routing to U.K. later.

2. ERIDGE's (date?) will have to remain indefinite.
 (C. in C. Levant 071125C to Admty. (R) V.A. Malta, Com. (D) Alexandria, C. in C. Med. A.S. Malta.)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one enemy destroyer and one merchant vessel 5000 tons is 35.22 N., 10.34° E. 063° 10 knots.
 (A/C FAV/W 071142B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

Air Bases. A.X.506 7 June.
 Ref. para. G. A.H.Q. East Africa's signal A.105 1st June (provision of Air Bases in Middle East Command,) have you any comments?
 (Air Ministry 071150Z to H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. (R) A.H.Q. India, A.H.Q. East Africa, 222 Group.)

COLOMBO. A.M. 061509B (movements of COLOMBO,) estimated date 26th June weather permitting. Admiralty recypher and pass to C. in C. Med.
 (C.S.10, 071211B to Admty. (R) C. in C.H.F. C. in C. Med. A.C.O.S. R.A.(D) H.F. COLOMBO.)
 Passing action being taken by W.R.

Convoys through Mediterranean Numbers. Your 022040B, paras. 2 and 3.
 Following is estimate of numbers of ships which have been planned to pass through Mediterranean commencing at end of July. (Amended by 092107 q.v.)

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Convoys through Mediterranean Numbers. (Contd.)	Convoy	Arrival date Gibraltar.	No. of ships for through Mediterranean.
	K.M.S.21	30 July	17
	U.G.S.12	5 August	31
	K.M.S.22	10 August	15
	U.G.S.13	15 August	35
	K.M.S.23	19 August	15
	U.G.S.14	25 August	20
	K.M.S.24	30 August	15

Then so far as can be estimated at the rate of about 15 to 20 ships in each K.M.S. and U.G.S. convoy on a 10 day cycle.

2. Above dates and numbers are based on a suggestion to Washington that U.G.S.12 should be deferred 5 days and thereafter U.G.S. convoys to run on a 10 day cycle so as to stagger arrivals with K.M.S. convoys. (cancelled by 092107 q.v.)

3. Realised with reference to your 281340B to Admty. only and 022040B that numbers of ships arriving Gibraltar for through convoy during August and first half September may be large for the present numbers of escorts available, but in view of the great importance attached to the planned programmes it is desired to pass through as many as possible. If you feel that the arrivals of the U.G.S. convoys are definitely beyond capacity W.S.A. will be advised to send some ships round the Cape. Request your views.

4. Fully realised that no hard and fast numbers can be fixed at this stage, but to ensure an adequate flow of supplies it is necessary to advise the planners as early as possible the maximum numbers they can reasonably plan for through Mediterranean passage during August and September as if the longer routes are to be used by any of the ships in para. 1 immediate action is imperative.

5. Further signal is being made with regard to Escorts. (D.T.D. 071256B to C. in C.Med. (R) C. in C.Levant, F.O.C. Gibraltar, B.A.D.)

DERWENT, V.A.M. 040953. Intend to tow DERWENT and LANCE
LANCE. to Gibraltar with ST. DAY and NIMBUS in M.K.S.15
Both ships will require docking at Gibraltar for reinforcement prior to onward passage to U.K.
(C. in C.Med. 071311B to V.A.Malta, C. in C. Levant, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.)

Convoy G.U.S.8 sailing ships as in my 291308 as amended
G.U.S.8. by my 010902 and my 021535 less SOCONY VACUUM and (?SOCONY) DICKENSON plus AQUILLA for Gibraltar.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran 071335B to Admty. etc.)

G.U.S.8, my 071335 - not to HOLCOMBE. JOHN A.DIX returned Oran.
(N.O.B.Oran 071635B to Admty. etc.)

Ships for L.T.M. 307. Ships EE. and GG. now leaving
Piraeus. Piraeus at 0900/8 th.
(Capt. S.10 071501B to 10th S.F. (R) C. in C. Levant.)

/Enemy...

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- Enemy Units. 2 medium vessels of 4000 and 3000 tons 2 destroyers and 1 Me. 110 in position 40.27 N. 14.35 E. course 300° speed 10 knots. (A/C CJL/C via Malta 071503B to Air H.Q.Malta.)
- SOKOL, O.R.P.SOKOL leaves patrol to pass 037° 23' 016° 00' at 2000/10th then through 036° 26' 015° 43' and 036° 26' 014° 21' to arrive west sanctuary R/V at 0830/12th June keeping south of 038° 00' N. after 0001/10th.
2. UPROAR leaves zone Q. at 0001/10th to operate in Zone M. north of 038° N. and leaves this area for Malta by same route as O.R.P. SOKOL, all times 24 hours later. (Capt. S.10 071503B to O.R.P.SOKOL, UPROAR, (R) 10th S.F. C. in C.Levant, C. in C.M.F. Capt. S.1st S.F. Capt. S.8th S.F. N.O.I.C. Malta.)
- DZIK. Intend to sail DZIK at 1700/8th routed through position S. to arrive P. at about 1200/10th for patrol therein by Capt. S.8.) (Capt. S.10 071507 to C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8 (R) C. in C.Levant, Capt. S.1 8th S.M.F.)
- Minesweeping. X Operation "Antidote" completed. (F.O.I.S. 071514B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. V.A.Malta. etc.)
- P.R.U. P.R.U.visual reports 2 battleships. 2 cruisers at Taranto at 1315. (V.A.Malta 071554B to C. in C.Med. etc.)
- H.D.M.Ls. Flotilla numbers 140,141 and 142 are allocated for H.D.M.Ls. being sent to Mediterranean. 2. Request you will report flotilla allocation of all future B type M.Ls. and H.D.M.Ls. as they arrive on the station including those quoted in F.O.I.C. Milford Haven's 040925. (D.D.O.D.(C) 071555B to C. in C.Med. (R) C.C.F.)
- N.W.A.A.F. Report. J.6402 or 6462 7 June. Northwest African Air Forces Opsum 106 June 6. Throughout this signal target for N.W.A.S.A.F. and N.W.A.T.A.F. Mission was Pantellaria in every case. N.W.African Strategic Air Force.
- June 4/5. 12 Wellingtons 2 x 4000, 6 x 1000, 78 x 500 and 30 x 250 fires seen in town and on docks. June 5/6. 20 Wellingtons 38 tons of bombs from 4000 to 9000 feet fires observed 1 resulting in large explosion. June 6 23 Warhawks (P.40) 5 carried bombs 18 escort, 5 x 1000 from 500 to 4000 feet. In combat 6 Me.109 destroyed. 45 Lightnings (P.38) 9 returned early, 35 x 1000 from 2,500 to 4000 feet. 37

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N.W.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) Lightnings (P.38), 32 x 1000. 2 Lightnings damaged by flak. 24 Marauders (B.26) escorted by 30 Lightnings (P.38) 1 fighter returned early 90 x 1000 from 8700 feet by bombers 13 x 1000 from 3000 ft. by fighters. In combat 2 Me.109 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. 18 Marauders (B.26) escort 24 Lightnings (P.38) 3 bombers returned early, Bombers dropped 46 x 1000 from 11200 feet and escort dropped 10 x 1000 from 3000 feet. N.W.African Tactical Air Force June 6 12 Bostons escort 6 U.S.Spitfires. 52 x 500 from 7200 ft. In combat 3 Bostons slightly damaged, 1 missing. 1 Me.109 damaged by Spitfires. 12 Mitchells (B.25) escort 6 U.S.Warhawks (P.40) 36 x 1000 from 5200 to 8000 feet. 12 Baltimores escort 12 U.S.Spitfires (577) 48 x 500 from 6750 ft. (H.Q.N.W.A.A.F. 071629B.)

BATTLER. Request BATTLER may be sailed to the Clyde at earliest convenient opportunity. (D.O.D.(H) 071633B to C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.W.A. F.O.C.T.)

Movements, Port Said. 7th June Port Said arrivals - CARLISLE, HYACINTH, M.Ls. 350,385,348, BURRA, WOLBOROUGH, L.S.T.409, R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA, R.F.A. ATHEL MONARCH, RELAY. Departures WOLBOROUGH, IPSWICH, R.F.A.WAR KRISHNA, R.F.A.KHETI, AETOS, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, MARYBOROUGH, HYACINTH, M.Ls. 350,385,348, L.S.T.409. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 071637C to Admty. etc.)

SPLENDID, loss, information. Following information on the loss of SPLENDID received from Lt. (E) D.W.Laidlaw R.N. through (?A.K.) Frown late of 10th Corps recently repatriated prisoner of war from Italy. (Capt. S.8s. 271438 April not to all addresses refers.)
2. S/M was manoeuvring at periscope depth to attack German destroyer HERMES at 0800B/24th March (April intended?) off Capri. HERMES carried out attacks described as "3 correct Portland attacks." The last of these parted clips on the after Davis (?escape) hatch and jammed after hydroplanes to 015° dive. S/M diving to 320 feet, a lot of water entered and port (?motor) failed. All tanks were blown and SPLENDID surfaced to be engaged by gunfire. Drop keel could not be released.
3. Lieut. G.G.Hardy R.N.V.R. and 20 ratings were not (?saved.)
4. Laidlaw is definite that S/M sank in very deep water and no attempt at boarding was made. No information re S.Ps.
5. See also Levant 00220/77 of 5th June to C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8. Capt. S.10 and (?Capt. S.1) only. ^{?3.8 ibid}
(C. in C.Levant 071647C to Capt. S.7. (R) Capt. S.10, Capt. S.1, Capt. S.5., Capt. S.8, F.O.(S) V.A.Malta, Admty. S.O.(I) Med. S.O.(I) Levant.)

German detail - see G.D. 433.

/P.O.W....

* Attack was on 21st April 1943

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P.O.W. Parcels Route. A.M. 011703B. I.R.C.C. state Axis insist on proposed change of route and that failing agreement parcels service will be suspended. Since it is extremely important that this service should continue it is hoped that you will be able to agree to change of route. (Hd. of M.(1) Approved A.C.N.S. (F) 071743B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

IERAX. Arrived and left 7th June. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus 071749C to Admty. etc.)

Algiers Movements. Arrivals S/M SICKLE (P.224) F. S/M LA SULTANE. Departures LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, MINUET, M.M.S.7, 102. (Com. Algiers 072011B to Admty. C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. V.A.Malta.)

SOUTHERN SEA. Arrival 7th June. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 072025C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Sousse. Arrivals WHADDON, RYSA, HOY, INCHCOLM, MULL. M.T.B.77,73,84, M.L. 126,134,135,462. Departures M.L. 121, ROTHESAY, CLACTON, FELIXSTOWE, POLRUAN. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 072102B to Admty.)

Sfax Movements. (?Departure) ALDENHAM (corrupt group). (N.O.I.C. Sfax 072121B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.)

Movements Bone. Departure M.G.B. 646,648,644, FOULA, HUNDA, U.S. AROO (corrupt group) U.S. SUNFLOWER. (N.O.I.C. Bone 072206B to Admty. etc.)

Situation report No. 33. Submarines - KATSONIS on Aegean patrol reports 1 torpedo hit and 22 hits by gunfire on 1220 ton Spanish Merchant ship which was left beached and ~~a total wreck~~. Spanish Master and 4 Greek hands taken prisoner. Position not stated. Also one probable hit on a 7000 ton transport in Karlovasi harbour ~~Samfos~~. (on 2nd June)

2. LEOPARD still ashore. MAURITIUS in dock after grounding Ready for sea about 13th June. My 060134*, 061330+ and 061939+ refer.

3. Two Cant Z 1007 destroyed by R.A.F. south of Cyprus and N.W. of Haifa 6th June.

4. Admiralty floating dock No. 27 has left Massawa for Alexandria. (C. in C.Levant 072227C to Admty. } amended 132023C)

* Re MAURITIUS aground in Great Pass on Hydrographer Shoal Tug in attendance to discharge ammunition and fuel.

+ MAURITIUS has been refloated is entering Alex.

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Report.

A.I.512 7 June. C.S.R.

A. Air. Part 1. Offensive night 6th/7th June.
1 Wellington on Armed search for enemy shipping
south east of Italy to Gulf of Taranto found no
suitable target. Mosquitoes made intruder
patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy.Day 7th June 6 Spitfire Bombers escorted by 6 Spitfire fighters
scored hits among warehouses near jetty at Pozzalo.Part 2. Enemy air activity night 6th/7th June. Nil. Day 7th
June. 12 Spitfires escorted incoming Naval Units. 4 Spitfires
escorted outgoing Naval Units. 10 Spitfires escorted outgoing
shipping and 8 Beaufighters escorted incoming shipping. 0616
hours 12 plus enemy fighters approached Malta and were
intercepted by 8 Spitfires but enemy had height advantage and
withdrew. 1224 hours 4 Spitfires were airborne for raid which
turned back before reaching Malta. 1412 hours 9 plus enemy air-
craft approached at height. 8 Spitfires were airborne on
interception but enemy aircraft avoided combat and turned back
20 miles north of the Island. A further 27 Spitfires were
airborne for raid which turned back before reaching Malta.
(H.Q.R.A.F.Malta 072235Z.)Enemy
Destroyer.P.C. and S. of one enemy destroyer 36.48 N.
13.34 E. course 160° speed 15 knots.
(A/C ANV/V 072250B to Air H.Q.Malta.)Benghazi
Movements.Arrived and left same day DELPHINIUM, F.S. LA
MOQUEUSE, EASTON, PROTEA, FALK, KLO, L.C.T.
413. Arrived L.C.Ts. 100,113,153 and 158.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi 072323C to Admty. (R) C. in
C.Levant, N.O.I.C. Alexandria.)

S/Ms Malta.

Arrivals UNSEEN and UNISON, departure UNRIVALLED.
(V.A.Malta 072329B to Admty. etc.)Movements^o
Malta.Arrivals LAFOREY and TARTAR. KANARIS and ROCKWOOD
with 6th L.C.I.(L) Flotilla JERVIS and BRIXHAM
Departures ROCKWOOD, KANARIS with M/Vs. BALTARA
and FORTRAE. PETARD and QUEEN OLGA, L.C.I.(L)
266,131 and 277, NEWFOUNDLAND, ORION, PENELOPE,
EURYALUS, TARTAR, LOOKOUT, LOYAL, JERVIS, NUBIAN
and LAFOREY.

(V.A. Malta, 072331 to Admty etc.)

Arrivals M.L.3. 338, 575 and 480. M.T.B. 633. M.G.B.663
and 658. M.T.B. 62, 65, 268 and 313.
(V.A. Malta, 072341B to Admty., etc.)Movements,
Tobruk.Arrived M.L.351, PUNNET.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 072355C to Admty.)

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VASNA. Hospital ship VASNA sailed 6th for Alexandria via Aden and Suez empty. Requirements Suez. E.T.A. Aden 11th. (D.S.T.O. Bombay, 070306Z to P.S.T.O. M.E. (R) D.S.T.O. Aden, D.S.T.O. Suez, D.S.T.O. Alexandria, D.S.T., P.S.T.O.F.)

ITOLA. Karachi portion of B.P.82 transport ITOLA sailed Yours via Bahrein 6th June for Basra personnel and military supplies. Requirements Basra. (S.T.O. Karachi, 070401Z to D.S.T.O. P.G. (R) P.S.T.O. Bombay, D. of S.T.)

THOMAS COAD. Weather conditions will not allow of dredger THOMAS COAD proceeding Bay of Aden to Karachi until S.W. Monsoon ends. Dredger can be usefully employed at Aden during summer months. (C. in C. E.F. 070749Z to Admty. (R) F.O.C.R.I.N., N.O.I.C.Karachi, F.O. E.Af., C. in C. Aden.)

RAIDER for Mediterranean. RAIDER on completion deperming and practice will sail from Kilindini for Suez a.m. 10th June to comply with para.1 of Admty. 051335B. (C. in C. E.F. to send one fully efficient Fleet destroyer to Mediterranean). (C. in C. E.F. 070828Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, F.O. Red Sea, N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Movements Summary. No.71 June 7th. ADAMANT escorted by HINDUSTAN left Colombo 6th due Addu Atoll 8th. (2) CAPETOWN leaving Kilindini 7th to relieve ROTHERHAM on 19th as escort to one transport from Durban CAPETOWN escorts Transport to Kilindini. (3) KENYA left Kilindini 6th to R/V one Transport off Madagascar and escort her to Kilindini. (4) SUSSEX left Colombo 5th escorting (?one) Transport to vicinity Socotra SUSSEX proceed Kilindini. (5) Movement summary No.70 item (4) CARTHAGE escorting C.M.42 now due Kilindini 10th. (6) Movement summary No.70 item (2) RANPURA escorting one transport now due Kilindini June 11th. (7) Movement summary No.69 item (3) CANTAN left transport vicinity Socotra and proceeded Kilindini due 10th. (C. in C. E.F. 070937 to E.F. 2947)

Troop transport programme. Cancel my 021156Z and 030841Z following is revised and up to date programme of troop ship movements: (A) B.P.83 JALADURGA sailing 10th. (B) ARONDA with approx. 90 mercantile crew sails 11th for Suez. (C) CITY OF CANTERBURY with approx. 200 mercantile crew sails 12th for Suez. (D) STRATHMORE with approx. 1400 and STRATHAIRD empty sails 13th for Colombo. (E) VARSOVA with approx. 170 service personnel sails 14th for Karachi.

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transport
programme.
(Contd.)(F) ORBITA with approx. 125 mercantile crew
and ALREZORA empty sail 15th for Suez.(G) ATHLONE CASTLE with approx. 500 service
personnel and 100 civilian passengers sailing
18th for Capetown and New York.(H) B.P.84 (4) Bombay EL WHOLINA, SANTHIA, VARELA,
sailing 18th last named ship is for Karachi.

From Karachi, VARSOVA and GAZANA sailing 20th.

(I) B.A.45 NEVASA ready to sail 18th. Can escort be arranged.
Ship must proceed Karachi in B.P.84 and proceed from there with
local escort to Hormuz to connect P.A. convoy sailing 26th
as ship has insufficient bunker to enable her to proceed Aden
via Hormuz in B.P.84.

(P.S.T.O. India, 071007Z to N.O.I.C. Suez, C. in C. E.F.)

NETRAVATI,
CLAN
MCNEIL.Departure NETRAVATI escorting CLAN MCNEIL to
Madras leaving Sandheads 1001Z/8th.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 071021Z to Admty etc.)

Movements.

Colombo departures 7th 0330Z LAOMEDON.
(F.O. Ceylon, 071107Z to Admty etc.)Lack of
Destroyers.On 1st July there will be only 3 destroyers on
E.I. Station. These will be employed as follows.

(A) One escorting an important convoy to Ceylon.

(B) Two at Kilindini to provide A/S protection
for (corrupt groups). (2) In order not to immob-ilise the "R" Class battle ship for longer than is necessary
propose surface A/S escort for the capital ship of Force X as
follows. (A) Aden to Kilindini - none. (B) Kilindini to about
20° S. - two DD. from Kilindini. (C) 20° S. to Durban - two or
three DD. from S.A. Escort Force. A.M.291856 refers.

(C. in C. E.F. 071230 to C. in C. Levant, Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

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Movements. St. Johns Nfld. 6th 43. Arrivals - GEORGIAN ex. N.J.29. 72 M.L. Flotilla ex. L.C.57B REGINA ex. H.J.57. Departures - ROXBOROUGH, MOOSEJAW, SASKATOON, COWICHAN, to O.N.S.9., REGINA to Sydney C.B.
 (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F., 070029Z to Admty.)
 Arrivals ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE ex O.N.186 (C. Halifax, 071326Z to Admty.)
 7th MONTEREY.
 (R.O. Cristobal, 072127 to Admty.)
 Arrivals FLINT, U.S.S. MADRONA, CITRAS, PHLOX M.S.239 from Quebec.
 (C. Halifax, 072135Z to N.S.H.Q. etc.)
 Departure 7th BRIGADIER GENERAL H.F., RETHERS U.S.A.T.
 Trinidad 9th.
 (B.R.O. Georgetown, 072200Q to Admty.)

U/S.S/M. (Cominch, 070033Z, 071532Z, 071524Z, 071607Z,
 Notice. S/M 071608Z, 071609Z)
 Estimate
 7th June.

KITCHENER. P.C. and S. 2400Z/6th 046° 08' N. 048° 42' W. 300° 12 proceeding St. Johns N.F. PORT ARTHUR WOODSTOCK in company. Special weather report 9274 9764.
 (KITCHENER, 070054Z to C. in C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F.)

MORDEN. E.T.A. 0800Z. Boiler hours.
 (MORDEN, 070244Z to C. in C.C.N.A., (R) Capt. (D) Halifax)
 Arrival MORDEN from St. Johns N.F.
 (C. Halifax, 071325Z to Admty., etc.)

Enemy Mine, Halifax. My 031413 and 051227. Dan buoys have been laid in following position, marking approx. centre line of extension to swept channel:- (1)(044°?) 08' 04" N. 063° 16' 30" W. (2) 044° 12' 40" N. 063° 19' 08" W. (3) 044° 17' 18" N. 063° 21' 50" W. Ships should pass within 5 cables of these buoys. Also Q.J.A.51 has now been swept to full width and ships may pass either side of channel buoys.
 (C. Halifax, 070341Z, 081856Z, to G.B.7A etc.,)

My 060015. Mine bag for 6th 8.7 by S.A.L.L. in positions as follows - 1,2, and 3, 44.16 63.30, 4 and 5 44.19.30 63.17.30 6, - 44.23 63.17 7, - 44.16 63.31. 5 Red 2 Blue. All close to or inside short let. Station keeping 2 cables for 2300 ampere pulse 2½ cables for 3000 ampere pulse. One with 5 P.D.M. 2 with 3 P.D.M., 4 No P.D.M. General indication of lay in groups of two or three closely spaced. Two in first position fired on successive pulses no P.D.M. 3rd with 3 P.D.M. One by "Oropesa" position 44.18 63.32.20 in channel swept previous day. Surfaced and shortly afterwards smoke seen and mine sank slowly. Probable cause - second six day - hour clock in mine recovered, apparently started by release of tension allowing mooring spindle to move upwards. Positive buoyancy of mine about 500 pounds. Total mines destroyed to date 22 recovered one.
 (C. Halifax, 070402Z to N.S.H.Q., C. in C.C.N.A., Cominch, C.E.S.F. F.O.N.F., C. in C.W.A., N.O.I.C. Sydney N.O.I.C. Shelburne.)

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U/Boat. Guantanamo Radio reports submarine in 18.56 N.
75.46 W. at 060545Z.
(Kingston, 070640Q to Admiraciro, Admty.)

Convoy Arrived less MARGIT and LEONARDIA.
H.F.58. (N.C.S.O. St. John N.B., 070920Z to Admty.)

RAVAGER. Departure 1200 G.M.T. 7th RAVAGER E.T.A. Norfolk
(Virginia) 1200 G.M.T. 13th.
(B.R. Cristobal, 071049R to Admty., for S.N.N.O.W.
Atlantic, B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08°N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank.
1800 G.M.T. •	T.A.45	44½°N. 32½°W.	263°	18½ kts
7th.	(D.O.D.(F) 071117B to Opanav (R) Comnavu)			

St.Pierre et Miquelon responsibility. Ref. J.S.M.(A)66. 1. St.Pierre et Miquelon may be in American strategic sphere but they are also definitely part of Canadian local defence. In November 1942 Fighting French asked for three launches for patrol work at St.Pierre. Admiralty suggested U.S.Navy should supply but U.S.Navy referred matter to Canadian Authorities who provided launches and are now supplying oil and tankage for their operation. 2. We therefore think that Canada should continue to be responsible for looking after Military requirements of St.Pierre et Miquelon. 3. We have not raised this small question officially with Canada as we expect you can fix it satisfactorily in Washington, but the Canadians in London agree unofficially.
(Air Min. 071145Z, Britman Washington.)

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H.X. 234 Number of ships. X Your 061511 H.X.243 approved to sail ninety ships.
(D.T.D. 071205B to N.S.H.Q., (R) C.in C.W.A.,
C.in C.C.N.A., F.O.N.F., B.A.D. Connnav, N.M.C.S.
B.R.L.O. New York. N.C.S.O. Montreal.)

Convoy Arrived.
H.J.58. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 071209Z to Admty.)

Convoy Arrived.
J.N.30. N.C.S.O. St. Johns, N.F. 071238Z to Admty.)

Sweeping of U.S. Mines. Your 050145Z. It is confirmed that details of all possible actuations including those set to three or four looks are available. Sweeping technique for three and four looks is in course of preparation.
(D.T.M., 071238B to B.A.D. (R) C.in C.E.F.,
C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant.)

Eastbound Mediterranean Convoys. / Your 042216Z to Admty. only. Pending full opening of Med. C.in C. Med. has accepted for through passage a limited number of ships from U.G.S. and O.S./K.M.S. convoys. A.M. 241531B was made to clear up possible misinterpretation of A.M. 211730 May as an instruction that trans-Pacific route was sole available route for British controlled ships. 2. Speed limitation for through Med. Convoy when finally established will be 9 knots. Such ships from Canada for M.E., India and Persian Gulf as it may be desired to send via Mediterranean will probably have to be sailed in

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T.A.45 (MARIPOSA) Request continuous air escort for T.A.45 from eastward limit of A/C to destination route (N) 045° N. 026° W. (O) 044° N. 038° W. (P) 040° N. 049° W. (Q) 038° N. 060° W. (R) 038° N. 070° W. Estimated position 2000Z/7th June, 044° 28' N. 032° 50' W. Speed 18.5 knots. (C. in C. C.N.A., 071449Z to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C.(R) F.O.N.F., Admty., Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

122nd M.S. Flotilla. Admiralty's 041420B C. in C.C.N.A.'s 061500Z not to Admiralty. Excellent work carried out by 122 M.S. Flotilla. Request they may be retained. Anticipated delay possibly four weeks but would release them earlier if situation permits. (N.S.H.Q., 071450Z to Admty., (R) B.A.D. C. in C. C.N.A. N. Halifax.)

Fast Troop Convoys, Diversion. Will comply your 031538Z (Prior warnings be given when intended to reroute fast troop convoys) on the few occasions where possible. (Cominch C. and R. 071455Z to C. in C.N.A.(R) Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

WEST POINT. Request continuous air cover for U.S. WEST POINT to eastward limit of aircraft route. (Q) 037° 45' N. 053° 01' W. (R) 040° 20' N. 041° 01' W. (M) 040° 30' N. 030° 59' W. estimated position 2000Z/7th June 037° 12' N. 063° 52' W. speed 20.5 knots. (C. in C. C.N.W.A. 071455Z to A.O.C. in C.E.A.C. (R) C. in C. U.S. Fleet, F.O.N.F., Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA estimate of submarine north of (?040°) north west of 040° west 1200Z/7th. (N.S.H.Q., 071508Z)

Convoy F.F.59 Pre sailing telegram. A. St. John N.B. 2100Z June 8th. B. NIPIGON, NANAIMO. C. 8 Ships. D. 40 hours. (N.C.S.O. St. John N.B., 071525Z to Admty.)

Dispositions Section East. O.N.S.10 W.3 046° 21' 049° 28' 238° 6 altering to 266° in 052° 41' West. VIZALMA, NORTHERN FOAM 047° 21' 050° 41' to St. Johns 10.

/B.2. ...

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Dispositions. B.2 046° 44' 051° 12' en route Argentia 12.
(Contd.) W.6 047° 21' 051° 44' en route St. Johns 12.
W.S.C.133, COLLINGWOOD, VISCAMA, CAPE PALLISER
047° 03' 052° 12' 150° 7.5.
P.554 exercising with surface craft vicinity
Cape St. Francis returning to St. Johns at dusk.
B.W.28 KAMLOOPS, KING HAAKON VII 046° 05' 055° 22' 081° 7
altering to 060° in 053° 02' W. and to 013° in 052° 37' W.
S.C.133 W.5 045° 49' 055° 32' 090° 7.
KENORA sailed St. Johns p.m. 7th to O.N.S.9.
HURRICANE sailed St. Johns 1930Z/7th en route Argentia.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 071535Z)

Convoy (1) Sailing telegram part 2. (5 ships, list etc)
W.S.C.133. (N.C.S.O.St Johns, 071656Z to Admty.)

U/B. S/M by sound contact in 045° 45' N. 067° 21' W.
at 1604Z/7th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 071659Z to G.B.7A.)

CHASER Your 221625 May. Intend CHASER sails with 845
Operation squadron 12 operational "Tarpon" with H.X.245
"Tarpon." leaves New York June 23rd.
(B.A.D. 071739Z to Admty.(R) C. in C.C.N.A.,
CHASER C. in C.W.A., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. U.S.Fleet.)

Stationing in Convoy of A.C.Vs. M.A.C. Ships and Escort Oilers. X Request you will promulgate to authorities concerned the following instructions for convoy cruising orders, which are designed to facilitate flying operations, oiling, signalling, between Commodore and ships concerned and general station-keeping of convoy.
(a) The Commodore's column to be of normal formation.
(b) One column adjacent to Commodore's column to be left free of all ships except the leader. The A.C.V or M.A.C. Ship to be stationed in this column normally in position of third ship in line.
(c) Escort Oilers to be stationed second in line in the two columns adjacent to the Commodore's and carrier's columns.
(D.T.D. 071750B, 081923B to Cominch, Cominch C. & R., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F., C. in C.W.A., B.A.D., F.O.N.A.S., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.T., C. in C. Med.)

Rescue Ships. Your 032014, not to N.C.S.O. Mersey. As a temporary measure until sufficient special rescue craft are available consider it would be preferable for two of the less valuable merchant ships to be detailed for rescue duties in North Atlantic Convoys when westward of "Westomp" if no special rescue ship or trawler is present. During this portion of the voyage the ships selected should be stationed at the rear of columns.

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Rescue Ships. (Contd.) 2. If you concur, Cdres. of Convoys sailing from U.K. will be informed accordingly. (D.T.D., 071842B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C.W.A., F.O.N.F., Capt. (D) Halifax, N.C.S.O. Mersey, Cominch, C.E.S.F.)

S/M K.15. Direct Comsublant sail Netherlands submarine K.15 when ready about 10th New London to the Clyde (Holyloch) via (Route). Report time of departure, S. of A. (Cominch, 071845Z to Cinclant, (R) Comsublant, C.T.F. 24, C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C.W.A., Admty., F.O.(S))

HERMITAGE. Melbourne 4th HERMITAGE (U.S.A.T.) San Francisco via Wellington. (N.S.H.Q., 072052Z to Admty.)

C. in C. C.N.A., visit to U.K. C. in C. C.N.A. expects to arrive U.K a.m. Wednesday 9th. As Ferry Command promise Air Transport to London and in order to avoid Whitsun Weekend at Admiralty he intends to proceed direct to London on arrival. (N.O.I.C. Montreal, 072115Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q., Admty., C.C.C.S.)

Overdue shipping. Your 041931Z. It is not clear whether SEMINOLE referred to is U.S.A.T. of 5892 gross tons or U.S. Motor Vessel of 5867 gross tons. Request clarification also details of voyage and due date for this vessel and also for OCEAN MAID. (D.T.D., 072135B to N.S.H.Q. (R) Connav.)Reply N.S.H.Q. 082235.

B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 69, 188, 189, 210 from Boston. (N.O.I.C. Halifax, 072136Z to Admty., etc.) C. in C. C.N.A.'s 071610Z not to other Addresses request B.Y.M.S.'s 69, 188, 189, 210, now at Halifax may be retained for minesweeping duties owing to present emergency expected duration three weeks. (N.S.H.Q., 072225Z to Admty.(R) B.A.D. C. in C.C.N.A.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z. para. C. Army plane sights submerging sub. 66.10 N. 23.45 W. 071055 P.C. 464 attacks sound contact 18.56 N. 75.46 W. 070540. Para. D. Sound contact 43.45 N. 67.21 W. 071604 shore watcher sights sub. area 48.30 N. 63.47 W. 070815 U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND sights periscope 35.11 N. 73.18 W. 062345 U.S.S. ANDRES sights periscope 35.19 N. 74.46 W. on 6th. 2 Y.Ps attack submerged object 33.03 N. 79.05 W. 061640. (Cominch, 072137 to Admty.)

/SEARCHER...

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SEARCHER. Sail SEARCHER Norfolk to New York 12th for inclusion in H.X.244.
(Cominch, 072218Z to C.E.S.F., (R) S.B.N.O.W.At. N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., C.T.F.24, Admty., Com. 5, C. in C. W.A., Cinclant, F.O.N.F.)

Convoy (1) Sailing telegram part 2.
H.X.243. (58 ships, list, etc.)
(P.D. New York, 072310Z to Admty., (R) Cominch (C. and R.), C.E.S.F., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)

GEORGE 081700Z U.S.A.T. GEORGE WASHINGTON Cristobal
WASHINGTON. 15th 0400, knots (A) 15.5, (B) 16. (Route).
(P.D. New York, 072316 to Admty.)

Convoy This completes Mydis 061836. Sailing telegram
H.X.243. H.X.243, part I. (7) 58 ships.
(P.D. New York, 072330 to Admty.)

Floating Masta No.6166.
Dock. Your Amast 5477 (re suggested dock exchange).
U.S. Navy Dock considered too small for our requirements and Admty. agree that it would be preferable to carry out intention of sending Montevideo Dock to North Africa.

Nicholson reports that dock should be able to make voyage after recommended repairs are completed. Dock expected to be ready to leave about June 19th and arrangements are being made accordingly.

Please inform B.A.D. with reference to their 290149Z to Admty. and express appreciation, to Navy Dept. for their willingness to consider exchange if it had been found desirable.
(M.W.T. No T.O.O./7 to B.M.S.M.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Kiwi No.54. Hudson patrol aircraft obtained A.S.V. Blip 18.50 S. 177?.32 E. at 0635/5th. Noise of motors heard at? Aneityum Island 2000/3rd probably from submarine. SS discharged cargo Rekata Bay night 30th. Japanese patrol active Batuna Mission Vanaunu 4th and 5th. An AK with escort sighted 15 miles S.E. Maisi on S.E. course 1915M/6th. Medium AK with 4 barges

/approached ...

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Kiwi No. 54. approached Woodford Island, W. Vella Lavella, (Contd.) 0730/5th. AK strafed Tinputz 2nd noon reported sunk. Serial 52, Coaster attacked Teop, last part my 53, also sank. (C.W.R. Wellington, 070055Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty., D.N.I., A.C.N.B., B.A.D., G.H.Q. New Delhi.)

Digest Before midday 40 enemy bombers with fighter Serial No. 503, June 6th. Noon photos show 5 medium bombers, two fighters serviceable Buka Passage Aerodrome plus one light, two medium bombers, three fighters unserviceable. Also a gunboat, 1 medium merchantman, 1 lugger in vicinity.

2. Six merchant ships observed morning entering Rabaul harbour from south. Photos harbour incomplete but nil material change merchant shipping indicated. Four tankers totalling 35,000 tons and 4 destroyers visible.
3. Single freighter of 2,000 tons photographed forenoon 75 miles north Wewak course 90°.
4. Later photos show at Wewak 3 merchantmen under 1000 tons each, including a known wreck plus numerous small harbour craft and off Dagua 1,000 ton vessel with barges unloading supplies on to beach. Two other small vessels observed between But and Dagua.
6. Forenoon photos Nubia disclose nil aircraft or change on Aerodrome. Ten barges at river mouth. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 070730Z.)

SHROPSHIRE. Cancel my 051014. (SHROPSHIRE, 070924Z to A.C.N.B., (R) Admty., N.L.O. Australia House, London.) Your 051014B. Naval Board desires conform with Admty. wishes. (A.C.N.B., 071126Z to SHROPSHIRE, (R) Admty., N.L.O. on Staff of H.C. Australia, London.)

Movements. Departure Port Moresby 5th U.S. CARINA for Brisbane, U.S. FULLER for Noumea. (A.C.N.B., 071137Z, 081439Z to Admty.) Arrivals Fremantle 6th ^{WILLIAMS}PRESTON, U.S. Sydney (N.S.W.) 6th BUNDABERG, VENETTA. Brisbane 5th BENALLA, 6th GOULBURN. Cairns 6th (? KAPUNDA), (? KATOOMBA). Port Moresby 5th ARUNTA. Milne Bay 6th GYMPIE. Departures Darwin 7th CASTLEMAINE for milling (2 corrupt groups). Sydney (N.S.W.) 6th VENETTA on escort. Brisbane 5th VENETTA, 6th WARRAMUNGA both for Sydney (N.S.W.). Townsville 5th U.S. Destroyer LAMSON for Noumea. Cairns 7th KAPUNDA for Milne Bay. Port Moresby 6th SHEPPERTON for Milne Bay. (A.C.N.B., 071351Z.)

/Checkmate ...

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Australia and New Zealand - Contd.

Checkmate
system in
S.W. Pacific
Area.

Your O31416, para. 2, concur.
(Admty., O72134B to C.S.W.P.S.F., (R) C. in C.
E.F., C. in C. S.A., F.O. Ceylon, Connav,
N.Z.N.B., Com. 7th Fleet.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., O71346B, O71350B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Main
Units.

1. C. in C.H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, FURIOUS, BERWICK, SCYLLA, and 11 Destroyers arrived at Akureyri at 2300B yesterday from Hvalfiord.

Coastal
Craft
Engagements.

X 2. A short engagement took place early this morning off the Outer Ruytingen between our Coastal Forces and 4 E/R Boats who, on being challenged, replied correctly, opened fire, and retired; and M.T.B. 235 reports that she was twice challenged by groups of 6 E/R Boats near Dunkirk A.W. Buoy who used our challenge but took no further action. Our forces sustained no casualties and only M.G.Bs. 116 and 108 received slight damage. Hits are claimed on one enemy Trawler.

Operation
F.H.

X 3. CUMBERLAND and BERMUDA with ECLIPSE and ATHABASKAN left Akureyri at 1900B today.

Altenfiord

4. The Russian R/C of Altenfiord was again prevented to-day by low cloud.

North Atlantic.

FYLINGDALE
(?sabotage)

5.
X The gunlayer of S.S. FYLINGDALE reports finding what appeared to be a bomb in No.1. hold and throwing it overboard. N.C.S.O. Lisbon considers that it might possibly have been a bomb.

Mediterranean.

Pantellaria

X 6. A demand for the unconditional surrender* was dropped by aircraft on Pantellaria today, to save the garrison and inhabitants from unnecessary suffering. No answer was made. NEWFOUNDLAND, AURORA, ORION, PENELOPE, and EURYALUS, with 8

* Demand was made after bombardment.

(M. 013 839/43)

/Destroyers....

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(Contd.).

Destroyers, carried out a bombardment of Pantellaria shore batteries and harbour at 1125, in conjunction with bombing by the Strategical Air Force. There was slight opposition from two batteries. Accompanying M.T.Bs. closed the harbour entrance to within 1,000 yards and encountered only small arm fire.

Photographic reconnaissance of Pantellaria today showed that all the small vessels in harbour had been sunk or set on fire except for lighters.

Air
Operations

7. Last night, 4 Liberators and 8 Halifaxes of Middle East Command bombed railway sidings and the ferry terminus at Messina.

Pantellaria was bombed last night by 24 Wellingtons which dropped 50 tons of bombs.

A direct hit was scored on a burning vessel, and 6 fires started round the harbour.

Air attacks continued today on a large scale.

Beaufighters on anti-shipping reconnaissance in the Aegean last night bombed and machine gunned 3 caiques in a bay on Scarpanto Island. Off Paros Island, a 150 ton caïque was set on fire, another of 120 tons left sinking, and one of 100 tons damaged. Two tugs were attacked west of Patras and one left smoking.

Four Beaufighters subsequently despatched to the Paros area made no sightings.

Through
Convoys.

8. The Admiralty today informed Cs. in C. Eastern Fleet and Levant that ships for the U.K. not able to catch X.T.G.3 should be (a) Sailed by other routes in accordance with current routeing policy. (b) Retained for later sailing through Mediterranean according to circumstances in each case..

Planning is to be based on assumption that the Mediterranean will be open for through traffic from 1st August, but will be closed during July.

Troop
Convoy.

9. Convoy W.S.29A arrived at Aden today.

America and West Indies.U/Bs.
Sunk.

10. Cominch reports that on 2nd June P.C.565 made a depth charge attack on a sound contact in 37.07 N. 73.04 W. One survivor was picked up

/after...

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America and West Indies.

U/Bs.
sunk
(Contd.).

after the U-boat had sunk. There was a large amount of oil, and debris and human remains were observed.

On 4th and 5th June, planes from U.S.S. BOGUE made four attacks in an area about 32 degs. N. 43 degs. W. and claim 3 submarines probably sunk.

Australia and New Zealand.

X 11. Shipping in Waingapu Harbour, Soemba Island, Java, was bombed by 3 Liberators today and near misses obtained on a 5,000 ton M/V.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.GREENFINCH,
LAMA.

French Tug GREENFINCH has been renamed LAMA in accordance Admiralty's No. P.01540/43 of 3rd June 1943.
(N.O.I.C. Poole, 081011B to Admty.)

Flag
of S.O.
Force "H"

Intend transferring my flag back to NELSON at 1045 tomorrow.
(S.O. Force H. 081151B to NELSON)

M/V
Recognition.
"Checkmate".

1. An organisation known as "Checkmate" system has been set up in Admiralty for the purpose of supplementing existing merchant shipping information signals and identifying merchant-vessels to warships when recognition procedure has proved inconclusive.
2. All "Checkmate" signals are to be in Plain Language and to bear the indication of priority Emergency.
3. On encountering a merchant ship about whose identity any doubt exists warships should make a "Checkmate" message addressed to Admiralty and Local Naval Authority of area concerned (see para. 9) using Plaindress procedure in the following standardised form:- (1) The word "Check" (2) Signal letters if these have been ascertained. (3) The alleged name of the merchant ship and (4) The position (indicated by means of lettered co-ordinates). Example - GZZ VXPT - 0, - T - Z - HJ OI "Check". GKND TUSCAN STAR KLBT 2427 T.O.O. 172317Z.
4. If desired warship may make a preliminary signal omitting items (2) and (3) in para. 3 above. This signal is to be followed by a further signal giving items (1) to (4) and in identical form with that required by para. 3. (5) Alternative procedure in 4 above is provided because experience has shown that a considerable time may elapse between the moment that suspicion is aroused and the time when the warship has been able to obtain further details, particularly at night. In such cases a speedy reply from Admiralty and/or the local Naval Authority is facilitated if preliminary signal has been received and situation from merchant ship plot assessed.
6. Warships are to use their sea call sign from S.P. 02396 Series.
7. Admiralty and/or the local naval authority concerned receiving the message will reply with the word "Mate" followed by "True", "False", or "Doubtful" using same sea call sign as in 6 above. The term "True" will indicate that the ship could be in the reporting position, "False" that it is impossible for the ship to be in the reported position and "Doubtful" that doubt exists as to whether the ship could be in reported position and further investigation by the warship is desirable.
8. It is the intention that Admiralty should normally reply to all such messages but the local naval authority addressed should reply to "Checkmate" messages provided he is in possession of reliable information to enable him to do so before Admiralty can. Such replies should be repeated to Admiralty. Similarly Admiralty will repeat replies to the local naval authority addressed

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"Checkmate"
(Contd.)

9. Following is list of local naval authorities who maintain Shipping Intelligence Plots of their respective areas:-

C. in C.W.A., F.O.I.C. Gibraltair,
F.O.C. W. Africa, C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.F.,
F.O. Ceylon, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.

10. In view of the departure from normal principles of communication, selected communication ratings are to be made conversant with the procedure employed.

(D.T.D., Approved by A.C.N.S. (F) 081352B, "A" Message Home and Abroad 33A)

Defence of U.K.

Lochalsh
A/A
defences.

Your 071158. Owing to diminished scale of low flying attack on Lochalsh and to other commitments Admiralty are prepared to accept the withdrawal of Light A.A. guns.
(A.C.N.S.H. 081155B to R.A.M.)

Movements.

PANTHER.

Sailed PANTHER in accordance with R.A.(D) H.F. 061315.
(Care. D. W.A. 081040B)

ECHO.

Proceed Scapa passing Hrisey Island at 1300Z/9.
(2) Route east of Iceland via Q.Z.L.51 thence West of mine barrier to Scapa.
(C. in C.H.F., 081227B to ECHO)

S/M
Movements.

H.M. Trawler CASTLENAU is to be sailed to R/V with GRAPH at Methil anchorage at 1200/10th and accompany her to the Nore in F.S.38 providing special escort within the convoy.
(C. in C. Rosyth 081307B to N.O.I.C. Leith)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/9 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 081559B.)

Sailed P.56, H.44, escorted by SALADIN at 1900B in accordance with Capt. (S) 3's 071129.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 081904B)

DUKE OF YORK
SOUTH
DAKOTA,
ALABAMA,
FURIOUS,
BERWICK,
SCYLLA.

Akureyri arrival C. in C.H.F. 061227 at 2300B/7th.
(A.C.I.C. 08131B)

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ASHANTI. A.M. 071110. From position (R) pass through (S) 049° 12' N. 011° 55' W. (T) 180° Bishop Rock 10 thence by A.M. Q.Z.S. 417, 416, 415, 413, 284 and Needles channel to Portsmouth for onward routing to London. 2. You are not to be between The Lizard and Needles during dark hours. (3) Enter Plymouth by A.M.Q.Z.S. 410 and 409 if unable arrive Needles before dark or if you require fuel.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 081459B to ASHANTI) See also Casualties.

MIDDLETON. In absence of other orders MIDDLETON is to sail from Akureyri on 14th June for Hvalfjord and refuel on arrival. (2) F.O.1st C.S. is requested to sail MIDDLETON for Scapa in company with JAMAICA. My 061916 refers. (3) Until sailing as in para. 1 MIDDLETON is to act under the orders of LYME REGIS.
(C. in C. H.F., 081658B)

Coastal Craft Group G. Coastal Craft Group G. consisting of 16 vessels will be ready to leave Milford Haven for Gibraltar on 18th June. 2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange for escort of two trawlers. 3. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to arrange for convoy to be sailed as requisite by standard route.
(D.O.D.H. 082210B)

Operations.

Coastal Patrols. My 071055 "Device" arrived 0531.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 080538B.)
Your 071501B. "Obstacle" arrived 0446. "Gibson" arrived, 0647.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 080808B)
My 071055B. Arrived KRAKOWIAK, LA COMBATTANTE, STEVENSTONE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 080827B)
(4) Anti E-Boat patrol to southward of E.A. buoy by (A) M.G.Bs 611, 615 GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, or (B) BLEASDALE, HOLDERNESS, ALBRIGHTON. (5) At immediate notice (A) BLEASDALE, HOLDERNESS, ALBRIGHTON or (B) M.G.Bs. 611, 615 at Newhaven.
(6) M.Ls. 346, 124 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.
(7) Chasseur 15 at St. Helens. KINGSTON TURQUOISE at Yarmouth.
(8) M.Ls. 122, 215, 245 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 081344B.)
(1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude 50° 25' N. between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. from 2345B to 0400B to be carried out. (A) If weather calm by M.G.B.611, 615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, BLEASDALE, HOLDERNESS, ALBRIGHTON. Immediate notice at Yarmouth. (B) If unsuitable for Coastal Force by BLEASDALE, HOLDERNESS, ALBRIGHTON. M.G.Bs. Immediate notice at Newhaven.
(2) Decision will be signalled at about 2000B. (3) M.L.346, 124 Patrol searched Channel between F. and E.A.5 Buoys.
(4) St. Catherines Light to be shown for 5 minutes after each hour from midnight to 0405B. (5) Communications. Codeword "Advent"
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 081346B)

/ (1) ...

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Coastal Patrols (Contd.)

(1) M.G.Bs. 317, 326 and 330 are to patrol 3 miles 000° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
 (2) Object Anti-E-Boat patrol.
 (3) Execution leaving Plymouth to pass Gate 2230 leave patrol line for Plymouth 0430.
 (6) Codeword "Obstacle".
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 081431B)

M.Ls. 257, 142 patrolling at Bullock Bank. M.Ls. 104 101, 102, 108, 107, 213, 210, 573 and 128 carrying out Operation N.L. 87. E.T.D. 2200. E.T.R. 0600/9. M.T.Bs. 221, 219 and 24 supported by M.G.Bs. 114 and 119 carrying out Operation N.L. 83. E.T.D. 0045/9. E.T.R. 0410/9. M.T.Bs. 235, 202, 240 from Dover. E.T.D. 2300 and M.G.Bs. 117 and 108 from Ramsgate E.T.D. 2330 Patrolling at Nieuport Bank. E.T.R. Dover 0615/9. E.T.R. Ramsgate 0545/9.
 (V.A. Dover 081801B)

My 081346 Para. 1. 1. Carry out patrol "B".
 2. M.G.Bs. 611 and 615, GREY SHARK, and GREY FOX remain at half an hour's notice.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 082054B)
 My 081431B. "Obstacle" sailed.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 082250)

Engagements with E/R Boats. X In anticipation of the movement of an escorted M/V eastward from Calais, M.T.Bs 204 (Lieut. E.H. Larive D.S.C. R.N.N. Senior Officer, embarked) 235 and 231 supported by M.G.Bs. 117 (Lieut. R. King D.S.C. R.N. Senior Officer) 114, 108, and 119 were despatched at 2045 yesterday 7th to outer Ruytingen to carry out operation "Dandy" East.

2. At 0035 shorebased R.D.F. detected an unidentified plot of about four small vessels proceeding from the outer Ruytingen northwards. Our forces were instructed to investigate and, when approaching "V" buoy at 0130 sighted some small craft lying stopped. These were at first thought to be M.T.Bs 231 and 204 who, after the latter had transferred S.O. to M.T.B. 235, were returning to Dover with breakdowns. It has since been established that the detected vessels were E/R boats who, on being challenged, replied correctly, opened fire and retired. In the brief engagement which followed no damage or casualties are claimed to either side. M.T.B. 235 and M.G.B. 119 lost contact with our M.G.Bs. at this time, the latter failing to rejoin and subsequently returning independently to harbour.

3. R.D.F. reported activity of small craft in the Calais area from 2300 and at 0145 detected a larger vessel leaving Calais eastward at 4 knots and increasing at 0250 to 10 knots. Unfortunately our M.G.Bs. through uncertainty of their position, attacked further to the westward than arranged necessitating the withdrawal of the 3 co-operating Albacores of 841. Squadron before the time planned for their attack. 4. M.T.B. 235, meanwhile set course to intercept independently but, despite continual attempts to do so between 0300 and 0343, failed on account of rain and low visibility to locate the main target.

5. M.T.B. 235 reports that she was twice challenged by groups of six E/R boats who used our challenge but took no action on receiving the correct reply. It is possible but unlikely that one of these groups was our M.G.Bs. 6. (4) M.G.Bs. claim hits on one enemy trawler engaged for 3 minutes. Later

/information...

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Engagements with E/R boats. (Contd.) information indicates probability that both damage and casualties were inflicted. 7. (5) Our forces sustained no casualties and only M.G.Bs. 116 and 108 received superficial damage. (V.A. Dover, 081255B to Admty.)

Operation F.H. / Akureyri departures at 1900B/7th June, CUMBERLAND, BERMUDA, ECLIPSE, ATHABASKAN. (A.C.I.C. 081349B)
Operation F.H. Para. 13. Intend to proceed in DUKE OF YORK with (U.S.) Task Group 92.4 FURIOUS, BERWICK, SCYLLA, MILNE, OPPORTUNE, ORWELL, OBDURATE, OBEDIENT passing Hrisey Island at 0800B/9th. (C. in C.H.F. 081655B to H.F.)

Certain operations are taking place north of Norway including passage of Naval forces to and from north Russia. 2. Own battle fleet including heavy U.S. units sails from North Iceland on 9th June to reach covering position about 200 miles south west of Bere Island on 11th June. Battle Fleet probably withdrawn 12th June to Scapa U.S. Units proceed north of Iceland (C) to Akureyri. 3. Own S/Ms will be ordered to keep East, of Meridian Greenwich between 1200/12th and 1200/14th June.

(F.O.S. 081841B to S/Ms.)
Seidisfjord departure at 1900/8th, ONSLAUGHT, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA. (A.C.I.C. 082345B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/9th and movements for following 24 hours.
(A) HAKE vicinity 52° 19' N. 36' 21' W.
(B) HADDO vicinity 50° 40' N. 39° 01' W.
(D) BARB vicinity 56° 44' N. 08° 28' W. probably on surface to pass through 56° 50' N. 10° 01' W. at 1300/9th and 56° 10' N. 14° 59' W. at 0601/10th to 55° 30' N. 20° 01' W.
(E) BLACKFISH 56° 41' N. 08° 10' W. probably on surface through 56° 50' N. 10° 01' W. at 1700/9th and 56° 10' N. 14° 59' W. at 1400/10th. (F) TRUCULENT, TALLY HO, SATYR, SEADOG, and SHAD as in my 051713.

(F.O.S. 081559B to Admty.)
Sailed BARB, Blackfish escorted by CUTTY SARK in accordance with Cdre. 50th U.S. Sub. Flot.'s 051344.

(N.O.I.C. GREENOCK, 081814B)
My 081841. Following new patrol line 12. H.H. 20 miles 060° 240° from mid. point 065° 20' 001° 13' E. (2) At 1200/10th June submarine are to proceed fresh patrol-line as follows SATYR to GG. SEADOG To FF. TRUCULENT to EE. TALLY HO to HH. Estimated S.O.A. of submarine 100 miles per 24 hours. (3) SHAD leaves Southern point of patrol-line at 0800/10th to pass through position X 063° 01' N. 000° 59' W. at 0800/11th Y 061° 30' N. 000° 00' at 0800/12th, thence on surface to A. 090° Muckle Flugga 12 at 1200/12th, to Lerwick. (F.O.S. 081842B to S/Ms.)

/Cancel...

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- S/M Patrols. Cancel my 071558. SHAD is being ordered to leave
(Contd.) patrol so as to arrive Lerwick 12th June in my
081842.
(F.O.S. 081846B to Capt. S.9.)
- "Outward." / Operation "Outward" to terminate 1535 on
account of weather.
(A.B.D.O.Waxham 081600B to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth.)

Enemy Air Activity.

- A/C off My 071919B. Skippers of fishing trawlers report
S.W.Ireland. frequent sightings of Ju.88s particularly at
0900B in about 52° 40' N. 12° W. Planes appear
to set course N.N.W. from Bull Eire A.l.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 081117B to Admty.)
- Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard 0640Z,
northerly direction, poor visibility.
(A.C.I.C. 082007B to C. in C.H.F.)

Mining.

- Operation My 071055B. M.G.Bs. and M.Ls. arrived.
"Hostile 9." (C. in C.Plymouth 081059B to Admty.)
- Q.K.4D. Carry out operation Q.K.4D tonight with 4 boats.
Expected enemy course passes through following
positions 051° 17' 30" N. 002° 50' E. 051° 18'
20" N. 002° 51' E. 051° 23' 00" N. 002° 59' 40" E.
Mines to be laid on this line but as near Ostende Bank buoy in
051° 17' 30" N. 002° 51' E. as possible. Lay as early as
possible and withdraw silently. Unit A.
(C. in C.Nore 081200 and 081500B to BEEHIVE.)
- Portsmouth 2 Mag. Mines detonated by L.L. in app. 50° 35' N.
area. 01° 39' W.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 081816B and 091300B.)

Enemy Intelligence.

- Convoy and Track E.29 D. 1 medium and 8 small from Calais
E/R Boats. at 2335 remaining off Calais till 0225 when
joined by 1 larger and 6 small and all
proceeded east at 4 knots, increasing to 10
knots at 0250. Faded at 0350 8 miles west of
Dunkirk. Attacked by coastal forces near
Dunkirk A.W. Buoy.

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Enemy Intelligence.

Convoy and
E/R Boats.
(Contd.)

Track E.30 D. 3 small 8 miles west of Dunkirk at 2345, course north speed 20 knots. Faded at 0025 in Ruytingen Pass. Intercepted and engaged by our M.G.Bs. in vicinity of "V" Buoy and identified as E/R Boats. No damage to enemy claimed.
(V.A.Dover 081018B.)

Narvik.

Soviet visual R/C of Narvik at 1115 today observed 8 or 9 merchant ships at anchor. Photographs were taken and copies will be forwarded 2. R/C at Altenfjord prevented by low cloud.
(S.B.N.O.North Russia 081315B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats re-
ported or
attacked in
N.Atlantic.

D/F bearings at 1747Z indicate U-Boat within 150 miles of 55° N. 35° W.
(D.D.I.C. 080010B to E.G.1.)
Am over enemy S/M in 60° 40' N. 20° 55' W.
(A/C K. 081225B to 18 Group.)
Am over enemy S/M in 60° 45' N. 20° 50' W.
Periscope only was sighted.
(A/C H. 081600B.)

5. 1 A.S. CC 84 and 1 A/C 269 WYO hunting U-Boat in 60° 45' N. 20° 50' W. E.T.D. 1715 on 1900 off PLE, E.T.A. 0430/9.
6. Strike of 3 A/C 269 to 60° 45' N. 20° 50' W. where D/84 is remaining with U-Boat on surface fighting back. 2 A/C carrying G.P. bombs. E.T.D. 1900 on 2030 off PLE, E.T.A. 0130/9.
(R.A.F.Iceland 081810B to H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boats
in Biscay
Area.

U-Boat estimated in your vicinity today, from indefinite D/F fix at 2032Z/7.
(D.D.I.C. 080835B to GAMBIA.)

Navigational.

Ice.

Probable ice limit in Greenland and Barents Seas. Details.
2. S.B.N.O.North Russia is requested to report any recent observations of ice in Barents Sea.
(D.N.M.S. 082142B to C. in C.H.F. A.C.I.C. S.B.N.O.North Russia.)

Casualties & Defects.

KRAKOWIAK.

Admiralty's 071507B.
Your estimate of earliest possible time of completion after receipt of R.D.F. stores is requested.
(C. in C.Plymouth 081529B to A.S.Devonport.)

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GLOXINIA.
SAMUEL L.
FULLER.

GLOXINIA of S.C.132 collided with iceberg on 31st sustaining following damage. Hole strake 6 feet abaft stem. Damaged hawse pipe. Probable damage lower plating starboard bow. No apparent damage to cargo. SAMUEL FULLER leaking rivet leaving heavy oil trace 40 yards wide still visible 25 miles astern of convoy. In her present state this ships is a danger to any convoy.
(B.5. 081551Z to C. in C.W.A.)

ASHANTI.

Distiller plant defective. Intend to proceed to Plymouth for boiler water through (?048°) 50' N. 010° 00' W. at 2300B/9, thence to Q.Z.S. 410. E.T.A. 1200B/10.
(ASHANTI 081829B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

STORMKING.

STORMKING taken in hand 8th June by Messrs. Harland and Wolfe, Finnieston for boiler cleaning and engine defects. Anticipated completion date 18th June.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow 081836 to Admty.)

SCEPTRE.

A.C.O.S. 072303.
SCEPTRE can be taken in hand for structural repairs forthwith at Devonport.
(D.O.D.H. 081856B to A.C.O.S.)

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H.X. 241. C. in C. W.A. 072226B. My P.C.S. 056° 50' N. 013° 40' W., 110°, 13 knots. E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 090600B. PENNYWORTH in company. (ASPHODEL, 080901Z to Cdre. D. W.A.)

Detail one escort for Loch Ewe ships to 057° N., thence independently.

(C. in C. W.A., 081216B to Escorts H.X.241.)

Request you sail KIRKELLA to meet H.X.B.241 escorted by ANEMONE, E.T.A. position A 1400B/9th.

(C. in C. Liverpool, 081926B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

My 311703B and 061526B. DARIEN proceeding direct to Iceland (C).

(D.T.D., 082228B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Detection of Icebergs.

My W.A.S.M.584 N of 280220A/3.

An alternative method was successfully adapted by another convoy whereby Calcium flares were dropped by the escorts to mark the position of bergs.

(C. in C. W.A., 081123B to Ships.)

O.N. 188.

Request you will sail TWEED p.m. tomorrow to Reykjavik. A.C.I.C. is requested to sail TWEED as necessary as escort to BAJAMAR and BANADEROS to join convoy at I.C.O.M.P.

(C. in C. W.A., 081138B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

A.M. 1728/14 March and 021217B. Following tankers are to sail in the convoy carrying spare depth charges.

BENTE MAERSK 60 D/Cs. STRINDA 60 D/Cs. KALDFONN 60 D/Cs.

G.C. BROVIG 60 D/Cs. SCOTTISH HEATHER 60 and 40 D/Cs. EVITA 60 D/Cs. THORHILD 60 D/Cs. VAV 60 D/Cs.

(D.T.D., 081756B.)

Following tankers are to sail as escort oilers in O.N.188.

STRINDA, LUCELLUM, KALDFONN, SCOTTISH HEATHER.

(D.T.D., 081805B.)

Irish Sea Escort Force.

? My 061315B. It is proposed that A/S trawlers KINGSTON BERYL and PAUL RYKENS be attached to 8th A/S Group and that the A/S Whalers HELLIER II, SETTER, SOUTHERN BREEZE and SOUTHERN SPRAY be formed into a separate group for which a group number is requested.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 081141B to Admty.)

S.C. 132.

On crossing 020° W. detach ships for Mersey and Clyde capable of 10 knots and over escorted by WREN and one corvette to North Channel thence independently.

(C. in C. W.A., 081223B to Escorts S.C.132.)

Your 081547Z and my 081223B. Detach ships for Mersey and Clyde of 9.5 knots and above.

(C. in C. W.A., 082126B to Escorts S.C.132.)

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T.A. 47. My 071713. Sailed PASTEUR. Amended E.T.A. 0430Z/15th.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 081410Z.)

Anti- / 681 N. In order that necessary information
U-Boat concerning the position of a U-Boat may be
Signals. quickly available to shore authorities the
following procedure is to be adopted by S.O.
of Escort and Support Groups with regard to
enemy signals intercepted on H/F D/F.

(A) On a signal being intercepted which indicates that a U-Boat is in close vicinity to, or has made a sighting report of his force, the S.O. is immediately to report the fact giving the time of interception of the signal and the serial used. Priority 'emergency' should be used.

(B) If a signal is received from Admiralty warning a particular convoy that there is a U-Boat in vicinity or that a sighting report has probably been made, if the S.O. of the force concerned has not already acted in accordance with (A) he is immediately to report any information which may confirm or refute the Admiralty warning. Priority 'immediate' should be used.

(C) If a signal is received from Admiralty warning more than one convoy that a U-Boat is in the vicinity unless one of the convoys concerned has already acted in accordance with (A) any of the force concerned having information which will assist in deciding which convoy is threatened should immediately report accordingly. Priority 'immediate' should be used.

(2) Reports in accordance with para. (1) are only required in the case of first contacts with enemy or after lull in activity. They are not required when a convoy is already known to be shadowed.

(3) Cancel 653 N. A.C. 1 (one) (? priority) will be amended in due course.

(C. in C. W.A., 081533B to Ships.)

K.M.F. 18. COLOMBO will be required to sail from Clyde with K.M.F.18 on 28th June.
2. Request you will sail her for Clyde accordingly.
(D.O.D.H., 081536B to C.S.10.)

T.A. 48. A.M. 021653 June.
(QUEEN 1. Route through position (R) 270° Oversay 6 miles
MARY). at 110600B through (h) 54.30 N. 17.02 W. (o)
50.58 N. 23.31 W. (d) 43.00 N. 30.20 W. (g)
41.18 N. 41.25 W. (e) 38.32 N. 49.59 W. (s)
58.29 N. 70.10 W. thence to New York.)
(D.O.D.(H), 081945B to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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- O.N. 187,
E.G. 40. If convoy not threatened part company with
O.N.187 at daylight tomorrow and proceed to
St. Johns N.F.
(C. in C. W.A., 082059Z to E.G. 40.)
- D.S. 41. Sails BANFORA, SHIKARI and SCIMITAR in accordance
with my 071036B. E.T.A. Reykjavik 2000B/11th.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 082204B.)
- W.S. 31.
LEDBURY. 1. It is desired to fit two additional Oerlikons
in LEDBURY.
2. Request you will sail LEDBURY to Rosyth to
arrive 14th June in order that she may be taken
in hand for fitting on 15th June.
3. Work will necessitate two or three days.
5. Ship is required to arrive Londonderry on 19th June in
order that she may sail to join Convoy W.S.31 on 20th June.
(D.O.D.(H), 082220B to R.A.D.)
- O.S. 49/
K.M.S.16
MAKEFJELL. Your 081611Z. Inform Commodore MAKEFJELL has
been ordered to return to port.
(C. in C. W.A., 082308B to Escorts O.S.49/K.M.S.
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M/V Recognition, "Checkmate" System. / 1. An organisation known as "Checkmate" system has been set up in Admiralty for the purpose of supplementing existing merchant shipping information signals and identifying merchant vessels to warships when recognition procedure has proved inconclusive.
(D.T.D. 081352B.) See Home Commands, Policy.

North Atlantic.

Spain and Argentine Revolution. X Admiralty recypher and pass to C. in C.Med. (Passing action being taken by W.R.)
Effect on Spanish opinion of Argentine Revolution can now be summed up as devastating. Franco and the Party are stunned, the Army is encouraged towards imitation, the people of all classes are delighted. It will almost certainly hasten the end.
(N.A.Madrid 081100B to D.N.I.)

Dispositions. CHANTICLEER 1 corvette 038° 35' 010° 51' to Lisbon 12½.
2. Small craft convoy COLUMBINE 039° 14' 011° 41' through 036° 40' 010° 02' thence 115° 10.
3. Coastal craft convoy, HORNPIPE 039° 16' 012° 43' through 036° 30' 010° 02' thence 102° 10.
4. G.C.15, BRISTOL 035° 50' 005° 59' through 035° 45' 006° 30' and 034° 08' 008° 01' to Casablanca 9.
5. NESTOR, ANNAMITE, 1 merchant ship sailing Gibraltar (?08)00B/9th through Q.K.A. 87 direct to Cape St. Mary's thence coastwise Setubal (?10.)
6. G.U.S.8, HOLCOMBE 035° 50' 006° 03' through 035° 47' 006° 30' to (?R/V) Casablanca section in 034° 08' 008° 29' at 1600B/9th thence 249° 8.
7. 2 Swedish Relief Ships E. 035° 49' 006° 48' to Gibraltar 12.
(F.O.Gibraltar 081111B.)
Situation at 081959B.
ASHANTI 041° 30' 014° 40' 001° 20.
2. Floating dock in tow, one tug, BULLDOG, one destroyer, one corvette, 2 trawlers, E. 037° 36' 011° 45' 126° 6½.
4. T.O.5, C.T.F.21.4 029° 29' 019° 50' through 028° 22' 024° 02' thence 249° 13½.
5. S.L.130, SCARBOROUGH 028° 34' 013° 10' through 030° 01' 011° 59' thence 027° 6.
6. Small craft convoy COLUMBINE 039° 14' 011° 41' through 036° 40' 010° 02' thence 115° 10.
(F.O.Gibraltar 081123B.)

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- Dispositions. Situation 2002B/8th.
(Contd.) T.O.5, C.T.F.21.4 029° 29' 019° 50' through 028° 22' 024° 02' thence (7110° or 249°) 13½.
2. U.G.S.9, C.T.F.69, 029° 48' 032° 08' through 030° 02' 030° 01' thence 084° 9.
3. 18 L.C.I.(L) S.O. 173, 035° 48' 026° (714') through 035° 59' 024° 15' thence 086° 10.
4. T.A.46 unescorted 046° (725') 025° 20' through 044° 01' 027° 01' thence 237° 26.
(F.O.Gibraltar 081145B.)
- O.S.49. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to reply to Commorseafron's 071555. (re inclusion of ships in O.S.49 for Dakar.) To reduce volume of signalling Commorseafron is requested to address future signals of this nature to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and repeat to Admty.
(D.T.D. 081144B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron (R) C. in C.Med.)
- CHANTICLEER, On completion fuelling proceed to U.K. through A. STARWORT. 038° 37' N. 010° 01' W. B. 040° 01' N. 013° 01' W. C. 043° 01' N. 013° 30' W. D. 045° 01' 013° 30' W. thence as ordered by C. in C.W.A. S.O.A. 13 knots.
2. Admty. pass to H.Q.C.C. (Passing action being taken by W.R.)
(F.O.Gibraltar 081149B to CHANTICLEER, STARWORT, (R) Admty. C. in C.Plymouth, C. in C.W.A. N.O.I.C. Londonderry, H.Q.C.C.)
- HORNPIPE, Onward route from position S. through T. 035° 47' SCOTTISH. N. 006° (725') W. and Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar. 2. Report E.T.A. Gibraltar on crossing 007° W.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081231B to HORNPIPE, SCOTTISH.)
- Axis Arrival 7th MONTE ICIAR, BIZCARGUI, arrival 8th Shipping BORDSEE, BALTIC. Bilbao. Departure 7th JEUNE DENISE, MARIA VICTORIA, Port Antonio, ULTRA, MARIA CARMEN, CIANO, MARINA.
Repeated S.O.(I) Gibraltar.
(Consul Bilbao 081300 to Admty.)
- USURPER. P.56 (USURPER) leaving Scilly Isles at 2300B/10th June diving by day route "Gold" to 043° N. E.T.A. 0900/17th, S.O.A. 86 miles a day.
2. Thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
3. Communications. 4. S.Ps.
(Capt. S.3 081359B to F.O.I.C., Gib., (R) C. in C. Med. Capt. S.8, F.O.S. C. in C.Plymouth, S.O. S/Ms Gibraltar, P.56 (USURPER.))

/G.U.S.8...

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G.U.S.8. G.U.S.8 sailed a.m. on my 021744 plus SS. NUEVA GRANADA (T). (F.O.Gibraltar 081518B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Connob Oran, C. in C.Med. Admty. Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy M.K.S.14. M.K.S.14 arrived. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081658B to Com. N.O.B. Oran (R) C. in C.Med. etc.)

Convoy G.C.15. G.C.15, sailed HEBE II and EXPORT. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081701 to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

FYLINGDALE, possible sabotage. H.Megahey, Gunlayer of SS. FYLINGDALE, reports finding what appeared to be a bomb in No. 1 hold. He showed it to the Boatswain and a deck hand, immediately afterwards throwing it overboard. Have fully investigated matter and consider that it might possibly have been a bomb. Description given black japanned tin 6" x 4" x 1½" sealed by black adhesive tape. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 081727B to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

Convoy S.R.5. A.M. 291825 May, para. 2 and F.O.C.W.Af's 031122. S.R.5. Request your intentions for onward escort. (D.O.D.(F) 081811B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.Med.)

Movements Gibraltar. Departures G.T.X.2 with corvette VISENDA, M.M.S. 21, 118 for Algiers, BOREAS for Malta, WISHART, CLEVELAND, SLAZAK, CONVULVULUS for Tripoli. Q.K.76, Q.B. 111 Q.B.C. 732, Q.K.B.127, G.C.15 with U.S.S., BRISTOL, P.C.480.

Arrivals F.S. ANNAMITE, U.S.S. BRISTOL, P.480 with C.G.35. MINNA from Algiers. HUSSAR, SPEEDWELL ex M.K.S.14. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 082001B to Admty. etc.)

French Refugees. My 071941 (shipping 600 French Refugees from Setubal.) M.F.A. now states train with refugees will not arrive Setubal until 1100B/11th June. Ship should enter harbour morning tide 11th and should sail evening tide. (B.N.A.Lisbon 082015B to N.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.Med. Admty.)

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Relief ships. Swedish relief ships FENRIS 1921 G.T. and TAMARA 6390 G.T. sailed 2000/8th routed 20 miles south of Cape Spartevento (Sardinia) thence 5 miles North of Ustica, thence Vulcano Island thence through Straits of Messina thence TAMARA to Piraeus by standard route and FENRIS to Smyrna routed in accordance with A.M. 061856B, speed 12½ knots, not to be molested on these routes.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 082051B to 8th S/M Flotilla, ARETHUSE, CASABIANCA.)

L.C.I.(L) 173. Secret W/T traffic indicates that you may have been reported by 2 or 3 U-Boats operating near 036° N. (025°) W.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 082219B to B.A.M.S. L.C.I.(L) 173, (R) Admty. for information.)

PRINS ALBERT. Arrived. Admiralty pass to S.O.Force J., H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C. (passing action being taken by W.R.)
(F.O.Gibraltar 082304B to Admty. C. in C.Med.)

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South Atlantic.

- EXCELLER. My 071651. Endurance and other consideration permitting EXCELLER is to proceed to Durban with convoy. Report intention.
(C. in C. S.A. 080059B. to N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay
(R) SUFFOLK, Admty.)
- COWSLIP, attack on U/B. COWSLIP sighted and attacked S/M in 006° 38' N. 012° 25' W. at 072210Z.
(F.O.C.W.A. 080338Z to Ships in Area P.2. (R) Admty.)
- BOADICEA, NEW NORTHLAND. Sailed 0600Z/8th June BOADICEA escorting SS. (NEW?) NORTHLAND E.T.A. Lagos 1000Z/9th June.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 080857Z to Admty. etc.)
- S.R.5. Sailed 2355 ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, HOGGAR escorted by LA GRANDIERE (S.O.) DUMONT D'URVILLE, ANTELOPE, MALCOLM. My 061744 (Convoy S.R.5. for Casablanca) refers. Commorseafron pass to Amirel Afrique.
(Comar, Dakar 080909Z. to F.O.C.W.Af. Commorseafron, (?)A.S.Gib, Admty. C. in C. Med.)
- Movements. Departure 2350Z/7th June MYOSOTIS to join escort T.S. 980.
(S.O. (I) Freetown 080930Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi (R) Admty. R.N.O. Lagos.)
Arrival 8th June F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.
(N.L.O. Walvis Bay 080939Z. to C. in C. S.A. Admty. etc.)
Arrival FERNMOOR, KIRIEMOOR.
(Cdre.i/c. Durban 081551Z. to Admty. etc.)
- ELIZABETH-VILLE. Sailed 1040Z ELIZABETHVILLE escorted by BRIDGEWATER BELLWORT. My 071826 refers. (2) BRIDGEWATER BELLWORT leave ELIZABETH off Bathurst and return Dakar E.T.A. 0700Z/9th. F.O.C. West Africa 070916 to N.O.I.C. Bathurst only refers.
(Comar Dakar 081056Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, S.S.T.O. Freetown.)
- W.S.30. CUBA. SS. CUBA reports she frequently has condenser trouble. Speed of convoy has already once been reduced to 8 knots on her account for a period of 2 hours. She hopes to repair many tubes in South Africa. Cdre. of W.S.30 request information whether SS. CUBA (?should be) sent into Capetown to make good defects or proceed to Durban. Cdre. considers she is unfit for sea until defects remedied.
(SUFFOLK 081102Z. to C. in C. S.A.)
- Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/8th June. HAWKINS 036° 10' 019° 35' to Simonstown 11 knots. NORTHERN CHIEF searching in 030° 30' 034° 30'. ROTHERHAM with D.N.46 (2 ships) off Cape St. Lucia to 026° 038° 17. VERBENA, /LADY...

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Dispositions. LADY ROSEMARY, VIVIANA, 026° 039' 30" to 026° 038' 10. KUMAON, KATHIAWAR 018° 25' 041° 50' to 015° 40' 042° 40' 12. (C. in C. S.A. 081116B.)
Situation at 1959Z/8. ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, F. Sloop DUMONT D'URVILLE, LA GRANDIERE (escorting?) 018° 07' 017° 19' 354° 10. PORTSDOWN, BUTTERMERE escorting LADY DENISON-PENDER 012° 35' 024° 11' to St. Vincent (Cape Verde Is.) 9. CILICIA on patrol about 008° 30' 027° 30' 14. (?FOXHOUND or DESPATCH?) escorting 012° 10' 018° 42' to 012° 20' 019° 18' 9 thence independently to Dakar 17. MORRIS DANCE escorting 012° 56' to 017° 40' to 013° 35' 017° 40' to 013° 38' 017° 04' thence Dakar 8. F.S/M. ARGO Air France III 009° 54' 015° 07' to 009° 27' 014° 00' at 0200Z/9th thence Freetown 12. TURCOMAN about 008° 30' 013° 35' to Freetown 9. (R.A.W.A. 081443Z.)

L.S.T.421, F.O.C.W.A.Fs. 031919. Intend to sail L.S.T.421
B.Y.M.S.19. (S.O.) and B.Y.M.S.19 in company for Casablanca 1800Z/8th. 2. Speed made good 9 knots E.T.A. 1100Z/15th (route). 3. Group F.T. until 1200Z/12 thence shifting to Gibraltar Broadcast. (Comar Dakar 081232Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. Commorseafon, Admty. L.S.T.421 etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Departure 0728Z/8th June. B.Y.M.S.11,12, 20, 28. (S.O. (I) Freetown 081400Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi B.N.L.O. West Africa.)

M.L. Sweep. Departure 8th June. M.Ls. 302 and 266 to carry out A/S? sweep to South East. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 081400Z. to Admty. etc.)

W.S.31. In order that best use may be made of destroyers available to cover heavy coastal troop movements request early information of escort arrangements for convoy W.S.31. (F.O.C.W.A. 081648Z. to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. F.O.I.C. Gib.)

A/C attack on U/B. Secret U-Boat Report.
(1) (A) Admty., Air Ministry, A.H.Q. E.A., C. in C.E.F. (C) AOS/3. (C) 9th June. (D) LANGEBAAN. (E) 413. (F) Catalina Baker. (G) Tropical Sea. (H) Flight Lieut. Bayly R.C.A.F. (2) (A) 2 Yes. (B) 190 T 30 miles. (C) 1015B/6th June. (D) 3112S 1656E (E) 120. (3) (A) Wake (B1) 270 T 3700. (B2) 33 miles 270 T. (B3) 180 T 15 knots. (C) Yes. (4) (A) 3 Miles. (B) 65 seconds. (C) 1025B. (D) Approx. right angles and ahead. (E) 30 feet (F) 120. (5) (B1) 25 feet (B2) 6. (B3) Mark 8 Torpex. (B4) Mark 16. (B5) 3. (B6) 100 feet. (B7) 100 feet. 6. (A) Yes. (B) Crash dived on full starboard helm. (C) Swirl. (D) 300, 400 and 500 feet ahead of Swirl. (7) (B) No. (8) (B) No. (D) No. (9) (A) No. (B) No. (D) Yes. (E) 11 minutes before returning to C/V to report attack. (F) 1036B. (10) No owing to unlimited visibility.

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A/C attack (11) (A) good. (B) 335 T 20 knots. (C) Nil. (D) 20
on U/B. plus. (E) Calm with moderate swell. (12) (A) No.
(Contd.) (B) Large but too far away to distinguish any
special characteristics. (See 082355B.) Aircraft
increased speed and altered course to get up sun
at the same time decreasing height. Object
recognised as large submarine. U-Boat sighted aircraft and dived
carrying full starboard helm. Aircraft attacked 65 seconds after
conning tower submerged. Aircraft remained in vicinity for ? 11
minutes and after dropping sea markers returned to warn convoy.
At 1111B aircraft returned to position found sea markers and
commenced square search until 1212 when relieved by another
aircraft. (15) No damage as D/Cs. dropped too far astern.
(C. in C. S.A. 081757B. to Admty. etc.)

Following is a correction of my 081721 group 90 to 163
(begins) (E) No. (14) at 0943B signal received from convoy S/M
on port quarter area. Investigated and at 0948B convoy signalled
"Viper" aircraft proceeded astern of convoy to distance of 35 miles
and at 1015 a dark object and wake was sighted bearing 270 T 33
miles.

(C. in C. S.A. 082355B.) W.R. Note:- This is a repetition of the
corrupt portion of C. in C. S.A.'s. 081757 U-Boat report.)

Routeing of My 211556 refers. Through routeing from Red Sea and
U.S. Ships Persian Gulf to South America. It is very desirable
from East that such routeing be brought into practice as soon
Africa. as possible. No reason is known here why following
ships should call at Durban and it is requested they
may be diverted to nearest port for re-routeing
(A) JUAN DE FUCA. (B) MORTON MACCARVERHAND (C)
SEBASTIAN CERMENO.
(C. in C. S.A. 081825B. to C. in C. E.F. (R)
F.O.R.S.C.A. S.N.O. Persian Gulf.)

BIRDLIP. Sailed 1830Z/8th June. BIRDLIP Freetown E.T.A. p.m.
16th proceed direct. Speed estimated at 5 knots.
Route close inshore.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 081837Z. to Admty. R.A. W.Af.,
R.N.O. Lagos.)

Movements Arrival 5th June. Departure 7th Brazilian Sub. Chaser
Pernambuco. C.S.52. Departure 6th C.S.51.
(R.O. Pernambuco 081859Z. to Admty.)

COPINSAY. Intend to sail COPINSAY to Dakar by Green Route at
1200Z/9th June. S. of A. 8 knots, E.T.A. 0700Z/12th
June. 2. Request COPINSAY be docked for bottom
cleaning on arrival.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081942Z. to Comar, Dakar (R) Admty.
Capt. D.F.E.F. COPINSAY.)

AORANGI. P.S.T.O. Capetown's 051828. AORANGI delayed through
generator breakdown. Repairs expected to complete
in time to sail 1300Z/9th June.
(D.S.T.O. Durban 082116B. to C. in C. E.F.)

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KANARIS, Cdre. - maximum speed 7 knots as not in ballast.
Convoy. E.T.A. "Sun" 0800B/8. Suggest alter route from
"Sun" direct "Rib" to R/V with combined convoy
1830B/8. Request instructions.
(G.S. KANARIS, 080001B to S.N.O. Tripoli, F. or
S.O. Inshore Sqdn.)

Enemy My 2250. Have regained contact in 36.58 N.
destroyer. 13.52 E., course 150°, speed 20 knots. Request
instructions.
(A/C ANV/V, 080055B to A.H.Q. Malta.)

Movements, Departure June 7th HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, VETCH,
Oran. REIGHTON WYKE, KING SOL, PIROUETTE, FOXTROT.
C. in C. Med. pass to Comnavnaw.
(Comnob. Oran, 080123B to Admty., etc.)

W.S. 29(A) Convoy W.S.29 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 080502Z to Admty.)

LEOPARD, / Following from Adm. Auboyneau. Consequent on
personnel loss of French Light Cruiser LEOPARD and relief
for M.T.Bs. of personnel, one Lieut.-Cdr., 3 junior Lieuts.
necessary number of midshipmen and crew are
available for commissioning M.T.Bs. in Levant
area. Request you will investigate possibility
of providing newly built craft or possibly turning over to us
M.T.Bs. now manned by British crews at Beirut. If practicable,
early information is requested of expected date of commissioning
so that personnel may not be kept idle unnecessarily.
(COMMANDANT DUBOC, 080625Z to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty.,
French S.N.O. Ashore Beirut, F.N.F.L. London.)

M.E. Air A. 659, 8th June, 0904Z. Daily Opsum 41.
Report. / 6th/7th June, 3 Wellington anti-shipping R/C
Aegean. No shipping.
7th June, 2 Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping R/C
Aegean attacked 1 caique 200 tons. Attack broken
off owing to intense accurate A/A fire. 2 Spitfires intercepted
Ju.86 on R/C Alexandria area at about 44,000 feet. Spitfires
unable to gain sufficient height attacked at long range from
below without visible result.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 080921Z.)

Movements, Arrivals 7th June ABDIEL, PAUL COUNDOURIOTIS.
Alexandria. Departure 7th June CONFEDERATE.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 080925C to Admty., etc.)

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Movements, 7th June departures ABDIEL, SOUTHERN SEA.
Beirut. Arrival IERAX.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 080965C (sic) to Admty.)

TAURUS. Leave your area to pass through (a) 035° 17' 026° 39' at 1115C/11th. (b) 034° 05' 030° 39' at 0557C/13th. (c) 034° 05' 033° 04' at 0601C/14th thence to arrive Beirut 0559C/15th June.
(Capt. (S) 1, 081037C to P.339 (TAURUS), (R) 1st S/M.F., C. in C. Levant, A.I.G.66, Cdre. (D), C.C.F., Eastern Med.)

Movements, Arrivals SHARPSHOOTER, MIRROR, CHARLES MACIVER, Malta. M.L.121, NEWFOUNDLAND, ORION, PENELOPE, TARTAR, LOOKOUT, LOYAL, JERVIS, NUBIAN, LAFOREY, UNRUFFLED.
Departures L.C.Ts. 308, 313, 317, 318, 325, 341, 354, 361, 446, O.R.P. DZIK.
(V.A. Malta, 081124 to Admty., etc.)

Enemy Aircraft reported at 1040/5th 090° Cape Rizz(?) 0
Units. 5 miles one destroyer, speed 15 knots, 2 medium merchant ships, speed 8 knots, course 270°.
(Capt. (S) 10, 081311 to P.31 (UPROAR), SOKOL, (R) 10 S/M.F.)

Merchant ships in my 081311 are very small and destroyer probably an F-Boat.
(Capt. (S) 10, 081741B to P.31 (UPROAR), O.R.P. SOKOL, (R) 10th S/M.F.)
Following read. Position, course and speed of enemy 3 medium vessels, 2 war motor boats, 1 aeroplane at 1230B are 42.30 N. 09.45 E., 90°, 8. Weather report.
(A/C CJL/C, 081322B via Malta.)

G.T.X. 2. Pass to Cdre. and escorts G.T.X.2. Intend to sail: Oran section as follows (list of M/Vs.) L.S.T.138, L.S.T.423,8, L.S.T.419. French tugs PILOTE NIVIERE and LE LION ordered to take stations astern.
(Commob. Oran, 081401B to WISHART, (R) Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Connav, F.O.I.C. Bizerta, Cdre. Algiers, C. in C. Levant, S.O.I.S.)

P.R.U. 2 battleships, 2 cruisers report by visual R/C of Taranto at 1212.
(V.A. Malta, 081408B to C. in C. Med., etc.)

Black X (1) Enemy shipping.
Sea. (a) During month of May following enemy vessels reported sunk or damaged by Black Sea Naval and Air Forces: sunk 3 merchant vessels total tonnage 15,000, 3 schooners, 4 motor launches

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Black Sea. and 13 lighters. Sunk or damaged 15 E or
(Contd.) R-Boats, 9 F and Siebel craft.
(b) On June 3rd an enemy S/M and merchant vessel reported sunk, no further information available. (N.S.O.(I) Istanbul reports B.4 that Italian tanker CELENO or German ELEE ex (P).L.M. 16 was sunk early June).
(N.L.O. Black Sea, 081435 to Admty., etc.)

ALAUNIA. Arrival 0403Z.
(Cdre. Aden, 081451Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

K.M.S.15/ My 031414B. Delete FORT LAC LA RONGE.
U.G.S. 8A. Add OCEAN VOLUNTEER and ANTIETAM.
(Comnob. Oran, 081459B to Admty., etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Request you arrange reference A.M. 031925 (re carrying of spare parts on all B.Y.M.S. vessels) for B.Y.M.S. on arrival.
(A) Alter tails in accordance with para. 2.
(B) Manufacture and issue adaptors in accordance with para. 4.
(2) B.Y.M.S.9, 26, 27 should be sailed for Malta after modification, as additional escorts of K.M.S.16.
(C. in C. Med., 081528B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Capt. (F), C. in C. Levant, D.N.C.X.F., Admty.)

UNITED, Intend to sail P.44 (UNITED) at 1800/10th for
UPROAR. patrol in Zone M routed through following positions - (A) 036° 26' 014° 21'. (B) 036° 26' 015° 27'. (C) 037° 29' 015° 48'. P.31 (UPROAR) to keep east of 016° E. in Zone M. (Capt. (S) 10, 081545 to C. in C. Med., UPROAR, (R) Capts. (S) 1, (S) 8, etc.)

UNRUFFLED, P.46 (UNRUFFLED) report at 1531B/3rd in 039° 13'
tanker N. 016° 01' E. fired 4 torpedoes at southbound
torpedoed. tanker of 8,000 tons, 3 hits. Results not observed. Moderate counter attack by single T.B. escort.
(Capt. (S) 10, 081548B to C. in C. Med., (R) Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8, F.O.(S), C. in C. Levant.)

N.A.A.F. N.W.A. Air Forces. Opsum 107, 7th June.
Report. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. June 7th. Pantellaria.
63 U.S. B.17 dropped 719 x 500 H.E. from 17,000 or 14,000 to 19,500 feet. One Fortress damaged in combat, 1 by flak. Escort 42 U.S. Lightnings.

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) 3 returned early. 1 missing. 78 U.S. B.26 and 39 U.S. B.25 dropped 216 x 500 H.E. and 239 x 1000 H.E. from 8,500 to 10,600 feet. Escort 143 U.S. Lightnings and U.S. Warhawks dropped 22 x 1000 H.E. 1 U.S. Lightning returned early. 50 U.S. Lightnings in 1 additional mission dropped 30 x 1000? H.E. from 1,000 to 3,000. 9 returned early. General results. Town and assigned targets well covered. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. June 6th, additional, Pantellaria, 50 U.S. Warhawks flew escort and dropped 5 x 500 H.E. 4 Spitfires flew escort. June 7th, Pantellaria. 12 U.S. Mitchells, 12 R.A.F. Bostons, 16 U.S. Mustangs, 38 U.S. Spitfires and 155 Warhawks flew escort or bombed. 1 U.S. Mustang shot down by flak. (Adv. H.Q. N.A.A.F., 081554B.)

Malta. X Arrangements for maintenance, including civil requirements. (W.O., 081600B to C. in C. M.E., (R) Govr. Malta, etc.) See Lion Copy.

N.A.A.F. Report. To: Eaker and Brereton. From: Spaatz, N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv. NR.6494.
 1. On Pantellaria, 63 B.17s dropped 719 x 500 pound bombs, covering town and harbour. Formations were twice attacked by enemy aircraft. In first attack, several Me.109s damaged. 1 B.17 slightly. In second attack, enemy aircraft not aggressive. 1 B.17 damaged by flak.
 2. 18 B.16s escorted by 15 P.38s; 18 B.16s escorted by 16 P.38s; 41 P.38s; 20 B.25s escorted by 20 P.40s; 18 B.26s escorted by 16 P.38s; 12 B.26s escorted by 16 P.38s; 12 B.26s escorted by 20 P.38s; 19 B.25s escorted by 40 P.40s, dropped a total of 287 x 1000 pound bombs and 216 x 500 pound bombs on Pantellaria. Gun positions, town were well covered by burst, several direct hits were scored.
 3. Coastal Air Force carried out usual escort and patrol missions.
 4. Tactical Air Force. 12 P.40s, 16 A.36s, 12 B.25s, 12 A.20s, 9 Spits. carried out missions against Pantellaria. 1 A.36 was shot down by flak. (N.A.A.F. Rear, 081601B to Etousa.)

SAFARI, (1) SAFARI (P.211) leaves patrol through 040° 30' 010° 33' at 2300/10th. 038° 15' 010° 05' at 0200/12th. 038° 06' 003° 58' at 2230/14th. Thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 12' at 0630/15th.

(2) SIBYL (P.217) is to patrol in her area keeping south of Bastia until after dark 10th then leave patrol through Zone J to pass 038° 40' 010° 01' at 0130/13th. 038° 21' 004° 05' at 1600/15th. Thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 04' at 0630/16th.

(Capt. (S) 8, 081606B to 8 S/M..F., (R) C. in C. Med., etc.)

/UNSHAKEN ...

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- UNSHAKEN. E.T.A. Western Sanctuary R/V 0730B/9th. No luck. (P.54 (UNSHAKEN), 081625B to Capt. (S) 10.) Your 081625 acknowledged. Arrive Western R/V at 0830/9th. (Capt. (S) 10, 082322B to P.54 (UNSHAKEN).)
- Movement of French Troops. Nasab 582. Allied C. in C. has approved French request for transport for a division and A.A.F. group comprising 600 White Officers, 15,400 native troops with equivalent of 3,500 D.W. tons from Dakar to Casablanca. A further request for a similar move for a French colonial regiment of 1800 men. These troops are ready to move now. (M.W.T.R. Med., 081640B to M.W.T. London, (R) B.A.D., for B.M.S.M.)
- Movements, Port Said. 8th June Port Said departures BURRA, RELAY, R.F.A. ATHEL MONARCH. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 081651C to Admty., etc.)
- Oil Carriers. Admty. 011835 (sailing of O.F. carriers with landing craft flight E.) Request diesel carriers VIDONIA, VINDELECIA outpost be onward routed to Malta. V.A.M's 061135 refers. (C. in C. Med., 081715B to Admty., etc.)
- Oilers. There is not time for the Oilers referred to in Admty. 051940 to meet operational requirements in North Africa. It is intended to release Oilers in U.G.S. 10 to U.K. in M.K. Convoy if stocks position at this later date permits. (C. in C. Med., 081722B to Admty.)
- Convoy Programmes. My 221826 May* add to para. 1 M.K.S.16. Sails June 24th arrives Tripoli June 29th, arrives Malta June 30th. Add to para. 2 G.T.X.3 passes Tripoli June 28th arrives Alexandria July 3rd. (C. in C. Levant, 081802C to R.A. Alexandria, S.N.O. Cyrenaica, etc.)
* Circulated under T.O.O. 090847.
- Through Convoys. Planning. (D.T.D., 081835B.) See East Indies. Reply: C. in C. Med., 090752.
- G.T.X.1. Request names of 9 merchant ships from Malta and Tripoli, also the numbered designations of the 12 L.S.Ts., C. in C. Levant's 041958 June refers.

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G.T.X. 1. 2. Request similar information may be included
(Contd.) in future signals referring to G.T.X., X.T.G.,
K.M.S. and M.K.S. convoys.
(D.T.D., 081905B to C. in C. Levant, C. in C.
Med., (R) N.C.S.O. Alexandria, V.A. Malta, S.N.O.
Tripolitania, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.) Reply 101302.

ARETHUSE, If either you were in vicinity of Spezia this
SIBYL. afternoon you may have been sighted.
(Capt. (S) 8, 081914B to ARETHUSE, P.217 (SIBYL).)

Convoy G.T.X.2 one hour late.
G.T.X.2. (WISHART, 081945B to N.O.I.C. Oran, (R) C. in C.
Med.)

SONTAY. Your 052120 June to P.S.T.O. Middle East only.
SONTAY due back in Alexandria about 27th June
could carry out 1 or 2 further voyages if
required but crew's articles expire 7th July
1943 and new crew would require to reach Suez by 2nd July at
latest.
(P.S.T.O. Middle East, 081958C to Admty. for D. of S.T., (R)
P.S.T.O. India, S.S.T.O. Alexandria.)

Malta Air A.I.537 June 8th C.S.R.
Report. Part 1 Offensive. (A) Air.
Night 7th/8th June. 5 Beaufighters made intruder
patrols over Sicily and the toe of Italy in
Sicily.

Day 8th June. 6 Spitfires made an offensive sweep over
Southern Italy.
Part 2 Enemy air activity.
4 Spitfire 5s. airborne on interception engaged 4 F.W.190 at
0655 hours North of Malta. Enemy had height advantage and pilot
of 1 Spitfire damaged in combat was forced to bale out but was
picked up unhurt by R.A.F. rescue launch. 0933 hours 12
Spitfires were airborne for several F.W.190 which turned back
before reaching Malta. 32 Spitfires airborne for raids which
turned back before reaching Malta.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 082010Z.)

Movements, Arrivals ILEX, L.S.Ts. 412, 324.
Algiers. Departures BUDE, U.S.S. W.R. CHAMBERLAIN,
RUSKHOLM, GERGORY, H.D.M.L.1232, M.L.240, French
Sub. CASABIANCA, L.S.T.325, L.S.T.385.
(Com. Algeria, 082014 to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrival 8th June M.Ls 350 and 385 and 348
Haifa, ARMADILLO, departure 8th June SOUTHERN SEA.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 082044C to Admty.,
etc.)

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Movements, Arrival 8th LAMERTON, WHEATLAND. Departure
Sousse. WHADDON.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 082117B to Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals EURYALUS, ESPIEGLE, CADMUS. Departures
Bone. AURORA, RHYL, STORNOWAY, M.M.S.105. Arrived
and sailed KINTYRE, BREAM.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 082120B to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Departures TREERN, IMHOFF, M.L.1122, M.L.459,
Benghazi. L.C.T.113 and (? 153).
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 082134C to Admty.)

GLOXINIA. Departure.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 082143B to Admty.)

M.K.S.15. Request you will sail:
(A) For Tripoli, YENANGYUANG (T), TALMA,
WARSASH, KRISTEVAS (T).
(B) For Malta, SONTAY, BRIKHAM, ST. JACQUES,
FORT ST. JAMES, FORT GASPHEREAU, OVULA (T), MISERGO (T).
(C) For Gibraltar, MARTAND, MALAKAND, GLENARTNEY.
(C. in C. Levant, 082146C to R.A. Alexandria, (R) C. in C. Med.,
V.A. Malta, Admty., etc.)

Movements, Bizerta arrival (? FOULA), HUNDA, AROOSTOCK,
Bizerta. AURORA, RHYL, STORNOWAY, PETARD, G.S. QUEEN OLGA.
Departure AURORA, RHYL, STORNOWAY, CLACTON,
POLRUAN, TROUBRIDGE, G.S. QUEEN OLGA.
(S.O.I.S., 082236B to C. in C. Med., Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrived and sailed OAKLEY, PENTSTEMON, ALDENHAM,
Tripoli. G.S. SAKTOURIS, G.S. KANARIS.
Arrived DELHI, BROCKLESBY, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE,
QUANTOCK, ROCKWOOD, ST. DAY, BEAUFORT, EXMOOR.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 082303B to Admty.)

Enemy P.C. and S. of unknown vessel is 39.26 N. 17.12
Unit. E., 265°, 10 knots.
(A/C FDS/R, 082350 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

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From A.F.H.Q. Algiers

T.O.O. nil/June.
Date 9.6.43.
Time 0040

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Addressed War Office

Tunisia, Enemy Morale.

IMPORTANT

129653 8911 cipher 8th June.

Cite FHGBA. Signed C.in C.
Personal for D.M.I. from Strong.
This following telegram to our 8707 of 7th June.
Our estimate German morale in Tunisia as follows.

- A. Generally German morale not so high as in opening phases of war though there is no sign of collapse in morale.
- B. In Tunisia there were two categories of Troops.
 - 1. Elite Troops such as Dak, ten Panzer Division and Hermann Goering with uniformly high morale, offensively minded, well trained and who continued to fight well until last stages.
 - 2. Other units such as some Marsch Battalions, 334 Division and 999 Division who did not have such high standard of either morale or training. These Troops more defensively minded and soldiers were of lower fighting value. For instance, 999 Division contained many low grade Troops some of whom were not convinced of final victory. Marsch Battalions were of mixed types including proportions of other nationalities. It is, however, extremely difficult to generalise on such subjects as units from which there were many deserters fought excellent defensive battles when attacked. Therefore although morale of individuals was on many occasions bad, yet unit or formation morale was often good.
- C. So far percentage of 1924/25 age groups has proved to be low in Tunisia therefore any true comparison between these classes and older men impossible but morale of young soldiers was usually high. A few of the older soldiers showed certain war weariness. To average soldier fighting in Tunisia was however infinitely preferable to Russian front.
- D. Morale of G.A.F. units, E.G. Barenthia and Jaeger Regiment and Ack Ack units. Particularly 88 MM gun crews, was high and little to choose between these and elite troops.
- (E) Italians constantly a source of irritation to Germans and failures frequently considered to be due to former.

(F).....

(F) German troops extremely badly informed and great number were under impression Tunisia could be held indefinitely.

(G) Reports are perhaps too inclined to attribute cessation of fighting in Tunisia to sudden collapse in German morale. Once the last defensive line protecting Tunis and Bizerta had been pierced German formations in line realised what higher staffs and probably some soldiers had known for some time that further resistance was hopeless. They were anxious however to do their duty as soldiers and carry on resistance to the last. The Elite Units did their duty in this respect, some of the other units merely put up a token of resistance, their chief concern being that the world at large should think that they had done what the Fatherland expected of them. When fighting finished there was general relief amongst all concerned but this could not be termed a collapse in morale. Discipline remained good and officers and non-commissioned officers had full control of their men. Future operations likely to find German soldier capable of hard fighting and with will to win, but if the hopelessness of the situation should begin to dawn on him events may follow the same course as in Tunisia. Lower standard of training among Divisions formed since 1941 may have influence in war of manoeuvre. Fighting value may therefore not be so high particularly when deep penetrations made in their main defensive positions.

(H) O'Neills paper was referred only to Tunisian Troops. He wrote it before I arrived here.

(I) On German and Italian morale in course of preparation will be forwarded in due course, but will mainly be amplification of above.

T. O. O. nil

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MALTA - Maintenance.

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MESSAGE

IN

081600B/June.

FROM: War Office.

Date: 9.6.43.

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ADDRESSED: C.in C.Middle East, Repeated Governor and C.in C.Malta. A.F.H.Q.Algiers.

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Maintenance of Malta including civil requirements.

1. Interim policy will be as follows:-

(a) With effect from July three ships ex U.K. per month have been allocated for maintenance of Malta by direct shipment from the West.

(b) For present however intention is that Mideast should remain responsible for maintenance of Malta and that all Malta demands should be placed on Mideast repeated to appropriate Ministries in London.

(c) Mideast will continue to maintain Malta in

(i) items of Eastern Group Supply and

(ii) in any foodstuffs or other items which can more economically be supplied from sources under M.E.S.C. or Mideast control.

Separate directif on C (ii) under preparation.

(d) Troopers will confirm monthly the shipping space available from the West and will notify any operational requirements which Admiralty, War Office or Air Ministry wish to include in shipping programme from the West.

(e) Mideast will then signal Troopers, repeated Malta, loading programme for balance of Malta requirements NOT covered by (c) above and taking into account operational requirements under (d) above. Colonial Office request that 1500 tons be included in this

programme:....

programme for Government and commercial supplies from Crown Agents.

2. In event of unforeseen circumstances affecting supply route from the West, Mideast might be required to supply against 1 (e) above from own stocks recouping by demands on sources of supply.

3. Final policy likely to be as follows and to become effective when supply route to Malta from West is assured.

(a) Responsibility for maintenance of Malta to pass from Mideast to Ministries in U.K.

(b) Malta to submit all demands on U.K. in form of shipping programme except as in 2 (c) and (d) below

(c) Malta to continue to submit demands for items of Eastern Group Supply on Mideast.

(d) Malta to submit demands on Mideast for items as in 1 (c) (ii) above.

4. Submission of "Monthly Lists" to U.K. to continue both for Interim and Final policies.

5. Mideast inform M.E.S.C. and cable immediate agreement to above policy.

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East Indies.

SCOUT 222 Group report that SCOUT can be fully employed as target vessel from 5th July onwards. Should it appear impracticable subsequently at any time that full use cannot be made of this vessel 222 Group will immediately advise me. Your 030715 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(F.O. Ceylon 080356Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) 222 Group, R.A.N.A.S.I.O. Com. N.A.S. C. in C. Ceylon, A.O.C. India).

NEVASA Ocean escort will not be provided for NEVASA. D.S.T.O. India's 0719007 June para. (I) for Item refers.
(C. in C.E.F. 080717Z to P.S.T.O. India (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.C.S.O. Bombay, D. of S.T. Commodore Durban, S.N.O.P.G. N.O.I.C. Hormuz.).

Attacks on Hospital Ship. Admty. 061833B. is passed to you. Request you signal remarks on ARABIA MARU direct Admiralty repeated C. in C.E.F.
(C. in C.E.F. 080903Z to F.L.O. Delhi (R) Admty.).
Reply: FLO Delhi 160252Z.

Movements Arrival 0915Z/8th ADAMANT, HINDUSTAN.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 080933 to Admty.).
Departure EARL KITCHENER.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta 081126Z to Admty. etc.).

CARADOC Arrived 0930D/7th.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles 081100Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez).

CAPETOWN CAPETOWN sailed.
(F.O. East Af. 081321Z to Admty. (R) F.O. Ceylon, C. in C.S.A.).

M/Vs. routeing } A.M. 011832B. Presume N.C.S.Os. have been instructed that ships for U.K. not able to catch X.T.G.3. should be (a) sailed by other routes in accordance with current routeing policy, (b) retained for later sailing through Mediterranean according to circumstances of each case.
2. Planning should be based on assumption that Mediterranean will be open for through traffic from 1st August but will be closed during July.
3. It is requested that all general instructions covering shipping movements through Mediterranean be repeated to Admiralty. (D.T.D. 081835B to C. in C.E.F. C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C. Med.).

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POLYANTHUS Baltimore arrived 1230Z/6th POLYANTHUS.
(N.S.H.Q. 080025Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D. C. in C.C.
N.A. F.O.N.F.).

U/B Sub sighted by aircraft in 040 degs. 05' N. 050
degs. 55' W. at 2300Z/7th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 080030Z, 081147Z to G.B.7A).

Plastic Re duties of Lt. Comdr. Laurie R.N.V.R. Plastic
Armour Armour Officer.
Officer. (3) Understood that Navy Department will shortly
ask for Depot facilities for Karl Holm device
(Mark XXIX Mine) in U.K. Importance of having an
officer in U.S. for Liaison duties with this
weapon which Navy Department are planning to put into extensive
use in near future is therefore stressed.
(B.A.D. 080051Z to Admty. (R) B.A.T.M.).

REIGH COUNT Lifeboat with 10 survivors ex REIGH COUNT rammed
survivors. and sunk at about 2000Z/5th June in 044 degs. 08'
063 degs. 13' believed adrift.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 080052Z to G.B.7A).

Construction ? Lorsa 9846.
programmes. Following points on ships at M:A.C.(Navy) this
morning for your information.
(1) U.S. Army request for coastal vessel. Whole
question still under consideration in Navy Dept.
C. in C. Mediterranean's 031851 and Admiralty's 051712 shown to
Admiral Reeves.
(2) B.Y.Ms. and Y.M.Ss. 39 vessels completing between Sept. 1943
and Jan 1944 recommended for assignment to U.K. This completes
the two lend lease construction programmes and we are putting in
memorandum requesting follow-on programme to furnish balance of
our requirements.
(3) Escort vessel. Still under consideration but 12 Maritime Com-
mission frigates and two B.D.Es. either completing too soon for
us to man or having U.S. names have been assigned to U.S. on
account of their quota. We hope to give details of substantial
part of our assignment at least by next week.
(4) B.A.Ms. Number 20,21, 25 to 29 and 31, 32 are to be assigned
to U.K. numbers 8 and 30 have been retained by U.S.
(5) A.C.Vs.
(1) At request of Cominch we have accepted A.C.V.44, a Navy
designed vessel, and given up 71 a Kaiser vessel. Both complete
in October.
(2) To suit fitting out arrangements we have accepted A.C.V.47
and given up A.C.V.50. A.C.V.47 due to complete Dec. 10th.
(3) Request for additional 20 vessels still under consideration in
Navy Dept.
(6) L.S.Ts. 16 vessels assigned in April have now been designated.
Hull numbers are 33,35, 37, 79 to 82, 180, 237 to 239, 214 to
217.

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Construction programmes. (Contd.) (7) L.S.Ds. Numbers 9 and 10 completing this year recommended for assignment to U.K. numbers 11 to 15 completing 1944 held over. (B.A.D., 080115Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N.186. 33 ships arrived, first arrival 071843Z last arrival 072133Z. All ships accounted for. (P.D. New York, 080150Z to Cominch C. and R.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 7th arrivals KITCHENER, PORT ARTHUR, WOODSTOCK ex H.X.242. M.L.056 Wabana, KENORA ex H.J.58. ST. ALBANS, TIMMINS, TRAIL ex H.X.242. Departures VASCAMA, CAE PALLISER, COLLINGWOOD to W.S.C.133. TROISE RIVIERES to Wabana thence C.L.60. M.L.052 to Wabana. HURRICANE to Argentia. KENORA to O.N.S. 9. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 080214Z to Admty.) Arrival NIAGARA ex J.H.55. (C. Halifax, 081131Z to Admty.)

H.X. 242, U/B. Transmission of 37 Groups "Enigma" at 0107Z on 7647 k/cs series 2 lines 2 indicates U-Boat within 120 miles of 047° 30' N. 043° 00' W. that may be reporting you. (N.S.H.Q., 080242Z to Ships escorting H.X.242, (R) C. in C. C.N.W.A., F.O.N.F., S.B.N.O.W.At., Admty., C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

Movements. New York departed 5th June escort duty to Boston BLACKWOOD. New York departed 7th June escorting H.X.243, LINCOLN. (N.S.H.Q., 080316Z to Admty.)

Enemy mines, Halifax. My 070402. Mine bag today June 7th. 11 all LL. S.A. One 44.16 63.28, one 44.23 63.16, one 44.16 63.27, three 44.26.30 63.12, one 44.25.30 63.13.30. One 44.24 63.16, one 44.26.30 63.13, two 44.28 63.12.30. Last two on same pulse. Seven red, four blue. No P.D.M. No further mines found in channel. Mines still of high sensitivity one exploding 75 yards astern. Total mines destroyed 33, recovered one to date. (C. Halifax, 080520Z to Admty., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., Cominch, C.E.S.F., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Shelburne.)

Movements Summary	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
1800 G.M.T. 8th.	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
	(D.O.D.(F), 080822Z to Opnav (?), Comnav.)			
	A.M. 0822Z/8. Addition.			
	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
	T.A. 46	46½° N. 25½° W.	206°	26
	(D.O.D.(F), 080947Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)			

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Task Units. Cinclant 071628 addressed for action to Comnaveu and for information Cominch, Comdeslantelift, G.T.G. 26.4 C.T.G. 21.6, N.O.B. Londonderry, informs as follows.
Task Unit 21.2.3 abolished. U.C. - C.U. escort Control Officer at N.O.B. Londonderry hereby assigned numerical designator 21.9.3.
(Comnaveu 080851 to Admty.).

Floating Dock ex Montevideo. Your Amast 5477.
U.S. Navy Dock considered too small for our requirements and Admiralty agree that it would be preferable to carry out intention of sending Montevideo Dock to North Africa.
Nicholson reports that the dock should be able to make the voyage after recommended repairs are completed. Dock expected to be ready to leave about June 19th and arrangements are being made accordingly.
Please inform B.A.D. with reference to their 290149Z to Admiralty and express appreciation to Navy Department for their willingness to consider exchange if it had been found desirable.
(M. of W.T. 081058B to B.M.S.M. via Sparks New York).

U/B S/M sighted by aircraft in approx. 47.20 N. 61.30 W. at 1058Z/8th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 081047Z to G.B.7A).
See 090545Z.

NICANIA H.X.242, NICANIA N.D. arrived. Heavy collision damage with iceberg.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns 081155Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. N.C.S.O. Montreal, Connav, P.D.New York, C.R. for Cdre.).

Convoy W.B.22 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney 081200Z to Admty.).

U/B S/M sighted by aircraft at 1222Z in 47.33 N. 63.48 W.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 081210Z to G.B.7A.G.).

KAMLOOPS Convoy B.W.28. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. Section B.W.28 081730Z. Commencing to listen port wave 081530 Z. Weather 3370, 2111, 4704, 5234, 0107.
(KAMLOOPS 081230Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Admty. C.in C.W.A. H.S.N.Q. F.O.N.F. Cdr. (D) Argentia, H.Q.C.C. A.C.I.C. Cdr. (D) W.A. Connav).

Convoy F.H.58 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 081246Z to Admty.).

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Convoy J.H.55. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 081250Z to Admty.).

Convoy S.H.85. S.H.85 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 081300Z to Admty.).

Convoy Q.S.51 Arrived less LORNASTON and SENEFF.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. 081301Z to Admty.).

T.A.44 (ANDES). Convoy T.A.44 comprising ANDES sailed from U.K. 6/6 for Halifax.
(2) Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to C.G.S. Ottawa and Milstaf Washington.
(D. of S.T. 081322B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D. B.M.W.T. New York).

T.A.46 Convoy T.A.46 sailed from U.K. 7/6 for New York.
(2) Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa.
(D. of S.T. 081323B to B.A.D. B.M.W.T. New York, (R) N.S.H.Q.).

K.15 (1) On passage New London to Holy Loch keep following W/T watch.
(2) Before sailing report to B.A.D. estimated time of crossing 035 degs. W. and shifting watch from (a) to (b) above at that time.
(3) Books held.
(4) K.15 pass P/L copy of this message to Comsublant.
(B.A.D. 081331Z to H.15 (R) C. in C.U.S.Fleet, N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C. N.A. Admty. F.O.S. Force R. Comsublant).

Attacks on U/Bs. Your 061310Z. (Reports of surface ship attacks received reports of attacks by aircraft not received). Forwarding by mail action reports two attacks by R.C.A.F. 4th May. No other reports received.
(Cominch 081412Z to Admty. (R) Comnaveu, B.A.D.).

U/Bs. attacked. Weekly Summary. Your 1059B/22 July. Following promising attacks reported week ending 2400Z/6.
2 June P.C.565 made depth charge attack on sound contact 37.07 N. 73.04 W. Submarine surfaced then sank one survivor picked up. Large amount of oil. Debris and human remains observed.
4 and 5 June, planes U.S.S. BOGUE made four attacks area 32.00 N. 43.00 W. claim three submarines probably sunk.
Presume you have details of following:-

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U/Bs. 26 May U.S.C.G.C. BIBB 34.26 N. 30.20 W. 2 June
 attacked. STARLING area 56.12 N. 39.52 W.
 Weekly (Cominch 081414Z to Admty. (R) D. Comnaveu,
 Summary. N.S.H.Q. C.N.J.S.M. B.A.D.).
 (Contd.).

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. estimate submarines north of 040 degs.
 S/M North West of 040 degs. West 1200 8th.
 Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 081457Z).

Operations C.O.S.(W) 633, 8th.
 in China. War Cabinet feel they are insufficiently informed
 of air and land operations by American and
 Chinese forces in China.
 Can you arrange with U.S. Chiefs of Staff to be supplied with a
 weekly summary of these operations for transmission to us every
 Sunday?
 (Air Min. 081520Z to J.S.M. Washington).

S/M estimate (C. in C.U.S.Fleet 081532Z, 081533Z, 081546Z,
 8th June. 081547Z, 081548Z).
 U.S. S/M
 notice.

Convoy In lieu of many messages for each individual
 Reports for convoy, to reduce communications and still receive
 Cominch. essential information, request daily despatch
 similar to Cominch (C and R) daily summary to
 N.S.H.Q. and Admty. giving convoy designation,
 time of departure, E.T.A. number of ships and
 names, followed by destinations, time of actual arrivals, and
 accounting for vessels failing to arrive with convoy, time and
 place, joiners and breakoffs. Above to apply to convoys Eastern
 Atlantic (not Transatlantic), Mediterranean, East African, South
 African and Indian Ocean. Reports of U.K. coastwise movements of
 U.S. managed shipping to be maintained. N.S.H.Q. summary to
 ?supply Canadian coastal convoys excluding Transatlantic and
 X.B.s.
 (Cominch C and R 081553Z to N.S.H.Q. Admty. (R) Comnaveu).

MONOWAI Re my 271840 May has MONOWAI arrived U.K. safely.
 (Cominch 081603Z to Admty.).

Dispositions Section south west. SEAWOLF escorted by MIDLAND
 044 degs. 03' 063 degs. 51' 257 degs. 10 altering
 230 degs. in 064 degs. 05' west and to 276 degs.
 in 043 degs. 12' north N.Y. 10.

/U.S.S.....

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Dispositions (Contd.). U.S.S. HAMILTON HOWARD HOGAN 041 degs. 13' 065 degs. 21' 075 degs. 14 altering 042 degs. in 060 degs. 24' west.
H.X.243 W (?16) 040 degs. 16' 069 degs. 08' 087 degs. 9.5 alter to 056 degs. in 066 degs. 39' west.

IRISH ROSE 044 degs. 45' 066 degs. 25' 204 degs. 8.5 alter to 108 degs. in 044 degs. 25' north.

CYRUSFIELD escorted by THUNDER sail Halifax 2300Z/8th to position 044 degs. 07' north 063 degs. 16' west thence 066 degs. alter to 065 degs. in 062 degs. 10' west and to 051 degs. in 044 degs. 58' north.

F.H.59 NIPICON, NANAIMO depart St. John's (N.B.) 2100Z/8th 1.5 knots.

S.S. LIMOGES vicinity 044 degs. 30' 062 degs. 35' coastwise to Port Alfred via Gut of Canso and Northumberland Straits 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 081610Z).

My 081643Z (sic) Section southwest add DUNDAS (?departs) 044 degs. 08' 063 degs. (?16') at 2300Z/8th 065 degs. 12 altering to 006 degs. in 060 degs. 48' West and to Gut of Canso in 045 degs. 25' North.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 082110Z).

Eastbound Mediterranean Convoys. Your 071326 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa para.2. Request reason for routeing via U.K. as numbers given in Trans 131 include Canadian sailings.
(B:A.D. 081639Z to Admty.).

WAKE Following is a recyphered version of my 081638Z (Begins) S/M WAKE reported by aircraft at 1038Z in 048 degs. 10' N. 061 degs. 03' W. (Ends).
(C.O.A.C. 081639Z to G.B.7A).

Convoy B.W.28 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 081703Z to Admty.).

U/B Following is recyphered version. My 081721Z (Begins) S/m sighted by training aircraft in 046 degs. 51' 062 degs. 43' at 1655Z (ends).
(C. in C.C.N.A. 081722Z to G.B.7A).

ILE DE FRANCE D.X. alter course forthwith for new (K) 00.30 23.10 W. thence (G) zigzag and increase speed to maximum practicable tonight Tuesday.
(Cominch C and R 081727Z to ILE DE FRANCE (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.Af. Comsolantfor).

AQUITANIA Arrived New York 081546Z.
(P.D. New York 081912 to Cominch C and R).

/Convoy....

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Convoy G.U.S.7A. Arrived New York 1400Z June 8. 40 ships arrived.
(P.D. New York 081914Z to Cominch C and R).

Air Report. A.851 Operations.
(B) Enemy sightings 1 U.S.A.A.F. Aircraft sighted enemy U-boat at 2300 G.M.T/7 in 40.00 N. 50.00 W. but due to poor light was unable to carry out attack.
(H.Q. E.A.C. 081930).

Convoy O.T.6. 4 ships departed. First out Ambrose 081947Z. Last 082003Z. Task Group 21.5 pass to Cmdre.
(P.D. New York 082050Z to Cominch C and R).

Convoy J.O.4. J.O.4. Your 011830. Plain language ultimate addressee indicators should not repeat not be used in reporting convoy sailings. These indicators apply to reports of independently routed merchant ships only.
(B.A.D. 082051Z to N.O.I.C. Jamaica (R) Admty. N.S.H.Q.).

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para.A. Plane attacks sub course 260 60.40 N. 20.5 W. 1025/8.
Para.C. Sub. sighted. 03.00 N. 27.30 W. 1200/8.
Aircraft sights sub. 40.05 N. 50.55 W. 2300/7.
Para.D. Aircraft sights sub. area 47.20 N. 61.30 W. 1058/8.
Aircraft sights sub. 47.33 N. 63.48 W. 1222/8. Aircraft sights sub. Wake 48.10 N. 61.03 W. 1038/8.
Navy plane Radar contact 34.23 N. 75. 35. W. 1330/7.
(Cominch 082055Z to Admty.).

SALISBURY B.X.57. Sailed SALISBURY Boston to Halifax as additional escort B.X.57.
(Cominch 082125Z to C.E.S.F.).

TEXADA (M/S A/S Trawler). Arrival TEXADA from Quebec.
(C. Halifax 082218Z to Admty. etc.).

SEMINOLE Your 072135. SEMINOLE referred to is U.S.148 gross tons, Miami to Cuba, Trade. Details voyages both vessels being obtained.
(N.S.H.Q. 082235Z to Admty.).

Armament of ships in U.G.S. Convoys. X Your 081105. (Re-armament of ships in U.G.S. convoys. N.T. in W.D.). It is intended that ships not up to standard armament required should be excluded from U.G.S. Convoys.

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2. Positioning of ships especially tankers will not always allow sufficient time for deficiencies to be remedied before sailing.
3. Compliance with your 081105 entails exclusion of DORCASIA from U.G.S.10? for which we are informed no replacement can be found.
(B.A.D. 082311Z to Admty. (R) D.E.M.S. New York).

Convoy
F.H.59

1. Sailing telegram (8 Ships, list etc.).
2. Saint John N.B. 2330Z/8th.
3. E.T.A. Halifax 1630Z/10th.
4. Knots 8.
5. (Route). 6. NIPIGON, NANAIMO.
(N.C.S.O. St. John N.B. 082333Z to Admty.).

Convoy
B.X.56

Arrived between 2135Z and 2345Z June 8th.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 082357Z to Admty.).

Australia and New Zealand.

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM
ORANGE.

For security reasons request sailing of ORANGE may be delayed in order that NIEUW AMSTERDAM may arrive Wellington four days ahead of ORANGE.
(N.Z.N.B. 080026Z to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) C. in C. E.F. Admty. for D.N.I. C.S.W.P.S.F.).

Kiwi No.55. ? Aircraft sighted large oil slick 21.32 S. 168.35 E. at 1015M/5th. Four Avengers attacked Sombiru N.E. Gutakai evening 5th, destroyed W/T. A.K.150 tons sighted 2100/6th course N.W. through

Blackett Strait from Bairw M. West New Georgia. Similar vessel sighted night 6/7th. Photographic R/C showed 2 D.D. 6 A.K. 2 A.H. off Buin. 83 Allied Aircraft sent to attack 1 D.D. 111 Med. A.K. contact (?) 4 Dauntlesses and Avengers obtained hits with 500 pound bombs on D.D. which probably sank, other 2 left burning. Japanese intercepted and lost 8 Zeros, 6 Zero F/P 1 R/C F/P for loss of 5 allied A/C, 1 of which crash landed Russels Enemy troops Numa Kieta Area dying of sickness, C.O. believed died recently. P.G. medium Maru and Lugger reported vicinity Buka 6th. Estimated Jap submarine positions 8th, 2 off Eastern coast of Australia. 1 East of Loyalty Islands, 1 possibly 2 in New Hebrides Island Area, 1 South of Fiji Group, 1 N.E. of Solomons Area, 6 to 8 New Britain Papu Area.
(C.W.R. Wellington 080202Z to C. in C.E.F. G.H.Q. New Delhi, Admty. D.N.I. A.C.N.B. B.A.D.).

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Movements. Honolulu. June 7th U.S.A.T.F.A.1 and F.A.2.
(P.D.Pearl 080439 to Admty.).
Arrivals Fremantle 7th U.S. Seaplane tender
CHILDS Darwin 7th, INVERELL Milne Bay 7th,
SHEPPARTON, WHYALLA Townsville 6th.
WAGGA 7th PIRRIE Brisbane 7th. LITHGOW Sydney 7th, WARRAMUNGA.
Propose departure Exmouth Gulf 7th U.S. M/S LARK for Fremantle
Milne Bay 7th GYMPIE, U.S. S/M tender SUMNER for Townsville. My
071351Z for "Noumed" read "Escort duty "
(A.C.N.B. 081134Z to A.I.G. 115 etc.).

Digest Serial No.504 June 7th. Submarine passed Cape Orford afternoon heading North.
2. Forenoon photos Rabaul give complete coverage showing 39 vessels including 22 Merchantmen totalling 93000 tons, 1 Tanker of 8500, 6 Destroyers whereof, 1 damaged, 3 submarines, 2 possible Gunboats, 1 each Minelayer, sub Tender, sub Destroyer. Tender Yubari Class Cruiser. Probably additional ships sighted include 4 Merchant Vessels departing and 2 Destroyers 4 Merchant Vessels approaching Harbour.
4. None barges observed beached Hansa Bay morning also minimum 21 Manam Island same vicinity.
5. Same time R/C Liberator strafed 3 laden Motor Barges observed proceeding up Sepik River. 2 barges set on fire. Later bombed Madang Waterfront.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 080710Z).

Exchange of Japanese and British subjects. X Your 282202. Para.4. Owing loss of "CENTAUR" regret Australian Hospital Ship cannot be made available.
(A.C.N.B. 080913Z to D. of S.T.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 081330B, 081337B).

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly Summary. My 221059 July.
1. At 1552/26 May in 43 degs. 51' N. 15 degs. 57' W TEST and HYDERABAD attacked a sound contact. The contact faded after the last attack and oil,

/wreckage....

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Weekly
Summary
(Contd.).

- wreckage and air bubbles were seen.
2. At 1506/4 a Hudson aircraft F/48 attacked a surfaced U-boat with Rocket Projectiles in 35 degs. 55' N. 09 degs. 25' W. Six projectiles entered the water close alongside U-boat, which submerged on an even keel and a pale green patch appeared which persisted for 2½ minutes.
 3. At 1715/31 May in 45 degs. 38' N. 13 degs. 04' W. Sunderland R/201 attacked a fully surfaced U-boat. About 1 minute after attack the U-boat submerged stern first and eruptions were seen persisting for 5 minutes, together with a patch of oil ½ mile in diameter.
 4. You have details of attack by STARLING and Group leading to destruction of U.202.
 5. Air patrols in the Bay of Biscay have been much curtailed by weather and only 6 sightings and 4 attacks have taken place since 1st June.
(D.A.S.W. 081950B to Cominch).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- S.O. Force "H".
V.A.2. X 1. The flag of S.O. Force "H" was re-hoisted in NELSON at Scapa at 1700 today; and that of V.A. 2 was transferred at 2200B from BELFAST to GLASGOW.
- Operation
F.H. X 2. C. in C.H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, FURIOUS, BERWICK, SCYLLA, and 5 British and 5 U.S. Destroyers left Akureyri at 0636B; and CAMELLIA and BLUEBELL left the Kola Inlet at 1000B.
- Alten Fjord. 3. Bad weather again prevented the Russian R/C of Alten Fjord today.
- Landing craft
Flight E. for
Gibraltar. X 4. At 1630B today Flight E. of Landing Craft, consisting of 18 L.C.G.(L), 6 L.C.T.(R), 4 L.C.F.(3), and 5 L.C.T.(3), with 2 tugs, 3 oil-fuel carriers, and one water-carrier, left Falmouth for Gibraltar escorted by the A/S trawlers SALTERELLO and SOUTHERN GEM.
- Operation
V.P - L. X 5. M.T.Bs. 345 and 653 left Lerwick at 1300B for a patrol on the Norwegian Coast.
- U-Boat
attacked by
A/C. X 6. At 1225 yesterday a U-Boat in 60° 40' N. 20° 55' W. was depth-charged by A/C K/269 and, after remaining surfaced for 10 or 18 minutes and firing all her guns, submerged. At 1556 what was apparently the same U-Boat was sighted by A/C H/269 and damaged the A/C with gunfire; and at 1625 the U-Boat was again seen on the surface by A/C D/84 leaving large oil streaks and engaging the A/C with cannon.
- S.N.111C. 7. R.A.M. in AGAMEMNON with MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC and 4 destroyers left Port ZA at 1510B, and BELFAST left Scapa at 2313, for the mine-laying operation S.N.111C.
- Lyme Bay. X 8. 5 mines were detonated by sweeper off Portland Bill today.

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North Atlantic.

Explosion. X

8. An explosion observed by aircraft at 1040A in 34.02 N. 07.41 W. is believed to have been an enemy mine. Commorseafron reports that the nearest vessel was two miles distant.

Mediterranean.

UNRUFFLED.

9. S/M UNRUFFLED reports obtaining 3 hits on an 8000 ton outbound tanker in 39.13 N. 16.01 E. at 1531 on 3rd June. Results were unobserved due to a moderate counter attack.

French Sqdn. X
Alexandria.

10. The programme for the sailing of Force X from Alexandria is furnished today by C. in C. Levant. The battleship LORRAINE and cruisers SUFFREN, DUGUAY-TROUIN, DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE leave on 22nd June for Mombasa where they will be divided into two groups, to proceed independently as desired by the French Admiral to Durban, Capetown, Walvis Bay and Dakar. The submarine PROTEE leaves Alexandria about 15th June for the Western Mediterranean.

Air
Operations. X

11. Four Beaufighter bombers on anti-shipping reconnaissance off Paros Island, where caiques were attacked yesterday, sunk one caique of 100 tons, damaged one of 150 tons which was left lying on its side, and one of 120 tons which was left in shallow water probably resting on the bottom. Others were damaged. Today, 248 sorties were flown by the N.W.A. Strategical Air Force, and several more by the Tactical Air Force.

442 Sorties were made against Pantellaria and 485 tons of bombs were dropped.

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East Indies.

U/B
attacked.

X 12. A Bisley aircraft of Middle East Command searching for a Catalina missing from a submarine hunt off the east coast of Arabia sighted a U-Boat about 12 miles S.E. of Masir Island and dropped 4 depth charges. No damage is claimed.

U/B
Campaign,
Persian
Gulf.

X 13. S.N.O. Persian Gulf has ordered all ships under 14 knots leaving the Persian Gulf to be held for convoy until the U-Boat situation is clear. (See 10th June).

Shipping for
Mediterranean.

/ 14. No further ships are to be sailed which will arrive at Alexandria after 21st June. Thereafter and until further orders ships are to revert to the normal routeing via the Cape.

America and West Indies.

Minesweeping,
Halifax.

X 15. The total number of mines destroyed off Halifax is now 36. Two have been recovered, and three probably self sunk.

Escort and
Support
Groups.

/ 16. In a signal timed 221810Z May, but only received today, Cominch proposes, to avoid confusion between the terms "Escort Group" and "Support Group", that all concerned use the former as applicable to any group escorting a convoy, and the latter to any group engaged in support of convoys, whether acting independently or augmenting a regularly assigned escort group.

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Policy.

Flag of V.A.2. The flag of V.A.2 is being transferred to GLASGOW at 2200B today. (C.S.10. 091831B to Admty.).

Flag of S.O. Force H. X Admty. 291805. Flag of S.O. Force H. was rehoisted in NELSON at Scapa at 1700/9th June. (S.O. Force "H" 091842B to Admty.).

Chasseurs at Portsmouth. A.M. 072219B April and my 142150B April. Chasseurs are now fully operational and trawlers can be released for other service. (C. in C. Portsmouth 092030B to Admty.).

B.Y.M.S. 65, 66, 67, 185. A.M. 281921. B.Y.M.S. 65, 66, 67 and 185 have been taken over by the Royal Hellenic Navy today. (F.O. Humber 092056 to C. in C. Nore).

9th Auxy. A/S Group. Your 081141 approved. The 4 A/S whalers are to form the 9th Auxiliary A/S Group. (D.A./S.W. 092158B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

Movements.

ASHANTI My 1829B/8. Route as in your 1459B/8. 1 hour late. (ASHANTI 090715 to C. in C. Plymouth).

S/M movements. Intend sailing X-type submarine 7 in tow of THRASHER escorted by ALECTO from Kames Bay 1630B/10th for Port HHZ, E.T.A. 0800B/12th. June speed 9 knots. (2) Route. (Capt. S.12 090955B to F.O.S.).

In order to maintain 2 submarines for A/S training at Scapa Capt.S. (9) is requested to sail O.14 on 11th June to relieve ULA.

(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail ULA for Lerwick on relief, whence ULA will proceed to patrol after 72 hours in harbour.

(3) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail LE CQURIE for Lerwick on relief by TRUANT on 16th June. (F.O.S. 091018B to A.C.O.S.).

Request you will sail RUBIS for Portsmouth 16th June. RUBIS will be required for an operation as soon as practicable after arrival.

(F.O.S. 091134B to Capt.S.3.).

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800/10 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 091718B, 092123B, 101601B).

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LOTUS Owing to shortage of fuel am amending route as follows.
E.T.A. Lough Foyle Buoy 111300B. CHANTICLEER'S 070503B refers.
(LOTUS 091130B to C. in C.W.A.).

ECHO C. in C.H.F's. 081225B. E.T.A. 1000B/11.
(ECHO 091200B to A.C.O.S.).
C. in C.H.F's. 081225 sailed.
(A.C.I.C. 091626B to A.C.O.S.).

CHIDDINGFOLD My 051605B. CHIDDINGFOLD leaves vicinity Stach Skerry 2200B tonight and proceeds direct to Thorshaven.
(A.C.O.S. 091222B).
Your 091222. Regret escort will not be provided.
(C. in C. Rosyth 091621B to A.C.O.S.).
Scapa departure. CHIDDINGFOLD.
(A.C.O.S. 092025 to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

IROQUOIS Arrived IROQUOIS, ORKAN.
ORKAN. (E. in C. Plymouth 091437B).

NELSON Scapa arrival NELSON escorted by MATCHLESS, METEOR, and PANTHER.
(A.C.O.S. 091623B).

Landing Craft Flight E. My 071700B. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth 091630B. to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

SHEFFIELD F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 201256B. May. Request you will sail SHEFFIELD for Scapa as soon as convenient so as to arrive by p.m. 12th June if possible.
(2 B.S. 091720B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

ADVENTURE When ADVENTURE has embarked stores, request you will sail her for Gibraltar to fuel, thence for Algiers and Malta as ordered by C. in C. Med.
(2) Route by Q.Z.L.15 270 degs.
Trevose Head 5 miles thence A. 50.00 N. 13.00 W. B. 40.00 N. 13.00 W. C. 36.00 N. 10.00 W. thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
(D.O.D.H. 091802B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

M.M.S. A.M. 082210. Following 4 M.M.S. of the 105 M.S.F. for Gibraltar. are to be sailed to Gibraltar with Coastal Craft Group G. for onward routeing.
Nos. 10, 32, 34 and 185.
(D.O.D.H. 091957B to C. in C.W.A. N.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

/CHANTICLEER....

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CHANTICLEER F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 081149. Onward route from
STARWORT. (D) to (E) 049 degs. 01' N. 013 degs. 02' W.
(F) 055 degs. 01' N. 010 degs. 20' thence
CHANTICLEER to Greenock, STARWORT to Londonderry.
(C. in C.W.A. 092219B to CHANTICLEER, STARWORT).

Operations.

Operation F.H. C. in C.H.F's 081655. Sailed at 0636B/9th.
(A.C.I.C. 090854B to H.F.).
Kola Inlet departure at 1000B/9th BLUEBELL,
CAMELLIA.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 091206B to H.F.).

Coastal Patrols. My 081431B. "Obstacle" arrived.
(C. in C. Plymouth 090623).
1. Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.) 303 and R.M.S. 522 to patrol tonight on lat. 50 degs. 20' N. between 01 degs. 45' W. and 02 degs. 25' W.
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave patrol-line at Dawn/10th returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
3. Anti E-boat patrol. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 091040B).
2. Anti E-boat Patrol to Southward of E.A.5. Buoy by (A) GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, M.G.B. 614, 615 or (B) M.G.Bs. 614, 615 at Newhaven.
3. At immediate notice (A) BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON at Yarmouth or (B) M.G.B's. 614, 615 at Newhaven.
4. M.L. 346, 572 patrolling eastern approach channel.
5. Chasseur 11 at St. Helen's. HOLDERNESS, LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth.
6. M.L. 269, 303 R.M.L. 522 from Portland patrolling 50 degs. 20' N. between 1 degs. 45' W. and 2 degs. 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 091432B).
1. Patrol A. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 159 and 157 are to patrol 6 miles 120 degs. and 300 degs. from position 105 degs. Start 14 miles.
2. Codeword "Stencil". 3. Patrol B. M.G.B's. 80 and 115 are to patrol 3 miles 360 degs. and 180 degs. from 205 degs. Eddystone 6 miles.
4. Codeword "Obstacle" 5. Above Anti E-boat patrols are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol-lines by 2330B, and leave patrol-lines for Dartmouth 0430B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 091435B).
1. Anti E-boat Patrol tonight on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 15' W. and 01 degs. 00' W. from 2345 to 0400B to be carried out.
(A) If weather calm by GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, M.G.B. 614, 615, BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON immediate notice at Yarmouth.
(B) If unsuitable for coastal force by BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON, M.G.B's. immediate notice at Newhaven.
2. Decision will be signalled at about 2000B.
3. M.L. 346, 572 Patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5. buoys.
5. Communications. Codeword "Artful".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 091435B).

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Coastal M.G.Bs. S2. (S.O.) S1, 41 patrolling at "V" Buoy
Patrols from 2359 to 0330/10.
(Contd.). M.A./S.Bs. 25, 31 patrolling at Bullock Bank from
2359 to 0330/10.
(V.A. Dover 091746B).
My 091435B. Carry out patrol "A".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 091940B).
My 091040B. "Device" sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 092243B).

S/M Number five for HADDO and HAKE. Following
Patrols. alternative patrol areas instituted in central
Atlantic bounded by line joining S.049 degs. 01'
N. 040 degs. 02' W. T. 049 degs. 30' N. 035 degs.
30' W. U. 046 degs. 30' N. 034 degs. 30' W. V.
046 degs. 00' N. 038 degs. 59' W.
(2) Above area is sub divided into nine squares each approximately
60 miles side. Squares are numbered West to East one to three
and North to South E to G.
(F.O.S. 091159B to Subron 50).
Not for SHAD. Number 6 for HADDO, number 6 for HAKE. My
091159. At 0800B/10th June HADDO and HAKE proceeding to patrol
square G One and F.3. respectively. Estimated speed of advance 100
miles per 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 091321 to Subron 50).
HADDO and HAKE have been ordered in my 091321 to leave
present squares at 0800/10th June and proceed to G.1. and F.3.
respectively. Estimated S.O.A. 100 miles per 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 091323B to C. in C.W.A.).
To avoid S.C.132 estimated P.C.S. at 0800/10th, 056 degs.
35' 012 degs. 30' 095 degs. 9 knots. BARB proceed through position
Q.Q. 056 degs. 01' 011 degs. 58' at 2200/9th BLACKFISH through
R.R. 055 degs. 59' 011 degs. 01' at 0300/10th thence direct to
F as previously ordered.
(F.O.S. 091606B to BARB, BLACKFISH).
Positions of submarines at 0800/10th and movements for
following 24 hours as follows. All times Zone B.
(A) BARB 56 degs. 01' N. 15 degs. 40' W. probably on surface
through 55 degs. 30' N. 20 degs. 01' W. at 2359/10th, thence
through 54 degs. 45' N. 27 degs. 58' W. at 0400/12th
(B) BLACKFISH 56 degs. 05' N. 12 degs. 45' W. probably on surface
through 56 degs. 10' N. 14 degs. 59' W. at 1400/10th and 55 degs.
30' N. 20 degs. 02' W. at 1200/11th.
(F) SHAD 64 degs. 30' N. 01 degs. 30' W. proceeding submerged as
much as possible when North of 62 degs, through 63 degs. N. 01 deg
W. at 0800/11th.
(H) TRUCULENT vicinity of 65 degs. 10' N. 03 degs. 25' W. moving
at 1200/10th to vicinity of 64 degs. 20' N. 00 degs. 59' East.
(J) TALLY HO vicinity of 64 degs. 50' N. 05 degs. 30' W. moving at
1200/10th to vicinity of 65 degs. 20' N. 01 degs. 10' E.
(K) SATYR vicinity of 63 degs. 30' N. 01 degs. 01' E. moving at
1200/10th to vicinity of 62 degs. 50' N. 02 degs. 30' E.
(L) SEADOG vicinity of 64 degs. 25' N. 00 degs. 59' E. moving at
1200/10th to vicinity of 63 degs. 30' N. 01 degs. 01' E.
(M) Speed of advance of (H) (J) (K) (L) 100 miles per day.
(N) HAKE and HADDO as in my 081729 moving at 0800/10th, S. of A.
100 miles per day, HAKE to vicinity 47 degs. 58' N. 35 degs. 50' W.
HADDO to vicinity 46 degs. 40' N. 38 degs. 30' W.
(F.O.S. 091718B to Admty.).

/My....

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S/M
patrols
(Contd.).

My 031616Z para.4. (A) Submerged line 20 (B) 052 degs. 10' N. 036 degs. 30' W, to (M) 050 degs. 30' N. 036 degs. 15' W. 0800/10th, 2000/11th June. Cancel my 080959B from 0800/10th. (C. in C.W.A. 091906B to E.G.1.).

Operation V.P. - L. X My 071655B.
M.T.Bs. 345 and 653 sailed at 1300B. (A.C.O.S. 091909B to Admty.).

Allied Air Activity.

R/C of Altenfjord

Bad weather prevented R/C Altenfjord today. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 091830B to Admty.(R) C. in C.H.F. H.Q.C.C.).

Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Mayen.

Following from Jan Mayen. A/C heard at 0705Z/3rd. (A.C.I.C. 091857B to C. in C.H.F.).

Biscay Area.

Enemy Flying Boat, operating in 47 degs. N. 10 degs. 30' W. at 2059. (D.D.I.C. 092140B to K.M.S.16, BATTLER).

Mining.

Lyme Bay.

Request your intentions for establishment of convoy route in Lyme Bay. Operation is to commence June 11th. Capt. M/S will provide 3 Dan laying trawlers, PATTI, KINGS GRAY and COMMANDER EVANS. (C. in C. Plymouth 091146B to M.S.18).

Your 091146. Intend sailing at 1400B tomorrow and anchoring for the night in Torbay. Intend sailing from there at 0500B/11 to commence clearance. This will be started at northern side of Q.Z.X. 1013 and carried on until an area extending 2 miles to the south of, and parallel to the proposed new channel has been cleared in Q.Z.X. 1013, 1020 and 1011. Request Danlayers may be sailed to meet me at 0515B on 11th June in position one mile 090 degs. from Berry Head. Request Fighter protection.

(HOUND 091537B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Four mines from Northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1011 now cleared. Mines detonated as follows:- 1. 1410 268 degs. Portland Bill 7.2 miles 2. 1413 260 degs. Portland Bill 6.9 miles 3. 1427 270 degs. Portland Bill 4.8 miles 4. 1440 267 degs. Portland Bill 5.3 miles. 5. 1617 266 degs. Portland Bill 5.2 miles. One mine believed P type cut at 1423 in 271 degs. Portland Bill 5 miles and recovered. Suspect anti sweeping devices to have been encountered.

(GWEAL 092224B to C. in C. Plymouth).

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Q.L.9A. (1) Weather permitting prepare to carry out operation Q.L.(9) A tomorrow with available boats of 21st M.T.B. Flotilla.
(C. in C. Nore. 091231B to BEEHIVE).

Off Harwich on 7th June. M/S report preliminary 5. First mine at 1815/7th in 51 degs. 41' 24" N. 01 degs. 47' 24" E.
Second mines at 2026/7th in 51 degs. 27' 24" N. 01 degs. 44' 48" E.
(HOUND 091321B to Admty.).

S.N.111C F.O. Minelayers sailed in AGAMEMNON with MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC, CASTLETON, LANCASTER ST. MARY'S, NEWARK in company.
(TRELAWNEY 091510B to Admty.).

My 021132B. Because of dynamo defects in GLASGOW, BELFAST has been detailed this duty.
(C.S. 10 091831B to Admty.).
Scapa departure BELFAST.
(A.C.O.S. 092313 to R.A.M.).

Portsmouth Area. Eight 'R' type detonator and two swept in Q.Z.X. 1021.
(M/S 9 092055B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Trials at Invergordon. One Sall Minesweeper is to be sailed for Invergordon p.m. 10th June where she is required for 2 days in connection with trials to be carried out over controlled mine field by Officers from VERNON.
(C. in C. Rosyth 092345B to Capt.M/S Granton).

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic. Daily Resume. All times Zone B.
At 1223/8 K/269 sighted U-B. on surface 6 miles distant and at 1225/8 over U-B. in 60 degs. 40' 20 degs. 55' W. and attacked with B.4 x 270 lb Torpex Mk. XI pistol Mk. XV1 from 800 feet setting 25? with spacing 100 feet U-B. fully surfaced in? attack. After attack U-B seemed out of control, S course, cut figure 8, staying on surface 10 or 18 ?minutes, then submerging without forward movement. After attack U-B fired all guns and A/C returned fire. No results seen. A/C remained 70 mins. in vicinity.
At 1556/8 A/C H/269 sighted fully surfaced U-B in 60 degs. 45' N. 20 degs. 50' W. 1½ miles ahead on course 260/3 A/C dived to

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U-boat reported or attacked in North Atlantic (Contd.). attack, cannon shell burst starboard and on run in machine gun tracer bullets. D/Cs. failed to release. A/C made further attack with guns but was hit in both wings, nose, starboard prop and tail plane, being also destroyed.
D.84 sighted U-B on surface at 1625/8 in 60 degs. 48' N. 20 degs. 50' W. U-B when seen on surface was zig-zagging and had decks awash.
Large oil streaks. U-B opened fire on A/C with cannon at approx. 4 miles range. A/C circled out of range of cannon fire until contact lost due weather.
(R.A.F. Iceland 090253B to H.Q.C.C.).

U-boat probably sunk on 4th May. The attack on a U-boat by Liberator "P" of 86 Squadron on 4th May has been assessed as probably sunk. Request you will convey out congratulations to those concerned with this success.
(1st S.L. 091234B to Air Ministry).

U-boats in Biscay Area. D/F at 1108Z indicates U-boat within 50 miles of 47 degs. 30' N. 5 degs. 20' W. which may have made an enemy report.
(D.D.I.C. 091337B to S/Ms.).
D/F at 2016Z/9 indicates U-boat in general vicinity of the Units addressed which may have reported either of them.
(D.D.I.C. 092251B to Escorts K.M.S.16, GAMBIA).
Your 092251. Signal heard not in ground wave and consider over 100 miles distant.
2. GAMBIA is approximately 35 miles to Eastward of me.
3. At 2300Z P.C.S. 046 degs. 26' 013 degs. 49' 182 degs. 7 knots.
(B.3. 092304Z to Admty.).
D/F at 2040Z/9 indicates U-boat within 45 miles of 47 degs. 20' N. 6 degs. 00' W. which may have made an enemy report.
(D.D.I.C. 092311B to S/Ms).

Technical.

Use of Searchlights to dazzle A/C. My letter 200203 March 1943. Trials so far carried out indicate that effect of the diffused light over the area makes air navigation extremely difficult and that ships in fleet anchorage are not silhouetted.
(2) As soon as longer hours of darkness are available it is proposed to carry out further trials with experinced torpedo bomber pilots to discover more details of best use of searchlights for dazzling attacking A/C and forming a screen of light.
(3) From information so far obtained retention of all searchlights concerned with guns defending area is recommended strongly.
(A.C.O.S. 091230B to Admty.).

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M.L.1304. M.L. 1304 was in collision with Oropesa float of Elliptical target yesterday. Both propellers require changing, one shaft suspected bent, and extensive damage to copper sheathing. Work is beyond the facilities of this base. Request she may be taken in hand for repairs as soon as possible. Boat can steam at slow speed.
(SEAHAWK (091100B. to F.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

SCEPTRE. Your 072303 and Admiralty's 081856. Request you will sail SCEPTRE for Holy Loch with escort as arranged by Capt. (S) 3, who will arrange onward passage Devonport.
(F.O.S. 091131B to A.C.O.S.)

KRAKOWIAK. My 071507. Can fitting of Type 242 also be undertaken? If so gear will be supplied forthwith.
(D.S.D. 091507B. to A.S. Devonport.)
A.M. 071507B. Two additional Mark IIIA. Oerlikons should be fitted while ship is in hand.
(D.G.D. 092213B. to A.S. Devonport.)

Shipping & Convoys.

ANDES. D/F bearings at 0222Z indicate U-Boat within 75 miles of 49.30 N. 25 W.
(D.D.I.C. 090257Z to ANDES.)

F.N. and F.S. Convoys. As from 10th June the shortage of destroyers available on the East Coast necessitates a reduction of escort East Coast Convoys. 2. Only one destroyer is to be detailed as additional escort for F.N. and F.S. Convoy. 3. Para. 2 of my 021556 is to be amended accordingly.
(C. in C. Nore 091419B.)

T.A.48. Intend sailing QUEEN MARY passing Clyde Boom 2200B/10th June to pass through position (H) at 0400B/11th, thence in accordance with A.M. 081945B. S.O.A. 25.7 knots. Chop date 14th June. E.T.A. Ambrose Light vessel 1200Z/16.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 091528B.)
A.M. 081945. Amend position S to read 38.29.
(D.O.D.H. 091705B. to C. in C. W.A.)

S.C.133. Convoy sailing telegram (10) (11) (12).
(D.T.D. 091749B.)

Menai Straits examination. As from 0001B/10th June, examination in the Menai Straits of vessels bound from U.K. ports and not calling at intermediate ports in Eire is waived

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- Menai Straits examination. (Contd.) subject to their arrival having been notified to N.O.I.C. Holyhead in advance through the Naval Authority at the port of departure. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 091753B.)
- Eire Ships. Your 082345. Eire ships should be given route in accordance with A.M. 112251 June 1942 which has not been amplified or amended. (D.T.D. 091840B to N.O.I.C. Holyhead.)
- O.N.S.10. (A) 1430Z/9. (C) B.7. DUNCAN H/F D/F TAY, H/F D/F, VIDETTE, LOOSESTRIFE, SUNFLOWER, SNOWFLAKE. Additional A/S escort and for rescue duties LADY MADELEINE, NORTHERN SKY. Rescue ship MELROSE ABBEY H/F D/F. Escort oilers SAN TIRSO, GULFCREST, EL MIRLO. Ships carrying depth charges GULFCREST, Improvised 60, EL MIRLO Flotation 50, ARMATHIA, Improvised 40. (C. in C. W.A. 091842Z. to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- F.S.36, F.N.42, F.N.43. At 1900B. F.N.43 and F.S.36 both anchored Barrow Deep in fog. At 2100 F.N.42 off Flamborough Head. (C. in C. Nore 091908B.)
- W.S.31. Convoy W.S.31 will leave U.K. on 19th June in company with K.M.F.17 parting company as directed proceed to Freetown and South Africa. 2. Ships will embark at following ports:- From Mersey SS.RANGITIKI, SS. CITY OF LINCOLN, SS. CLAN MACAULAY. From Clyde SS. STRATHEDEN, SS. CLAN MACARTHUR, U.S.S. ERICSSON, U.S.S. GOETHALS. 3. Slowest ships RANGITIKI 14 knots. 4. Admiralty will promulgate route. 5. Ocean Escort to "Gisp" UGANDA A/S Escorts (a) AMAZON joining F.O.C.W.Af. (b) ARROW joining F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (c) WITHERINGTON joining F.O.I.C.Gib. (d) LEDBURY joining C. in C. Med. 6. S.O. of escort in UGANDA S.O. of A/S Escort Capt. D.21 in MENDIP. 7. It is accepted that convoy proceeds without ocean escort from Gib. to Freetown. 8. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to arrange for one A.M.C. to provide escort from Freetown to the Cape. 9. C. in C. S.A. is requested to arrange for S.A. destroyers to relieve W.A.F. destroyers at Pointe Noire. 10. Destroyers should be detached to fuel at Casablanca as arranged by F.O.I.C. Gib. 11. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to arrange escort from Casablanca onwards with F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. 12. C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange sailing of all ships to R/V with K.M.F.17 off Oversay. 13. Fighter Protection codeword "Mutual". 14. Combined Convoy will use Fighter Protection codeword, "Peacock" until K.M.F.17 parts company. (D.O.D.H. 092049B.)
- K.M.F.17. Convoy K.M.F.17 will leave U.K. for Algiers in company with W.S.31 parting company as directed. 2. Ships will sail from the following ports:- Avonmouth SS. TAMAROA, Mersey SS. BRITANNIC, SS. SAMARIA, SS. LARGS BAY. Clyde U.S.S. CRISTOBAL, U.S.S. SANTA ROSA, U.S.S. J.W. MCANDREW. 3. Speed of slowest ship 14 knots.

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K.M.F.17. (Contd.) 4. Admiralty will promulgate route. 5. SS.TAMAROA embarks on 17th June and will be ready to sail 18th June. 6. Ocean escort UGANDA A/S escort. Group V consisting of:- MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, HAMBLEDON, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, VICEROY, WOOLSTON, WALLACE and BLANKNEY. 7. S.O. of escort in UGANDA S.O. of A/S escort Capt. D.21 in MENDIP. 8. In addition to above, AMAZON, WITHERINGTON, ARROW, and LEDBURY will provide escort to "Gisp" proceeding thence with W.S.31. 9. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange sailing of all ships to R/V with W.S.31 off Oversay. 10. Owing to congestion of Clyde at this date, it is undesirable to sail additional ships to that port and separate conferences must be held. 11. R.A. (D) H.F. is requested to sail Group V to join convoy from Londonderry or as directed by C. in C. Western Approaches. 12. Fighter protection codeword "Peacock". 13. Destroyers of Group V are of short endurance and C. in C. Med. is requested to arrange for fuelling at Gibraltar. (D.O.D.H. 092052B.)

K.M.S.18A. Convoy K.M.S.18A consisting of 8 L.S.T. (2)s. No.305, 365, 406, 366, 319, 301, 424, 321, will be ready to leave Clyde on 19th June for Algiers. 2. Convoy will be joined by PRINCE CHARLES from Milford Haven. 3. Ocean speed of L.S.Ts. is $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots with S.O.A. $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots. 4. Admiralty will promulgate route. 5. Escort will be provided by 5 sloops from 42nd Group. 6. C. in C. Portsmouth, is requested to sail PRINCE CHARLES to arrive Milford Haven 18th June. 7. C. in C. W.A. is requested to detail sloop mentioned in para. 5 and to arrange R/V for PRINCE CHARLES. 8. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail convoy as requisite and to arrange conference with R.A. (V). 9. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail PRINCE CHARLES as requisite. 10. Fighter protection Code "Leveret". (D.O.D.H. 092053B.)

LADY NELSON. After preparation for service and embarkation of invalids, Hospital ship LADY NELSON should be sailed to Halifax on 15th June. (D.S.T. 092111B. to D.S.T.O. Avonmouth.)

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CHANTICLEER, CHANTICLEER and STARWORT arrived Lisbon 2100B/8 June.
STARWORT. They have fuelled and will sail about 1800B.
(N.A. Lisbon 091044B to F.O. Gib. (R) Admty.)
My 091044. Both ships have sailed.
(N.A. Lisbon 091930B.)

Dispositions. Situation 1958B/9th. Coastal craft convoy HORNPIPE
036° 23' 009° 24' through 035° 47' 006° 25' to Gib.10
(2) Small craft convoy COLUMBINE 036° 20' 008° 42'
through 035° 47' 006° 25' to Gib. 10. (see amendment
091728). (3) CHANTICLEER 1 Corvette sailed a.m. 9th from Lisbon
through 038° 37' 010° 01' 040° 01' 013° 01' and 043° 01' 013° 30'
thence 000° 13. (4) F.S. M/S ANNAMITE (?ST. NECTAN) 1 merchant
ship sailed Gibraltar 2300/9th through Q.K.A.87 direct to Cape St.
Mary thence coastwise to Setubal 10. (5) G.U.S.8. 033° 56' 009°
05' through 033° 01' 011° 59' thence 238°. (6) HOLSPENTE (?HOLCOMBE)
ATHERSTONE 035° 01' 007° 15' to Gibraltar 20. (7) VETCH 3 trawlers
034° 31' 007° 56' to Gibraltar 9. (8) Floating dock in tow one
tug, BULLDOG, one destroyer, one corvette, 2 trawlers, 036° 04'
010° 09' through 035° 59' 009° 59' to Gibraltar 6½. (9) VELOX 2
merchant ships 035° 49' 006° 06' through 035° 48' 006° 22' and 037°
04' 006° 51' where one merchant ship parts company for Huelva thence
coast wise to Lisbon speed 8 to Huelva then 10.(10) B.Y.M.S.26, 27,
rescue craft 9471, 9472 sail Casablanca 0900/10th through Q.K.A.102
thence 036° 8. (see amendment 091542). (11) S.L.130 SCARBOROUGH
(E) 031° 29' 010° 55' 038° 7 1/4.
(F.O. Gibraltar 091048B.)

Amend onward (?route in) para. (10) of my 091048 to read
through Q.K.A.102 to R/V with one L.C.T. and one S.C. in (?035°)
46' 006° 28' at 1900/10th 8 knots thence 020° 7.
(N.O.I.C. Gibraltar 091542B.)

Amend my 091048B para. 2 to read:- (E) 035° 54' 007° 37'
through 035° 47' 006° 25' to Gibraltar 9.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 091728B.)

Situation report for area X.B. of Med. Station, at 2002B/9th.
(2) G.U.S.8 033° 56' 009° 05' through 033° 01' 011° 59' thence
238° 8. (3) Floating dock in tow 1 tug BULLDOG, 1 destroyer, 1
corvette, 2 trawlers 036° 04' 010° 09' through 035° 59' 009° 59' to
Gibraltar 6½. (4) Ships escorting convoy S.L.130 SCARBOROUGH
(E) 031° 29' 010° 55' 038°. (5) 18 L.C.I. (L) S.O. 173 036° 09'
021° 20' through 036° 20' 017° 20' thence 091° 10. (6) Convoy of
small craft tug SHEPPEY 044° 47' 014° 01' through 042° 30' 013° 59'
thence 152° 8.

(F.O. Gib. 091126B.)

Situation report for Area Y. Situation at 1956B/9th. T.O.5,
C.T.F.21.4 027° 48' 025° 42' 249° 13½. 2. Ships escorting U.G.S.9
C.T.F.69 030° 09' 028° 08' 084° 9.

(F.O. Gib. 091154B.)

ORDUNA,
HIGHLAND
PRINCESS.

Anticipate MALCOLM and two destroyers of 13th D.F.
will be available to escort ORDUNA and HIGHLAND
PRINCESS sailing from Gibraltar about 16th June.
(2) 13th Flotilla destroyers will require relieving
at M.O.M.P. (3) A.M. 081811 refers.
(F.O. Gib. 091534B. to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.
C. in C. W.A.) Reply:- Admty. 101210.

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TRUSTY. F.O.S.'s. 071902. No damage to pressure hull or conning tower to prevent TRUSTY from diving. It is expected that TRUSTY will be ready to sail within one week in manner proposed by F.O.S. In view of French fishing fleet reported by TEMPLAR suggested route "Red". (F.O.I.C. Gib. 091814B. to F.O.S. (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, S.3, S.8, S.O. (S) Gib.)

German Aircraft. 2 German aircraft seen off Penighe 1840/7th flying South. One German aircraft seen off Cape Roca at 1855 and one at 1902 flying South. All times G.M.T. A/O. (N.A. Lisbon 091900B. to S.O. (I) (R) Admty.)

COLUMBINE. E.T.A. 0800B/10th. (COLUMBINE 092020B to F.O.I.C. Gib.)

Movements, Gibraltar. Arrivals ILEX from Algiers, AQUILLA ex M.K.S.14. Departures HAARLEM, L.C.T.322, L.C.I. (L) 265, RESTIVE, T.E.21B. for Algiers. VELOX to escort duties W. STELLA CARINA escort duties Hornillo. ST. NECTAN, ANNAMITE escort duties Sotubal thence Casablanca.

PRINS ALBERT, ANTHONY for Bone. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 092309B. to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Casablanca. Warships, June 9th, departed Casa. Task Group 21.3 and Task Force 66 with G.U.S.8 including (Fr.) LE MALIN, LA GRACIEUSE, and COMMANDANT DELAGE. L.C.T.18 for Port Lyautey thence Oran. Arrived U.S.S. BRISTOL and P.C.480 from Gibraltar. (C.M.S.F.F. 092325 to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. etc.)

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Freetown.Arrival 0921Z/8th DAUNTLESS, BLACKMORE.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 090123Z to Admty. etc.)
Arrivals 0658Z/8th ALCANTARA.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 090125Z to Comar Dakar.)Troop
Movement.Proposed that following ships arriving North Africa in K.M.F.17 should, after disembarkation, proceed to West Africa to embark the 2nd flight of 81 (W.A.) Division for India:-
BRITANNIC, SAMARIA, LARGS BAY, TAMAROA.

2. Vessels will proceed from West Africa to India in W.S.32 which is due to sail Freetown about 1/8, joining as convenient from West African ports.

3. In view of - A. the size of BRITANNIC which will probably preclude her proceeding beyond Freetown.

B. the fact that LARGS BAY and TAMAROA may not arrive Freetown until about 23/7., special arrangements may be necessary, subject to F.O.C.W.Af.'s concurrence, for ferrying personnel from Lagos to Freetown. Request your views on the whole embarkation programme.

(D. of S.T. 090457B to D.S.T.O.W.A.)

SANTA MARIA.

Arrived 0330Z. Request next destination.
(Comar Dakar 090904Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)Escort of
ELIZABETHVILLE.Arrived 0716Z ? BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT, my 081056 (re sailed ELIZABETHVILLE escorted by BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT.) refers.
(C.O.O. Dakar 090920Z to N.O.I.C. West Africa, Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Gambia.

W.S.30.

Your 072304B (N.T. in W.R.) Intend passing through position "Yoke" 018° 21' S. 010° 29' E.
(SUFFOLK 091117Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) F.O.W.Af.)

Dispositions

Situation at 2001/9th June.

ASTURIAS 020° 07' 017° 59' 178° 14½.

ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, F.S. DUMONT D'URVILLE, LA

GRANDIERE escorting 021° 53' 017° 37' 012° 10.

BUTTERMERE, PORTSDOWN 015° 16' 025° 02' to St. Vincent 9.

CILICIA on patrol about 008° 25' 027° 30' 14.

COPINSAY 008° 59' 014° 13' 303° 8.

ANTELOPE 018° 04' 017° 41' to Dakar 23.

L (A) T 421, B.Y.M.S. 19, 018° 14' 016° 16' to 020° 00' 017° 16' thence 351° 9.

DAUNTLESS 009° 10' 014° 31' to 011° 01' 017° 18' to 014° 26' 017° 33' thence Dakar 21.

(F.O.C.W.A. 091118Z.)

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Dispositions. Situation at 2001Z June 9th.
(Contd.) B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 20, 28, 005° 26' 010° 02' to
004° 00' 008° 00' thence 078° 9.5.
M.Ls. 285, 256 off Marshall.
M.Ls. 272, 296 off Sassandra.
M.L. 244 off Accra. M.Ls. 1019, 1014 off Cotonou.
SUFFOLK, CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, CATTERICK, QUADRANT,
REDOUBT with W.S.30, 005° 21' S. 010° 29' E. 180° 12.5.
BIRDLIP 004° 55' 003° (740') to westward coastwise 5.
CORFU off Takoradi to 002° 01' N. 004° 01' W. thence 270° 15.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091119Z.)
RELENTLESS, NORTHERN CHIEF searching 030° 30' 033° 30'
ROTHERHAM with D.N. 46 (2 ships) off St. Lucia to 026° 00'
038° 00' 16 knots VERBENA, VIVIANA, LADY ROSEMARY 027° 15' 035°
25' to St. Lucia 10 knots. Situation at 2000Z/9th June.
(C. in C.S.A. 091138Z.)

EMPIRE Intend to sail EMPIRE COUGAR for Bathurst 0700Z/
COUGAR. 10th escorted by M.L. 289, M.L. 574.
2. Speed made good 9 knots, routed from Goree
Island direct to 013° 32' N. 016° 54' W.
thence Bathurst by Approach Channel.
3. M.Ls. part company off Fairway Buoy and return to Dakar
at best speed. F.O.C.W.As. 031919 to Comar Dakar refers.
(Comar Dakar 091128Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst, F.O.C.W.Af. Admty.
M.L. 289, M.L. 574.)

FOXHOUND. Arrived 1035Z.
(Comar Dakar 091132Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

DAUNTLESS. Intend to sail DAUNTLESS at 1600/9 to
Casablanca via Dakar for onward routing to U.K.
final destination Chatham. (Route.)
Estimated speed made good to B, 21 knots, E.T.A.
Dakar 1500Z/10. Comar Dakar is requested to sail DAUNTLESS
in accordance with their orders at (?)073Z/11 estimated speed
made good to Casablanca 18 knots, E.T.A. 1730Z/14. DAUNTLESS
will shift to Med. W/T organisation at 2000Z/12 June. F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar is requested to issue instructions for onward
passage to U.K. from Casablanca. DAUNTLESS maximum stowage
fuel 930 tons of which 150 tons cannot be used for stability
reasons, endurance 22 knots 1470 miles, 16 knots 2270 miles.
Requirements Dakar.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091139Z, 111329Z to Comar Dakar, Commorseafon,
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.Med. Admty. C. in C.W.A.
C. in C.Plymouth, DAUNTLESS.)

NORMAN, Arrived and left Pointe Noire a.m. 9th.
QUADRANT, (B.N.L.C. West Africa 091205A to F.O.C.W.A.)
REDOUBT.

/AORANGI...

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- AORANGI. AORANGI sailed 9th June for Kilindini to join convoy K.R.5 for Bombay. E.T.A. 0800Z/15 June. Personnel on board.
2. D.S.T.O. Kilindini is requested to notify addressees of E.T.A. Bombay.
(D.S.T.O. Durban 091302Z to D.S.T.O. Kilindini, S.S.T.O. Bombay, (R) C. in C.E.F. etc.)
- Convoy D.N.46. Sailing telegram (2 ships AORANGI, CAPE CANAVERAL). 2. 1300Z/9th June. 4. 13½ knots. 5. Route to Kilindini. 6. ROTHERHAM.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 091329Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, N.O.I.C. East London, Connav.)
- WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH. My 312048 para. 6. Sail WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH, p.m. 11th June, route through position X 001° S. 006° E., to Lagos (Nigeria.)
(F.O.C.W.A. 091337Z to B.N.L.O.W.A. (R) S.O. 14th M.S.F. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, Admty. WOLVERINE.)
- BOADICEA. Arrival 9th June.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 091340Z to Admty. etc.)
- CATTERICK. Arrived and left Pointe Noire 9th.
(B.N.L.O.W.A. 091515A to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty. etc.)
- EMPIRE MIGHT. Your 071359. Intend to sail EMPIRE MIGHT on 15th June to arrive Gibraltar 22nd June. She will not require bunkers at Gibraltar. Escort will be provided to sail on this date. It may be necessary to shut out some cargo.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091535Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
- Convoy D.B.F.3. F.O.C.W.A.F.'s 070916 not to Admiralty. Intend to sail convoy D.B.F.3 for Freetown as follows.
2. From Dakar 1100Z/10th STIRLING CASTLE 18, (Cdre)? ARAWA 14, STAFFORDSHIRE 14, escorted by FOXHOUND, S.O., BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT.
3. N.O.I.C. Bathurst sails ELIZABETHVILLE 10½ escorted by COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES as necessary to join in position A. at 1700Z/10th.
4. Convoy route from Goree Island to pass through positions A. 013° 32' N. 017° 04' W. B. 010° 50' N. 017° 32' W. C. 009° 21' N. 016° 15' W. D. 008° (?28') N. 013° 30' W. thence to Freetown.
5. Speed made good (?12) knots until ELIZABETHVILLE joins, then (?10) knots. E.T.A. Freetown 1430Z/12th.
(Comar Dakar 091707Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

/DAUNTLESS...

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- DAUNTLESS. Departure 1610Z/9th June.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 091730Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. etc.)
- S.T.69. 1. Intend sailing S.T.69 at 1000Z/11th June escorted by CORINTHIAN S.O., BLACKMOOR, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, CROCUS, ARMERIA, BURDOCK, FANDANGO, TURCOMAN and 4 M.Ls. 19 ships for S.A. Ports (74) for the Cape and 11 for Takoradi. Cdre. Master SS. INCOMATI.
2. OXFORD (corrupt group) speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. Takoradi dawn 16
3. Escort vessels will be detached to return to Freetown as follows:- A. 4 M.Ls. at dawn 13th. B. BLACKMOOR at 0900Z/14th. C. COMMANDANT DETROYAT at dusk 14th.
4. 10 ships for S.A. will be dispersed dusk 14th and the remaining (?9) ships for S.A. at dawn 15th. Cape ships will be dispersed at 1200Z/15th.
5. N.O.I.C. Takoradi sail BURDOCK to Boma for docking to arrive not later than a.m. 20th.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091742Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty. etc.)
- MORRIS DANCE. Arrived 1630Z.
(Comar Dakar 091743Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty.)
- Movements Takoradi. Arrivals 9th June. Escort S.T.68 MILFORD, PETUNIA, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF, PICT, REDSHANK, YESTOR.
Departure CORFU, ORFASY, M.Ls. 274, 271.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 091743Z to Admty. etc.)
- Movements Montevideo. Sailed 8th 22 NEVADA Bahia 17th. 9th 15 JAMES LYKES Punta Arenas 13th, 20 SHERIDAN Rio Grande Do Sul 11th, coal nil, coastal.
(R.O.Monte. 092035 to Admty.)
- C.N. 23. Convoy C.N.23. Commodore reports ships will disperse at 0600Z/10th June in position Z.
(C. in C.S.A. 092153B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.)
- U/B. BOADICEA reports transmission on 9037 k/cs at 2120Z/8 and 5412 k/cs at 0347Z/9 indicating U-Boat in vicinity of Lagos. Report from M.L. 1014 stating contact observed and attack made $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. Kotonu light at 091631.
(F.O.C.W.A. 092157 to Ships in W.D.3., (R) Admty. Com. 4th Fleet.)
See also 101051Z.
- ARGO. Arrival 0703Z/9th June F.S.AIR FRANCE 3 escorting French S/M ARGO.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 092208Z to C.D. (R) Admty. etc.)
- T.S.43. Arrival 1528Z/8th June CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, COWSLIP, BURDOCK, ARMERIA, F.F.S.COMMANDANT DETROYAT, DUNCTON, with T.S.43.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 092210Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty. etc.)
- COPINSAY. Departure 1420Z/9th June.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 092321Z to Comar Dakar, (R) Admty. etc.)

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SIMOOM You may have been sighted south west of Ajaccio at 2330/8th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 090258B to SIMOOM)

Through Convoys. A.M. 081835. Last opportunity before August for westbound through traffic will be M.K.S.16 leaving Alexandria on about 24th June and not X.T.G.3.
(C. in C. Med., 090752 to Admty.)

G.T.X.2 Pass to Cdre. and Escorts G.T.X.2. Convoy sailed as in my 081401 less DEL SUD, ODYSSEUS and French Tugs PILOTE, NIVIERE and LE LION.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 090814B to WISHART (R) Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Connav, F.O.I.C. Bizerta, Cdre., Algiers, C. in C. Levant, F.O.C.I.S.)
G.T.X.2. ODOAS CITY (sic) arrived.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 091301B to Admty., etc.)

Convoy Programmes. X Following is a repetition of my 221826 (as amended 311339C) addressed R.A.L., Comla, F.O.R.S.C.A., S.N.O. Trip., S.N.O.C., V.A.M. (etc) (Begins). My 212201 being passed to C. in C.E.F. and Com. Aden para. 6. Westbound convoys will sail from Alexandria as follows.

Convoy.	Sails.	Arrives Tripoli Libya.	Arrives Malta.
X.T.15 and M.W.629	May 25th	13	31
X.T.G.1.	June 3rd	8	9
M.K.S.15 and G.U.S.8A.	June 10th	15	6
X.T.G.2.	June 18th	23	24
M.K.S.16	June 24th	29	30

2. Eastbound convoy will pass Tripoli Libya on dates shown

Convoy	Pass Tripoli	Arrive Alexandria
K.M.S.14 X.	May 23rd	27th
G.T.X.1	May 30th	June 4th
K.M.S.15	June 7th	12th
G.T.X.2 and G.T.V.2	June 14th	19th
K.M.S.16	June 22nd	27th
G.T.X.3	June 28th	July 3rd

(Ends). Your 090015 refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 090847C, 081802C, to Admty.)

DOLFIJN - Your R/V tomorrow will be in 037° 00' N 003° 16' SERAPH. E. at 0600/10th.
(Capt. S.8., 090938B to P.47 DOLFIJN, P.219 SERAPH, (R) C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Algiers.)
CORIOLANUS and M.L.460 will meet you in 037° 00' N. 003° 16' E. at 0600B/10th. First arrival will be escorted to Harbour by M/L 460, second by CORIOLANUS.

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DOLFIJN, (2) Large convoy eastbound passing Algiers 0700.
SERAPH. (3) M/L Patrolling East and West of Algiers.
(Contd.) (Capt., S.8, 091414B to DOLFIJN, SERAPH)

X.T.G.1. Intend to sail, (list). Local Escort SHIANT,
call sign 5 K.B.O.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 091044B to Escorts of Convoy
X.T.G.1. (one), F.O.I.C. Bizerta.)
Intend sailing EMPIRE LASS (T), PRINCE DE LIEGE, GREEN
RANGER(T) in X.T.G.1.
(F.O.I.S., 091700B to Admty. etc.)

M.E. Air Report. A. 661 9th June 0934Z. Daily Opsum 42. Night
7/8 June 4 Liberators (B.24), 9 Halifaxes railway
sidings and ferry terminus Messina, 1 Halifax
returned early. Remainder bombed. Many bursts
South West of terminus and in area goods station
and engine sheds. Numerous fires started including 1 large
near central station. Leaflets dropped. 32 x 1000 lb. H.E.
79 x 5000 lb. H.E. 360 x 4 lb. incendiary at 2020Z hours. 24
Wellingtons Pantellaria harbour. 1 missing, 23 bombed scoring
direct hit on burning vessel. 6 fires started round harbour.
50 tons H.E. between 2013Z and 0103Z hours. 8th June. 3
Baltimores Beaufighters antishipping R/C Aegean. 3 Beaufighters
anti-shipping R/C west coast Greece. 1 Baltimore (A.30)
returned early. 3 Caiques 50 to 100 tons bombed in Bay on
Scarpanto Island. 2 near misses on 1, all 3 hit by machine gun
fire. Several Caiques at anchor off Paros Island attacked.
One of 150 tons set on fire, another 120 tons left sinking.
?1 of 100 tons damaged. Cannon strikes on 3 more respectively
200, 100 and 30 tons. 2 tugs attacked west of Patras, 1 left
smoking. Goods train of 6 trucks attacked near Kyparissia.
Train stopped with engine hidden in steam and smoke rising from
trucks. 4 Beaufighters subsequently despatched Paros Area made
no sightings.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 091207Z.)

Survivors from U/B in Spain. X My 032032. (Re: Spanish Destroyer VELASCO rescued
6 wounded from U-boat) Palma reports S/M S/M believed
attacked by Destroyer North Majorca tried to reach
Port Soller but sank, survivors being picked up
in territorial waters. Total now believed 13 of
whom 9 taken to Valencia by Spanish Destroyer
VELASCO and remainder to Port Soller. Other 2 Spanish Destroyers
said to have assisted rescue. But reports are very conflicting
on these details. Note was presented.
(N.A. Madrid, 091228B to Admty., (R) Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

SONTAY. My 081958C. Master of SONTAY now advises crew's
articles expire first July and crew will not
make a further voyage after present one.
(P.S.T.O. M.E., 091245C to Admty.)

Relief Ships. X Swedish relief ships sailed 2000/8th June from
Gibraltar through Straits of Messina thence Tamara
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Relief to Piraeus by standard route for Fenris to Smyrna
 Ships. speed 12½ knots. National colours and red
 (Contd.) cross markings Sverige and ships name on white
 hull.
 (Capt. S.I. 091301C to TAURUS, TROOPER, TACTICIAN.)

N.A.A.F. To: Eaker, C.G. Eighth Air Force. To: Brereton, C.G.
 Report. / Ninth Air Force. From: Spaatz, N.A.A.F. A.D.V.
 H.Q. 1. Between the hours of 0832 and 0948, 98
 P.38s dropped 93 x 1000 pound bombs from 1,500 -
 4,000 feet on Pantellaria. Hits and near misses
 scored in target area. 2. Between 0900 and 0942, 103 B.17s
 dropped 698 x 1000 pound bombs on Pantellaria. Target areas and
 battery positions well covered. 3. 63 B.25s dropped 161 x 1000
 pound bombs and 100,000 leaflets on Pantellaria. Target areas
 well covered, leaflets well dispersed. 4. 34 B.26s escorted
 by 20 P.40s and 18 B.26s escorted by 15 P.40s dropped 100 x 1000
 pound bombs and 89 x 500 bombs on Pantellaria. Target areas
 well covered and many direct hits were made. 5. 22 P.38s
 dropped 21 x 1000 pound bombs on barracks at Sebariu. 1 building
 exploded. 6. 12 P.38s escorted by 12 P.38s dropped 11 x 1000
 pound bombs on Villacidro. A bomber and M.E.323 were hit and
 the bomber exploded, other bombs fell among parked aircraft.
 7. Usual escort and patrol missions were flown by Coastal Air
 Force. 8. Night 7/8. 24 Wellingtons dropped 50 tons of
 bombs on Pantellaria town and docks, causing many fires, including
 a direct hit on a ship causing increased fire and a large
 column of smoke.
 (Algiers, 091320B to Etousa)

PALOMARES, Assumed that PALOMARES and ALYNBANK will exchange
 ALYNBANK, duties. H.O.N. One appendix IIA dated 24.4.43
 COLOMBO. Pages 4 and 6 refer. 2. PALOMARES is due to
 leave U.K. in K.M.S. 18 on June 24th.
 3. Owing to delays in completion ship will by that
 date have had a bare fortnight's work-up as an
 F.D. ship. This would normally be considered inadequate.
 4. COLOMBO, allocated to you (A.M. 061509B), will leave U.K.
 with K.M.F. 18 on 28th June. She is equipped with: 3 twin
 4" Mark XVI R.P.C. mounting; 2 twin Bofors; 6 twin and 2
 single Oerlikons, and up to latest Cruiser standard for Fighter
 Direction. 5. Having regard to remarks in para. 3 above,
 request you will signal whether you could accept COLOMBO as
 replacement for PALOMARES who would join your command on
 completion of a full work-up, sailing early July.
 (D.O.D.(F), Approved A.C.N.S.(F) 091337B to C. in C. Med. (R)
 C. in C. Levant etc.)

43rd Following is composition 43rd M.L. Flotilla.
 M.L.F. 85th Division 350 (S.O.) 348, 386, 384, 86th
 Division 385 (S.O.) 387, 360.
 (C. in C. Levant, 091413C to Admty. (R) C.C.F. Med.
 C.C.F.E. Med.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 1 medium sized M/V, 1 enemy war vessel 43.33 N. 10.08 E., course 170° 8 kts. at 1311B. (A/C CJY/D via Alex., 091440B to Air H.Q. Malta)
Enemy previously reported are one merchant vessel of 400 tons and one E-Boat?
(A/C CJY/D via Alex., 091525B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

ARETHUSE.

ARETHUSE leaves patrol through 042° 00' 007° 12' at 0100/11th 040° 00' 004° 33' at 1900/12th thence R/V escort to Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 12' at 0700/14th.
(Capt. S.8., 091450B to 8th S.F. ARETHUSE, (R) C. in C. Med., F.O. Gibraltar, CASABIANCA, N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Repatriation, X 1. A.M. 111814 May. Due to difficulties in Italian arranging fuelling of Italian Repatriation Liners in Red Sea it has been necessary to agree that SATURNIA, VULCANIA, DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE will bunker at Aden. 2. All security precautions should be taken to prevent contact between Italian crews and possible shore agents. 3. Intentions. 4. F.O. R.S.C.A. and C. in C. E.F. are requested to signal earliest possible (a) route for SATURNIA and VULCANIA from Guardafui channel to Aden. (b) Route for VULCANIA from Aden to Mogadischu and (c) route for SATURNIA from Aden to Massawa, thence to Jibuti, thence to Mogadischu. 7. As Axis require 10 days' notice of routeing instructions, request very early reply.
(Head of M.I., Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 091512B to F.O.R.S. & C.A., C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, (R) C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Massawa.) Reply 101958.

P.A.40 Convoy P.A.40 arrived less ROYAL ARROW Straggler. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 091520Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements Aden. Departure 1305Z ALAUNIA. Arrival 1407Z BALUCHISTAN.
(Com. Aden, 091523Z to C. in C. Levant etc.)

Movements Port Said. 9th June, Port Said arrivals, KATSONIS, ROMEO.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 091529C to Admty, etc.)

Movements Alexandria. Arrival 8th June IPSWICH, WOLBOROUGH. Departure 8th June ABDIEL, ROMEO.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 091610C to Admty., C. in C. Levant.)

Convoy Programme My 262201 May. Convoys G.T.X.3 and M.K.S.16/G.U.S.9 will both be one day early throughout, sailing from Gibraltar on June 22nd and Tripoli on June 29th respectively.
(C. in C. Med. 091659 to F.O.I.C. and N.Os.I.C. French N. Africa etc.)

/Force...

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Force X Programme. X At interview with Admiralty Godfroy this forenoon, Wednesday, following arrangements for sailing of Force X were agreed to: (A) French Battleship LORRAINE and 4 cruisers sailing Alex. p.m. 22nd June for Port Said for immediate transit of Canal 23rd. (B) Force will remain at Suez for exercises until 2nd or 3rd July, then sailing for Aden unescorted. After fuelling force will proceed to Mombasa. (C) At Mombasa force will be divided into 2 groups:- Group (a) Battleship LORRAINE, Cruiser SUFFREN, Cruiser DUGUAY-TROUIN; Group (b) Cruiser DUQUESNE, Cruiser TOURVILLE. Groups will proceed independently as desired by French Admiral to Durban, F.S. LORRAINE being escorted by 2 British Destroyers. Force will fuel at Capetown and again at Wallfish Bay before Proceeding to Dakar. Group (b) will also require to fuel at Lagos. (D) Force X will be escorted to Port Said by 3 French Destroyers and 2 British escorts, destroyers parting company westward of Port Said and returning to Alexandria for screen. Then proceeding to Western Med. to join convoy M.K.16, fuelling (?at) Tripoli and again if necessary at a north African Port before arriving at Oran, their last port of call in Med. (E) S/M PROTEE will sail Alex. about 15th June for Western Med. (F) A Liaison officer will be provided for each (?group), for destroyers and for S/M PROTEE. (G) Final batch of ?166 (corrupt group) men for groups (a) and (b) will join their ships at Suez about 29th June. (H) F.B. LORRAINE will dock at Durban. (C. in C. Levant, 091909C to Admty., C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.W.Af., (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C. Red Sea (Suez), N.O.I/C Aden.) Concur D.O.D. (F) 121815B to C. in C.E.I., etc. See East Indies.

MAURITIUS Intend following programme for MAURITIUS.
 June 16th temporary repairs completed, undocking;
 June 17th sailing to Suez for practises, on
 completion return to Alexandria; June 25th docking
 for permanent repair; July 7th, complete, Undock.
 2. These dates are stimulated by other high priority docking.
 C. in C. Med. 091219B June not to all refers.
 (C. in C. Levant, 091919C to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty., MAURITIUS,
 R.A. Alexandria, A.S. Alexandria, R.A.15 C.S.)

N.A.A.F. N.W.A. Strategic A.F., additional 2/3 June.
 Opsum 19 Wellingtons Pantellaria Town and docks.
 108. 5/6 June. 1 Wellington Pantellaria town and
 June 8th. docks. 100000 Italian leaflets dropped 3
 Wellingtons Syracuse Catania Messina. Bombs
 dropped from 5/7000 feet on Syracuse. Bursts in
 dock area. 600,000 leaflets on the 3 towns.
 Night 6/7 June. 27 Wellingtons Pantellaria town and docks.
 Many bursts in town. Night 7/8 June. 24 Wellingtons
 Pantellaria. 50 tons of bombs dropped from 2000 to 8300 feet.
 6 fires in target area. 1 Wellington missing. 8th June.
 The following against Pantellaria. 103 U.S. Lightnings P.38,
 6 returned early. Hits and near misses in target areas.

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N.A.A.F. Opsum 108
June 8.
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1 Lightning missing. 109 U.S. Fortresses, B.17, 6 returned early. Target areas well covered many hits on battery positions. 48 U.S. lightnings P.38 escorted fortresses. 2 M.C. 202 engaged 1 destroyed. 3 U.S. Mitchells B.25 escorted by 14 U.S. Lightnings P.38, 2 Lightnings, P.38 returned early. Dropped 100,000 leaflets. 23 or 53? U.S. Marauders B.26 1 returned early. Escorted by 38 U.S. Warhawks P.40 3 returned early. Targets well covered, direct hits observed. 60 U.S. Mitchells B.25. Bursts in target areas. Smoke and dust prevented observation. 22 U.S. Lightnings P.38 attacked Serariu? Hits on barrack buildings gun positions strafed. 28 or 24? U.S. Lightning P.38 12 with bombs Villaojdro, 2 returned early. Bomber and M.E. 323 were hit. The bomber exploded. Other bombs among dispersed A/C. R.R. station and locomotive shot up. 3 U.S. Lightnings P.38 photo R/C Pantellaria, Sardinia, West Sicily. N.A. Tactical A.F. All missions of N.A.T.A.F. against Pantellaria. 7 June additional. 12 U.S. Spitfires acted as escort to 12 Bostons A.20, 16 Mustang dive bombers A.36. 2 returned. 12 Warhawks P.40 escort to 12 Mitchells B.25. 16 Warhawks P.40 Fighter sweep. 8 Warhawks P.40 Fighter sweep. 24 Warhawks P.40 R/C and Fighter sweep. 23 Mustang dive bombers A.36 near misses on M/V in harbour. 12 Mitchells B.25 bombed A/D.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. 091934B.)

Movements, Tripoli. Arrived and sailed WHADDON, HURWORTH, HURSLEY, CROOME. Arrived FALK, KLO landing craft tank 446, 341, 308, 318, 361, 325, 317, 354, 313. Sailed DELHI, LARGS, LAUDERDALE, EGGESFORD, QUANTOCK, BROCKLESBY, ST. DAY, KAI.
(S.N.O. Trip. 091942B. to Admty.)

Through Convoys. / A.M. 081835B. 1. In order to reduce congestion in August convoys I hope that (?policy) A will be adopted as far as possible. 2. M.K.S.16, sailing from Alexandria on 24th June is the last Westbound non-operational convoy. My 09(?18)02 refers.
(C. in C. Levant 092023C to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty, C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals. ROTHESAY, FELIXSTOWE, L.S.T.162.
Departures. ILEX.
(Comm. Algeria 092026B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Haifa. 9th June arrival BURRA. Departure M.Ls. 350, 385 and 384.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 092055C to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Oran. Arrivals today. WISHART, CLEVELAND, RUSHHOLM, GREGORY, H.D.M.L.1232 and U.L.S.T. 385.
Departures today. WISHART, CLEVELAND and British L.S.T. 62, 419, 423.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 092059B to Admty. etc.)

/Through...

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In view of Cominch 051523 amend my 071256B para. 1 accordingly and cancel para. 2.
(D.T.D. 092107B to C. in C. Med. (R) C. in C. Levant, F.O.C. Gib. B.A.D.) See also 092323.

EASTON.

Arrived and left.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 092110C to Admty.)

DUNKERQUE
escort.

Your 091810Z. (N.T. in W.D.) As COLTSFOOT, AZALEA, must enter Casablanca for fuel propose they escort DUNKERQUE arriving 0700A/11.
(SCARBOROUGH 092110Z to N.O.I.C. Casablanca (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

P.R.U.

P.R.U. visual report 2 Battleships, 2 Cruisers at Taranto at 1915B.
(V.A. Malta 092110B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Movements,
Bizerta.

Arrivals BUDE Motor M/S 105, BREAM, KINTYRE.
Departures FOULA, H. BALL, M.L.1163. (2) My 082236B for ROTHESAY read RHYL in two places. (amended).
(S.O.I.S. 092152B. to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Situation
report
No.105.

1. Patrols have been maintained off Pantellaria by Coastal craft during the night 5/6th June and by destroyers on the 3 following nights. 2. During night 6/7th June Coastal craft carried out sweep of East coast of Sicily to Syracuse and of S. coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola. 3. On 7th June two M.T.Bs. operated off Lampedusa. 4. NEWFOUNDLAND, AURORA, ORION, PENELOPE, EURYALUS, and 8 destroyers carried out bombardment off Pantellaria Shore Batteries and Harbour in conjunction with bombing by strategical air force at 1125/8. There was slight opposition from two batteries. Accompanying M.T.Bs. closed the Harbour entrance to within 1000 yards and encountered only small arm fire. 5. On night 8/9th June Coastal craft carried out sweep between Marittimo and Marzzi(?) (? Mazarra). 6. UNRUFFLED reports obtaining three hits on 8000 tons outbound tanker at 1531/3 in position 39.13 16.01 East. Results were unobserved due to moderate counter attack.
(C. in C. Med. 092210 to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Malta.

Arrivals AURORA, TROUBRIDGE, ABDIEL, GLOXINIA, QUEEN OLGA, L.S.Ts. 401, 403, 303. UNSHAKEN (P.54).
Departure UNITED (P.44).
(V.A. Malta 092216 to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Sousse.

Arrived 9th OAKLEY, PENTSTEMON, POLRUAN, RHYL, STORNOWAY, CLACTON, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, departure OAKLEY, PENTSTEMON.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 092220B to Admty.)

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Malta Air
Report.

A.L567 9 June. C.S.R. Malta (A) Air Part 1 Offensive. Night 8th/9th. 1 Wellington on shipping search S.E. of Italy scored near misses with bombs aimed at M/V 1500 sighted N.E. of Pointe Alice. Mosquitos made intruder patrols over Sicily, South East and

Western Italy. In Italy 7 cannon attacks were made on Railway Lights at Diamante and bombs aimed at Batti Paglia marshalling Yards burst in the target area. Day 9 June nil.

Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 8/9 nil. Day 9th. 39 Spitfires with medium range tanks provided escort and high cover to Liberators of 9th Bomber Command Libya attacking Gerbini and Catania aerodromes. 4 Spitfires provided escort for incoming Naval Unit. 0356 hours 7 Spitfires were airborne to intercept a number of enemy aircraft which avoided combat and turned back. 1810 3 plus enemy aircraft approached Malta 4 Spits. airborne on interception but enemy again turned back. A further 16 Spits. were scrambled for raids which turned back.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 092229Z.)

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Transport
programme.

B. My 071007Z ARONDA will also embark 230 Military and 27 R.A.F. personnel. Revised sailing date is 12th June.
C. CITY OF CANTERBURY. Revised date of sailing is 13th June.
(P.S.T.O. India 090609Z to C. in C.E.F.)

Ceylon
Movements
Summary.

No. 54, 9th June.

1. BENGAL left Calcutta 6th due Colombo 11th.
2. BOMBAY and D.S.G.13 escorting B.P. 82 left Bombay 3rd June due Khor Kuwai 10th.
3. BALUCHISTAN and TAMWORTH escorting P.A.40 left Bandar Abbas 2nd due Aden 9th.
4. CARNATIC and BATHURST escorting B.P. 83 leaves Bombay 11th.
5. HINDUSTAN escorting ADAMANT from Addu Atoll R/V NEPAL in 002° 33' S. 069° 23' E. a.m. 10th thence returning Addu Atoll 11th and escort R.F.A. SINGU to Colombo.
6. LAOMEDON left Colombo 7th due Aden 16th.
7. MADRAS escorting A.P. 32 left Aden 3rd due Khor Kuwai 9th.
8. NETRAVATI escorting one merchant ship left Calcutta 8th due Madras 11th.
9. PUNJAB left Khor Kuwai 1st arrived Bombay 5th.
10. RAMDAS arrived Madras 3rd.
11. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN (D.S.) escorting 2 merchant ships leaves Diego Garcia 9th due Addu Atoll 11th.
12. SCOUT escorting M.B. 37 leaves Colombo 10th due Bombay 14th.
13. CORNWALLIS escorting 1 M/V leaves Sandheads 10th due Madras 14th.
(F.O.Ceylon 090823Z to Admty. etc.)

Diego
Suarez,
French
Services.

- X Adm. Auboyneau had a short conference with me on 31st May when passing through Mombasa on his way to Madagascar. Please refer to A.M. 142229 April, para. 3 and my 200955 April.
2. Adm. Auboyneau touched generally on his desire that Free French naval forces should take over services at Diego Suarez, and alleged that the terms of agreement between Government of U.K. and French National Committee on Madagascar were specially drafted so as to permit this process. I imagine he referred particularly to Article 9 of Annexure A. He did not agree with my contention that the administrative district of Diego Suarez was exempt from the terms of Annexure A. by Annexure B.
3. Adm. Auboyneau undertook to furnish me in writing with a copy of his views after he has visited Madagascar, and discussed the question with the authorities on the spot.
4. I gave him no encouragement to suppose that the attitude so far adopted by the British Authorities would be relaxed in any way, and instructed N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez to preserve a similar attitude.
(Deputy C. in C.E.F. 090901Z to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez.)

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Shipping for Mediterranean Reference to C. in C.E.F. 290835 May para. 3. No further ships should be sailed which will arrive at Alexandria after 21st June latest. Thereafter and until further orders ships should revert to normal routing via Cape. Admiralty's 081835 not to all addressees refers. Bombay pass to M. of W.T.India. (C. in C.E.F. 090944Z to F.O.C.R.I.N. M. of W.T.India, (R) Admty. F.O.R.S.C.A. C. in C.Levant, F.O.Ceylon, Com.i/c. Aden.)

REVENGE,
RESOLUTION
escorts.

My 201441 and 0608(752) cancel previous destroyer arrangements. REVENGE will now be escorted by NAPIER and QUIBERON and RESOLUTION by 3 destroyers one of which will be RACEHORSE. 3. After effecting R/V NAPIER and RACEHORSE to escort RESOLUTION to Kilindini the remaining 3 destroyers escorting REVENGE to Durban. (C. in C.E.F. 090950Z to REVENGE, RESOLUTION, (R) N.O.I.C. Durban, F.O.2nd in Command E.F. C. in C.S.A. Capt. D.E.F. Admty.)

U/B.

At 090240 enemy submarine in 019° 57' N. 059° 12' East. (C. in C.E.F. 091238Z to S. & A's East Indies Station (R) Admty.)

Convoys,
U/B
situation.

X Have ordered all ships under 14 knots leaving Persian Gulf to be held for convoy until U-Boat situation is clear. 2. N.C.S.O. Hormuz is to amend E.T.A. and "Chop" date. (S.N.O.P.G. 091331Z to C. in C.E.F. F.O.Ceylon, F.O.C.R.I.N. C. in C.S.A. Cdr.i/c Aden, Connav, N.O.I.C. Karachi, F.O.Red Sea and Canal Area, Admty. (R) Cdr.i/c Durban, N.C.S.O. Hormuz.)

Tankers,
Ceylon.

1. Ref. your 051235, not to Admiralty. Details of Auxiliary? Tankers of 1300 tons capacity required by end of 1943 in Ceylon ports. (C. in C.E.F. 091417Z to F.O.Ceylon, WARSPITE, C.S.Ceylon, Admty.)

Defence plans
Seychelles,
Mauritius &
Rodriguez.

X (W.O. 092117B to G.O.C. in C.E.Af.)
See Lion Copy.

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FROM:- War Office

DATE:- 9.6.43.

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ADDRESSED:- G.O.C. in C. East Africa

EM 1495 (M05)

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C.O.S. have approved new defence plans for Seychelles, Mauritius and Rodriguez.

Following is summary:-

A. Seychelles

1. Function of Base.
 - (a) Victoria. Occasional fuelling base all classes of ships.
 - (b) Mahe. Base for flying boat detachment.
2. Scale of attack. Unchanged.
3. Aerodrome requirements. Nil.
4. A.A. defences. 4 H.A.A., 6 P.A.A. guns to protect anchorage, oil fuel tanks and flying boat base Victoria. A.A. scale to be implemented from your resources.
5. Naval defences. Unchanged.
6. Coast artillery. Unchanged.
7. Land defences. Unchanged.
8. Command. Unchanged.

B. Mauritius and Rodriguez

1. Function of Bases.
 - (a) Grand Port. Occasional fuelling base for light forces and possibly one capital ship. Emergency alighting area for flying boats.
 - (b) Plaisance. Temporary base for R.A.F. land based G.R.T.B. aircraft and one F.A.A. sqn.
 - (c) Port Louis. Occasional fuelling base for cruisers and below, repair depot for

/docking

docking and refitting destroyers and below and moderate repairs cruisers which do NOT require docking. Mooring and maintenance facilities for flying boats.

(d) Tombeau Bay. Permanent flying boat base.

(e) Rodriguez. Cable station at Port Mathurin.

2. Scale of attack. Unchanged.

3. Air Raid Intelligence. Nil.

4. Aerodrome requirements. Plaisance aerodrome site to be developed to provide facilities for one disembarked sqn. F.A.A.

5. A.A. defences.

(a) Grand Port. 8 H.A.A.

(b) Port Louis. 4 H.A.A., 6 L.A.A.

(c) Tombeau Bay. 4 H.A.A., 6 L.A.A.

A.A. scale to be implemented at your discretion from your resources.

6. Naval defences. Unchanged.

7. Coast artillery.

(a) Grand Port. Two 6-in naval, two 6-in (15 degree) from Port Louis, four 12-pr.

(b) Port Louis. Three 6-in (45 degree), two 6-pr.

(c) Rodriguez. One 6-in (15 degree)

8. Land defences. Unchanged.

9. Command. Unchanged.

C. Copies of defence plans being sent to you by air mail.

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ATHENE. San Francisco departed A.M. 0255Z/8th ATHENE.
(N.S.H.Q., 090034Z to Admty.)

Movements. New York arrived CHELSEA ex escorting O.N.186
June 7th.
(N.S.H.Q., 090123Z to Admty.)
St. Johns N.F. 8th. Arrivals - VIZALMA and
NORTHERN FOAM ex O.N.S.9. MONTGOMERY and LACHINE ex H.X.242.
KAMLOOPS and KING HAAKON VII ex B.W.28. Departures - CHURCHILL,
RESTIGOUCHE, ORILLIA, BRANDON, BADDECK, PORT ARTHUR, WOODSTOCK
CALGARY to S.C.133. MALPEQUE to C.L.69.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 090224Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. W.
A., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A., B.A.D., Capt. (D) Argentina.)
Argentina 8th arrival 1500Z, B.2 Escort Group.
(Capt. (D) Argentina, 091144Z to Admty.)
Add to my 091144. Arrival HURRICANE.
(Capt. (D) Argentina, 091608Z to Admty.)
Bermuda departures 0910Z/9th June DAYLIGHT and FLASH for
Trinidad via San Juan in accordance with N.O.B. Bermuda 071733.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 091312P to Admty., etc.)
M.L. 484 arrived.
(B.R.O. Antigua, 091500Q to Admty.)
San Francisco arrivals 7th MAPARA (Pu.) 8th MORMACWREN.
Departure 7th LURLINE for Honolulu. All U.S.A.T.
(N.S.H.Q., 092019Z to Admty.)
St. Johns N.F. 9th. Arrivals M.L.077 ex Wabana.
Departures MONTGOMERY, ST. ALBANS, LACHINE, TIMMINS, TRAIL
to O.N.187. GEORGIAN to J.N.31. M.L.062 to Wabana.
(F.O.N.F., 092337Z to Admty.)

Enemy Mines, Halifax. My 080520. Mine bag Tuesday 8th one cut by
sweep and recovered intact from position 44.16
63.27 by R.M.S.O. Total mines destroyed 33.
Recovered two to date. Considered likely in
view subsequent knowledge cutting charge three
additional sighted floating June 1st were self
destroyed.
(C. Halifax, 090205Z to Admty., etc.)

AQUITANIA. New York arrived 8th June AQUITANIA.
(N.S.H.Q., 090230Z to D. of S.T.)

KILLERIG,
JEFFERSON
DAVIS. Kingston 0530Z/9th H.P.B.P. Salvage Tug KILLERIG
Panamanian High Seas to rescue of Steamer
JEFFERSON DAVIS stranded Quita Suena Bank 10th.
(B.R.O. Kingston, 090910Q to Admty.)

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Convoy U.G.F. 9. This is Port Director Norfolk 081709. C.T.F.65, N.O.B. Bermuda, Commoroccanseafon, Comnavnaw, Cominch C. and R and C.E.S.F. also have for info. Sailing telegram Part 2. (Radio Washington, 090255Z to V.A. Gibraltar, (R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. Med.)

U.S. Dispositions. My 011445 to be changed as follows. Serial 77. Atlantic: PRINCETON at Trinidad. BLOCK ISLAND in Norfolk. OMAHA, CINCINNATI at Rio de Janeiro. MARBLEHEAD, LEXINGTON at Sea. Pacific: TENNESSEE, PORTLAND in North Pacific. LONG ISLAND at Pearl. COPAHEE, NASHVILLE in San Francisco. BARNETHST (as recd.) sea. CONCORD in Callao. (Comnavu, 090348Z to Admty.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM, U.S. personnel. For your information following is the position regarding 3150 U.S. personnel on NIEUW AMSTERDAM for India and P.A.I.C.:-
(a) It is impracticable for vessel to proceed direct to Bombay because of the monsoon.
(b) The 3150 personnel are being disembarked at Colombo (where vessels was due 4th June) and accommodated ashore pending onward conveyance.
(c) 2500 personnel are being embarked in VARELA and SANTHIA which will sail Colombo 9th June for Bombay.
(d) Balance will be embarked in STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD sailing Colombo about 18th June.
(e) Onward conveyance to Basra will be arranged as necessary from Bombay.
2. NIEUW AMSTERDAM could not be held at Colombo as she is urgently required in Middle East.
(D. of S.T., 090455B to B.A.D.)

U/B. My 081142Z. M.L. Flotilla sighted school of whales in this area.
(C. in C. C.N.W.A., 090545Z to G.B. 7A.G.)

Use of terms "Escort Group" and "Support Group". To avoid confusion between terms "Escort Group" and "Support Group" propose all concerned use former as applicable to any group escorting a convoy and latter to any group engaged in support of convoys whether acting independently or augmenting regularly assigned escort group.
(Cominch, 221810Z (received 0606/9th June) to Admty., N.S.H.Q.)

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Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
1800 G.M.T.	T.A. 44	45° N. 27½° W.	207°	19
9th.	(D.O.D.(F), 090818Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)			
MONOWAI.	Cominch's 081603. MONOWAI arrived 2nd June. Delay in reporting is regretted. (D.O.D.(F), 091015Z to Cominch, (R) C.E.S.F., S.B.N.O.W.At.)			
B.Y.M.S.	Departure 1600 G.M.T. 9th B.Y.M.S. 23 and 21 E.T.A. Trinidad 2100 G.M.T. 14th. (B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 091345R to Admty.)			
NORSEMAN (Cables)	Kingston 0900/10th Cable vessel NORSEMAN escorted by C.G.83381 repairing cable in position (L) 10th June (A) 10 (B) 11. (K) 17.54 N. 76.06 W. (L) 18.19 N. 76.00 W. Reference (M) Kingston, (N) Guantanamo. Days 20. (B.R.O. Kingston, 091430Q to Admty.)			
N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate.	N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's estimate of S/Ms North of 040° North West of 040° W. 1200Z/9th. (N.S.H.Q., 091457Z.)			
U/B.	Coast watcher reports sighting S/M in East Bay 047° 34' N. 054° 52' W. at 1955Z/8th. (C. in C. C.N.A., 091501Z to S.O. Present Afloat Argentina.)			
S/M Estimate 9th June, U.S. S/M Notice.	(Cominch, 091506Z, 091507Z, 091537Z, 091539Z, 092044Z.)			
G.A.T.66.	Arrived. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 091523 to Admty.)			
Rescue Ships.	Your 071842. Concur. (N.S.H.Q., 091527Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. W.A., Capt. (D) Halifax, F.O.N.F., N.C.S.O. Mersey, Cominch, C.E.S.F.)			

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Dispositions. Section East.
 O.N.187, C.3, 047° 33' 047° 25' 207° 9.5.
 40th Escort Group vicinity 048° 20' 049° 20' to
 St. Johns N.F. 12 knots.
 W.O.N.187, TRAIL vicinity 046° 49' 050° 59', 123° 8 to join
 O.N.187 at 0900Z June 10th.
 W.6 vicinity 046° 54' 051° 30' 123° 10 to join O.N.187 at
 0900Z June 10th.
 W.5 vicinity 046° 42' 050° 02' en route St. Johns N.F. 12 knots.
 O.N.S.9, W.3, 044° 45' 056° 26' 266°, 8.
 C.L.69, MALPEQUE, TROIS RIVIERES 046° 29' 056° 12' 243° 7.5
 altering to 281° in 057° 00' W.
 N.Y.10, U.S.S. HAMILTON, U.S.S. HOWARD, U.S.S HOGAN 043° 17'
 058° 43' 062° 14 altering to 027° in 056° 30' W.
 SS. JOHN CABOT 046° 15' 056° 19' 259° 7 altering 281° in
 057° 00' W.
 (C. in C. C.N.A., 091545Z.)
 My 091545Z. Add T.A.45, 041° 48' N. 052° 10' W. to 042°
 00' N. 060° 00' W. thence 040° 00' N. 064° 00' W. speed 18.5.
 (C. in C. C.N.A., 091908Z.)
 See C. in C. C.N.A. 100504.

M/V Your 041755B (ships now on passage to Cape to
 Routeing. be directed to South America port for re-routeing
 owing to U-Boat situation). Concur upon receipt
 of Indian Ocean routeing.
 (Connav, 091554Z to C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty.,
 C. in C. E.F.)

Convoy Connav's 081553. Would you also be prepared to
 Reports to have Canadian Coastal Convoy summary except
 Cominch. B.X. - X.B. in lieu of all coastal convoy
 sailing telegrams.
 (N.S.H.Q., 091554Z to Admty., (R) Connav.)
 Reply - Yes. (D.T.D., 102304B to N.S.H.Q.)

BARLE. Your 241618 May. Anticipate BARLE will proceed
 to U.K. as additional escort H.X.244.
 (C. in C. C.N.A., 091611Z to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q.)
 B.A.D., S.B.N.O.W.A., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F.,
 Cdre. (D) w.A.)

122nd M.S. Your 072225 and 071450. No objection but
 Flotilla. suggest reliance on B.Y.M.S. or M.M.S. in your
 present emergency is unsatisfactory in the
 light of A.M. 081817 and of the following
 observation.
 Only method of quickly obtaining 100% clearance is by deep
 Oropesa or A sweeping. Only ships capable of so doing are
 Fleet Sweepers working in formation and adequately served by
 danlayers. However LLs although not 100% are much better than
 nothing.
 (D.M.S., 091618B to N.S.H.Q., (R) B.A.D., C. in C. C.N.A.)

/HERRING ...

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HERRING. Following is 091623B from Comsubron 50. Para. 14. S.W.M.1 HERRING made no enemy contact.. Has nothing to report. (Comnaveu, 091711Z to F.O.(S).)

Movements, Balboa 9th June W.J. CONNOR, U.S.A.T. COPTIC. Cristobal. (R.O. Cristobal, 091720 to Admty.)

Information for Russia. C.O.S.(W) 635. Ref. J.S.M. 957 (T.O.O. 022311). Since it is doubtful whether Mission will go at all we would ask that you do not broach the question to Americans or C.C.S. 2. If, none the less, they raise the matter please consult Embassy before acting. F.O. are cabling Embassy fully. 3. Crux of the problem as indicated in Green 400, para. 5 is the possible embarrassment to U.S. Government resulting from conditions that may be demanded by the Russians if we ask their approval to disclosure of information supplied by them. This is a political and State Department matter. (Air Min., 091740Z to Britman Washington.)

VICTORIOUS, Request report on the effectiveness of American Aircraft, Batting methods for night deck landing. deck landing. (D.A.W.T., 091810B to VICTORIOUS, (R) B.A.D.)

Air Report, A.856, 9th. Operations for June 8th. Canada. (B) A/S sorties 38. Enemy sightings 4. At 1058 in 47.20 N. 61.30 W. sighted by 31 O.T.U. A/C. No attack due poor light and camouflage of submerging submarine. At 1222 in 47.33 N. 63.48 W. sighted 31 G.R.S. A/C no attack. At 1038 in 48.10 N. 61.03 W. sighted by R.A.F. F.C. A/C. At 1655 in 46.51 N. 62.43 W. sighted by 31 G.R.S. A/C. N.B. Subs. sighting in my A.851 8th June position should read 40.05 N. 50.55 W. not 40.00 N. 50.00 W. (A.O.C. in C. E.A.C. Canada, 091821.)

A.T. 49. 1. Pre-sailing telegram. Admty. 021936B June. 2. CHEBUCTO 2200Z June 11th. 3. 0500Z June 17 in 55.08 N. 16.00 W. 0800Z June 18th Bar Light Vessel. 4. 19.5 knots. 5. (Route). "Chop" 1400Z June 14th. 10, 11, 12. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND passengers and mail Liverpool. 15. Codeword is (? "Skunk"). (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 091845Z to Admty., etc.) As amended N.C.S.O. Halifax, 111839Z.

MANSFIELD. Request early information as to when MANSFIELD may be expected to rejoin Western Local Escort Force. (C. in C. C.N.A., 091901Z to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q., Capt. D., C. in C. W.A.)

/Convoy ...

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Convoy H.H.X.243. Sailing telegram part 2. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 091930Z to Admty.)

THUNDER. E.T.A. Sydney C.B. 0700Z/10. (THUNDER, 092000Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B., (R) C. in C. C.N.A.)

Convoy C.U. 2. C.U.2 off Oversay 041600Z. All arrived. Commodores report not yet received. Further details will follow. (D.T.D., 092008B to Connav, (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Aircraft, re supply of Squadrons. Your 311421 May, re supply of Helldiver, Tarpon, Corsair, Hellcat and Martlet Squadrons. (5th S.L., 092047B to B.A.D.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
Para. C. B.18 has made contact 37.10 N. 73.56 W. 1715/09.
Para. D. Army plane sights sub. 03.35 S. 34° W. 1720/08. Coast Guard craft attacks sound contact 39° N. 74.10 W. about 0400/08. Coast watcher sights sub. 47.34 N. 54.52 W. 1955/08. Training aircraft sights sub. 46.51 N. 62.43 W. 1655/08. MACKENZIE attacked sound contact 38.28 N. 68.59 W. a.m./7th. BOYLE attacked sound contact 38.27 N. 67.51 W. 0625/07. (Cominch, 092111Z to Admty.)

FENNEL. Departure for St. Johns N.F. (C. Halifax, 092211Z to Admty., etc.)

H.H.X.243. Departure CALDWELL, KAMSACK, TRURO escorting H.H.X.243. (Halifax, 092212Z to Admty., etc.)

Convoy U.G.F. 9A. 1. Sailing telegram part 1. 2. 2200Z June 10th. (? Gibraltar) through seaward end swept channel. 3. Position C at 111200Z. S. of A. 13.5 knots. 4. "Chop" 0600 June 18th diversion control changes from Connav to British Admiralty. Fleet Radio watch "Fox" all ways. Gibraltar 182030Z to destination. 5. (Route). 6. Task Group 65.5, U.S.S. BROOKLYN, U.S.S. BUCK, U.S.S. EDISON, U.S.S. WILLKES, U.S.S. NICHOLSON, U.S.S. SWAN COAST, U.S.S. ROE, U.S.S. BOYLE. (P.D. New York, 092214Z to Connav, (R) C.E.S.F., Cdr. North-west Africa S.F., Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., N.S.H.Q., N.O.B. Oran, U.S.N.O.B. Bermuda.)

/Japanese ...

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.Japanese
Hospital
Ships.

X J.S.M. 972, 9th June. Hospital Ships.

1. Reports from Pacific concerning improper use and marking by Japanese of hospital ships together with accidental U.S. attack on Italian hospital ship on 13th May and sinking of Australian hospital ship CENTAUR on 14th May

have led U.S. Chiefs of Staff to submit paper proposing the following interpretations of Geneva Convention be approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff.

(a) Sunset to sunrise hospital ships must be illuminated continuously.

(b) Sunset to sunrise hulls must be illuminated to show the white painting and green band.

(c) Any form of manoeuvre or stratagem at sea such as practice by Naval vessels to deceive enemy not permitted.

(d) Ship designated as hospital ship may carry - (i) Regular personnel assigned to it. (ii) Military or Naval personnel only if sick or injured. (iii) Medical personnel for transportation. (iv) Supplies incidental to and for use on board the ship. (v) Regular medical supplies and surgical equipment for transportation. (vi) Materials of war may not be carried on any voyage.

(e) A hospital ship which is under escort is placed in jeopardy thereby and immunity from attack cannot be assured.

2. U.S. Chiefs of Staff recommend that if above approved joint representations should be made by Great Britain and United States to Axis powers.

3. Further U.S. Chiefs of Staff point out that while the Allies will probably have in service about 50 hospital ships before the end of the war the Axis will be using about 20 hospital ships in Asiatic waters and only a few in European waters. It would appear therefore that unrestricted warfare by submarines would be disadvantageous to us. U.S. Chiefs of Staff recommend that no measures be taken which would cause unrestricted warfare on hospital ships by Axis powers but that if the Japanese attack another hospital ship like CENTAUR or by their answer to our protest indicate that they intend to sink hospital ships whether recognised or not then Allies should take similar action against the Japanese but not against Germany or Italy.

4. Could we have an early reply.

(J.S.M. Washington, 092347Z to W.C.O.)

Australia and New Zealand.Kiwi No.
56 and 56A.

Three unidentified A/C approached Funafuti Ellice Islands from north-west and retired on reciprocal course without attacking. Air attack made Allied positions Guadalcanal morning 7th no details yet. 40B with F escort seen by coast

/watchers ...

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56 and 56A.
(Contd.)

watchers in North Bougainville on south-east course 6th 10 Lightnings, 8 Warhawks strafed dumps of enemy material Kahasa 22 miles south-east Bambatana west coast Choiseul. 9 Dauntlesses, 12 Avengers with 3 No. Wildcats escorting bombed A/A positions Munda. 4 M.A.A.'s and a DD seen near Buin morning 6th.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 090033Z.)

Movements.

R.A.A.F. store ship WANAKA arrived Darwin 7th June. H.T. DUNTROON arrived Brisbane 8th. U.S. Transport CREMER departed Sydney 7th due Townsville 11th. U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER departed Fall River 7th, due Port Moresby 8th. H.T. TAROONA departed Port Moresby 7th, due Townsville 10th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 090037 to Admty.)
Honolulu 9th June U.S.A.T. F.A.3.
(R.O. Pearl, 090259 to Admty.)
Arrivals 7th June Townsville U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN.
8th Port Moresby U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER. Cairns Dutch Naval Store Ship MINJAKTANAH.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 091256Z to Admty.)
Departures Sydney 7th DELORAINIE, BENDIGO. Fremantle MORESBY for Brixham. Port Moresby 8th U.S. (D) BALLARD for Noumea.
(A.C.N.B., 092038Z to Admty.)

Digest
Serial
No. 505
June 8th.

Morning R/C Liberator unsuccessfully attacked 4 merchant vessels, 2 gunboats whereof blurred photos confirmed 3 medium, 1 small medium merchantman, 1 gunboat 35 miles W.S.W. Kavieng course 150°.

(2) Submarine observed passing Cape Orford southbound late afternoon.

(5) Photos morning show 1 small merchant vessel, 5 luggers, 50 Esuies (as received) in Kairiru anchorage, 1 small merchantman, 5 luggers and usual barge concentration in Wewak Harbour.

Five Zeros unsuccessfully attempted to intercept R/C Lightning.

(8) Four Catalinas struck Babo night 7th-8th starting heavy explosion in building area. One of these aircraft also bombed starboard Kaimana starting large fire and also reported sighting 1 small vessel at jetty.

(9) Three Liberators bombed shipping revealed by photos to comprise one 5,000, two 3,000 ton merchant vessels, 1 minelayer in Waingapoe Harbour before noon 8th scoring near misses on largest merchantman.

(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 090714Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.

(D.D.I.C., 091335B, 091336B.)

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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands.

Northern Waters.

X 1. As enemy activity may now develop in Northern Waters, Admiralty have today informed Coastal Command that special Fleet R/C must take precedence over trade-protection.

Patrol off Cape Finisterre.

2. CHARYBDIS left Plymouth at 1157B today to patrol in about 43° N. 13° W. until further orders.

3. Harwich and the Eastern entrance of Portsmouth Harbour were both closed for a few hours this morning owing to fog.

4. QUEEN MARY left the Clyde at 1940B for New York.

X 5. One ground mine was detonated by Sweepers today off Harwich, one in the Thames Estuary, one off Yarmouth, and one in the Portsmouth area where a second was also swept.

Mediterranean.

Ship Torpedoed.

X 6. WISHART at 2210B reported 1 ship torpedoed by submarine in 36.58 N., 5.31 E., in Convoy G.T.X.2. Tug EMPIRE GNOME was sent from Bougie, but ship sank before she arrived.

Pantellaria, Operation "Corkscrew".

X 7. Rear-Admiral, Force L, in LARGS, with APHIS, Assault Forces, and escorts, left Sousse and Sfax this evening for Operation "Corkscrew", assault on Pantellaria. To prevent interference by enemy E/Boats with this operation, V.A. Malta and S.O. Inshore Squadron were requested to establish the strongest possible coastal craft patrol tomorrow night, 11th June, boats from Malta in longitude 13.20 between latitudes 37.13 and 37.18 and boats from Bizerta in longitude 12.50 between latitudes 36.55 and 37.10.

C.S.15 in NEWFOUNDLAND, with ORION, AURORA, PENELOPE and destroyers, left Malta to bombard the Island and as a covering force.

/Malta...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Malta
Convoy.

8. Convoy M.W.30 arrived at Malta today escorted by HURWORTH, ADRIAS, CROOME, HURSLEY, JUMNA, LISMORE, GAWLER.

Air
Operations.

9. 32 Wellingtons dropped 65 tons of bombs on Pantellaria last night. Today's report of the North West Africa Strategical Air Force operating against Pantellaria shows 246 sorties by Fortresses escorted by 96 Lightnings, 135 sorties by Marauders escorted by 86 Warhawks (some aircraft making double sorties), 129 sorties by Mitchells escorted by 48 Lightnings, and 157 sorties by Lightnings flying as fighter bombers and escorts. The Tactical Air Force sent 12 Mustang dive bombers which attacked gun positions, while 36 Warhawks escorted 6 Bostons and 3 Mitchells which dropped messages, and 10 U.S. Spitfires engaged enemy aircraft. In all, 1045 sorties were made against the island today. Other aircraft were employed on R/C and message dropping.

East Indies.

Persian
Gulf
Shipping.

10. C. in C. Eastern Fleet this morning informed S.N.O. Persian Gulf that it was not acceptable that shipping in the Gulf should be held up for more than a minimum wait, and that essential shipping must be kept moving. For ships which cannot be included in the present convoy programme, independent sailing with evasive routeing must be resumed so long as U/Boats are not located actually in the Gulf of Hormuz.

SCOUT.

11. C. in C. Eastern Fleet intends to withdraw the destroyer SCOUT from the area of the Commander, Bengal-Ceylon Escort Force on 5th July, from which date No. 222 Group report that she can be fully employed as torpedo target vessel for torpedo bombers temporarily in the Persian Gulf. Until this date, her duties as escort vessel will take precedence over target work.

Convoy.

12. Convoy W.S.29 B., 5 ships escorted by CHITRAL, arrived at Bombay at 100317Z:

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America and West Indies.

- A 13. ESSO, GETTYSBURG, U.S. tanker, 10,172 tons, was sunk today in a position estimated as 31.00 N. 79.15 W. (about 130 miles S. by W. of Charleston), whilst bound from Port Arthur for Philadelphia in a coastal convoy.
- X 14. Cominch reports (14 June) that U.S. S/M. Chaser P.C.487 today destroyed a submarine in the north Pacific area by depth charges, ramming and gunfire.

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ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN is transferred to 42nd Group.
(C. in C. W.A., 101011B).

VELDA

VELDA, an armed boarding vessel allocated for service at Gibraltar, is expected to arrive Tobermory to work up about 20th June.
(D.A/S.W., 101119B to WESTERN ISLES).JEANNIE LEASK,
SEA HOLLY,
SWEET PROMISE.On arrival of Dutch vessels, F.O.I.C. Harwich is requested to pay off JEANNIE LEASK, SEA HOLLY, SWEET PROMISE. Armament should be removed and M.S. gear landed in accordance with C.A.F.O. 791/43.
(D.M.S., 101640B).Defence of United Kingdom.

Orkneys

X My 1442/31 March. Interim report received from A.C.O.S. states that retention of 3 searchlight batteries in the Orkneys is strongly recommended. Admiralty and A.A. Command support this view. 2. This contingency appears to be covered by C.O.S. (43) 86th Meeting, Item 3, para. 2.
(D.L.D., 102154B to Air Ministry).Movements.

Scapa

Principal ships at Scapa 0600/10th June.
(A.C.O.S., 100601 to Admty).

CHIDDINGFOLD

(Corrupt group) Faeroes arrival CHIDDINGFOLD. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 100947B to A.C.O.S.) Your 051605. Intend to sail CHIDDINGFOLD at 1800 today to Invergordon through Pentland. E.T.A. 1000/11th?. Count Reventlow, Colonel Parkes taking passage.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 101237B to A.C.O.S.) Sailed my 101237.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 101801B).S/M
Movements.PROTEUS exercising off Plymouth between 0815 and 1530/10th June.
(C. in C. Plymouth 100955B). Intend sailing CUTTY SARK and UPSTART from Holy Loch at 1400B/12th June to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1000B/14.(2) Thence CUTTY SARK and SHAD to Hoxa Sound, E.T.A. 2000B/14.
(3) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail SCEPTRE to meet convoy in Hoxa Sound. Thence CUTTY SARK, SHAD, SCEPTRE to Clyde, E.T.A. 0900B/16.
(Capt. S.3., 101033B and 121209B).

/Capt...

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S/M Capt. (S) 3's 071129B. My position 51° 38' 05"
Movements. 32'. E.T.A. 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles 1400B/11.
(contd). Request bombing restrictions for P.56 be adjusted.
(SALADIN, 101200B to A.I.G. 220).
In view of Capt. (S) 9 101029 cancel para. 2
of my 091018.
(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail ULA in company
LE CURIE for Lerwick on 16th June.
(F.O.S., 101246B to A.C.O.S.)

Positions of submarines at 0800B/11 and movements for
following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 101701B, 111932B, 112304B).
PROTEUS exercising off Plymouth between 0930 and 1530/11th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101705B).
Escort mislaid again. Intend returning through Hoy Sound,
E.T.A. Hoy Boom 1845B.
(SCEPTRE, 101725B to A.C.O.S.)
Sailed X Type submarine 7 in tow of THRASHER escorted by
ALECTO in accordance with Capt. (S) 12 090955B.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 101734B).

Landing A.M. 082103B May and A.M. 091949B June.
Craft Flight It is proposed that Flight H should assemble
"H". at Plymouth instead of Falmouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101131B to Admty).
A.M. 082013 May and A.M. 281711 May. Landing
Craft Flight H will now sail from Plymouth.
2. Composition L.C.I.(L) 245. L.C.T.(4) 542, 595, 606, 624.
M.F.V.12. It will not be possible to include L.C.T.(4) 626.
3. Escort H.M.T. LOCH OSKAIG and Tug ABEILLE IV.
4. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail this flight on June
15th or earlier if craft are ready in time.
(D.O.D. H., 101616B).
My 042335B destination of LOCH OSKAIG changed to Plymouth.
Ship is detailed as escort to Flight H.
(C. in C. W.A., 101730B to WESTERN ISLES).

ASHANTI Arrived ASHANTI.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101244 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

Landing Craft Flight "E". Flight "E." On crossing 10° W. alter course to
new P.47.20 N. 14.02 W, omitting K and L.
(D.O.D. H., 101313B to SOUTHERN GEM).

Coastal Craft Admiralty's 082210B. NARVIK (S.O.) and YORK
Group G. CITY detailed.
(C. in C. W.A., 101826B to Admty).

BRITOMART, BRITOMART (S.O.) and JASON sailed for Kola
JASON. Inlet p.m. today.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 101923B to Admty).

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Patrols.

My 091040B. "Device" returned.

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 100547B).

Your 091435B. "Obstacle" arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 100607B).

Your 091435B. "Stencil" arrived 0948.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 101004 to C. in C. Plymouth).

1. Intend M.L. 269 (S.O.) M.L. 303, and R.M.L. 523 to Patrol tonight on lat. $50^{\circ} 20' N.$, between $01^{\circ} 45' W.$ and $02^{\circ} 25' W.$
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave patrol-line dawn/11th returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
3. Object anti E-boat patrol. Codeword "Device". (F.O.I.C. Portland, 101112B).

Anti E-boat patrols.

1. Patrol A. M.Ls. 491 and 155 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.
2. Codeword "Warrant".
3. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 317, 326, 330 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
4. Codeword "Obstacle".
5. Patrol A is to sail from Dartmouth and patrol B from Plymouth at 2230B for Patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth and Plymouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101357B).

1. Anti E-boat patrol tonight on latitude $50^{\circ} 25' N.$, between $00^{\circ} 15' W.$ and $0^{\circ} 00' W.$ from 2345B to 0400B to be carried out.

(A) If weather suitable for coastal forces by M.G.B. 611, 614, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX. ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE immediate notice at Yarmouth.

(B) If unsuitable for coastal forces by ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE, M.G.Bs. immediate notice at Newhaven.

2. Decision will be signalled at about 2000B.
3. M.L. 572, 464 patrol searched channel between F and E.A. 5 buoys, after each hour from midnight to 0405B.
5. Communications. (A) Destroyers. Codeword "Advent".
- (B) S.G.Bs. and M.G.Bs. Codeword "Jovial".
- (C. in C. Portsmouth, 101451B).

(2) Anti E-boat patrol to southward of E.A. 5 buoy by:

(A) M.G.Bs. 611, 614, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX or (B) ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE.

(3) At Immediate notice (A) ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE at Yarmouth or (B) M.G.Bs. 611, 614 at Newhaven.

(4) M.L. 572, 464 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.

(5) Chasseur 5 at St. Helens. LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth.

(6) M.Ls. 269, 303 R.M.L. 523 from Portland patrolling $50^{\circ} 20' N.$, between $02^{\circ} 25' W.$ and $01^{\circ} 45' W.$

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101500B).

My 101451. Paragraph one A is to be carried out.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 102036B).

My 101357B. "Obstacle" sailed 2240.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 102349)

My 101112B. Owing to dense fog "Device" is remaining in harbour at immediate notice.

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 102205B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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CHARYBDIS
Patrol.

X (1) CHARYBDIS is to sail from Plymouth passing Gate at 1045B/10th and proceed at 18 knots to position (B) 043° 01' N., 012° 59' W.

(2) Route Q.Z.S.409 and 410 thence through position (Q) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles.

(A) 049° 01' N., 010° 01' W. (3) On arrival position (B) CHARYBDIS is to patrol up to 50 miles from position on course 19° until further orders.

(4) A.M. 091701B (See Special File) is attached.

(6) Codeword "Porter".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 100957B to CHARYBDIS).

My 100957B. CHARYBDIS sailed.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101157B to Admty).

S/M
Patrols.

Not for SHAD. Number 9 for HADDO, number 9 for HAKE. After passing through position G, BARB and BLACKFISH proceed to pass through new position J. 052° 45' 028° 01' at 0900/12 and 0300/13 respectively. Omit position H.

2. From position J, BARB and BLACKFISH proceed dive by day to patrol square E.2 and G.3 respectively.

(F.O.S., 101603B to Subron 50).

Positions of submarines at 0800B/11th and movements for following 24 hours.

(A) HAKE approx. 50° 35' N., 30° 15' W. dived by day to patrol vicinity 47° 55' N. 35° 50' W.

(B) HADDO approx. 49° 08' N., 38° 52' W. dived by day to patrol vicinity 46° 40' N., 38° 25' W.

(C) BARB 54° 55' N., 22° 02' W. probably on surface to pass through 52° 45' N., 28° 01' W. at 0900/12th.

(D) BLACKFISH 55° 35' N., 19° 45' W. probably on surface to pass through 55° 30' N., 20° 01' W. at 1200/11th and 52° 45' N., 28° 01' W. at 0300/13th.

(E) TALLY HO 65° 06' N., 01° 00' W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 65° 20' N., 01° 15' E.

(F) TRUCULENT vicinity 64° 20' N., 00° 59' E.

(G) SEADOG vicinity 63° 30' N., 01° 01' E.

(H) SATYR vicinity 62° 50' N., 02° 30' E.

(J) SHAD 63° N., 01° W. dived as much as practicable to pass through 61° 30' N., 00° 01' W. at 0800/12th.

(F.O.S., 101701B to Admty).

Allied Air Activity.

Fleet R/C

X Enemy activity may develop in Northern Waters Special Fleet R/C must now take precedence over trade protection.

(A.C.N.S. H., 100110B to A.O.C. in C. C.C.)

Rotterdam
and Emden
R/Cs.

In view of fluctuation in shipping volume at Rotterdam and Emden request photographic R/C of these ports twice weekly for next three weeks.

(D.D.I.C., 101646B to H.Q.C.C.)

/Barracuda...

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attacking
speed.R Message 664R. In the case of Barracuda
aircraft provisional attacking speed is 165
knots. This is subject to alteration after further
experience.

(D.A.W.T., 101931B: "R" Message 672 R).

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland

1 unidentified enemy aircraft sighted 20 miles
East Reykjavik at 0155 course East.1 unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 15 miles
North of Tjornes 066° 12' N., 017° 08' W. at
0730 course S.E. and 1 sighted flying low 5
miles S. of Skalar 066° 20' N. 014° 45' W.
at 0815, course E.

(A.C.I.C., 101259B to Admty. (R) C. in C. H.F.)

Mining.

Q.L.9 A.

1 carry out operation Q.L.(9) A tonight.
(C. in C. Nore, 101154B to BEEHIVE).

Harwich

1 ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1215 in
52° 00.5' N. 01° 37.3' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 101336).Thames
Estuary.1 Ground mine detonated 195° Gun Fleet Tower
1.7 miles.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 101437B).

Yarmouth

LL Sweepers, detonated one red magnetic mine at
101656B in 334° 3 B buoy 3 miles.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 101719B)
(Cdre. M/S Lowestoft, 111037B).Sweep of
Q.Z.K.1021Detonated one and swept one R-Type Mine in 20
minutes sweeping of Q.Z.K.1021. Otherwise Fog
bound.
(M/S 9, 101923B to C. in C. Portsmouth).U-Boats.U-boats in
Biscay Area.By D/F at 2046Z/9 U-boat estimated anywhere
within 75 miles of 45° 00' N. 16° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C., 100001B to Escorts K.M.S.16, GAMBIA).

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Navigational.

Harwich Port closed owing to fog.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 100518).
Cancel my 0518B.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 100753).

Portsmouth Port of Portsmouth Eastern entrance closed due to fog.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 100802B).
Port of Portsmouth eastern entrance now open.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101312B).

Technical.

Type 251 M. My 171519 March. Following additional 22 Western Approaches ships fitted with type 251 M. Names.
(C. in C. W.A., 101704B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Casualties & Defects.

QUALITY QUALITY has been in collision and received the following damage on the Port side. Details. Extent of underwater damage cannot be fully assessed until ship is docked.

Intend to make temporary repairs at Scapa and anticipate that ship will be ready to sail for a repair yard on about 12th instant.

Anticipate that permanent repairs will take about 2½ to 3 weeks at a dockyard.

Request that a repair yard may be allocated forthwith.
(R.A.D. H.F., 100020B to Admty).

My 100020B. Examination reveals following additional damage to outer bottom:-

Large hole in D Strake at 66 Station requiring renewal of Plate D.10. In view of this damage temporary repairs will take slightly longer and anticipate ship will be ready to sail about 14th instant.

2. Temporary repairs are being carried out without docking.
(R.A.D. H.F., 101135 to Admty).

PROTEUS My 050930. PROTEUS delayed by defects. Now anticipate 12th to be earliest date.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 100058B to F.O.S.)

O.14 F.O.S. 091018. O.14 has developed cracks in cylinder block of remaining main engine and is unable proceed to sea.
(Capt. S.9., 101029B to F.O.S., A.C.O.S.)

MANSFIELD Your 091901. MANSFIELD developed dynamo defects after working up. Anticipate she will be ready to sail with O.N.189.
(C. in C. W.A., 101244Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

/M.G.B....

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Casualties & Defects. - Conts.

- M.G.B.77 My 081125B. Boat cannot be sailed as anticipated. Further engine replacement required. (HORNET, 101437 to Admty).
- KRAKOWIAK Your 071227. Earliest date is 25th June, subject to receipt of R.D.F. stores by 15th June. (C. in C. Plymouth, 101549B to Admty).

Shipping & Convoys.

- NEWFOUNDLAND. Sailed Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND at 0300B/10 independently to Avonmouth unescorted. E.T.A. Barry Road, 2359B/10th. (N.C.S.O. Belfast, 100336 and 101105B).
- H.X. 242 By D/F at 0241Z U-boat estimated within 75 miles of 56° 00' N. 34° 00' W. (D.D.I.C., 100641B to Escorts H.X. 242, S.G.1)
- O.S.49 Convoy O.S.49 shadowed by enemy flying boat in 045° 17' N., 014° 00' W. (GAMBIA 100950Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Request aircraft co-operating with convoy O.S. 49 (?be) instructed to (A) show I FF in vicinity of convoy (B) listen out on 2410 keys when in company (C) make call sign on Aldis Signalling Lamp on each occasion of closing to V/S distance of S.O. E.G. (ii) Unheralded Whitley not showing I FF and eventually making out-of-date recognition sigs. by SEAFIRE this forenoon while actual Bandit made off unmolested. (B.3 101520Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
- K.M.S.18 A Admiralty 092053. A/S escort WELLINGTON S.O., FOLKESTONE, GORLESTON, EXE, NESS. (C. in C. W.A., 101126B).
My 101126. 1. S.O. is to attend conference and is to return subsequently to Londonderry.
2. Escort is to join convoy from Londonderry.
3. One additional escort is to be detailed from Clyde to Oversay R/V. (C. in C. W.A., 101224B to Cdre. D. W.A.)
A.M. 092053. Though all ships in convoy K.M.S. 18 (A) fly the White Ensign, owing to their armament and limited capabilities it has been decided that they should be treated as an ordinary convoy.
2. The S.O. of the ships in convoy is to assume the responsibilities of the Commodore of a convoy as laid down in M.C.I. Article 30.
3. The S.O. of the escort is to be responsible for the safety of escorts and convoy in accordance with M.C.I. Article 32.
4. Request you will issue the necessary instructions. (A.C.N.S. H., 102227B to C. in C. W.A.)

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- O.S. 50 /
K.M.S.17 ABERDEEN, LOWESTOFT are to proceed to Gibraltar
with K.M.S.17.
(C. in C. W.A., 101130B to Cdre. D. W.A.)
- O.N.189 O.N.189. Request you will sail MANSFIELD
June 15th to Reykjavik to fuel. A.C.I.C. is
requested subsequently to sail MANSFIELD to join
O.N.189 at Icomp. N.S. MANSFIELD to join
Western Local Escort force on arrival.
(C. in C. W.A., 101249Z to N.O.I.C. Greenock,
A.C.I.C.)
DESTINY detailed convoy O.N.189.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 101656B).
- O.N.S.10 Arrived fuelled and sailed SUNFLOWER to overtake
O.N.S.10.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 101258B).
- S.C.132 Request you will sail AQUAMARINE R/V. S.C.132
B escorted by LAVENDER. S.C.132 E.T.A. position
A. 0930B/11.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 101542 to Cdre. D. W.A.)
- Escort
Oilers. A.M. 081800A/March. Following tankers should
be available for sailing in O.N.189 or O.N.S.11
according to declared speed, but no action is to
be taken which may prevent any vessel sailing
in an earlier convoy where this is possible.
FJORDAAS, BENEDICK, GLARONA, ESSO NASHVILLE,
ATHEL PRINCE.
(D.T.D., 101855B).
- D.F.7 A.M. 311803/May. BEN MY CHREE will be sailed
in place of LADY OF MANN.
(D.O.D. H., 101905B to A.C.O.S.)
- ORDUNA,
HIGHLAND
PRINCESS. Your 101120. My 081811 requested F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar to report intentions for onward escort
from Casablanca to U.K. for ORDUNA and HIGHLAND
PRINCESS. 2. F.O.C. West Africa has reported
that these ships are carrying such numbers of
personnel as to necessitate escort.
(D.O.D. F., 101941B to C. in C. W.A.)
- QUEEN MARY. Sailed at 101940B.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 102130B and 102204B).
- O.N.C.188 Sailed Rescue Tug HESPERIA escorted by
COLDSTREAMER in convoy O.N.C.188.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 102318B).

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G.U.S.8 Refer to this as 100705 of which this is a re-encypherment (begins):

1. Sailing telegram G.U.S.8 part 1.
2. 090600A. 3. Position 34.08 N. 08.29 W. 1500A/9. (KK) 33.00 N. 11.59 W. 1200A/10.
- speed 9. 4. 10 W. 2400A/9 24 W. 1400A/13.
- Radio shift 20 west 1500A/12. Route positions.
6. Taskfor 66 BIBB, INGRAM, THREAT, GREER, HAMBLETON, PORTENT, UPSHUR, CHIPPEWA, DOYLE, PIONEER, ESCALANTE. Task group 21.3 CARD, HERBERT, DUPONT, DICKERSON. Codeword "Wasting" first two letters W/T call sign 6 J. (Commorseafon, 100712 to P.D. Norfolk, (R) Admty. etc).

Refer to this as my 100710. This is re-encyphered version.

(1) Sailing Telegram G.U.S.8 Part 2.
 (10) (11) (12) all ships U.S. destination Hampton Roads except as indicated. (list).
 (C.M.S.F.F., 100719Z to P.D. Norfolk).
 P.C. and S. of G.U.S.8 at 2000Z/10th 032° 00' N., 013° 44' W. 239° 8.5. Please pass to interested parties.
 ((U.S) C.T.F.66, 102050Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty).

AMARAPOORA Hospital Ship AMARAPOORA sailed 0700B/10th June for Tunis, E.T.A. 0800/13th. Has on board 20 tons medical stores for Algiers. Request disposal instructions on arrival. (S.T.O. I.C. Gibraltar, 100900B to P.S.T.O. Mediterranean).

L.C.I.(L)s Arrived COLUMBINE L.C.I.(L)s 100, 164, 165, 166, 169, 171, 172, 178, 179, 181, 241. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 101046B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med., Comlan crabnaw, C. in C. Portsmouth C. in C. W.A., Comphibfornaw).

Dispositions. Situation 1959B/10th.

- (1) 18 L.C.I.(L) S.O. 173, 036° 21' 016° 22' 090° 10.
- (2) CHANTICLEER, STARWORT 041° 50' 013° 17' through 043° 01' 013° 30' and 045° 01' 013° 30' thence 004° 13.
- (3) Hospital ship M.L. 143 044° 40' 011° 59' through 040° 01' 012° 01' thence 058° 14.
- (4) O.S.49 K.M.S.16, KEPPEL (E) 044° 13' 013° 55' 182° 7.
- (5) Small craft convoy tug SHEPPEY 041° 43' 013° 29' 152° 8.
- (6) G.U.S.8, C.T.F.66, 032° 40' 012° 37' 238° 8.
- (7) S.R.5 ANTELOPE 025° 30' 016° 49' through 025° 36' 016° 48' thence 047° 10.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 101047B).
 Situation 1958B/10. U.G.S.9, C.T.F.69, 030° 30' 024° 08' 084° 9.
 2. U.S. Ship WEST POINT 040° 28' 033° 18' through 040° 30' 030° 59' thence 106° 20.5.
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 101103B).

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HIGHLAND
CHIEFTAIN. Independently routed merchant ship HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN may cross your track during daylight today Thursday.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101143B to Escorts U.G.S. 9 (R) Admty. Cominch C. and R).

Escort of
ORDUNA,
HIGHLAND
PRINCESS. Your 091534. It will not be possible to relieve destroyers of 13th D.F. at Momp.
2. MELBREAK may be retained for this duty.
(D.O.D. (F), 101210B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
(R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth
Reply: C. in C. Med., 111816.
E.T.A. 110130B, fuel required 180 tons.
(MELBREAK, 102110B to F.O.C. Gibraltar (R)
Capt. D).
Arrival 19th VILLAREAL DE ALAVA. Arrival 10th JEUNE DENISE. Departure 9th CABO QUINTRES, CASTILLO ANDRADE.
Departure 10th SPES, LINETTE, NORDFELS.
(Consul Bilbao, 101335 to Admty).

TEMPLAR Intend to sail P.316 (TEMPLAR) p.m. June 12th for working up patrol in Gulf of Lions.
Communications.
(2) Route. (3) Capt. (S) 8th is requested to assume R/T operational control at 140430. S. of A. 10 knots, 104 miles per day. Time zone minus circle.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 101519B to C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 8, (R) V.A. Malta, P.316 (TEMPLAR) 8th S.F., S.O. Force H., N.O.I.C. Oran, Com. Algiers). Deferred 24 hours, see 122017B.

P.56
(USURPER) Amend 1st time mentioned to read 1400B/11 June and both other times to read 0500B 18th June. My 081359B refers. (P.56 leaving Scilly Isles 2300/10 June).
(Capt. S.3., 101541B to F.O.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C. Subs. Capt. (S) 8, S.O. S/Ms Gib. C. in C. Plymouth, P.56,(USURPER)).

M.K.S.14 M.K.S.14 sailed escorted by HUSSAR, SPEEDWELL, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE, MINNA. Local escorts ACTIVE, LORD NUFFIELD.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101710B to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med).

Movements Gibraltar 9th. TAGUS, MALOJA sailed 1910/9th, Lisbon 11th.
(Gibraltar, 101746B to Admty).

K.M. Convoys, Gibraltar restrictions. Request you will arrange that any stragglers from K.M.F.18 and 19 or K.M.S.18 and 19 shall be put into quarantine on arrival and that no one shall be allowed ashore.
2. Such ships are only to be visited by N.C.S. officers or other Naval representatives.
(D.T.D., 101910B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) N.C.S.O. Gibraltar, R.A. (V)).
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NORDFELS NORDFELS sailed 0230 June 10th.
(Bilbao, 101945 to M. of E.W. (R) Admty. (D.N.I.)
B.N.A. Madrid, S.O.(I) Gib).

Movements, Arrivals HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, VETCH, REIGHTON
Gibraltar. WYKE, PIROUETTE, FOXTROT, ex G.U.S. 8.
Departures LIDDESDALE patrol west.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 102004B to Admty. C. in C. Med).

Movements, 10th June arrived departed SPIREA, MIGNONETTE,
Casablanca. departed D.H.M.S. (as received) 28, 09, 27,
and ? (C) 9471 and 9472.
(Commorseafron, 102009Z to C. in C. Med).

Explosion Plane observed Water Plume 150 feet high in 34°
02' N., 07° 41' W. Nearest Vessel two miles
distant at time of explosion 1040A/June 9th. No
other aircraft in area. Pilot reports brown scum
resembling depth charge residue. Estimate
probable enemy mine.
(Commorseafron, 102010Z to C. in C. Med., (R)
Comnavnaw, F.O.C. Gibraltar, Cominch, Admty).

O.S.49 AC39 10 June.
K.M.S.16. We are escorting O.S.49 and K.M.S.16 from dawn
11 June.
(A.C.H.Q. Gibraltar, 102145B to 15 Group Alder-
grove (R) 19 Grp. Ballykelly Admty. H.Q.C.C.)

Suspicious Aircraft sighted 10,000 ton two stack cargo and
Ship. transport ship in 30.25 N., 24.52 W. at 13.45 A
June, 10, course 090° speed 18. Flashed CTY to
aircraft. Can you identify?
(C.M.S.F.F., 102235Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
Admty. Comfairwing 15).
Probably HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN, see 111014B.

SEVERN After crossing 043° 01' N., at 131300 pass
following positions at times stated.
X. 038° 50' 010° 01' at 1045/14th.
W. 036° 51' 009° 13' at 2115/14th.
V. 036° 37' 007° 24' at 0500/15th. U. 035° 53' 006° 15' at
1030/15th. T. 035° 49' 006° 06' 30" at 1110/15th.
Thence through Strait by Q.K.A. 87 to position 180° Europa
Point 2 at 1400/15th, thence P, 180° Cape Calaburras 15 at
1645/15th Q, Casablanca 180° Cape de Gata 15 at 0130/16th,
thence as ordered by Capt. (S) 8th. All times zone minus
?2. Positions North and West.
2. Proceeding on the surface at your discretion at 11½ knots.
Do not cross meridian 007° W. before 0700/15th but thereafter
increase speed 14 knots.

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3. Total bombing restrictions have been arranged 10 miles either side your route from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern your estimated position. Report if you are unable to keep within your bombing restrictions.

4. Read H.S. and G.S. routines until 1400/15th thereafter read Gibraltar broadcast West of Greenwich meridian and Algiers broadcast East Greenwich, shift to read M.S. routine. (F.O. Gibraltar, 102317 to SEVERN (R) TEMPLAR Sub. P.316, Comnob Oran, F.O.S., C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers, V.A. Malta, Force H. Capt. (S) 8th, Capt. (S) 3rd. Capt. (S) 5th, TRUSTY).

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.Convoy
D.N.47.

Sailing telegram. 2. 0600Z/10th June. 4. 8 knots.
5. Z. 028° 32' S. 032° 30' E. A. 026° S. 038° E.
B. 026° S. 041° E. thence as in Serial No. 887
to 895. 6. FREESIA, DRANGEY, COVENTRY CITY,
ST. ZENO, NORWICH CITY, LADY ELSA. 15. R.W.D.1
to 9 "Garter".
(N.C.S.O. Durban 100702Z to Admty. etc.)

FERNMOOR,
MASTERFUL.

Sailed FERNMOOR, MASTERFUL in convoy D.N.47.
N.C.S.O. Durban 100702 refers.
2. After dispersal FERNMOOR proceeds to Aden
(route). S.O.A. 9 knots, A.H.A. (?E.T.A.)
0600Z/28 June. My 100714Z.
3. After dispersal MASTERFUL proceeds to Kilindini
(route). S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. 0600Z/18 June.
(Comar 1/c Durban 100714 to Admty. C. in C.S.A.
etc.)

Movements.

Arrival 1330Z/8th June, MYOSOTIS.
(S.O.I. Freetown 100800Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) Admty. etc.)
Arrived 0718Z GEORGES LEYGUES. Admiral Afrique
informed.
(Comar Dakar 100906Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty. etc.)

Arrivals Pointe Noire 2000Z/9th WOLVERINE, WITCH, 0645Z/10th
RAPID.

(B.N.L.O.W. Africa 100915A to F.O.C.W.A.)

Arrival 10th PORTSDOWN and BUTTERMERE also cable ship
LADY DENISON PENDER.

(N.C.S.O. St. Vincent 100930 to Admty.)

Simonstown arrival 10th June BARWIND, M.M.S.107.

(C. in C.S.A. 101656B to Admty. etc.)

Arrival 10th June M.L. 244.

Departures SARABANDE escorting SS. ORIENT CITY Accra a.m. 11th
June (corrupt) and returning Takoradi. M.L. 287 Port Bouet
a.m. 11th June.

(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 101930Z to Admty. etc.)

Convoy
C.D.22.

2. 1030B/10th June. 3. Port Elizabeth p.m. 12th
June East London p.m. 13th June Durban p.m. 14th
June. 4. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5. Coastal: reference position
K.Z. Saldanha Bay. 6. GENISTA, THYME, CAPE
WARWICK, ROHILKHAND, B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7,8.
15. C.Z.D. 1-9 convoy codeword "Janitor" 168.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 100919Z to Admty. etc.)

EMPIRE COUGAR. Sailed 0730Z EMPIRE COUGAR escorted by M.Ls. 289,
574. My 091128 refers.
(Comar Dakar 100930Z to R.A.W.Af. Admty. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst.)

/BOADICEA...

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BOADICEA. Sailed BOADICEA 1400Z/10th, S.O.A. 17 knots,
E.T.A. Takoradi 0930Z/11th (?June).
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 100933Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) F.O.C.W.Af. Admty.)

Cancel my 100935 (?100933 intended). Following received from
BOADICEA. Asdic dome which fixed has been severely damaged by
under water obstruction and flooded Mess Deck which can be kept
down by pump. Am returning (Ends.)

Expect to dock 12th June.

(N.O.I.C. Lagos 101535Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) R.A.W.Af.
Admty.)

OCEAN VICTORY. Ref. M.A.R.I. section (?132) para. 3. SS.
OCEAN VICTORY (A.N.D.) declares maximum under
7 knots if fully loaded.
Have advised M.W.T.R. minimum speed for convoy
7½ knots.

Master states can maintain a minimum of 7½ knots if vessel
loaded 2500 tons lighter. Request confirmation. Addressees
pass to N.C.S.O.'s concerned.

(N.C.S.O. Takoradi 100949Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty.)

Ship referred to in your 100949 can not be accepted for

S.L. convoy unless Master declares 7½ knots.

(N.C.S.O. Freetown 101926Z to N.C.S.O. Takoradi (R) F.O.C.W.A.F.
Admty.)

FORTOL Admty. 031027. Do you wish FORTOL to proceed
O.S.49. Gibraltar in convoy S.L. 131? Convoy O.S.49
has not yet been told to expect an oiler to
join in my area.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101010Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
Admty. etc.)

F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 051110. Anticipated there will be both
joiners and leavers from and to Gibraltar with next few O.S.
and S.L. convoys. If necessary, FORTOL can join and leave with
these.

Request you will sail FORTOL for Gibraltar with S.L. 131.

Escorts of O.S. 49 should fuel Casablanca as requisite.

(D.O.D.(F) 101117B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in
C.Med.C. in C.W.A.)

U/B. /My 092157 (reports of U-Boat by BOADICEA in
Lagos area.) Further investigation of D/F
bearings suggests U-Boat north of 25° 01' N. and
not in Lagos area.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101051Z to Admty.)

Your 092157. At 2120Z/8 and 0347Z/9 MMA' (Paris) was
repeating ship transmissions made at 2114Z/8 and 0344Z/9
respectively. Suggest BOADICEA may have taken bearings of MMA'.
Admty. appreciation of bearings is as follows:-

1. At 2114Z/8 U-Boat about 1100 miles westward of Freetown.
 2. At 0344Z/9 U-Boat about 900 miles westward of the Canary Is.
- (D.D.I.C. 101114B to F.O.C.W.A.)

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions. Situation 2000Z/10th.
SUFFOLK, ROHILKHAND, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT,
CATTERICK with W.S.30, 010° 20' 010° 30' to 015°
06' 010° 29' 12½.
NIZAM 038° 30' 016° 55' to Simonstown 15.
(C. in C.S.A. 101128B.)

French Admirals. My 241221 May. Adm. Collinet now considers that
as result of Algiers agreement Adm. Auboyneau should
visit Adm. Michelier before meeting him, Collinet.
He is informing Free French Liaison Officer here
in this sense.
2. I think this is undoubtedly the better policy and I deduce
that Adm. Auboyneau is already thinking of proceeding to Algiers
instead of completing his original programme.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101145Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. Resmin.)

Convoy D.B.F.3. Sailed 1100Z FOXHOUND, BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT
escorting STIRLING CASTLE, ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE.
My 091707 refers.
(Comar Dakar 101233Z to F.O.W.Af. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst, Admty. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.)

INKPEN. Sailed 1200Z INKPEN. My 091758 (N.T. in W.R.)
refers.
(Comar Dakar 101238Z to F.O.W.A. etc.)

Floating Dock. Your 061759. To facilitate escort, considered
preferable if first destination of dock was again
changed to Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101325Z to Admty.)
No objection. (Admty. 111210B.)

ELIZABETHVILLE Bathurst departure SS. ELIZABETHVILLE to R/V
with convoy D.B.F.3 E.T.A. Freetown 1430Z/12th June
(Bathurst, via Grabbag 101451Z to Admty.)

HAWKINS,
FROBISHER. HAWKINS arrived Simonstown 9th June.
FROBISHER sailed Simonstown 1500B/10th June for
Durban. S.O.A. 19 knots. E.T.A. 0700B/13th June.
Shift to W/T organisation J. at 0001B/13th June.
Route: A. 37° S. 19° 45' E. B. 37° S. 30° 30' E.
C. 34° 08' S. 35° 37' E.
(C. in C.S.A. 101526B to Admty. etc.)

Convoy D.B.F.3. Sailed COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting
ELIZABETHVILLE 1340Z/10th June to R/V convoy D.B.F.
3 in accordance with Comar Dakar 091707.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 101546Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Comar
Dakar, Admty. FOXHOUND (R) BELLWORT, BRIDGEWATER.)

/B.Y.M.S....

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B.Y.M.S. S.O.(I) Freetown's 081400, B.Y.M.S. should be routed via Gibraltar. A.M. 271221 refers. Request you will recall B.Y.M.S.11,12,20,28 and route accordingly.
(D.M.S. 101550B to F.O.I.C. W.Af. (R) S.O.(I) Freetown, N.O.I.C. Takoradi, C. in C.Med. C. in C.E.F. C. in C.S.A.)
B.Y.M.S.11,12,20 and 28 return Freetown forthwith. Acknowledge.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101844Z to B.Y.M.S.11.)

Contraband Control Base, Dakar. H.M. Consul General with concurrence of U.S. Consul General has submitted proposals (on lines of A.M. 1731/23rd Jan.) for Contraband control base at Dakar to Governor General. Proposal was referred to Collinet who expressed following views to Governor General:

- A. Agreed in principle to establishment of base.
 - B. Agreed that staff should consist mainly of British personnel particularly technical experts, but considers essential that base should be under the control of a French Naval Officer for following reasons:
 1. Dakar is French port.
 2. Necessity for Liaison with French Maritime Command.
 - C. Cargo to be seized by the French but disposed of for Allied benefit (see Sec. of State telegram of 23rd February para. 2.)
 - D. Shore accommodation for officers and staff and storage for seized cargo and mails impossible.
2. Governor General's views not known.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 101601Z to Admty. (R) Resmin, B.N.L.O.Dakar, C. in C.Med.)

EMPIRE MIGHT, EL BIAR, escort. 1. Intend to sail FOXHOUND and BLACKMORE escorting EMPIRE MIGHT to arrive Gibraltar 22nd June. Destroyers then to join escort W.S.31 to Freetown.
2. France EL BIAR with 1400 troops will be ready to leave Dakar on 25th June for Casablanca. Speed 15 knots.
3. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to say if he can sail a Gibraltar destroyer as part escort of W.S.31 as far as 26° N. This would enable BOADICEA to escort EL BIAR to Momp with W.S.31 in 26° N. where Gibraltar destroyer would take over escort of EL BIAR to Casablanca and BOADICEA would join W.S.31 escorts.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101828Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty. C. in C.Med. Commorseafon.)

DAUNTLESS. Arrived 1600Z DAUNTLESS. Intend to sail 0730Z/11 for Casablanca routed after rounding Cape Verde through positions C., 15° 01' N. 17° 40' W.
D. 23° 50' N. 17° 40' W. E. 30° 30' N. 11° 04' W.
F. 33° 25' N. 09° 16' W. 3. Speed made good 18 knots E.T.A. 1730Z/4.
4. Paras. 4 to 7 as in F.O.C.W.Af's. 091139 to Commorseafon. Pass to Amiral Afrique.
(Comar Dakar 102003Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Commorseafon, Admty. etc.)

FLORIDA. 111100Z FLORIDA U.S.A.T. Recife 12th coastal.
(R.O.Bahia Brazil 102110 to Admty.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.Malta
Air
Operation.

A.I. 568, 9 June Daily Opsum No. 31 8/9 June.
1 Wellington on shipping search Gulf of Taranto
sighted at 2124 hrs. 39 degs. 32' North 17 degs.
23' East 1 M/V 1500 course 265 degs. speed 8
knots and attacked with 5 X 250 bombs scoring
near misses.
(Remainder similar to C.S.R. Malta 092229Z).
(R.A.F. Malta 102214Z, 100303Z, 100333Z).

Movements
Aden.

Arrival 0318Z TAMWORTH.. Departure 0519Z
TOOWOOMBA.
(N.O.I.C. Aden 100801Z to C. in C. Levant etc.).

S/Ms.

(1) P.42 (UNBROKEN) off Cape Colonne.
(2) P.31 (UPROAR) off Point Stil.
(3) SOKOL 037 degs. 23' 016 degs. 00' course
195 dges. 7½ knots.
(4) P.314 (TACTICIAN) in Adriatic.
(5) P.44 (UNITED) 036 degs. 35' 015 degs. 35' course 015 degs.
7½ knots.
(6) 10th S.F. Movements Summary at 2000/10th. All submarines
diving by day 2½ knots. Surface speed as indicated.
(Capt.S.10 100837B to S. and A. Area G.C.).

Movements
Beirut

9th June 1943, arrival AETOS, departures AETOS
IERAX.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 100852C to Admty.).

DOLFIJN
R. of P.

X P.47 (D.S. DOLFIJN) patrol off North Coast Sicily
reports R.D.F. aeriels sighted on Cape Orlando
and on East Coast Ustica.
No targets sighted, patrols active off Cape
Zaffarano. A/S conditions very poor.
(Capt.S.8. 100904B to C. in C.Med. (R) Capt.(S)
10, 8th S.F. 10th S.F.).

G.T.X.2.

Arrived FORT CONFIDENCE and SOMERSET COAST.
(Cdre. Algeria 100904B to Admty. etc.).
G.T.X. 2 Algiers section, sailed 10 ships
EMPIRE COMMERCE (T), MARION M. BOVARD, OCEAN
COAST for Bone; VACUUM (T) for Philippeville;
EXPLORER for Malta; REGIN, RONAN and GOVERT FLINCK for Bougie
VILLE DE BOUGIE, GALLIUM for Tunis.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 100906B to F.Os. I.C. etc.).

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G.T.X.2. (Contd.) EMPIRE GUINEVERE and FORT GIBRALTAR are to sail from Bone in G.T.X.2, for Sousse and to come under the orders of S.O. Force "L". They are to be watered to capacity and have Bunker sufficient for 14 days.

(P.S.T.O. 101015 to S.T.O. i/c Bone (R) S.T.O. i/c Sousse, S.O.I.S. S.O. Force "L").

My 1051B. (N.T. in W.D.) delete KROM (Yugo-Slavian).

(F.O.I.S. 101657 to S.O. Escort G.T.X.2. Pass to Cdre, and Repeat O.i/c Bizerta. Admty. F.O.C. Gibraltar etc.).

G.T.X.2. Arrivals CHATEAU LATOUR not arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Bougie 102010B to N.O.I.C. Algiers etc.).

Enemy Units. Position of large enemy vessel and 2 A/C 42.26 N. 10.08 E. course 270 degs. speed 8, position based on a terrestrial or astronomical fix within half an hour of 1035. (A/C C.J.Y/W. 110910B to Air H.Q. Malta). Ship reported large vessel is medium vessel. (A/C C.J.Y/W No. T.O.O./10).

SIBYL intelligence P.219 (SIBYL) reports enemy traffic bound Maddalena proceeding along meridian 009 degs. 42' between 041 degs. 25' and 041 degs. 50' (Capt.S.8. 100912B to P.217 (SEADOG) (R) CASABIANCA, C. in C. Med. Capt.(S) 10).

TACTICIAN Your are to return to Malta on completion of your patrol routed through 039 degs. 50' 018 degs. 55' at 0800/15th 036 degs. 26' 015 degs. 16' at 2359/17th thence through 036 degs. 26' 014 degs. 21' to arrive West Sanctuary R/V at 0830/18th. (Capt. S.10 100924B to P.314 (TACTICIAN) (R) Capt.(S) 1, Capt. (S) 8, C. in C. Levant, 10th S.F. C. in C. Med.).

Movements Alexandria Arrival 9th June - M.L. 361. Departure 9th June SCARAB, COCKCHAFER. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 100935C to Admty. etc.).

X.T.G.1. Following is repetition of my 091044 begins addressed S.E.C. X.T.G.1. N.O.i/c Bizerta. X.T.G. 1. Intend sailing (list). S.O. Local escort SHIANT, call sign 5 K.B.O. T.O.O. 091044 (ends). (N.O.I.C. Bone 101010B to S.E.C. X.T.G.1. N.O.I.C. Bizerta (R) Admty. F.O.C. Gib. C. in C. Med. Connav etc.).

Intend to sail from Bizerta (2 ships) also M.M.S.85 to Algiers for onward routeing to Gibraltar for re-fitting. L.S.T. 430 to Bougie. (F.O.I.S. 101036Z to Admty. etc.).

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BURRA BURRA taken in hand for boiler cleaning and defects June 10th. Tentative date ready for sea June 20.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 101026 to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty. etc.).

G.T.X.2. Joiners at Q.K.B.94, EILDON and KROMER for Sousse L.S.Ts. 410, 420, 427, 158 for Tripoli. Motor M/S 105 L.S.T.425, 417 for Tripoli for onward routeing to Alexandria.
(Inshore Sqd. 101051B to S.O. Escorts G.T.X.2. pass to Cmdre. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. C. in C. Med. etc.).

M.E. Air Report. A.663 10th June 1014Z Daily Opsum 43.
8/9 June 2 Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea, no suitable targets, 9th June. 53 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Gerbini and Catania Aerodromes, six returned early technical troubles, 27 bombed, Catania Aerodrome well covered with bursts. 20 bombed Gerbini, many bursts on Aerodrome and in Northern dispersal area. Total about 25 enemy fighters attacked 2 Me. 109s 1 Mc 202 shot down 2 Me. 109 probably destroyed. 2 U.S. Liberators (B.24) hit by A.A. fire 3 with engine trouble, landed Malta 1 crash landing. 39 Spitfires from Malta provided cover over targets. 4 Beaufighter bombers anti shipping R/C off Paros Island where Caiques had been attacked previous day. One Caique 100 tons sunk one of 150 tons damaged by bomb left lying on side. 1 of 120 tons damaged by cannon fire left in shallow water possibly resting on bottom, 2 of 80 tons 1 of 30 tons damaged, 1 of 80 tons 1 of 30 tons hit by cannon fire.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 101112Z).

Route for TAURUS My 081037 is postponed. My 101112 to P.339 (TAURUS) only refers.
(Capt.S.1. 101117C to 1st S/M Flotilla, Cmdre, D. C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. etc.).

Naval Aircraft. As from 15th June I.F.F. mark 3 is to be used by all operational naval aircraft on Med. Station. F.R.U. Aircraft are in process of conversion. (2) From this date change over will be complete in all services in Western Med. west of 012 degs. East.
(3) Between 012 degs. and 020 degs. East (?either) mark 2 or mark 3 may (?be) used after 15th June.
(4) Date for change over on Atlantic Coast and on Levant Station not yet decided.
B.14 is (corrupt group) C. in C. Levant.
(C. in C. Med. 101129B to S. and A. Med. and Levant Stns. etc.).

Axis Shipping. Departure Cartagena 9th June 9 p.m. CONSUELO DE

/HUIDOBRO

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Axis Shipping (Contd.) HUIDOBRO, Port Vendres, fruit Germany. (Cartagena 101135B to Gibraltar (R) B.N.A. Madrid, Bank Block).

M.W.30 Arrived convoy M.W.30 HURWORTH, ADRIAS, CROOME, HURSLEY, JUMNA, LISMORE, GAWLER. (V.A. Malta 101138 to Admt. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).

Transports MARIT, NEURALIA, FISHPOOL, AFGHANISTAN, YOMA, PRINCESS KATHLEEN, ROBERT MAERSK, and SUIYANG arrived. (D.S.T.O. Malta 101436 to D. of S.T. Connav, P.S.T.O. M.E. P.S.T.O. Med.).

Operation "Corkscrew" Assault on Pantellaria To prevent interference by enemy E-Boats with operation "Corkscrew" V.A. Malta and S.O.I.S. are requested to establish the strongest possible coastal craft patrol tomorrow night, 11th June. (2) Boats from Malta to patrol in longitude 013 degs. 20' between latitudes 037 degs. 13' and 037 degs. 18'. (3) Boats from Bizerta in longitude 012 degs. 50' between latitudes 036 degs. 55' and 037 degs. 10'. (4) Boats should reach patrol position by 2030. (C. in C. Med. 101258B to V.A. Malta (R) S.O. Force L.C.S.12, C.S.15, S.N.O. Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, S.O.I.S. N.O.I.C. Bone, N.A.S.A.F. N.A.T.A.F. N.A.C.A.F. N.A.A.F. N.L.O. 242 Group N.L.O. 211 Group A.H.Q. Malta). FREESIA no longer required for "Corkscrew" AURORA, LAFOREY, LOYAL should be sailed for Algiers. (C. in C. Med. 101854B to V.A. Malta, F.O. 15th C.S., S.O. Force L. (R) F.O. 12th C.S. Capt. (D) 19). Operation "Corkscrew". Sailed convoy C codeword "Soldier" (corrupt group) 1930B/10 route B, speed 7 knots. Less landing craft T. 301. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 101947B to S.O. Force L. (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, V.O.N.A.C.A.F. etc.).

Route for Red Cross Ships. Your 071743. (re insistence of Axis for a change of route for parcels carried by Red Cross between Cape San Sebastian and Marseilles). No objection but in view of Axis nervousness regarding Southern France there may be some advantage in procrastination. (C. in C. Med. 101302 to Admt. (R) F.O. Gib.).

G.T.X.1. Ex Malta (M.E.28) DAVID STONE, DUNKELD, GREYSTOKE CASTLE. Ex Tripoli (T.X.13) VACPORT (Tanker) BEUREOCH. Under vessels arrived EGRA KAROA, L.S.T. (2)'s 323 (S.O.) 364, 367, 368, 404, 405, 407, 409, 411, 414, 415 and

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G.T.X.1. 416.
(Contd.). Your 081905 (request names of 9 Merchant Ships from Malta and Tripoli) refers.
Para.(2) Admty. will in future be included in convoy composition and routing list.
(C. in C. Levant 101302 to Admty.).

Lampedusa X Raid to destroy R.D.F. Station on Lampedusa was
Raid carried out during night 6th June/7th June.
6-7 June. M.T.Bs. approached the Island apparently undetected but mortar and small arms fire was opened on assault craft as they were about to land and the attack had to be abandoned. During withdrawal M.T.Bs. were illuminated by searchlight and engaged with fair accuracy by 2 four inch batteries. No naval casualties or damage. Two soldiers missing.
(2) Regret owing to error this was not reported before.
(C. in C. Med. 101310B to Admty.).

PRINCE Recent consumption trials indicate that endurance
LEOPOLD of PRINCE LEOPOLD is approx 1300 miles at 11 knots
PRINCE with 7 per cent fuel remaining.
CHARLES. (2) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is therefore requested to hold a tug in readiness to meet this ship to Westward of Gibraltar if necessary.
(3) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to instruct S.O. of escort to inform F.O.I.C. Gibraltar in sufficient time whether assistance is required and details of R/V.
(4) A.M. 251821 May para.2. and A.M. 271835 refers.
(5) C. in C. Med. 201658 May. Regretted that PRINCE CHARLES will not sail with this convoy owing to defects. She will join K.M.S.18A.
(D.O.D.(H) 101331B to C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Plymouth (R) F.O.I.C. Falmouth, C. in C.W.A. C.C.O.).

R/C 2 CAVOURS 1 D class 1 REGOLO class cruiser at
Taranto Taranto at 1200. Visual R/C.
(V.A. Malta 101358B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

N.A.A.F. X Bombs on Pantellaria were dropped by 28 B. 17's
Report escorted by 36 P.38's; 28 B.17's escorted by 38
Attacks on P.38's; 28 B.17's escorted by 21 P.38's; 27 B.17's
Pantellaria. escorted by 25 P.38's; 26 B.26's escorted by 20
P.40's; 24 B.26's escorted by 20 P.40's; 27
B. 25's escorted by 24 P.38's; 36 B.25's escorted
by 22 P.38's; and 13 P.38's.
(2) Direct hits in target areas and on defended positions were scored.
(3) These are aircraft of Strategic Air Force.
(4) Ten P.38's of one escort mission attacked 15-20 enemy aircraft and destroyed 4, probably destroying 2 and 2 damaged.
(5) Coastal Air Force carried out usual escort and patrol missions with no incidents.
(6) On June 8th aircraft of Tactical Air Force carried out

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N.A.A.F. Report Attacks on Pantellaria. (Contd.) following: 12 Baltimores, 24 Bostons, 12 A.20's dropped bombs on Pantellaria, all target areas well covered. (7) 28 P.40's in fighter sweep over Pantellaria destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 1 probably destroyed, 2 damaged. 8. Three messages to Commanding General of Pantellaria were dropped from planes. (H.Q.N.A.A.F. Adv., 101512B to Etousa.)

Movements, Port Said. 10th June Port Said arrivals COCKCHAFER, SCARAB, NIKI, ASPIS. Departures L.S.T.415, ROMEO, SCARAB, COCKCHAFER. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 101607C to Admty. etc.)

A/S Operations, Summary & Chart. A.X. 854 10th June (similar to A.X. 859, 101855B, see America & West Indies.) (Air Ministry, 101616Z to Med. Air Command (R) A.H.Q. Gibraltar.)

Movements, Aden. Aden arrivals 10th ROYAL ARROW, MACUBA, EMPIRE TROOPER, H/S ABA. Aden departures LEOPOLDVILLE 03 10th June, Suez 14th June. F.O.Nil, coastal EMPIRE TROOPER 06 10th June, Suez 15th June, F.O. Nil, coastal. H/S ORANJE 18 9th June Suez 12th June D.O.Nil coastal. H/S ABA 12 10th June Suez 15th June D.O. nil coastal. SALAMINIA 13 10th June. Kilindini 1st July coal 600. (N.C.S.O. Aden 101631Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

M.K.S.15A. N.O.I.C. Tripoli is requested to sail escort to join M.K.S.15A consisting of MARTAND, MALAKAND, GLENARTNEY at 1030/16th June. 2. Escort. WISHART, BOREAS to Gibraltar. CLEVELAND, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND if available to Bizerta. 3. Route through Q.K.B. 124, Q.K.B. 128, Q.K.B. 93. Thence through 79, 18, 61, 89, 56, 73, 16 lettered M. to R. to Gibraltar. 4. S.O.A. 15. E.T.A. Gibraltar 2130/19th June. 5. Fighter priority by day 3, by night 2, codeword "Gladstone" DYF. (C. in C.Med. 101635 to F.Os.I.C. etc.)

H.D.M.Ls. for French. In reply to A.M. 152023 May, four H.D.M.Ls. transferred to French as follows - No. 1249 on 20th April. No. 1138 on 25th May. Nos. 1233 and 1240 on 2nd June. 2. C.C.F. will report disposal of crews. (C. in C.Med. 101651 to Admty. (R) Com. Algeria C.C.F.)

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C.O.P.P. Units. Reported that C.O.P.P.3 and C.O.P.P.4 which have been on Med. Station since January, are seriously depleted owing to losses and ill-health. 2. Officers and ratings remaining are to be returned to U.K. so that units may be reformed and refitted. 3. Equipment, except that of a personal nature, is to be left at Malta for use of present or future units operating on station. 4. This action is made necessary by anticipated requirements for C.O.P.P. units in other theatres. C.O.P.P.7 cannot be spared unless 2 above is implemented A.M. 301706 May and your 022018 refer. (D. of P. 101656B,111917B to C. in C.Med. (R) C.C.O.)

N.A.A.F. Report. N.A.A.F. Opsum 109 June 9th. Throughout this signal target for N.W.A. Strategic A.F. and N.W.A. Tactical A.F. Missions was Pantellaria, in every case. N.W.A. strategical A.F. 9 June. 112 Fortresses, B.17, escort 128 Lightnings, P.38, 4 Missions, 1 bomber and 8 fighters returned early. Assigned targets well covered. 50 Marauders B.26, escort 40 Warhawks, P.40 2 Missions. Results good. 53 Mitchells, B.25, escort 46 Lightnings, P.38, 2 Missions, 3 returned early. 13 Lightnings P.38, 1 returned early. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. June 6 additional. 12 Baltimore. 24 Bostons. 12 Bostons A.20, fires started. 80 Warhawks, P.40, six Missions, and 24 U.S. Spitfires bomber escort. 28 Warhawks P.40, 2 fighter sweeps. 15 Warhawks P.40, dropped message to Commanding General at various points island from 50 feet, 9th June. No reports received. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 101657B.)

Floating Docks. Your 271945B May. Arrangements are being made to send dockmaster and working party to part and assemble the ex-Montevideo floating dock at Algiers, and from which dock crew can later be selected. 2. M. of W.T. is requested to confirm that a representative acquainted with assembly of dock will proceed to Algiers. 3. Re A.F.D. XVIII, to be manned by U.S. Request civilian dockmaster and crew who are volunteers for passage only may be returned to England as soon as possible after arrival. (Vice Controller 101701B to C. in C.Med. (R) M.W.T.)

Convoy. Convoy "Anatomist" sailed 1 hour late and is only making good 5 knots at present. (S.N.O. Trip. 101725B to V.A. Malta, (R) A.I.G. 68.)

U-Boats. Estimated disposition. German. One between Alboran and Oran. One between Tenes and Oran. One between 001° and 004° E. Italian. One in Gulf of Sirte. One possible two to (?6 miles) S. E. of Malta. Probably three, eastward of 006° E. (C. in C.Med. 101725B to A.I.G.24. Ships escorting convoy G.T.X.2.)

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Pulse Con-
troller
Invention.

Details of Pulse Controller evolved by
Electrical Lt. Cranmer R.N.V.R. Are detailed
drawings required? My 282022 to C. in C.Med.
only also refers.
(C. in C.Levant 101746C to Admty. (R) C. in C.
Med.) Reply Admty. 131834B.

KLO,
escort duty.

Codeword "Nelson 2". Escort AGHIOS NICOLAOS
passing boom 0530B/11th Hand, Cruel, Glow, Spark,
Flash, Flame, 0615B/12th Scorch Social, Sfax
boom E.T.A. 1315B/12th. Request fighter defence
normal. S.O.A. 6 knots N.O.I.C. Sfax is
requested to sail KLO, escorting BUST, as soon
as ready.
(S.N.O.Trip. 101759B to KLO (R) C. in C.Med.)

Movements
Tripoli.

Sailed FALK, L.C.T. 446, 341,308,318,361. L.C.T.
325,317,354,313, H.D.M.L. 1143, 1164.
(S.N.O.Trip. 101807B to Admty.)

Repatriations.

Routes required in your 091512 June are as follows
(Details).
(F.O.C.Red Sea 101958C to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.
N.O.I.C.Port Elizabeth, C. in C.Levant, N.O.I.C.
Aden. N.O.I.C. Massawa.)

Movements,
Tobruk.

Arrived LIHOFF TREERN, M.L. 1142,459.
Sailed to Derna M.L. 351, M.L. 356.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 102030C to Admty.)

Movements
Sfax.

Arrivals F.S. LARGS, WHADDON, LAUDERDALE,
EGGESFORD, departure PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA,
F.S.LARGS, WHADDON, LAUDERDALE, EGGESFORD.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax 102054B to Admty.)

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals submarine DOLFIJN (P.47), SERAPH (P.219),
GAVOTTE, VISENDA, M.M.S. 21, M.M.S.118, M.L. 240.
Departed L.S.Ts. 428,302, M.L. 336. Arrived
and departed ANTHONY, PRINS ALBERT.
(Com. Algeria 102066*to Admty. etc.) *Sic.

Movements
Oran.

Departures U.S.S. P.T. 213, HOWE, PUCKERIDGE,
FARNDALE, CALPE, TYNEDALE.
(Comnob Oran 102111B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

Ship
torpedoed
in G.T.X.2.

One ship torpedoed by S/M in 36.58 N. 5.31 E.
(WISHART 102210B to C. in C.Med.)

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Movements, Bone. Arrival M.T.B. 315. Departure M.M.S. 70, 102. Arrived and sailed H.D.M.L. 1163. (N.O.I.C. Bone 102220B to Admty. etc.)

G.S.AETOS. Departure 10th June. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta 102231C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Bizerta. Arrival ?(BROCKLESBY), QUANTOCK, OAKLEY, PENTSTEMON. Departure M.T.B. 315, ALBACORE, ACUTE, CIRCE, BUDE, HUNDA. (F.O.I.S. 102252B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 3 E-Boats 37.30 N. 12.12 E. 090° 18 knots. (A/C HUC/P via Alex. 102323B to Air H.Q.Malta.) P.C. and S. of 4 unknowns, 37.30 N. 12.21 E. 340° 10 knots. (A/C HUC/P via Alex. 102327C to Air H.Q.Malta.) P.C. and S. of 2 E-Boats 37.26 N. 12.11 E. 180° 18 knots. (A/C HUC/P via Alex. 102339B to Air H.Q.Malta.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 594, June 10, C.S.R. A. Air. Part 1 offensive. Night 9/10 June. One Wellington made armed shipping search off West coast of Italy. Three Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Southern Italy and Western Sicily. In Sicily the dock area at Milazzo was attacked with cannon and machine gun fire.

Day 10th June. 7 Spitfire bombers escorted by 7 Fighter Spitfires with 6 Fighter Spitfires as withdrawal cover attacked Gela airfield. 8 Spitfire bombers escorted by 12 Fighter Spitfires with high cover of 11 Spitfires attacked factories and marshalling yards at Pozzallo.

Part 2 Enemy Air Activity. Night 9/10 June. Nil.

Day 10th June. Four Beaufighters and 8 Spitfires provided escort for incoming shipping. 1255 hours, three plus Me.109 approached Malta on R/C and were intercepted by three Spitfires which destroyed one Me.109. 1510 hours, three Spitfires on interception North of Malta sighted one Dornier Air Sea Rescue Flying Boat escorted by one Me.109 5 miles South of Pozzallo and attacked destroying the Me.109 36 other Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. (R.A.F.Malta 102345Z.)

Movements Sousse. Arrivals, 10th KAI, ST. DAY. Departures ROYAL ULSTERMAN, MISOA, RHYL, POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, CLACTON, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, APHIS, RYE, HOY, INCHCOLM, MULL. 3 M.T.Bs. 7 M.Ls. 4 L.Cs. F, 21 L.Cs. T, 20 L.Cs. I. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 102358B to Admty.)

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M E S S A G E

IN

From Algiers

101302Z/June.

Date 11.6.43.

Time 0506Z

Addressed War and Etousa for action

De Gaulle, Resignation.

MOST IMMEDIATE

NAF 237 W.2382 10th June, 1943. U.S.419.

To Agwar for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Usfor for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower.

I have been informally but specifically advised that this morning General de Gaulle withdraw as Co-President and Member of the French Committee. The real issue at stake is apparently a struggle for control of military forces. The reasons alleged for the action were, first, the impossible administrative situation existing here which is asserted to contain a great deal of Vichy influence and, second, constant and unjustified interference by the Allies in French affairs.

Catroux later informed Murphy and Macmillan that de Gaulle had explained to him that his reasons for tendering his resignation to the Committee were:-

- (1) He found it impossible to function in the Committee where there was so much opposition to his views, particularly on military matters.
- (2) He felt that the Allies are not in sympathy with him as evidenced that all of his associates had not been allowed to depart from England for Algiers, and,
- (3) Violent dissatisfaction with the recent Declaration of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, the official text of which he has not even read.

Catroux stated that he had informed de Gaulle that having agreed to the principle of Committee action, it is impossible because of French interests at stake to resign until the system has been given a fair trial. The Committee is to meet Friday morning to consider the matter.

The stand I intend to take in case I am approached on this matter, is that my Governments have tacitly recognised the French Committee as the responsible administrative body over French interests until France has been liberated and that I am not authorised to deal officially with any individual on subjects of mutual interest to the Allied Headquarters and to the French.

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Moreover, any request for transportation to any point controlled by the Allies will be answered with the information that the approval of the particular Government concerned must first be obtained.

Murphy seems to think that some form of compromise will be reached and that the Committee will continue to function. He further believes that in case de Gaulle should persist in withdrawing that at least four and probably five members of the Committee will continue to serve.

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C.6. Telegrams, War Office
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1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
N.A. Mails
P.A.S. (S)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (2)
D.N.I. (4)
D. of P. (2)
D.C.
D.D.I.C. (2)
D. of P. (Q) (2)
Hd. of M. (2)
I.P. (2)
W.D.
Ad. Blake

E.M.

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W.S. 29B.

Arrival CHITRAL with W.S.29B.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 100156Z to Admty.)CORNWALLIS,
WARINA.Departure CORNWALLIS escorting WARINA to
Trincomalee Approaches, proceeding thence to
Colombo.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 100307Z to Admty., etc.)

W.S. 29B.

Convoy W.S. 29B arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 100317Z to Admty.)
5 ships escorted by CHITRAL.Troop
Movements
programme.Para. (1) my 071007Z. B.A.45 sailing of
NEVASA is now cancelled due to D.E.M.S. work.
(P.S.T.O. India, 100629Z to C. in C. E.F.)
ALMANZORA will now sail for Suez 19th June.
Ship delayed due to fumigating. For information
of D.S.T. ship arrived Bombay with 300 cases
Chicken Pox and 91 cases of Cerebro Spinal Menengitis.
ORBITA sails 15th June as stated. My 071007Z para. (F) refers.
(P.S.T.O. I., 101001Z to C. in C. E.F.)Convoy
C.M. 42.Arrived Kilindini 100600Z.
(N.C.S.O. Kilindini, 100801Z to Admty.)Movements
Summary
No. 72,
June 10th.1. ADAMANT left Addu Atoll 9th escorted by
HINDUSTAN to R/V NEPAL 10th. HINDUSTAN return
Addu Atoll. NEPAL left Diego Garcia 9th and
escort ADAMANT to vicinity Seychelles. NEPAL
proceeding Seychelles. ADAMANT (for?)
Kilindini due 17th.
2. QUIBERON left Diego Garcia 9th due
Kilindini 14th.3. RAIDER left Kilindini 10th due Aden 14th.
4. CARADOC leaves Seychelles 10th for Diego Garcia.
5. Movement Summary No. 71, item 2. CAPE TOWN left Kilindini
8th to R/V ROTHERHAM 12th and escort 1 transport to Kilindini
due 15th.
(C. in C. E.F., 100855Z to E.F. 296Y.)Persian
Gulf
Shipping,
U-Boat
Campaign.It is not acceptable that the Persian Gulf
shipping should be held up for more than a
minimum wait. The essential shipping must be
kept moving.
2. Shortage of escorts prevents full convoy
organisation and not more ships should be held
up than can be included in convoys of present
programme.

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Gulf
Shipping,
U-Boat
Campaign.

3. For the remainder, independent sailing with evasive routeing must be resumed so long as U-Boats are not located actually in Gulf of Hormuz.

4. Your 091331 refers.
(C. in C. E.F., 100958Z to S.N.O. Persian Gulf.)Overdue
ships.Your 091521 (N.T. in W.D.) refers.
Report of position received 2nd June would appear to alter E.T.A. to approx. p.m./11th June.
(C. in C. E.F., 101016Z to N.C.S.O. Aden, (R) Admty., S.O.(I) Colombo.)Convoy
M.B. 37.Sailing telegram (ships).
(2) 1045Z/10. (4) 10½ knots. (5) (Route).
(6) SCOUT.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 101118Z, 101120Z to Admty.)SAIGANG,
use as
pier.In view of importance of achieving a deep water quay at Trincomalee as soon as possible I am anxious not to abandon the SAIGANG scheme without further trial. Your 201054 May and my 021431 June refers.
2 and 3 - Proposals.
4. Request your remarks.
(C. in C. E.F., 101142Z to F.O. Ceylon.)Repatriations,
route.Route to and from Aden or Jibuti through positions (G) 012° 51' N. 051° 22' E. (F) 009° 52' N. 053° 52' E. (E) 002° 18' S. 046° 30' E. (2) Ships proceeding to Mogadishu are to proceed from position (F) to position (M) 001° 58' N. 046° 20' E. thence Mogadishu. On leaving Mogadishu ships southbound to proceed through position (E).
Admiralty's 091512 refers.
(C. in C. E.F., 101232Z to Admty., (R) F.O.I.C. Red Sea, C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Movements.

Colombo departures 10th 1030Z SCOUT.
(F.O. Ceylon, 101244Z to Admty.)

SCOUT.

Intend to withdraw SCOUT from the area Commander B.C.E.F. on 5th July from which date 222 Group report that she can be fully employed as torpedo target vessel for T/B

/temporarily ...

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East Indies.

SCOUT.
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temporarily in (? Persian Gulf).
(2) Until this date her duties as escort vessel will take precedence over target work.
(3) My 140955 May and your 281111 refer.
(C. in C. E.F., 101440Z to Admty.)

CARADOC.

Left CARADOC.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 101450Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty., (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez.)

Movements.

RAIDER sailed.
Arrived CARTHAGE, KENYA, CANTON, H.M.R.T. BOLD.
(F.O.E.A., 101709 to Admty.)

U.S.
dispositions.

A.M. 031756. Changes in U.S. Pacific Fleet:-
TENNESSEE and PORTLAND in North Pacific.
LONG ISLAND at Pearl Harbour.
COPAHEE and NASHVILLE at San Francisco.
BARNES at sea.
CONCORD at Callao.
BLOCK ISLAND to Atlantic.
(D.O.D.(F), 101840B to C. in C. E.F.)

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Minesweeping Halifax. My 090205. Mine bag Wednesday 9th 3. All Oropesa 2 exploded in sweep one surfaced smoked and sank. Positions one 445630-6330 one in area previously swept LL. My 060015 delete reference to 6 day clock actuating delay release. This probably on sinker. Estimated minimum sensitively to date 13 (?making) total mines destroyed 36 recovered 2 probably self sunk 3 to date (C. Halifax 100145Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A. Cominch, C.E.S.F., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Shelburne.)

T.A.47 (PASTEUR) Convoy T.A.47 comprising PASTEUR sailed from U.K. 8/6 for Halifax. 2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by W.O. to C.G.S.Ottawa and Milstaf Washington. (D. of S.T. 100202B. to N.S.H.Q.)

CARIBBEAN, HOGAN. S.T.K. CARIBBEAN escorted by U.S.S. HOGAN departed Ambrose 2125Z/9th for Argentia. Expected time of arrival Argentia 0100Z/13th. (P.D. New York 100204Z to Cominch C. & R.)

SCYTHIA. Arrived New York 092124Z. (Port Director New York 100210Z to Cominch C. & R. (R) C.E.S.F. Admty. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

CAPETOWN CASTLE. 10th June 1200 CAPETOWN CASTLE New York 15th knots (A) 17 (B) 18. (Route). Days 40. (R.O. Cristobal 100405 to Admty.)

Dispositions. My 091545Z. Section East and my 091908 add P.554 escorted by DRUMHELLER depart St.John's 1030Z/10th to exercise surfaced and submerged vicinity Cape Spear. Amend T.A.45 for "to 042° 00' N. etc." read "to 037° 05' N. 063° 30' W. thence 270°." (C. in C. C.N.A. 100504 to G.B.7A.)

WEST POINT. WEST POINT holds S.P.0241 and 412 fight protection code word is "Elastic" with associated call sign 135. (Cominch C. & R. 101548Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. Comnavnav, C.M.S.F. Cdre. Algiers.)

Movements. Departure 10th HUGH GALLAGHER (U.S.A.T.)Trinidad 11th. (B.R.L.O. Georgetown 100620Q to Admty.) Departure June 10 1400 U.S.A.T. F.C.AINSWORTH

San Francisco via Canal Zone June 14 direct. (P.D. New Orleans 101710 to Admty.) Balboa 10 June 13 hours U.S.A.T. W.J. CONNORS San Francisco 29 coastal. (R.O. Cristobal 101838 to Admty.) Arrived COWICHAN from O.N.S.9. (C. Halifax 102102Z to Admty.)

U.S. A/C crew picked up. Have picked up 10 U.S. Airmen complete crew of B.17 F.0041 in position.(Remainder of message not heard) (GEORGIAN 100715Z to F.O.C.N.)

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Use of Gulf of Paria. Necessary use of Gulf of Paria is being made by U.S. Major Units working up policy was inaugurated by arrival U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE (Aircraft Carrier) mid April and one or two Carriers have been working up ever since. Understood Gulf of Paria has now been schedules by U.S. as working up Area for Battleships and Cruisers which are to be expected in due course. In view of these factors and re-appearance of S/Ms. in Caribbean it may become necessary to strengthen Gulf Defence at expense of escort work.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad 100932Q to S.B.N.O. W.At.)

Movements	Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank.
1800	(D.O.D. (F)	101012Z to Opnav	(R) Commaveu.)	
G.M.T. 10th.				

Convoy B.S.47. Sailing telegram (3 Ships, list, etc.)
{2} 0030Z/11th. {3} 0630Z/12th. {4} Knots 7.
{5} (Route) {6} PAYNTER.
(R.O. Cornerbrook 101216Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

Convoy S.B.45. Arrived.
(R.O. Cornerbrook 101222Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

Convoy H.S.90. 1. Sailing telegram (8 Ships, list etc.)
2. Halifax 1400Z/10. 3. E.T.A. Sydney 0800Z/12.
4. 7.5 knots. 5. (Route). Ships for Louisburg detach P.S.45.25 N. 60.00 W. at 1700Z/11.
6. FORT WILLIAM, BUCTOUCHE.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 101345Z, 101349Z to Admty.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. estimate of S/Ms. N. of 40 N.W. B.S.T. 40 W. 1200Z/10th.
(N.S.H.Q. 101406Z.)

Shipping Casualties. This is Cominch (C. and R.) 082103 which states as follows:- WILLIAM KING Torp. sunk 6 June off Durban REIGH COUNT sunk in collision 5 June with unknown vessel about 14 miles S. S.E. Sambro Light Vessel.
(Comnaveu 101526 to Admty.)

Convoy C.L.69. Arrived less SPRUCE BAY.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney 101608 to Admty.)

Swedish relief ships. This is Cominch's 091530 to appreciate Air Command Admiralty pass to appropriate British Air Commands: YARRAWONGA and FORMOSA schedules depart Piraeus for Saint John, N.B. on June 8th. MONGABARRA and AKKA same ports leaving Piraeus on June 7th. All four Swedish ships for Greek relief, and will sail under safe conduct.
(Comnaveu 101609Z to Admty.) Note. No passing action has been taken by W.R. /U/B...

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A.W.I. 364A

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MESSAGE.

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101855B/June.
Date: 10.6.43.

Addressed: R.C.A.F.
H.Q. Ottawa.

Repeated: E.A.C. Halifax.

Cypher telegram.

RECIRCULATION.

X From: Air Ministry, Whitehall.

*A/S Operations, North Atlantic.
Summary and chart.*

AX. 859 10 June.

When considering the usual summary and chart showing A/S operations by Coastal Command, the anti-U/Boat Committee of The War Cabinet recently asked that their scope should be extended to cover all A/S operations in the North Atlantic. To meet this requirement certain statistics will be required from all Commands operating in that area, including aircraft of Eastern Air Command carrying out A/S operations in the North Atlantic.

2. A specimen graticuled chart on which results of operations will be shown pictorially has been prepared and also a form of signal (Form M.A.S.R) which all Commands concerned are being asked to send to the Air Ministry each month. Copies of these documents are being despatched to you by the microgram service and we should be grateful if you would arrange for Eastern Air Command to send a monthly signal in the required form giving particulars of their A/S operations and including those of any U.S. Naval or Army aircraft operating under their Command and also including all chance sightings in their area.

3. The value of a monthly summary of all A/S operations in the North Atlantic is obvious and you will note in Para. 3. of the instructions attached to the form M.A.S.R.

/that reports...

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that reports covering operations on this side of the Atlantic will be transmitted to the A.O.C. in C. Eastern Air Command if required. We suggest, however, that it would be much better to build up the whole picture here and then transmit copies of the comprehensive summary and chart immediately by the microgram service to Eastern Air Command.

4. It is proposed to produce the first official summary and chart covering operations in the North Atlantic for the month of June so that it will be necessary for signals to be despatched by all Commands on the 2nd July. We think, however, it would be advantageous for all Commands to try out the scheme by giving particulars for the month of May and if you approve, please arrange for Eastern Air Command to despatch the necessary signal as soon as convenient after receipt of the documents.

101855B

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (F)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
U.W.R.
Ops. (3)
O.D. (5)
O.I.C. (3)
D.N.I. (5)
D.A/S.W.
C.C.L.S.
D.A.W.T.

Recd. from Air Min. 1552/11
Air Min. Circulation
S. of S., C.A.S., V.C.A.S.,
A.C.A.S. (Ops) A.C.A.S. (P) D. of
Policy., D.O.N.C. (Orig) S.6.,
H.Q. Coastal Command.
Admiralty (War Reg.) (2)

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D. of F. (3)
D.T.D. (4)
Ad. Blake.
I.D. (3)
W.D.

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- U/B. A.D.C. reports S/M sighted off Cape North Cape Breton at 1300Z.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 101624Z to G.B.7A.)
Cancel my 101624 A.D.C. sighted S/M in 047° 06' 063° 55' at 1300Z.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 101811Z to G.B.7A.)
- A.T.49. Request continuous air cover for A.T.49 from time of departure to Eastward limit of aircraft route:-
(P) 42 N. 61 W. (Q) 43 N. 50 W. (R) 43 N. 40 W.
(S) 44 N. 31 W. departs Chebucto 2200Z/11 speed 19.5 knots.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 101640Z. to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C.
(R) F.O.N.F. Admty. Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)
- U.S. S/M notice S/M Estimate. 10th June. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 101705Z, 101810, 102113Z.)
- Convoy H.X.240. Average speed 8.75. Off Oversay at 032100Z. All arrived.
(D.T.D. 101706B. to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A.)
- M.M.S. Kingston arrivals Motor minesweepers 99, 100, 101, 104 and 108.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston 101832Q to Admty.)
- A/S Operations North Atlantic Summary and Chart. (Air Min. 101855B to R.C.A.F. H.Q. Ottawa.)
See lion copy.
- Convoy J.N.31. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. St. John's, N.F. 101901Z to Admty.)
- BAZELY. Great difficulty in BAZELY in distinguishing S/M S/M motor hydrophone effect from own ship's propeller noise due to similarity of the two sounds. Intend carrying out extensive trials with BAZELY after completion of work up until required for duty in accordance with B.A.Ds. 190047/5 amended by B.A.Ds. 052321/6.
(C.O.W.U.B. 101906P to Admty. B.A.D. etc.)
- Oiling at Sea, Depth Charges. Your 191225B/April. O.N.186 oil transfer BRITISH CHIVALRY 238 in four operations, BRITISH VALOUR 187 in four operations, SPINANGER 360 in five operations, EL ALETO nil. Depth charges passed EL ALETO 18 EMPIRE CHIEF, BRITISH VALOUR, EMPIRE HERITAGE, HERBRAND all nil.
(B.R.L.O. New York 101917Z to Admty.)

/Your...

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Oiling at sea, depth charges. (Contd.) Your 311031 May. BRITISH CHIVALRY. (A) Crew quickly accommodated themselves to its use. Oil transferred in good North Atlantic weather therefore cannot judge behaviour adverse conditions. B. Very good. C. No. Have supplied wire frapping. D. This equipment graded as superior emergency buoyant. Improved rollers required at break of poop. (B.R.L.O. New York 102013Z to Admty.)

Eastbound Mediterranean Convoys. Cancel para. 2 of 071326B which was made under a misapprehension. It is now understood that Canadian sailings for Mediterranean have been provided for in the U.G.S. programme. 2. As size of U.G.S. convoys may be limited you should keep in close touch with B.A.D. Washington regarding bids for inclusion in convoy. (D.T.D. 101935B to N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D.)

TRILLIUM, B.X. 58. Sail TRILLIUM Boston to Halifax as additional escort B.X. 58. (Cominch 102055Z to C.E.S.F.)

Convoy F.H. 59. Arrived. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 102058Z to Admty.) see amendment 111230Z.

M.L.O. 72 damaged. At 101920Z Struck? Submerged object in 045° 50' 50" N. 062° 41' 15" W. while carrying out manoeuvres. A/S Dome believed lost Strut remains A/S not operating. Taking small amount water through H.T. Connection. W/T not operating. Large Auxiliary Vessel - log appeared aft and submerged immediately. Unable to locate log. (M.L.O. 72 102105Z to Capt. M.L. (R) Capt. D. M.L.O. 75.)

Sub attack & sighting summary. All times Z. C. P.B.M. attacks periscope 37 N. 74.48 W. 101105. B. 18 sights sub. 36.40 N. 74.15 W. 101701. D. Plane sights sub diving course 060 11.20 N. 64.30 W. 091445. (Cominch 102128Z to Admty.)

Shipping for Persian Gulf. S.N.O.P.G. 091331 in view of bilge 3055 request full information regarding present situation. (B.A.D. 102247Z to Admty. (R) D.T.D. (4) for action)

Convoy U.G.F. 9A. This completes my 092214. Sailing telegram part 1 U.G.F. 9A. 11 ships. (P.D. New York 102248Z to Connav, (R) C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, C.M.S.F. Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. C. in C. Med. N.S.H.Q. N.O.B. Oran.)

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Convoy U.G.F.9A. Sailing telegram part 2, U.G.F.9A. Total 11 ships sailed.
(P.D. New York 102252Z.)

Convoy Reports to Cominch. Your 091554. Yes.
(D.T.D. 102304B. to N.S.H.Q. (R) Connav.)

BYARD, H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. My 190047 May.
BYARD will not now be ready to accompany QUEEN ELIZABETH. Propose she has about one week working up at Bermuda and then sails with an H.X. convoy about mid July for first of class working up in U.K. 2. B.A.M.R. 072242 propose PHOEBE sails in company with QUEEN ELIZABETH and escort.
(B.A.D. 102329Z to Admt. (R) S.B.N.O. W.At.)

U/B Estimates, U.S. S/M. Notices procedure. Following message received from Cominch begins:-
addressed all commands Atlantic area interested in S/M position reports repeated Admiralty N.S.H.Q. S.O. (I) Jamaica from Cominch. Following procedure regarding transmission Cominch Atlantic S/M position reports is effective 10th June.
(A) Daily U-Boat estimate (area W. 26 W.)

(1) All five parts transmitted in one dispatch to U.S. Commands only via Washington F and passed via Cable to Admiralty and N.S.H.Q. for information. (2) When pertinent a special dispatch will be transmitted in joint U.S. British cipher to any Allied warships other than U.S. S. of 40 N. and W. of 26 W.

(B) U.S. S/M notice (1) Transmitted in one or more separate dispatches using area designations to U.S. commands only except where other Allied Warships are involved in which case pertinent dispatches will be transmitted in joint cipher. (C) Comcaribsea- from pass necessary portion of (A) and (B) to S.O. (I) Jamaica via cable (X) T.O.O. 102111 (ends).
(B.A.D. 102337Z to Admt. N.S.H.Q. S.O. (I) Jamaica.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.57. No.53 1st Part R.N.Z.A.F. material and clothing found Ndravuni Island 35 miles S.S.E. Suva indicates aircraft crashed water off Island, probably no survivors search continues. Enemy force 40 to 50 Zeros and T.B. intercepted noon 7th over Russell Island 19 Zeros destroyed, 6 damaged, 1 reported crash landed Munda. We lost 7 Fighters, 3 Pilots safe. My No.56 refers. Catalina unsuccessfully attacked S.S. 50 miles S.W. San Cristobal 7th. Ship course W. Blackett Strait Kolombangara 2110 M.8. 5 Fortresses, 5 Liberators, 1 Catalina attacked enemy shipping Buka area night 7th. Following

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Kiwi No.57. estimate Japanese shipping from sightings
Solomons 8 Merchantmen, 1 Coaster, 3 Warships.
New Britain, New Ireland Area 32 Merchantmen,
9 Warships, 4 S.S, 6 Auxiliaries. N.E. and S.W.
New Guinea 14 Marus mostly under 1000 tons, 30 coastal vessels
and luggers, 4 Warships, grand total 110. Only major Warship
YUBAR C.L. Rabaul.
(C.W.R. Wellington 100006Z to C. in C. E.F., B.A.D. Admty., for
D.N.I., A.C.N.B., G.H.Q. New Delhi.)

Digest S/M proceeded S. past S.E. New Britain afternoon.
Serial No.506 2. Noon photos show 1 light 2 medium bombers,
June 9th. 2 fighters, 1 unidentified type aircraft on Buka
Passage Aerodrome all unserviceable. In Matchin
Bay 1 Medium Merchantman visible, also 3 luggers
and 6 barges. 3. Mid-day pictures Wewak show
single merchant ship under 1000 tons and usual small craft in
Harbour. 5. Two Liberators conducted mid-day armed R/C N.W.
New Guinea. One bombed barracks at Manokwari destroying large
building. Other bombed Nabire Drome hitting two buildings near
runway and causing terrific explosion. On return journey
observed two small merchant ship in Kaimana Bay also some 5
sea-trucks and 1 vessel of 50 tons in Bitsjaroe Bay nearby.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.100714Z.)

Movements. Dutch Naval Store Ship MINJAR TANAH (Du.) departed
Cairns 9th June due Brisbane 16th. Royal Aust.
Fleet Auxiliary BISHOPDALE (Br.) Victualling Store
Issuing Ship MERKUR (Br.) departed Townsville 9th
due Brisbane 13th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 101026Z to Admty.)
Arrival Brisbane 9th GLADSTONE (?U.S. Destroyer
PERKINS) U.S. Destroyer SMITH Townsville 9th ARUNTA (?Thursday
Island) 9th LATROBE Milne Bay 9th 26th M/S Flot. Departure
Townsville (?a.m.) (?8th) U.S. Dest. PERKINS U.S. Destroyer
SMITH for Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B. 101151Z to Admty.)
Departure Wellington U.S.S. HERMITAGE for San Pedro E.T.A.
2300Z/25.
(D.N.I. Wellington 102125Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 101340B, 101346B.)

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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Friday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

- Operation F.H. X 1. CUMBERLAND, BERMUDA, and 2 Destroyers left Barentsburg at 0300 today for Seidisfiord.
- Altenfiord. 2. The Russian R/Cs of Altenfiord both last night and this morning were again unsuccessful owing to the weather; and the ice R/C today from Iceland was postponed for the same reason.
- Enemy Force. X 3. A Destroyer and large unknown ship were reported by the Russian D/F off Hammerfest at 1127B today.
- INDOMITABLE. 4. R.A.A. in INDOMITABLE with 3 Destroyers left the Clyde at 0934B today for Scapa.
- JAN VAN GELDER. 5. JAN VAN GELDER has been damaged by collision in the North Channel and was towed into Belfast Lough at 1449B today.
- X 6. 169 Fortresses of U.S.A. VIII Bomber Command attacked Wilhelmshaven today.
- U/B sunk by Fortress. 7. Fortress aircraft R.206 from Benbecula attacked a U-Boat at 1110 today in about 64.00 N. 10.45 W. (120 miles N.W. of the Faeroes). The U-Boat was seen to sink, leaving 20 to 30 survivors in the water. The Fortress, which had been badly damaged by the U-Boat's cannon fire, was forced to come down on the sea and it sank in about 90 seconds. A U.S. Catalina attempted, during the evening to rescue the crew of the Fortress, but crashed. The crew got into two dinghies, but about 24 hours later a gale sprang up and contact with them was lost by the survivors of the Fortress and they were not seen again. The survivors of the Fortress were eventually rescued by a Catalina in 141214.
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- Mining. 8. 2 R type Mines were detonated by Sweepers today in the Portsmouth area.

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Friday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

- Surrender of Pantellaria. X 9. Pantellaria was surrendered to the Allies shortly before noon today. Convoy "B" left Sousse for Operation "Corkscrew", (final assault on the island) at 0101B. S.O. Force "L" reported that the first flight left a position 8 miles off shore at 1030B and that all was going according to plan. At 1137B, S.O. Force "L" said that a white flag on a semaphore tower had been reported by Captain (D) 19, and a white cross on the aerodrome by aircraft. It was too late to stop a heavy air attack then in progress. The landing was taking place according to schedule. One or two batteries and A/A guns were still firing, and slight resistance was encountered at first on one beach. At 1219, Malta W/T received the following from Pantellaria: "Beg to surrender through lack of water. Admiral Pavesi", and 1222 representatives of the Services and Civil Affairs landed to negotiate surrender. Meantime, C. in C. Mediterranean, at 1325B, ordered F.O., 15th Cruiser Squadron, (NEWFOUNDLAND (Flag), ORION, AURORA, PENELOPE) to bombard the island by day and night as necessary to maintain pressure, and to be prepared to receive surrender if offered. By 1330 however, G.O.C., First Division had landed and the bombing of Pantellaria was stopped, but fighter cover was maintained. Twelve each of fighter bombers light bombers and heavies were standing by. All other missions were shifted to Lampedusa. Wellingtons were also ordered on Lampedusa tonight and on Sicilian aerodromes tomorrow. LARGS reported slight damage from near misses. This appears to have been the only casualty. By 1900, S.O. Force L. had transferred his flag to TARTAR and all other ships and landing craft had sailed for Sousse. The occupation of the island was then proceeding normally; 2,800 prisoners were evacuated during the day, leaving 12,000 to be evacuated.
- Lampedusa. 10. R.A.C. 15th Cruiser Squadron in NEWFOUNDLAND with available cruisers and destroyers was ordered to Lampedusa immediately after Pantellaria surrendered with instructions to bombard the island in conjunction with air bombing and call to surrender.
- Convoy M.K.S.15. 11. Convoy M.K.S.15 consisting of one merchant vessel and 2 tankers for Tripoli (L) 4 merchant vessels and 2 tankers for Malta and 3 merchant vessels for the U.K. sailed from Alexandria today.

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East Indies.

12. S.N.O. Persian Gulf reported today that SS MONTANAN, U.S., 4,897 tons, Bandar Shapur to Mombasa, was torpedoed at 0730 on 3rd June in 18.10 N., 58.45 E., about 100 miles S. of Masira, Arabia. Two boats with survivors have arrived at Masira.

America and West Indies.

13. LEAMINGTON, escorting Convoy S.C.133, reports she has been damaged in collision with SS MORTIMER and is returning to St. Johns on one engine.

14. Cominch reports (14th June) that U.S. destroyer FRAZIER probably destroyed a submarine in the north Pacific area today; an extensive oil patch and life jackets were seen.

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Friday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

- BARTHORPE.** On completion request boom vessel BARLEYCORN be sailed for Scapa to work up under B.D.O. Scapa and subsequently as relief for BARTHORPE.
2. BARTHORPE is required for service abroad.
(D.B.D., 110043B to F.O.I.C. Aberdeen.)
- FLY,
MUTINE.** FLY and MUTINE are required to replace casualties in the Mediterranean. Request you will prepare them in time to sail from Falmouth by 14th June.
(D.M.S., 111150B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- 42nd E.G.** It has been decided to transfer one trained Escort Group with a paper-strength of 9 ships to the Command of F.O.C. West Africa.
2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to detail the 42nd E.G. for this purpose and to signal composition to F.O.C. West Africa.
3. 7 ships of the Group are detailed for duty with K.M.S.18A and K.M.S.17. On completion of this duty they are to be sailed from Gibraltar as directed by F.O.C. West Africa.
(A.C.N.S.H., 111426B.)
Admiralty's 111426B.
- 42nd Escort Group comprises WELLINGTON (S.O.), FOLKSTONE, GORLESTON, EXE, NESS, ABERDEEN, LOWESTOFT, WESTON and TOTLAND. The first five are sailing with K.M.S.18A and ABERDEEN and LOWESTOFT with K.M.S.17. WESTON and TOTLAND are refitting and sailing dates will be signalled in due course.
(C. in C. W.A., 111837B to F.O.C.W.A.F.)
On departure from U.K. the 42nd Escort Group will be transferred to F.O.C.W.A.F. Command. WESTON and TOTLAND will be sailed to rejoin the Group on completion of refits.
(C. in C. W.A., 111932B.)
- RAPID,
BLACKMORE.** Request you will detail one destroyer from Escort of O.S.49 to relieve RAPID on arrival at Freetown.
2. Request you will detail two frigates to join Command of F.O.C. West Africa as early as possible in July.
3. The above frigates will relieve destroyer detailed above who will return to your Command and BLACKMORE who is to proceed to Command of C. in C. Med.
(A.C.N.S.H., 111510B to C. in C. W.A.)
- 3 Corvettes
for Medit-
erranean.** Request you will detail three corvettes to proceed to join Command of C. in C. Med., as soon as it can be arranged. They should later be replaced in their groups by new constructions already allotted to you.
(A.C.N.S.H., 111515B to C. in C. W.A.)

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Ancillary
Flotilla.

My 052011 June and F.O.C. Dover 071209 June.
Number 488 Ancillary Flotilla will be formed at
Dover on 1st July and allocated to ROBERSTON.
2. Com. C.O.B. is requested to select 12 Homogen-
eous British Type L.C.P.(L) from those now in
pooled reserve in the Portsmouth Command and
sail them for Dover as convenient.
(C.C.O., 111620B.)

CHIDDINGFOLD.

CHIDDINGFOLD is required to join Command of
C. in C. Med.

2. C. in C. W.A., is requested to transfer
RIPLEY to command of A.C.O.S. as a relief

for CHIDDINGFOLD.

3. A.C.O.S. is requested to report earliest date when
CHIDDINGFOLD can be taken in hand for refit before proceeding
abroad.

(D.O.D.(H), 111919B.)

Movements.

ECHO.

Scapa arrival ECHO.
(A.C.O.S., 110916 to A.C.I.C.)

INDOMITABLE.

Sailed R.A.A. in INDOMITABLE to R/V at Clyde
light ship at 1400B/11 with PIORUN, OFFA and
METEOR subsequently proceeding in company to
Scapa, E.T.A. 1030B/12.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 110934B.)

S/M
Movements.

M.L. 902 will R/V with you in 090° Noss Head one
mile at 1500B/12 to escort you into Lerwick.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 111213B to SHAD.)

SALADIN and H.44 proceed to Falmouth.

(2) N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested sail H.44
escorted by SALADIN at 0500B/12th June for Portsmouth. Codeword
"Stencil".

(3) Intend to sail NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE from Plymouth at 0845/12
to R/V with and relieve SALADIN in 045° Eddystone 3.8 miles at
0945/12.

(5) NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE and H.44 enter Portland for night of
12th and 13th proceeding as ordered by N.O.I.C. Portland a.m./13.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111319B to SALADIN.)

Intend to sail PROTEUS escorted by WHITE BEAR at 1030B/12th
to Holy Loch.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111509B.)

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/12 and movements for following
24 hours.

(F.O.(S), 111826B, 112139B, 121453B, 121944B.)

Your 101246. Request either ULA or LE CURIE may be
retained at Scapa until 18th June as the presence of 2 S/Ms for
A/S training until that date is a very urgent necessity owing
to large numbers of destroyers present and recent adverse
weather conditions.

(R.A.D.H.F., 112010B to F.O.(S).)

/Your ...

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Movements.
(Contd.)Your 111319B. Arrivals "Stencil".
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 112155B to C. in C.
Plymouth.)CHANTICLEER,
STARWORT.Intend to part company with STARWORT off West
Coast of Ireland to arrive at Greenock 2000/13
speed 17 knots.
(2) E.T.A. STARWORT 1800/13th Movice.
(CHANTICLEER, 112359B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)Operations.Coastal
Patrols.My 101357B. "Obstacle" arrived 0550.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 110607B.)

1. Patrol A. M.Ls 491 and 304 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.
 2. Codeword "Plumb".
 3. Patrol B. M.G.Bs 317, 326 and 330 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
 4. Codeword "Plumb 1".
 5. Patrol A is to sail from Dartmouth and Patrol B from Plymouth at 2230B for patrol.
- Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth and Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111325B.)
1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude 50° 25' N. between 0° 15' W. and 1° 00' W. from 2345 to 0400 to be carried out by BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE, STEVENSTONE.
 2. M.L.464, 124, to patrol searched Channel between F. and E.A.5 Buoys.
 4. Communications. Codeword "Prize".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 111330B and 111432B.)
BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE, STEVENSTONE patrolling southward of E.A.5 Buoy.
 - M.L. 464, 124 patrolling eastern approach Channel.
 - Chasseur 15 at St. Helens. KRAKOWIAK, LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth.
 5. M.L.122, 215, 182 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 2° 25' W. and 1° 45' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 111446B.)
My 111130B. "Device" sailed at 2220.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 112226B.)
My 111325. Sailed "Plumb 1".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 112259B.)

Operation
F.H.I estimate your time of arrival Toros Island
0230B tomorrow. You should anchor in Vaenga Bay.
2. Pilot will board off Bolshoi Oleni Island
with detailed orders and Liaison Officer.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 110946B to MUSKETEER,
MAHRATTA.)

/ S/M ...

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S/M
Patrols.

Positions of submarines at 0800B/12th and movements for following 24 hours.

- (A) HADDO approx. 47° 30' N. 38° 35' W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 46° 40' N. 38° 25' W.
- (B) HAKE approx. 49° 08' N. 36° 05' W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 47° 56' N. 35° 50' W.
- (C) BARB from north-eastward due 52° 45' N. 28° 01' W. at 0900/12, thence dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 48° 40' N. 37° 36' W.
- (D) BLACKFISH 54° 35' N. 22° 40' W. probably on surface to pass through 52° 45' N. 28° 01' W. at 0300/13th, thence dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 46° 58' N. 35° 50' W.
- (E) TALLY HO vicinity 65° 20' N. 01° 15' E.
- (F) TRUCULENT vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 59' E.
- (G) SEADOG vicinity 63° 30' N. 01° 01' E.
- (H) SATYR vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 30' E.
- (F.O.(S), 111826B to Admty.)

Allied Air Activity.

Ice R/C.

11th June programme (2). Ice R/C postponed, weather in area.
(R.A.F. Iceland, 110712Z to H.Q.C.C.)

Altenfiord
R/C.

Soviet R/C last night and this morning unsuccessful due to bad weather. Am pressing for further R/C as soon as conditions permit.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 111130B to Admty., (R) C. in C. H.F., H.Q.C.C.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland.

One enemy aircraft reported 10 miles N.E. of Grimsey 066° 34' N. 017° 58' W. at 102230B attacking trawler.

One unidentified aircraft single fuselage thought be to F.W. sighted 10 miles North of Raufarhofn 066° 27' N. 015° 55' W. at 102245B course S.E.
(A.C.I.C., 111236B to Admty.)

One Heinkel 111 sighted North of Grindavik 063° 50' N. 022° 26' W. at 0738 and 100 miles S.E. of Reykjavik at 0758 course S.E.

1 unidentified enemy aircraft 15 miles West of Grimsey 066° 34' N. 017° 58' W. course N.E. at 1432.

1 unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 35 miles N.E. of Vattarnes 064° 56' N. 013° 40' W. at 1535, course N.N.E.

(A.C.I.C., 111641B to Admty., (R) C. in C. H.F.)

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Friday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.Lyme Bay
sweep.HOUND's 091537. Danlayers sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 110748 to C. in C.
Plymouth.)Cease operations on completion of present lap,
then FLY and MUTINE, proceed Plymouth direct. HOUND and
trawlers return Dartmouth as convenient.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 111145B to HOUND.)

Owing to bad visibility all the time before receipt of
your 111145B was spent in laying intermediate Dans and one Datum
Dan. Intend clearing the area as far South as a line joining
the following points -(A) 50° 26'16" N. 02° 34'12" W. (B) 50° 26'55" N. 02° 40'24" W.
(C) 50° 22'45" N. 03° 16'48" W.

(HOUND, 111647B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Jettison
of mines.

Your 311524 May.

1. Under the particular conditions in the area
to which your signal refers, the jettisoning
of live mines can be accepted.2. As a general principle, however, it is
undesirable that live mines should be jettisoned in positions
which are not accurately known or in which they are unlikely to
endanger enemy traffic.

(A.C.N.S.H., 111253B to C. in C. Nore.)

Q.Z.X.1021.

Today detonated two 'R' type mines.
(M/S.9, 112140B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)Enemy Intelligence.Off
Eddystone.Unidentified plot in 145° Eddystone is
proceeding towards approx. 14 miles at 2357.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 110003B.)
Doubtful plot faded 0034. Resume patrol.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 110059B to Plymouth
Coastal Forces.)

SP. AY.

10th June sortie D/658 shows Rotterdam:
SPERRBRECHER 440' SP. AY not still present in
floating dock she has occupied two months and
not seen elsewhere in port.

(R.A.F. Medmenham, 110955B to Admt.)

Further examination of sortie D/658 shows SPERRBRECHER 440' SP.
AY moved to P. Smit not departed port.

(R.A.F. Medmenham, 111325B to Admt.)

Enemy
Craft.*Russians report by D/F one destroyer and one
large unknown ship in 072° 45' N. 011° 40' E.
at 1127B/11, intercommunicating on 3947 k/cs.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 111309B to H.F., A.C.I.C.,
A.C.O.S., F.O.(S).)

/Emden ...

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Emden. Sortie D/662 1015B/11th June shows:-
 Delfzijl. Emden port completely photographed except for S.E. portion and coaling quay of New Inner Harbour. Naval units present comprise two 500 ton U-Boats, one E/R boat, and four trawler-type auxiliaries. Thirteen M/Vs 250 to 415 ft. present, in part of New Inner Harbour. M/V M.215 remains in floating dock in Inner Harbour Denhelder. Naval units present comprise eight M-class minesweepers, six small auxiliaries, showing an increase of eight M-class minesweepers and a decrease of four trawler-type auxiliaries since 10th June. No merchant shipping of note present.
 Delfzijl. Merchant shipping shows a decrease in the port of five trawler-type auxiliaries, five M/Vs 20/300 ft., one with engines aft, since 15th May leaving no shipping of importance in the port.
 (P.R. Benson, 111715B to Admty.)

Zeebrugge. Sortie RA/428 at 111600B June shows no shipping except barges present.
 (R.A.F. Medmenham, 112200B to Admty.)

U-Boats.

Biscay Area. Am investigating suspicious object, wake or swirl in 48° 15' N. 09° 10' W.
 (A/C 1404 Flt. Duty 'J', 111150B to 19 Group.)
 Streaks of air bubbles.
 (A/C 1404 Flt. Duty 'U', 111200B to 19 Group.)

North Atlantic. Report of attack on S/MS from 18 Group A/C broken off by S O S 1123 today. Since then nothing heard. Position of attack received incomplete but estimated 063° 02' N. 010° 50' W. Fortress aircraft and DR9C proceeding with search.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 111257B to R.A.M.)
 Sighted large oil streak position 63° 09' N. 09° 48' W.
 (A/C B6H2B, 111846B to 15 Group.)
 Charlie 84 sighted survivors in 63° 23' N. 10° 34' W. at 1900B.
 (H.Q. 19 Group, 111926B to A/C 84 Sqdn., Duty 'K'.)
 My 111257. Survivors reported sighted in 063° 23' N. 010° 34' W. If vessels detached request it may report movements in order homing with aircraft may be arranged.
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 112038B to S.O. M.)
 Your 111257 and 112016. Due to minefield it is impracticable to send surface craft other than wooden ship (? less than) 15 feet draft into this area.
 (R.A.M., 112120B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

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Friday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Technical.

Endurance of L.S.I.(S) Craft. A.M. 251821B May para. two and A.M. 101331B June. Following information has been obtained from C.O. of PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, PRINCE LEOPOLD and PRINCESS ASTRID.

(A) Best economical speed of all ships between 14 and 15 knots.

(B) Endurance to complete exhaustion of fuel for PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE and PRINCE CHARLES 1390 miles.

(C) Ditto for PRINCE LEOPOLD and PRINCESS ASTRID 1200 miles.

2. Appointed route 1305 miles and allowing for zigzag this must be increased to approximately 1440 miles. It is therefore certain that ships cannot reach destination without refuelling even under most favourable conditions.

3. The following alternatives appear possible -

(A) To be accompanied or met by an oiler and fuel at sea.

(B) PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE and PRINCE CHARLES fuel at Ponta Delgada. PRINCE LEOPOLD and PRINCESS ASTRID at Lisbon. In neither case is there a satisfactory margin.

(C) All ships fuel at Lisbon.

(D) Begin voyage in tow. It is understood experiments have been made by S.O. Force J with disappointing results. It is estimated it would be necessary to tow PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE and PRINCE CHARLES for first 350 miles and PRINCE LEOPOLD and PRINCESS ASTRID for first 500 miles.

(E) End voyage in tow. Since ships have no hand steering it is very desirable they should keep some steam throughout and the same figures as in (D) apply.

(F) Possibility of carrying extra fuel in drums is understood to be impracticable.

4. Alternatives (A) or (C) are recommended.

5. Ships will not be sailed until Admiralty instructions have been received as to method to be employed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 110101B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

CLAN MACINNES, LUMINETTA. Have been in collision with tanker LUMINETTA. Bow damaged not immediate danger, collision bulkhead hold will require assistance as no anchor (? belt) position vicinity Clyde light vessel.
(CLAN MACINNES via Port Patrick Radio, 110420Z.)

CLAN MACINNES in collision with LUMINETTA.
CLAN MACINNES has no anchors, making water slowly in number one hold. Bow badly damaged. Maximum speed 3 knots. Am standing by and proceeding Clyde light vessel. Request tug immediately. Not in contact LUMINETTA who has damaged stern. My position 265° 5 miles from Clyde light vessel.
(PIMPERNEL, 110730B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
My 110730B. CLAN MACINNES now proceeding at 6 knots from Clyde light vessel.
(PIMPERNEL, 110945B.)
LUMINETTA returned from O.N.188 for examination after collision with CLAN MACINNES.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 111620B to C. in C. W.A.)

/ JAN ...

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JAN VAN
GELDER. Request you will sail DESTINY forthwith to assist JAN VAN GELDER damaged in 54° 48' N. 05° 14' 57" W. Ship is to be towed to Belfast. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 110555B to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown.)
Sailed DESTINY in accordance with your 110555. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 110650B.)
My position 111330 Black Head 265° 3 miles, speed 4 knots. Am being towed by Tug EMPIRE MEADOW into Belfast Lough. One trawler in company.
(JAN VAN GELDER, 111330B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)
Arrived JAN VAN GELDER in tow with collision damage. (F.O.I.C.N.I., 111449B.)
JAN VAN GELDER now in Belfast. Returning Campbeltown, E.T.A. 1830.
(DESTINY, 111635B.)

NEWTON
D. BAKER. Proceed forthwith to stand by merchant ship ashore approx. 55° 08' N. 6° 02' W. (F.O.I.C.N.I., 111130B to DESTINY.)
Following from N.O.I.C. Larne begins: Coastguard on point reports SS. NEWTON D. BAKER aground 600 yards North of Cushendun River. Bound Gourock to New York in ballast. T.O.O. 111139B. Ends. This ship was from O.N.188. (F.O.I.C.N.I., 111312B to C. in C. W.A.)
F.O.I.C.N.I. 111130. Ship has been refloated. Return to Campbeltown.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 111449Z to DESTINY.)
My 111312B. NEWTON D. BAKER refloated and proceeding to Belfast.
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 111721B to C. in C. W.A.)
NEWTON D. BAKER ex O.N.188, arrived 1926B/11. Ship had been ashore at Cushendun.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast, 112012B.)

UNTAMED. TEDWORTH reports 2nd 9-inch lift-wire placed at 0905 today.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 111145B.)

PETRONEL. Your 111115B.
PETRONEL arrived with engine defects.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 111900 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

DESTINY. Arrival DESTINY. Ship has steering defect which is being investigated.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 111917B.)

Unknown
Ship. Following received from A.C.O.S.
Intercepted at 1918/1925 G.M.T. Distress signal intercepted on 500 k/cs C W presumably enemy

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Unknown aircraft Q S A 2 sense S.E. ends.
Ship. (Wick, 112126 to Lyness.)
(Contd.) (North Foreland, 112141B, 112147B, 112236.)
(Port Patrick, 112314Z.)
(Burnham W/T, 112315.)

Shipping and Convoys.

O.N.S. 10. Arrived, fuelled, sailed SNOWFLAKE to overtake
O.N.S.10.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 110046B.)

H.X. 242. D/F bearings at 0219⁷/11 indicate U-Boat in your
vicinity which may have reported you.
(D.D.I.C., 110445B to Escorts H.X.242.)

S.C. 132. Sailed AQUAMARINE to meet S.C. 132.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 110645B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

O.N. 188. Sailed KOOTENAY, OTTAWA, WETASKIWIN, ARVIDA,
ROSTHERN, DIANTHUS. Tankers STRINDA, SCOTTISH
HEATHER for O.N. 188.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 110951B to C. in C. W.A.)
My P.C.S. 055° 33' N. 006° 55' W., 178°, 15 knots. Proceeding
in execution of your 110957B.
(ARVIDA, 111330B to C. in C. W.A.)

P.S. 11, My 101640B. P.S.11 and S.P.11 cancelled.
S.P. 11. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 111002B.)

S.D. 41. Intend sailing BANFORA escorted by SHIKARI and
SCIMITAR to Greenock at 0001/12th June routed in
accordance with C. in C. W.A's 111426.
(A.C.I.C., 111706B.)

Stragglers Amendment No. 109 to M.A.R.I. Section one, para.
Reports. 5 sub-para 1B add Lough Foyle should not be
used except in emergency.
2. Delete whole text of sub-para. 4 and
substitute.
(D.T.D., 111849B.)

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U.G.S.9. Position U.G.S9 from aircraft 30° N. 25° 50' W. 2025A/10.
(Commorseafron 110515Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.Med. Pass to Comnavnav, A.H.Q.Gibraltar, Admty.)

U.G.S.9 Cdr. T.F. position via aircraft 030° 15' N. 022° 35' W. at 1200A June 11.
(C.M.S.F.F. 112111 to F.O.C.Gibraltar (R) C. in C.M.E. Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces N.W.African Waters, Admty. C.T.F.66, C.T.G.21.3.)

OCEAN VALENTINE. OCEAN VALENTINE Pendant 82 has only 13 days fuel remaining. Propose she proceeds Gibraltar with ACTIVE. My P.C. and 3. at 0930Z 034° 53' N. 007° 49' W. 034° 7 knots. Uncoded weather report. (SCARBOROUGH 110935Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) ACTIVE.)

O.S.49. Intend sailing for Freetown (list.) (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 110959B to F.O.C.W.A.)
O.S.49. In view of C. in C.W.A.'s. 050914, cancel last sentence of A.M. 101117 relating to fuelling escorts at Casablanca.
(D.O.D.(F) 111122B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) F.O.C.W.A. C. in C.Med. C. in C.W.A.)

Suspicious Ship. Following received from Comfarwing. This was probably HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN signal letters GCTY which should have been within 200 miles of that position. Your 102235 refers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111014B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty.)

Dispositions Situation 2001B/11th.
ST. NECTAN on patrol off Setubal. At 2300B/11th R/V one merchant ship and escort coastwise to 270° Cape St. Vincent (719) miles thence 165° 9.
2. VELOX 2 merchant ships 037° 35' 009° 33' to R/V S.L. 130 in 035° 53' 011° 01' 7½. VELOX returns to Gibraltar after R/V.
3. S.L. 130, SCARBOROUGH 035° 32' 008° 04' through 036° 01' 012° 01' thence 322° 7.
4. S.L. 130 Gibraltar Section ACTIVE 035° 36' 006° 48' through 035 degs. 45' 006° 30' to Gibraltar 7½.
5. 18 L.C.I.(L) S.O. 173, 036° 17' 011° 26' through 036° 03' 007° 02' to Gibraltar 10.
6. Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 040° 05' 012° 01' through 040° 01' 012° 01' and 036° 01' 067° 01' thence 094° 14.
7. Small craft convoy SHEPPEY 038° 54' 011° 29' through 036° 40' 010° 02' to Gibraltar 8.
8. Coastal craft convoy HORNPIPE 036° 03' 007° 26' to Gibraltar 7½
9. 1 U.S.Destroyer sailing Casablanca p.m. 11th to R/V with U.S.S. WESTPOINT in 036° 14' 015° 03' at 1700B/12th and escort to Casablanca.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111042B.)

/Situation...

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5. (P.O.S.) 49, K.M.S.16, KEPPEL (E) 041° 01' 014° (711') through 040° 01' 014° 15' thence (7139° or 185°) 7½.

7. G.U.S.8, C.T.F.66 (E) 030° 18' 017° 11' (7241°) 9½.

8. S.R.5, LA GRANDIERE, (E) 028° 06' 013° 53' through 030° 18' 011° 05' thence 027° 10.

9. U.G.S.9, C.T.F.69, 030° 51' 020° 05' through 031° 06' 017° 02' thence 069° 9.

10. U.S.S. WESTPOINT 038° 39' 022° 55' through 037° 25' 017° 50' thence 113° 20½.

11. One U.S. destroyer sails CASABLANCA p.m. 11th to R/V WESTPOINT in 036° 14' 015° 03' at 121700 and escort to Casablanca.

12. L.S.T. 421, B.Y.M.S., 19, 024° 23' 015° 53' through 026° 01' 014° 45' and 026° 37' 014° (731') thence 034° 9.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111058B.)

CALANDA. Swiss steamship CALANDA leaves Genoa for Gibraltar about 16th June.
(D.E.W.D. 111121B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

TEMPLAR, Your 101249B. (Request further details of French fishing fleet mentioned.) During night of 27/28 May TEMPLAR spent most of the hours of darkness in avoiding a French fishing fleet of about 25 sailing vessels with lights on Parsons Bank. Include in passage report.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111138B to F.O.S. (R) Admty.)

M.K.S.14. Sailing telegram. (11 ships - also 2 from Lisbon to join S.L.130) 2. 1600/16. 4. 7½ knots. 6. ACTIVE, SPEEDWELL, LORD NUFFIELD, MINNA, HISSAR, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111154B to Admty.)
M.K.S.14. Sailing telegram part 2.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111156B to Admty.)

SEGUNDA Intend requisitioning Spanish SEGUNDO EFIGINIA EFIGINIA. out of prize court for use as harbour craft for C.C. base. M.W.T. concur.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111211B to Admty.)

Axis Arrival 10th MONTE CONTES. Arrival 11th CARUSO. Shipping, Depart 10th THRIANTHA, BANKA, JACQUELINE. Depart Bilbao. 11th COURDANNES.
(Bilbao 111225 to Admty.)

Movements, Arrived DUNKIRK with COLTSFOOT and AZALEA. Last Casablanca. 2 fuelled sailed at 1600A to rejoin.
(C.M.S.F.F. 111605 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) SCARBOROUGH, F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C.Med. Admty.etc.)

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BULLDOG
W.S.31

Is it acceptable to retain BULLDOG for use as part escort to W.S.31? Admty. 092049 para. 11 refers.

2. In this event anticipate one destroyer could be provided to comply with para. 3 of your 101828.

3. Suggested escort W.S.31 FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE, BULLDOG, AMAZON and ARROW.

4. ARROW to proceed to Momp and return with EL BIAR.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111724B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. Commorseafon.)

Red Cross Route. X I.R.C. inform me that Red Cross ships are held up owing to disagreement as to route to be followed from Gibraltar to Marseilles. In order to prevent hold up in Red Cross traffic do you approve of ships complying with German route pending negotiations for a new agreed route? Request your decision be sent to Geneva also.
(N.C.S.O. Lisbon 111815B to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

French Refugees. My 082015. Embarkation completed, ship will sail on evening tide.
(B.N.A.Lisbon 111841B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

K.M.S.16. Detach ships bound Lisbon after dark June 12th to proceed Lisbon escorted by 2 corvettes of Gib. bound escort.

2. Escorts are to part company when ships enter Tagus, and maintain anti-submarine patrol outside territorial waters.

3. Senior Corvette is to report names of escort detached on parting company with Lisbon portion.

4. Escorts are to R/V 1900B June 13th in position 235° Fort Bug (?a) light 5 miles with GREAT HOPE, RENE PAUL, GULLPOOL, FYLINGDALE, HALLFRIED, GRODNO and CITY OF LANCASTER and escort them as follows.

5. Route in territorial waters not more than 2 miles from coast, navigational hazards, permitting, to Cape Saint Mary. Thence direct to position 035° 56' N. 006° 20' W. and Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar S.O.A. 7 knots. Fighter protection codeword "Detest" wireless call sign 248 CW.

6. SS. GREAT HOPE is to be detached at Cape Saint Mary to proceed territorial waters unescorted to Seville.
(F.O.Gibraltar 111842B, 121143B to Escorts of convoy K.M.S.16, for Cdre. (R) Admty.)

Movements Casablanca. Warships June 11 departed U.S.S. LUDLOW to R/V with WEST POINT, returned, L.C.T.18, B.Y.M.S. 09,27,26 A.V.R.C. 9471 and C.9472. AZALEA, COLTSFOOT arrived Furid (?fuelled) and departed.
(Commorseafon 112021Z to C. in C.Med.)

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Convoy D.C.30. Sailing telegram (11 ships. All for Capetown) (2) 0600Z/11th June. (3) 8 knots. (5) Coastal Ref. 61 to 68 Saldanha Bay K.Z. (6) NORTHERN DAWN, MARGUERITE, SPHENE, CEDARBERG. (12) E.T.A. Capetown p.m. 15th. E.T.A. Port Elizabeth a.m. 13th. E.T.A. East London p.m. 12th. (14) Convoy W/T Call sign K.U.D./1 to 9 Q.G.A. 150. (N.C.S.O. Durban, 110646B to Admty., etc.)

Group sailing No. 21. Lourenco Marques. 3 ships escorted by LADY ELSA, NORWICH CITY, ST. ZENO. Expected sailing Cape Inhaca 130° 6 miles at 0430Z June 12th. ALLERTON, knots 9, for Buenos Aires. BREIVIKEN (Norwegian), knots 9, for Kilindini. CHARLES J. FOLGER (U.S.), knots 11½. for Rio de Janeiro. E.T.A. Durban p.m. June 13th, S. of A. knots 8½. Coastal Reference Saldanha Bay K.Z. Diego Suarez R.S. (Capetown, 110841B to Admty., etc.)

DAUNTLESS. Sailed 0800Z DAUNTLESS. My 102003 refers. (Comar Dakar, 110843Z to F.O.C.W.A., etc.) My 091139 (intended sailing of DAUNTLESS). Position E amend longitude 011° 04' West. (F.O.C.W.A., 111329Z to DAUNTLESS, (R) Commorseafron, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Admty.)

Movements. Departure 11th PORTSDOWN and BUTTERMERE with cable ship LADY DENISON PENNER. (N.C.S.O. St. Vincent, 110905 to Admty., (R) F.O.C.W.Af.)

QUERCY. Sailed 2030Z/10th QUERCY for Conakry, speed made good 13½ knots, routed from Goree Island through position (A) 010° 52' N. 017° 06' W. (B) 009° 26' 014° 00'. My 081247 to F.O.C. West Africa only refers. (Comar Dakar, 110926Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty., N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

Repatriations Port Elizabeth arrival SATURNIA, VULCANIA Italian repatriations ships. (N.C.S.O. Port Elizabeth, 111110B to Admty., etc.)

Floating Dock. Your 101325. No objection. (D.O.D.(F), 111210B to F.O.C.W.A.)

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French Admirals. X My 101145. Adm. Anboyneau now wishes to fly to Freetown from Duala on 24th and then to Algiers on 26th. 2. It appears he wishes to see Adm. Michelier before seeing Adm. Collinet. 3. F.F.L.O. is endeavouring to arrange air passage with Gen. Fitzgerald. Shall assume you approve of para. 2.

(F.O.C.W.A., 111214Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. Resmin.)
Following is a repetition of my 111215. (begins) "Resmin (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. from F.O.C. W.A. My 111214. If you wish to see Adm. Auboyneau presume you will arrange direct with Gen. Fitzgerald" (Ends.)

(F.O.C.W.A. 111300Z to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/11th. ASTER off Danger Point coastal to Port Elizabeth 12.
LE TIGER with C.D.22 A (one ship) 034° 20' 022° 15' coastal to Port Elizabeth 6.5.
IMMORTELLE, ALLIGATOR, EMPIRE GOBLIN towing lighter 034° 30' 021° 45' coastal to East London 5. GENISTA, THYME, ROHILKHAND, CAPE WARWICK, B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7 and 8 with C.D.22 (5 ships) 034° 25' 023° 15' coastal to Durban 8.
Portuguese sloop BARTHOLOMEW DIAZ 034° 30' 025° 00' Westbound 14.
MARGUERITE, NORTHERN DAWN, SPHENE, CEDARBERG with D.C.30 (12 ships) 031° 40' 029° 50' coastal to Capetown 9.
RELENTLESS outward bound off Durban.
VORTIGERN 037° 00' 026° 50' to 037° 00' 030° 30' 19.
NORWICH CITY, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO, patrol off Cape Inhaca
FALMOUTH, FREESIA, COVENTRY CITY, DRANGEY, FERNMOOR with D.N.47 10 ships 027° 05' 035° 45' to 026° 036° 8.
ROTHERHAM escorting AORANGI 022° 05' 040° 15' to 020° 05' 041° 25' 13.5.
CAPETOWN in Mozambique Channel to R/V 020° 05' 040° 25'.
(C. in C.S.A., 111241B)
SUFFOLK, CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, CATTERICK with W.S.30 (7 ships) 015° 40' 010° 30' to 018° 10' 010° 55' 12½
ROCKROSE, ST. LOMAN, WELLARD, OLNA with C.N.24 (14 ships) 032° 45' 017° 15' to 030° 016° 52' 8.
(C. in C. S.A., 111256B)

Routeing of U.S. Ships from East Africa. X Request you will reply to Connav 091554 (through-routeing from U.S.A. to Indian Ocean). Meanwhile suggest ships be routed to Kilindini for onward instructions passing close West of Madagascar from position A in my 211556 para. 2 or alternatively to Diego Suarez.
(C. in C.S.A., 111253B to C. in C.E.F.(R) Connav, Admty.)

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Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/11th May.
(L?) S.T.421 B.Y.M.S.19 024° (31'?) 015° 48' (C)
026° 00' 014° 45' to 026° 37' 014° 31' thence
033° 9.

PORTSDOWN (?BUTTERMERE) (?screening) NARIJA about 016° 45'
025° 05'.
INKPEN 015° 50' 022° 48' to R/V with PORTSDOWN and (?BUTTERMERE)
10.
COPINSAY 013° 27' (062°) 01' to Dakar 8.
(ASTURIAS) 009° 41' 015° 59' to Freetown (?14½).
FOXHOUND, BRIDGEWATER, BELLWORT, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with D.B.
(f?) 3, 009° 27' 063° 22' to 009° 21' (016°?) 15' thence 107° 10.
F.S. QUERCY about 010° (034') N. 016° 01' W. to Konakri 13½.
CILICIA on patrol about 008° 30', 027° 30' 14.
DAUNTLESS 018° 18' 017° 40' to 023° 50' 017° 40' thence (?104)
(R.A.W.A. 111330Z.)

Situation at 2001Z/11th June. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS,
ARMERIA, BURDOCK, BLACKMOOR, COMMANDANT, D'ETROYAT, F.F.S.,
FAIDANGO, TURCOMAN with T.S.69 007° 48' 014° 11' to 007° 39'
014° 20' thence (?122°) 8½ M.L.285 and M.L.256 escorting about
007° 38' 013° 37' to Freetown (?10)
B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 20 and 28 005° 26' 010° 02' to 006° 52' 012° 00'
thence 293° 9½. BIRDLIP about 004° 17' 007° 30' coastwise
north west 5 M.Ls. 296, 272 and 287 off Port Bouet.
MILFORD, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF (?PETUNIA), CLARKIA, (?CILICIA)
YESTOR with T.S.44 004° 34' 001° 54' to 004° 26' 002° 00' thence
266° 7.
SARABANDE off Accra.
M.Ls. 10.19 and 10.14 off Kotonou.
CORFU 002° 00' 012° 58' to 002° 00' 015° 00' thence 295° 15.
M.Ls. 261, 263 and 281, 007° 38' 014° 00' to 006° 45' 012° 35' to
006° 04' 011° 54' thence 302° 10.
WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH off Pointe Noire to 001° 00' S. 006° 00' E
thence Lagos 20.
(F.O.C.W.A., 111441Z.)

B.Y.M.S. Your 101550B. (Request you will recall B.Y.M.S.
11, 12, 20, 28 and route accordingly) Error regretted
B.Y.M.S. recalled and should sail Freetown northwards 14th June.
(F.O.C.W.A., 111339Z to Admty.)

Convoy. Sailing telegram.
S.T.29. 2. 1000/11 June. 3. Knots 8½. 4. (List)
5. (Route) 7. South American ships Section (A)
DDBU 14th June in approx. 03.48 N. 05.50 W.
South American ships Section (B) Dawn 18th June in approx. 04.00
?North 04.10 West. Walvis Bay Ships at 1200 G.M.T. 15th June
in approx. 04.03 N. 03.25 W. 8. Separate signals will be made
giving routes and full particulars of Cape and South American
ships.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 111427 to Admty.)

/Ship...

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Ship
Repair
Facilities,
South
Africa.

I have been approached by Minister of Railways and Harbours on difficulty of ensuring adequate employment for ship repairing facilities and labour forces at various ports of South Africa. He asks if there would be any objection to his Controller of ship Repairs proceeding to North Africa and perhaps India to discuss possibilities of transferring Lam Duck Ships for overhaul in South Africa. Remarks. Is there any objection to proposed trip? If not could this opportunity be utilized for a general meeting of interested authorities to propose plans for future allocating of repair work? (6) M.W.T.R. is reporting to his Ministry in this connection.
(C. in C. S.A., 111432B/ to Admty.)

WILLIAM
KING.
(sunk 6/6)

SS. WILLIAM KING (U.S.A.) torpedoed by German U-Boat in 30° 34' S. 33° 56' E. and sank 1220Z ? 6th 2. First torpedo hit port side 1140Z second torpedo missed seen passing astern third torpedo hit starboard side 1215Z. 3. Neither submarine nor track or first torpedo seen. 4. Ship did not open fire. 5. SSSS signal made and received from lifeboat. Ships W/T wrecked by explosion. 6. C.Bs thrown overboard in perforated iron box and seen to sink. 7. Total crew and armed guard 65. Master taken prisoner by U-boat, 4 killed by explosion, two died in lifeboat, 35 rescued by NORTHERN CHIEF, 23 by RELENTLESS. 8. U-Boat surfaced 1215Z and ordered boats alongside hastening this with burst of tommy gun fire wide of ?boats. 9. U-Boat freshly painted light grey about 750 tons and 250 feet long. One 4 inch gun forward, one dual purpose gun aft, and one A/A gun on C/T. About 6 circular plates placed athwartship across stern projecting one third above deck and running fore and aft. No wire cutter or jumping wires seen.
(Cdre., Durban, 111501Z, 121349Z to Admty., etc.)

Movements
Freetown.

Departure 10 (?11)Z 11th June. CORINTHIAN, BLACKMOOR, CROCUS, ARMERIA, BURDOCK, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, FANDANGO, TURCOMAN with S.T. 69. Admty. pass to F.N.F.L. London.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 111552Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty., etc.)

Ships
ex. S.T.69.

The following 10 ships for South America sailing in convoy S.T.69 will be detached dusk 14th June in approx. 003° 48' N. 005° 48' W. to proceed independently. (List and routes)
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 111609Z to Admty.)

The following 9 ships sailing in convoy S.T.69 will be detached at dawn 15th June in approx 004° 00' N. 004° 07' W. to proceed independently. (List and Routes.)
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 111611Z to Admty.)

Convoy
T.S.44.

T.S.44 sailed 1600Z/11th June route Solar, S. of A. 6½ knots, E.T.A. Freetown, 1200Z/17th June. Details. Codeword "Bamboo".
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 111748Z to Admty.)

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DESPATCH.
W.S.31.

Admty., 092049 para. 8.
Intend to sail DESPATCH with W.S.31 in place of
A.M.C. Propose that DESPATCH should remain
at Capetown to refit and fit asdics when
available. Do you concur? DESPATCH could be
used for onward escort to Durban at your discretion if she
could not be accepted for refit at once.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111806Z to C. in C.S.A.(R) Admty.)

N.D.Ships
S. Africa.

Facilities are now also available at Durban
Port Elizabeth and East London under supervision
of D.E.M.S. Officers. (2) Limiting factor
is material but on arrival necessary stores will
be distributed to all Ports. (3) Your 261725
May refers.
(C. in C.S.A., 111807B to Admty., (R) C. in C.E.F.)

CORFU.

From position Queen alter course to position
Roger 004° North 025° West and thence to patrol
area.
(F.O.C.W.A., 111955Z to CORFU, (R) Admty.,
CILICIA.)

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Mediterranean.

Capture of Pantellaria.

Convoy B. X (2 corrupt groups) operation "Corkscrew".
Sailed convoy B codeword "Salient" at (?) 0101B
11 route B speed 12 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 110102B to S.O. Force L,
V.A. Malta, (R) N.A.C.A.F., 242 Group, ROYAL
ULSTERMAN)

Air R/C Photographic R/C Pantellaria 1200 June, 10th
1 F-boat on shore at Cala Tramontasay. At
1600/10th, 1 small coaster off Punta Scirpo
arrived since the 9th.
(C. in C. Med., 110208B to F.O. 12th C.S.
S.O. Force L, V.A. Malta, F.O.I.S. D.14, D.19
All cruisers and destroyers operating in area
between Bone and Malta).

Coastal Craft Patrol. X 4 Groups of Coastal craft of 3 boats each sailed
Bizerta to arrive Patrol Area 2030B/11th in
accordance with your 101258B. Leave area 0530B
12th and arrive Bizerta between 1200B and 1430B
12th.
(F.O.I.S., 110922B to C. in C. Med., (R) N.O.I.C.
Malta, S.O. Force L. R.A.(D) Med., N.O.I.C. Bone, C.S.12,
S.N.O. Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, S.O.I.S.
N.A.S.A.F., N.A.T.A.F., N.A.C.A.F., N.A.A.F., N.L.O. 242 Group,
N.L.O. 211 Group. A.H.Q. Malta).
2 large M.T.B. 2 large M.G.B. and 4 small M.T.B. will be
sailing to comply with your 101258B. They will arrive on
patrol at 2030. Codeword "Spirit" wireless guard 170 k/cs.
(V.A. Malta, 111052B to C. in C. Med., (R) S.N.O.
Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, S.O.I.S.
N.O.I.C. Bone, N.A.S.A.F., N.A.T.A.F., N.A.C.A.F., N.L.O.
242 Group N.L.O. 211 Group, A.H.Q. Malta, S.O. Force L,
C.S.12, C.S.15).

Landing, First Flight. ✓ First flight left position 8 miles off shore
at 1030B. All going according to plan. One
or 2 (?fired on).
(S.O. Force L, 111051B to C. in C. Med).

Surrender Signals. (?White) flag on semaphore tower reported by
Capt. (D)19. White cross on aerodrome reported
by A/C. Too late to stop heavy air attack now
taking place. Troop landing taking place
according to schedule. One or 2 batteries and
A.A. still firing.
(S.O. Force L, 111137B to C. in C. Med).

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Surrender
Signals.
(contd).

Following has been read. Following is translation of message received on 500 k/cs (Begins) Malta W/T from Pantellaria. Beg to surrender through lack of water. Admiral Paresse* (Ends) T.O.R. 1219. (Malta W/T, 111234) *Press messages give name of Italian Admiral, Governor and Commander as Pavesi. (vide The Times 15/6/1943).

Orders to
C.S.15.

My 111308 (Made in local cryptographic system undecypherable in War Registry) Air Force are bombing Island today Friday and called for surrender. Bombard Island by day and by night as necessary to maintain pressure. Be prepared to receive surrender if offered. Army Commander has been directed to place one company of infantry under your command to deal with prisoners. This company is not repetition not to be required to make an assault.
(2) S.O. Force L pass my 111308 to F.O.C.S.15, number to S.O. Force L - 21.
(C. in C. Med., 111325B to F.O.C.S.15 (R) S.O. Force L and for Joint Commanders).

AURORA,
LAFOREY,
LOYAL.

AURORA, LAFOREY, LOYAL leaving Pantellaria 1600 11th for Algiers routed through Q.K.Bs. 128 and 93 positions 53,27 and 90 E.T.A.1030/12th. S. of A. 23 knots, codeword "Capron 3". (C.S.12, 111411B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.S. N.O.I.C. Bone, V.A. Malta, C.S.15, N.O.I.C. Algiers, All cruisers and destroyers operating in area between Bone and Malta. AURORA, LAFOREY LOYAL. N.L.O. 242 Wing. Escorts of Convoy G.T.X.2)

Bombing
stopped,
disposal of
aircraft.

Signal from LARGS signed Clutterbuck T.O.O. 1245B received here at 1315B. We have stopped bombing Pantellaria. Fighter cover is being maintained and P.C.38s will report in as scheduled throughout the day. 12th A.S.C. maintaining 12 fighter bombers and 12 light bombers in readiness and N.A.S.A.F. has 12 heavies standing by. All other Missions shifted to Lampedusa by order of C. in C. Wellingtons also ordered on Lampedusa tonight, heavies on Sicilian Aerodromes tomorrow.
(Norstad N.A.A.F. H.Q., Adv. 111500B to H.Q. (L) LARGS for Spaatz).

Situation
report No.
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Following is interim report on operation against Pantellaria since 1800/10th.
2. PALADIN and PETARD carried out patrol off the Island and bombardment of the harbour during the night.
3. Rear Admiral Force L, in LARGS with APHIS, assault Forces and escorts, sailed from Sousse and Sfax p.m./10th June.

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4. C.S.15 in NEWFOUNDLAND with ORION, AURORA, PENELOPE and destroyers sailed from Malta for bombardment of the Island and as a covering force.
5. First Flight started for shore at 1035 from a position 8 miles off shore. Little resistance on way in other than dropping of a few bombs.
6. At 1137 white flag hoisted on Semaphore Tower and white cross down on airfield.
7. Landing proceeded according to plan, slight resistance at first encountered on one beach and from one or two batteries. At 1222 representatives of services and civil affairs went ashore to negotiate surrender, at 1234 Italian Admiral Paress made through Malta W/T "Beg to surrender through lack of water".
8. By 1330 G.O.C. First Division had landed and orders had been issued to stop bombing. Landing of troops and stores continued. Many troops and civilians surrendered, but important Authorities not yet been contacted.
9. R.A.C. 15th C.S. with available cruisers and destroyers has been ordered to Lampedusa to bombard Island in conjunction with air bombing and call to surrender.
10. Last report states 21,000 people in Island. No water or food in town for three days.
11. LARGS reported near misses caused slight damage. (C. in C. Med., 111822B to Admty. C. in C. Levant etc).

Force K.

- X Intend to leave Pantellaria at 2100 anchoring in position 180° Kelibia Light 2 miles until 0500B tomorrow Saturday when I shall return to Pantellaria. Request fighter protection from 0500B codeword "Snore. C. in C. pass to addressees.
(R.A. Force K. 111840B to C. in C. Med., (R) N.A.C.A.F., F.O.I.S.)

Convoy.

- (Convoy?) (Departure?) About 14 L.C.(T)? APHIS, MISOA (?4) Fleet M/S, WHADDON SANDERDALE (?LAUDERDALE) leave Pantellaria 1930 for Sousse route "Item" and "Able" speed 7 knots, E.T.A. Port 0800 Saturday 12th June, codeword "Solent". Request fighter protection.
(R.A. Alexandria, 111843B to C. in C. Med., N.A.C.A.F., 242 Group, N.O.I.C. Sousse).

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- Barrage fire. As a result of experience with A.B.U. request where applicable reply by signal to questionnaire received from Admiralty on barrage fire policy which is being passed, T.O.O. 081259 (re C.A.F.O. 383/43.) to non addressees.
(C. in C.Med. 110040B to C.S.12, C.S. 15, D.19, R.A.H. (R) Admty. F.O.H.)
- Ship sunk in G.T.X.2. Is torpedoed ship still afloat? Tug EMPIRE GNOME being sent from Bougie.
(C. in C.Med. 110120B to WISHART, (R) N.O.I.C. Bougie.)
Your 110120B. Ship sank. There may be survivors on raft.
(WISHART 110300B to N.O.I.C. Algiers, (R) C. in C.Med. Fleet, N.O.I.C. Bougie.)
- E-Boat. 1 E-Boat bearing 110° distant 2 miles 158° 37° N. 12° E. 7.
(PALADIN via Alex. 110212 addressed Call sign G20)
- K.M.F.17. K.M.F.17 sailing U.K. 19/6 will comprise the following ships, all at present for Algiers - BRITANNIC, SAMARIA, LARGS BAY, TAMAROA and the U.S. ships J.W.MCANDREW, SANTA ROSA and CRISTOBAL.
2. Disposal of transports. 3. Request your views.
(D. of S.T. 110218B to C. in C.Med.)
- Malta M.T.Bs. Sailed 10th June on patrol M.T.B. 636, M.G.B. 663.
(V.A.Malta 110628 to Admty. etc.)
- Movements, Malta. Sailed 10th June ABDIEL, NEWFOUNDLAND, ORION, AURORA, PENELOPE, LAFOREY, LOYAL, LOOKOUT, JERVIS, NUBIAN, TARTAR, TROUBRIDGE and QUEEN OLGA.
S/M UNRIVALLED.
(V.A.Malta 110641B to Admty.etc.)
- Movements, Beirut. 10th June 43 arrivals PARTHIAN, departures M.Ls. 384 and 386.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 110847C to Admty.)
- M.E.Air Report. A.665 June 11th. Daily Opsum 44.
June 9/10. 32 Wellingtons Pantellaria Twn and Harbour. 65 tons H.E. at 2000Z hours. Leaflets dropped. 4 Hurricane Intruders machine gunned objectives on Pantellaria. Results unobserved.

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M.E.Air Report. (Contd.) June 10th. A Bisley searching June 9 for survivors of Catalina (P.B.Y.5.) missing from submarine hunt off East Coast Arabia sighted submarine about 12 miles South East Masir Island. 4 depth charges dropped, no damage claimed. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 110944Z.)

O.S.49/
K.M.S.16. Following ships continue with K.M.S.16 for passage through Mediterranean. For Malta, CLAN CAMERON, RANCHER. Middle East, FORT CHIPEWYAN. Persian Gulf, CENARA. Haifa, ARMADALE, India, MATHURA, CLAN CAMPBELL, TAHSINIA. (C. in C.Med. 111005 to KEPPEL, (R) C. in C. Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. Connv, N.S.H.Q)

X.T.G.1. Intend to sail 13 ships (list.) First 6 ships carry Prisoners of War for Oran. (Cdre. Algeria 111006B to Connob Oran, Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.Med. Connv.)

RIGEL, attacked by KATSONIS 29 May. Spanish ship was RIGEL of 400 tons attacked 1745 29th May and beached and may be salvaged in 39° 12' N. 23° 20' E. Attack on ship in Samos took place 2013/2nd June. My 072227 (situation report No. 33) refers. (C. in C.Levant 111021C, 132023C to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med.)

Movements Malta. Arrivals FALK, L.C.Ts. 313,341,348,466,354,361, 325,317. Departures CROOME, GLOXINIA, transport YOMA, L.S.Ts. 303,401,403, L.C.I.(L) 112,285,262. HURWORTH, ADRIAS, GAWLER, LISMORE, transport NEURALIA and PRINCESS KATHLEEN. (V.A.Malta 111031B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Alexandria. Arrival 10th June DELPHINIUM, LA MOQUEUSE, PROTEA. Departure 10th June BAGSHOT, COUNDOURIOTIS. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 111034C to Admty. etc.)

U.G.S. Convoy intervals. Cominch 051523 is being passed to you for information. (D.T.D. 111049B to C. in C.Levant.)

KING GEORGE V, HOWE, FORMIDABLE. ??(Propose) following movements for KING GEORGE V, HOWE and FORMIDABLE. A. KING GEORGE V, FORMIDABLE leaves MEK 14th June, arrive Gibraltar early 15th June. Escort ANTHONY and 59th division. 4 ships of 59th division proceed to Algiers on arrival to provide screen for HOWE.

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- KING GEORGE V, HOWE, FORMIDABLE. (Contd.) B. HOWE leaves Algiers p.m. 16th for Gibraltar. R.A.H.S' 091313 (N.T. in W.R.) refers. (C. in C.Med. 111056 to R.A.H. (R) S.O.Force H. F.O.Gibraltar, HOWE.)
- G.T.X.2. Bone portion arrived. (N.O.I.C. Bone 111116B to Admty. etc.)
- M.K.S.15, G.U.S.8A. F.O.Bizerta is requested to sail Combined Convoys M.K.S.15, G.U.S.8A at 1800B/17th June.
2. Speed of ships 8 knots, S.O.A. 7½ knots.
3. Route through Q.K.B. 93 and positions 96,36, 99,24,100,39,93,86,72,37, lettered A. to K. omitting I.
4. M.K.S.96 entering Gib. G.U.S.8A continuing at S.O.A. 9 knots through Q.K.A. 87 and position L. 036° 50' N. 006° 36' W. to R/V in position M. 034° 05' N. 008° 40' W. at 2000 June 22nd with Casablanca Section.
5. Ocean for G.U.S.8A as ordered by Admiralty.
6. Sections joined and detached with local escort as follows: Bone 96 - 0900 June 18th. R 037° 13' N. 006° 54' E. 1300/18th June. Bougie 99 - 0015 June 19th. Algiers 100 - 1500 June 19th. Oran 035° 59' N. 000° 40' W. 1500/20th June. Gib. 37 - 2100 June 21st.
6. Malta section escorted by WILTON, SLAZAK, R/V off Bizerta at (18?)00 June 17th.
7. 1st 2 letters of W/T callsign W/T frequency combined convoy and G.U.S.8A - 5 Y. G.U.S.8A Incon 356.
8. Fighter priority 3 by day, 2 by night, Codeword "Wasting." 154
9. Escort Bizerta to R/V CLEVELAND, SLAZAK. Constanta to Algiers LANERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON. Algiers to R/V, REIGHTON WYKE, KING SOL, MAN O' WAR. Algiers to Oran, FOXTROT, PIROUETTE.
10. All times B.
(C. in C.Med. 111119 to A.I.G. 260.)
- ROCKWOOD. Return Tripoli, orders follow. (C. in C.Levant 111131C to ROCKWOOD, (R) A.I.G. 69, ALYNBANK, BEAUFORT, Capt. D.5, Cdre. D.)
- PRINS ALBERT. Request you will sail PRINS ALBERT to Port Said for Suez escorted by ROCKWOOD. C. in C.Med's. 091241 (N.T. in W.R.) and my 111131 not to N.L.O.refers. (C. in C.Levant 111155C to S.N.O. Tripolitania, (R) ROCKWOOD, N.O.I.C. Port Said, F.O.C.Red Sea, S.O.Force G. D.N.C.X.F. PRINS ALBERT.)
- Landing craft convoys. Shipping summary 37.
1. "Entire" 2 transport 4 escorts (S.O. D.22) sailed 1630, 5 miles South "Hug" 2000, "Lurch" to "Blaze" 1150/12th. S.O.A. 11½.
2. "Scream" 3 L.S.T. one transport 2 escorts

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Landing craft "Hug" 1550, "Vigour" 0001/12th, "Strong" S.O.A.10.
convoys. 3. "Trial", 4 L.C.I.(L)s sail 1800 5 miles south
(Contd.) "Hug" 2200, direct "Blaze" S.O.A. 11.
4. "Anatomist", 9 L.C.T., 7 miles south "Crush"
1000 "Hug" to Malta, S.O.A. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(V.A.Malta 111140 Situation report area L.C. of
Levant Station North of 33° 30' N. (served by
Malta Broadcast).)

Dispositions Situation report area G.C. to 12° E. 2000B/11.
Submarines and operation "Corkscrew" except.
1. C.T.X. 2 and 5 escort 037° 04' N. 007° 58' E.
through Q.K.B. 93, 107 and 124 to Tripoli.
2. (5 corrupt groups) 035° 45' N. 011° 15' E. through Q.K.B. 124
to Tripoli.
3. X.T.G.1 and 4 escorts, 037° 25' N. 008° 20' E. through Q.K.B.
93 position 79 037° 18' N. 008° 20' E. 96 and to westward.
4. 6 M.G.Bs. and 6 P.T. 037° 06' N. 012° 38' E. to patrol in
vicinity of 012° 50' E. between 036° 55' N. and 037° 11' N.
(S.O.I.S. 111156B to S. and A. Area G.C.)

ORANJE, Request that ORANJE and NIEUW AMSTERDAM be
NIEUW sailed and routed so as to ensure latter ship
AMSTERDAM. arrived Wellington 4 days ahead of ORANJE.
N.Z.N.B. 080026Z not to all referred.
(C. in C.Levant 111213C to F.O.C.R.S. (Suez)
C. in C.E.F. (R) P.S.T.O.M.E. N.O.I.C. Aden,
Admty. N.O.I.C. Suez.)

NIEUW Expected sailings from Suez week ending 17th June
AMSTERDAM, with over 100 personnel. 15th June NIEUW
DOMINION AMSTERDAM New Zealand. 16th June DOMINION
MONARCH. MONARCH Colombo U.K.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 111239C to Admty.)

G.T.X.2. My 101051B add M.M.S. 102 for Tripoli for
onward routeing to Alexandria.
(F.O.I.S. 111357B to S.O.Escort G.T.X.2 pass to
Cdre. and Escort. (R) F.O.I.C.Bizerta. etc.)

U.G.S.9. Following ships continue through Med. in K.M.S.16.
For Persian Gulf. WILLIAM PACA, JOHN DEERE,
CHARLES CARROL, SILAS WEIR MITCHELL.
For Red Sea. AUGUSTINE, KATRINA LUCKENBACH,
LEWIS LUCKENBACH.
(C. in C.Med. 111415B to (U.S.) C.T.F.69, (R)
Admty. C. in C.Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.S.H.Q.
Connav.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy Units. Following read: one enemy destroyer and one aircraft in 39.42 N. 13.53 E. at 1518B. Speed 15 knots.
(A/C BSQ/O 111530B via Malta W/T.)

Following read: one enemy destroyer and one aircraft in 39.42 N. 13.53 E. at 1518B. Position based on reasonably accurate estimation made at 1500 hours. Course 330° Speed 20/25 knots.
(A/C BSQ/O 111530B via Alex W/T.)

Following read: P.C. and S. of one small enemy vessel at 1615B is 43.21 N. 10.09 E. 240° 8 knots. Time fixed within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of 1600.
(A/C BSQ/B 111715B via Alex.W/T.)

Following read: one medium sized merchant vessel in 41.10 N. 9.50 E. based on a "fix" made within half an hour of 1700 hrs. Course 200° speed 10 knots.
(A/C BSQ/B 111745B via Alex.W/T.)

Taranto 1230B/11th. 2 battleships and only one cruiser visible at Taranto. Photographic confirmation to follow.
R/C. (N.O.I.C. Malta 111552B to C. in C.Med. etc.)
My 111552. 2 battleships 1 cruiser only seen in photographs. Outer harbour not covered.
(N.O.I.C. Malta 111929B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

N.A.A.F. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 110 June 10. N.W.A.Strategical report. A.F. 8/9 June (additional). Pantellaria 45 Wellington sorties, ten aircraft making double sorties.
10 June. Pantellaria the target throughout. 248 sorties U.S.Fortresses (B.17) escort 104 U.S.Lightnings (P.38) 2 bombers 8 fighters returned early. 139 sorties U.S.Marauders (B.26) escort 88 U.S.Warhawks (P.40) some aircraft making double sorties, 4 bombers, 2 fighters. returned early. 129 sorties U.S.Mitchells (B.25) escort 48 U.S.Lightnings (P.38). 180 U.S.Lightnings (P.38) flew as fighter bombers and escorts, 5 returned early and 18 were cancelled after take off.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 111605B.)

Part 2. Bombers and Fighter Bombers report many hits and near misses in assigned targets causing explosions and fires but smoke and dust often hampered observation of damage.
N.W.A.Tactical A.F. 7 June (additional.) Pantellaria 12 R.A.F. Bostons, 23 Baltimores, 36 U.S.Bostons (A.20), 36 U.S.Mitchells (B.25) dropped bombs from 7500 to 9300 feet. 1 Baltimore damaged by flak. 8 June (additional.) Pantellaria, 48 U.S.Mitchells (B.25) 23 Baltimores, 36 R.A.F.Bostons (A.20), and 12 U.S. Bostons (A.20) dropped from 7500 to 9400 feet. 1 Boston damaged by flak.
10 June. Pantellaria. 12 U.S.A.36 dropped 21 x 500 bombs on gun positions. 36 Warhawks (P.40) escorted 6 U.S.Bostons (A.20), and 3 Mitchells (B.25) which dropped messages. 10 U.S.Spitfires in combat report 3 Me.109 and 2 F.W.190 destroyed, 2 Me.109 probable, and 1 Me.109 damaged 1 Spitfire destroyed by friendly aircraft. 12 U.S.A.36, 12 U.S.Warhawks (P.40) 10 U.S.Spitfires on Tactical R/C 1 R.A.F.Mustang (P.51) and 1 Spitfire, escort 12 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), flew tac. R/C and Photo R/C.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 111650B.)

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) Part 3. 15 U.S. Warhawks P.40 dropped messages 6 Spitfires escorted 2 U.S. Lightnings P.38 on photo mission 4 U.S. Spitfires flew patrol between Island and Cap Bon. N.W.A. Coastal A.F. (list of patrols and escorts.) (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 111945B.)

TRESPASSER. Your escort will be STROMA.
2. Small convoy sails to eastward at 0600.
3. M.Ls. on patrol to (E?) and W. of Algiers.
4. You will be required to leave Algiers for Oran on 13th for docking.
(Capt. S.8 111608B to P.312 (TRESPASSER).)

Malta Transports. Transports YOMA left for Sfax, PRINCESS KATHLEEN and NEURALIA for Tripoli.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 111615B to D. of S.T. Connav, P.S.T.O. Med. etc.)

Sailing of L.S.I.(S). C. in C. Plymouth's 110101B. Alternative A. approved.
R.F.A. PRESTOL will be sailed to Falmouth to accompany.
2. Target date for sailing is A.M. 16th June from Falmouth routed in accordance with A.M. 271835 May.
C. in C. Portsmouth is to use every endeavour to complete defects in PRINCE CHARLES in time to keep this date or improve on it.
3. A.M. 101331B is cancelled.
4. EMPIRE DAY, M.T. ship with important stores will accompany this convoy.
5. Escorts. SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE.
6. Regret required date in C. in C. Med. 201658 May cannot be kept but above arrangements should result in all 4 L.S.I.(S) arriving together.
7. Signals quoted are not to all addressees.
(D.O.D.(H) 111745B to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.I.C. Falmouth, C. in C.W.A. C.C.O. S.O. Force J, H.Q.C.C. H.Q.F.C.)

U/Bs. My 101725 (estimated U-Boat positions.)
Disposition of U-Boats unchanged.
(C. in C. Med. 111814.)

Escort of ORDUNA, etc. Your 101210 (see north Atlantic.)
At this time it is not practicable to allow destroyers off the station for the period this would involve without considerable dislocation. Alternative appears to be sailing them with MELBREAK only as escort or in the next slow convoy about 23rd June.
(C. in C. Med. 111816B to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)

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M.T.Bs. M.T.B. 84 towing M.T.B. (?73) to Malta speed
Alex. 12 knots. E.T.A. 0800B tomorrow Saturday. M.T.B.
77 leaving now proceeding independently. Single
operator period 170 k/cs.
(R.A.Alexandria 112012B to N.O.I.C. Malta.)

Movements Sailed BRIGAND, L.C.Ts. 100,158, arrived M.Ls.
Benghazi. 1143, 1164.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi 112111C to Admty.)

Movements Arrivals M.M.S. 70,63,58,102, H.D.M.Ls. 11,63,12,
Bizerta. 30, S.C.770, 530, P.C. 543, 456. Departure
BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, OAKLEY, PENTSTEMON, M.M.S.
85, AROOSTOCK.
(S.O.I.S. 112118B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

Movements Arrived M.T.B. 636, M.G.B. 663. Sailed M.T.B.
Malta. 633, 636, 313,76,82. M.G.B. 663.
(V.A.Malta 112146B to Admty. etc.)

Movements 11th June arrival Greek Caique NICHOLASI, G.S.
Haifa. AETOS, M.Ls. 384,386.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 112209C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrivals TYNEDALE. Departures U.S.Y.M.S.34,18,82,
Oran. 43, HAYDON, FORMIDABLE, U.S.S. DALLAS.
(Comnob Oran 112225B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Sailed and arrived ROCKWOOD, arrived KLO.
Tripoli. (S.N.O.Tripolitania 112245B to Admty.)

Malta Air A.I. 515, 11 June C.S.R. A. Air. Part 1 Offensive.
Report. Night 10/11th June. Mosquitoes made intruder
patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy. 1
torpedo Wellington made armed search for enemy
shipping south east of Italy.

Day 11th June. 8 Spitfire bombers with close escort of 12
Spitfires and high cover of 12 Spitfires bombed industrial
targets at Pozzallo, Sicily scoring 2 direct hits on factory and
other hits in railway and factory area. 8 Spitfire bombers
escorted by 12 fighters. Spitfires despatched to bomb Comiso
airfield found target obscured by ten tenths cloud and bombed
instead industrial targets at Pozzallo. Results unobserved. 14
Spitfires made offensive sweep over Southern Sicily.

Part 2. Enemy Air Activity.
Night 10/11 June. 3 Beaufighters made interception patrols east
southeast and southwest of Sicily.

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Malta Air
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Day 11th June. 16 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 1802 hrs. 4 plus enemy fighters approached from the North but turned back before reaching the coast. 4 Spitfires were airborne on interception, 8 Spitfires were airborne on dusk patrol as cover for outgoing shipping. 6 Beaufighters provided escort for outgoing southbound shipping.
(R.A.F. Malta 112251Z.)

Movements,
Bone.

Arrived and sailed WISHART, CLEVELAND, CONVULVULUS, SLAZAK, BOREAS, NIMBLE, L.S.Ts. 62, 119,423,428.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 112333B to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Sousse.

Arrival 11th QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX, EGGESFORD.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 112358B to Admty.)

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MESSAGE

IN

No T.O.O./11th June.

Date: 11.6.43.

From: Algiers.

Recd: 0627Z

Addressed: USFOR.

Tunisia: Situation Report.

"Edited Literal Text"

Interior Addresses: To: Troopers
Pass to: HM Ambassador Madrid for U.S.
Ambassador Madrid, Resident
Minister Achimota, Britmilat
Ankara for Marshall Chakmak,
Defender Wellington for
Puttick

Reptd. to: USFOR, Mideast Britman
Washington Armindia Delhi
Paic. Landforces Melbourne
Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs
Capetown Force Nairobi

From : Freedom.
Signed : Eisenhower
Cite : FHGCT.

LINREP 53 Summary of Operations 3 to 6 June

1. Ground: The regrouping of our forces continued:

2. Naval: During night 2/3rd June M.T.B's carried out sweep off east coast of Sicily as far as Syracuse and off the south coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola (Western Sicily). Same night M.G.B's from Bizerta operated as an anti E-boat striking force west of Bizerta. In early morning 3rd June the cruiser ORION escorted by destroyers PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE successfully bombarded Number 1 Battery at Pantelleria. Opposition was intermittent and our forces suffered neither casualties nor damage. Pantelleria Harbour was attacked later in the day by the destroyers ISIS and ILEX. Hits were obtained on the inner harbour; 1 salvo only was fired by opposing coast batteries. On night 3/4th June coastal craft carried out sweeps off Pantelleria and between Marittimo and Cape Granitola while the destroyers ILEX and ISIS operated north of Pantelleria. In early morning 5th June a cruiser escorted by PALADIN and TROUBRIDGE bombarded batteries at the south end of Pantelleria. Our forces encountered some return fire but neither casualties or damage were sustained. One of our submarines operating off the south coast of France reports having sunk a 3,000 ton ship on 19th May, having

scored

scored a torpedo hit on a large tanker in same area 20th May and having attacked a tug and some lighters 2 days later off Hyeres Roads.

3. Air: Heaviest attack of the period was made on 5th June, when 4 missions of B-17's (Fortresses) totalling 134 aircraft made a concentrated raid in daylight on shipping targets at Spezia, NW Italy, including a battleship and a cruiser. These probably received several direct hits and many near misses. A large merchantman was seen to explode after a direct hit and other violent explosions and large fires in the dock areas were observed. Other targets attacked on 5th June included Porto Ponte Romano, Sardinia, where a 500 foot merchant vessel received a direct hit during a raid by 18 B-26's (Marauders) and the airdrome at Monserrato, Sardinia, where 30 P-38's (Lightnings) destroyed workshops and hangars. Pantelleria continuously attacked throughout the period, the harbour, airfield and defences localities being the main targets. The heaviest scale of attack was developed on 6th June. 20 Wellingtons had previously raided the harbour, during the night, and throughout the day a series of attacks were launched on defended positions on the island. Fighter bombers carried out the earlier attacks, 23 P-40's (Warhawks) being followed by 45 P-38's and later by a second formation of 37 P-38's. In all these attacks direct hits and near misses were reported. 24 B-26's of the Strategic Air Force followed by a further 18 B-26's continued the attack. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force assisted with 7 separate missions comprising a total of 24 Baltimores, 24 Bostons, 24 B-25's (Mitchells) and 12 P-40's.

4. Political: After early difficulties, the union between followers of Generals Giraud and De Gaulle appears to have been achieved. The new governing body takes the name of French Committee for National Liberation OA (?) with Generals Giraud and De Gaulle as co-presidents. Names of the 12 Commissioners were published on the morning of June 8th and show a predominance of Gaullist appointees. Within the Committee, a smaller body composed of the 7 original members, will function as the executive "War Committee", and are the only ones who possess the right to vote. The appointment of the Military

Commander

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Commander in Chief and the integration of the
Saullist with those of the regular French Army are
the only vital questions remaining unsolved.

No T.O.O.

Advance Copy Ops., O.D., O.I.C.

Received in War Registry at
0931/12th June.

1st Lord.
1st S.L.(2)
4th S.L.
5th S.L.

V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(UT)(2)
A.C.N.S.(F)
A.C.N.S.(A)(2)
A.C.N.S.(W)
D.A.W.T.
U.W.R.
O.D.(5)
C.C.L.S.
O.I.C.(3)
Ops.(3)
D. of P.(3)
M.(2)
I.P.(3)
C.N.I.
W.D.

D.N.I.(5)
Ad. Blake.
D.D.O.D.(M)
A.L.O.
D.PFD.
D.A./S.W.

J.R.6.

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.Convoy
B.P.83.Departures BATHURST, CARNATIC with B.P.83.
(S.O. (I) Bombay 110016Z to Admty.)
Signal II (6 Ships, list etc.)
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 110145Z to Admty.)

Movements.

Arrival LORD KITCHENER.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam 110231Z to Admty.)
Arrival 0355Z/11th WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN, D.S.
escorting APPLELEAF, H.T. JALAGOPAL.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 110401Z to Admty.)
Arrival 110432Z HINDUSTAN.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 110433Z to Admty.)
F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius 110457Z to Admty.)
Arrival NETRAVATI escorting CLAN MACNEIL.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 110522Z to Admty.)
Arrival LORD GREY.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam 111031Z to Admty.)
Following is repetition of my 101709 (N.T. in W.R.) (Begins)
RAIDER sailed. Arrived CARTHASE, KENYA, CANTON, H.M.R.T. BOLD. (Ends)
101709.
(F.O. E.Af. 111049B to Admty.)
Colombo arrival 11th 0145Z BENGAL.
(F.O. Ceylon 111220Z to Admty.)
(?Departure) 1248Z/11th June HINDUSTAN escorting M.F.A.SINGU.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 111307Z to Admty.)
Arrived KUMAON (?and) KATHIAWAR.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 111846Z to C. in C.E.F.)

LANCASHIRE,
OPHIR.10th LANCASHIRE, OPHIR 0930Z/10th Suez, E.T.A. 19th.
(Port Utria 110514Z to Admty.)

JALADIRGA.

Transport JALADIRGA sailed for Basra 11th with
following (personnel). Requirements Basra E.T.A.
Rooka 18th.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 110551Z to D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf
(R) P.S.T.O. India D.S.T.)MONTANAN
torpedoed
3rd June.Following from Masirah. MONTANAN (U.S.) was
torpedoed at 0730/3rd June in 018° 10' N. 058°
45' E. 2 (? boats of). Survivors landed Masirah.
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf 110725Z to C. in C. E.F. (R)
Admty. F.O. Ceylon, Com.R.I.N. N.O.I.C. Karachi,
Cdre.i/c Aden.)EMPIRE ALMOND
overdue.N.C.S.O. Aden's 091521 not to Admty. reported
EMPIRE ALMOND overdue at Aden, your 110434.
Originated by W.R. requesting repetition of signal
referred to in C. in C. E.F. 101016Z.
(C. in C. E.F. 110821Z to Admty.)

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MESSAGE 110743Z/June

IN

From: S.N.O. Persian Gulf.

Date 19.6.43.
Recd 1340

NAVAL CODE B BY W/T AND T/P

Addressed: Admiralty. C. in C.E.F. N.O.I.C. Karachi.
F.O. Ceylon. F.O. Red Sea. F.O.C.R.I.N. Com. R.I.N.
N.O.I.C. Hormuz. C. in C.S.A. Commodore i/c Aden.
CONNAV. Repeated: COMRIN. Commodore i/c Durban.

Shipping - Persian Gulf.

IMPORTANT

After PB 44 leaves Hormuz 12th June my 091357 / is to be considered cancelled.

(2) Tankers and other long run ships are to proceed independently from loading port if (?the) (?sailing) date of convoy necessitates their delay of more than 4 repeat 4 days. Ships of other categories are to be included in convoy whenever possible.

(3) The time taken up by ships awaiting convoy under paragraph 2 is to be used to effect minor repairs.

(4) Vessels proceeding independently to Ceylon and India ports beyond Bombay are to be routed Bombay for onward convoy.

110743B

/ No trace in War Registry.

[Note by War Reg. Circulation delayed owing to signal being received corrupt.]

4th S.L.	D.T.D. (M)
V.C.N.S.	D.T.D. (C)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)	D. of S.T. (15)
U.W.R.	I.P. (3)
Capt. Pim.	D.A. S.W.
Ops. (3)	W.B.
O.D. (5)	U.S.N. (3)
O.I.C. (2)	Ad. Blake.
D. of S.2A.	S.N.D. (2)
D.T.D. (4)	

A.C.N.S. (F)
M(2)

Received J.P.

Summary 20.6.43.

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East Indies - Contd.

Aircraft
Bases.

A.231/11th June. Ref. your X.506 June 7. (071150). We agree proposals in A.H.Q. East Africa's Signal A.105 dated June 1 and make following comments. 2. Construction and development programme involved in meeting this increased G.R. commitment is considerable. In view of the considerably reduced enemy air threat to our East African Bases, and in order to ease the situation and to speed up provision of G.R. facilities, we recommend that provision of Fighter facilities at Diego Suarez, Dar-Es-Salaam and Tanga should be placed on very low priority and work only undertaken as and when possible. 3. In the case of Port Reitz Base facilities are already being prepared for one G.R. Squadron, detached facilities for 8 Venturas and up to 4 Fleet Air Arm Squadrons disembarked from Carriers, Station Headquarters, and the Fleet requirements unit. 4. The provision of accommodation for 2 Fighter Squadrons at Port Reitz in addition to those facilities shown in para. 3 above will cause over-crowding of domestic and technical accommodation. 5. In the event of necessity for operating Fighters in defence of Mombasa arising it is most unlikely that all Fleet Air Arm Squadrons would be disembarked from Carriers at any one time. Consequently, accommodation for our fighters could be found in the vacated part of Naval Camp. 6. We therefore recommend that we should not provide separate accommodation for 2 Fighter Squadrons at Port Reitz.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 110954Z to Air Ministry (R) A.H.Q. East Africa.)

Repatriations. We are anxious on security grounds to change over VULCANIA and SATURNIA, (your T.O.O. 091512B June refers), as far as ports of embarkation are concerned. We require VULCANIA to go to Massawa and Jibuti and keep out of Mogadishu at all costs. SATURNIA should embark 350 Mogadishu after bunkering Aden. Reason. (H.Q. E.A. 111140C to Admty. (R) F.O.R.S.C.A. etc.) As amended 121812C.

C.S.4. Intend to sail for Kilindini at 0800/14th and that my Flag should be transferred to FROBISHER at sunset 13th.
(C.S.4. 111609 to RESOLUTION, FROBISHER (R) N.O.I.C. Durban, C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A.)

WOLVERINE,
WITCH,
RAPID.

Departure from Tonga Pointe Noire 1400Z/11th WOLVERINE, WITCH, RAPID in accordance with your 091337. E.T.A. Lagos 0630Z/13th.
(B.N.L.O. Vizagapatam 111635Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Lagos, N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)

H.L.(P)'s. Up to 30 in number new 36 ft. H.L. (P) with Kelvin F4 or Ford V8 engines complete with Spares are being shipped from U.K. to Bombay. 15 are expected to leave in July and remainder in August and September. On arrival they are to be held in efficient care and maintenance by C.O. BRAGANZA for future requirements.
(C. in C. E.F. at Admty 111732B to Dep. C. in C. E.F. F.O. Ceylon, F.L.O. Delhi (R) BRAGANZA, SALSITTE, F.O.C.R.I.N. Com. R.I.N.)

/MAURETANIA...

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MAURETANIA.

MAURETANIA will sail ex Middle East embarked to capacity for South Africa U.K. and U.S.A. (P.S.T.O. M.E. 111742C to F.O.C. Red Sea (R) C. in C.E.F. S.S.T.O. Suez, G.H.Q. M.E. Admty. for D. of S.T.)

Seychelles,
Mauritius,
Rodriquez.

Summary of C.O.S. defence plans.
(Head of M.2. 111752B. to C. in C. E.F. etc.)
See Lion Copy.

NORAVIND,
safe conduct.

A.M. 091512B (not to S.N.O. Persian Gulf). In order to replace fuel lifted by Italian Repatriation liners at Aden the tanker NORAVIND will carry oil from Abadan to Aden under safe conduct.
2. Request you will signal earliest possible route to be followed by NORAVIND as Axis require maximum notice of sailings. Date of sailing will be signalled later. 3. S.N.O. Persian Gulf, is requested to arrange marking and illumination of NORAVIND as in case of BRITISH CHEMIST. A.M. 021945A Nov, 1942 refers.
(Head of M.I. 112316B to C. in C. E.F. F.O.R.S.C.A. S.N.O. P.G. (R) N.O.I.C. Aden.)

MOST SECRET

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M E S S A G E.

OUT.

111752B/June.

Addressed C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

Dep. C. in C. Eastern Fleet. Date. 11.6.43.

Cdre. in Charge, Durban.

N.O.i/c Mauritius.

N.O.i/c Seychelles.

F.O. East Africa.

F.O. Ceylon.

R.A.N.A.S. I.O.

Repeated B.A.D. Washington.

*Seychelles, Mauritius,
Rodriguez - defence plans*

NAVAL CYPHER (C).

From Admiralty.

C.O.S. have approved new defence plans for
Seychelles Mauritius and Rodriguez.
Following is summary:-

- A. Seychelles.
1. Function of Base.
 - (a) Victoria. Occasional fuelling base all classes of ships.
 - (b) Mahe. Base for flying boat detachment.
 2. Scale of attack. Unchanged.
 3. Aerodrome requirements. Nil.
 4. A.A. defences. 4 H.A.A. 6 P.A.A. guns to protect anchorage, oil fuel tanks and flying boat base Victoria. A.A. scale to be implemented from your resources.
 5. Naval defences. Unchanged.
 6. Coast artillery. Unchanged.
 7. Land defences. Unchanged.
 8. Command. Unchanged.
- B. Mauritius and Rodriguez.
1. Function of Bases.
 - (a) Grand Port. Occasional fuelling base for light forces and possibly one capital ship. Emergency alighting area for flying boats.
 - (b) Plaisance. Temporary base for R.A.F. land based G.R.T.B. aircraft and one F.A.A. Sqn.
 - (c) Port Louis. Occasional fuelling base cruisers and below, repair depot for docking and refitting destroyers and below and moderate repairs cruisers which do NOT require docking. Mooring and maintenance facilities for flying boats.
 - (d) Tombeau Bay. Permanent flying boat base.
 - (e) Rodriguez. Cable station at Port Mathurin.
 2. Scale of attack. Unchanged.
 3. Air Raid Intelligence. Nil.
 4. Aerodrome requirements. Plaisance aerodrome site to be developed to provide facilities for one disembarked sqn. F.A.A.
 5. A.A. defences.
 - (a) Grand Port. 8 H.A.A.

(b)/.....

- (b) Port Louis. 4 H.A.A., 6 L.A.A.
- (c) Tombeau Bay. 4 H.A.A., 6 L.A.A.
- a.a. scale to be implemented at your discretion from your resources.
- 6. Naval defences.
 - (a) Grand Port A/S A/B booms laying suspended.
 - (b) Port Louis. Two A/T Baffles.
- 7. Coast artillery.
 - (a) Grand Port. Two 6-in naval, two 6-in (15 degree) from Port Louis, four 12-pdr.
 - (b) Port Louis. Three 6-in (45 degree), two 6-pr.
 - (c) Rodriguez. One 6-in (15 degree).
- 8. Land defences. Unchanged.
- 9. Command. Unchanged.
- C. Copies of defence plans being sent by mail.

111752B.

for Hd. of M.II (Extn. 1136).

1st Lord.	D. of D.	D.D.I.C. (2)
1st S.L. (2)	W.G.F.	Hd. of M. (12)
Contr.	F.O. (S) by	I.P. (2)
Vice Contr.	courier.	W.D.
4th S.L.	D.T.S.D.	D.N.O.
5th S.L.	D.G.D.	D. of L.D. (3)
V.C.N.S.	D.A.W.T.	Dep. Contr.
A.C.N.S. (H)	D.N.A.O.	P.Br.
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)	D.A.C.R.	E. in C. (FMB)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)	D.A.E.	C.E. in C.
A.C.N.S. (W)	Ad. Blake (4)	D. of D.
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)	D.D.O.D. (M)	D.A.S.
Civil Lord.	D.M.S.	D.N.O.
Sec.	D.A/S.W.	Hd. of
Navl. Sec.	D.T.M.	S.W.R.
U.W.R.	D.B.D.	
N.A. Mails.	D.O.D. (F) (2)	
N.A. 2nd S.L.	D.N.I. (4)	
A.S. (C.L.)	D.O.D. (H) (2)	
D.P.S.	D.S.D. 9 (2)	
Hd. of Air.	D. of P. (2)	
C.E. in C.	D. of P. (Q) (2)	
	D.A.S.	
	D.S.D.	

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

MEADOWSWEET Expected time of arrival St. Johns 1000
11th. BORAGE, MONKSHOOD, DAHLIA in company.
MEADOWSWEET 110015Z to F.O.N.F.).

A/S Aircraft ^X 1. Your 042244 and 041302 (N.T. of either in
reinforcements. W.D). These reinforcements are most welcome. They
could be disposed in the following alternative
methods, which are given in what we consider the
order of merit:

(A) The Ventura Squadron to Iceland to relieve the British
Hudson Squadron which would then operate from Shetlands against
U-boats in the Iceland-Faroes channel. The P.B.Y. Squadron to
operate in the Bay from Hamworthy.

(B) The P.B.Y. Squadron to Iceland to relieve British Hudson
Squadron which would then operate from the Shetlands against
U-boats in the Iceland Faroes channel. The Venturas to operate
in the Bay from an aerdrome in Cornwall.

(C) Both the P.B.Y. and Ventura Squadrons to Iceland and the
British Hudson Squadron to Shetlands.

(2) The Hudson squadron is the only one which can be transferred
from Iceland in order to cover the mid-Atlantic satisfactorily

(3) We had recently reduced the aircraft available for
hunting U-boats in the Northern passages in order to strengthen
the Bay offensive as much as possible. The transfer of the
Hudsons to Shetlands is therefore very desirable.

(4) Alternatives (A) and (B) would strengthen the Bay offensive
and also the offensive in the Northern passages. Alternative (C)
would result in Iceland being somewhat overstrong for the
present U-boat situation.

(5) Your views and wishes concerning the disposition of your
two squadrons would be appreciated.

(1st S.L. 110105B to Cominch (R) B.A.D. Comnavcu, Air Min.
H.Q.C.C.).

Personal from 1st S.L.

Slessor is visiting Newfoundland next week and has asked "Rafdel"
to obtain Admiral King's agreement to his making short visit to
Washington and New York to discuss matters of common interest.

(2) This would afford opportunity of discussing details of
employment of British and U.S. Squadrons from Iceland (C) and
various possibilities of increasing Bay Offensive.

(1st S.L.110117B).

Personal from 1st S.L.

Air Min. A.X. 834 of 10th June (N.T. in W.D.) Admiral Stark is
recommending this procedure to King.

Request you and Rafdel will defer discussing subject with U.S.
Authorities until we have King's agreement in principle. Air
Min. concurs.

(1st S.L. 111115B to B.A.D. (R) Rafdel, Air Min.).

Minesweeping My 100145. Mine bag Thursday 10th one by
Halifax. L.L. - S.A. in position 44.23 631530 in Holiday
of sweep. Total mines destroyed 37 recovered two
probably sunk three ?probably self sunk.
(C. Halifax 110215Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. etc.).

/Movements...

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America and West Indies. - Contd.

Movements. St. Johns Newfoundland June 10th. Arrivals
ESQUIMALT ex S.C. 133 LULWORTH, WAVENEY, HASTINGS,
BIDEFORD, MOYOLA ex O.N. 187 BURNHAM, SKEENA,
PICTOU, MAYFLOWER, BITTERSWEET, LA MALBAIE,
EYEBRIGHT ex O.N.187. Departures NENE to S.C. 133. KITCHENER to
Halifax.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 110402Z to Admty.).
Arrived and left U.S. Transport MONTEREY 10th San Juan
11th.
(Dominica 111200Q to Admty.).
Arrival KAMSACK, TRURO, ex H.X. 243.
Departure COWICHAN to X.B. 57A. ALGOMA for Quebec.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax 111320Z to Admty.).

A.T.43 / On arrival at Liverpool as A.T. 43 the Master of
Issue of the EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND handed to N.C.S.O. Mersey
documents. a complete set of Ottawa Summary of Navigational
Warnings, January, 1943, No.24.
(2) These appear to have been issued in error by
N.C.S.O. Halifax. No list accompanied the documents and they do
not appear in the C.B, register of ship.
(3) In view of the seriousness of a possible repetition of
this error request you will investigate the matter.
(D.O.D.H. 110554B to C. in C.N.A.).

BLACKBEAR Due Bermuda 19th July expected to remain three
weeks. Request mails be diverted accordingly.
Trinidad C.N.O. pass to BLACKBEAR.
(S.B.N.O. W.At. 110638B to Admty.).

QUEEN E.T.A. Ambrose 0842Z/12th.
ELIZABETH Passed icebergs 042 degs. 40' N. (group missing)
(?02') W. 042 degs. 30' (?49 degs) 40' 042 degs.
41' 050 degs. 46' 042 degs. 17' 055 degs. 51'.
(QUEEN ELIZABETH 110915Z to C.E.S.F.).

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08 degs. N. 28 degs. W.	Patrol	Blank
1800 G.M.T.	T.A.47	42 degs. N. 29 degs. W.	263	19½ kts
11th.	(D.O.D.(F) 110925Z to Opnav (R) Comnavu).			

Swedish Your 101609Z MONGABARRA and AKKA leave Piraeus
Relief for St. John N.B. 0800 hours 11th June. A.M.
Ships. 051518B refers.
(Head of M. Branch I 111025Z to Comnavu).

Armament Your 082311Z most desirable ships should be well
of ships armed. If not up to standard and replacement
in U.G.S. by better armed ships is not possible exclusion
Convoys. from U.G.S. Convoys is matter for your
discretion.
Tanker DORCASIA being nearly up to standard should
be sailed.
(D.T.D. 111119B to B.A.D. (R) D.E.M.S. New York).

/Convoy....

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Convoy F.H.59 My 102058Z June (Re F.H.59 arrived). Amend to read less PANCHITO proceeding to Sydney having joined H.S.90. (N.C.S.O. Sydney 111230Z to Admty.).

Convoy X.B.57 Boston Section arrived 111208Z. Cape Cod Canal Section arrived 111230Z. (U.S.P.D. Boston 111246Z).

Use of terms "Support Groups" and "Support Forces". A.M. 051736. Navy Dept. regrets that the proposal for units now known as "Support groups" to be called "Support Forces" would cause considerable confusion in the U.S. Fleet. (2) In the U.S. system of organisation a force is a unit next smaller than a fleet. A force is made up of two or more groups. The W/T calls for forces and groups are quite distinctive. Furthermore they have regulations which give a force commander considerably more latitude than a group commander in various matters. (3) In view of the foregoing Navy Dept. hopes the Admiralty will find it possible to adhere to the term "Support Group". (B.A.D. 111447Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q.).

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of submarines North of 040 degs. North West of 040 degs. West 1200Z/11th. (N.S.H.Q. 111453Z).

Convoy Q.S.52 Q.S.52. Sailing Telegram Part 2. (Ships, list etc.). (N.C.S.O. Quebec 111505Z to Admty.).

CELANDINE RICHMOND. Request CELANDINE may be worked up and sailed with C.3. escorting O.N.192. (2) Request information as to when RICHMOND will join W.L.E.F? (C. in C.C.N.A. 111509Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. N.S.H.Q. D. Halifax F.O.N.F.).

Minesweeping Halifax. A.M. 091618B. (1) Complete clearance is being effected by OROPESA as suggested by Admiralty. All B.Y.M.S. are being effectively used as OROPESA sweepers. (2) Magnetic minesweepers are at the same time carrying out excellent work in exploratory sweeps. (3) Following is analysis. Mines swept by OROPESA - 8 including 4 swept by B.Y.M.S. Mines swept by L.L. - 28 including 21 swept by M.M.S. Mines sighted and unaccounted for probably scuttled - 3. B.W.T.A.L. 42 which includes 1 probably struck by S.S. HALMA, 1 sighted on surface and destroyed by gunfire, 1 seen to explode cause unknown. (C. in C.C.N.A. 111538Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty. B.A.D.).

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Convoy U.G.F.9. Alteration of course.
(Cominch C and R 111610Z to C.T.F.65).

TRILLIUM Cancel my 031329 to B.A.M.R. Your 102251 (5) request TRILLIUM may be sailed direct to Halifax as soon as ready and not wait for B.X.58.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 111619Z to Cominch, (R) Comdt. 1st Nav. Dis. Boston (U.S.) N.S.H.Q. (U.S.) Cur. Task Force 24. Admty. B.A.M.R. (U.S.) C.E.S.F.).
Cancel my 102055. When ready about 17th June. Sailed TRILLIUM from Boston direct to Halifax.
(Cominch 112215Z to C.E.S.F. (R) Com. 1st. C. in C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. C.T.F.24. Admty. B.A.M.R.).

U/Bs. Following is recyphered version of my 111615Z (N.T. in W.R.) (Begins) S/M conning tower reported by coast watchers 1400Z June 11th in approx. 047 degs. 30' N. 059 degs. 10' W. Fisherman report sighting S/M at 1130Z June 11th in approx. 048 degs. 12' N. 059 degs. 08' W.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 111620Z to G.B.7A).

S/M (Cominch 111631Z).
Estimate

Dispositions Section North West.
Following is recyphered version my 111655 (Begins).
EVENLODE 049 degs. 13' 063 degs. 50' 12 to Halifax Sq. 52.
MOOSEJAW, AYRSHIRE, H.M.C.S. QUEBEC, MAHONE 048 degs. 33' 063 degs. 05' 285 degs. 7 altering to 349 degs. in 063 degs. 59' West.
ALBERNI and 78th? M.L. Flotilla sweeping vicinity 048 degs. 00' North 063 degs. 00' West UNGAVA, PORT HOPE sweeping vicinity 048 degs. 18' 062 degs. 53'.
Section North West M.L.O. 90, 0.87, 0.89 vicinity 047 degs. 30' 060 degs. 00'.
B.S. 47 PAYNTER 047 degs. 12' 059 degs. 46' 195 degs. 7. THUNDER patrol.
GUYSBOROUGH, CLAYCQUOT, INGONISH, LOCKEPORT departed Pictou N.S. 1700Z/11th en route Halifax via Gut of Canso.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 111702Z).

PURSUER A.C.V.17 due to commission as PURSUER on 14th and will probably be ready to leave Pascagoula on Saturday 19th for Norfolk.
(B.A.M.R. 111732Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.A. Cominch, PURSUER).

Convoy S.C.133 S.C.133 P.C. and S at 1500Z/11th 051 degs. 10' N. LEAMINGTON and (2042 degs) 54' W. 015 degs. 7.5 LEAMINGTON MORTIMER damaged in collision with EMPIRE MORTIMER.
collision.

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Convoy S.C.133 Portshaft cracked and returning on one engine.
LEAMINGTON and W.5 group in company course and speed 226 9 weather
MORTIMER report 0099 9180 1963.
collision. (LEAMINGTON 111835Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Cdore.
(Contd.). (D) W.A. Connav, Cdore. (D) Argentinia, Admty.
A.C.I.C. C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. H.Q.C.C.).

MARIPOSA MARIPOSA due sail about 15th via (route).
(Cominch C and R 111931Z to P.D. Norfolk).

Convoy / Connav's 081553 and Admty's. 102304. Daily
Reports to Summary of Canadian Coastal Convoys will be made
Cominch. commencing June 14th.
(N.S.H.Q. 111939Z to Connav, Admty.).

SEARCHER Cancel my 072218. Further orders will be issued
later.
(Cominch 111951Z to C.E.S.F.).
My 030135. SEARCHER delayed Norfolk. Ship will be
ready to sail about 18th and will be included in H.X.245 from
New York on 23rd.
(B.A.D. 112228Z. to Admty. (R) Cominch, S.B.N.O.W.A. N.S.H.Q.
SEARCHER).

PHOEBE Sail PHOEBE New York to Norfolk when ready about
20 June for working up. Advise time of departure,
route, S. of A.
(Cominch 111953Z to C.E.S.F. (R) Com.3. Com.4.
Com.5. Cinclant, N.S.H.Q. Admty.).

Shipping / Your 102247Z. S.N.O.P.G. 091331 was made following
for Persian receipt of information regarding torpedoing of
Gulf. S.S. MONTANAN (U.S.) in 018 degs. 10' N. 058 degs.
45' E.
(2) C. in C.E.F. has now instructed S.N.O.P.G. that
minimum delay only is acceptable and that those ships which cannot
be included in convoy owing to limitation of 12 ships per convoy,
must, so long as U-boats are not located actually in Gulf of Hormuz
proceed independently. Convoys Bombay/Persian Gulf and Persian Gulf
/Aden sail on 8 day cycle and troop transports, specially important
ships and tankers are given priority for inclusion.
(D.T.D. 112000B to B.A.D.).

Convoy O.N.187. Attacked doubtful contact at 1745Z/11.
O.N.187 St. Albans N.S. investigating H/F D/F 059 degs.
at 1920Z Signal B barred approx. 25 miles.
At 2000Z/11 043 degs. 24' N. 054 degs. 22' W.
course 255 degs. speed 9.3. Course 267 degs. at
2300Z/11. 80 ships no stragglers. Weather 7381, 2152.
(W.6. 112001Z to Connav).

/Convoy....

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Convoy S.H.86 Sailing Telegram Part 2. (Ships, list etc.).
(N.C.S.O. Sydney 112007Z to Admty.).

Convoy U.G.S.10. Sailing Telegram part 1.
(2) 1700Z June 13 point Z seaward end of swept channel.
(3) Position D at 1030Z June 15th. S. of A. 9 knots.
(4) "Chop" 2400Z June 25 Diversion control changes from Cominch C. and R. to British Admiralty.
(5) Ocean route R/V at 1500Z June 16 with vessel joining from Bermuda. (Route).
(6) Task Force 61. U.S.S. LIVERMORE, S.O. U.S.S. KEARNY, EBERLE, ERICSSON, MCCORMICK, ENDICOTT, PARROTT, PILOT, PREVAIL, MERRIMACK, KEOKUK, WEEHAWKEN, SALEM, ANTICLINE, PUMPER.
(U.S.P.D. New York 112020Z to Cominch C and R. FROBISHER, C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, C.M.S.F. Admty. N.O.B. Oran, F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.M.F. N.S.H.Q.).

HERMITAGE My 072052 HERMITAGE now reported as U.S.S. with destination San Pedro E.T.A. 2300Z/25th.
(N.S.H.Q. 112027Z to Admty.).

Convoy B.W.30. Sailing telegram (Ships, list etc.).
(2) 1300Z/12. (3) St. Johns N.F. 1900Z/14 Wabana 2300Z/14.
(4) 7½ knots. (5) Route. (6) MALPEQUE, TROIS, RIVIERES.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney (C.B.) 112027Z, 112029Z to F.O.N.F.).

Sub attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
Para.B. Army plane sights surfaced sub course 202 06.40 S. 29.05 W. 1115/11.
Para.C. U.S.S. TOURMALINE sound contact 36.21 N. 74.32 W. 1515/11.
Para.D. C.G. 83332 attacks sub area 37.06 N. 75.11 W. 0005/11.
Coast Watchers sights conning tower area 47.30 N. 59.10 W. 1400/11.
Fisherman sights sub Area 48.12 N. 59.08 W 1130/11. Sub sighted 47.06 N. 63.55 W. 1300/10. Coast Guard Craft attacks sound contact 43.47 N. 67.24 W. 1725/10. P.B.Y. sighted sub 30.17 N. 80.32 W. 1615/10.
(Cominch 112027Z to Admty.).

ROXBOROUGH Arrival ex O.N.S. 9.
(C. Halifax 112222Z to Admty. etc.).

Secret Equipment. X At the instigation of the War Office the British Army Staff in conjunction with the War Dept. and the Canadian Army Staff have drawn up a U/S/British/Canadian list of Army secret equipment. It was

/suggested....

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suggested by the War Dept, and agreed to by Navy Dept. that this list should be expanded to also include British, U.S. and Canadian Naval and Air equipment.

(2) This has been agreed to by the Joint Staff Mission and Officers from the Service missions concerned will be appointed to co-ordinate the list.

(3) It is requested that a list of secret British naval equipment may be prepared and forwarded as soon as possible.

(4) It was decided that certain most secret equipment and particularly that under development should not be included in the proposed list.

(B.A.D. 112237Z to Admty.).

S/M
K.15

My 032325. N.S.K.15 delayed by defects for about three weeks.

(2) K.14 should be ready to sail end of June unless she develops same defects. Is destination for K.14 same as for K.15.

(B.A.D. 112309Z to F.O.S.(R) Admty.).

Australia and New Zealand.

Digest.
Serial No.507
June 10th.

Catalina bombed Gasmata during early hours. Another submarine went south past Wide Bay afternoon. Approx. 40 ships counted in Simpsons Harbour. My 110810Z Part 2 Final.

(4) Dawn R/C Wewak observed 8 ships in area including, 3 medium and 2 small Merchantmen in harbour plus numerous harbour craft. In addition 2 small unidentified type ships sighted stationery near Karsau Island. (16 miles Northwest of Wewak) and probably destroyer entering Muschu Strait from Wewak. R/C four hours later saw 1 ship in harbour and 4 more heading out while photos this time reveal 3 freighters of 5500 tons each and 2 of 1500.

(7) Single Liberator conducted midday armed R/C Northwest New Guinea observing small craft Kokas Harbour also a 3-4000 ton vessel entering. Near misses scored on this ship bringing her to standstill. Later saw several small craft and singly 3000 tonner Sorong Harbour Bombs missed ship but others hit large building on waterfront.

(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 110810Z).

Movements.

Arrivals Sydney (N.S.W.) 10th U.S.S. ADVENT.
Brisbane 10th U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. SMITH,
DELORAIN, BENDIGO, MORESBY, FREMANTLE, VENDETTA.
Townsville 9th GYMPIE. Milne Bay 10th WHYALLA.

Fremantle 10th U.S.S. LARK . Departure Thursday Is. 10th U.S.S.

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Movements (Contd.) TULSA for Cairns. Townsville 10th BOWEN for Milne Bay, U.S.S. SUMNER for Brisbane. Cairns 10th KATOOMA for Port Moresby, Milne Bay 10th KAPUNDA. Depart for Townsville. (A.C.N.B. 111206Z to Admty., etc.)
H.T. TAROONA arrived Townsville 10th H.T. KATOOMBA departed Mackay 10th due Brisbane 13th U.S. Transport. Both departed Thursday Is. 10th due Merauke 11th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 111947Z to Admty.)

Alleged attacks on Japanese Hospital Ships.

X Your 061833B. Understand crew report has been communicated by commonwealth government to Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. (A.C.N.B. 111334Z to Admty., (R) C. in C.E.F.).

SHROPSHIRE

Proposed, subject to Naval Board agreements, that SHROPSHIRE should escort W.S. Convoy leaving U.K. mid August.

months.

(2) Passage to Australia will take about two (D.O.D.(F) 111827B to A.C.N.B., (R) N.L.O. Australia House London).

CHEVREUIL

Arrived Noumea and ceased watch on group W.V. (F.S. CHEVREUIL 112211Z to Admty. for F.N.F.L. N.Z.N.B. (R) A.C.N.B.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions. (D.D.I.C. 111332B, 111346B.)

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1. V.A.A.H.F. in INDOMITABLE with 3 destroyers arrived at Scapa at 1037 today from Greenock.
2. GAMBIA (Eastern Fleet) arrived at Plymouth early this afternoon from Bathurst.

Operation
F.H.

- X 3. MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA arrived in the Kola Inlet at 0529B this morning and left again at 2100B for Seidisfjord.
C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with FURIOUS, SCYLLA, and 5 destroyers intends to reach Scapa at 2215B tomorrow and has ordered C.S.1 in KENT with JAMAICA and MIDDLETON to arrive at Scapa p.m. on the 17th.

Biscay
Area.

4. A force of 5 U-Boats was reported by A/C at 0622B this morning to be steering West in 45° 23' N. 08° 37' W. at 10-12 knots; and at 1201B and 1705B respectively CHARYBDIS and IROQUOIS were ordered to close Flight E of Landing Craft to protect it against attack.

Anti
U-Boat
measures.

- X 5. A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command believes that U-Boats in the Biscay Area are now trying to run home through the Bay as quickly as possible in small packs of 2 to 5 Boats; and, in order to intensify the air effort against them, he has today instituted two new A/S areas to be called "Musketry" and "Seaslug" respectively which are to supersede the existing areas "Derange" and "Orderly". Area "Musketry" is to be swept by 7 A/C three times daily during daylight; "Seaslug" is to be covered in daylight by V.L.R. and L.G. A/C of 15 Group as often as the Convoy situation permits; and the normal night-flying effort by 19 Group A/C is to be resumed in both areas. Coastal Command also considers (see C.C.131050B) that these new U-Boat tactics present a great opportunity for the use of small hunting groups of destroyers to co-operate with the air patrols and suggests the temporary allocation of a few destroyers for this purpose.
The Admiralty on 14th June proposed that failing any evidence of a concentration of U-Boats on the convoy routes the groups at present allocated to support the Gibraltar convoys might be more profitably employed as suggested by Coastal Command, working under the control of C. in C. Plymouth in about 45° N. 12° W. C. in C. Plymouth concurred. His proposals for operating the Groups are in 150026B.

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shipping.

6. During the past three months the amount of overseas shipping proceeding to east coast ports has considerably increased, and further increases may be expected during the autumn and winter. Against this increase it is anticipated that the number of coaster voyages will decrease. The Admiralty propose that some of the large convoys which will result, shall be run straight through to London from Loch Ewe, cancelling the corresponding W.N. convoy, and if necessary, in order to provide escorts, the F.S. convoy also. C. in C. Rosyth foresees (13th June) no difficulty in running these convoys direct from Loch Ewe to London, provided the corresponding W.N. and F.S. convoys are cancelled, but he considers it is most undesirable to run these large valuable convoys with only one escort destroyer, and that an increase should be made to allow a minimum of two destroyers per convoy.

Enemy
Mines.

- × 7. 3 mines were detonated by Sweepers off Portland Bill today, 3 more were cut and exploded, one was cut and sunk, and one was found in the sweep and sunk. One mine self-detonated in the Humber at 1917 today, and another was detonated by Sweepers off Dungeness.

North Atlantic.Phosphates
for Spain.

- × 8. H.M.G. have arranged for 10,000 tons of phosphates to be loaded at Safi, French Morocco for Spain as soon as possible. Each sailing must have prior authorisation of the naval authorities. If F.O.I.C. Gibraltar approves, the first ship, BRIQUETAS ZORROZA, will proceed to the Bay of Algeciras about 15th June to await instructions.

U. 118 Sunk.

9. Aircraft from U.S. escort carrier BOGUE today sank a submarine in 30.49 N. 33.49 W. (530 miles S. by W. of Flores). Sixteen survivors were picked up.

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- X 10. The King, accompanied by Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, arrived in Algiers today by air.
- Surrender of Lampedusa. X 11. NEWFOUNDLAND, AURORA, ORION and PENELOPE with 6 destroyers, bombarded the island of Lampedusa at 2245/11, at 0200 and 0630 today, and again throughout the day in conjunction with heavy bombing. Shore batteries were active until engaged by ship. The island surrendered at 1830 today, when a white flag was reported. F.O. 15th Cruiser Squadron sent forward an officer at 1900 and accepted the surrender from the Second in Command at about 1948. The Governor had not then been contacted.
- Pantellaria, Coastal Patrols. X 12. Twelve coastal craft from Bizerta and 8 from Malta maintained a patrol last night between Pantellaria and Sicily and off Empedocle, to prevent interference from E-Boats with the operations at Pantellaria. E-Boats made a long range torpedo attack on M.T.Bs. off Empedocle at 2330/11th and then withdrew. M.T.Bs. chased but were too slow; there were no casualties or damage on either side. N.O.I.C. Pantellaria took over at 1100, and S.O. Force L proceeded to Jijelli.
13. The small Dutch ship PALIMA was torpedoed and sunk by a U-Boat at 0315 today in 33.36 N. 35.15 E., about 30 miles S.S.W. of Beirut. 34 survivors were landed at Beirut.
- Air Operations. 14. Six Malta Spitfire bombers which bombed a factory at Marzamimi also attacked with cannon fire a small vessel off that place. Successful attacks were made against small shipping off the west coast of Greece.
- French Squadron, Alexandria. X 15. The Admiralty concur in the arrangements for the passage for Force X from Alexandria (see 9th June). To facilitate the arrangement of escorts from Durban to Freetown, they suggest that LORRAINE could be sailed with RESOLUTION and REVENGE.

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Sailing of
"Monsters".

16. Cominch reports that the early arrival today of T.A.46 (QUEEN ELIZABETH) due to the shortening of the route by diversions resulted in a day's delay in the sailing of U.G.S.10. It is requested that the sailings of "Monsters" be adjusted so that arrival in the United States is on days other than the scheduled sailing of large convoys.

Australia and New Zealand.

17. Seven Beaufighters attacked the seaplane base Taberfaje, Aroe Islands this afternoon, destroying 6 float planes and damaging two more and shooting down a float plane. Three Liberators bombed Kaimana harbour, Moluccas and near missed a merchant ship.

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Policy.

EMPIRE
GRIFFIN. Your 041429B. EMPIRE GRIFFIN was at 100 today commissioned as a H.M. Rescue Tug. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow 121510B to Admty.)

LA MALOUINE, Admiralty's 111515.
JONQUIL, 1. LA MALOUINE, JONQUIL, COLTSFOOT are allocated
COLTSFOOT. to Mediterranean.
2. Date of sailing early in July.
(C. in C.W.A. 121913B and 131246B to Cdre. D.W.A.)

16th M.G.B. The 16th M.G.B. Flotilla is temporarily re-
Flotilla. allocated to the Plymouth Command.
2. C. in C.Plymouth is requested to report base to which this flotilla should proceed.
(D.D.O.D.C. 122022B to C. in C.Nore.)

Movements.

S/M S.12's 090955B arrived. (S/M 7.)
Movements. (TITANIA 120116B to F.O.S.)
Your 111319B. Sailed (H.44.)
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 120515B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
R.A.D.H.F's 112010. UPSTART is to proceed to Scapa for A/S training from 14th to 18th June inclusive. Thence to Lerwick and patrol. ULA and CURIE will leave Scapa 16th June as previously arranged.
(F.O.S. 121152B to Capt. S.3.)
Sailed P.65 escorted by CUTTY SARK in accordance with S.3's 101033B.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 121446B.)
Intend sailing H.44 escorted by NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE for Portsmouth at 0830 tomorrow, E.T.A. Needles 1300/13th.
(N.O.I.C. Portland 121519B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/13 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 121634B, 122154B, 131707B.)
Intend sailing TRUANT and BREDA from Rothesay at 2100B/14th June to Scapa. E.T.A. 0900B/16th.
(Capt. S.3 122221B.) See also Capt. S.3 141345B.

INDOMITABLE. Scapa arrival INDOMITABLE escorted by PIORUN, METEOR and OFFA at 1037.
(A.C.O.S. 121117.)

Landing Craft. Craft have been embarked as follows (ALCINOUS)
L.C.M. 111,1113, 1170 (BENEDICT) L.C.M. 111,1100, 1105 (CITY OF VENICE) L.C.E.14 (DEVIS) L.C.M. 111, 1123, 1129 (DERWENTHALL) L.C.M. 111,1102, 1139, (FORT BUCKINGHAM) L.C.M. 111,1131,1135,
(FORTLAJOIE) L.C.M. 111,1081,1082,1083,1086 (FORT MEDUCTIC) L.C.M. 111,1079,1124,1125,1207 (FORT NASHWAAK) L.C.M.111,1093,1094,1126 (NORMAN MONARCH) L.C.M. 111,1122,1127 (ORESTES) L.C.M. 111,1095, (PROMETHEUS) L.C.M. 111,1110 (STANHILL) L.C.M.111,1089,1096,1098.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 121128 to S.O.S.C.)

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Landing craft IROQUOIS and ORKAN return Plymouth forthwith.
 Flight E. 2. CHARYBDIS to close L.C. Flight E. (S.O. Escort
 CHARYBDIS. in SOUTHERN GEM) estimated in $047^{\circ} 25' N.$ $013^{\circ} 52'$
 IROQUOIS. W. at 0800B/12th steering for P. $047^{\circ} 20' N.$
 $014^{\circ} 02' W.$ and thence to 180° 7 knots, and act
 as cover against surface-attack until flight
 reaches $044^{\circ} N.$

3. At latter time CHARYBDIS is to return to Plymouth, passing
 through positions S. $049^{\circ} 21' N.$ $012^{\circ} 19' W.$ and T. 180°
 Eddystone 10 miles, and keeping West of the Lizard during
 dark hours.
 (C. in C.Plymouth 121201B to CHARYBDIS, IROQUOIS, ORKAN.)
 Proceed to H.S. to act as close escort to landing craft
 T. Flight (E).
 (C. in C.Plymouth 121705B to IROQUOIS.)
 Unless otherwise ordered flight E. alters course at 2200B
 to 180° and resumes voyage.
 (C. in C.Plymouth 122007B to SOUTHERN GEM, (R) CHARYBDIS,
 IROQUOIS.)
 Arrived ORKAN.
 (C. in C.Plymouth 122235B.)

DIDO. V.A.(2) 091725B. Intend sailing DIDO to Scapa
 2330B/14th S.O.A. 24 knots. E.T.A. Scapa
 boom 1930B/15th.
 (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 121220B to A.C.O.S. V.A.2.)

BRITOMART, Kola Inlet arrival at 1400B/12 BRITOMART, JASON.
 JASON. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 121415B to S.B.N.O.
 Archangel.)

ADVENTURE. Admiralty 091802. Sailed ADVENTURE.
 (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 121431 to F.O.C.N.A.S.)

SHEFFIELD. Scapa arrival SHEFFIELD at 1430.
 (A.C.O.S. 121602 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

BELFAST. Scapa arrival BELFAST at 1500.
 (A.C.O.S. 121603 to R.A.M.)

Operations.

Operation Arrived MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA.
 F.H. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 120529B to H.F.)
 Intend passing through $060^{\circ} 38' N.$ $005^{\circ} 02' W.$ at
 1400B tomorrow.
 2. Intend (?using) aircraft from FURIOUS to
 carry out complete R/C of Scapa practice-area between 1430B and
 1900 reporting all ships exercising and subsequently carrying
 out A.L.T. on any major unit present. Request I may be
 informed if any major unit will be exercising and time at which
 any H.A. practices are taking place.
 3. 12 Seafires and 9 Swordfish will land Hatston.

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Operation F.H. (Contd.) 5. E.T.A. Hoxa Gate 2215B/13th. DUKE OF YORK, FURIOUS, SCYLLA, MILNE, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE, ORWELL, and OBEDIENT in company.
(C. in C.H.F. 121812 to C.S.12, A.C.O.S.)
Kola Inlet departure at 2100B/12 MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA. E.T.A. Seidis Fjord during forenoon 15th (S.B.N.O. North Russia 122107B to H.F.)

My 081658. C.S.1 is requested to sail in KENT with JAMAICA and MIDDLETON to arrive Scapa p.m. 17th June.
2. MIDDLETON to sail from Akureyri (?13th) June for Hvalfjord. (C. in C.H.F. 122216 to A.C.I.C. C.S.1.)

Coastal Patrols. My 111325B June. "Plumb 1" arrived. (C. in C.Plymouth 120601 to Admty.)
Your 111325B. "Plumb" arrived 0542. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 120738B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
Sail at 0930 tomorrow and proceed at 20 knots by searched channels to East Dudgeon Buoy, thence to patrol as ordered by C. in C.Nore.
(C. in C.Rosyth 121112 to GARTH.)
1. Intend M.Ls. 122 (S.O.) 245 and 215 to patrol tonight on Lat. 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S.382 and leave patrol-line at dawn/13th returning via Q.Z.S.382.
3. Object anti E-Boat patrol. Codeword "Prize."
(F.O.I.C. Portland 121131B and 121648B.)
Anti E-Boat patrol tonight on lat. 50° 25' N. between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. from 2345B to 0400B to be carried out
A. if weather suitable for coastal forces by M.G.Bs. 611, 614, 615, GREY FOX. ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE, GLAISDALE immediate notice at Yarmouth.
B. if unsuitable for Coastal Forces by ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE, GLAISDALE. M.G.Bs. immediate notice at Newhaven. Inclusion of LA COMBATTANTE in patrol will depend on time of arrival at Portsmouth.
2. Decision will be signalled about 2000B.
3. M.L. 572, 124 Patrol Searched Channel between F. and E.A.5 buoys.
5. Communications. Codeword "Advent."
(C. in C.Portsmouth 121256B.)
4. Anti E-Boat patrol to southward of E.A.5 Buoy by A. M.G.Bs. 611, 614, 615, GREY FOX or B. ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE, GLAISDALE.
5. At immediate notice A. ALBRIGHTON, LA COMBATTANTE, GLAISDALE at Yarmouth or
B. M.G.Bs. 611, 614, 615 at Newhaven.
6. M.L. 572, 124 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.
7. Chasseur 41 at St. Helens, KINGSTON TURQUOISE at Yarmouth.
8. M.L. 122, 182, 215 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 121325B.)
1. Patrol A. M.G.Bs. 115, 112, and 75 are to patrol 6 miles 110° and 290° from 104° Start Point 19. Codeword "Harris".
3. Patrol B. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 153, 157 and 159 are to patrol 4 miles 000° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 8.

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5. Forces are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol lines by 2330B and leave patrol lines for Dartmouth at 0430B/13.

6. Swordfish aircraft may be operating if E-Boats are located.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121445B.)
Cancel my 121112.
(C. in C.Rosyth 121547B to GARTH.)

M.G.B. 115,112, and 75 sail Dartmouth to patrol 104 Start Point 19 returning 0430/13.

CONQUEROR, M.L. 153, 157, 159 sail Dartmouth to patrol 205 Eddystone 8 returning 0430/13.

M.L. 122,215 and 182 sail Portland 2215 for patrol 15 miles South St. Albans returning dawn/13th.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121631.)

M.Ls. 138 and 293 patrolling at Bullock Bank.

M.A.S.Bs. 33 and 23 from Ramsgate at Bullock Bank, E.T.D. 2200.
E.T.R. 0530/13.

M.G.Bs. 117 and 114 from Ramsgate at V Buoy E.T.D. 2315
E.T.R. 0445/13.
(V.A.Dover 121822B.)
My 121256B. Carry out patrol B. GREY FOX to be at ½ hours notice.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 121916B.)
Your 121445B. "Scent" sailed less M.L. 153.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 122010B.)
My 121445B. Amend patrol A. to read 125° and 305° from 102° Start Point 13 miles.
(C. in C.Plymouth 122011B.)
My 121131B. Sailed "Prize."
(F.O.I.C. Portland 122216B.)
Your 121445B. Sailed "Harris."
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 122304B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

S/M Patrols. HADDO leave patrol so as to pass through position
C. 046° 01' 035° 59' at 2000/14.
D. 045° 58' 034° 02' at 1600/15.
E. 048° 50' 031° 01' at 1600/17.
F. 050° 10' 027° 57' at 0400/18.

This is number 11 for HADDO 13 for HAKE 1 for BARB and BLACKFISH. Series number 12 for HAKE only will be originated by N.S.H.Q. if required and has not been transmitted.

(F.O.S. 121522B to Subron 50.)

Positions of submarines at 0800B/13th June and movements for following 24 hours.

A. HADDO vicinity 46° 39' N. 38° 26' W.
B. HAKE vicinity 47° 57' N. 35° 51' W.
C. BARB vicinity 51° 50' N. 30° 10' W. diving by day towards 48° 50' N. 37° 35' W. 100 miles in 24 hours.
D. BLACKFISH vicinity 52° 20' N. 28° 35' W. diving by day towards 47° 00' N. 35° 30' W. 100 miles in 24 hours.
Paragraphs E. to H. inclusive as in my 111826.
(F.O.S. 121634B to Admty.)

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Allied Air Activity.

Altenfjord
R/C.

Russians attempted R/C Altenfjord today unsuccessful.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 121645B to Admty. C. in C.H.F. H.Q.C.C.)

A/S
operations
in Biscay
Area.
Areas
"Musketry"
& "Seaslug".

X A/966, 12 June.

1. It is of the utmost importance to follow up and intensify our recent successes against U-Boats. Until further orders the maximum possible effort of both 19 and 15 Groups is to be directed to the Bay offensive after the minimum requirements of air cover for threatened convoys has been satisfied.

2. It has become clear that U-Boats are changing their tactics in the Bay. They are likely to endeavour to get through the Bay as quickly as possible and there is every evidence that they are running through in small packs of two to five on the surface for mutual A/A support and to facilitate Ju.88 cover. The general trend since the beginning of this month appears to be in a W.S. Westerly direction from the Bay ports.

3. In view of the above, operations "Derange" and "Orderly" are to be cancelled and the following operations instituted. A new anti submarine area, to be known as "Musketry" within the following limits - on the north by latitude 47° 30' N. on the east by long. 09° 30' W. on the south by lat. 43° 30' N. on the west by long. 11° 30' W. This area will be the responsibility of A.O.C.19 Group. Aircraft employed on patrol in the south east corner of this area need only proceed as far south so as to make a landfall and good observation of the sea to within 15 miles of the coast.

4. Area "Musketry" is to be swept by 7 aircraft at a time on parallel track searches and should be carried out three times daily during daylight hours. Due to the success of searchlight aircraft, it is reasonable to suppose that the U-Boats will submerge during the hours of darkness and if they are in company with each other, there is no doubt that they will spread during these hours and have to re-form at daylight. It is therefore of the utmost importance that attention is paid to the dawn period, and the aircraft detailed should be well into the patrol area at the time dawn breaks. One of the objects of seven aircraft being detailed at a time is that in the event of two or more submarines being sighted, it should be possible to home up to at least 4 aircraft on to the position and carry out a combined attack.

5. In the event of an aircraft sighting a formation of U-Boats on the surface, it is to be left to the Captain's discretion as to whether he should attack right away or wait until other aircraft have been homed. Normally in conditions of smooth seas when the submarines will be good gun platforms, the aircraft should not attack but remain and shadow and home other aircraft. If, however, the submarines should submerge, then he will naturally go in and attack but will remain to shadow afterwards. Before any attack takes place W/T silence is to be broken and code group 465 made followed by a numeral indicating the number of U-Boats and also give their position. As soon as an aircraft has reported a pack of U-Boats he will immediately switch over to M/F homing procedure to enable the other aircraft

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to concentrate. Headquarters 19 Group will also broadcast the position of the enemy to ensure that all aircraft have received the message. Once a pack of U-Boats has been sighted they must be hunted to exhaustion and only that area in which they may be located again would be patrolled, the remainder of the area being neglected until it is clear the U-Boats have been sunk or gone through.

6. In addition at least three R/P Beaufighters are to be kept at immediate readiness throughout the hours of daylight to proceed to the position at earliest possible moment. A.O.C.19 Group should also arrange with A.O.C.10 Group that when a formation of U-Boats have been sighted sections of Mosquito aircraft should be sent to the area to give continuous air cover.

7. A further A/S area to be known as "Seaslug" is to be instituted within the following limits - on the north by lat. 47° 30' N. on the east by 13° W. on the south by lat. 44° N. on the west by 15° W.

8. This area is to be covered by V.L.R. and L.G. aircraft of No. 15 Group during daylight as often as the convoy situation permits. The patrols are to be co-ordinated by A.O.C.19 Group in conjunction with his own patrols.

9. The normal planned night flying effort by 19 Group is to be resumed, Wellingtons in area "Musketry" and Catalinas of 210 Squadron with Mark II A.S.V. in the area "Seaslug". All aircraft employed on anti-submarine patrols in the Bay area and fitted with Mark II A.S.V. are to keep it switched on while in their patrol area until further orders.

10. A.O.C.19 Group is to co-ordinate all patrols carried out with A.O.C.10 Group in order that the maximum amount of fighter protection can be provided.

11. A.O.C.19 Group is to arrange advanced base facilities if and when required by 15 Group aircraft.

12. A.O.C.18 Group will detail 6 Beaufighters fitted with R/P to join the three Beaufighters of 16 Group in 19 Group area. Accommodation to be arranged by 19 Group with 10 Group.

13. A.O.C.16 Group is to arrange for 415 Squadron to provide three sorties a day with Mark XI D.C.'s in area "Musketry" operating from advanced bases in 19 Group area, movements being arranged between 16 and 19 Groups direct.

14. Nos. 304 and 547 Squadron are to be brought into the line at the earliest possible date, A.S.V. being fitted as opportunity offers.

15. It is most important that A.O.C.18 Group and A.O.C. Iceland should co-ordinate their anti-submarine patrols in the Northern passage in order to ensure that every submarine sighted is hunted to exhaustion.

(A.O.C. in C.C.C. 122257B.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland.

One unidentified aircraft over Raufarhofn 066° 27' N. 015° 55' W. at 0745, course E. One unidentified A/C plotted over Skalar 066° 20' N. 014° 45' W. at 0920, course East.
(A.C.I.C. 121344B to Admty. (R) C. in C.H.F.)

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Mining.

Explosion. Heavy explosion bearing 310° 3 miles. My position 2 3 7, 38, 3. Unidentified aircraft overhead at time.
(WINDSOR 120020B to C. in C.Nore.)

Humber. Mine self-detonated at 111917 in approx. 270° H.L.V. 1/2 mile.
(F.O.Humber 120748B.)

Lyme Bay. X 4.8 miles from northern edge of Q.Z.X.1011 cleared and area one mile to eastward completed. Mines encountered as follows: 1131. Unidentified and detonated 242°.

Portland Bill 5.5 miles. 1132. Unidentified and detonated 242°.

Portland Bill 5.5 miles. 1515 "R" type cut and sunk 262°

Portland Bill. 8.3 miles.

1534 "R" type cut and exploded 257° Portland Bill 5.15 miles.

This mine is suspected as being fitted with Antenna.

1614 "R" type found in sweep on hauling. Position encountered unknown. Self-detonated after floating 23 minutes.

2 Static Cutters encountered. Both positions unknown.

(GWEAL 121018B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Your 121149B. Mines as follows. 1502. 267° Portland Bill.

9.1 miles detonated. 1523R type cut and exploded 267° Portland

Bill. 10.5 miles. 1534 R type cut and exploded 268° Portland

Bill 11.3 miles. 1615R type found in Sweep when hauling and sunk.

position of encounter unknown. All positions approximate owing to visibility.

(GWEAL 121239B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

DOVER. Routine sweeping carried out 11th/12th June one red mine detonated in 50° 52' 27" N. 00° 54' 35" E.
(V.A.Dover 121104B.)

S.N.111C. Scapa arrivals PORT QUEBEC and ST. MARY'S.
(A.C.O.S. 121818B to R.A.M.)
R.A.(M) arrived in AGAMEMNON with LANCASTER, NEWARK and SCOTT in company.
(TRELAWNEY 12210B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. Am over enemy S/M in 48.51 N. 24.58 W.
(A/C 86 Sqdn. Duty H. No. T.O.O. and 121500B to 15 Group.)

S/M has dived.

(A/C 86 Sqdn. Duty H. 121350B to 15 Group.)

Am over enemy submarine in 48° 15' N. 25° 10' W.

(A/C 86 Sqdn. Duty G. 121633 to 15 Group.)

Transit aircraft report sighting at 0834B/12 5 destroyers in 045° 00' N. 009° 02' W. steering 275° at 20 knots. Another aircraft reported 5 U-Boats in company at 0622B/12 in 045° 23' N. 008° 37'

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U-Boats
reported or
attacked in
Biscay Area.
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West steering 290° at 10 to 12 knots. These may refer to the same Force in which event probably U-Boats.
(C. in C.Plymouth 121809 to SOUTHERN GEM, CHARYBDIS, IROQUOIS.)
My 121809., confirmed one force only, consisting of U-Boats.
(C. in C.Plymouth 122131B to CHARYBDIS, IROQUOIS, SOUTHERN GEM.)

Casualties & Defects.

Unknown ship. Automatic S.O.S. heard at 0102 G.M.T. type A.1., strength of signals two, bearing from Burnham-on-Sea Radio 238° very unreliable due to night effect. R.A.F. informed.
(Burnham Radio 120102.) (Port Patrick 120104Z.)
(Wick 120105Z, 120106, 120449.) (Humber 120205, 120304, 120450B.) (C. in C.Plymouth T.O.R. 120320.) (Chatham C.C.O. 120447B to Admty.)

PETERSBURG. Returned from U.C.3 with engine trouble.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 120523.)

OLAVUS. Arrival ex W.P.B. 353, engine defects.
(N.C.S.O. Swansea 121030B.)

DESTINY. Sailed DESTINY for Greenock. E.T.A. Gate 1830B. Request harbour tug to assist owing to defective steering.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 121540B.)
DESTINY arrived Greenock.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 121955B.)

QUALITY. QUALITY with LEDBURY proceeding to pass Switha 1900B/13 to Rosyth, QUALITY for damage repairs, LEDBURY for fitting of additional oerlikons.
(R.A.D.H.F. 121540B to QUALITY.)

PORTMAHOMACK. Your 120900. Arrived PORTMAHOMACK with engine trouble.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon 121645B to R.N.O.Wick.)

J.H.B.
LATROBE. My 122344 part one. Intend to sail from Seidisfjord at 1700B/13 Tug EMPIRE HARRY towing SS. J.H.B. LATROBE to Tyne. A.M. 132229 not to N.C.S.O. Scrabster refers. Escorted by H.M.Trawler SEALYHAM. Route to Scrabster for onward routeing to Tyne.
(A.C.I.C. 122339B.)

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S.D.41 My 111706 sailed. E.T.A. p.m. 14th June.
(BANFORA.) (A.C.I.C. 120426B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

O.N.J.188 My 111708. Sailed (TWEED.)
(A.C.I.C. 120816B.)

O.S.49/
K.M.S.16. Cancel my 111236Z. (MAKEFJELL.)
(C. in C.W.A. 120848Z to V.A.Gibraltar.)
MATHURA states secret envelope gives Gibraltar as destination. Please confirm Capetown for Indian Ports as given in convoy lists.
(B.3 121718Z to C. in C.W.A.)

AMSTERDAM, Intend sailing transports AMSTERDAM and BEN MY
BEN-MY-CHREE. CHREE from Cromarty at 0131B/16th, 17 knots each, routed Q.Z.S.150/352 to 35 buoy 032° Copinsay light 5 miles where AMSTERDAM parts company, E.T.A. Kirkwall 0731B. Other 5 miles east of Fair Is., E.T.A. Lerwick 1231B. Request fighter protection and escort.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon 121221B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

O.N.C.189. Rescue ship ZAMALEK H.F/D.F.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 121705B.)

W.S.31/
K.M.F.17. A.M. 092049 and 092050 June.
1. Route for Combined Convoy as follows:-
R/V in position MA. 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0900B/30 June, through M.B. 55.35 N. 10.45 W.
M.C. 50.22 N. 15.40 W. M.D. 40.32 N. 14.16 W.

- M.E. 36.31 N. 10.00 W.
2. K.M.F.17 will part company in position M.E. and proceed as ordered by C. in C.Med.
3. W.S.31 thence through M.F. 29.02 N. 12.30 W. M.G. 26.00 N. 16.22 W. M.H. 22.01 N. 18.59 W. M.J. 13.58 N. 19.03 W. M.K. 09.57 N. 16.56 W. to Freetown.
4. S.O.A. estimated at 12. knots is to be adjusted to pass through position M.E. at 0900B/25.
5. Stragglers route R. 47.58 N. 17.12 W. S. 44.00 N. 17.00 W. T. 39.59 N. 15.01 W. U. 36.31 N. 10.00 W. V. 29.02 N. 12.30 W. W. 26.00 N. 16.22 W. X. 22.30 N. 19.57 W. Y. 14.03 N. 19.45 W. Z. 09.57 N. 16.56 W.
6. Ships of K.M.F 17 are to be given Stragglers route to U. thence to Gibraltar.
7. Capt. D.21, pass to ships of Group V.

(D.O.D(H) 121842B.)
Admiralty's 092045. 092052. 1 Ocean Escort from Clyde.
UGANDA. 2. A/S escort A. Bristol Channel portion. SALADIN to arrive Barry Roads p.m. 17th B. Liverpool portion MOURNE. C. Clyde portion, AMAZON. D. To Join from Londonderry at Oversay

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R/V. Captain D. 21 in MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, HAMBLEDON, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, VICEROY, WOOLSTON, WALLACE, BLANKNEY, WITHERINGTON, ARROW, LEDBURY.
3. SALADIN, MOURNE are to proceed Londonderry from Oversay R/V.
4. MENDIP is to proceed Greenock for conference and subsequently to Londonderry for fuel.
(C. in C.W.A. 121915B.) see also C. in C.W.A.151128

East Coast shipping.

During the past three months the amount of overseas shipping proceeding to East Coast ports has considerably increased and further increases may be expected during the Autumn and Winter.
2. Past records and a forecast by the Ministry of War Transport give the following figures:-

Period.	Ports N. of Humber.	Humber	London	Total
Dec. 1942 - Feb.1943	49	54	87	190
March - May, 1943	98	91	127	316
Sept. - Nov. 1943	150	150	300	600
Jan. - March, 1944	150	150	375	675

3. Against this increase it is anticipated that the number of coaster voyages will decrease by 240 as compared with December 1942 - February 1943, so that the net increase in September-November 1943 over December - February 1943, will be 170 ships or an average of 2 per convoy.

4. In the W.N. and F.S. convoys this increase will not be evenly spread as large numbers of ocean ships will arrive at Loch Ewe at one time. It is proposed for consideration, that some at least of these large convoys be run straight through to London from Loch Ewe cancelling the corresponding W.N. convoy and, if necessary, in order to provide escorts, the F.S. convoy also.

5. It is considered impossible to alter the present system of sailing northbound ocean shipping in F.N. and E.N. convoys as it is manifestly undesirable to hold shipping for assembly in the Thames and Humber.

6. Request your remarks.
(D.T.D. 122020B to C. in C.Rosyth, C. in C.Nore.)

K.M.S.19.

A.M. 081353. PALOMARES is now required to sail from Clyde on 4th July with K.M.S.19.
(D.O.D.H. 122057B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

H.X,S.C.,
O.N. & O.N.S.
convoys.
Fixed routes.

1. Since the original route is rarely adhered to it is proposed, in order to reduce signalling, to sail these convoys on fixed convoy and straggler routes, necessary diversions at sea being made as at present.
2. Admiralty to promulgate letters for the positions for westbound convoys using double letters with 1st letter M to Z for convoy route and single letter for stragglers route. C. in C.C.N.A.

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to promulgate letters for eastbound convoys
using double letters first letter A to L for con-
voy route and single letters for stragglers
route.

3A. O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys.
270° Oversay 6'. 58° 30' N. 13° 00' W.
59° 00' N. 19° 00' W. 58° 44' N. 32° 00' W.
54° 00' N. 43° 00' W. 50° 00' N. 47° 00' W.
44° 00' N. 49° 00' W. 43° 00' N. 60° 00' W.

B. O.N. and O.N.S. Stragglers.
59° 50' N. 20° 00' W. 59° 32' N. 32° 20' W. 55° 00' N. 43° 30'
W. 50° 00' N. 48° 30' W. 44° 32' N. 49° 50' W. 43° 00' N.
60° 00' W.

C. H.X. and S.C. Convoys.
46° 00' N. 47° 00' W. 53° 00' N. 40° 00' W. 57° 00' N. 29° 00'
W. 57° 00' N. 20° 00' W. 56° 30' N. 08° 30' W.

D. H.X. and S.C. Stragglers.
46° 50' N. 47° 30' W. 53° 35' N. 40° 55' W. 57° 40' N. 30° 00'
W. 57° 40' N. 20° 00' W. 56° 50' N. 15° 00' W. 56° 30' N.
08° 30' W.

4. The above to be brought into force for convoys sailing after
June 22nd.

5. Request your concurrence.
(D.T.D. 122058B to C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Movements
Gibraltar.

Following is repetition of my 11204 (Begins) - Addressed Admty. C. in C. Med. Departures ATHERSTONE, HOLCOMBE to patrol West. L.C.I.(L) 100, 164, 165, 178, 171, 169, 179, 172, 181, 166, 241, to Algiers. ESKIMO for Algiers. (Ends). (F.O. Gibraltar 120511 to Admty. C. in C. Med.).

TRUSTY

Following is repetition of my 112154B and 112120 (begins) Addressed Admty. F.O.S. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth, S.8. S.3, S.9, TRUSTY, C. in C.W.A.

Intend to sail TRUSTY (details).

T.O.O. 112154B (Ends).

(F.O. Gibraltar 120615 to Admty. etc.).

Your 091814. (TRUSTY ready to sail within a week). Route "Red" interferes with projected air A/S operations. Request you will route TRUSTY on route "Rose".

(F.O.S. 121046B to F.O. Gibraltar (R) Admty. etc.).

Sailing of TRUSTY deferred. Cancel my 112154. (Undecypherable) in W.R. Repetition contained in 120615).

(F.O.I.C. Gib. 122031B to Admty. F.O.(S) (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.W.A. Capt.(S) 3, Capt. (S) 8. Capt. (S) 9. TRUSTY).

TEMPLAR

Onward routeing through 135 degs. Cape Palos 5 miles at 0320/15th 042 degs. 01' North 003 degs. 40' East at 0530/18th thence patrol off the coast France North of 042 degs. 00' North and West of

005 degs. 30' West.

(Capt.S.8. 120942B to P.316 (TEMPLAR) (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 8th (S) Flotilla, F.S. CASABLANCA).

All times in my 101519 are deferred 24 hours.

(F.O. Gibraltar 122017B).

WEST
POINT.

Request return routeing U.S.S. WEST POINT

E.T.D. 14th June.

(Commorseafron 120720Z to Admty.).

WEST POINT, your 120720. E.33 degs. N. 12 degs.

W. S. 29 degs. N. 21 degs. W. T. 25 degs. N.

30 degs. W. U. 25 degs. N. 40 degs. W.V. 31 degs. 50 degs. W. W.

35 degs. N. 58 degs. W. X. 38 degs. N. 68 degs. W. Y. 39 degs.

27' 50" N. 72 degs. 40' 00' W. thence to New York.

(D.O.D.(H) 121645 Commorseafron).

LIDDESDALE
ATHERSTONE

Return Gibraltar with all convenient despatch.

(F.O. Gibraltar 121022B to H.M.S. LIDDESDALE,

H.M.S. ATHERSTONE. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.

C. in C. Plymouth).

Dispositions

Situation 2004 B/12th.

Submarine SEVERN crossing 043 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' at 1300B/13th thence 180 degs. 11½ knots on surface.

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- Dispositions (Contd.).
- (2). S.L. 130 SCARBOROUGH 035 degs. 56' 011 degs. 30' through 036 degs. 01' 012 degs. 01' thence 322 degs.7.
- (3) U.S.S. WEST POINT one U.S. destroyer 035 degs. 50' 013 degs. 10' to Casablanca 20½.
- (4) O.S.49 K.M.S.16, KEPPEL (E) 038 degs. 11' 012 degs. 03' through 036 degs. 20' 010 degs. 10' thence 177 degs.8. K.M.S.16 S.O. BATTLER parts company at approximately 1400B/13th in 036 degs. 20' 010 degs. 10' and proceed 099 degs.8.
- (5) S.R.5 LA GRANDIERE (E) 029 degs. 45' 011 degs. 40' through 030 degs. 18' 011 degs. 05' thence 027 degs.8.
- (6) U.G.S.9. C. T.F.69 (E) 030 degs. 59' 017 degs. 39' through 031 degs. 06' 017 degs. 02' thence 069 degs. 8.6.
- (7) L.S.T. 421, B.Y.M.S. 19, 027 degs. 28' 013 degs. 51' through 028 degs. 43' 012 degs. 53' thence 061 degs.9.
- (8) O.S.49 K.M.S.16, Lisbon section corvettes part company with O.S.49 K.M.S.16 at 2200/12th thence 071 degs.8. on arrival of Lisbon, escort R/V 6 merchant ships and proceed coastal to Cape St. Vincent.
- (9) Hospital ship ATLANTIS 031 degs. 27' 019 degs. 05' 012 degs. 14½.
- (10) DAUNTLESS 024 degs. 40' 016 degs. 51' through 030 degs. 30' 011 degs. 04' thence 029 degs.18.
(F.O. Gibraltar 121049B).
Situation at 1959/12.
- (3) ANNAMITE ST. NECTAN 1 merchant ship 035 degs. 11' 008 degs. 24' to Casablanca 9. Air defence off Casablanca ST. NECTAN return Gibraltar 9.
- (4) VELOX 035 degs. 48' 007 degs. 55' to Gibraltar 15.
- (5) Small craft convoy SHEPPEY 036 degs. 29' 009 degs. 11' to Gibraltar 8.
- (8) O.S.49 ACTIVE sails 2300/12th through 035 degs. 46' (013 degs.) 22' to R/V O.S.49 in 033 degs. 22' 010 degs. 02' at 1200B/14th 8½.
- (10) OXFORDSHIRE 035 degs. 55' 008 degs. 30' to Gibraltar (?8).
- (11) B.Y.M.S. 9, 26, 27, (?034 degs.) 27' 007 degs. 38' to Gibraltar 8.
(F.O. Gibraltar 121127B).

U/Bs.

R.A.F. Plane En route Port Lyautey sights five U-boats fully surfaced in line abreast at 0633Z/12 Position 45.08 08.43 W. Course 280 degs. Plane fired on by Subs.
(C.M.S.F.F. 121230Z, 121235Z to Admty. (R) Cominch, Comnavnav (C. in C. Med. Pass) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gib.).

Following reported by aircraft. At 0622/12 in 45.23 North 08.37 West 5 U-boats course 260 - 290 speed 10-12 knots. At 0835/12 5 destroyers in 45.45 degs. North 09.02 West course 275 degs. speed 20 knots.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 121417 to Admty. etc.).

HOLCOMBE

Return Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 121235B to HOLCOMBE (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth).

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HOLCOMBE (Contd.) Your 121235B Understood. E.T.A. 1845. Weather report.
(HOLCOMBE 121416B to F.O.C. Gibraltar).

Movements Gibraltar. Arrival HORNPIPE SCOTTISH M.T.Bs. 649, 665, M.Ls. 558 563, 565, 569, 580, 659, 660, 662, harbour defence M.Ls. 1242, 1224, 1246, 1247, 1253, 1254, 1257, 1258, 1270, 1271, 1277, 12(999) 1301.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 121237Z, 141135B to Admty.).

CAMPECHE Collision with S/M. Consul Huelva reports that Spanish Tanker CAMPECHE returning from America struck submerged object 130 miles west of Cape St. Vincent June 7th. Submerged object was submarine which came to surface and steamed westward. Tanker slightly damaged proceeded Cadiz. This information taken from Tanker's official log. Timed 111845. (Ends.)
(A.B.N.A. Madrid, 121314B to Admty.)
Met (A) O.S.49 K.M.S.16 38, 47, KEPPEL, S.O. ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, F.F.S. LOBELIA, F.F.S. ACONITE, D.S.FLORES, TYRIAN, TUMULT, BURGA, SAPPER, BATTLER 8 knots 2200B June, 143 (X) 038 degs 02' North 011 degs. 53' West (M.D.) 036 degs. 20' North 318 degs. 10' West. (Z) 035 degs. 47' North 006 degs. 25' West and Q.K.A.87 to Gibraltar, K.M.S.16 and O.S.49. (B) Commodore Grant in EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP, O.S.49 Commodore Van Dan Donker in PENRITH CASTLE, Vice then combined convoy. (ii) First two letters Wireless Call Sign K.M.S.16 G.J. O.S. 49 L.A. (iii) Fighter protection codewords O.S.49 and combined convoy "Parole" K.M.S.16 after splitting "Damson". (iv) Attention is called to my 121256 (N.T.W.D.)
(F.O. Gibraltar, 121315B to ATHERSTONE, (R) C. in C. Med. Admty., Ships Escorting Convoy K.M.S.16)

Ships for Dakar O.S.49. Intend sailing for Dakar (French) CHELMA 8.5 QUEVILLY 9, MEDIE II 8.5 (British) (78) STEELE 10.5 FORT JENSIG 10.5 escorted by P.C.S.471 (corrupt group) W/T call N.A. (79) J and departing Casablanca 1600/13 through Q.K.A. 102 to R/V O.S. 49 which is routed through (M.D.) 036 degs. 20' N. 10 degs. 10' West. (M.E.) 33 degs. 00' North 10 degs. 00' West. S. of A. 7.5 in position (P) 33.21 N. 10.02 W. 1100A/14th. P.C. Escort DAN-Y-BRYN and SINGLETON from R/V to Casablanca to arrive buoy A daylight 15th June. Guard 2150 KC/s. C.F.W. provides daylight air escort both (?halves of convoy).
(C.M.S.F., 121415, to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.W.Af., Ships escorting O.S.49, Comar Dakar, C.F.W.15. Com. Escort Units.)

Tugs. Arrived Tugs FRISKY, ORIANA.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 121514B to Admty.)

MELBREAK. Detached at position "E" FK (corrupt) (incomplete) speed 15 knots, E.T.A. Gib. 0700/13th Med. K. table not held.
(MELBREAK, 121631B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Capt. D.)

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VELOX

E.T.A. Northern most entrance 0200B/13th June.
(2) Have on board 2 seriously ill medical cot cases ex EMPIRE PRINCE.
(VELOX 121703B to F.O. Gibraltar).

O.S.49

(1) All escorts topped up with oil.
(2) Though not essential would like O.R.P.BURZA (who is without refrigerator) and ACONITE to call at Casablanca to obtain fresh provisions for all escorts, providing S/M situation permits.
(3) If approved propose BURZA, ACONITE arrive Casablanca 0700Z/14th and both rejoin before dark.
(S.O. Escort Group B.3. 121716Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Casablanca, Capt.(D) Greenock, Escorts of O.S.49).
O.S.49 sailed as in my 110959.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 122326B to F.O.C.W.A.F.(R) C. in C. Med. Admty. Connav, C.M.S.F.F.).

U.G.S.9.
K.M.S.16.

U.G.S.9. ACTIVE (?and) FOXTROT (?PIROUETTE)
SCOTTISH R/V in position (L) at 0800B/15th June.
(2) Casablanca section is to screen in position (L).
(3) Convoy manoeuvring after British escort joins as necessary to pass Europa Point at (?10)00B/16th June.
(4) Onward route (?from position (L)) to (M) 035 degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' through Q.K.A.87 to (N) 036 degs. 01' 005 degs. 21' (O) 036 degs. 03' 004 degs. 36' (P) 035 degs. 42' 003 degs. 01' (Q) 035 degs. 52' 001 degs. 28' (R) 035 degs. 53' 000 degs. 36'. thence as routed by (?C. in C. Med.). All positions north and west, S. of A. 8 knots.
(5) Convoy K.M.S.16 and U.G.S.9 are to join and proceed in company in Mediterranean.
(6) K.M.S.16. 48 ships forming in 14 columns.
Cdre. (?Grant) R.N.R. in EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP, escorted by ATHERSTONE, VETCH and local escort moving ahead from Europa Point at 0700/16th June routed as in para.3. Manoeuvring as requisite to reduced speed of advance to enable U.G.S.9. to form astern.
(7) U.G.S.9. is to form into 14 columns after passing Europa Point and then form astern K.M.S.16.
(8) Combined convoy to be known as K.M.S.16 Commodore Combined Convoy. Cdre. Grant R.N.R. in EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP, Vice Commodore of convoy Capt. Cummings U.S. N. in YANKEE ARROW. Codeword Combined Convoy "Horatius" S.O; Combined Escort ACTIVE.
(9) Commorseafon pass to BRISTOL, LUDLOW, WOLSEY.
(F.O. Gibraltar 121753B to Ships escorting Convoy U.G.S.9. for Commodore (R) Admty. Commorseafon, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces, N.W. African Waters, Com. N.O.B. Oran, ? N.O.I.C. Algiers).

Convoy
X.K.8.

X.K.8. successful. Request your intentions regarding ARCHANGELOS, BRIKA, GLAISDALE and PENSHURT.
(D.T.D. 121828B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med.).

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Phosphates / Admiralty pass to Algiers.
for Spain. Under arrangements made with (?by) H.M.G. with Commissioners (U.S.) and North African Authorities it has been arranged for 10,000 tons phosphate to be loaded Safi, French Morocco for Spain as soon as possible. While general consent has been given for Spanish Ships to proceed Safi to load phosphates, arrangement is subject to proviso that each sailing must have prior authorization of Naval Authorities.

(2) Spanish authorities suggest ships approved for these shipments should proceed to Bay of Algeciras and apply for clearance to Safi which they suggest you could (?procure) after consulting North African authorities concerned. Please inform me if you approve this arrangement, in which case first ship BRIQUETAS ZORROZA will proceed to Bay of Algeciras about June 15th to await your instructions.

(N.A. Madrid 121830 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.).

No objection (F.O. Gibraltar 141556B).

ROSELYS
FLORES.

Your 111842Z. E.T.A. South Channel Bar off Lisbon 131200Z June. F.S. ROSELYS and D.S. FLORES escorting CLEARPOOL and BARON FORBES ex convoy K.M.S.16.

(F.S. ROSELYS 122345Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) N.C.S.O. Lisbon, Admty. S.O.B. 3 Group).

Air
Report.

A.114 12th June, Daily Opsum No. 223.

12th June. Sightings and attacks Hud. in transit from U.K. at 0822B/12 45.23 N. 08.37 W. sighted 5 U-boats on surface course 240 degs. 12 kts. 2 miles distant. A/C at 2000, no attack. Beaufort in transit from U.K. at 0835B/12 45.00 N. 09.02 W. through break in cloud for 10 seconds sighted 5 small surface craft course 275 degs. 20 kts. 4 miles distant, A/C at 5,500 feet, no attack. Casablanca transit aircraft sighted 5 U-boats at 0833B/12 45. 08 N. 08.43 W. course and speed unknown. Ras El Ma transit A/C from U.K. sighted 4 U-boats at 0925B/12 44.35 N. 08.40 W. course 270 degs. Speed unknown.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Gibraltar 122359Z to Air Min.).

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COPINSAY. Arrived 0730Z and docked.
(Comar Dakar 120949Z to R.A.W.Af. Admty.)

Weekly state 12th June. Freetown to Capetown SUFFOLK,
South CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT,
Atlantic CATTERICK, SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. Capetown Area
Station. ROCKROSE, INDIAN STAR, ST. LOMAN, WELLARD.
Capetown to Durban (?GENISTA) THYME, ROHILKHAND,
CAPE WARWICK, LE TIGRE, B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7,8,
FROBISHER. Capetown to Port Elizabeth ASTER.
Durban to Port Elizabeth MARGUERITE. Durban to Capetown NORTHERN
DAWN, SPHENE. Durban area ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS, FALMOUTH,
FREESIA, COVENTRY CITY, DRANGEY, LADY ELSA, NORTHERN CHIEF,
NORWICH CITY, ST. ZENO. Saldanha Bay SPINDRIFT. Capetown MEAD,
CECILE MAPLESON, ETHIOPIAN, HERTFORDSHIRE, KELT, ARCTIC
EXPLORER, NORTHERN DUKE, FRITILLARY. Simonstown LEWES, VIRGINIA?
HAWKINS, BARWIND, NIZAM, M.M.S. 107, P.552, R.614, M.Ls.381, 830,
1150. Port Elizabeth NORTHERN ISLES. East London TULIP,
Durban NIGELLA, RESOLUTION, MANCHESTER CITY, JASMINE, RACEHORSE,
QUICKMATCH, SONDRRA, KIRRIEMOOR, VERBENA, LADY ROSEMARY, VIVIAN,
NORTHERN CHIEF M.L. 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200.
(C. in C. S.A. 121114B.)

CUBA, 1. CUBA in W.S.30 carrying West African troops for
defects, India reports she has developed condenser trouble
SIBAJAK. and possibly will not be able to proceed beyond
Durban. Commodore of convoy considers she is
unfit for sea until defect remedied.
2. If she cannot proceed propose to tranship her
personnel to SIBAJAK. 3. SIBAJAK will then accompany NIEUW
HOLLAND to India and CUBA when ready would proceed to Middle East
(P.S.T.O. Capetown 121148B to D.S.T.)

Dispositions. Situation 1959Z/12th June. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS,
BURDOCK, BLACKMORE, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT,
TURCOMAN with S.T.69 005° 56' 011° 42' 122° 8½.
BIRDLIP 005° 05' 009° 20' to Freetown coastwise.
Five M.L. 296,272, 287, 728, (2) M.L.1041 off Lome. M.L.1014 off
(?Ping)ou. MILFORD, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, CLARKIA, PICT,
YESTOR with T.S.44 004° 12' 004° 33' 266° 7. SARABANDE off
Accra. CORFU 002° 45' 018° 48' 295° 15. WOLVERINE, WITCH,
RAPID 002° 48' 004° 39' to Lagos 22.
(R.A.W.A. 121159Z.)

Situation 2000Z/12th June. ALLIGATOR, IMMORTELLE, EMPIRE
GOBLIN, towing Lighters 034° 20' 024° 10' to East London 5.
ASTER 034° 25' 024° 40' to R/V with D.C.30, 11. GENISTA, THYME,
CAPE WARWICK, LE TIGRE, ROHILKHAND, B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7 and 8 with
C.D.22 (6 ships) 033° 55' 026° 40' coastal to Durban 8.
MARGUERITE, NORTHERN DAWN, SPHENE, BLAAUWBERG, with D.C.30
(11 ships) 033° 50' 027° 10' coastal to Capetown 9. FROBISHER
033° 05' 033° 02' to Durban 19. RELENTLESS searching for
survivors off Port St.Johns. NORWICH CITY, LADY ELSA, ST.ZENO,
with L.M.D.21 (3 ships) 028° 05' 032° 45' coastal to Durban 8½.
FALMOUTH with NARINGA 026° 20' 037° 20' to St. Lucia 9½.
ROTHERHAM 024° 038° 30' to Durban 20. FREESIA, COVENTRY CITY,
DRANGEY, JULIET, with D.N.47 (10 ships) 026° 039° to 026° 041° 8.

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Dispositions. CAPETOWN escorting AORANGI 017° 041° 45' to 009° 30' 042° 25' 13½.
(Contd.) (C. in C. S.A. 121206B.)
Situation at 2000Z/12th June.
SUFFOLK, CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, CATTERICK, F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA with W.S.30 (9 ships) 021° 00' 012° 30' to 021° 59' 013° 01' 12½ knots. C.N.24 unescorted Group 14 ships 019° 30' 016° 35' coastal to 025° 30' 014° 25' 8. ROCKROSE, ST. LOMAN, WELLARD, INDIAN STAR, 030° 35' 016° 55' to Capetown 10. H.M.A.S. WASSA (sic) off Cape Point to Northwards 14.
(C. in C. S.A. 121224B.)

Troop Transport. 1. About 3,000 personnel in South Africa wanting passage to U.K. 2. Anticipate that in addition there will be about 400 R.A.F. air crews ready by Mid-July. 3. As DOMINION MONARCH and MAURETANIA appear to be the only ships available, request that a fair proportion of accommodation in both vessels should be reserved for personnel from South Africa.
(C. in C. S.A. 121204B to D.S.T.) Reply:- D.S.T. 160158.

S.T.69. Amend order as follows:- (1) CMDT.DETROYAT F.F.S. is to continue with escort to Takoradi. Order for stores for Cape Palmas follows. (2) BURDOCK is to be detached to proceed Lagos when convoy is off Takoradi.
(F.O.C. W.A. 121211Z to CORINTHIAN (R) N.O.I.C. Takoradi, Admty. CMDT.DETROYAT, F.F.S. N.O.I.C. Lagos, Capt. (D) 18th D.F.BURDOCK)

Floating Dock. Admty. 111212 (111210 intended) not to Com. 4th Fleet. Request Com. 4th Fleet may be asked to route accordingly.
(F.O.C.W.A. 1212145Z to Cominch (R) B.A.D. Com. 4th Fleet, Admty.)

WILLIAM KING. Amend para. 7 of my 111501. Total crew and armed guard 65. 35 rescued by NORTHERN CHIEF 23 (sunk by H.M.S. RELENTLESS (former amended). (2) U-Boat 6 June.) had U.51 painted on starboard side of C/T.
(3) Armed guards state exhaust fumes seen issuing from plates mentioned in para.9.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 121349Z to Admty. C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F.)

ANTWERP. Arrival 0916Z/12th June.
(S.O. (I) Freetown? 121500Z to C.M.S.F.)

Convoy D.B.F.3. Arrivals 1147Z/12th June. BRIDGEWATER, FOXHOUND, BELLWORT, F.S. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting D.B.F.3.
(S.O. (I) Freetown 121639Z to Comar Dakar.)

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- B.Y.M.S. Arrival 11th June, B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 20 and 28.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 121701Z to Admty.)
- ALCANTARA. Intend to sail ALCANTARA independently to U.K. leaving Freetown 17th. Owing to engine defects and foul bottom maximum speed 16 knots. Is ship required for escort or other duty on passage.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121741Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.)
Amended 15 knots (F.O.C.W.A. 141625Z.)
- DESPATCH, My 111806 and Admiralty 111635. Still desired to
W.S.31. sail DESPATCH with W.S.31 for refit at Cape if ship can be accepted.
(F.O.C.W.A.F. 121754Z. to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty.)
- Contraband My 101601. AFAR eight (No. T. in W.R.) from
Control Consul General Dakar to Foreign Office refers.
Base, (F.O.C.W.Af. 121847Z to Admty. (R) B.N.L.O.Dakar.)
Dakar.
- REDSHANK. Serial No.545. Sailed 1800Z/12th June REDSHANK Point Noire E.T.A. 1500Z/16th June, speed 10½ knots. Route. Single operator periods. Requires 20 tons fresh water and provisions.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 121957Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)
- Movements, Arrival 12th June ORFASY, M.Ls. 274, 296, 272.
Takoradi. Departure 12th June REDSHANK Pointe Noire p.m. 16th June.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 122001 to F.O.C. W.A. Admty, R.N.O. Lagos.)
- ILE DE FRANCE. 1300/12th June. ILE DE FRANCE Clyde 20th knots.
(A) 18 (B) 20. Section 2.(Route). Days 13 fuel oil. Chop 15th
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 122010Z to Admty.)
- ROCKROSE, E.T.A. 1400Z/13th. ST.LOMAN, INDIAN STAR, WELLARD.
etc. E.T.A. 1700Z/13th. Acknowledge.
(ROCKROSE 122159Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) N.L.O. Capetown, Capt. (D) 11.)
- Overdue Greek ship BORIS due Freetown 9th.
shipping. (F.O.C.W.Af. 122330Z to Admty. (R) Connav, S.O. (I) Recife.)

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Tunisian
Campaign,
Appreciation
by P.M.

Personal from Prime Minister to Adm. Cunningham. (begins).
 Congratulations upon admirable work done by Navy during whole of Tunisian campaign and particularly at its conclusion. Daring and devotion of our submarines succeeded in sinking 47 ships and surface forces 42 ships of an aggregate tonnage of 268,600. When to this is added sinkings by air, a grand total of 137 ships and 433,400 tons is reached. This was 32 per cent of estimated shipping initially available to Axis at beginning of Tunisian campaign. During long struggle on the mainland, Navy and Air Force working in closest co-operation sank 21 enemy destroyers or torpedo boats and many small craft, and prevented 35 per cent of enemy supply ships and transports from reaching Tunisia. To Minesweepers fell the honour of re-opening Mediterranean by clearing the channels, 600 miles long, between 9th and 21st May. Protection of our own convoys was carried to very highest point. Over whole vast mass of shipping which entered Mediterranean between 8th November 1942, and 8th May 1943 losses were less than 2½ per cent. M.T.Bs. showed highest enterprise in all their operations which developed increasingly from March to May, and during first fortnight of May they sank 9 ships with loss of 4. Destroyers, with M.T.Bs and Cruiser support, made a close blockade around Tunisian Tip in final phase, through which practically nothing was able to pass and all prospect of a Dunkirk was denied to enemy. All this could not have been accomplished without support of battleships, aircraft carriers, and cruisers, who were denied the meeting with Italian battle fleet they so ardently desire. I am very glad to put these facts, which impressed themselves upon me during my visit, on record, and I request you to offer my thanks and compliments to all officers and men of naval forces under your Command for notable contribution they have made to memorable African victory. (Ends). This message is being released for publication in morning papers Sunday 13th June and for broadcast after 0030 D.B.S.T. 13th June. (Private Office, 120025B to C. in C. Med.)

ADVENTURE.

Your 061404.

1. Desirable that on return to U.K. about 30th June ADVENTURE should be taken in hand at Devonport for repairs to "A" frame bushes, thrust bed-plates, and frames in steering compartment.
 2. Depending on your further requirements and on state of ADVENTURE, position will be reviewed towards the end of her next trip.
- (D.D.O.D.(M). Approved A.C.N.S.(H), 120046B to C. in C. Med.)

TAURUS.

Cancel my 081037. Leave patrol through Kaso Strait or North of Rhodes through 035° 08', 028° 40' at 0001/14th thence on surface during

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- TAURUS.
(Contd.) daylight through 034° 11', 032° 44' at 1759/14th to arrive Beirut 0601/15th.
ABDIEL acknowledge.
(Capt. (S) 1, 120740C to TAURUS, (R) 1st S/M.F., C. in C. Levant, Spare for C. in C. Med., Cdre. (D), ABDIEL, C.C.F. Eastern Med.)
You may have been sighted off Rodi (Rhodes) 1804/11th.
(Capt. (S) 1, 120758C to P.339 (TAURUS).)
- UNISON. Intend sailing P.43 (UNISON) at 1800/13th routed through 036° 26', 014° 21' and 036° 26' 015° 16' to patrol in Zone T south of a line 037° 20' 016° 00' to Riposto.
(Capt. (S) 10, 120847B to C. in C. Med., (R) Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8, C. in C. Levant, 10th S.F.)
- Movements,
Alexandria. Arrival 11th June MARYBOROUGH, HYACINTH, ISLAY, CUMBRAE, ABDIEL, ROMEO, M.L.350, 385, 384, IERAX G.S.
Departure 11th June DULVERTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SUTLEJ, (corrupt group), IPSWICH, SOUTHERN ISLES, G.S. MIAOULES.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 120920C to Admty., etc.)
- SOUTHERN SEAS. 11th June, arrival.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 120942C to Admty.)
- M.E. Air
Report. A.667, 12th June, 1943.
Daily Opsum 45. 10th/11th June. 31 Wellingtons Pantellaria. 1 crashed on take off 5 of crew killed. 2 missing believed shot down over target. Remainder bombed. Many bursts in town where 1 violent explosion some small fires started. Several large fires started on S.E. corner of Island. Other bombs harbour area. 52 tons H.E. between 1924 and 0123 hours. Leaflets dropped. 5 Liberators (B.24), 8 Halifaxes Reggio di Calabria airfield. 2 Halifaxes returned early. Remainder bombed. Many bursts on airfield. 1 hangar set on fire later blew up. Several other fires started. 140 x 500 H.E. at 2023Z hours.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 120954Z.)
- Zigzagging. C. in C. Med's 231049 May. Pray Admiralty will issue this amendment now. According to information all Cs. in C. afloat and ashore concerned have concurred.
(F.O. H., 121001 to Admty.)

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- P.R.U. 12th June - 0830 Taranto visuals 1 CAVOUR, 1 REGOLO inner harbour, 1 CAVOUR outer harbour. (V.A. Malta, 121147B to C. in C. Med., etc.)
- German Tanker. A. German tanker (? WILHELM)SBURG bound for Constanza entered Dardanelles 5.44 G.M.T.
B. Cannot identify vessel here: former name and any other details required immediately in case arrest possible.
C. N.L. Black Sea informed.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 121154C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, (R) Capt. (S) 1, D.N.I.)
- Escort of ORDUNA etc. Your 111816. Intention of A.M. 101210 was that escort should consist of MALCOLM and MELBREAK only.
(D.O.D.(F), 121211B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth.)
- P. 225 (SIMOOM) Leave patrol through 040° 01', 007° 30' at 2002/14th and proceed direct to R/V escort Algiers in 036° 55', 003° 01' at 0600/17th. (Capt. (S) 8, 121244B to P.225 (SIMOOM), (R) C. in C. Med., 8th S.F., N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.C. Gibraltar.)
- P. 49 (UNRULY) Leave patrol after dark 14th through 039° 01' 014° 59' and 039° 01' 012° 25' thence through P at 2230/16th to Malta as ordered by Capt. (S) 10 P.52 (DZIK) and P.53 (ULTOR) keeping well clear. (Capt. (S) 8, 121250B to P.49 (UNRULY), 8th S/M Flotilla, Capt. (S) 10.)
- Enemy Units. Following read: Call sign 93Q. P.C. and S. at 1206B of 2 medium merchant vessels 38° 27' N. 13° 58' E., 090°, 8 knots based on a fix taken within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of 1200 also P.C. and S. at 1207B of 1 destroyer, 1 medium M/V 38° 32' N. 13° 47' E. 235°, 14 knots.
(A/C BSQB, 121300B via Malta.)
- G.T.X. 2. Arrived DUX, GALLIUM, VILLE DE BOUGIE, GALWAY COAST.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis, 121400B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.I.S., Admty., C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Bizerta, Connav.)

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Report.

N.A.A.F. Opsum 111 June 11th.
N.W. Strategic A.F. 10th June additional.
Pantellaria. 40 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) 2 returned early, escorted medium bombers, dropped 28 x 1000 bombs. Photo R/C 5 sorties Pantellaria, 1 sortie West Sicily. Night 10th/11th June. Pantellaria. Wellingtons flew 143 sorties, dropping bombs on docks and town. Day 11th June. Pantellaria. 112 U.S. Fortresses (B.17), 2 returned early, dropped bombs, from 7000 to 11,500 feet. Targets well covered, ammunition dumps exploded, other explosions and fires. Some aircraft saw white cross and did not bomb. 38 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 36 Warhawks (P.40) dropped bombs from 8000 to 9000 feet, gun positions well hit. Buildings blown up. 29 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) dropped fragmentation from 4,500 to 5500 feet. Targets obscured smoke. 24 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escorted by 36 U.S. Lightnings (P.38), 2 returned early. Hits in target area and on installations on perimeter of airdrome. 48 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) escort 24 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), fragmentation dropped. Targets well covered, ammunition dump exploded. 125 U.S. Lightnings (P.38), 10 missions, 3 returned early. 26 x 1000, 6 x 500 dropped on assigned targets, remainder received signal not to bomb.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 121630B.)

Part 2. 24 U.S. Mitchells (B.25), believed 1 down at Tunis, escort 12 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), dropped frags. from 7000 to 8000 feet. Targets areas were covered. Lampedusa, 23 U.S. Marauders (B.26), 1 returned early, escort 23 U.S. Lightnings. Mission not completed due weather. 24 Marauders (B.26) dropped bombs from 8500 to 9200 feet. 1 M/V and small craft in harbour covered, hits on docks. Pantellaria. 96 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) and 41 U.S. Spitfires, 15 missions escort to bombers. 12 U.S. Mustangs (A.36) dive bombers 22 x 500 from 4000 feet. Many hits target area. 48 or 28? U.S. Mitchells (B.25) 4 missions. Most bombs in target area. 12 U.S. Bostons (A.20) dropped 36 x 500 from 8000 feet results unobserved. 36 R.A.F. Bostons three missions dropped 48 x 500, 44 x 350 from 7500 to 8500 feet. Target covered, good results.

23 R.A.F. Baltimores two missions dropped 91 x 500, 25 x 250 from 7800 to 8300 feet. Target well covered.

9th/10th June additional. Pantellaria. 8 Hurri-bombers dropped 18 x 500 bombs. 10th June additional. Target Pantellaria in every case. 51 Bostons (A.20) 140 x 500 from 7775 feet, fires started. 9? Mitchells (B.25) 969 x 1000, 36 x 500 and 2 x 1000 from 8000 feet, leaflets also dropped.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 121937B.)

Part 3. 15 Baltimores and 24 Bostons 95 x 500 and 47 x 250 from 7750 feet, leaflets also dropped. 12 Mitchells (B.25) 36 x 1000. 12 Bostons 48 x 500 from 2300? feet. 12 Baltimores recalled due weather. 169 Warhawks (P.40) 7 missions as escort and fighter bombers 48 x 500 dropped. 46 U.S. Spitfires flown as cover on 3 missions. 47 Mustang dive bombers (A.36) 69 x 500. 11th June. 109 U.S. Spitfires 9 missions as cover and escort. 4 Spitfires on tec/r and photo missions. 256 Warhawks (P.40) 23 missions as cover and bomber escorts. 32 Mustang dive bombers (A.36) flew 3 missions. 12 Bostons 25 x 500, 24 x 250 from 8000 feet. 12 Mitchells (B.25) 36 x 1000 from 8800 feet. 12 Mitchells

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) (B.25) 36 x 1000 from 9000 feet. 12 Baltimores 72 x 250 from 8200 feet. 12 Baltimores 72 x 250 from 7500 feet. N.W.A. Coastal A.F. 7th June, additional. Convoy patrols etc. (details). 10th June, additional. U-Boat hunts 3 Bisleys and 1 Latacoero. Convoy escort 2 Bisleys.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 121947B.)

Part 4. 10th/11th June. U-Boat hunts (6 or 7?) Hudsons. Convoy escort 4 Hudsons. Defensive patrols. Convoy patrols. (details).

(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 121917B.)

Enemy Units. Following read: P.C. and S. of 1 destroyer and 1 medium sized vessel 39° 00' N. 17° 36' E. 360°, 8 knots at 1625.
(A/C BSMH, 121650B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

VULCAN. Request I may be informed when VULCAN will be ready to sail. C. in C. Med. 111905 being passed to F.O.R.S.C.A., S.O. Force G, D.C.O. Middle East. (C. in C. Levant, 121728C to D.N.C.X.F., (R) F.O. Red Sea & Canal Area, S.O. Force G, S.O. Force P, C. in C. Med., D.C.O. Middle East.)

Force X. Programme.
(Admty., 121815B).
See East Indies.

Port Said Movements. Port Said arrivals 12th. L.C.Is numbers 266, 131, 277, SOUTHERN ISLE. Departures BAGSHOT, NIKI, COUNDOURIOTIS, 9 L.C.Ms., L.C.Is. 266, 131, 277.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 121823C to Admty., etc.)

Oiling at Sea. C. in C. E.F. 231512Z April (Tanker message). C. in C. E.F. now reports that no modifications for oiling at sea by buoyant hose method were carried out in R.F.A. CEDARDALE owing to lack of time.
(D. of Stores, 121849B to C. in C. Levant.)

SEVERN. Onward route on surface at your discretion through 180° Cape de Gata 15 miles at 0130/16th 037° 45' N. 000° 01' E. at 1230/16th 038° 01' N. 003° 01' E. at 0030/17th thence R/V P.225 (SIMOOM) and escort for Algiers in 036° 55' N. 003° 01' E. at 0600/17th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 121858B to SEVERN (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, (S) 8, P.225 (SIMOOM).)

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position, X My 152109 February. Not to Admiralty.
Levant. (a) Refitting: G.S. NEREUS, Y.S.S. NEBOJSCA,
OSIRIS, RORQUAL, MATROZOS.
(b) On patrol: P.314 (TACTICIAN) further details
after completion due Malta 18th June. P.319
(TANTIVY) Aegean due Beirut 15th June.
(c) Operational: G.S. KATSONIS Port Said, PARTHIAN Beirut,
TROOPER due Beirut 13th June.
(d) TRIDENT at Malta.
(C. in C. Levant, 121936C to C. in C. Med., (R) V.A. Malta,
Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 10, Admty.)
My 121936. These will be signalled from time to time, or
when any marked changes occur.
(C. in C. Levant, 121941C to Admty., (R) Capt. (S) 1.)

Convoy K.M.S.15 due Alexandria 13th, Port Said 14th.
K.M.S. 15. Following ships joined from Tripoli (L) (list).
Your 081905 June refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 121948C to Admty., (R) C. in
C. Med., V.A. Malta, N.O. Tripoli.)

Movements, Arrived CEVENNES, FORFAIT, and French armed
Philippeville. trawler RAIE.
(Philippeville, 121957Z to Admty.)

Haifa Arrival 12th SOUTHERN SEA. Departures 12th
Movements. M.Ls. 384, 386, AETOS G.S., SOUTHERN SEA.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 122002 to Admty.,
etc.)

Movements, Arrivals D.6 in ESKIMO, Submarine P.312.
Algiers. Departures HAARLEM, Tug RESTIVE, United States
P.T.217.
(Com. Algiers, 122011B to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrival U.S. P.T. 217.
Bone. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 122036B to Admty., etc.)

Situation X (1) By 1900/11th S.O. Force L had transferred
Lampedusa, his flag to TARTAR and all other ships and
Pantellaria. landing craft had sailed for (? from) Pantellaria
for Sousse. Occupation of Island was then
proceeding normally. 2,800 prisoners were
evacuated during day. Further 12,000 remain to
be evacuated.
(2) 12 coastal craft from Bizerta and 8 Malta carrying out patrol
between Pantellaria, and Sicily and off Empedocle during the
night 11th/12th June, to prevent interference from E-Boats with
the operation at Pantellaria. E-Boats carried out large range
torpedo attack on M.T.Bs off Empedocle at 2330/11th and then

/withdrew ...

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Situation Lampedusa, Pantellaria. (Contd.) withdrew, M.T.Bs. chased but were too slow. No damage or casualties on either side. (3) N.O.I.C. Pantellaria took over at 1100/12 and S.O. Force "L" proceeded to Jijelli. Water situation in Pantellaria is in hand. (4) NEWFOUNDLAND, AURORA, ORION, PENELOPE and 6 destroyers bombarded Lampedusa during 2245/11, 0200/12, 0630/12 and throughout the day in conjunction with heavy bombing. Shore batteries were active until engaged by ship. (5) Landing craft (corrupt groups) with Infantry Company off Lampedusa to land when Island surrendered. (6) At 1830/12 white flag was reported on Lampedusa. C.S.15 sent forward an Officer at 1900 and accepted surrender from second in Command at about 1948/12. Governor not yet contacted.
(C. in C. Med. 121847 to Admty.)

Ships for Towage. Neither ship mentioned in para. 2 of your 042244. (Re U.S. Navy Transport ship on U.S.A. WALT WHITMAN for towage. N.T. in W.D.) is ready and no other merchant ships are available for immediate towage. Intend (1) BUSTLER to tow MANXMAN. (2) FRISKY to tow BADSWORTH. (3) HUDSON and SCHELDE to remain for next available tow probably DERWENT.
(C. in C. Med. 122120 to Admty. (R) F.O. Gibraltar.)

L.S.I. (S). L.S.I. (S) are required for United States rehearsals as follows. (A) 2 to embark 21st at Algiers. (B) 2 to embark on 23rd at Oran.
2. Every effort should be made to meet at least the later of these dates, even so there will be no time for pre-rehearsal training. 3. Regrettably that it has not been found possible to give earlier warning of this inability to meet the needs of Comnavaw. Your 111745 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 122122B. to Admty.) Reply Admty. 151525B.

Sousse Movements. Arrived 12th LARGS, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, LAUDERDALE, MISOA, WHADDON, RHYL, POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, CLACTON, APHIS, HOY, MULL, Motor Launch 1211, 126, 135, 134; departed LARGS, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, LAUDERDALE, PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, EGGESFORD, RHYL, POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, CLACTON, HOY, MULL, EMPIRE MAIDEN.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 122132B to Admty.)

Malta Air Report. A.I.530 12 June. C.S.R. (Malta) (A) Air part 1. Offensive night 11/12 June. Mosquitoes Intruder Patrols over Southern Italy and Eastern Sicily. Day 12 June. 6 Spitfire bombers escorted by 8 Fighter Spitfires bombed Marzamini factory, hits in target area. Small vessel off Marzamini attacked with Cannon. 18 Spitfires offensive sweep S.E. Sicily. Part 2. Enemy air activity. Day 12 June. 4 Spitfires escort to Naval units, negligible enemy air activity.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 122135Z.)

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- Movements, Sfax. Arrivals GLOXINIA, CROOME. Arrived and sailed KLO. (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 122138B to Admty.)
- Movements, Gibraltar. Arrivals STELLA CARINA ex escort duties. HORNILLO, ACTIVE, LORD NUFFIELD with Gibraltar Section S.L.130. Departures ACTIVE, FOXTROT with O.S.49G. (F.O.I.C. Gib., 122142B to Admty.)
- Movements, Benghazi. Sailed M.Ls 355, 357, 1164, 1143. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 122149C to Admty.)
- Movements, Tripoli. Arrived and sailed ANTHONY, arrived HURWORTH, G.S. ADRIAS, GAWLER, LISMORE, PRINCE ALBERT, L.C.Is.(L) 112, 135, 128, 285, 262. (S.N.O. Tripolitania, 122159B to Admty.)
- Movements, Malta. Arrivals M.T.Bs 84, 73, 77, 76, 82, 633, 636, 313, M.G.B. 663, SOKOL. Departures JUMNA, HURSLEY with MARIT (Tanker). (V.A. Malta, 122221 to Admty., etc.)
- Movements, Oran. Arrivals FOULA, CAVA, French SUBRLA, SULTANE, CYCLAMEN, BULLDOG, HUDDERSFIELD TOWN, FORMIDABLE, CALPE, PUCKERIDGE, TYNE DALE, HAYDON, FARNDALE, BUSTLER, Nor. MOLDE, A.S.R.B.9469, A.S.R.B.9470. Departures U.S.S. CHASE, BARNETT, DICKMAN, LYON, STANTON, THURSTON, BETELGUESE, OBERON, SAVANNAH, WAINWRIGHT, MAYRANT, DRIPPE, RHIND, ROWAN, PLUNKETT, NIBLACK, BENSON, GLEAVES, A.S.R.B.9469, A.S.R.B.9470, J.T.132, 143, 160, 165, 184, 185, 198, BULLDOG, CYCLAMEN, HUDDERSFIELD TOWN, Nor. MOLDE. (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 122229B to Admty., etc.)

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From F.O.I.S.

Date 13.6.43
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Naval Cypher (C) by W/T

CORRECTION

Addressed C. in C. Med. Fleet Admiralty P.O.i/c.
Gibraltar COMINCH COMNAVNAW

Movements
Bizerta. Arrival - DALLAS NAUCME departure -
HAZARD M/M's 102 M/IS 105 P C 559 M.I. 543 H.I.S. SENTINEL
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(Recd 19.6.43)

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Repatriations, C. in C.E.F's. 101232C and F.O.C.Red Sea's 101958C. Routes have been communicated to Axis omitting position 012° 30' N. 051° 30' E. in sub para. (b) of F.O.C.Red Sea's 101958C. A.M. 091512B. Add at end of para. 5 "as far as Massawa." (M.Branch I. 120349B to C. in C.E.F. F.O.C.Red Sea (R) N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, C. in C.Levant, N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Massawa.)

ARONDA. Transport ARONDA sailed for Suez via Aden 12th June with following troops and stores. Suez. Requirements Suez. D.S.T.O. Aden is requested to give vessel utmost despatch. E.T.A. Aden 17th. (D.S.T.O. Bombay 120514Z to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) P.S.T.O.I. D.S.T.O. Aden, D.S.T.O. Suez, D.S.T.)

MAURETANIA. Diego Suarez, 12th. (Kilindini 120707Z to A.I.G. 88.) In view of your 090555Z R.I.N. Personnel should be accommodated in MAURETANIA. (D. of S.T. 121555B to P.S.T.O. India.)

NORAVIND, safe conduct. Ref. A.M. 112316 para. 2. Request you will promulgate to Authorities concerned route for NORAVIND. (C. in C.E.F. 120759Z to S.N.O.P.G. (R) Adnty. N.O.I.C. Fremantle, R.S.C.A. Comdre. i/c Aden.) Route for NORAVIND, your 112316 and C. in C.E.F's 120759 (details) 2. Markings and illumination arranged as for BRITISH CHEMIST in Nov. 1942. 3. Navigation Lights will be burnt. (S.N.O.P.G. 121447Z to Adnty.)

Movements. Departures CERES. (S.O.(I) Bombay 120846Z to Adnty. etc.) Departure SHILLONG escorting Greek Ship FRED. (N.O.I.C. Madras 121139Z to Adnty.)

Combined Operations Mediterranean. } 12th June, Following for Chiefs of Staff. Strongly recommend representative officers of all services of I.E.F. attend any combined operations in Mediterranean this summer to study operations and equipment. If you agree notify where officers should report and we will then arrange details direct with Headquarters concerned. (C. in C.India T.O.O. 1305Z/12 to Air Min. (R) A.F.H.Q.Algiers.)

Flying Bases, Indian Ocean. Developments approved. (Air Min. A.X. 31, 121530Z to R.A.F.M.E. etc.) See Lion Copy.

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121530Z/Juno, 1943.

To: R.A.F. Middle East
A.H.Q. India
A.H.Q. East Africa
222 Group

Date 12.6.43.

Cypher

From Air Ministry Whitehall.

Flying Bases, Indian Ocean.

AX.31 12th June.

Reference East Africa Signal A.105 1st June
development of following bases as indicated approved.

2. Major Flying Boat maintenance. Kisumu 4 sqns.
Karachi 2 Sqns. Diego Suarez 2 Sqns. Aden 1 sqn.

3. Permanent Flying Boat bases. Mombasa 1 Sqn.
Dar Es Salaam 1 Sqn.

4. Advanced Bases for detached Flying Boats:
Mauritius 9 A/C. Masira 6 A/C. Tullear 6 A/C.
Pamanzi 3 A/C. Seychelles (M.H.H.) 9 A/C. Malo Island
3 A/C. Addu Attol 6 A/C. Diego Garcia 6 A/C.

5. Main bases for G. R. Wellingtons. Aden 1 Sqn.
Mombasa 1 Sqn. Dar Es Salaam 1 Sqn. Andrakaka
(Diego Suarez) 1 Sqn.

6. Advanced bases for G. R. Wellingtons. Mauritius
8 A/C. Masira 16 A/C. Socotra 16 A/C. Salalah 16 A/C.
Sciuniban 16 A/C. Tullear 8 A/C. Mogadishu 8 A/C.

7. Advanced bases for detachments of Venturas based
in Union. On high priority. Dar Es Salaam 6 A/C.
Lindi 6 A/C. Mombasa 8 A/C.

8. Executive action to provide these facilities for
both day and night flying is to be taken.

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9. Obbia not repeat not to be developed.

10. Southern Sea Repeat sea reconnaissance boundary of Aden is to be moved to 5 degrees North instead of 10 degrees North as at present enabling Aden operating Wellingtons from Sciusiban to overlap patrols with East Africa operating from Mogadishu.

11. Development of Mauritius as permanent base 1 F/B Sqn. is to be reviewed when more experience has been gained. Use of Bahrain as advanced F/B base to be reconsidered when operationally necessary

12. South African Government are being requested through Dominions Office to provide major flying boat maintenance for 2 squadrons at Durban (Congella).

13. This summarises provision of G.R. bases in Indian Ocean and supersedes all previous signals.

14. Reference Middle East signal A.251 11 June not to India and 222 Group the provision of Fighter facilities at Port Reitz Diego Suarez Dar Es Salaam and Tanga is to be placed on very low priority.

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Force X. programme. X C. in C. Levant 091909. Concur in these arrangements. 2. To minimise difficulties of arranging escorts from Durban to Freetown it is for consideration whether LORRAINE could be sailed with RESOLUTION and REVENGE. A.M. 121532/June refers. 3. Request C. in C. Levant will report ship in which Ad. Godfroy intends to wear his flag.
(D.O.D. (F) 121815B to C. in C. E.F. C. in C. Levant, C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.W.Af. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.R.S.C.A. N.O.I.C. Aden.)
Reply:- C. in C. Levant 151235C.

CAPETOWN,
AORANGI. My E.T.A. with AORANGI in company 0330Z/15th. Request boom 0415Z. Your 120921 refers. (N.T. in W.D.) Weather report 9080 2031.
(CAPETOWN 121835Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) F.O.I.C. E.A. S.N.O. (A) N.C.S.O. Kilindini.)

CARADOC. (?Sailed) CARADOC E.T.A. 0400Z/17th. W/T watch constance on group V changing to broadcast J. at 2100Z/14th.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 121916Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Durban, F.O. E.Af. F.O. Ceylon.)

HALLEREM. Following has been read. My P.C. and S. at 1800 G.M.T. 040° 30' 018° 46' E. 338° 8.5 knots.
(HALLEREM via Colombo W/T 122000 G.M.T. to Coltano Radio.)

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America & West Indies.

Minesweeping My 110215. Mine bag Friday 11th. One in 44° 23' Halifax. 63° 15' in area covered yesterday. LL twice swept. Cut by Oropesa, surfaced, recovered and rendered safe intact. When opened Mark III clock operating with 2½ days to go. Probable indication of Linker release delay of at least eight days. Total mines destroyed 37, recovered 3, probably self sunk 3 to date. (C. Halifax 120031Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A. Cominch, C.E.S.F, C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Sydney, N.O.I.C. Shelburne.)

B.1. Argentinia 10th. Departure 2200, B.1. Group. Group. (Capt. D. Argentinia 120128Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 11th, arrivals HURRICANE, ROCKINGHAM BORAGE, DAHLIA, MONKSHOOD, MEADOWSWEET ex Argentinia FENNEL ex Halifax. Departures ESQUIMALT to W.B. 23. LANCER, GRIPER, HURRICANE, ROCKINGHAM, BORAGE, DAHLIA, MONKSHOOD, MEADOWSWEET, LAGAN, CHAMBLY, PRIMROSE, DRUMHELLER, KAMLOOPS to H.X.243. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 120340Z to Admty.)
Arrival and departure on 10th June from Dominica MONTEREY U.S. Army Transport SAN JUAN 11th June. (N.S.H.Q. 121728Z to Admty.)

? MAHONE, E.T.A. Gaspe 121100Z one panel main switch defect. board burnt out requires urgent repair. (? MAHONE 120412Z to N.O.I.C. Gaspe (R) C. in C. C.N.A. D. Halifax.)

Use of X S.B.N.O. Trinidad's 100932 June being passed for Gulf of Paria. information. This is first report received of Defence. ships. U.S. Authorities have not requested any strengthening of Gulf Defences but Comcarib has raised question of using Trinidad British M.Ls. for escorting Outer Island ships and I have agreed when craft can be spared from harbour defences. 2. Trinidad now has 10 Fairmiles and six H.D.M.Ls. plus two on passage there. Two extra Fairmiles are being sent now from Jamaica and two more follow on completion. These I hope will be sufficient for defence and escorts. (S.B.N.O. W.At. 121015P to Admty. (R) B.A.D. S.B.N.O. Trinidad.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
1800 G.M.T.	TA.48	46° N. 28° W.	211°	25½.
12th.	(D.O.D. (F) 121105Z to Opnav (R) Comnav.)			

O.N.187. Departure ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE escorting H.O.N.187. (Halifax 121140Z to Admty. etc.)

/Convoy...

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Convoy F.H.60. Pre-sailing telegram. (A) St. John N.B. 2300Z/13th.
(B) NORANDA. (C) 8 ships. (D) 42 hours.
(N.C.S.O. St. John, N.B. 121212Z to Admty.)

Convoy H.S.90. Arrived plus (Pan) PANCHITO.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney (C.B.) 121237Z to Admty.)

Convoy B.S.47. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney 121239Z to Admty.)

H.F.59. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. St. John, N.B. 121240Z to Admty.)

MARIPOSA. Arrived Cape Henry 12 June 121315Z, MARIPOSA.
(P.D. Norfolk 121407 to Comnavu.)

U.S. U/B. Estimate. (Cominch 121437Z.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M. Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate S/M N. of 040° N.W. of
040° W. 1200Z/12th.
(N.S.H.Q. 121440Z.)

LE TERRIBLE. My 051424 LE TERRIBLE arrived and sailed St. Thomas
11 June for Boston.
(S.O. (I) Jamaica 121507Q to Admty. S.B.N.O. W.A.
N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.)

T.A.48. (QUEEN MARY). Convoy T.A.48 sailed from U.K. 10 June for New
York. 2. Details of personnel on board are being
communicated by W.O. to Milstaf Washington and
C.G.S. Ottawa.
(D. of S.T. 121544B to B.A.D. B.M.W.T. New York
(R) N.S.H.Q.)

A.T.43. (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.) Your 110544B. Owing to misunderstanding a copy of
Ottawa Navigational warning January 1943 was
included with C.Bs. supplied by B.D.A. to Cypher
Officer A.T.43 and has now been withdrawn (?at)
Halifax. 2. Error will not occur again.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 121604Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.,
N.C.S.O. Mersey.)

A/S Campaign. / Points from 20th Meeting A.U. Committee.
(A) Report required next meeting. Progress with
Carl Holm project and comparison with N.D.
(B) Straggler analysis 4th January to 23rd May
showed decline due only to weather. 40 out of
305 stragglers were torpedoed. (C) Certain
Coastal Command squadrons being converted to A/S to increase

/Bay...

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campaign.
(Contd.)

Bay effort. Directed examination of Adm. King's offer to send two squadrons to Iceland (c) and report on whether this would permit reinforcement of Bay patrols. My 110105B/June refers. (D.A/S.W. Approved by A.C.N.S. (U.T.) 121608B to B.A.D. (R) A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command.)

"Monster"
Sailings.

/Early arrival T.A.46 (QUEEN ELIZABETH) on June 12 due to shortening of route by diversions necessitate a one day delay sailing U.G.S.10. It is therefore requested that sailing of "Monsters" be adjusted so that arrival in U.S. Port is on days other than scheduled sailings of large convoys. (Cominch 121629Z to Admty. (R) Comeastseafon, C. in C. Lant.)

Ice
Air
Corporation.

Ice conditions appear favourable. Suggest Department of Transport Camso co-operate with convoy from Belle Isle Halifax provided communication system agreed to. (S.N.O. Goose Bay 121715Z to C. in C. C.N.W. At. (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

Dispositions.

Dispositions of operational units in North Atlantic Area Iceland (C) ALABAMA, DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, BERMUDA, BERWICK, CUMBERLAND, JAMAICA, KENT, SCYLLA, 5 U.S. destroyers, 10 destroyers. Area Scapa NELSON, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, INDOMITABLE, BELFAST, GLASGOW, 11 destroyers. Area Clyde RAMILLIES, ILLUSTRIOUS, UGANDA 1 destroyer. Area Plymouth GAMBIA, CHARYBDIS 2 destroyers. Area Gibraltar HOWE, KING GEORGE V, FORMIDABLE, AURORA, CARLISLE, DELHI, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS 8 destroyers. (D.O.D. (H) 121719B to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

ELFREDA,
TROUNCER.

Lorsa 9998. Ref. Lorsa 9953, name ELFREDA has been re-allocated to B.A.M.S.16. (2) Lorsa 9846 para. 5. (1) Request name for A.C.V.44 as soon as possible. (3) Lorsa 9846 para. 5 (2) Name TROUNCER has been allocated to A.C.V.47. (B.A.D. 121835Z to Admty.)

Convoy
O.N.187.

71 ships and (relief) escort passed through H.O. M.P. at 1940Z/12th speed 9.5. 8 Halifax ships and Number 103 TIPHERWATER with engine defect course 292° speed 9.3. Number 91 MAASKERK detached Trinidad 0001Z/12th. My 2001Z/11th consider odd S/M Eastbound ran into convoy by chance. Was attacked ahead dived deep and surfaced astern. Nothing further heard. Weather 4737, 1744. (W.6. 121932Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C. in C. W.A., C.E.S.F. B.A.R.M.)

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Convoy S.C.133, U/B. By D/F at 1313Z/12 U/B estimated anywhere within 100 miles of 58° 00' N. 37° 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 122000B to Escorts of S.C.133, PORT ARTHUR, CALGARY, WOODSTOCK, NENE (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q. A.C.I.C. C. in C. W.A. H.Q.C.C.)

Convoy B.X.57. Sailing Telegram part 2. (38 ships, 11st.) (P.D. Boston 122002Z to Cominch C. & R. etc.)

U/B. Guantanamo reports S/M contact in 21.09 N. 74.19 W. at 1800Q. (Kingston 122015Q to Admty.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. All times Z. (A) ESSO GETTYSBURG torpedoed sunk approx. 31 N. 79.15 W. 101900. Aircraft attacked S/M 30.49 N. 33.49 W. 121410. (B) R.A.F. plane sighted S/M 48.51 N. 24.58 W. 121208. (D) Surface craft attacks sound contact 43.24 N. 54 W. 111745. Transient aircraft sights S/M course 150 07.45 S. 1650 W. 111755. (Cominch 122030Z to Admty.)

ESSO GETTYSBURG (sunk 10 June.) Connav, serials 9 to 12. ESSO GETTYSBURG, Torp., sunk 10 June, estimated position 31.00 N. 79.15 W. (Connav 122055 to Comnav (R) N.S.H.Q. N.O.B. Bermuda, S.O. (I) Jamaica, Coms. East-Gulf-Pa-Caribseafrons.)

Routeing of U.S. Ships from East Africa. C. in C. S.A. 111253 not to B.A.D. Washington, complete set of M.E.I.R.I. amended to No.18 has been forwarded to Cominch C. & R. by airmail. 2. Cominch C. & R. is requested to notify all above addressees on receipt. (D.T.D. 122127B to Connav, C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A. (R) B.A.D.)

COWICHAN, Convoy X.B.57A. C. in C. C.N.As. 121909Z. COWICHAN is escorting St. John portion of X.B.57A. (ROXBOROUGH 122230Z to N.O.I.C. St. John, N.B. C. in C. C.N.A.)

Movements, St. Johns. St. Johns, Nfld. June 12th 1943 arrivals WASAGA ex B.W.29. Departures FENNEL to H.X.243 BROADWAY to H.X.243. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns 122310Z to Admty.)

U/B. Following received from KENTVILLE.1 S/M 47° 03' N. 58° 42' W. (C. in C.W.A. 122330Z to A.C.I.C. Admty.)

Convoy X.B.57A. Arrived St. John, N.B. Section 6 ships. (N.C.S.O. St. John, N.B. 122359Z to Admty.)

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Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.58. At 1215 (10th) a sound contact on a Japanese S/M made Southeast Espiritu Santo. 100 Japanese landed from Barges M.T. Huhurangi N. Coast Santa Ysabel night 7th. Seven Fortresses with 16 fighter escort attacked runway dispersal areas Munda 9th. Considerable barge activity connected with Stannore also small Barges S. Koeombyngara. Two Liberators bombed Kahila and Ballale night 9/10. Photographs 9th showed 26 Fighters, 2 bombers Kahila, 2 fighters, 9 bombers Ballale with 2 D.D., 2 P.G., 1 A.O., in area. 1 medium Maru, 3 Luggers and 6 Barges seen Buka 9th. Two Liberators attacked Maru Northwest Buka morning 10th. No bomb hits but vessel left listing after heavy strafing. (C.W.R. Wellington 120017Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty. D.N.I. A.C.N.B. B.A.D. G.H.Q. New Delhi.)

SHROPSHIRE. Your 111827. Concur.
(A.C.N.B. 120522Z to Admty.)

Digest Serial No. 508. June 11th. 3. Weather reporting Liberator bombed Vunakanau Aerodrome at noon 10th June. 21 Liberators detailed to attack same target early hours 11th but 7 turned back by weather 1 aircraft missing another bombed Gasmata and 12 struck Vunakanau area. Some fires and explosions seen but clouds hindered observations. Single night fighter engaged our aircraft and another 2 believed seen. Subsequent daylight photos show approx. normal number of aircraft on Vunakanau with work continuing New Keravat Strip but nil aircraft Pictures harbour incomplete but usual shipping indicated. X 5. Forenoon photos Wewak show 1 sub-chaser, 3 small freighters of 1,000 tons or less plus 65 barges. Intense activity evident wharf area where quantities of stores stacked. 10. After dark 10th June 4 Catalinas bombed Babo Airfield and Seaplane base causing 1 large and many small fires believed burning aircraft. 12. Photos Sorong 10th June, ref. Digest No.507 para.7, ship single 1500 ton tanker type vessel, 1 sea truck, 1 launch and 12 barges. 14. After nightfall 2 B.25s. raided Penfoei Airfield and another bombed Dilli Drome. 2 small vessels observed off Lautee. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 120842Z.)

Movements Departures Brisbane 10th BENDIGO? DELORAINÉ, FREMANTLE, MORESBY for Sydney N.S.W. Townsville 11th GYMPIE for Milne Bay. U.S. Dest. SANDS, U.S.S/M Tender SUMNER, U.S. Dest. GILMER for Brisbane. Milne Bay 11th. WHYALLA for Cairns. Thursday Is. 10th LATROBE for Darwin. (A.C.N.B. 120934 to Admty.etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 121438B.)

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Sunday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

1. The C. in C. Home Fleet in DUKE OF YORK with FURIOUS, SCYLLA and 5 destroyers arrived at Scapa at 2236 today.
2. 2 Italian U-Boats are reported to have left Bordeaux on the 10th and 12th June respectively with a mixed cargo, probably for the Far East.
- Air attacks on Bremen and Kiel.
3. 113 out of 152 Fortresses which were despatched dropped 252 tons of H.E. on Bremen submarine and warship building yards and 42 out of 76 Fortresses attacked the Kiel building yards. 22 aircraft are missing from the latter operation and 4 from the former. Provisional enemy casualties in the latter operation are 36: 14: 17 and in the former operation 3: 1: 3. Coastal Command aircraft late this evening attacked a convoy of 8 merchant vessels and 4 minesweepers previously sighted off the Hook. One merchant ship was hit by a torpedo and seen to sink, and a second merchant ship, of 5000 tons, was hit near the stern by a torpedo. One "M" class minesweeper and one trawler type escort vessel were hit by bombs and left on fire.
4. About 30 enemy aircraft attacked Plymouth last night and it is suspected that 2 mines were laid in the harbour. Slight damage was caused from blast.
5. 30 aircraft laid 59 mines last night off the Frisian Isles and Lorient/St. Nazaire. Eleven mines were found in the enemy minefield off Portland Bill today; and one magnetic and one acoustic mine were detonated off Yarmouth.

North Atlantic.

6. SEVERN was attacked at 1650Z in 42.06 N. 10.03 W. by an aircraft, thought by F.O.(S) to be very probably a Sunderland which reported attacking a submarine at that time, though in estimated approximate position 42° 12' N. 10.48 W. At 2315 SEVERN reported that she had again been forced down.

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Sunday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

- X 7. The title of R.A. Force L has lapsed and Rear-Admiral McGrigor has resumed the duties of R.A.(P) at Jijelli.
- Convoy K.M.S.15. 8. Convoy K.M.S.15 consisting of 7 merchant vessels entered Alexandria today.
9. Last night, coastal craft from Bizerta carried out a sweep between Marittimo and Cape San Vito.
- Surrender of Linosa. X 10. Linosa surrendered to NUBIAN at about 0600 today. . A party was landed and 140 naval and military prisoners were taken. Two 3 pounders and 9 L.A/A guns have been immobilised. Lampion appears deserted, but the weather at present is unsuitable for landing on the island.
11. P.312 reports attacking a small eastbound tanker in a convoy of 3 escorted by 2 trawlers and 6 E-Boats at 1014/8 off Verte Island (43.10 N. 05.38 E.) One hit was heard, but the result was not seen. There was no counter attack.
- Force X. 12. The first draft of reinforcements from North Africa for the French Squadron at Alexandria arrived at the latter place today.
- Cyprus. 13. ABDIEL started the movement of 6000 troops out and 2000 in to Cyprus from Beirut today.
14. R.A.F. long range fighters and medium bombers yesterday and last night attacked enemy shipping in the Aegean Sea and off the west coast of Greece.
The attacks on Italian aerodromes were continued last night by R.A.F. heavy bombers on Catania and U.S.A.A.F. heavy bombers today on Catania and Gerbini.

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East Indies.

15. H.M.R.T. BOLD has successfully towed a distance of 1,540 miles to Kilindini the 10,452 ton tanker EDWARD F. JOHNSON carrying 13,325 tons of aviation spirit, which BOLD took in tow in 05.04 S. 64.35 E. with a broken crankshaft.

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H.X. 243,
U.G.S.10.

16. 77 ships sailed in Convoy H.X.243 and 70 in U.G.S.10 today.

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Sunday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Operations
"Musketry"
& "Seaslug".

My 122257B. New tactics by U-Boats now present golden opportunity for employment of small surface hunting groups in co-operation with air patrols. Allocation of a few destroyers temporarily to this duty would ensure high rate of kills and stop this new development quicker than we shall be able to do ourselves. (Coastal Command, 131050B to Admty.)

BURZA,
SWALE,
MOYOLA.

Admiralty 111510.

(1) On arrival Freetown with O.S.49 BURZA is to join the flag of F.O.C. West Africa temporarily.

(2) SWALE, MOYOLA are to sail with O.S.51 on July 4th to join Flag of F.O.C. West Africa.

(3) F.O.C. West Africa is requested to sail

BURZA with S.L.134 to rejoin my command.

(C. in C. W.A., 131253B.)

My 131253. (1) SWALE, MOYOLA are to be prepared for service in the tropics as far as time permits.

(2) Anticipate MOYOLA will arrive Londonderry June 25th.

(C. in C. W.A., 131254B.)

Movements.NELSON,
WARSPITE.

Intend to slip from A buoy at 2130 today and proceed Flow.

(2) Intend proceed for exercise passing Hoxa Gate at 2320.

(NELSON, 131231B to A.C.O.S.)

NELSON and WARSPITE pass Hoxa Gate outward at 2320 today for exercise.

(C.S.10, 131331B to C. in C. H.F.)

CHARYBDIS,
IROQUOIS.

CHARYBDIS discontinue patrol at darkness today and return to Plymouth passing through position (A) 049° 01' N. 010° 01' W. and (T) 180° Bishop Rock 10 and keeping West of the Lizard during dark hours.

(2) IROQUOIS return to Plymouth in company with CHARYBDIS unless fuel shortage requires earlier return.

(3) It is intended to take CHARYBDIS up harbour at 1100B/15 to dock for defective A/S dome if ship can be spared.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 131245B to CHARYBDIS, IROQUOIS, SOUTHERN GEM.)

S/M
Movements.

Intend sailing SABRE escorting SURF from Lough Foyle Buoy at 2200B/13th by standard routes, speed 12 knots, arriving Holy Loch 0800^B/14th. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 131257B to Cape. (S) 3.)

/My ...

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S/M
Movements.
(Contd.) My 111509B. Sailed. E.T.A. 0700B/15. (PROTEUS).
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131417B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800/14 and movements for
the following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S) 131709B, 141644, 141718B, 142249B.)

BRITOMART. BRITOMART sailed Kola Inlet for Archangel, E.T.A.
2030B/14.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 131555B.)

16th M.G.B.
Flotilla. A.M. 122022B.
Request 16th M.G.B. Flotilla may be sailed to
Plymouth to be based on DEFIANCE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131557B to C. in C. Nore.)

SCYLLA. Admiralty's 031605. Proceed to Plymouth passing
Hoxa Gate at 1800B/15th June.
2. Route via Minches and Warsash Channel. S.O.A.
18 knots.
(C. in C. H.F., 132001B to SCYLLA.)

MIDDLETON. Akureyri departure MIDDLETON at 1800B/13th.
Your 122216, para. 2 refers.
(A.C.I.C., 132115B to C. in C. H.F.)

Operations.

Operation
F.H. Following from S.O. Force R, begins. My P.C.S.
068° 20' N. 011° 20' W., 215°, 18 knots. E.T.A.
Seidisfjord 0900B. T.O.O. 122201. Ends.
(A.C.I.C., 130119B to C. in C. H.F.)
Your 121812. No ships exercising.
(C.S.10, 130203B to C. in C. H.F.)
My 122201B. In view of fog intend to proceed to Scapa Flow.
E.T.A. 1600B tomorrow.
(S.O. Force R, 130728B to A.C.I.C.)
Estimate position at 2156 tonight.
2 Fleet Units, BERWICK, MACOMB, RODMAN, EMMONS, ELLYSON, FITCH
in Faxafloi to Hvalfjord.
(A.C.I.C., 131331B to Ships.)
Scapa arrivals in DUKE OF YORK with FURIOUS, SCYLLA,
OBEDIENT, MILNE, OPPORTUNE, ORWELL and OBDURATE.
(A.C.O.S., 132236 to Admty.)

Coastal
Patrols. Your 121445B. "Harris" arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 130508B to C. in C.
Plymouth.)
My 121131B. "Prize" returned 0510.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 130520B.)
Your 121445B. "Scent" arrived 0851.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 130854 to C. in C.
Plymouth.)

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Patrols.
(Contd.)

1. Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.), 303 and 245 to patrol tonight on lat. $50^{\circ} 20' N.$ between $01^{\circ} 45' W.$ and $02^{\circ} 25' W.$
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S.382 and leave patrol line at dawn/14th, returning via Q.Z.S.382.
3. Object anti E-Boat patrol. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 130958B.)
Anti E-Boat patrol tonight on latitude $50^{\circ} 25' N.$ between $00^{\circ} 15' W.$ and $01^{\circ} 00' W.$ from 2345B to 0400B to be carried out:-
(A) If weather is suitable for Coastal Forces by M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.), 614, 615 and GREY SHARK. BLEASDALE, HOLDERNESS, PYTCHLEY at immediate notice at Yarmouth.
(B) If unsuitable for Coastal Forces by BLEASDALE and GLAISDALE. M.G.Bs. at 1/4 hours and GREY SHARK and 1/2 hours notice at Newhaven. PYTCHLEY and HOLDERNESS at immediate notice at Yarmouth.
2. Decision will be signalled at about 2000B.
3. M.L.309 and 572 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 Buoys.
4. St. Catherine's light to be shown for 5 minutes after each hours from midnight to 0400B.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 131330B.)
2. Anti E-Boat patrol to southward of E.A. 5 by:
(a) M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.), 614, 615 and GREY SHARK sailing from Newhaven at 2215B. or (b) BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE.
3. At short notice - (a) BLEASDALE, PYTCHLEY, HOLDERNESS at Yarmouth. or (b) M.G.Bs. 611, 614, 615, GREY SHARK at Newhaven. HOLDERNESS and PYTCHLEY at Yarmouth.
4. M.Ls. 309, 572, patrolling in eastern approach Channel.
5. Chasseur 14 at St. Helens and KINGSTON TURQUOISE at Yarmouth at immediate notice.
6. M.Ls. 269 (S.O.), 303, 245 patrolling $50^{\circ} 20' N.$ between $01^{\circ} 45' W.$ and $02^{\circ} 25' W.$
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 131345B.)
Anti E-Boat patrols 13th June.
1. Patrol A. CONQUEROR and M.Ls 491 and 304 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.
2. Codeword "Limited".
3. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 330 and 322 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
4. Codeword "Evidence".
5. Patrol A is to sail from Dartmouth and Patrol B from Plymouth at 2230B for patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth and Plymouth.
6. Swordfish aircraft will be patrolling from 0030B to 0300B South of $50^{\circ} N.$ West of $3^{\circ} W.$ and South of $50^{\circ} 10' N.$ East of $3^{\circ} W.$
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131535B.)
M.L. 269, 303, 245 sail Portland 2215 for patrol 15 miles South St. Albans, returning dawn/14th.
CONQUEROR, M.L.491, 304 sail Dartmouth 2230 for patrol 107 Start Point 17 leaving patrol 0430/14.
M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 330 and 322 sail Plymouth 2230 for patrol 205 Eddystone 6 leaving patrol 0430/14.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131635B.)

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Operations.

Coastal Patrols. (Contd.) Weather permitting M.G.Bs. 43 and 41 patrolling at Bullock Bank. E.T.D. 2300, E.T.R. 0445/14. M.G.Bs. 114 and 119 patrolling at 'V' Buoy. E.T.D. Ramsgate 2315, E.T.R. 0430/14. M.Ls. 142 and 257 patrolling at Bullock Bank. (V.A. Dover, 131711B.)

My 131330B. Add to para. 5 codeword for destroyers "Advent" and for coastal force "Artful". Carry out patrol B. Newhaven coastal forces to be at $\frac{1}{2}$ hours notice. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 131945B.)

My 130958B. "Device" sailed 2238. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 132243B.)

My 131535B. Patrol B sailed. (C. in C. Plymouth, 132333B.)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800/14th and movements for following 24 hours. All times Zone B.

(A) HADDO leaves vicinity $46^{\circ} 39' N. 38^{\circ} 26' W.$ to pass through $46^{\circ} N. 36^{\circ} W.$ at 2000/14th and $46^{\circ} N. 34^{\circ} W.$ at 1600/15th.

(B) HAKE as in my 121634.

(C) BARB $50^{\circ} 50' N. 32^{\circ} 28' W.$ dived by day. To patrol vicinity $48^{\circ} 50' N. 37^{\circ} 35' W.$ 100 miles per day.

(D) BLACKFISH $51^{\circ} 04' N. 30^{\circ} 18' W.$ dived by day to patrol vicinity $47^{\circ} 02' N. 35^{\circ} 30' W.$ 100 miles per day.

(E) TALLY HO, TRUCULENT, SEADOG, SATYR as in my 111826.

(F) USURPER $45^{\circ} 47' N. 06^{\circ} 01' W.$ dived by day to southward, daily advance 86 miles. (F.O.(S), 131709B to Admty.)

Allied Air Activity.

Homing L.R. Aircraft. The following policy for homing L.R. aircraft has been decided.

1. Convoys whose position is already known to the enemy. Homing and not met procedure may be used at any time at discretion of operating authority.
2. Fast independent ships and troop convoys. Danger of U-Boats using our homing signals for attacking these fast ships and convoys is slight and is outweighed by value of air escort homing and not met procedure may therefore be used in any area at discretion of operating authority.
3. Other Trans-Atlantic Convoys. Homing and not met procedure may be ordered by operating authority as already laid down in Atlantic Convoy Instructions.
4. North and Southbound Convoys in Bay of Biscay area (other than troop convoys). Para. 1 above only applies. These convoys may be endangered by homing procedure if used when enemy is not in touch. (A.C.N.S.H., 131140B.)

Fleet R/C. Cancel my 100110. (D.O.D.(H), 131813B to A.O.C. in C. C.C.)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Plymouth X
bombed. Between 0016 and 0157 today Plymouth was attacked by about 20 hostile aircraft. 1 H.E. and 1/BS at Bull Point causing only slight damage. Minor damage from blast only in dockyard. Many H.E. and 1/BS in City of Plymouth. G.W.R. suspended by U.X.B. 2 light Casualties.

(C. in C. Plymouth 130802 to Admty.)

1 H.E. Bomb was dropped on Bull Point during raid early a.m. 13th behind No.25 magazine breaching depot wall for a length of 60 ft. and damaging doors and windows in varying degrees of magazine Nos.17,25,26, and 27, broken seal building No.39, Shell Store No.41, Components Store No.43, Temporary Stores Building Nos. 3 and 4. Minor damage to other buildings including residences. Large Phosphorous fire bombs fell in grass outside inner wall. No casualties, and no damage to contents of building (S.A.S.O. Bull Point 131215B to D.A.S.)

Iceland. One unidentified aircraft plotted at 1808, 30 miles N. of Hrisey 066° 01' N. 018° 24' W. course not known.
(A.C.I.C. 131859B to Admty.)

Mining.

Thames Estuary. Two ground mines detonated at 1350B/10th in 188° Gunfleet Lighthouse 1.6 miles. Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 130926B.)
One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1021B/12 in 206° Gunfleet Lighthouse 3 miles. Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 130952B)

SCOTT. Intend sailing SCOTT to pass Sleat Boom at 0645B tomorrow and thence Loch Na Lathaich to continue survey until required for S (?N) 222A.
(R.A.M. 131234B to Admty.)

Yarmouth. LL Sweepers detonated one red magnetic mine at 1525 in 102° 57F Buoy 9 cables.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 131541B and 151107B.)
LL/SA Sweepers detonated acoustic mine at 1535 in 102° 57F buoy 9 cables.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 131609 and 151107B.)

Lyme Bay. 5.6 miles from Northern edge of Q.Z.X.1011 now swept. Mines encountered today as follows:-
0922 263° Portland Bill 8.6 miles detonated.
1211 258° Portland Bill 8.0 miles R type cut and sunk. 1213 257° Portland Bill 8.2 miles R type cut and exploded.
1216 257° Portland Bill 7.8 miles Detonated. 1229 255° Portland Bill 5.5 miles Detonated. 1233 255° Portland Bill 5.2 miles R type cut and sunk. 1445 263° Portland Bill 11.8 miles P type self detonated 1658 252° Portland Bill 5.25 R type cut and sunk. 1704 251° Portland Bill 5.6 miles Detonated. 1711 249° Portland Bill 5.3 miles Cut and exploded. 1716 249° Portland Bill 5.1 miles Detonated. Two static cutters encountered.
(GWEAL 132147B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boats. Suspected E-Boat activity in 52° 51' N. 01° 43' E.
(VIVIEN 130227B.)
E-Boats are using a frequency of 41.75 megacycles
per second.
(VIVIEN 130230B.)

U-Boats from Bordeaux. *7. Biscay* X A large Italian U-Boat left Bordeaux 10th June carrying mixed cargo. On 12th June another U-Boat was ready to sail. Graded B.2.
Comment:- U-Boats probably on passage to Far East vide A.M. 251551B April.
(D.D.I.C. 131108B to C. in O. Plymouth, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
A.M. 131108B. Further report Graded B.2. states that 1 U-Boat departed night June 12/13 and the other U-Boat's departure is imminent.
(D.D.I.C. 131636B.)

Boulogne. Photographs taken at 0740B/13th June show:-
Bassin de Retenue and N. part of outer harbour not covered. Other areas blurred. Since 11.6.43 3 E/R Boats, 1 'M' Class Minesweeper 1942 Type, 2 possibly 5 trawler-type auxiliaries, 3 possibly 5 Auxiliaries 80/100 feet departed from the part photographed. Significant shipping now seen on the part photographed includes at least the following 7 E/R Boats, probably 2 'M' Class minesweepers.
(R.A.F. Medmenham 131625B.)

Rouen. Photographs taken on 12.6.1943 show. No significant change since 28.5.1943. Tankers OLE WEGGER, T18, T36, T43 and M/V 360. 53 still present in usual berths.
(R.A.F. Medmenham 131900B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic. D/F at 0632Z indicates U-Boat in the general area of the units addressed.
(D.D.I.C. 130953B to Escorts O.N.S.10, O.N.J.188, BITER.)
By D/F at 0626Z indicates U-Boat anywhere within 75 miles of 57° 00' N. 38° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C. 131039B to Escorts S.C.133.)
Am over enemy S/M in 59° 08' N. 25° 40' W.
(A/C 84 Sqdn. Duty K 131137B to 18 Group.)
Am over enemy S/M in 58.53 N. 26.38 W.
(A/C 84 Sqdn. Duty K. 131353B to 18 Group.)
Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C 84 Sqdn. Duty K. 131401B to 18 Group.)
H.M.S. GLEANER reports contact in 058° 51' N 007° 11' W. at 1145Z.
(A.C.O.S. 131450B to Ships.)

/Biscay...

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Biscay Area. Am over 2 enemy S/Ms. in 44° 17' N. 10° 25' W. at 1415.
(A/C 545 Sq. 131430 to 19 Group.)

Casualties & Defects.

J.H.B.LATROBE. My 122344. Sailing postponed 19 hours because of weather.
(A.C.I.C. 131344B to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

PRINCE CHARLES. My 121740B and 131340B and F.O.I.C. Southampton's 131030B. PRINCE CHARLES has returned to Southampton with further machinery defect which it is hoped to make good by p.m. 14th.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 131640.)

Shipping & Convoys.

W.S.31. DUCHESS OF YORK is required to be ready to sail from Clyde p.m. 19.6 in convoy W.S.31 (North African portion.) 2. Loading of approx. 600 tons D.W. cargo will commence 15.6 and personnel to full capacity will embark 18.6 and 19.6.
(D.S.T. 130008B.)

H.X.242. Detach forthwith ships for Clyde and Mersey capable of 12½ knots and over escorted to 7° W. by two escorts thence independently.
(3) Mersey ships to arrive Bar Light Vessel by 0730B/15. (4) Loch Ewe portion to proceed independently from (AH).
(C. in C. W.A. 131028B to Escorts H.X.242.)

Use of H/F. My 281050/May is cancelled by my 131140.
(A.C.N.S.H. 131146B.)

H.X, S.C, O.N. and O.N.S. Concur with your 122058B.
(C. in C. W.A. 131250B to Admty.)
Convoys.
Fixed Routes.

East Coast shipping. Ref. a.m. 122020B June. (1) Provided the corresponding W.N. and F.S. convoys are cancelled, no difficulty is foreseen in running these convoys direct from Loch Ewe to London. (2) My intention would be for the single destroyer escort to meet at Duncansby and for trawler escorts to part company off May Island. If this is acceptable no immediate increase in escort force will be needed. (3) At present the F.S. and F.N. convoys run 6 days a week, but if it is necessary to run 7 days a week,

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2 additional destroyers will be required for escort duties. (4) I assume convoys would have to be sailed to pass number 4 buoy at 0400 and to achieve this, some relaxation on convoys passing through Pentland in dark hours would appear to be necessary. (5) Whilst the foregoing represents the best arrangements that can be made with the forces at my disposal, I consider it is most undesirable to run these large valuable convoys with only one escort destroyer, and that an increase should be made to allow a minimum of two destroyers per convoy.

(C. in C. Rosyth 131413B to Admty.)

K.M.F.17. A.M. 092052. Para 2. From Clyde add GUARDIAN.
(D.O.D.H. 131620B.)

O.S.51. MAID MARION is to be sailed with O.S.51 to Freetown for onward passage to Kilindini.
(D.O.D.H. 131657B to C. in C. W.A.)

H.X.241. H.X.241 Average speed $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Off Oversay 091200Z. All arrived.
(D.T.D. 131831B to Connav.)

AMSTERDAM, Your 121221B. CHARLESTOWN will provide escort.
BEN MY CHREE. (A.C.O.S. 131845B to N.O.I.C. Invergordon.)

K.M.F.18. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail COLOMBO
COLOMBO. with K.M.F.18 on June 28th. 2. COLOMBO is required to arrive Algiers p.m. 4th July, fuelling at Gibraltar en route. 3. R.A. (V) is requested to detach her accordingly.
(D.O.D.F. 131929B.)

K.M.S.18A. My 092053. Route for K.M.S.18A.
A. RV 270° Oversay 6 miles at 1400B/20.
B. 55° N. 10° W. C. 51° 01' N. 14° W. D. 40° 30' N. 14° 15' W. E. 36° 20' N. 10* 10' W. thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. 2. Stragglers route. P. 48° 00' N. 15° 01' W. Q. 40° 40' N. 15° 15' W. R. 36° 20' N. 10° 10' W. thence to Gibraltar.
(D.O.D.H. 132008B.)

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LIDDESDALE E.T.A. Gibraltar 0900B today Sunday.
(LIDDESDALE 130401B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

Movements, DJEBEL AURES, AN AMITE and ST. NECTAN arrived
Casablanca. 13th June.
(Commorseafron, 130949 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
C. IN C. Med., Admty.)

OXFORDSHIRE. Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 131015B to Admty.)

WEST POINT. U.S.S. WEST POINT arrived 13th.
(C.M.S.F., 131041Z to U.S.P.D. Norfolk, (R)
D.N.T.S. Cominch, C. and R., Admty., F.O.I.C., Gib.
Cmdr. U.S. Naval Forces, N.W.A.F. Waters.)

Convoy X.K.7 Has been delayed owing to necessity of employing
escorts on other essential duty. (2) Estimate
convoy will sail weather permitting 16th June.
(3) Your 121828 refers. (Re intentions regarding ARCHANGELUS, BRIKA,
GLAISDALE, and PENSHURST.)
(F.O.C. Gibraltar 131210B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)

SEVERN Portuguese destroyer 18 knots due Lisbon from Azores
information. 1159B 14th. 3 Portuguese S/Ms. and Gunboat leave
Lisbon 14th for exercises in Cezimbra area. (P.316)
TEMPLAR Sailed today routed 180° Cape Degata 5 miles
at 043015 and 135° Cape Palos 5 miles at 032016 thence to 037°
diving by day 10 - 2.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 131236B to SEVERN, (R) F.O.C. Subs., Capt. (S) 8,
(P.316) TEMPLAR.

Ships for Sailed my 121410 (121415 intended).
Dakar, (C.M.S.F.131605Z to F.O. Gibraltar.)
O.S.49.

ROSELYS, Your 111842. (Corrupt Group) POOL and BARON FORBES
ships ex ex K.M.S.16 left off Cascaes Pilot Station at 1600Z
K.M.S.16. 13th June. Ships indicated in para. 4 of your
111842 proceeding from R/V at 1700Z escorted by
ROSELYS F.S., FLORES D.S.
(ROSELYS F.S.131701Z to F.O.C. Gib. (R) Admty., S.O.
B. 3 Group.)

DAUNTLESS Following is a repetition of my 121201 (recd. indecy-
pherable) (begins) Addressed F.O.C.W.A. (R) C.M.S.F.
C. in C. Med, Admty. from F.O.C. Gib. Request
check and repeat position E. in your 091139.
(Gibraltar C.C.O.132000B to Freetown C.C.O.)

/Movements ...

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Casablanca.

Warships June 13th. Arrivals SS. NUITAN (Fr.) ANNAMITE from Setubal. U.S.S. LUDLOT escort WEST POINT P.C.48 one from Agadir. Departures L.C.T.18 B.Y.M.S.27, S.C.519, A.V.R.C.90,4,70,1 and C.90,4,72 for Gibraltar. P.C.48,0,4,7,1 to R/V O.S.4,9.
(Commorseafron 132020Z to C. in C. Med. (W) (R) Connavnaw, Cominch, etc.)

SEVERN
attacked
by A/C.

Attacked by aircraft showing I.F.F. at 1650Z position 042° 06' N. 010° 03' W. Remained diving by day P.C. and S. 041° 52' 010° 01' 180° 12½ at 2145Z. Unless confirmed that attack was by friendly aircraft intend to continue diving by day. Request total bombing restriction to cover.

(SEVERN 132146Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) F.O.S. Capt. (S) 8.) Reply:- F.O. Gibraltar 140112.

My 132146Z. Speed of advance 8, on the surface charging, having been again forced down.

(SEVERN 132315 to F.O.C. Gib. (R) F.O.S., Capt. (S) 8.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals. MELBREAK from East. BULLDOG from Oran. LIDDESDALE, HOLCOMBE, from Patrol West. B.Y.M.S.9, 26 from Casablanca. VELOX, ENEROSE (sic) ex Lisbon Section S.L.130. CYCLAMEN, MOLDE, HUDDERSFIELD TOWN from Oran. Departures MELBREAK, VELOX to R/V K.M.S.16. M.Ls. 170, 176 escort duties East. TEMPLAR for Patrol Gulf of Lions. L.C.I. (L) S.173, 115, 255, 276, 287, 288, 291, 295, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 309, 310, 311, 312 for Algiers.
(F.O.C. Gib. 132150Z to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Air
Report.

Opsum A.I.12 13 June. No.224 for 24 hours ended 1800/13. (G) Sightings and attacks. Beaufighter X.8772 on transit from U.K. at 1210B/13 47.30 N. 07.30 W. sighted surfaced U-Boat C.O. 27° 12 kts, no attack.
(?A.H.Q. Gibraltar 132345B to H.Q.C.C.)

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ILE DE FRANCE. Freetown ILE DE FRANCE 1305/12th June Clyde 20th.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 130021Z to Admty. (R) Connav,
Grab Bag New York, S.O. (I) Capetown, F.O.I.C.Gib.)

FROBISHER. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 130601 to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrived 0830Z DANAE II.
Dakar. (Comar Dakar 130932 to N.O.I.C. Bathurst,
F.O.C.W.Af. Admty.)

CARADOC. Your 121916 request route.
(C. in C. S.A. 131031 to N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez
(R) C. in C. E.F. Com.1/c. Durban, F.O.E.Af.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959 13th. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS,
BURDOCK, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, BLACKMOOR,
TURCOMAN with S.T.69 004° 21' 009° 14' to 003°
35' 008° 00' thence 084° 8½. CILICIA on patrol
about 007° 30' 027° 30' 14. BIRDLIP about 006° 34' 011° 20' to
Freetown 5. MILFORD, TAMARISK, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, CLARKIA, PICT,
YESTOR with T.S.44 004° 03' 007° 11' to 004° 00' 008° 00' thence
300° 7. M.L.287 off Port Bouet. M.L. 1041 off Lome. M.L. 1014
off Cotonou. SARABANDE off Accra. CORFU 004° 01' 025° 02' to
007° 30' 026° 30' thence to patrol about 008° (?30') 027° 30' 15.
REDSHANK 002° 12' 001° 58' E. to Point Noire 10½.
(R.A.W.Af. 131032Z.)

Situation at 1959Z/13th. CARNARVON CASTLE, SUFFOLK and
destroyers with W.S.30 (9 ships) 025° 55' 014° 15' to 031°
06' 015° 54' 13 knots C.N.24 unescorted Group (14 ships) 026° 50'
014° 50' to 025° 30' 014° 25' 8 knots. Portuguese sloop
BARTOLOMEU DIAS 029° 50' 016° 00' Northbound 14 knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 131205B.)

Situation at 2001Z/13th. 013 ASTER, NORTHERN DAWN, SPHENE,
BLAUWBERG, with D.C.30 (13 ships) 034° 25' 024° 25' coastal to
Capetown 8. (?ALLIGATOR) IMMORTELLE, EMPIRE GOBLIN towing
lighters 034° 00' 026° 30' coastal to East London 5. GENISTA,
THYME, Cape Warwick. ROHILKHAND B.Y.M.S. 567 and 8 with C.D.22
(9 ships) 031° 50' 029° 30' coastal to Durban 8. VERBENA
escorting EMPIRE KAMAL 028° 50' 032° 10' to St. Lucia 12.
ROTHERHAM 028° 20' 033° 05' to Durban 17½. FALMOUTH escorting
MARINGA 028° 00' 033° 55' to St. Lucia 9½. FREESIA, COVENTRY
CITY, H.M.S. DRANGEY 026° 00' 039° 30' to (026?) 038° 10.
MASTERFUL 024° 30' 041° 50' to 017° 05' 042° 20.12. FERNMOOR
026° 05' 042° 35' to 026° 05' 045° 00' 9.
(C. in C. S.A. 131218B.)

Weekly state 12th June. Cape Blanco area DAUNTLESS. Verdes
West African area BUTTERMERE. Freetown despatch ALCANTARA
Station. (?ASTURIAS) MALLOW, MYOSOTIS, CAMPION, FOWESALA,
MALOUINE, STONECROP, FOXHOUND, BELLWORT,
D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 131300Z.)

/ASTURIAS...

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ASTURIAS. Intend to sail ASTURIAS at 1200Z/14th routed A. 004° N. 018° W. B. 007° S. 030° W. thence Bahia. S. of A. 16½ knots to A thence 15½. E.T.A. 1900Z/19th. (2) ASTURIAS shifting to area F W/T organization at 0800Z/16th. (3) Request you will sail ASTURIAS as necessary as escort to Floating Dock on passage to Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 131320Z to Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet (R) Admty. etc.)

Escort of Force X. A.M. 121815 June. If necessary F.O.C. W.Africa is requested to make available to C. in C. S.A. a temporary reinforcement of up to 3 destroyers to assist with these moves.
(D.O.D. (F) 131325B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A.)

C.S.4, FROBISHER. My 111609. Intend to leave at once in FROBISHER 0800B/14th and pass through. A. 029° 02' S. 032° 55' E. B. 022° 00' S. 038° 00' E. C. 017° 26' S. 042° 00' E. D. 009° 34' S. 041° 55' E. E. 006° 15' S. 041° 30' E. thence Kilindini. S. of A. 20 knots E.T.A. 0800C/18th. 2. Intend to (corrupt) 1800C/16th.
(C.S.4. 131501Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. E.A. N.O.I.C. Durban, S.N.O. (A) Kilindini.)

Movements, Port Elizabeth. MARQUERITE arrived 1330/13th.
(N.L.O. Port Elizabeth 131530Q to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Lagos. Arrivals 13th June WOLVERINE, WITCH, RAPID, M.L.1006.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 131654Z to Admty.)

Convoy S.L.131. Sailing telegram, part 2.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 131702Z to Admty.)

ALCANTARA. Your 121741. ALCANTARA is not required for escort or other duty on passage.
(D.O.D. (F) 131718B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.) Destination Clyde (D.O.D. (F) 151728B.)

BELLWORT, STANDELLA. Intend to sail BELLWORT and (?SNOWDROP) escorting STANDELLA to Dakar at 1800Z/15. Route "Love" 011° 01' N. 017° 18' W. "Mike" 014° 26' N. 017° 33' W. S. of A. 6 E.T.A. 0700Z/19.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 131809Z to Comar Dakar, N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty. BELLWORT.)

BUTTERMERE. My position 132100Z. 014° 29' N. 021° 40' W. course 128° speed 12 knots.
(BUTTERMERE 132045Z N.O.I.C. Freetown.)

DAUNTLESS. Your 13200B. Position E. 30° 30' N. 11° 04' W. (Freetown C.C.O. 132222Z to Gib. C.C.O. (R) Admty. Algiers, C.C.O. Cape C.C.O.)

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Sunday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.Exercises.

Weather unsuitable at Sofaga. No exercises possible so far. Proceeding Timsah today Sunday with all ships where I will try to start No. B. serial 3 a.m. Monday 14th June.
(S.N.O.L.(N) 130011C to F.O.R.S.C.A. Force G. D.N.C.X.F.)

Convoy A.P.33.

Sailing telegram (6 ships) 2. 0400/13th June.
3. Long. 055° 2359Z/15th, June lat. 022° 0200Z/18 June Khor Kuwait 1800Z/19th. 4. 9½ knots. 5. Route to Karachi. 6. BALUCHISTAN and TAMWORTH to Hormuz.

(N.C.S.O. Aden 130432Z, 130439Z to Admty.)

Convoy A.P.33, my 130432 and my 130439. MYRTLE BANK destination changed ship being diverted from position O. direct to Karachi E.T.A. a.m. 20th June.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 130703Z to Admty.)

Algiers Air Report.

To Baker, To Brereton, From Spaatz, N.A.A.F. Hdqs. Adv. Cite A.G.E.NR. J.6983.

1. 11 June. Following was carried out by Strategic Air Force: 110 B.17s, 38 B.26s, escorted by 36 P.40s, 29 B.25s, 24 B.26s,

escorted by 34 P.38s, 48 B.25s escorted by 24 P.40s, 24 B.25s escorted by 12 P.40s and a total of 88 sorties flown by P.38s dropped 274 x 1,000 pound bombs, 741 x 500 pound, and 157 x 300 pound bombs, and 3926 x 20 pound fragmentation bombs on Pantellaria.

A. Ammunition dump, barracks and aerodrome, and gun positions were hit. Several aircraft withheld bombs upon observing white cross on aerodrome.

B. 24 B.26s dropped 50 x 300 pound, 24 x 500 pound, 8 x 1000 pound bombs on Lampedusa. Docks, small craft in harbour and building were hit causing a large explosion and a column of thick black smoke.

C. 9 missions of 130 American Spitfires as cover and escort, report 11 aircraft, 2 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged. 2 Spitfires were lost.

D. In 23 missions of 237 P.40s, as cover and bomber escort, 2 enemy aircraft probably destroyed. 1 P.40 damaged.

E. 12 Bostons dropped 24 x 250 pound and 24 x 500 pound bombs on Pantellaria, and 24 B.25s and 24 Baltimores dropped 72 x 1000 pound and 144 x 250 pound bombs on Pantellaria with good results.

2. Coastal Air Force carried out usual patrol and escort missions, 2 Marauders destroyed 1 Me.109 and damaged another.

3. Night 10/11: Wellingtons of Strategic Air Force dropped 6 x 4000 pound, 314 x 500 pound, 107 x 250 pound bombs on Pantellaria. Target area covered well.

(Algiers No T.O.O./13 to Etousa, Recd. 130618Z.)

M.L.Crews.

Crews ex M.Ls. 1138, 1233, 1240 and 1249 transferred to French Navy, have been utilized as spare crews for H.D.M.L. Flotillas on Med. Station. C. in C.Med's 101651 (not to HORNET) refers.
(C.C.F. Mediterranean 130820B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. HORNET.)

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NIEUW Arrived 07/13 G.M.T.
AMSTERDAM. (N.C.S.O. Suez 131020C to Admty.)

CELENO, My 081244C. CELENO? arrived from Constanza 730
WILHELMSBURG. G.M.T. June 13th. Reported B.2 will discharge
cased petrol for German Embassy before proceeding
Aegean Sea.
My 121154C. WILHELMSBURG entered Black Sea 75.30
G.M.T. June 13th.
(S.O.I. Istanbul 131045C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.I.
Levant, (R) Capt. S.1 D.N.I.)

M.E. Air A.669? 13th June 0944Z. Daily Opsum 46. 11/12 June
Report. 11 Wellingtons Aerodrome and Town Lampedusa Island.
10 Bombed objective bursts in town. Debris seen
flying, 1 small fire, 1 Well. unable to locate
owing to cloud, bombed A.A. positions. 20 tons
H.E. at 0120Z hours. 3 Wellingtons anti shipping R/C Aegean and
West Coast Greece. No sightings. 12th June. 6 Hudsons, 1
Bisley, 4 Swordfish, 1 Beaufort, 5 Walrus, 2 Baltimores (A.30)
anti submarine. Suspected sub sighted about 80 miles North of
Tobruk. 1 depth charge dropped failed to explode. Hunt
continued. 1 Baltimore (A.30) shipping R/C 3 spits photographic
R/C. 26 Hurrs. shipping protection, 6 Beaufighters, 5 Spits.
12 Hurrs. defensive patrols. 2 Me.109s intercepted off Tobruk,
1 destroyed. Following delayed details. 11 June, 3 Beaufighters
anti shipping R/C West Coast Greece. 1 Schooner 100 tons damaged
East of Cape Wenia, rudder shot away. Deck cargo barrels.
Caique 175 tons set on fire same area. Small Coaster about 90
tons left with bridge burning. Schooner of about 200 tons pre-
viously damaged 22 May seen derelict in Katakolo anchorage. 5
Baltimores (A.30) 4 Bisleys, 1 Hlt. anti sub 1 Spit photographic
R/C 62 Hurrs. shipping protection.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 131109Z.)

Force X. X My 091909. 1. Following are communication
arrangements for the passage of Force "X".
Details.
6. Admty. is requested to allocate S.G.A. to
(F.S. DUQUESNE?) and F.S. SUFFREN by signal.
7. F.O.C.W.A.F. is requested to arrange for Ratings of Liaison
parties to be discharged to U.K. on arrival of ships at Dakar and
for provision of relief if necessary. They are all on the Levant
Roster for longest foreign service.
(C. in C. Levant 131121C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrival 12th June M.L. 1038, (?) 1048, 1083, 1158, departure
Alexandria. 12th June FAREHAM, ABDIEL, WOLBOROUGH.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 131130C to Admty. etc.)

P.R.U. 13th June? 1220 Taranto visual, 2 battleships,
1 cruiser.
(V.A. Malta 131441B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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Movements Aden. Departures 0415Z BALUCHISTAN and TAMWORTH in company SOLVRA.
(Cdre. Aden 131441Z to C. in C.Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A. S.O.(I) Kilindini, SO.(I) Bombay, Admty.)

G.T.X.2. Transport AFGHANISTAN left to join G.T.X.2.
(D.S.T.O.Malta 131601 to D.S.T. etc.)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one merchant vessel 2000 tons, one enemy war boat, 37.44 N. 15.25 E. 045° 10 knots.
(Malta W/T 131625B to Med. Subs.)

U.G.S.9. Destinations.
(C. in C.Med. 131635B to C.T.F.69, Escort U.G.S.9 (R) F.Os. I.C. and N.Os.I.C. French N.Africa etc.)

CANADA, French hospital ship. A.M. 011956A April para. 2, and A.M. 142235B May, request you will report attitude of French Admiralty.
(Head of M.I. 131634B to C. in C.Med.)

Movements Port Said. 13th June Port Said arrivals FAREHAM, WOLBOROUGH, SOUTHERN SEA, departures SOUTHERN ISLES, SOUTHERN SEA.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 131653C to Admty. etc.)

N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.African Air Forces Opsum 112. Strategic Air Force. 11th June (additional) Escort to 29 (?or 19) Mitchells (B.25) in Opsum 111 was 30 Warhawks (P.40). 12 June. Castelvetro Airfield. 39 Fortresses (B.17), 5 early returns, escort 38 Lightnings (P.38) 9 early returns, entire airfield well covered, fires started. Boccadmallo Airfield, 41 Fortresses (B.17), 2 early returns, escort 48 Lightnings (P.38), 2 early returns. Target well covered. Trapani Milo Airfield. 24 Marauders (B.26) escort 44 Warhawks (P.40) 17 escort returned early. Bombs fell on Northeast part of airfield and among hangars and administration buildings. Lampedusa, 96 Mitchells (B.25) escort 54 Lightnings (P.38), 4 missions, bombers dropped 5667 x 500 from 8000 to 10000 feet. Fighters 26 x 1000 from 3000 feet. Northwest African Tactical Air Force. 9th June (additional) Pantellaria 120 Bostons and Baltimores, 48 Mitchells (B.25) 72 U.S.Bostons (A.20) 11th June (additional) Pantellaria 118 Warhawks (P.40) escort to bombers. 12 Mustang Dive Bombers (A.36). Lampedusa, 24 Mustang Dive Bombers (A.36) 12 Bostons (A.20) 3 Bostons (A.20) damaged by flak. 48 Bostons 4 Missions. 2 Bostons damaged by flak 24 Mitchells (B.25) 2 Missions. 12th June, Lampedusa. 12 Baltimores town and harbour. 12 Bostons town and harbour. 12 Baltimores landing ground. 12 Mitchells (B.25), to N.4 Mustang Dive Bombers dropped message on airfield and town. Others demolition bombs. 39 (?or 36) Warhawks (P.40) 4 missions as escort to Bombers. North West African Coastal Air Force 9th June

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N.A.A.F. (additional) defensive patrols 6 U.S. Spitfires
 Report. Cap Bon Area. 10 Warhawks (P.40) Lafayette
 (Contd.) Squadron 12 Spitfires of 2/7 Squadron Bizerta Area.
 No incidents. Convoy Escorts etc. Intruder
 Patrols. 2 Hurricane strafed Pantellaria Docks,
 no results observed. 11th June (additional)
 Escort patrols 96 Airocobras (P.39), 88 U.S. Spitfires, 6 French
 Spitfires, 54 Warhawks French P.40 covered Pantellaria convoy.
 3 F.W.190s destroyed and 2 probably destroyed. 1 F.W.190 and 1
 Me.109 damaged. U-Boat hunts. 11 Hudsons and 4 Bisleys. Hudson
 attacked surfaced U-Boat with depth charges scoring near misses.
 (H.Q.N.W.A.A.F. 131733B.)

Algiers Air 1. 4872 x 20 pound fragmentation bombs were
 Report. dropped on Castelvetro Aerodrome by 35 B.17s
 escorted by 29 P.38s. Many aircraft on ground
 were hit and fires were started.
 2. 39 B.17s escorted by 46 P.38s dropped 5598 x
 20 pound fragmentation bombs on Boccadifalco Aerodrome. Target
 area well covered, fire and black smoke observed in centre of
 aerodrome.
 3. 24 B.26s escorted by 27 P.40s dropped 2838 x 20 pound
 fragmentation bombs on Trapani-Milo Aerodrome. Hangars and
 administration buildings were hit, 4 B.26s received minor damage.
 4. 24 B.25s escorted by 12 P.38s, 24 B.25s escorted by 14 P.38s
 24 B.25s escorted by 14 P.38s and 24 B.25s escorted by 14 P.38s
 dropped a total of 581 x 500 pound and 36 x 1000 pound bombs on
 Lampedusa. Harbour, warehouse, dock installations, and town
 suffered severe damage.
 5. Covering harbour, town and landing ground, with good results
 12 Baltimores, 12 Bostons, 12 Baltimores, 12 B.25s and 32 A.36s
 dropped 96 x 300 pound, 191 x 250 pound and 56 x 500 pound
 demolition bombs on Lampedusa.
 (Algiers 131758B to Etousa.)

SICKLE. Intend to sail (P.224) SICKLE 1830/15th through
 038° 19' 004° 16' at 0530/16th 039° 13' 006° 13'
 at 0530/17th 042° 01' 007° 23' at 0130/19th
 thence patrol North of a line 232° from Spezia
 and East 007° 30' E.
 (Capt. S.8, 131814B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C.
 Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, Capt. S.10, 8th S.F.
 CASABIANCA.)

My 131814. You are to be south of line 232° from Spezia and
 east of 008° E. by 0130/19th.
 (Capt. S.8 131824B to F.S.CASABIANCA, (R) 8th S.F.)

Pulse Your 101746C. Appropriate methods for dealing with
 Controller all existing actuations are at present under con-
 Invention. sideration. Detailed drawings of method evolved
 by Lieut. Cranmer should however be forwarded as
 these may have important bearing on other possible
 requirements.
 (D.T.M. 131834B to C. in C.Levant, (R) C. in C.Med.)

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MALCOLM, MELBREAK. Comply with Admty. 121211. (MALCOLM and MELBREAK for escort duties.)
(C. in C.Med. 131851B to F.O.Gib. (R) Admty. etc.)

Force K, Force H, destroyed As ASHANTI and (ORION?) are no longer available my 171944 May (N.T. in W.D.)* is to be amended as follows:

A. Force K. at Malta. 6th D.F. ESKIMO, NUBIAN, TARTAR. 19th D.F. LAFOREY, LOYAL, LOOKOUT.

B. Force H. 4th D.F. QUILLIAM?, QUEENBOROUGH, QUAIL, QUALITY, JERVIS, RAIDER. 24th D.F. TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, TYRIAN, PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER, PETARD, PALADIN and one destroyer from H.F. 8th D.F. FAULKNER, FURY, ECHO, INGLEFIELD, IMPULSIVE, INTREPID, ISIS, ILEX, QUEEN OLGA.
(C. in C.Med. 131853B to C. in C.Levant, (R) Admty. D.N.C.X.F. V.A.Malta, S.O.Force H.)

*W.R. Note:- Message 171944 May quoted in C. in C.Med's 131853 June is contained in C. in C.Med's 172020 May which was given Hush circulation.

SHAKESPEARE. Leave patrol through 042° 01' 005° 59' at 0330/16th 039° 35' 005° 59' at 1400/17th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 18' at 0600/19th.
(Capt. S.8 131904B to P.221 (SHAKESPEARE), (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 8th S.F. N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.S. CASABIANCA.)

WITHERINGTON. WITHERINGTON leaving U.K. with K.M.S.17 is allocated to Mediterranean.
(D.O.D.(F) 131925B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.) Cancelled, see 140001.

OHIO, salvage. Deputy Principal Salvage Officer reports that OHIO can be salvaged fairly easily. Salvage operations will be commenced at low priority to raise the ship in one or two portions with the object of using her as floating storage for 8/9000 tons of petrol.
(C. in C.Med. 132000B to V.A.Malta, (R) Admty.)

Situation report No. 34. Convoys K.M.S.15, 7 M.Vs. entered Alexandria 13th June 31 M.Vs. due Port Said 14th June. ALYNBANK (U.S.S.) joins Levant station ex K.M.S.15.
2. M.K.S.15 sailed Alexandria 11th June one M.V. 2 tankers for Tripoli, 4 M.Vs. and 2 tankers for Malta and 3 M.Vs. and 2 tankers for Malta and 3 M.Vs. for United Kingdom.
3. Force X. First draft of reinforcements from North Africa arrived Alexandria 13th June.
4. Dutch ship PALIMA 1179 tons torpedoed and sunk by U-Boat, at 0315/12th June in 033° 36' N. 035° 15' E. 34 survivors landed Beirut.

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Situation 5. ABDIEL starting movement of 6000 troops out
report No. 34. and 2000 in to Cyprus from Beirut 13th June.
(Contd.) 6. Suez. Force (G) carrying out (?exercises)
Gulf of Suez and Aquaba.
7. Salvage of F.S. LEOPARD showing promise.
8. Y.S.S. NEBOJSCA handed back to Yugoslav Navy
11th June.
9. My 072227 para. 1, 1st sentence, delete all after "Beached"
and insert "and may be salvable".
10. Admiralty and C. in C.Med. please amend my 111021 as above.
(C. in C.Levant 132023C to Admty.)

Situation 1. During the night of 12th/13th June coastal
report No.108. craft from Bizerta carried out sweep between
Marittimo and Cape St.Vito.
* 2. Linosa surrendered to NUBIAN at about 0600/13th,
a party was landed and 140 Naval and Military
prisoners taken. Two 3 pounders and 9 light A/A guns have been
immobilised. A party and prisoners have been embarked and Naval
Medical Officer and 6 Police left on island.
3. Weather is at present unsuitable for landing on Lampion
which appears deserted.
4. A conference has been arranged with Authorities at Lampedusa
for p.m. 13th June. Situation well in hand. There are 4000 to
5000 prisoners.
5. P.312 reported attacking small eastbound tanker in convoy of
3 escorted by 2 trawlers and 6 E-Boats at 1014/8 off Verte
Island (043° 10' N. 005° 38' E.) One hit was heard but result
was unobserved. No counter attack.
(C. in C.Med. 132024B to Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals Comphibnaw in U.S.N. SAMUEL CHASE,
Algiers. SAVANNAH, WAINWRIGHT, TRIPPE, DICKMAN, STANTON,
BARNETT, BETELGUESE, THURSTON, OBERON, LYON, C.S.
12 in AURORA, D.19 in LAFOREY, LOYAL, PENTSTEMON,
M.L. 283.

Departures GAVOTTE, VISENDA, BADSWORTH, in tow Tug JAUNTY.
Arrived and sailed OAKLEY, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, M.M.Ss. 85,
116, U.S.N. PLUNKETT, NIBLACK, GLEAVES, BENSON, MAYRANT, ROWAN,
RHIND.
(Com. Algiers 132059 to Admty. etc.)

French Request you will keep me informed of proposed
Cruisers. movements of French Cruisers to U.S.A.
(C. in C.Med. 132125K to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.
B.A.D.)

40th E.G. Departure 40th Escort Group.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax 132203B to Admty.)

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K.M.S.16. Destinations.
(C. in C.Med. 132230B to KEPPEL, Escorts of convoy K.M.S.16, (R) F.Os.I.C. and N.Os.I.C. French North Africa, etc.)

Movements, Arrived HURSLEY, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, KLO, L.C.Ts. 355, 417, 372, 321.
Tripoli. (S.N.O.Tripolitania 132232B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Levant, N.O.I.C. Alex. N.O.I.C. Malta.)

Movements, Arrivals 13th NUBIAN, RHYL, POLRUAN, CLACTON, STORNAWAY, RYSA. Departures NUBIAN, INCHCOLM, M.L. 126, 135, ST. DAY.
Sousse. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 132305B to Admty.)

Force L, My 261229, not to all addressees, (N.T. in W.D.)
Force P, is cancelled and the title of R.A.Force L has
C.L.C. lapsed. R.A.McGrigor has resumed duties of R.A.(P)
Tunisia. at Jijelli.
2. Capt. G.W.G.Robson, R.N. has assumed duties of Captain Landing Craft Bases, Tunisia (C.L.C. Tunisia) with headquarters at Sousse.
(C. in C.Med. 132310B to Admty. C. in C.Levant, D.N.C.X.F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, V.A.Malta, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, S.O.Force V, N.O.I.C. Algiers, F. or S.O. Inshore Sqdn. S.N.O.Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sousse, (R) S.O.Force P, C.L.C.Tunisia.)

Malta Air A.I.547 13 June C.S.R.
Report. A. Air Part 1 offensive night 12/13 June.
Mosquito intruder patrol over Southern Sicily attacked road transport near Comiso. Day June 13. 2 Spitfires offensive sweep Southern Sicily 29 Spitfires made offensive sweep S.E.Sicily.
Part 2, enemy air activity. Day June 13. 46 Spits provided escort and withdrawal cover to Liberators 9th Bomber Cmd. Libya attacking Gerbini and Catania aerodromes. 26 plus Me.109 F.W. 190 and Mc.202s attempted to attack Liberators were driven off by Spits. 1 Me.109 probably destroyed 1 F.W.190 damaged, 1 damaged Liberator escorted safely back to Malta. 23 Spits. airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta, 4 Spits. escort to Naval Units. 4 Beaufighters escort to outgoing shipping.
(H.Q.R.A.F.Malta 132323Z.)

Movements, Arrival TARTAR, (corrupt group) 207,217, S.C.655,
Bizerta. 639, DALLAS. Departure M.G.B. 643, 641, 647, Y.M.S. 58,83, TARTAR, KINTYRE, BREAM, M.T.B. 656 Y.M.S. 18,34,43,82,13 NEGRO, WESTRAY, M.M.S.63, 85, DALLAS.
(S.O.I.S. 132312B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

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Movements,
Malta.

Arrived L.C.Ts. 332, 311, 333, 303, 421, 324, 314, 302, 413 and 364. S/M UPROAR, PENELOPE, ORION, JERVIS, QUEEN OLGA, NEWFOUNDLAND, LOOKOUT. Departed FALK and 11th L.C.T. Flotilla (negative 308) HYTHE and RYE with AFGHANISTAN. S/M UNISON. (V.A. Malta 132336 to Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, Capts. S.1, S.8.)

Movements,
Bone.

Arrivals M.G.B. 643, 644, 641, 647, ANTHONY. Departures ANTHONY, P.Ts. 207, 217. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 132339B to Admty. etc.)

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(*Note: Messages shown as having been sent in a One-Time Pad: "O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

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MESSAGE

No T.O.O/June.

IN.

From: Freedom Algiers.

Date: 13.6.43.

Recd: 2329.

Addressed: Usfor.

Tunisia: Situation Report.

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"EDITED LITERAL TEXT"

Interior Addresses: To: Troopers pass to H.M. Ambassador Madrid for U.S. Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimot, Britmilat Ankara for Marshall Chaknak, Defender Wellington for Puttick.

Repeated: Usfor Mideast Britman Washington Arminida Delhi Paic Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi.

Signed: Eisenhower.

Cite: FHGCT.

LINREP 54. Summary of operations 7 to 9 June.

1. Ground. Our regrouping continued.

2. Naval. During night 6/7 June coastal craft carried out sweep of east coast of Sicily to Syracuse and of the south coast between Marittimo and Cape Granitola. 2 M.T.Bs. operated off Lampedusa on 7th June. Following morning 5 Cruisers and 8 Destroyers carried out bombardment of Pantelleria shore batteries and harbour area in conjunction with M bombing by Strategic Air Force. There was slight opposition from 2 batteries but accompanying M.T.Bs. encountered only small arms fire when they closed to within 1,000 yards of harbour entrance. On night 8/9 June coastal craft patrolled between Marittimo and Mazara (S.W. Sicily). One of our submarines reports obtaining 3 hits on 8,000 ton southbound tanker north of Gulf of S Euphemia (S. Italy) on 3rd June. Results were not observed due to moderate counter attacks.

3. Air. Heavy and sustained attacks have been made upon installations and defended localities on Pantelleria. On 7th June, 3 flights each of 21 B-17s (Fortresses) dropped a total of 720-500 lb. bombs on the town and harbour; hits were observed among Siebel Ferries and other small craft and a warehouse was seen to explode. Over 30 enemy aircraft encountered but these made no determined effort to interfere with our operations. 99 medium bombers followed up these attacks, scoring many direct hits on gun positions while aircraft of the Tactical Air Force flew 146 escort sorties in addition to a small number of medium and fighter bomber

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missions. Following night 24 Wellingtons dropped 50 tons of bombs on the town and harbour. Large fires were started and a ship already on fire received a direct hit. On 8th June 109 B-17s. dropped over 302 tons of bombs, with enemy gun positions as primary targets. 113 Sorties of medium bombers dropped a further 153 tons of bombs while 99 Sorties of P-38's (Lightnings) also dropped 46 tons of bombs with good results. 154 fighter and fighter bomber Sorties of the Tactical Air Force were also flown against targets throughout the island. On 9th June the attack was continued by 112 B-17's, 64 medium bombers and by many fighter sweeps.

4. Political. The question of military command re-organisation of the army is not yet settled. It cannot be said that a workable union has been accomplished until the adjustment of this matter.

No T.O.O/June.
Received from Etoussa 1410/14th.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L. (2)
- 4th S.L.
- 5th S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(U.T) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- D.A.W.T.
- U.W.R.
- O.D. (5)
- C.C.L.S. (2)
- O.I.C. (3)
- Cps. (3)
- D. of P. (3)
- M. (2)
- I.P. (3)
- C.N.I.
- W.D.
- D.N.I. (5)
- Ad. Blake.
- D.D.O.D. (M)
- A.L.O.
- D.P.D.
- D.A/S.W.

Etoussa Distribution:

Relays: None.

Information Copies: Standard
Liaison report distribution.

Note By Cables: "Message has been paraphrased and passed to the office of Brig. Jacob for transmission to all indicated addressees".

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Movements. Departure 0100Z/13th June WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN escorting JALAGOPAL.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 130103Z to Admty.)
F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 130225Z to Admty.)
SUSSEX, QUIBERON arrived.
(F.O. E.Af., 131011 to Admty.)
Arrived NEPAL.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 131215Z to C. in C. E.F.)
Following is a repetition of my 111517 (received undecypherable) (begins): RANPURA arrived. (Ends).
(F.O. E.Af., 131821Z to Admty.)

HALLEREM. Following read: My P.C. and S. at 2200 G.M.T. 041° 01' N. 018° 29' E., 307°, 8.5 knots.
(HALLEREM via Colombo W/T, 130200 G.M.T. to Coltano Radio.)

Through Convoys, Mediterranean. Following is repetition of my 110962 (110926 intended (previously received undecypherable)). (Begins). Your 092023. Policy A has been adopted vide my 090944.
(C. in C. E.F., 130310 to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty., C. in C. Med.)

ETHIOPIA. Transport ETHIOPIA E.T.A. yours a.m./15th June. (Personnel).
(S.T.O. Calcutta, 130432Z to S.T.O. Chittagong, (R) P.S.T.O. India, D. of S.T.)

Eastern Fleet Movement Signal No. 60. (a) Battleship REVENGE to Durban, RESOLUTION to Kilindini.
(c) 8-inch cruiser SUSSEX to Kilindini, SUFFOLK to join E.F. shortly.
(d) 7.5-inch and 6-inch cruiser NEWCASTLE, KENYA at Kilindini, HAWKINS refitting Simonstown.
FROBISHER Durban to Kilindini, DURBAN in Persian Gulf, CERES Bombay to Persian Gulf, CARADOC at Diego Suarez, CAPE TOWN escorting in North

Indian Ocean.
(e) Unit exercising off Kilindini.)
(C. in C. E.F., 130615Z.)

MAURETANIA. Diego Suarez MAURETANIA 0630/13th Colombo 2330/17th. 1700 tons oil.
(Kilindini W/T, 130632Z to Admty.)

BOLD, EDWARD F. JOHNSON. BOLD has successfully towed to safe anchorage in Kilindini EDWARD F. JOHNSON a vessel of 10,452 gross tons carrying a cargo of 13,325 tons of

/aviation ...

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BOLD,
EDWARD F.
JOHNSON.
(Contd.)

aviation spirit (80 octane) EDWARD F. JOHNSON owned by Oriental Trade and Transport Co., Toronto, Canada and registered at London was disabled in Indian Ocean, with a broken crankshaft was contacted in 05° 04' S. 64° 35' E. and was towed to Kilindini a distance of 1,540 miles salvage agreement has been signed by Master of EDWARD F. JOHNSON. Full report being forwarded through C. in C. E.F.
(F.O. E.A., 131017 to Admty., (R) C. in C. E.F., BOLD, TANA.)

Convoy
B.M. 54.

Departure 1000Z POONA, 1124Z CHITRAL with B.M.54.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 131125 to Admty.)
B.M. 54. Sailing telegram (2 ships).
2. 1150Z/13th. 3. E.T. passing Cochin 0400Z/15th.
3A. E.T.A. Colombo 0230Z/16th. 4. 14 knots. 5. (Route).
6. CHITRAL.
(? N.C.S.O. Bombay, 131151Z, 131153Z to Admty.)

BENGAL.

My E.T.A. 0400Z/14th. Your 130449Z refers. Requirements.
(BENGAL, 131345Z to F.O. Ceylon.)

Flying
Boat
Bases.

A.182, June 13th.
Your A.X.31 June 12th para. 2 includes Diego Suarez T.H. Squadrons which should have been included in para. 3 major flying boat maintenance 4 squadrons all Kisumu. Permanent flying boat bases Mombasa 1 squadron, Dar-Es-Salaam 1 squadron, Diego Suarez 2 squadrons request amendment.
(A.H.Q. E.Af., 131430C to Air Min.)

Repatriations,
Route.

H.Q.E.Af. Command's 111140C agreed.
2. Request C. in C. E.F. will state routes to be followed (a) by VULCANIA from Mogadischu to Port Elizabeth, and (b) by SATURNIA from position 009° 52' N. 053° 52' E. to Port Elizabeth.
3. N.O.I.C. Aden should inform S.B.N.Os on arrival.
4. Request F.O.R.S.C.A. and C. in C. E.F. will state return routes for DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE from Massawa to Port Elizabeth.
(Head of M.I., 131612B to H.Q.E.Af. Command, F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Aden, (R) C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Massawa, N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth.
Reply: F.O.R.S.C.A. 140932. See East Indies. (Hd. of M.I. 141948B to H.Q.E.Af. Command.)

NORAVIND.

Your 121447Z and A.M. 112316, NORAVIND should be sailed on 24th.
(Hd. of M.I., 131638B to S.N.O.P.G., (R) C. in C. E.F., F.O.R.S.C.A., F.O.I.C. Aden.)

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U/B attacked. H.M.C.S. sighted S/M 047° 03' N. 058° 42' W. at 2300Z/12th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 130001Z to G.B.7A, G.B.7A.G.)
Following is a recyphered version of 130150 begins.
My 130001Z correct longitude to read 059° 32' W.
Ends.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 130200Z to G.B.7A, G.B.7A.G.)
My 130001 for sighted submarine read attacked submarine contact.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 131307Z to G.B.7A, G.B.7A.G.)
Saltburn 23, 50 P. position 046° 55' N. 059° 39' W. still in contact, have 2 charges remaining.
(C. in C.W.A. 130255Z to Admty. (R) A.C.I.C.)
Note: Originator of signal H.M.C.S. KENTVILLE.

Minesweeping Halifax. My 120031. Mine Bag Saturday 12th - no change in totals given. No further Mine Bag reports will be made unless situation changes.
(C.Halifax 130023Z to Admty. etc.)

U/B. U-Boat by D/F of B.bar Transmission at 0344Z within 90 miles of 47° 00' N. 43° 00' W.
(N.S.H.Q. 130450Z to C. in C.N.A. F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. Cominch, S.B.N.O.W.At.)

B.X.57, SALISBURY. Boston sailed 1623/12 June SALISBURY escort B.X.57.
(N.S.H.Q. 130716Z to Admty.)

QUEEN ELIZABETH. New York arrived 12th.
(N.S.H.Q. 130740Z to D. of S.T.)

MARIPOSA. Cape Henry arrived 1315Z/12th.
(N.S.H.Q. 130751Z to D. of S.T.)

Movements	Ship.	Position.	Course	Speed
Summary	CILICIA	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
1800 G.M.T. 13th.	CORFU	04° N. 25° W.	338°	15
	(D.O.D.(F) 130945Z to Opnav (R) Comnav.)			

E.G.5. Convoy S.C. 133 U/B. B.Message at 0923Z originated within 90 miles 057° 00' N. 040° 00' W.
(N.S.H.Q. 131133Z to E.G.5 Ships escorting S.C.133 (R) C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. Admty. C. in C.U.S. Fleet, S.B.N.O.W.At. A.C.I.C.)

SASKATOON. MAJA, (damaged in collision.) SASKATOON E.T.A. X.H. 1400Z with oiler MAJA damaged in collision. Stragglers TEMA3A returning Boston with me.
(ROXBOROUGH 131230Z to Cdmt. 1st Naval Dist. Boston (A.I.G.301), Connav. etc.)

/ADHERENT...

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ADHERENT, BACCALIEU. Following for C.C.R.T. My 281728/5/43 ADHERENT arrived St. Johns 131147/6/43 with BACCALIEU in tow. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 131251Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A.)

Convoy U.G.S.10. 70 ships sailed including A.O.MERRIMACK, LAMBERT, CADWALLADER, DORCASIA, EMPIRE FLINT, JOHN L. MOTLEY, cancelled. Last ship out of Gate STEPHAN C.FOSTER at 130729Q. C.T.F.61 pass to Cdre. (P.D.New York 131400Z to C.T.F.61, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Cdr. Service Force Atlantic, N.O.B. Bermuda, Cominch C.& R. Cmdr. E.S.Fron. Com.3. Cinclant, Admty. N.S.H.Q. Commorseafon, C. in C.Med. N.O.B.Oran.)

P.554 KING HAAKON VII. 1. P.554 escorted by H.N.M.S.KING HAAKON VII sails St. Johns 2230Z June 14 for Argentina on the surface routed as follows: (Route).
2. Speed 10 knots.
3. E.T.A. Argentina 1630Z 15th. (F.O.N.F. 131426Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. This cancels my 131331. B.Y.M.S. 37,47,48 delayed. Awaiting arrival essential parts. Ref. Cominch 012254. This is a re-encypherment of C.T.G.02.6 121923. N.S.S. Pass to B.A.D. for information. (Comeastseafon 131427 to N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. Admty. F.O.N.F. N.S.S.)

Convoy G.Z.34 Arrived. (B.R.O.Cristobal 131454R to Admty.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of Submarine north of 040° N. West of 040° W. 1200Z/13th. (N.S.H.Q. 131500Z.)

Convoy S.B.4B. Arrived. (R.O.Cornerbrook 131520Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)

Tugs, Bermuda. Your 061302 May, it is not intended for tug ROODE ZEE to return to Bermuda.
2. Tug DIRECTOR, expected to complete about August next, has been allocated to Bermuda.
3. Tug ADVANTAGE will not be withdrawn from Bermuda unless the tug situation elsewhere deteriorates.
4. Request report whether the tube plate for the boiler of Tug ST. BLAZEY has been delivered at Bermuda, and if so, the expected date of completion of the repairs.
(D. of D.Bath 131522B to S.B.N.O.W.At. (R) Cdre. i/c Bermuda.)
Reply Bermuda 160957.

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Plastic Your 080051Z. Ref. para. 3, depot facilities.
Armour The implications are regarded with some concern
Officer. in view of lack of available sites and buildings
in U.K., and difficulty of constructing new
buildings.

What is envisaged? Such as:- A. Suggested
location of Depot. B. Area of site. C. Floor space required
under cover, etc.

(D.T.M. 131550B to B.A.D. (R) B.A.T.M.)

U.S. S/M (Cominch 131635Z.)
Estimate.

Dispositions. Section North (?West). Following is recyphered
version of my 131705Z.

Part 1 MISCOU, WESTMONT carrying out A/S sweep
vicinity position 047° 03' N. 059° 32' W.(?).

THUNDER escorting SS. BURGEO Sydney (C.B.) approaches inbound.

R.S. 52 CUCKMERE, AYRSHIRE, HERSHELL, ALGOMA, MILLTOWN, CAPE
MARIATO 049° (?18') 064° 56' 117° 7.5.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 131702Z to Admty.)

W.R.Note: part 2 not received and not being obtained.

Convoy Your 081553 is under consideration.
Reports (D.T.D. 131832B to Connav, (R) N.S.H.Q. Comnav.)
for
Cominch.

S/M K.15. My 112309. Defects are now being remedied without
necessity for return to navy yard and K.15 expected
to sail 15th June.
(B.A.D. 131851Z to F.O.S. (R) Admty.)

Aircraft re Your 092047. Position re pre-operational Dive
supply of Bomber training.
squadrons. 2. In view of personal interest shown by Chief of
Bureau of Aeronautics in ensuring that our Pilots
get full operational Dive Bombing course we are
particularly anxious that first course should go
through as arranged, even if this training must then lapse for
two months. We will recommence Dive Bomber training so as to
produce our quota of Pilots for Helldiver Squadrons forming
monthly from 1st Feb. 1944 onwards.

4. Experience has shown that it is impossible to reduce the size
of No. 738 Sqdn. as envisaged in para. 3 of my 161953 April.

Arrangements.

(B.A.D. 121959Z to Admty.)

/Sub...

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Sub attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. A. P.B.Y. sights sub submerging course 130 59.08 N. 29 W. 130937. P.B.Y. attacked sub 58.53 N. 26.38 W. 131153. Para. D. CG. 83329 sound contact 37.04 N. 74.46 W. 130135. Surface craft attacks sound contact 21.09 N. 74.19 W. 122200. KENTVILLE attacked sound contact 47.03 N. 59.32 W. 122300. Plane sighted sub 31.35 N. 60.15 W. 111440. K.45 has made contact 30.28 N. 80.20 W. 111404. (Cominch 132020Z to Admty.)

Convoy U.G.S.10. Sailing telegram part 2. Total 70 ships sailed. (U.S.P.D. New York 132050Z, 160620Z to Connav, (R) C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, C.M.S.F. Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.Med. N.S.H.Q. N.O.B. Oran.) This completes my 112020. U.G.S.10. Part 1. Total 113 ships sailed. (U.S.P.D. New York 132158Z to Cominch C. & R. (R) (U.S.) N.O.B. Oran, N.S.H.Q. (U.S.) C.E.S.F. (U.S.) N.O.B. Bermuda (U.S.) C.M.S.F. Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.Med.)

U/B. U.S. Army tug P.245 report 131600Z S/M sighted 020° Morant Point Jamaica 60 miles. S/M surfaced for few minutes then submerged. (N.O.I.C. Kingston 132055Q to Admty. etc.)

Convoy X.B.57A. Cape Cod Canal Section arrived 132030Z. (U.S.P.D. Boston 132115Z to Connav, etc.)

A.T.50. ANDES. Halifax arrived 13th 1711Z. (N.S.H.Q. 132115Z to D. of S.T.)

BAZELY. Message 101906 groups 142 was originated by C.O. working up Base Bermuda. Ottawa's 121544 to Bermuda only refers. (Bermuda C.C.O. 132128P to Admty. B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

Movements. Arrival MONTGOMERY, ST. ALBANS N.S. LACHINE, TIMMINS, TRAIL ex O.N.187, BATTLEFORD from Liverpool. (C. Halifax 132130Z to Admty.)

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Kiwi No. 59. ? Enemy naval unit probably submarine by D/F 2015M/11
13° S. 165° E. Scouts report small A.P. Blackett
Strait 2205M/11. 7 Fortresses escorted by 16
fighters attacked Munda Airfield and Revetment
Area p.m. 9/6. Kahili and Ballale attacked 9/10 with 1/2 ton
bombs from 2 Liberators. A.K. attacked N.W. of Buka a.m. 10/6
East seen listing after strafing and bombing by two Baker 24s.
(C.W.R. Wellington 130015Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. D.N.I.B.A.D.
A.C.N.B. G.H.J.Q. New Delhi.)

Japanese Air Policy. Survey of period from 1st December, 1941 to date.
(R.A.A.F. 130330Z to Air Min.) see Lion Copy.

Digest Serial 7 Beaufighters attacked seaplane base, Taberfaje
No. 509 June 12. Aroe Islands afternoon destroying 6 float planes
and damaging 2 more by ground strafing. One
float Biplane attempting interception was shot
down.

2. 3 Liberators conducting midday armed R/C bombed and damaged
buildings Nabire Aerodrome where nil activity noted. Later
observed 1 gunboat, 2 small merchantmen and about 12 barges
Kaimana Harbour. Near misses on 1 merchant ship. Subsequently
sighted 2 small vessels at Boela (5 miles north of Toeal)
and bombed Langgoer strip.

4. Forenoon R/C observed 5 ships Koepang Harbour including 1 of
2000 tons, others under 500 tons.

5. 1 medium and 5 small merchant ships observed Tonolei Harbour,
afternoon same search sighted 1 medium and 2 small ships in
Matchin Bay South of Buka Passage.

6. 4 ships and some barges sighted Wewak Harbour morning.
Composition possibly same as previous day refer. Digest 508
para. 5.

7. 12 Lightnings encountered 20 Zeros South of Madang mid morning
4 Lightnings engaged and shot down 1 Zero plus probably another.
Half hour later enemy aircraft raided Kainantu (65 miles south
of Madang.)

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 131014Z.)

Movements. Arrivals Sydney 11th U.S. Dest. LAMSON Brisbane
12th WARRAMUNGA Townsville 12th BUNGAREE
Cairns 12th U.S. Patrol Gunboat TULSA.
Departures Darwin 11th INVERELL for Thursday Is.
Sydney 12th U.S. Destroyer CONYNGHAM for Brisbane Townsville 12th
BUNGAREE for Brisbane Cairns 12th SWAN for Milne Bay.
(A.C.N.B. 131327Z to Admty.)

Kiwi No. 60. Japanese A/C made series of unsuccessful attacks
allied task unit South Solomons during 10th Corsaire
and Lightnings destroyed 4 two engined M.Bs. off
North Coast Malaita forced 2 others back from

/objective...

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Kiwi No. 60. objective. 1 medium and 3 small Marus seen at
(Contd.) Tonolei p.m. 12th. 10 Liberators 15 (F) escort
attacked Vila afternoon 10th. Reported over
1000 troops camped Nagovwssi area Bougainville
A.K. seen Matchin Bay South Buka 12th. Air
strength 11th Solomons 30 (F) New Britain 108 (F) remainder
as Kiwi No. 58.
(C.W.R.Wellington 132324Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 131329B, 131331B.)

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Date 13.6.43
From RAAF Command. Recd. 11230

CYPHER TELEGRAM

Addressed Air Min. Whitehall Repeated AHQ India.

IMPORANT.

Japanese Air Policy & Development.

X
WZ21932
At 631 12th June.
Part 1.

Nothing in Airsum 109 June. Airsum 110 9th June. Appears that 100 SE Aircraft swung into Solomons from New Britain on 6 June and 7 June. Attack Russell Island 7th June believed Naval Air while attack WAU l.c. 6 June Army Air. Suggests demarcation functions between 2 services. Relatively heavy enemy losses. Photos Rabaul 4th June enabled first phase interpreters distinguish between light Bombers and T/E Fighters therefore 25 reclassified. Of 42 Aircraft Wewak photos 22 described third phase as "wrecked or unserviceable". High proportion unserviceability observed; several Aerodromes suggests cumulative effect night attacks with unobserved results. Marked increase reconnaissance Woodlark/Entrecasteaux area. Little from NW Sector. Between 26 and 30 May enemy ground forces reported at Wissel Lakes. Analysis Jap attacks on allied Aerodromes in Southwestpac and Sopa from 7th Dec. 41 to present shows distinct changes in methods employed believed not due to development improved enemy tactics but forced on enemy by increasing strong allied interception and ground defences. Also a determining factor is need to preserve medium bomber strength to meet possible allied task forces.

Part 2.

A. SWPA. Phase 1 Dec 1941 to March 1942 period of expansion. Carrier and land based attacks medium Bombers in tight formation 7000 to 20000 feet dive bombers against AA positions and military installations fighters strafing grounded aircraft. First phase depended entirely on total air superiority. Phase 2 March to May 1942 lighter Strafing attacks exploiting weakness of opposition. Phase 3 May to August 1942 daylight escorted attacks with marked lulls in operations indicating that this method imposes strain on resources and foreshadowed ultimate abandonment. Phase 4 August 1942 to present frequent night attacks by small forces policy presumably to preserve aircraft strength not only for future offensive but also to meet possible allied attacks. Brief flare up daylight raids early April.
B. Solomons first phase August to November 1942 heavy daylight raids medium bombers 15 to 20000 feet strong fighter escorts very heavy casualties. Second phase mid November to Mid January. Very little activity. Third phase to present light activity at night with one substantial daylight attack on Russell Island Airfield

under construction and heavy attack Tulagi shipping early April. B? ill nothing. Ends. ~~End of part 2 and end of message.~~

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Task
Group
92.4.

X 1. The U.S. battleships ALABAMA and SOUTH DAKOTA with BERWICK and 5 U.S. destroyers arrived at Hvalfjord at 0019B today.

Operation
F.H.

X 2. CUMBERLAND, BERMUDA, ATHABASCAN and ECLIPSE arrived at Scapa at 1737 today from Barentsburg (see 11th June).

Roseneath
Force.

? 3. A force of landing craft has been placed temporarily under Commodore, Roseneath for working up, pending transfer to an assault force for overseas operations, about 1st August. The force will be known as Roseneath Force.

U/B sunk
by 1st E.G.

4. At 1135Z PELICAN reported that with JED and WEAR, all of the 1st Escort Group supporting Convoy O.N.S.10, she was attacking a submarine which JED had brought to the surface by attack with minol. At 1414Z PELICAN reported the submarine sunk. Wreckage and fresh human remains were seen and samples taken. The position was about 360 miles S.S.W. of Iceland (C).

At 2233Z BITER, of the 1st Escort Group reported that a Liberator aircraft had sighted and attacked a submarine in 57.22 N. 30.20 W.

5. ARVIDA, C.5 Escort Group escorting Convoy O.N.188 has been badly damaged by her own depth charge attack on a U-Boat and is in tow of HESPEIA escorted by COLDSTREAMER, for Iceland (C).

X 6. About 40 enemy aircraft operated over the Humber area between Flamborough Head and Donna Nook in the early hours of this morning. Some fires were caused in the Fish Dock area at Grimsby, and it is possible that minelaying occurred in the area 62 D Buoy to H.3 Buoy to Humber L.V.

X 7. 24 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night off French Biscay ports.

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North Atlantic.

Lisbon -
Gibraltar
coastal
convoy
attacked
by aircraft.

X 8. French corvette ROSELYS reported this morning that her convoy (a group of 6 merchant ships escorted by ROSELYS and Netherlands gunboat FLORES) was attacked by at least 2 Focke Wulfe in 300° St. Vincent 5 miles: a Hudson arrived shortly afterwards. CITY OF LANCASTER was slightly damaged by a near miss.

X 9. A transit Beaufighter reports sighting 5 destroyers in company at 0945B today, steering 223° at high speed in 44.45 N. 08.50 W. (about 50 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegale.)

U/Bs in
Bay of
Biscay.

10. Confirmation that U-Boats are proceeding by day through the Bay of Biscay in groups was obtained by aircraft sightings today. One group of 5 was sighted twice, and two groups of 3 were reported, all outward bound. One group of two inward bound was reported.

11. DAUNTLESS (Eastern Fleet) arrived at Casablanca today en route to U.K. to refit.

South Atlantic.

12. Greek SS. BORIS (Santos for Freetown) is reported to have been torpedoed and sunk at 1950 S.A.T. 3rd June in 07.14 S. 18.41 W. by a submarine believed to be German.

Mediterranean.

13. UNRULY at 0200 today sank a 5000 ton eastbound merchant ship in 38.52 N. 15.27 E. (about 40 miles north of Messina).

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Mediterranean - Contd.

- X 14. 40 parachutists were dropped last night near Benghazi aerodrome. Of these, 19 were killed or captured, for the most part Italians. M.Ls patrolled the coastline without result. (See also 18th June.) Prisoners stated that small parties had landed at several other ports.
- X 15. The evacuation of prisoners and build up of supplies in Pantellaria and Lampedusa continued today by landing craft. Merchant ships are not at present being accepted at Pantellaria for unloading, on account of air attack. During dive-bombing by F.W.190s at Pantellaria today M.G.B.648 and water boat EMPIRE MAIDEN were sunk. There were no naval casualties. Bombing continued all day.
- X TROUBRIDGE landed a naval party at Lampion today. No inhabitants were found on the island and the party re-embarked.
- X 16. 33 Wellingtons of 12th Air Force dropped 68 tons of bombs on Messina railway yards, Ferry Terminal and harbour area last night.
- X 17. The 12th M.S.F. completed today the clearance of the Allied mined area laid by M.T.Bs north of Plane Island. Twelve mines have been cut.

East Indies.

Routeing.

- X 18. The Admiralty today instructed C. in C. Eastern Fleet that ships should not be routed to the U.K. via the Cape if their arrival in the U.K. will be expedited by holding them until the Mediterranean re-opens early in August.
19. S.O.(I) Bombay reports that 8 survivors from SS. MONTANAN (U.S. 4897 tons) landed at Port Okha on 11th June. The ship was torpedoed and sunk in 17.54 N. 58.09 E. at 0735Z/3.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Exercise Your 111929 May and my 141120 para. 3.
 Areas off Request positions of following areas may be
 Londonderry. amended. Area P between latitude 55° 26' and 55°
 22' between long. 06° 45' and 07° 00'. Area Q.
 between lat. 55° 22' and 55° 18' between long. 06°
 45' and 07° 00'. Area F. between lat. 55° 26'
 and 55° 18' between long. 06° 33' and 06° 45'. (2) It is not
 intended to use new Area F. for S/M exercises but consider it
 should still be included in S/M sanctuary.
 (Cdre. D. W.A. 141114B. to C. in C.W.A.)

Biscay Area. X There is evidence of a change of tactics by
 Anti U-Boats in the Bay of Biscay. The passage is now
 U-Boat made in groups on the surface by day and probably
 proposal. submerged by night, with the apparent object of:-
 (a) passing through the area as quickly as
 possible. (b) to take advantage of fighter cover.
 (c) by mutual A/A support to drive off attacking
 aircraft. 2. Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug" H.Q.C.Cs.
 * (page 418) 122257" refers) have been put into operation on account of these
 tactics, and it is considered that the effectiveness of these
 operations will be increased if surface craft are available to
 co-operate (H.Q.C.Cs.131050). 3. It is suggested that, failing
 any evidence of a concentration of U-Boats on the convoy-routes,
 the groups at present allocated to support the Gibraltar convoys
 might be more profitably employed as in para. 2. above, working
 under the control of C. in C. Plymouth in about 45° N. 12° W.
 4. Request your early remarks. [Ref: page 522]
 (D.O.D.H. 141142B. to C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.
 F.O.S.)

EMERALD. EMERALD will be required to leave Clyde for
 Eastern Fleet on 1st July with K.M.F.19. Request
 she be sailed from Scapa accordingly.
 (D.O.D.F. 141730B to C. in C. H.F.)

EGILSAY, Request you will prepare the 21st Trawler Group
 FILLA, H.M.Ts. EGILSAY, FILLA, STAFFA and UNST, for
 STAFF, service in the Mediterranean, and report earliest
 UNST. date when they can sail.
 (A.C.N.S.H. 141815B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

HUGH WALPOLE, Admiralty 140104. HUGH WALPOLE, STAFNES, CAPE
 STAFNES, PORTLAND.
 CAPE PORTLAND. (C. in C. W.A. 141816B to Admiralty.)

Operational X The following operational flotillas are to form
 Landing-Craft at Roseneath as soon as craft and personnel are
 Flotillas. available, and are to be worked up by the
 (Roseneath Commodore, Roseneath, pending transfer to an
 Force.) assault force for overseas operations.
 2. Flotilla No. Composition.
 593 5 L.C.A. 1 L.C.S.(M) 2 L.C.M.(1)
 594 5 L.C.A. 1 L.C.S.(M) 2 L.C.M.(1)
 595 5 L.C.A. 1 L.C.S. (M)

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Operational	596	12 L.C.A.	1 L.C.S.	(M)
Landing-Craft	597	13 L.C.A.	1 L.C.S.	(M)
Flotillas.	598	13 L.C.A.	1 L.C.S.	(M)
(Roseneath	599	13 L.C.A.	2 L.C.S.	(M)
Force.)	698	14 L.C.M.	(1)	
(Contd.)	699	12 L.C.M.	(3) or (1) Type as available)	
	799	10 L.C.P.	(R) with spreaders.	

Total:- 66 L.C.A, 8 L.C.S. (M), 18 L.C.M. (1), 12 L.C.M. (3) 10 L.C.P. (R).

3. Separate signals will be made ordering actual formation of each flotilla. Meanwhile a supply of L.C.A, L.C.S. (M), and L.C.M. (1) will be commenced to S.O.A.S.C. for subsequent allocation to above. 4. It is possible that No.699 L.C.M. and No.799 L.C.P. (R) Flotillas will have to be formed out of Roseneath's No.462 and 463 Ancillary flotillas respectively, but this will be confirmed later. Meanwhile requirements in my 112042 June remain unaltered. 5. Above is additional to P.M.U. (C.O.) No.2 but is not being further promulgated as such. 6. Target-date for these flotillas to have completed working up is August 1st. They may be known collectively for time being as Roseneath Force.
(C.C.O. 142124B to Cdre. Roseneath.)

Movements.

ONSLAUGHT. Seidisfjord arrival 2000B/13 ONSLAUGHT.
(A.C.I.C. 140243B.)
Seidisfjord departure at 0858B/14 ONSLAUGHT.
(A.C.I.C. 141308B.)

S/M Intend to sail H.44, with Convoy C.E.184 leaving
movements. Portsmouth 16th June for Sheerness. (2) Request special escort in accordance with C.A.F.O. 1084/42 (Capt. S.5 140931B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Intend to sail P.511, H.32, H.34 escorted by

BLADE at 2000/15th from Rothesay to Lough Foyle buoy, E.T.A. 0800/16.

(Capt. S.7. 141149B.)

S.3s. 101033B para. 2. as amended by S.3s. 121209B. Sailing delayed till 1500B/14. E.T.A. Hoxa 2200B/14. (P.65).

(S.O. S/M Lerwick 141245B to F.O.I.C. N.I.)

My 122221B. After TRUANT add ULTIMATUM. Amend first E.T.A. 1300B/16. Second E.T.A. to 0400B/18th. Add to para. (1) ULTIMATUM for onward escort as arranged by Captain S.9.

(Capt. S.3. 141345B to F.O.S.)

Capt. (S) 3 101033 and 121209. CUTTY SARK and SHAD sailed 1500B. My 141245 refers.

(S.O. S/M Lerwick 141503B.)

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/15 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 141714B, 142249B, 150854B.)

PROTEUS escorted by WHITE BEAR in the Irish Sea Northbound to Clyde. TRUANT escorted by BREDA sailed Rothesay at 2100B/14 Northbound to Minches 11 knots.

(C. in C. W.A. 141821B to FUSILIER, ARAB, etc.)

Sailed TRUANT and ULTIMATUM escorted by BREDA in accordance with S.3s. 122221B as amended by his 141345B.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock 142116B.)

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Landing Admiralty 101616. Intend sailing Flight H, A.M.
 Craft 16th June.
 Flight H. (C. in C. Plymouth 141015B to Admty. F.O.I.C.Gib.)
 My 141015. Ships now fit for sea are L.C.1. (L)
 245, L.C.T. (4) 542, 595 M.F.V.12, tug ABEILLE 4.
 2. L.C.T. (4) 587 has both engines out of action
 and L.C.T. (4) 606 has one engine out of action. Earliest
 possible date readiness for sea 17th June and this cannot be
 guaranteed.) 3. L.C.T. (4) 624 arrived Plymouth a.m. 14th with
 engine defects necessitating 2 new engines. No estimate date of
 completion can yet be given. 4. LOCH OSKAIG has arrived with
 long list of defects including necessities for fumigating also
 damage to rudder and A/S dome which may necessitate docking.
 She is unfit for escort for this flight. 5. Alternative
 proposals are (A) sail flight with ILFRACOMBE as escort as soon
 as ILFRACOMBE is ready. Probably sailing date would be a.m.
 20th June (b) sail flight on 17th June with whatever ships are
 ready that date with TADOUSSAC or SHIPIGAN as Escort.
 6. Alternative (A) is recommended. Request confirm if this is
 accepted.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 142129B to Admiralty.)

MIDDLETON. Hvalfiord arrival MIDDLETON (C. in C. H.F.122216
 refers.)
 (A.C.I.C. 141200B to C. in C. H.F.)

RENOWN. Cancel my 021705B. Progress of machinery trials
 will not permit ship being ready to sail on 16th
 owing to incidence of minor defects. Expected
 ready to sail p.m. 20th or p.m.21st.
 (RENOWN 141401B to C. in C. H.F.)

KENT,
 JAMAICA. C. in C. H.F. 122216B. Intend to proceed in KENT
 with JAMAICA and MIDDLETON in company passing
 Hvalfiord boom at 1945B/15th. (2) Route through
 Reykjanes passage and 000° Butt of Lewis 10 miles,
 S.O.A. 16 knots. (3) Request Home Gates 1615B/17th.
 (C.S.1. 141406B.)

WORTHING. Intend sailing WORTHING to Hvalfiord 2200/14.
 (A.C.O.S. 141504 to A.C.I.C.)
 Scapa departure. WORTHING. E.T.A. 0900/17.
 (A.C.O.S. 142158 to A.C.I.C.)

BRITOMART. BRITOMART arrived Dvina Bar.
 (S.B.N.O. Archangel 141711B.)

CUMBERLAND,
 BERMUDA. Scapa arrivals CUMBERLAND, BERMUDA, ATHABASKAN,
 and ECLIPSE.
 (A.C.O.S. 141737.)

CHARYBDIS. E.T.A. 0800/15th. Capt. (D) 23 in company.
 (CHARYBDIS 141902B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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B. Group. Ships of group B. are to arrive Larne 0800B/18 and are to return to their respective bases on completion of exercise.
(C. in C. W.A. 142327B.)

Operations.

SOUTH DAKOTA, Hvalfiord arrival Task Group 92.4 and BERWICK.
ALABAMA, (A.C.I.C. 140019B to H.F.)
BERWICK.
(Operation
F.H.)

Coastal Patrols. My 130958B. "Device" returned 0517.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 140525B.)
My 131535B. Patrol B arrived.
(C. in C. Plymouth 140551B.)
Your 131535B. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 140648 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

1. Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.) 303, and 182 to patrol tonight on latitude 50° 29' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S.382 and leave patrol line at dawn/15th returning via Q.Z.S.382. 3. Object Anti E Boat Patrol. Code word "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 141038B.)
1. Patrol A. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 153, 157, and 159 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107°. Start 17 miles.
2. Codeword "Wheel". 3. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 115, 112 and 75 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
4. Codeword "Stencil". 5. Patrols are to sail from Dartmouth to reach patrol-lines by 2330B. Leave patrol-lines for Dartmouth 0430B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 141503B.)
2. Patrol to Southward of E.A.5 Buoy. (a) M.G.Bs. 611 (SO) 615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX, sailing from Newhaven or (b) ALBRIGHTON BLEASDALE. 3. At short notice. (a) BLEASDALE, STEVENSTONE at Yarmouth or (b) M.G.Bs. 611, 615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX at Newhaven. 4. M.L. 346, 572 patrolling in Eastern Approach Channel. 5. CHASSEUR 5 at St. Helens. KINGSTON TURQUOISE at Yarmouth. 6. M.L. 269 (SO) 303, 182 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portland 141518B.)
1. Anti E-Boat patrol to-night on latitude 50° 25' N. between, 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. from 2345B to 0400B to be carried out (A) if weather is suitable for coastal forces by M.G.Bs. 611 (SO) 615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX. BLEASDALE, STEVENSTONE. Immediate notice at Yarmouth. (B) If unsuitable for coastal forces by BLEASDALE, ALBRIGHTON. M.G.Bs. at ¼ hour and S.G.Bs. at ½ hours notice at Newhaven. STEVENSTONE at immediate notice at Yarmouth. 2. Decision will be signalled at about 2000B. 3. M.Ls. 346 and 572 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. 5. Communications. Patrol A. Codeword "Advent". Patrol B. Codeword "Object".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 141524B.)

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M.Ls. 275 and 141 patrolling at Bullock Bank.
M.G.Bs. S.2. and S.1, patrolling at Bullock Bank
E.T.D.2215 E.T.R. 0515/15. M.G.Bs. 117 and 119
patrolling at "V" Buoy E.T.D. Ramsgate 2300,
E.T.R. 0430/15th.
(V.A. Dover 141715B.)

My 141524 para. 1. Carry out patrol (B). Negative
STEVENSTONE at Yarmouth.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 141912B.)

Night encounter exercise 3.C. to 4.A. 2315B to 0015B WALPOLE
and M.G.Bs. 89, 84. Proceeding to patrol and Z.15 respectively
on completion.

(C. in C. Nore 141940B. to S.E.E.C.C.D.)

Your 141503B "Wheel" and "Stencil" sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 142214B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

My 141038B. "Device" sailed at 2235.

(F.O.I.C. Portland 142244B.)

Your 141503B. "Stencil" returned owing to weather.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 142324B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

S/M
Patrols.

You will recall TALLY HO, TRUCULENT, to arrive
Lerwick 17th June, SEADOG and SATYR to arrive
Lerwick 18th June.

(F.O.S. 141231B to Capt. S.9.)

Remain in vicinity of 045° N. 006° W. until further
instructions. 2. Evidence is that enemy S/Ms. are proceeding in
groups on surface by day and probably submerged by night.

3. Own A/C are carrying out intensive operations tonight.

(F.O.S. 141624B to USURPER.)

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/15 and movements for following
24 hours. (A) HADDO 46° 00' N. 34° 17' W. dived as much as
practicable to pass through 45° 58' N. 34° 02' W. at 1600/15th
and 48° 50' N. 31° 01' W. at 1600/17th. (B) HAKE vicinity 47°
57' N. 35° 51' W. (C) BARB approx. 49° 55' N. 34° 58' W. dived
as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 48° 50' N. 37° 35' W.
(D) BLACKFISH approx. 49° 52' N. 32° 01' W. dived as much as
practicable to patrol vicinity 47° 02' N. 35° 30' W. (E) TALLY HO
vicinity 65° 20' N. 01° 15' E. (F) TRUCULENT vicinity 64° 20' N.
00° 59' E. (G) SEADOG vicinity 63° 30' N. 01° 01' E. (H) SATYR
vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 30' E. (L) USURPER vicinity 45° N. 006° W.

(F.O.S. 141714B to Admty.)

S/Ms. are to leave patrol for Lerwick as follows:-

(1) TALLY HO and TRUCULENT at 0400B/15th June through.

(X) 063° 18' N. 000° 40' W. (Y) 090° Muckle Flugga 6 miles to

arrive 17th June. 2. SEADOG and SATYR at 2200B/16th June through

(Z) 090° Muckle Flugga 10 miles to arrive 18th June. 3. S/Ms.

are to dive as much as possible N. of 062° N.

(Capt. S.9. 141755B to S/Ms.)

My 141624. Resume passage to Gibraltar at 0800B/15.

2. Estimate you will pass latitude 043° N. at 2300B/18th.

(F.O.S. 141926B to USURPER.)

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Allied Air Activity.

Attack on U-Boat on 11th June. X In Denmark Straits. See U-Boats.

Search for A/C in Sea. Whitley in sea in 049° 10' N. 006° 20' W. at 2000/14. R M/L 526 and 530 sailed from Scilly Isles at 2100/14th to search. Detach IROQUOIS forthwith to rescue. If nothing sighted by 0600/15 IROQUOIS return to Plymouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 142155B to CHARYBDIS.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Grimsby bombed. X Between 0125 and 0239/14th approx. 40 enemy A/C were over Humber Area between Flamborough Head and Donna Nook. A few of these A/C dropped numerous incendiaries and a few H.Es. in Grimsby causing several fires in Fish Dock Area. No damage or casualties to Naval Property or personnel except broken windows but fire in Fish Market is not yet under control. Minelaying may have taken place in area 62D Buoy to H3 Buoy to Humber L/V but no reports have been received. (F.O. Humber 140232B.)

Night of 13/14th June. (A) Approximately 40 hostile aircraft were plotted approaching Humber at 0132. Incendiaries were reported in Grimsby at 0146. 16 baskets were lit at IM.I. and 36 at GR.I. at 0150. (B) Yes. (C) The night was clear with $\frac{3}{4}$ moon and large fires were started in Grimsby, where A.P. bombs were dropped, but site IM.I. drew 83 exploded and 5 unexploded A.P. bombs.

(F.O. Humber 141440B to Admty.)

A/C attacked. Am being attacked by 2 Ju.88 in 45° 24' N. 10° 25' W. (A/C 228 Sq. Duty V. 141005 to 19 Group.)

CHARYBDIS. You were probably reported by Zenit aircraft at 0845. (D.D.I.C. 141025B to CHARYBDIS.)

Mining.

SCOTT. Sailed SCOTT. (TRELAWNEY 140601B.)

Lyme Bay. Intend sailing at 1700B tomorrow with HYDRA and three trawlers to commence operation. Anchoring for the night in Torbay. (HOUND 141614B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Flushing. Photographs taken on 13th June show no significant change since D/674 taken earlier same day. One 'M' Class Minesweeper, 12 Auxiliaries, visible in parts of port not cloud obscured. Vlissingen A/F 2 small A/C visible. (R.A.F. Medmenham 141510B.) /U-Boats...

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U-Boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. Am over enemy S/M within 3 miles of estimated 45° 45' N. 09° 29' W. (A/C F3JT 140859 to 19 Group). Enemy S/M was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. (A/C F3JT 141036B to 19 Group.) Am over enemy S/M within 3 miles of 43° 57' N. 10° 17' W. Course 270° speed 10 knots. (A/C 10 O.T.U. Duty E. 141550B to 19 Group.) Am over enemy submarine within five miles of 44° 51' N. 10° 24' W. course 110° speed 5 knots. (A/C 10 O.T.U. Duty E. 141640B to 19 Group.) Am over enemy S/M within 3 miles of 45° 02' N. 09° 19' W. at 1605B, Course 260°, speed 14 knots. (A/C Y3UG No T.O.O. Recd. 1645/14 to 19 Group.) Following received from aircraft. Sighted 3 (three) S/Ms. in 45.47 N. 10.17 W. course 25° speed 15 knots. T.O.O. 1657B. (O.A.C. Glos. 141837B to A.M., D.O.N.C.)

U-Boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic. U-Boat sunk by E.G.I. See Shipping. D/F bearings at 1311Z indicate U-Boat within 40 miles of 62° 20' N. 03° 30' E. (D.D.I.C. 141601B to S/Ms.) A.M. 141601. Further bearings fix this U-Boat in 64° N. 5° E. radius 50 miles. (D.D.I.C. 141740B to S/Ms.) Patrol position by K/A/B/D/84 from 0909/13 to 2040/13 during which K/84 attacked first U-Boat at 1133/13 in 59° 05' N. 26° 07' W. with one 600/20 lb. DCJ. At 1345/13 K/84 sighted second U/B. surfaced in 58° 53' N. 26° 38' W. 270/8 kts. and attacked with 2 325 lb. G. RPE D/BS3 fitted nose spoilers set 25ft. in salvo 75 ft. During this attack U/B. fired with M.G. aft of conning-tower and hit the A/C. but after release of D/Bs. enemy fire ceased and U/B. submerged. K/84 then came round again and dropped one 325 lb. T/B nose-spoiler set 25 ft. which landed 75 feet ahead of swirl and in line with U/Bs. track. Nothing seen further. (R.A.F. Iceland 121843B to H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boat sunk by A/C.R.206 on 11th June. × Left Benbecula 0715/11th. At 1110 hours position 64° 00' N. 10° 45' W. R/206 sight U-Boat about 7 miles ahead on C.O. 230° U-Boat sighted visually from 1500'. U-Boat increased speed and attempted evasive tactics by short sharp turns to port and starboard. R/206 immediately went into attack and received many hits. R/206 pressed home attack in spite of severe damage and dropped it is believed 4 D.Cs. D.Cs. straddled U-Boat 2 on port side and 2 on starboard. U-Boat completely enveloped by explosion upheavals. Photographs taken of attack, but cameras lost in subsequent crash of R/206. When next seen U-Boat was at right-angles to its track at time of bombing. Bows of U-Boat were seen to be vertically out of water some 30' for approx. 10 seconds and then U-Boat slid down very steeply stern first. R/206 attacked with cannon fire on all possible occasions. R/206 turned and again approached scene of attack and saw 20/30 survivors of the U-Boat in the water some were shaking their fists and other were lying prone and seemed prostrate. Many had faces covered in oil. At this moment No.2

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sunk by
A/C R.206
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Engine started giving trouble appearing to have been shaken from its mountings with the townsend ring riddled by A/A fire. No. 1 and No. 2 engines were also giving trouble due to suspected damage by enemy action of throttle controls. A/C unable maintain height, ditched within three minutes after attack. A/C sank in about 90 seconds. R/206 managed to get out M.T.B. 465 - 225 - followed by position and speed of U/Boat and S.O.S. No Hun survivors seen after ditching. Crew of R/206 were going to dinghy stations when A/C ditched - port dinghy inflated, starboard dinghy failed to inflate properly. All crew scrambled into port dinghy - no food or water no pyrotechnics. Towards 2000hrs. 11th June an American Catalina sighted dinghy R/206 and after an hour and a half circling dinghy came in to attempt landing. A/C hit big wave - starboard propellor flew off and A/C burrowed its nose deep into sea. The Americans were seen to be standing up and arranging dinghies for about 15/20 minutes. A/C still afloat and was abandoned with tail fin projecting above water. Two dinghies were used by American crew and, throughout Friday night and next day, they appeared to be within 2 miles of dinghy R/206. Towards evening 12th June, gale sprang up and during night contact lost with Americans and they were not seen again. A/C patrols were seen throughout 13th June until approx. 1700 hrs., when all A/C disappeared. Sunderland G/330 made valiant and praiseworthy attempts to land on sea but was unsuccessful. On 14th June first A/C seen was Fortress E of 206 at 0600 hrs., then a Catalina, then 2 Hampdens, another Fortress A/220, then a Hudson. All made attempts to drop supplies, a small number being successful - survivors were able to pick up. At 1214 hours Catalina L/190 made successful landing in spite of extremely difficult circumstances. Dinghy survivors were taken aboard and L/190 was airborne at 1334 hours for Sullom Voe. L/190 waterborne Sullom Voe 1633/14th. List of survivors given on SUL/04/14/June 1943. No logs saved from crash of R/206 and narrative compiled from statements made from memory by W/Cdr. Thomson and F/O Clark. Crew are too badly shaken and suffering from shock and exposure to enable a U.B.A.T. Form to be completed.
(Sullom Voe 141950B to H.Q.C.C.)

Technical.C.S.A.
Trials.

WAXO 3. Insufficient ships equipped for C.S.A. trials are available for O.N.189 or O.N.190. Intend to discontinue trials on westbound convoys until analysis has been made of the five trials carried out or in progress. Consider ships already fitted should retain equipment in a state of readiness.
(C. in C. W.A. 141531Z to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

Dinghy.

Departure H.S.L.2551 at 132048. Returned at 140117 having successfully rescued eight men from dinghy in 53° 19' N. 01° 57' E.
(F.O.I.C.Gt. Yarmouth 140158B)

/ Unknown...

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Unknown Ship. Received 0145Z De Barra Head Lighthouse. Have seen distress signal about 1-1/2 miles N. Barra Head Light House. Please inform Castle Bay Lifeboat. (Port Patrick Radio 140345B to Greenock.)

Dinghy. Dinghy sighted 63.42 N. 10.50 W. (A/C 8 G.M.43. 140840 to Inverness R.A.F.)

UNTAMED. Received from RANGER. Weather still unfavourable and unable to make progress. (Port Patrick Radio 140932B to F.O.I.C.Greenock.)

ARVIDA. Your 141127. O.N.188. P.C.S. at 2000, 057° 45' N. 024° 03' W. 263° 8 knots. Propose exchange be made commencing 0500/15. ARVIDA in tow HESPERIA escorted by COLDSTREAMER proceeding Iceland. Badly damaged by own depth charge attack. (KOOTENAY 141315Z to C. in C. W.A.)
P.C.S. 2000Z/14 058° 29' N. 022° 11' W. 358° 8 knots in tow of HESPERIA escorted by COLDSTREAMER. Hull leaking and No.1 Gen. Service Pump broken. Water at present under control and may be able to proceed independently later. (ARVIDA 142021Z to A.C.I.C.)

PRINCE CHARLES. C. in C. Portsmouth 131640. PRINCE CHARLES. Feed Heater. During test of newly-jointed doors this afternoon, a number of tubes developed leaks. It is anticipated that repairs and final tests will be completed in time for the ship to sail at 0800/18th. (F.O.I.C. Southampton 141725 to Admty.)

Shipping & Convoys.

PRAGUE. Intend sailing transports PRAGUE and BEN MY CHREE escorted by CHARLESTOWN at 2200/16th June, speed 16 knots, routed 5 miles East Fair Is., 058° 56' N. 002° 27' W. E.T.A. 0330/17. Thence in company with AMSTERDAM. E.T.A. Invergordon 0930. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 141045B to A.C.O.S.)

BEN MY CHREE.

O.N.S.10. U-Boat sunk by JED and PELICAN of E.G.1. JED attacked S/M which surfaced. PELICAN, JED, and WEAR hunting S/M 270° 20 miles from O.N.S.10. (PELICAN 141135Z to C. in C. W.A.) Preliminary D/F bearings at 0924Z and 1013 indicate one or two U/Bs. in general vicinity O.N.S.10. (D.D.I.C. 141257B to Escorts O.N.S.10 and E.G.1.) My 141135Z. S/M sunk. First S.G. swept out on H/F D/F Bearings. JED gained A/C contact and S/M broke surface after first attack with Minol. JED carried out second attack and PELICAN third, after which much wreckage and fresh human remains on surface of which samples have been

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- O.N.S.10. taken. Large quantities of oil bubbles still rising from same position two hours after last attack.
U-Boat sunk by JED and PELICAN of E.G.I. (Contd.) (PELICAN 141414Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Liberator aircraft sighted and attacked S/M in 057° 22' N. 030° 20' W.
(BITER 142233Z to Admty. C. in C. W.A.)
- S.C.133. S.C.133 at 1210Z 056° 08' N. 030° 37' W. 080° 8½. WOODSTOCK parted company to join O.N.188. (C.4. 141201Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- P.W.354. PYTCHLEY is to proceed ahead of convoy escorting SAN UBALDO at best speed to Milford Haven. (C. in C. Plymouth 141325B to Escorts P.W.354.)
Your 141749B. SAN UBALDO and PYTCHLEY to remain with convoy during the night.
(C. in C. Plymouth 141953B to HOLDERNESS.)
- W.S.31/K.M.F.17. A.M. 121842B. Sails Bar light vessel 1030Z/19th. Commodore rendezvous noon 20th June. 055° 38' 008° 32' noon 21st 052° 18' 013° 56'.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey 141455Z.)
- Escort Carriers. X It is intended that date for a carrier being ready for service after working-up shall be promulgated by signal from F.O.C.T. 14 days after the arrival of the carrier in Clyde.
This date to be confirmed during the final week allowed for working-up.
(F.O.C.T. 141532B to Admty.)
- P.S.15. P.S. and S.P.15 cancelled.
S.P.15. (C. in C. Portsmouth 141603B.)
- K.M.F.19. My 131253 and 131527. (1) As NITH is delayed SWALE is to sail with K.M.F.19 on July first as far as Gibraltar. (2) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested subsequently to sail SWALE to join O.S.51 for Freetown. (3) Intend to relieve SWALE in F.O.C.W.Af's. command by the first new construction Frigate available.
(C. in C. W.A. 141636 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- S.L.131. Request you will sail SAPPER to U.K. with S.L.131.
SAPPER. (C. in C. W.A. 141731B to F.O.I.C. Gib.)
- F.S.40 S. F.S.40 (S) All arrived except SS. MAURICE ROSE believed in Methil.
(N.C.S.O. Thames 141824B.)

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- O.N.189. Leave Lough Foyle 2100Z/15th and proceed to Reykjavik arriving June 17th. S.O.A. is to be 15 knots weather permitting. C. in C.W.A. 101249Z refers.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 142020B to MANSFIELD.)
- BANFORA. S.D.41 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 142054B to A.C.I.C.)
- O.N.188. TWEED is to remain with O.N.188 until WOODSTOCK joins. KOOTENAY's 141315 refers. (See casualties
(C. in C. W.A. 142127Z to Escorts O.N.188.)

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SEVERN Your 132146. No aircraft based Gib. attacked.
(attacked by (2) Total bombing restriction arranged.
A/C). (F.O.C.Gib. 140112 to SEVERN (R) F.O.S. Capt.
(S) 8).
SEVERN 132146. Attack was very probably made by
Sunderland aircraft which reported attacking a
submarine at that time though in estimated approx. position 042
degs. 12' north 010 degs. 48' West.
(F.O.(S) 140401B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) SEVERN, Capt.(S) 8,
H.Q.C.C. Admty.).
U-Boats in Mediterranean. One between Alboran and Oran.
One off Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 142231B to SEVERN (R) Capt.(S) 8).
Convoy C.G.36 approaching Q.K.A.87 from South westward at
1200B/15th. Small craft convoy 037 degs. 10' North 010 degs. 30'
West at 0800B/15th bound Gibraltar 6 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 142243B to SEVERN).

ROSELYS Convoy Codeword "Detest". I am being attacked by
A/C three enemy A/C position 300 degs. St. Vincent 5
attack. miles course of convoy 189 degs. speed 8 knots.
(ROSELYS F.S. 140605Z).
My 140605Z. Last attack be one Focke Wolf
Kourier at 0708Z. Hudson arrived 0725Z. No
casualties.
(F.S. ROSELYS 140801Z to F.O.I.C Gibraltar).

Movements ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, HOGGAR, ANTELOPE,
Casablanca MALCOLM, DUMONT DURVILLE, LA GRANDIERE, arrived
1100A/14.
(U.S.) Cdr. Moroccan Sea Frontier 141008 to
Admty. (R) F.O.C.W.A. etc.).

Dispositions Situation 2001B/14th. Patrol craft 471, 480, 2
merchant ships 033 degs. 39' 009 degs. 07' to
Casablanca 8.
(2) SEVERN 037 degs. 07' 009 degs. 18' through
036 degs. 51' (?009 degs.) 13' at 2115/14, 036 degs. 37' 007
degs. 24' at 0500/15th and 035 degs. 53' 006 degs. 15' at (? 10)
30 15th thence through Straits. Speed 11½ until 0715/15th
thereafter 14. SEVERN has been forced to dive by A/C and may
proceed diving by day at present estimated to be 12 hours astern
of position.
(3) B.Y.M.S. 19, L.S.T. 421, 032 degs. 57' 009 degs. 29' through
033 degs. 23' 009 degs. 15' to Casablanca 9.
(4) F.F.S. ROSELYS, D.S. FLORES 6 Merchant ships 036 degs. 36'
007 degs. 21' to Gibraltar 8.
(5) C.G. 36, ST. NECTAN 2 P.Cs. 034 degs. 31' 007 degs. 34'
through 035 degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' to Gibraltar 7.
(6) PIROUETTE, SCOTTISH 035 degs. 07' 007 degs. 04' through
034 degs. 01' 008 degs. 02' thence 249 degs. to R/V U.G.S.9.9.

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- Dispositions (7) U.G.S.9. C.T.F. 69, 033 degs. 22' 010 degs. (Contd.). 03' through 034 degs. 01' 008 degs. 02' where Schooner Section part company thence 036 degs. 8.8.
- (8) S.S. MONKLEIGH (?032 degs.) 20' 009 degs. 51' through 033 degs. 25' 009 degs. 15' to Casabianca 7.
- (9) 3 Portuguese submarines one unit exercising in area off Cezimbra June 14th to 18th.
- (10) X.K.7, MOLDE, sails (?Gibraltar? 0900/15th through Q.K.A. 87 and 035 degs. 46' 006 degs. 25' thence 281 degs.6. (F.O. Gibraltar 141145B).
Situation report 1959B/14.
O.S.49 KEPPEL 032 degs. 27' 010 degs. 21' (?114 degs.) 8.
- (2) Small craft convoy SHEPPEY 038 degs. 41' 011 degs. 19' 152 degs. 5½.
- (3) Small craft convoy SOUTHERN GEM 041 degs. 53' 013 degs. 33' 152 degs.6.
- (4) S.L.130, SCARBOROUGH 039 degs. 56' 015 degs. 55' through 040 degs. 01' 016 degs. 01' thence 359 degs.6½.
- (6) Hospital ship ATLANTIS 042 degs. 45' 016 degs. 05' 014 degs. 14½.
- (7) ADVENTURE 041 degs. 17' 013 degs. 01' through 040 degs. 01' 013 degs. 01' thence 149 degs. 17.
- (8) U.C.3. Cdr. U.S. Task Group 21.6, 044 degs. 28' 014 degs. 30' 180 degs. 14.
(F.O. Gibraltar 141157B).
- (?) Transit Beaufighter reports sighting five Enemy destroyers. 44.45 North 08.50 West, 223 degs. high speed. Almost white. One funnel. Sighted at ten miles from 6000 feet. 5/10 cloud.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141527B to Admty. etc.).
- Phosphates B.N.A. Madrid's 121830. (Re loading phosphates). for Spain. Request you will reply.
(2) No objection to suggested procedure.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141556B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. etc.).
- SOUTHERN A/S Whaler SOUTHERN GEM, escorting Flight "E", GEM. should, after arrival Gibraltar about 17th June, be sailed at first opportunity to rejoin West African Command.
(D.A./S.W. 141604B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.W.A. F.O.C.W.A.).
- ORDUNA Request you will sail ORDUNA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, HIGHLAND escorted by MALCOLM and ANTELOPE to Gibraltar PRINCESS. when ready.
(2) Route. From Q.K.A. 102 through (A) 35.20 N. 07.30 W. (B) 35.45 N. 06.35 W. and Q.K.A.87.
(3) C.M.S.F.F. pass to ANTELOPE and MALCOLM.
(F.O. Gibraltar 141625B to Commorseafon).

/ACAFIA....

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Routeing
of Hospital
Ships.

Hospital Ship ACAFIA endeavoured to pass through Strait on June 13th en route New York to Oran.
 (2) No information of this movement had been received at Gibraltar, consequently ship was ordered into Gibraltar and subsequently routed to Oran.
 (3) Master reported he had no routeing instructions in Mediterranean.
 (4) Request movements of this nature may be communicated to me in order to ensure proper briefing of aircrews and to keep my operational plot up to date.
 (5) Hospital ships should normally call at Gibraltar to obtain onward route in Mediterranean.
 (F.O. Gibraltar 141626 to B.A.D. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. Comnavnaw, Cominch C and R).

Axis
Shipping
Bilbao.

Arrival 12th SPES, LINETTE, PLUS, ULTRA, MONTE BUSTELO, DUERO. Arrival 13th BANKA, THRIANTHA, JACQUELINE, MAGALLANES. Departure 11th CAMPAS, ULIA, LUIS ADARO. Departure 12th PRESIDENT DE LAVIT, REGEJA. Departure 12th BORDSEE, CABO MENOR.
 (Consul Bilbao 141720 to Admty.).
 W.R. Note. Passed to F.O.S. H.Q.C.C. C. in C.W.A. and C. in C. Plymouth).

DAUNTLESS

Request you sail DAUNTLESS when ready to U.K.
 (2) Route (A) 36.50 North 13.16 West. (B) 40.01 North 13.50 West. (C) 45.01 North 13.50 West, thence as ordered by Admiralty. S. of A. 17 knots.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141735B to Commorseafon (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Plymouth, DAUNTLESS, Admty.).
 DAUNTLESS arrived 14th June.
 (Commorseafon 141814 to Comar Dakar (R) F.O.C.W.Af. etc.).

BORDSEE

BORDSEE sailed 0420 June 14th.
 (Consul Bilbao 141820 to M.E.W.).

A/C attack
on convoy
off Portugal.

German aircraft attacked British convoy of 7 ships and 2 escorts off Aboukin at 0915 today. British aircraft arrived 0920 and German aircraft left. Ships apparently undamaged. German aircraft was later seen off Tagres flying Northeast.
 (2) Another German aircraft seen off Cape Roca at 0845 and 0855 flying North.
 (3) 2 German aircraft seen off mouth of river Minho (Northern border of Portugal) at 1000 and 1020.
 (4) All times G.M.T. A.O.
 (N.A. Lisbon 141853B to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty.).

ZE MANEL

Following is a repetition of my 141900.
 (begins)- Portuguese ZE MANEL 926 g.t. speed 8 knots, usual markings on side, sailed 1840/14th

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MANEL.
(Contd.) for Marseilles by approved route to Cape Sebastian thence coastwise with prisoners of war parcels. Not to be molested this voyage. (ends) (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141921 to 8th S/M F. ARETHUSE, CASABIANCA).

Convoy Intend sailing X.K.7. consisting of AQUILLA, X.K.7. five ships and AIMWELL towing stern of PORCUPINE at 0900B/June 15th routed through L.A.35 degs. 46' North 06 degs. 25' West L.B. 36 degs. 18' North 09 degs. 48' West. L.C.42 degs. 30' North 15.26 West. L.D. 45.00 North 15.15 west thence as ordered by Admiralty. Estimated maximum towing speed six knots.
(2) Escorts MOLDE, HUDDERSFIELD TOWN, CYCLAMEN.
(3) Codeword "Salvage".
(4) Admiralty pass to H.Q.C.C. (Passing action being taken by W.R.).
(F.O. Gibraltar 141937B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.).

TRUSTY Sailing TRUSTY unescorted at ?161600B on surface 11½ knots routed (m) 035 degs. 49' 006 degs. 06½' at 161920 (x) 035 degs. 53' 006 degs. 15' at 162000 (w) 036 degs. 37' 007 degs. 24' at 170210 (y) 036 degs. 51' 009 degs. 13' at 171000 (u) 038 degs. 50' 010 degs. 28' at 172120.
TRUSTY diving by day starting 180600 at 110 miles per day. Speed on surface 9.6 knots, speed diving 2½ knots.
(s) 043 degs. 01' 010 degs. 28' at 192200 shifting W/T watch at 192200 thence as ordered by F.O.S. E.T.A. position (p) at 241500.
(2) W/T watch.
(3) TRUSTY is painted dark green.
(4) F.O.S/Ms. 1149/8/1942 (A) 3 mark 8 and 6 mark (?4).
(B) 9.6 knots (110 miles per day). (C) TRUSTY has no periscopes. 100 per cent fuel. (D) (1) 1 (2) 5.
(5) All times Zone minus 2 .Positions North and West.
(6) Admiralty pass to Capt.(S) 9.
(F.O. Gibraltar 141941B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.S. TRUSTY, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 3. Capt.(S) 9.)

L.S.T.421. Comar Dakar 081232Z ø June. Amend para.2. to read B.Y.M.S.19. 1100Z/16.
(L.S.T.421 142015Z to Commorseafron).
ø (Re intention to sail L.S.T.421 and B.Y.M.S.19 to Casablanca E.T.A. 1100/15).

Movements June 14th. Arrivals DAUNTLESS from Freetown. Casablanca. ANTELOPE, MALCOLM, DUMONT, DURVILLE, LA GRANDIERE, with S.R.5. from Dakar. Departures ST. NECTAN, FR. CHASSEUR 2, P.Cs. 475 and 472 with C.G.26. (Commorseafron 142134 to C. in C. Med.).

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FROBISHER. Sailed FROBISHER flying the Flag C.S.4. C.S.4's 131501 (not to Admiralty) refers. E.T.A. Kilindini 0551¹/₂Z/18th June.
(Cdre. i/c Durban 140628Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. F.O.E.A. Navyafloat, Kilindini.)

B.Y.M.S. Sailed 0700Z/14th June. B.Y.M.S. 11,12,20 and 28 Freetown 10¹/₂ knots, E.T.A. 1400Z/17th June. Route "Bayswater" W/T continuous watch on group FT. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi 140812Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals 1825Z/13th June BIRDLIP. 1539Z/12th Freetown. June ARMERIA returned with engine defects. (S.O.I. Freetown 140907Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty. R.N.O. Lagos.)

Movements, Arrived 0830Z F.S. QUERCY, SNOWDROP, M.Ls. 278, Dakar. 209 and AIR FRANCE 3. (Comar Dakar 140916Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2002Z/14th June. PORTSDOWN, INKPEN, LADY DENISON PENDER about 015° 15' 021° 05' to Bathurst 9. (?BUTTERMERE) 011° 38' (?017°) 57' to Freetown (?12) CILICIA (?009°) 44' 022° 13' 075° 14. FOWEY, MALLOW, MYOSOTIS, F.S. LA MALOUINE, CAMPION, STONECROP with S.L. 131 010° 04' 016° 19' to 010° 36' (?017°) 19' thence (?196°) 7. M.Ls. 261,263,281, 009° 41' 015° 55' (?to) Freetown 10. (F.O.C.W.A. 141039Z.) Situation at 2000Z/14th June. C.N.24 unescorted group (14 ships) 023° 45' 013° 45' to 020° 00' 012° 15' 8 knots. (?GERALDTON) 024° 50' 013° 15' Northbound 14 knots. SUFFOLK, (?CARNARVON CASTLE) and destroyer with W.S.30 (9 ships) 031° 00' 015° 53' to 033° 13' 017° 36' 13 knots (C. in C.S.A. 141043B.) Situation at 2001Z/14th June. ASTURIAS 007° 05' (014°) 52' to 004° 00' (?018°) 00' thence 227° 16. CORFU on patrol about 007° 30' 026° 30' (?15). BLACKMOR about 005° 46' 011° 26' to Freetown 20. MILFORD, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, CLARKIA, TAMARISK, PICT, YESTOR with T.S.44, 004° 52' 009° 30' 300° 8. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, BURDOCK, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, TURCOMAN with S.T. 69, 003° 39' 007° 08' 7. B.Y.M.S. 11,12,20,28, 005° 02' 003° 46' coastal to west 10¹/₂. M.L. 287 off Port Bouet. SARABANDE off Accra. C.L. 1041, Lome. C.L. 1019 off Kotonou. REDSHANK 000° 14' S. 005° 21' E. to Pointe Noire 10¹/₂. (R.A.W.A. 141252Z.)

/BLACKMORE...

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BLACKMORE. My 091603 para. 4B. If you have no reason to enter Freetown proceed to Dakar to arrive p.m. 16th. You will be required to sail at dawn 17th, escorting to Gibraltar. Report your intentions. (F.O.C.W.A. 141113Z to BLACKMORE, (R) CORINTHIAN, Admty. FOXHOUND, Comar, Dakar, Capt. D.F.E.F.)

Your 141113Z type 271, out of action, panel 3 A.K. (?rectifier) defective. Diesel generator lubrication pipe item 108 in PHILOCTETES to collect.

Intend entering Freetown 0800Z/15th, fuel, repair above defects and sail about noon to arrive Dakar p.m. 16th. (BLACKMORE 141551Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Capt. D.18th, D.F. Comar Dakar, Admty. (?FOXHOUND.)

B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S.17 and 18 (E.T.A. Bathurst a.m. 17 June) are placed temporarily under your orders. An electrical lieut. accompanies them and will require accommodation ashore. (F.O.C.W.Af. 141214Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst, (R) Comar Dakar, Admty. B.Y.M.S.17 and 18.)

Shipping Routes. Subject to your concurrence intend that ships proceeding direct to South America and Australia from Beira be routed North and East of Madagascar traffic to South America keeping East of 050° E. to latitude 033° S. thence in accordance with my 211556 May (being passed to C.S.A.Beira).

2. Request that traffic from Kilindini to South America may be similarly routed.

3. Please repeat your reply to all addressees. (C. in C.S.A. 141215 to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. Cdre. Durban, C.S.A.Beira.) See also 151743B.

Cable interruptions. Your 121615 May. Understand LADY DENISON PENDER has been instructed to carry out further operations. Request details. (F.O.C.W.A. 141223Z to Admty.) Reply Admty. 161834.

Movements, Bahia. Arrival 12th Brazilian sub chaser GUIUPY. Departure Brazilian escort vessel RIO BRANCO minelayer CABEDELLO sub chaser JURUA, JUTAI, GUIUPY escorting northbound convoy. Minelayer CARAVELLAS escorting southbound convoy. (R.O.Bahia 141346Z to Admty.)

S.L.131 Departures 13th June FOWEY, MALLOW, LA MALOUINE, MYOSCOPIS, CAMPION, STONECROP with S.L. 131. (S.C.I. Freetown 141402Z to Comar Dakar, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. etc.)

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Flying Boat No. 803. In connection with provision of facilities for anti-U-Boat Warfare in Indian Ocean Air Ministry would like Union Government to establish necessary major base maintenance facilities for two flying boat squadrons at

Durban (Congella.)

2. In consultation with B.A.L.M. please make necessary approach to Union authorities.

(Dominions Office 141415 to U.K. High Commissioner in Union of South Africa.)

RAPID.

Your 101115. Should RAPID sail with W.S.31 to Cape or S.L.132 to Gibraltar?
(F.O.C.W.A.F. 141557Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A.)
Reply 171230.

ALCANTARA.

My 121741, (intention to sail ALCANTARA to U.K.)
Maximum speed should read 15 knots.
(F.O.C.W.A. 141625Z to Admty.)

D.N.47.

Convoy D.N.47 dispersed in position B. at 1600Z/13.
(C. in C.S.A. 142321B to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty.)

BORIS
(torp. 3rd
June.)

Greek ship BORIS bound from Santos to Freetown torpedoed 1950 S.A.T. 3rd June, 007° 14' S. 018° 41' W. Submarine, believed to be German, fired 3 torpedoes.

1 Lifeboat with Chief and 2nd Officer, Chief and 3rd Engineer and 12 men including 1 British Seaman Gunner picked up by British Cable Ship CAMBRIA approx. 15 miles E. of this Port at 1745 G.M.T. 14th June and landed here. Another Lifeboat with Captain and 20 Officers and men got away and still missing. U.S. Naval Authorities fully conversant.
(R.O. Pernambuco 142359Z to Admty. (R) B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, S.C.(I) Freetown.)

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WITHERINGTON. Cancel A.M. 131925. WITHERINGTON is allocated to Gibraltar escort force.
(D.O.D.(F), 140001B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Landing Your 132101C (N.T. in W.R.)
Exercises. (A) No landing carried out Port Safaga owing to rough sea alongside ship.
(B) Moved all ships to Gimsah yesterday Sunday. Weather at Gimsah has so far precluded landing but intend try even in daylight if wind moderates.
(C) If all fails here will try landing first flight only off Ras Sidat where I carry out Flotilla exercises.
(D) Is there a chance of using AGABA after R.A.G. and if so when? (S.N.O.L.(N), 140330C to D.N.C.X.F., (R) R.A.G.)

ABDIEL. Arrival 13th.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta, 140851C to Admty., etc.)

Repatriations, Your 131612C para. 4 (see East Indies) (Routes Route. for DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE). Return route to Guardafui Channel is as given in my 231246 April.
(F.O.R.S.C.A., 140932C to Admty.)

X.T.G.1. French ship FORT ARCHAMBOULT returned to Algiers. My 111006 refers.
(Cdre. Algiers, 140953B to Admty., etc.)
X.T.G.1. Intend to sail from Oran at 2000B/14th June.*
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 141747B to Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)
* Amended to 2000B/15th June. (151031B).

M.E. Air A.671, June 14th. (1044Z). Daily Opsum 47.
Report. 12th/13th June. 4 Liberators (B.24) 7 Halifaxes Catania aerodrome. 3 Wellington anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea. 1 attacked 2 caiques 300 tons. First vessel set on fire by bombs, second machine gunned. 13th June. 53 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Catania and Gerbini aerodromes. 7 returned early, 22 bombed Catania. 24 bombed Gerbini. 46 Spitfires from Malta provided cover over target. 4 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C west coast Greece. 1 schooner 125 tons 1 armed trawler about 350 tons attacked off Cephalonia, results unobserved, although crew of former abandoned ship.
12th June. 4 Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping R/C Aegean. 1 caique 50 tons attacked south of Naxos left blazing at stern with sails on fire, vessel abandoned by crew.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 141049.)

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M.K.S.15 Intend sailing: GEORGE B. SHELDON, U.S., H.BROWN
 G.U.S.8A. U.S., ALEXANDER ANDRE, Tanker, SVANHOLM and
 MAMMY.
 (F.O.I.S., 141117B to Admty., etc.)
 M.K.S.15 G.U.S.8A. My 11119 para. 8. Delete
 KING SOL, REIGHTON WYKE, MAN O' WAR. Add Bizerta to Gibraltar -
 BICESTER, Algiers to R/V - SCOTFLORES.
 (C. in C. Med., 141503B to F.O.I.C. and N.O.I.C. French
 North Africa (except N.O.I.C. Casablanca), F.O.I.C.
 Gib., etc.)
 Pass to Cdre. and escorts M.K.S.15-G.U.S.8A. Intend to
 sail (list). S.O. Local Escorts SHIANT, call sign 5KBO.
 (N.O.I.C. Bone, 141613B to Escorts of Convoy M.K.S. No.15
 (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Oran, N.O.I.C. Casablanca,
 Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., F.O.R.S.C.A.,
 Connav.)

Movements, Arrivals 13th June TERN, ALDENHAM, EXMOOR,
 Alexandria. EASTON, BAGSHOT, BRIGAND, IMHOFF, TREERN, M.M.S.
 103, 106, KANARIS, SAKTOURIS, NIKI, COUNDOURIOTIS.
 Departures 13th June GERALDTON, WOOLONGONG,
 CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, ROMEO, ISLAY, CUMBRAE, M.Ls
 348, 350, 360, 385, SPETSAI, IERAX.
 (S.O.(I) Alexandria, 141135C to Admty., C. in C.
 Levant.)

P. 339 ABDIEL E.T.A. Beirut 0730/15th direct from
 (TAURUS) Famagusta speed 28 knots. Walrus will be
 information. sweeping ahead from 0432C. Another Walrus will
 endeavour to pick you up and provide close
 escort. Possibly U-Boat operating off Levant
 coast.
 (Capt. (S) 1, 141152C to P.339, (R) C. in C.
 Levant, Com. L.A., F.A.A. Sqdn. 701, ABDIEL.)
 My 141152 ABDIEL E.T.A. 0635C/15th.
 (Capt. (S) 1, 141854C to P.339 (TAURUS).)

PENTSTEMON. Propose to anchor off Jijelli harbour to carry
 out urgent engine repairs, E.T.A. 1430 probable
 duration 2 hours.
 (PENTSTEMON, 141246B to C. in C. Med.)

RAIDER. Arrival 0518Z and departure; RAIDER.
 (Com. Aden, 141323Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

Enemy Following read: My 1415Z. Position of one
 Unit. medium vessel is 42.50 N. 09.05 E., 270°, 10,
 position fixed within half-hour of (?14)00.
 (A/C GDK/O, 141422Z via Alex. W/T.)

/AQUILLA ...

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- AQUILLA.** Request you will sail AQUILLA for U.K. in next convenient convoy. My 131215 May not to Admty. refers.
(C. in C. Med., 141444B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)
- K.M.S.16.** My 132230. Amend destination WOODLARK and CROMARTY FIRTH to Bizerta.
(C. in C. Med., 141623B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, S.O. 15th M/S Flotilla, Ships escorting convoy K.M.S. No.16.)
- UNSPARING.** Intend to sail P.55 (UNSPARING) 2000/16th for patrol north of a line 232° from Spezia and north of 042° N. between longitudes $005^{\circ} 30'$ E. and $007^{\circ} 30'$ E. routed through $037^{\circ} 54' 003^{\circ} 39'$ at 0530/17th $039^{\circ} 48' 005^{\circ} 36'$ at 0230/19th $042^{\circ} 00' 006^{\circ} 25'$ at 2230/20th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 141647B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S.F., Casablanca.)
- ULTOR, DZIK.** Leave patrol p.m./16th through $038^{\circ} 59' 015^{\circ} 01'$, $038^{\circ} 59' 012^{\circ} 25'$ to pass P at 2300/18th convoy leaving Malta as ordered by Capt. (S) 10.
(2) P.52 (DZIK) has freedom of action in Zone C, E and F (? from 16th). Keep well clear of P.53 (ULTOR).
(Capt. (S) 8, 141705B to P.53 (ULTOR), (R) DZIK, 8th S/M.F., Capt. (S) 10.)
- CELENO.** My 131045C.
CELENO sailed for Aegean 1415 G.M.T. June 14th with 4,960 tons gasoline and 300 tons lubricating oil from Constanza. Expected enter Aegean 5/7 G.M.T. June 15th.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 141730C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, (R) S.1, S.10, D.N.I.)
- BARNABY.** In view of A.M. 121822 (BARNABY to remain at Gibraltar pending new sailing ordered). BARNABY should be retained at Gibraltar, my 131333 refers.
2. Hauling gear in BARNABY vide C. in C.
Plymouth's 081402 (re loading 23 landing craft with Bridging Equipment) should be transferred to L.C.T., number being reported by signal.
(C. in C. Med., 141739B to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)
- N.A.A.F. Report.** J.7146E June 14th. N.W. African Air Forces Opsum 113. Strategical Air Force.
11th/12th June, additional. Lampedusa. 9 Wellingtons 146 x 250 lbs. from 500 to 9000 ft. June 13th, no operations.

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N.A.A.F. Tactical Air Force. 8th/9th June (additional)
Report. Pantellaria 44 U.S. Mustangs (A.36) dive bombers
(Contd.) 64 x 500 lbs. 166 U.S. Warhawks (P.40). 57
U.S. Spitfires escort. 120 U.S. Warhawks (P.40),
27 U.S. Spitfires cover. 6 U.S. Spitfires
tactical R/C. 10th June (additional) Pantellaria.
30 Baltimores (A.30) 120 x 500 demolition, 18 x 250 G.P. from
800 ft. 24 U.S. Bostons (A.20) 60 x 500 demolition from 8000
ft. 8 U.S. Mustangs (A.36) dive bombers jettisoned when
attacked by 4 Me.109 of which 1 destroyed. 45 U.S. Warhawks
(P.40), 6 U.S. Spitfires escort 56 patrol. 4 U.S. Spitfires
interception.
11th June (additional) Pantellaria. 60 Baltimores (A.30)
including 18 returned early, 166 x 500, 30 x 250 lbs. from
7000 to 8000 ft. 12 Bostons (A.20) 47 x 500 lbs. from 7200
ft. 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) including 12 returned early, 81
x 1000 lbs. from 7500 ft. 42 U.S. Bostons (A.20) 142 x 500
lbs. from 7000 to 8000 ft. 12th June (additional), Lampedusa,
44 U.S. Mustangs dive bombers (A.36), 77 x 500 lbs. 1 U.S.
Mustang dive bombed crashed through failure of dive brakes.
28 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) escort 4 Spitfires - vital R/C.
June 13th. No operations.
N.W.A. Coastal A.F. 13th June. 2 Marauders (B.26) 1 Beau-
fighter R/C, 9 Bisleys, 7 Hudsons, 6 U.S. Aircobras (P.39)
anti-submarine patrols and convoy escorts. Hudson attacked
U-Boat off Cap Serrat with 3 depth charges, 2 of which exploded
near bows. No other results seen.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv., 141800B.)

U/Bs. Estimated U-Boat disposition.
(C. in C. Med., 141831B.)

M.K.S.(L) 15. List, 12 ships, 3 Gibraltar for U.K., 3 Tripoli,
6 Malta.
(R.A. Alexandria, 141831C to Admty., etc.)

SAFARI. Your escort will be STROMA.
2. Landing craft convoy from westward arrives
about 1000/15th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 141826B to P.211 (SAFARI.))

Movements, Arrived and sailed CONVULVULUS, HYTHE, RYE,
Tripoli. CROOME, L.S.T.425, 417, M.M.S. 105 and 102.
Sailed HURWORTH, HURSLEY, JUMNA, GAWLER, LISMORE,
PRINS ALBERT, ROCKWOOD, ADRIAS.
Arrived BOREAS, CLEVELAND, WISHART, FALK, L.S.T.
62, 410, 420, 423, 427, 428, L.C.T.317, 318, 325, 341, 354,
361, 446.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 141856B to Admty.)

/HYTHE ...

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HYTHE "Brilliant" passing "Blaze" now.
? Convoy. (HYTHE, 141910B to A.I.G. (Addressees not known in W.R.), C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, A.H.Q. Malta, R.A.Alex., S.10, S.N.O. Tripolitania, S.N.O.C., 201 N.C. Group, 210 Group, 212 Group, 238 Wing, 247 Wing, 17 Sector, Fighter Sectors Tripolitania.)

Movements, 14th June Port Said arrivals ALYNBANK, GERALDTON,
Port Said. IERAX, SPETSAI, CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, WOLLONGONG, ISLAY, CUMBRAE, M.Ls. 350, 360, 348, 385, ROMEO, R.F.A. BADARPUR.
Departures FAREHAM, ASPIS, 14th L.C.Ms., GERALDTON, WOLLONGONG, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, IERAX, M.Ls. 350, 348, 385, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, ALYNBANK, WOLBOROUGH, ROMEO, R.F.A. BADARPUR.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 141915C to Admty., etc.)

Movements. Arrivals ALBACORE, ACUTE, CIRCE, BUDE, HUNDA, M.T.B. 634, 635. Departures PETARD, H.D.M.L. 1241, M.T.B. 651, M.G.B. 648, B.Y.M.S. 18, 34, 43, 82, ELBURY.
(F.O. or S.O. Inshore Squadron, 141953B to C. in C. Med., Admty., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Cominch, Comnavnaw.)

Arrivals KINTYRE, BREAM.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 141955B to Admty., etc.)

Arrivals WHADDON, LAUDERDALE, EGGESFORD, French S/M ARETHUSE, S.C. 651. Departures CORIOLANUS, S/M TRESPASSER (P.312), PENTSTEMON.
(Com. Algiers, 142003B to Admty., etc.)

Tugs and D.N.C.X.F's 251853C May, C. in C. Med.'s
Lighters. 021041B (N.T. in W.D.) It is not intended at present to send lighters and tugs from U.K. The best which could be done would be to despatch BELNOR with two tugs and four or five lighters but she could not sail earlier than K.M.S.21 and even that not certain as she is undergoing extensive repairs.
(2) This would appear too late for practical purposes but if you will at once confirm absolute necessity the Norwegian Authorities will be approached for their agreement to sending BELNOR to Mediterranean.
(D. of S.T., 142007B to P.S.T.O. Med., etc.)
Reply: 180814.

Malta Departures M.T.Bs 313, 65, 76, 77, 82 for
M.T.Bs. patrol.
(V.A. Malta, 142047 to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

/TROUBRIDGE ...

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TROUBRIDGE. Request you will sail TROUBRIDGE as escort to M.K.S.15A from Bizerta.
(2) TROUBRIDGE is to detach as necessary to arrive Gibraltar at 0900/19th June proceeding with all convenient despatch after detaching.
(C. in C. Med., 142115B to F.O.I.S., (R) Admty., etc.)

Malta Air Report. A.I.558, 14th June, C.S.R. Part 1, offensive. Night 13th/14th, nil. Day 14th June. 38 Spitfires offensive sweep southern Sicily intercepted 15 plus Me.109 and Me.202 destroyed 1 Me.109 damaged two Me.202 without loss to themselves. Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 13th/14th nil. Day 14th June, negligible.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 142133.)

Movements, Sfax. Arrival INCHCOLM, departure INCHCOLM, GLOXINIA.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 142152B to Admty.)

ABDIEL. To be administered by Cdre. (D).
(C. in C. Levant, 142230C to Cdre. (D), (R) Admty., S.O. Force M, ABDIEL, C. in C. Med.)

UNRULY, M/V sunk. At 0200/14 sank eastbound merchant ship in 038° 52' N. 015° 27' E. Weather report.
(UNRULY, 142235B to Capt. (S) 8, (R) ULTOR.)

Movements, Oran. Out - KING GEORGE V, FORMIDABLE, TYNE DALE, FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, HAYDON, CALPE, ANTHONY, L.C.T.412, U.S. L.S.T.350.
In - PLUNKETT, GLEAVES, BENSON, NIBLACK, MAYRANT, RHIND, OXFORDSHIRE, ACADIA, BROCKLESBY, OAKLEY, GAVOTTE, QUANTOCK, VISENDA.
Also departed U.S. L.S.T.3.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 142237B to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals NIMBLE, EXPLORER, WILTON, SLAZAK, HAZARD, SAINT DAY, TARTAR, NUBIAN.
(V.A. Malta, 142240 to C. in C. Med., etc.)

ABDIEL. Arrival and departure 14th.
(? S.N.O. Famagusta, 142241C to Admty., etc.)

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Tunis -
Igalo cable,
diversion
to Malta.

X Your 181105 May. Operation completed by
MIRROR.
(V.A. Malta, 142343 to C. in C. Med., (R)
Admty.)

Benghazi,
Parachutes.

X C. in C. Levant reports that on night of 13th/
14th, 40 parachutists were dropped near the
Benghazi aerodromes; 19 of these, the majority
of whom were Italians, were killed or taken
prisoner. M.Ls patrolled the coastline without
result.
(D.O.R. 1398, 17th June, 1943.)
No signal in W.D.

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Convoy M.B. 37 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 140325Z to Admty.)

STRATHMORE, Transports (1) STRATHMORE (2) STRATHAIRD sailed
STRATHAIRD. for Colombo 13th June with following (1) for
transshipment at Colombo. (Personnel.)
2. Empty. E.T.A. 16th a.m.
(P.S.T.O. Bombay 140427Z to S.S.T.O. Colombo,
(R) P.S.T.O. India, D.S.T.)

Movements. Departure NETRAVATI escorting CLAN MACNEIL.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 140601Z to Admty. etc.)
Arrival 0200Z SCOUT with M.B. 37 departure 0700Z
SEA BELLE escorting one ship.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 141054Z to Admty.)

Convoy Sailing telegram. (2 ships). 2. 0300Z/14th.
J.C.13. 4. 9 knots. 5. (Route.) 6. AMRITSAR.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 140607Z, 140609Z to Admty.)

MONTANAN SS. MODOMANCOT (MONTANAN intended) torpedoed at
(sunk 3rd approx. 0730Z/3rd June in 018° 10' N. 058° 45' E.
June.) Only torpedo track seen. Torpedo struck star-
board side number 2 hatch. Ship sank in 4
minutes. No distress message transmitted.
Books went down in ship. Dull thud on ships
side heard 10 seconds before explosion. 4 Lifeboats left ship
one lifeboat still unaccounted for.
(C. in C.E.F. 140745 to Admty. (R) S.N.O.P.G. S.O.(I)
Colombo, Cmdre. Aden.)
Eight survivors from American ship MONTANAN landed Port
Okha 11th and interrogated Bombay today. Ship torpedoed 017°
54' N. 058° 09' E. at 0735Z/3rd June. Only track of torpedo
striking ship seen. Attacking craft not seen at any time.
Ship sank in five minutes no distress message transmitted. Four
boats got away and muster revealed four of crew missing. Balance
of 61 landed except three died in boats. My 141141 not to
S.O.I. Colombo shows:-
A. Survivors from boat No. two landed at Port Okha.
B. First named died boat No. three others boat No. two.
C. Crew missing at muster and presumed lost.
(S.O.I. Bombay 141158Z to Admty. C. in C.E.F. S.O.I. Colombo.)

Repatriations, Names of ships given in para. 2 A. and B. of
Routes. Admty. 131612 does not agree with routing asked
in H.Q.E.A. Command's 111140 June. Routes below
are given in accordance with requirements of
latter signal.

2. SATURNIA from Mogadishu through J. 011° 00' S. 041° 50' E.
K. 016° 00' S. 041° 50' E. A. 027° 00' S. 040° 00' E. L. 036°
00' S. 035° 00' E. thence Port Elizabeth.

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Repatriations Routes. (Contd.)

3. VULCANIA from position F. 009° 52' N. 053° 52' E. through J.K.A. and L. above thence Port Elizabeth.

4. DUILIO and GUILIO CESARE from Levant Station to G. 012° 51' N. 051° 22' E. then through F.J.K.A. and L. above to Port Elizabeth.
(C. in C.E.F. 140805Z to Admty. (R) H.Q.E.A. Command, F.O.R.S.C.A. N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, Cdre. i/c Aden. C. in C.Levant, N.O.I.C. Massawa, C. in C.S.A.)

A.M. 131612B. Substitute SATURNIA for VULCANIA in para. 2 A. and VULCANIA for SATURNIA in para. 2 B.
(Head of M.I. 141948B to H.Q.E.A. Command. F.O.R.S.C.A. C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Aden. (R) C. in C.Levant, N.O.I.C. Massawa, N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth.)

VARSOVA. Transport VARSOVA sailed 14th with following military for Karachi, for Barra. Requirements.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 140824Z to S.T.O.Karachi, (R) D. of S.T. P.S.T.O. India.)

Flying Boat Bases, Indian Ocean. A.233 June 14th. Your A.X. 31 June '12, and further to A.H.Q.East Africa A. 182, June 13, in addition to amendments noted by A.H.Q.East Africa para. 3, A.X.31 June 12 should also contain Aden as permanent base 1 flying boat Squadron, vide your A.X. 567, para. 3, April 23, and A.H.Q. East Africa A.105, June 1, para. B.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 140854Z to Air Min. etc.)

SAGAING. SAGAING Deep Water Berth.
In view your 101141 (101142 intended). Vessel will be raised shortly and if she shows no sign of collapse or of capsizing will be placed in position about second week in July.

2. Position is on four fathom line so that berth will be confined to ships drawing less than 23 feet. This is considered acceptable.

3. In view of extra work involved and difficulty in obtaining skilled labour it is not intended to proceed with removal of midship upper works at present. Work of building approach roads and strengthening ship is estimated to take minimum of 6 months.

4. Whether or no strengthening of hull can be done satisfactorily. Vessel can still be used for berthing or tugs Boom Vessels, etc., when boiler cleaning for which no other alongside berth exists.
(F.O.Ceylon 141142Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty.)

REVENGE, FROBISHER. REVENGE escorted by two destroyers and FROBISHER are to carry out N.E.X. at 0001C/17th June.

2. REVENGE will pass through 011° 25' S. 041° 45' E. at this time M.L.A. 185° speed 13.5 knots.

3. It is essential REVENGE is not delayed in making her R/V with RESOLUTION.

4. REVENGE is to report to C.S.4 on 16th if due to weather conditions delay occasioned by this exercise cannot be accepted.

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FROBISHER.
(Contd.)5. N.E.X. pass through B. A. FROBISHER, C.
0001C/17th June. D. Yes. E. Yes. F. REVENGE
to maintain a guard on 3835 k/cs from 2200C.
(C. in C.E.F. 141154Z to C.S.4 FROBISHER, REVENGE.)

Movements.

Colombo arrivals 14th June 0200Z HINDUSTAN
departure 0310Z AMRITSAR.
(F.O.Ceylon 141307Z to Admty. etc.)M/Vs routeing
Mediterranean
Convoys.

Para. 1 of A.M. 081835B (not to all addressees)
and C. in C.E.F.'s 090944Z. Ships should not be
routed to U.K. via the Cape if their arrival in
U.K. will be expedited by holding them until the
Mediterranean re-opens early in August. At
same time bunching and congestion at Eastern end
of Mediterranean must be avoided.

2. Instructions are being promulgated by M. of W.T. to their
representatives to employ shipping locally as far as possible
until Mediterranean is declared open.

3. Application is to be made to C. in C.Levant for accommodation
in M.K.S. convoys provisionally planned to sail weekly in the
month of August, C. in C.Levant accepting or rejecting
according to size of Convoy determined by C. in C.Mediterranean
and to anchorage space available.

4. N.C.S.O's are to keep in close touch with M.O.W.T.
Representatives having regard to fact that loadings, etc. must
be planned several weeks ahead of scheduled sailing dates.

5. C. in C.E.Fleet's 130842Z (to Admty. only). Last convoy
westwards of present series is M.K.S.16. C. in C.Med's.
090752 refers.
(D.T.D. 141849B to C. in C.E.F. C. in C.Levant, F.O.C.R.I.N.
F.O.Ceylon, Comic Aden, F.O.R.S.C.A. (R) C. in C.Med. C. in C.S.A.)

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K.15. Cominch here relays Comsublant 130657 also to Comtaskforce 24. My 071957 not to Comtaskforce 24. Netherlands submarine K.15 departure delayed to evening June 15. Will dive by day west of 66° W. and east of 20° W. advancing 105 miles daily otherwise on surface diving at discretion S. of A. 11 knots. E.T.A. K. your 071845 1350Z/29. Request necessary British Authorities be given this information and asked designate surface vessel meet this submarine new point L.55.27 N. 08.19 W. 0500Z/30th escort to destination Holy Loch. (Radio Washington, 140047Z to C. in C. Lant, C. in C. C.N.A. Admty. N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A. F.O.(S))

Passage of K.15 to U.K. Route given in Cominch 071845 passing through anti enemy submarine patrol area at present occupied by submarines of Subron 50 given in my 091207 not to Comsublant. (2) Request you will route K.15 to "Chop" on 045° W. either north or south of area informing authorities of E.T.A. and change of W/T watch. F.O.(S) will assume responsibility for onward route and instructions.

(F.O.S. 141448B to Cominch (R) Comsublant, B.A.D., Admty. C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.)

PASTEUR. My position 042° 32' N. 055° 23' W. E.T.A. Chebucto 2000Z/14th. (PASTEUR, 140100Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Minesweeping Halifax. Sunday 13th - 6.5 by LL-SA 3 in position 4417 - 633330 1 44.1645 - 6332 1 44.16.30 - 63.30.30 all in area swept Oropesa on 9th indicating probable delayed release. K one by Oropesa position 44.22 - 63.15 cut surfaced sunk gunfire in area swept LL 6th. Total mines destroyed 43 recovered 3 probably self sunk 3 to date. (C. Halifax, 140114Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements. St. John's N.F. 13th. Arrivals. LEAMINGTON, MONCTON, HEPATICA, MALKPEDIA ex S.C.133 GEORGIAN ex N J THINAY, LINCOLN, CALDWELL, OAKVILLE, ARROWHEAD, SUDBURY, BROCKVILLE ex H.X.243.

ADHERENT towing SS. BACCALIEU. Departures. WASAGA escorting C.L.70 to Sydney.

(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 140345Z to Admty.)
OJEDA (Ven.) EL LIBERTADOR (U.S.A.T.) WESTCHESTER,
BRIG. GEN. RETHERS (U.S.A.T.) Arrivals 14th following BAUXITE
A.L. KENT, INGERTRE (Nor.) WILLIAM BREWSTER.
(R.O.Port of Spain, 142033 to Admty)

SS. QUEEN
ELIZABETH. Action Cominch C. and R. information C.E.S.F. Admiralty, N.S.H.Q. from P.D. New York. QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived New York 0915Z/12. Above is P.D. New York's despatch 121558 (received undecypherable). Reference your A.D.72/13. (Radio Washington, 140525Z to Admty)

Movements /....

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Movements Summary 1800 G.M.T. 14th.	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
	CORFU	08° N. 27° W.	Patrol	Blank.
	(D.O.D.(F) 141020Z to Opanav (R) Comnav)			

U/B. S/M sighted 18.52 N. 75.50 W. at 1400Z/13.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 141047 to Admty)

STRIKER. Departure 1530 G.M.T. 14th STRIKER E.T.A. Norfolk
1700 G.M.T. 20th.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 141135 to Admty (R) B.A.D.
S.B.N.O. W.A., N.S.H.Q. 1700 G.M.T. 20th.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 141135 to Admty (R) B.A.D.
S.B.N.O. W.A. N.S.H.Q., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

Convoy X.B.57A. Boston arrived 2255Z/13th ROXBOROUGH escorting
X.B.57 A.
(N.S.H.Q. 141145Z to Admty)

Convoy W.B.23 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney, 141228Z to Admty)

Kingston defence. X Your 061521. Para. 2. Position is (A) Kingston
now the Port most likely to be used. (B) No
Company has yet been informed as to the terms or
scope within which it will be permitted to work.,
consider however that bauxite might be exported
within 9 months. (2) Natural defences of Kingston and
approaches appear adequate if supplemented by patrol of H.D.M.L's
already allocated.
(S.B.N.O. W.A. 141317P to Admty.)

U.S. (Cominch, 141426Z)
S/M (Comnav, 142139Z)
Estimate.

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. estimate of submarine North of 040° N.W.
S/M of 040° W. 1200Z/14th.
Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 141431Z)

Floatplane fighters, policy. (2) Your 031716. No Martlet float planes
other than prototype have been produced. 90
sets of Martlet float conversion sets have been
ordered. Intention is to store these pending an
operational requirement. (3) The float planes
versions of Hellcat and Corsair are under
consideration only. No design has yet been started. (4) Only
other project in float plane fighter class is the S.C. of
which C.N.R. has details.
(B.A.D. 141447 to Admty)

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P.554, My 131426. Sailing delayed 24 hours due fog
KING and iceberg conditions.
HAAKON VII (F.O.N.F. 141628Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) Cominch
N.S.H.Q. Admty)

Dispositions. Section South (?West) U.S.S. NORTHLAND, CACTUS,
LAUREL 044° 27' 061° 51' (?071° 172°) 9 altering
for Argentina in 055° 01' W (see 141815Z)
B.X.30 W. 10 043° 52', 063° 33' 045° 7.5 altering
for Halifax in 044° 06' N.
F.H. 30 (?NORANDA), COWICHAN 042° 59', 065° 15', 051° 8.5 alter
for Halifax in 044° 05' N.
O.N.187 W.2 039° 50' 068° 28', 270° 9.5 altering for Ambrose
Channel in 073° 00' W.
IRISH BEECH 039° (?03') 066° 35', 180° 8.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 141649Z to Admty)

My 141640Z (141649 intended) delete reference to U.S.S.
NORTHLAND, CACTUS, LAUREL and substitute U.S.S. NORTHLAND
(? 5 groups missing) 42° 41' 69° 21' 084° 10 altering to 53°
in 65° 22' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 141815Z to Admty)

Following is a recyphered version of my 141710 (N.T. in W.R.)
(Begins) - Section North West. JOHN CABOT sailed independently
1200Z/14th from Sydney (C.B.) to Port Aux. Basques 6.
77th M/L Flotilla vicinity 049° 20' 064° 32' A/S sweep to 063°
30' -W.

Q.S. 52 AYRSHIRE, CAPE MARIATO, CUCKMERE, HERSCHELL, ALGOMA,
MILLTOWN 049° 24' 065° 06' 117° 7.5 (Ends.)

(C. in C. C.N.A. 141715Z to Admty)

A.T.50 Convoy A.T.50. Request you will sail ANDES
(ANDES) from Halifax on 17th for Liverpool reporting
E.T.A. Bar L.V. and estimated position of ship at
daylight on day of arrival. (2) C. in C. W.A.
is requested to arrange air protection (3).
Fighter protection codeword "Donkey".
(D.O.D.(H), 141742B to C. in C. C.N.A.)

Report of In reply to request by C. in C. W.A. of 110846Z.
Flying (C. in C. C.N.A. 141759Z to Admty C. in C. W.A.)
operations See Lion copy.
by EMPIRE
MC. ALPINE.

WEAZEL. This is Cominch 141529Z addressed to Comcaribsea-
fron (R) to Comgulfsesafon and Admiralty.
It was stated in my 192202 April no objection to
towing between Port Arthur New Orleans Guantanamo
provided no delay involved. No authority for tow beyond
Guantanamo. His tug urgently needed by British Authorities.
Your 131249 (N.T. in W.R.) report all circumstances and
authority for tow.
(Comnaveu, 141829Z to Admty)

SEARCHER /...

SECRET

from A.W.I.
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WARNING: This is an unparaphrased version of a secret cypher or confidential code message and the text must first be paraphrased* if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

(*Note: Messages shown as having been sent in a One-Time Pad: "O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

SECRET

MESSAGE 141759 Z June.

IN

From C. in C.C.N.A.

Date 15.6.43.

Time 1003.

Naval Cypher X by W/1.

Addressed Admiralty, C. in C.W.A. Repeated R.A.N.A.S.,
DARTMOUTH, F.O.N.F., N.S.H.S., S.O. Group B.2.

EMPIRE MCALPINE,

Flying Operations

Your 110846 Z.

A. 6 days. B. 8 hours. C. 43, repetition 43 wind
over deck 24 kts. D

1. Ship remained between convoy columns operating aircraft even in completely adverse conditions of wind. At no time was it necessary to get astern of convoy.
2. R/T communication was extremely good between aircraft and S.O. escort on 20410 kc/s.
3. R/T using 1304 set maximum range obtained 85 miles strength 2 R/T using 1115 R 1116 set maximum range obtained 130 miles loud and clear.
4. 100 percent serviceability of aircraft. No major or minor accident. No difficulty in flying off and landing at Dartmouth.
5. Convoy speed in adverse weather too slow. Ship had occasionally to stop engines owing to critical speed when convoy was only making 6 knots. Consider that EMPIRE MC.ALPINE could well be sailed in H.X. Convoys as experience indicates she will have sufficient speed in hand.
6. Morale of R.N. S. Officers and personnel very high though disappointed that there were no opportunities for carrying out attacks.
7. Cooperation with Master and crew of EMPIRE MC.ALPINE excellent.
8. Master reports presence of ship had a most heartening effect on the general morale and was much appreciated by the rest of the convoy.
9. Accommodation for service personnel entirely satisfactory.
10. Request whether desired to modify instructions in your 251B in view of my para. 5.

141759Z

✓ C. in C. Western Approaches
110846Z. Request brief report
flying operations by EMPIRE
MC. ALPINE.

✓ Most Secret Circulation

Distribution overleaf.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
2nd S.L.
Controller
Vice Controller
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (U.T.) (2)
U,W,R,
Capt. Pim.
Ops. (3)
O.I.C. (3)
D.T.D. (4)
D.T.D. (C)
D.T.D. (M)
D.M.R. (2)
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D.A.W.T.
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D.A.C.R. (2)
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- SEARCHER. Cominch says: Sail SEARCHER Norfolk to New York when ready about 20th June for inclusion in H.X.245.
(Cominch, 141831Z to Action Comeastseafon, (R) Admty. etc.)
- Routeing Neutral Vessels, North Atlantic. X Your 171909Z May. These routes were selected in an endeavour to reach a suitable compromise between Allied requirements and what is acceptable to the Axis and neutrals. We have heard confidentially from N.A. Lisbon that the Axis, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland will be satisfied with the 34th parallel. If necessary N.C.S.O.s may explain the circumstances. In case of protest from Eire vessels, Masters should be informed of above and should they still object, subject to agreement of Cominch C. & R, they may be routed along parallel 38° 10' N. making it clear that this routeing is on their own responsibility.
(Head of M.Br.I.141840B to N.S.H.Q.)
- M.M.S. Kingston Departure H.M. M.M.S. 99, 100, 101, 104, 108. E.T.A. Trinidad 1400Q/19th.
(N.O.I.C.141911Q to Admty etc.)
- A/S A/C reinforcements. Your 110105B proposal is being made to Combined Chiefs of Staff to shift two squadrons of Army B.24 aircraft now in Newfoundland to the Biscay operation. Therefore will not plan to send Venturas to Iceland. B.24's will have to leave U.K. not later than last week in August.
(Cominch, 141951Z to Action Admty info. Comnaveu, N.S.H.Q., O.C.A.S.)
- U.S.A.T. STATE OF VIRGINIA (U.S.A.T.) arrived Cayenne 10th.
(N.S.H.Q. 142047Z to Admty)
- RAVAGER. Norfolk Vir. Arrived 141546Z June 13th.
(N.S.H.Q. 142100Z to Admty (R) B.A.D.)
- PURSUER. Sail PURSUER when ready about 19th, Pascagoula to Mobile for fuel thence onward about 20th to Norfolk for completion fitting out. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A.
(Cominch, 142101Z to Comgulfseafon. (R) Cinclant, C.E.S.F. Com. 5, Com. 6 NYD. Norfolk, Admty. N.S.H.Q.)
- CHASER. Sail CHASER when ready about 18th Norfolk to New York for inclusion in H.X.245. Will operate aircraft on passage to New York. Available for operation of aircraft enroute U.K. provided vessel does not leave convoy without proper escort.
(Cominch, 142103Z to C.E.S.F. Info. C. in C.C.N.A. etc.)

S/M /...

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S/M.
K.15. Cancel route positions G, H, J, K, my 071845 F.O.(S) will provide onward route. Direct Comsublant advise E.T.A. Point F and time change W/T watch.
(Cominch, 142106Z to C. in C. Lant (R) Comsublant, C.T.F.24, C. in C. W.A. Admty. F.O.(S), C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q.)

BENTINCK. Sail BENTINCK when ready 15th Boston to New York for loading stores and onward to Bermuda. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A.
(Cominch, 142123Z to C.W.S.F. (R) Com. 1. C. in C. Lant, S.B.N.O. W.At. Admty, N.S.H.Q.)

Sub.
attack
and
sighting
Summary. All times Z. Para. C. B.25 sights sub course 270 27.42 N. 88.15 W. 141508. B.18 has made contact 35.30 N. 74.00 W. 141430. Army tug sight sub. area 18.52 N. 75.50 W. 131600.
SS. CHARLESTON Sound Contact 36.32 N. 74.20 W. 101940. Para. D. P.C. 488 and plane attacked sound contact 08.02 N. 57.33 W. 140000. Surface craft attacks sound contact 22.50 N. 79.24 W.

140545. U.S.S. REUBEN JAMES attacks sound contact 27.40 N. 79.55 W. 140715. R.A.F. planes sights Sub. 09.20 N. 58.50 W. 141255 SS. EXCHANGE sights sub. 37.50 N. 67.18 W. 140935 P.G. 54 sights oil slick 27.12 N. 79.57 W. P.M.14th U.S.S. GOFF attacks sound contact 07.57 N. 57.25 W. 132149. P.B.Y. Radar contact 33.05N. 73.50 W. 131715. RBY. ? sights periscope wake 34.38 N. 74.27 W. 132035. Cuban Naval vessel sights sub. 23.24 N. 81.08 W. 131100.
(Cominch, 142133Z to Admty)

STRIKER,
information. You may sight RIO TEVCO Argentine and JUNCAL Argentine both eastbound, a.m.16th.
(N.S.H.Q. 142136Z to STRIKER (R) S.B.N.O. W.At. Admty.)

SALISBURY. C.T.F.24 081907 April. SALISBURY date of joining Western Local Escort Force 14th June.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 142245Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) F.O.N.F. C. in C. W.A., Admty. Cominch.)

Weekly
Summaries
Air and
Land
operations
China. J.S.M.980. Ref. C.O.S.(W) 633. U.S. Chiefs are / arranging weekly summaries air and land operations by U.S. and Chinese forces in China to be prepared and handed to G.H.Q. India by General Stilwell's H.Q. in New Delhi for direct transmission to Prime Minister and British Chiefs of Staff, reaching London Saturdays.
(J.S.M.Washington, 142355Z to W.C.O. London (R) G.H.Q. India.)

Sailing /...

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of
STOCKER.

142359Z. This is Cominch 141145 addressed
Comdr. Panama Sea Frontier, (R) B.N.L.O. Norfolk,
Admty and C. in C. Lant: "Reference my 242147
report location".
(Comnavcu, 142359Z to Admty)
W.R. Note: Circulation delayed awaiting repetition
of 242147 received from Radio Washington under
T.O.O.170325.

Australia and New Zealand.LE TRIOM-
PHANT.

Understood from C.O. LE TRIOMPHANT that he has
instructions from London to effect that ship is
not required to the Levant for present.

(2) Therefore intended on completion of repairs
to employ LE TRIOMPHANT on escort duties in the

S.W.P.A. until further orders. Great value would be obtained
from the ship in this capacity.

(A.C.N.B. 140452Z to Admty. (R) LE TRIOMPHANT, C.O.F. 7th Fleet)

Digest
Serial
No. 510
June 13th.

X During early hours Catalina attacked submarine
25 miles South of Gasmata course North East
straddling stern with bomb and Depth charge, nine
hours later submarine observed passing Cape
Orford Northward bound. Same locality sighted
2 small freighters heading West at dawn.

X (4) Morning Picture Rabaul Harbour reveal 46 ships
including 31 Merchant ships totalling 128,000 tons. 4 destroy-
ers, 5 Sub chasers, 1 each sub tender, destroyer tender, mine-
layer, tanker of 8000 tons hospital ship and Yubari class
cruiser also 2 flying boats, 8 floatplanes. (9) Midday search
Liberator observed 1 small Merchantman, 1 patrol craft, 2
unidentified type ships Humboldt Bay. 1 hit 1 near miss from
medium height plus another ship, bombing hit probably sank
freighter which was not present 3 hours afterwards. One
zero and one possible twin engined fighter airborne nil
interception. (11) 4 probably small Merchant ships sighted
evening off Cape Lavai (Northeast Timor) heading West.
(14) Photos Koepang shipping morning 12th June refer Digest
No 509 para. 4 reveal 1 vessel of 200 tons and 30 barges.
Buildings shown destroyed town area resulting from recent
raids. Single unserviceable bomber only on Penfoei strip.
(15) Four Kittyhawks strafed surfaced submarine afternoon 11th
June off Cape Nelson. (16) Evening 12th June 2 B 25's
located and attacked 6 barges South of Finschhafen Southward
bound. 5 barges beached other probably on reef.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 140950Z)

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Movements. Arrivals Sydney (N.S.W.) 13th DELORAINÉ,
MORÉSBY, BENDIGO, FREMANTLE, U.S.S. WALLER
Brisbane 13th U.S. Dest. SANDS U.S. Dest.
GILMER U.S. Sub. Tender SUMNER Cairns 13th
KAPUNDA. Departures Cairns 13th U.S. Patrol Gunboat TULSA
for Milne Bay. Brisbane 13th WARRAMUNGA U.S. S/M Tender
SUMNER for Sydney (N.S.W.)
(A.C.N.B. 141154Z to Admty)
Arrivals 13th June Thursday Island U.S. Transport BOTH
Brisbane. V.S.I.S. MERKUR, R.A.F.A. BISHOPDALE, H/T KATOOMBA
departed Brisbane 13th due Sydney 15th. U.S. Transport
MAETSUYCKER departed Port Moresby 13th due Fall River 14th.
(C.S.W. P.S.F. 141159Z)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 141259B, 141316B)

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly Summary. Your 221059B/July. Following promising attacks reported week ending 2400Z/13.
10th June P.C.487 destroyed S/M North Pacific Area by depth charges, ramming and gunfire.
11th June U.S.S. FRAZIER probably destroyed S/M North Pacific Area extensive oil patch, cork, life-jackets observed.
12th June planes U.S.S. BOGUE sank S/M 30.49 N. 33.49 W. 16 survivors.
(Cominch, 142025Z to Admty)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
F.H.

1. MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA arrived at Seidisfjord this morning and BLUEBELL at Liverpool this evening, both from Kola Inlet.
2. The move of Russian warships from the Far East has been deferred (see Admiral Fisher's 031447) and the request for a tanker was cancelled today.
3. CHARYBDIS returned to Plymouth this morning (see 12th June.)
4. 25 aircraft of Bomber Command laid 58 mines last night off French Biscay ports.

North Atlantic.

5. SEVERN, which was attacked and forced down by our aircraft on 13th June, was again forced down at 150001 in 39.55 N. 10° 10' W. and will be 24 hours late in arriving at Gibraltar.

Mediterranean.

X.T.G.1.

6. The first fast through convoy from Alexandria to Gibraltar, X.T.G.1, arrived at Oran this morning and sailed again this evening.
7. On her 5th War Patrol, in the Aegean, TAURUS sank 6 caiques.
UPROAR reports one hit at 1039/5th in 39.03 N. 17.16 E. (about 5 miles N. of Cape Colonne, S.E.Coast of Italy) on a 15,000 northbound tanker.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

8. The British tanker ATHELMONARCH (8995 tons) was torpedoed and sunk by a U-Boat this evening in 32.20 N. 34.39 E. (about 35 miles S.W. of Haifa) (see 16th June).

9. Coastal craft from Malta patrolling off Empedocle last night were ineffectively engaged by coast defence guns.

M.T.Bs. from Bizerta carried out a sweep towards Marsala.

10. French S/M ARETHUSE reports attacking a 6000 ton cargo vessel at anchor off Cape Cervo (41.08 N. 09.32 E.) on 4th June. Two hits were heard and the vessel was seen aground on 8th June. This would appear to be the same vessel that went aground after TRIBUNE's attack on 11th January and had just been refloated.

11. Heavy air attacks on the Sicilian airfields continued today.

11a. The full scales of A.A. defence reached Pantellaria today and continuous fighter cover was being flown.

East Indies.

Flying boat bases.

12. Messages yesterday and today give details of the policy of development of flying boat bases in the Indian Ocean in connection with the provision of facilities for anti-U-Boat warfare.

America & West Indies.

Convoys.

13. B.S.N.O. Curacao understands from the U.S. authorities that the Lake tanker convoys between Curacao and Maracaibo Lake are being discontinued after today and vessels will revert to independent groups sailing, following a patrolled route as was done before U-Boats commenced operating in the Caribbean Sea.

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America & West Indies.

Convoys
(Contd.)

75 ships sailed from New York today and 18 including a rescue ship from Halifax on 17th June in convoy H.X.244. Owing to indications that convoys U.G.S.12 and U.G.S.13 will be large a limit of 80 ships has been authorised for both convoys. For U.G.S.14 and following the limit will be 60 ships.

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Tuesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Exercise
Areas off
Londonderry.Cdre. D.W.As. 141114, and 141120. Approved.
Admiralty is requested to amend my 111925/5
accordingly.
(C. in C.W.A. 151450B).Movements.

BELFAST

Intend BELFAST arrive Rosyth a.m. 18th to give
leave and for quick docking. Ship to sail for
Scapa so as to arrive a.m. 1st July.
(C. in C.H.F. 150043B to C. in C. Rosyth).

B.Y.M.S.68.

Group arrived fairly good condition Londonderry
8 days out of St. Johns N.F. Weather unfavourable
most of the trip.
(M/S F. 256. 150725Z to B.M.S. New York).

CHARYBDIS

Arrived CHARYBDIS.
(C. in C. Plymouth 150819B).S/M
Movements.

Intend sailing RUBIS, SCEPTRE, CUTTY SARK from
Holy Loch 2000B/16 to Plymouth unescorted
1600B/18 speed 11 knots.
(2) Thence RUBIS with onward escort to Portsmouth
as arranged by Capt.(S) 5th.
(Capt.S.3. 151111B to RUBIS.).

UNIVERSAL completed repairs and proceeded down river to
tail of bank 15th June.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow 151544 to Admty.).
Proceed to Scapa to await onward escort.
(Capt.S.9. 151551B to ULTIMATUM).
My 151558 para.6. H.44 with M/L 196 as close escort
sailing in company (9) Sheerness.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 151620B to Admty.).
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/16 and movements for following
24 hours.
(F.O.S. 151709B, 152149B, 160039B, 160811B).
Intend sailing H.33 escorted by BLADE from Lough Foyie
at 0900B/16th arriving Rothesay 2100B/16th.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 151851B)
Intend sailing THRASHER towing X craft 7 (?escorted by)
ALECTO at 1000B/16 for Rothesay. E.T.A. 1700B/17th. Routes
via Minches and Tiree Passage.
(TITANIA, 152330B)

RENOWN.

Your 141501 approved. Date of full power trial
is to be as soon as possible after arrival at
working-up base.
(C. in C. H.F. 150955B to RENOWN)

/IROQUOIS ...

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Movements. - Contd.

IROQUOIS Return to harbour forthwith.
(C. in C. Plymouth 151005B to IROQUOIS).

ARCHER It is not now intended that ARCHER shall join 2nd Escort Group.
(2) ARCHER is to remain in Clyde until further orders, retaining complement of aircraft as at present adjusted. She will probably be required to sail about June 22nd for exercises at Merville and subsequent operation with B.5. Escort Group.
(3) My 081145 para.1. is cancelled.
(C. in C.W.A. 151050B to ARCHER).

MUSKETEER Seidis Fjord. Arrivals MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA.
MAHRATTA. (A.C.I.C. 151101B to S.B.N.O. North Russia).
Following from R.N.O. A.C.I.C. sailed MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA 1430B/15, E.T.A. Scapa 1830E/16.
(A.C.I.C. 152116B to C. in C.H.F.).

DAUNTLESS F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141735.
Onward route. (D) 50.00 N. 13.50 W. (E) 55.00 N. 11.00 W. thence to Clyde.
(2) Between 40 degs. N. and 46 degs. N. DAUNTLESS will be under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth.
(D.O.D.H. 151249B to DAUNTLESS).

DIDO Request you signal on what date you anticipate DIDO will be ready for service.
(D.O.D.H. 151415B to C. in C.H.F.).
Scapa arrival DIDO.
(A.C.O.S. 151745).

Landing My 141015B. Sailing of Flight H postponed.
Craft (C. in C. Plymouth 151422B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
Flight H. Your 142129. Alternative A confirmed.
(D.O.D.H. 151721B to C. in C. Plymouth).

RAMILLIES F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail RAMILLIES for Scapa p.m. 20th June.
(2) R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to sail 3 destroyers to R/V and provide escort to Scapa.
(C. in C.H.F. 151435B).

L.S.I.(S) Intend sailing L.S.I.(S) PRINCESS JOSEPHINE,
Craft for CHARLOTTE, PRINS LEOPOLD, PRINCESS ASTRID, R.F.A.
Gibraltar. PRESTOL, M/V EMPIRE DAY escorted by SHIPPIGAN (S.O.) TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE at 1200/16 for Gibraltar.

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Movements.

L.S.I.(S)
Craft for
Gibraltar
(Contd.).

E.T.A. 0800Z/21. Routed as in A.M. 271835B.
Speed 11 knots. Code word "Harris". C. in C. Med.
is requested to signal onward route from position
E.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 151634 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

SCYLLA

Scapa departure SCYLLA at 1830.
(A.C.O.S. 151907 to C. in C. Plymouth).

JAMAICA
KENT.

Hvalfiord departure C.S. (1) in KENT with JAMAICA
and MIDDLETON.
(A.C.I.C. 152000B to C. in C.W.A.).

A.F.D.21.

H.M.R.T. MARAUDER has been detailed for towage of
A.F.D. XXI from Portsmouth to Belfast on June 24th.
Request that MARAUDER be sailed for Portsmouth so
as to arrive on date as arranged with A.S.
Portsmouth.
(Capt. Rescue Tugs 152323B to C. in C.Plymouth).

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug"

Your 141142B. Para.3. is concurred in and following proposals are put forward

(a) Second Support Group consisting of WOODPECKER, KITE, WILDGOOSE, and WREN to be sailed with K.M.F. 17 on 19th June, STARLING to overtake. On arrival of convoy in 45 degs. N. 2nd Support Group to detach and act as anti U-boat striking force operating in vicinity of 45½ degs. N. 12 degs. W.

(b) B.5. Group consisting of HAVELOCK, VOLUNTEER, VANQUISHER, PIMPERNEL and GODETIA together with ARCHER to sail with convoy K.M.S.18B on 24th June. On arrival of convoy in 45 degs. N. B.5. group and ARCHER to detach and act as anti U-boat striking force in vicinity of 45½ degs. N. 16 degs. W. This group has relatively poor high-angle armament and this, coupled with presence of carrier, renders it desirable that they should be outside J.U.88 range.

(2) Both forces to act under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth from time of detachment from convoy. C. in C. Plymouth to issue necessary orders regarding operation and communications. Both forces to return to U.K. at P.L.E.

(3) Suggest following points be considered in connection with the operation of the forces.

(a) Patrol to be in a north-south direction so that if the force is sighted by enemy R/C they will appear to be on passage.

(b) Area of patrol to be moved subsequent to a sighting .

(c) Instructions given in 19 groups, (9431500) to H.Q.C.C. and 15 group to be modified to ensure that an aircraft remains in vicinity of U-boats to home until arrival of nearest surface force.

(d) F.A.A. from ARCHER to assist Coastal Command aircraft when possible by searching in vicinity of carrier but primary function

/of these....

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Operations of these aircraft to be to attack U-boats with
"Musketry" R.P., Martlets being used to support Swordfish
and in attack.
"Seaslug" (C. in C.W.A. 150026B to Admt.).
(Contd.). Your 141142B and C. in C.W.A. 150026B. Concur.
(C. in C. Plymouth 151545B to Admt.).
C. in C.W.As. 150026.
(1) Para.1. (a) C. in C.W.A. is requested to sail
Second Group independently when ready to 45 degs.
30' N. 12 degs. W. to act as anti-submarine striking
force.
(2) Decision on proposals in para. 1 (b) will be signalled later.
(3) Paras. 2 and 3. C. in C. Plymouth, is requested to issue the
necessary orders for the operation of Group 2 in co-ordination
with C. in C.W.A. H.Q.C.C. and 19 Group.
(D.O.D.H. 152055B to C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth (R) H.Q.C.C.
F.O.S.).

Coastal My 141038B. "Device" returned at 0524.
Patrols. (F.O.I.C. Portland 150530B).
Your 141503 "Wheel" arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 150704B to C. in C. Plymouth).
(1) Intend M.Ls. 122 (S.O.) 233 and 182 to patrol
tonight on latitude 50 degs. 20' N. between 01 degs. 45' W. and
02 degs. 25' W.
(2) Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave patrol-line
at Dawn/16th, returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
(3) Object: Anti E-boat patrol. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 151015).
(1) Anti E-boat patrol tonight on latitude 50 degs. 25' N.
between 00 degs. 15' W. and 01 degs. 00' W. from 2345B to 0400B
to be carried out:
(a) If weather is suitable for Coastal forces by M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.)
614, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE immediate
notice at Yarmouth.
(b) Is unsuitable for Coastal forces by ALBRIGHTON GLAISDALE.
M.G.Bs. at 1/4 hour and S.G.Bs. at 1/2 hour notice at Newhaven.
(2) Decision will be signalled at about 2000B.
(3) M.Ls. 346 and 464 patrol searched Channel between F and E.A.
5 buoys.
(5) Communications. Codeword "Advent".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 151458B).
(4) Patrol to Southward of E.A.5. buoy.
(a) M.G.B. 611, 614, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX or (b) ALBRIGHTON,
GLAISDALE. At short notice. (a) ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE, at
Yarmouth, or (b) M.G.B. 611, 614, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX at Newhaven
6.M.L. 346, 464, patrolling eastern approach channel. 7. Chasseur
11 at St. Helens. LIMBOURNE, KINGSTON, TURQUOISE at Yarmouth.
8. M.L. 122, 233, 182 from Portland patrolling 50 degs. 20'
N. between 1 degs. 45' W. and 2 degs. 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 151503B).
My 151458. ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE to Anchor at St. Helens at
immediate notice. Coastal forces at Newhaven at 1/2 hours notice.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 151901B).

/My....

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Patrols.
(Contd.).My 151015B. "Device" sailed 2218.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 152231B).S/M
Patrols.Positions of Submarines at 0800B/16th and
movements for the following 24 hours.

- (a) BARB vicinity 48 degs. 50' N. 37 degs. 35' W.
(b) HAKE vicinity 47 degs. 57' N. 35 degs. 51' W.
(c) BLACKFISH approx. 48 degs. 26' N. 33 degs. 35' W. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 47 degs. 02' N. 35 degs. 30' W.
(d) HADDO 47 degs. N. 33 degs. W, dived as much as practicable through 48 degs. 50' N. 31 degs. 01' W. at 1600/17th.
(e) TALLY HO 63 degs. 16' N. 00 degs. 40' W. for Lerwick dived as much as practicable while north of 62 degs. N.
(f) TRUCULENT 62 degs. 12' N. 00 degs. 36' W. for Lerwick proceeding probably on the surface when south of 62 degs. N.
(g) SEADOG vicinity 63 degs. 30' N. 01 degs. 01' E. leaving patrol for Lerwick at 2200/16th proceeding dived as much as practicable while north of 62 degs. N.
(h) SATYR vicinity 62 degs. 50' N. 02 degs. 30' E. proceeding for Lerwick at 2200/16th diving as in para.(G).
(n) USURPER 44 degs. 01' N. 06 degs. 36' W. dived by day through 44 degs. 00' N. 10 degs. 02' W. due 43 degs. 01' N. 09 degs. 59' W. at 2300/18th.
(F.O.S. 151709B to Admt.).

Allied Air Activity.A/C
damaged by
Trawler.

At 0901B today Catalina V.A.G. of 84 Squadron searching for survivors in 063 degs. 34' N. 012 degs 02' W. was damaged by P.A.C. rocket fired by Faeroes trawler when aircraft was circling round her. Trawler was last seen on a southerly course

It may be possible that rocket was fired to attract the aircraft's attention. Request inquiries may be made.

(A.C.I.C. 151459 to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

886 Sqdn.
in ATTACKERYour 141620B, 141621B and 141622E. Night dive bombing should be included for 886 Squadron. Target date for completion of working up of ship and squadrons is approximately mid-August.
(D.O.D.H. 152124B to F.O.N.A.S.).Enemy Air Activity.Jan
Mayen.Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard 0650Z Easterly direction, weather foggy.
(A.C.I.C. 151311B to C. in C.H.F.).

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Enemy Air Activity. - Contd.

Plymouth
damage on
night 12/13
June.

Further to my 131215B damage was also caused to following. Details.
(S.C.E. Devonport 151730B).

Mining.

Harwich

1 ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1245 in 52 degs. 01.3' N. 01 degs. 36.5' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 151346B and 152314B).

1 ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1411 in 51 degs. 47.5' N. 01 degs. 40' E. C.G. Clacton reported presumed mine explosion at 1824 on 14th June 094 degs. 4 miles. No vessels in vicinity. This is close to the position reported in my 141522B.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich 151513 and 152314B).

Ground mine report my 151736B (N.T. in W.D.).

- (1) (A) 1541B/15. (B) S.A. 'LL' in 'Q' M.M/S 227, 138, 237.
- (D) 51 degs. 47.4' North. 01 degs. 39.8' East 040 degs.
- (E) Red 175 degs. 1½ cables. (F) On, red to port. (H) Not known.
- (2) (A) 1541½B/15. (B) S.A. 'LL' in 'Q' M.M/S 227, 138, 237.
- (D) 51 degs. 47.2' North. 01 degs. 40.2 mins. East, 040 degs.
- (E) Green 85 degs. 6 cables. (F) Red to starboard. (H) Not known.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich 152322B).

Portsmouth

One Mag. mine red detonated by L.L. in approx 50 degs. 36' 45" N. 01 degs. 38' 48" W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 151810B and 171408B).

Iceland.

At 0721/16 in 63 degs. 53' N. 12 degs. 20' W. G/84 sighted one floating mine with several others in vicinity.
(R.A.F. Iceland 152106B).

Lyme
Bay.

Commenced clearance on line joining following two positions 050 degs. 27' N. 003 degs. 13' 18" W. 050 degs. 28' 06" N. 003 degs. 04' 06" W. Only two laps covering a total width of three cables were swept due to bad visibility in passing rain squall. In laying second datum Danbuoy and in sweep operation two mines detonated in sweep in following position 050 degs. 27' 24" N. 003 degs. 07' 40" W. 050 degs. 27' 21" N. 003 degs. 07' 54" W. A small length of armoured cable was recovered in cutter. Intend sailing at 0600B.
(HOUND 152205B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

U-Boats
from
Bordeaux.

A.M. 131108B and A.M. 131636B. Only two Italian U-boats are concerned, one sailed night 12/13 June and the other p.m. 14th. (Graded B.2.).
(D.D.I.C. 151555B).

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U-Boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic. Am over enemy submarine in 57 degs. 13' N. 30 degs. 04' W. (A/C 120 Squadron Duty F. 150032B to Artunshofdi). Have attacked enemy with bombs dive. (A/C 120 Squadron Duty F 150034). By D/F at 0818Z U-Boat estimated anywhere within 75 miles of 57 degs. 00' N. 30 degs. 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 151216B to Escorts O.N.S.10, BITER, O.N. 188).

At 1245Z U-Boat transmitted approx. bearing 183 degs. 2nd class approx. 100 miles my position 056 degs. 35' N. 024 degs. 45' W.

(CHURCHILL 151305Z to C. in C.W.A.).

CHURCHILL's 151305Z. By D/F U-Boat was in approx. 49 degs. 30' N. 29 degs. 00' W.

(D.D.I.C. 151909B to CHURCHILL).

We congratulate JED and PELICAN on the destruction of a U-Boat on June 14th.

(1st S.L. 152123B to PELICAN, JED).

Please convey our congratulations on Captain and crew of Fortress R/206 on the gallant and successful attack which resulted in the destruction of a U-Boat on 11th June and express our hopes for their speedy recovery.

(1st S.L. 152126B to Air Ministry).

Biscay Area Am over enemy submarine in 44 degs. 08' N. 11 degs. 20' W.

(A/C 502 Squadron Duty T 150751 to 19 Group).

Have obtained A.S.V. Contact in 44 degs. 02' N. 11 degs. 31' W. Probably Q Submarine. Am

returning to base or P.L.E.

(A/C 502 Squadron Duty T. 151023 to 19 Group).

On day 14th June. 9 Whitleys of 10 O.T.U. carried out anti-submarine patrols W. and N.W. of the Bay of Biscay. There were 13 sightings and 4 attacks.

1 A/C sighted two U-Boats, 115 miles W.N.W. of Cap Ortegal. This A/C is missing and is believed to have been shot down in the sea.

1 A/C sighted 3 U-Boats in line astern 102 miles W. of Cap Ortegal. This A/C attacked the hindmost 18 seconds after the U-Boats had submerged, dropping six depth charges from 100 ft.

The depth charges undershot slightly, falling to port, ahead of the track. No results were observed. This same A/C later sighted a further 5 U-Boats 168 miles N.W. of Cap Ortegal and attacked one of them with gun fire. A third Whitley sighted 3 U-Boats, two in company and one a mile behind. 100 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegal. The A/C attacked the Rear U-Boat fully surfaced, dropping six depth charges from 50 to 100 ft. The depth charges straddled the U-Boat just forward of the conning tower. After the attack, the U-Boat circled, but no further results were seen.

(H.Q.B.C. 151445B).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- Dinghy. Dinghy containing 3 crew lost. (Destroyer?)
in area.
(A/C, 150715 to 19 Group)
- SANDWICH. The defects to the evaporator system of
SANDWICH are such that she cannot be at sea for
more than three or four days until a new evaporator
is made, probable time 5-6 weeks. Suggest ship
should be employed in augmenting east coast convoys escort.
(F.O.I.C.Tyne, 150950B to C. in C. W.A.)
- GRAPH. GRAPH is now undergoing refit and will probably
not be at sea again until November.
Request Admty. 222AZ December 1942 may be
cancelled.
(F.O.S. 151006B to Admty)
- UNTAMED. TEDWORTH reported 3rd 9-inch lift wire placed.
Further operation in progress.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 151330B to N.O.I.C.Greenock)
- ARVIDA My 142021Z. P.C.S.1600Z, 061° 00' N. 022° 30' W.
358° 10.5 knots.
Proceeding under own power in company with
COLDSTREAMER and HESPERIA, latter with defective
towing-winch. E.T.A. Reykjavik 1300Z/16.
(ARVIDA, 151601Z to A.C.I.C.)
- ROCHESTER. Cancel my 150936. Sailing delayed owing to
gyro defects.
(F.O.Humber, 151645)

Shipping and Convoys.

- A.T.49. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND is due Liverpool 18.6. with
T.A. 49. following, total 4173, personnel on board.
Details. (3) Convoy T.A. 49 is required to be
ready to sail from Liverpool p.m. 23.6. Approxi-
mately 3,000 personnel including 2,000 German pris-
oners of war will embark 22/6 and 23/6.
(D.S.T.150214B)
- ILE DE Is due Tail of the Bank 20/6. Details of person-
FRANCE. nel on board will be signalled separately.
T.A.50A. (2) Vessel is required to be ready to sail again
as convoy T.A. 50A p.m. 30/6. Approximately
3,000 personnel including 2,500 German prisoners
of war will embark at Tail of the Bank on 29/6 and
30/6.
(D.S.T.150217B)

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- S.C.155.
E.G.5. D/F bearings at 0054Z. indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 150556B to Escorts S.C.155, E.G.5)
Detach on crossing 20° W all ships capable of 9 knots and over escorted by 5th E.G. to 7° W, thence unescorted. Loch Ewe ships to proceed unescorted from (BL)
(C. in C. W.A. 151258Z to Escorts S.C.155, E.G.5)
- E.G.2. Request you will sail available ships of 2nd Escort Group for Merville p.m. June 16th.
(2) Remainder of group to follow on 17th except STARLING.
(C. in C. W.A. 151049B to F.O.I.C.Liverpool)
- W.S.51./
K.M.F.17. My 121915. For SWALE read MOURNE. (2) MOURNE to return to Liverpool from Oversay R/V.
(C. in C. W.A. 15112B to F.O.I.C.Liverpool)
- O.S.50./
K.M.S.17 Intend to sail for K.M.S.17 to O.S.50.
BARON DOUGLAS, URANIENBORG, BARON RUTHVEN, FORT NIPIGON.
(N.C.S.O. Barry, 151235 to N.C.S.O. Milford Haven)
My 101130. For LOWESTOFT read FOLKESTONE.
(C. in C. W.A. 151823B to Cdre. D. W.A.)
- Escort and Support Groups. In view of B.A.D. Washington's 111447/6 it is now proposed that the arrangements outlined in my 261321 of May should stand, but for Support Force read Support Group throughout, the first sentence of Para. 2 of my signal being deleted.
(C. in C. W.A. 151244B to Admty)
- Russian request for Tanker. My 051447. Request for tanker for Northern route now cancelled. Instead Soviet Admiralty request use of one of tankers now North Russia to transfer oil fuel from Archangel to Kola Inlet owing to difficulties of rail transport. Estimated that tanker of 10,000 tons capacity would be required to make four round trips each of about 12 days. (2) Early reply requested.
(Ad. Fisher, 151520C to Admty)
- AMSTERDAM. Intend sailing transport AMSTERDAM at 0215/17th speed 17 knots, to R/V at times and positions given in N.O.I.C.Lerwick's 141045B.
(N.C.S.O.Kirkwall, 151647B to A.C.O.S.)
- K.M.S.20. C. in C. W.A. 151828 para. 2.
F.O.I.C.Greenock is requested to sail MAID MARION from U.K. with K.M.S.20 on 4th July for Gibraltar.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 151658B)

B.7 /...

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B.7.
BERRY.

Request you will sail BERRY when ready after calibrating direct to St. Johns. N.F. to join B.7 group.
(C. in C. W.A. 151850B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

S.D.41.

BANFORA arrived at 2045/14.
(D.S.T.O.Greenock, 142100B to D.S.T.O. Iceland)

K.M.S.20.

My 222119B/May and 202336B/May. Request arrangements be made to include BARSPEAR and BARCOCK in K.M.S.20.
(D.B.D. 152231B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)

S.L.130/
M.K.S.14.

Your 151630B. KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE detached at 1930B. My P.C.S. at 2301B, 043° 18' N. 015° 58' W. 000° 7.25 knots.
(SCARBOROUGH, 152250B to C. in C. W.A.)

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SEVERN, At 150001, position 039° 55' N. 010° 00' W, again
A/C forced down by aircraft. Request information
Interference. of own air patrol to facilitate classification
of type 291 report; also bombing restrictions
imposed. Intend proceed diving by day 15th June
then make best speed down given route arriving
point T.146 your 102317 before dark 16th. H.S.647 not
received.

(SEVERN, 150115Z to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar (R) Capt. (S) 8)

SEVERN has been forced to dive by aircraft and is over 24
hours late on times given in my 102317B.

(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 151319B to C. in C. Med. (R) S.8,
F.O.H., Com. Algiers, Com. N.O.B. Oran, V.A. Malta.)

Your 150115B. Total bombing restrictions have been imposed
10 miles either side of your route from 039° 55' N. to Gibraltar.
Report P.C. and S. of A. and time of passing Europa Point
prefixed immediate.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 151436B to SEVERN (R) Capt. S.8)

Convoy K.M.S.16. K.M.S.16 arrived.
(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 150305B to Admty)
Arrival D.S. FLORES, F.F.S. ROSELYS ex K.M.S.16.
(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 151033B to Admty etc.)

Movements, DAN - Y - BYRN and SINGLETON arrived 0630A/15
Casablanca. June escorted by two P.Cs.
(Commorseafon, 150540Z to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar (R)
F.O.C.W.A., Comar Dakar, Comesunit)

Convoy X.K.7. Sailing telegram. (2) 0900/15. (4) 7 knots.
(5) and (8) LA 35.46 N. 06.25 W LB 36.18 N.
09.48 W. LC 42.30 N. 15.26 W. LD 45.00 N. 15.15 W.
thence as ordered by Admiralty.
(6) MOLDE, CYCLAMEN, HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.
(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 150755B, 150756B to Admty)

Convoy C.G.37. Intend sail C.G. 37, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ORUNDA,
escorted by MALCOLM and ANTELOPE for Gibraltar
E.T.D. 151600A through Q.K.A.102.
(A) 35.20 N. 07.30 W. (B) 35.45 N. 06.35 W. and
Q.K.A. 80 7 speed 13, E.T.A. 161000 A codeword

"Tarbat". Convoy guard 500 K/Cs, escorts guard 20150 ?trans-
mission 46. Comfairwing 15 provide daylight air cover up
to 35° N. Priority A.

(Commorseafon, 150800 to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med.
MALCOLM, ANTELOPE, ORUNDA, HIGHLAND PRINCESS, Admty, Comfairwing
15, A.H.Q. Gib. N.O.B. Casablanca)

My 150800. Sailed 152130A less ORDUNA which is defective*.
ANTELOPE does not hold S.P.02352 (84).

(Commorseafon, 152040 to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar (R) C. in C.
Med. etc.) * See 152220.

DAUNTLESS. /...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic - Contd.

DAUNTLESS. Depart Casablanca 151900A as directed in N.O.I.C. Gib. 141735.
(Commorseafon, 150941Z to DAUNTLESS, (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med., Admty, N.O.B. Casablanca, C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.I.C.Gibraltar)
Sailed 151930A my 150941.
(Commorseafon, 151940 to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, Admty, C. in C. W.A., DAUNTLESS)

Dispositions. Situation 151958B.

SEVERN reported position at 150201B as 039° 55' 010° 01' through 038° 50' 010° 01', 036° 51' 009° 15' 036° 37' 007° 24', 035° 53' 006° 15' and 035° 49' 006° 06' thence through Strait speed uncertain.
(2) U.G.S. 9 ACTIVE 034° 53' 007° 16' through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence through Strait 8. (3) X.K. 7, MOLDE, 035° 49' 006° 47' 281° 6. (4) 3 Portuguese Submarines one gunboat exercising in area of Cezimbra (?returning) Lisbon 18th. (5) Small M.B. convoy, SHEPPEY, (? 036°) 38' 009° 51' to Gibraltar 6.
(6) ADVENTURE 035° 57' 008° 54' to Gibraltar 17.
(7) ARCTIC RANGER, M.L. (?175) 2 merchant ships sailed 152100 through 035° 56' 006° 20' and San Sebastian Castle Light 2 miles where one merchant ship parts company for Cadiz thence Huelva where remaining merchant ship enters (?escorts) and 2 merchant ships of Huelva at 161500 thence coastwise to Gibraltar 7½.
(8) L.S.T. 421 B.Y.M.S. 19 032° 40' 009° 39' through 033° 25' 009° 15' to Casablanca 9. (9) TRUSTY sailing Gibraltar 161600 through Q.K.A.87 and (?035°) (?53') 006° 15' at 162000, (?11)½ knots on surface. (10) U.S.S. WEST POINT one U.S. destroyer escorting for 400 miles then (?returning to) Casablanca 033° 46' 008° 55' through 033° 01' 012° 01' 243° (?20).5.
(11) DAUNTLESS 034° 17' 008° 35' through 036° 50' 013° 16' thence 352° 17. (12) CG 37 2 destroyers 034° 08' 007° 58' through 035° 20' 007° 30' and 035° (?45') 006° 35' to Gibraltar 13.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 151058B)

Add new para. (?13) to my 151058. 2 Swedish relief ships sailed, 2000B/15th from Gibraltar 266° 12.

(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 152006B)

Situation 2002B/15th. O.S. 49 029° 39' 012° 10' through 029° 02' 012° 30' thence 229° 8. (3) Small craft convoy SOUTHERN GEM 039° 45' 012° 03' (?65° ?152°) 6.
(4) (?UF or UC) 3 C.T.G.21.6, 039° 11' 014° 30' through 037° 58' 014° 31' thence 218° 14. (5) S.L.130 SCARBOROUGH (E) 042° 50' 016° 01' 000° 6¾.

(F.O.C.Gibraltar, 151104B)

Axis Shipping Bilbao. Arrival 14th Spanish EA. Departure 14th MARIBEL, PLUS ULTRA, MONTE ICIAR, MONTE-CORONA, CARUSO, GALEA. Departure 15th HENK.
(Bilbao, 151300 to Admty (R) S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

U/B.

At 1345 G.M.T. 15th German Submarine on surface sighted close to breakwater, turned away in Southerly direction.
(N.C.S.O.Ponta Delgada, 151356 to S.O.(I) Gib.
(R) Admty) (N.A.Lisbon, 151846B to S. O.(I) Gib.
(R) Admty)

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Submarine on surface believed to be German sighted entrance to Harbour submerged 1345 G.M.T. proceed southerly direction. (R.O.Ponta Delgada, 151454 to Admty (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

VETCH
ATHERSTONE,
(transport
of
728 Sqdn.)

VETCH enters Oran, 1400B/17th June to embark stores and part maintenance personnel 728 Squadron. (2) ATHERSTONE enters Oran 1700/17th June to embark remainder of maintenance personnel. (3) Both to rejoin convoy with despatch on completion. (4) R.A.F. Tafaroui acknowledge. (5) C. in C. Med. 051105 refers. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 151740 to Com. N.O.B. Oran(R) R.A.F. Tafaroui, C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, H.Q. Med. A.Q. Command, C.O.N.A.S. Med., S.N.O. Tripoli, C.O.N.A.S. Egypt)

USURPER.

Onward route after crossing $043^{\circ} 01' N.$ at 2300B/18. (T) $038^{\circ} 50' N. 010^{\circ} 01' W.$ at 2310/21st. (U) $036^{\circ} 51' N. 009^{\circ} 13' W.$ at 0440/23rd. (V) $036^{\circ} 37' N. 007^{\circ} 24' W.$ at 0530/24th. (W) $035^{\circ} 53' N. 006^{\circ} 15' W.$ at 1240/24th. (X) $035^{\circ} 49' N. 006^{\circ} 06' (?30")$ at 1330/24th. thence Gibraltar by Q.K.A.87. S. of A. diving by day 83 miles per day. After passing position (V) proceed on surface at your discretion at 10 knots but do not cross meridian of $007^{\circ} W.$ before 0700/24th. (2) Submerged bombing restrictions have been arranged until 0530/24th, thereafter total bombing restrictions 10 miles either side of your route from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern of your estimated position. Report if you are unable to keep within your bombing restrictions. (3) All time Zone minus 2. Read H.S. and G.S. routine after 2300B/18th. (F.O. Gibraltar, 151806B to (?P.56 USURPER) (R) F.O.(S) C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 8. Capt. S.3), TRUSTY.)

C.G.36.

Arrived.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 152045B to C.M.S.F.F.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals VELOX, MELBREAK ex K.M.S.16. R.A.'H' in KING GEORGE V, FORMIDABLE, CALPE, ANTHONY from Mers El Kebir. M.L.176, 170 ex escort duties East. ST. NECTAN, P.C. 472, 475, CHASSEUR II with C.G. 36 from Casablanca. U.S.S. NIBLACK from Oran.

Departures CONSBORO for Oran. M.T.B.665 M.G.B. 662, 659, 660 M.L.563, 565, 558 for Algiers. ARCTIC RANGER, M.L.175 on escort duties West.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 152110B to Admty etc.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

June 15th arrived Casa with U.G.S.9, L.S.T.159 Task Force 69 less D.D. THORNE locally escorting, departing U.S.S. WEST POINT, other departures U.S.S. BRISTOL, LUDLOW and WOOLSEY joining ANTELOPE for Gibraltar.
(Commorseafron, 152148 to C. in C. Med.)

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HORACE WILLIAMS, SANTA MARIA. HORACE WILLIAMS and SANTA MARIA now at Dakar. Comar Dakar is requesting destinations which not known here. Request you reply direct. (D.T.D. 152212B to F.O. Gibraltar)

ORDUNA. Intend sail ORDUNA escorted by one destroyer to be designated by C.T.F. 69, depart Casa 161400A, routed through Q.K.A.102 A.35.04 N. 07.07 W. B. 35.47 N. 06.29 W. Q.K.A. (?85) 87 to Gibraltar. S. of A. 13. E.T.A. 170800 A, guard 500 K/cs. Escort guard T.2150 K/cs Comfairwing 15 provide daylight air escort to T.F. North, mission 41. (Commorseafnon, 152220 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med. Admty, etc.)

Italian Repatriation Ships, correspondence at St. Vincent. Request you will pass following to S.B.N.O's. VULCANIA, SATURNIA, DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE by O.T.P. "H.M. Consul St. Vincent in a report mentions that on recent visit of four repatriation ships, several tons of coffee were shipped and letters found in one bag. Admty assumes these letters were found after shipment. S.B.N.O's of ships which embarked provisions at St. Vincent are to report. (1) whether all bags and cases of coffee and other food stuffs were opened and searched for correspondence, transmitters etc. (2) results of search. (3) nature of any correspondence found. (4) necessity for taking on any provisions at St. Vincent, observing provisioning arranged for at Port Elizabeth". (Hd. of M.I, 152221B to D.S.O. Gibraltar)

Request D.S.O. Gibraltar will pass following to S.B.N.O. VULCANIA by O.T.P. "Italians state that they have been informed by Signor Caroselli that S.B.N.O. VULCANIA has forbidden Wireless reception of family news broadcast. This is correct in accordance with A.M. 151704B April. Nevertheless we are anxious to know how Caroselli was able to communicate with his Government. Request report." Can F.O.I.C. Gibraltar throw any light on the matter? (Head of M.I, 15222B to D.S.O. Gibraltar, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar) Reply: No (181228B) Reply from VULCANIA (190821B)

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- RANGITIKI. Proposed to use RANGITIKI in convoy W.S.31 for personnel in excess of unescorted numbers for Lagos and Takoradi as well as Freetown.
2. Request report whether this coastal voyage is acceptable from the naval point of view.
(D.S.T. 150216B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) D.S.T.O. West Africa.)
- CILICIA. E.T.A. 160700Z. Propose to go over D/G range on arrival. Requirements. Request 24 hours notice for 4 days while carrying out overhaul of machinery.
(CILICIA 150330Z to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Cdre. Freetown.)
- Repatriations. Port Elizabeth Departure June 15th. SATURNIA, VULCANIA for Aden, Italian repatriation ships.
(2) R.A. West Africa pass to H.Q. East Africa Command.
(Port Elizabeth 150846B to Admty.)
Sailed SATURNIA, VULCANIA for Aden. Speed 18 knots, E.T.A. 24th. June. Route as per C. in C. S.At's. 081457B June and C. in C. E.F. 071425B June and F.O.C. Red Sea 101955C June.
(2) F.O. E.Af. & Zanzibar pass to H.Q. East Africa Command.
(N.C.S.O: Port Elizabeth 150921B to C. in C. Levant, C. in C. S. At. etc.)
- Ships for W.S.30. Request permission to include KARAGOLA for Seychelles, speed 13½ knots, and GLENSTRAE, 12½ knots to Kilindini in W.S.30.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 150901Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) C. in C. S.A.)
- QUERCY. Your 101810 to Comar Dakar only. Intend to sail QUERCY escorted by SNOWDROP M.L.278, M.L. 209 for Conakry 1800Z/15th. 2. Speed made good 12 knots, E.T.A. 0800/17th. Routed from Goree Island through position:- A. 10.52 N. 17.06 W. B. 09.26 N. 14.00 W. thence to Conakry. 3. QUERCY with same escort sails from Conakry for Dakar 1800Z/17th by same route reversed.
(Comar Dakar 151021Z to F.O.C. W.A. (R) SNOWDROP, N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty.)
Sailed 1750Z/15th QUERCY escorted SNOWDROP M.L.278 for Conakry. My 151021 refers. M.L.209 engine defects.
(Comar Dakar 151831Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)
- W.S.31. My 141135 BLACKMORE will now sail with FOXHOUND from Freetown and will be detached to arrive Dakar 0700Z/17th to refuel and sail to rejoin FOXHOUND.
(F.O.C.W.A. 151041Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. FOXHOUND.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2004Z/15 June. PORTSDOWN, INKPEN, LADY DENISON PENDER 013° (755') 017° (738') to

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Dispositions. Bathurst 9. CILICIA 009° 46' 015° 31' to
(Contd.) Freetown 14. BUTTERMERE 008° 52' 014° 01' to
Freetown 12. FOWEY, CAMPION, MYOSOTIS, F.S.
LA MALOUINE, MALLOW, STONECROP with S.L.131
012° 10' 017° 28' thence 355° 7. FOXHOUND,
BLACKMOOR escorting 009° (?14') 014° 41' to 010° 51' 017° 21'
then 355° 12. B (?Y) M.S.18 and 17 009° 07' 014° 31' 301° 10½.
BELLWORT, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting 008° 30' 013° 29' 303° 6.
(F.O.C.W.A. 151209Z.)

Add to my 151209. SNOWDROP and 2 M.Ls. escorting French
Auxiliary Cruiser QUERCY off Dakar to (?Pantellaria) 12 knots.
(F.O.C.W.A. 151546Z.)

Situation at 1959Z/15th June. MILFORD, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA,
CLARKIA, TAMARISK, PICT YESTOR with T.S.44 006° 20' 012° 05' to
007° 39' 014° 20' thence Freetown 8. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS,
BURDOCK, F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, TURCOMAN with S.T.69 003°
57' 003° 58' to 004° 10' 002° 00' thence Takoradi 8½. M.Ls. 290
285, 256 and 305, 008° 15' 013° 49' through 007° (?50') 014°
15' and 006° 46' 012° 32' thence 206° 10. B.Y.M.S.11,12,20 and
28 004° 12' 007° 50' to 004° 42' 008° 56' thence 312° 10½. M.L.
287 off Port Bouet. (?SARABANDE) off Accra. M.L. 1041 off Lome.
M.L. 1019 off Kotonou. REDSHANK 002° 43' S. 008° 40' E. to
Pointe Noire 10½. ASTURIAS 000° 37' 014° 57' to Equator 015°
00' thence 245° 16. CORFU on patrol about 007° 30' 026° 30'
off shore.

(F.O.C.W.A. 151250Z.)

Brazilian Movement. My 281950 April, departure and arrival 14th June,
Brazilian Light Cruiser RIO GRANDE, DO SUL on
trials.
(R.O. Pernambuco 151340Z to Admty.)

M.L.296. Sailed 1030Z/15th June M.L.296 Grand Pope
(Dahomey Coast) E.T.A. 0600Z/15th. To screen
ships loading.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 151409Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty.
R.N.O. Lagos.)

RESOLUTION, RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS,
RACEHORSE, ROTHERHAM with SS. AFRICAN STAR, N.C.S.O.Durban's
RELENTLESS, 150848 not to all addressees refers.
ROTHAM, 2. Route for RESOLUTION through A. 029° 02' S. 032°
AFRICAN STAR. 55' E. B. 022° 00' 038° 00'. Y. 020° 15' 041°
00'. Z. 009° 34' 044° 55' thence Kilindini.
S. of A. 13 knots. E.T.A. point of arrival
1000Z/21st. Gate required at 1500Z/21st.
3. Destroyers proceed in accordance with C. in C. E.F's.090950.
4. SS. AFRICAN STAR will be detached in position B to proceed
to Beira. 5. RESOLUTION shifts to W/T group "Victor" at
1200Z/19th.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 151501Z to Admty. etc.)

BOADICEA. Sailing H.M.S. BOADICEA 1800Z/15 route "vine"
S. of A. 20 knots, E.T.A. 0700Z/10th.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 151537Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R)
N.O.I.C. Takoradi, Admty.)

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B.Y.M.S. Departures 1207Z/15 June, B.Y.M.S. Nos. 17 and 18 (S.O. (I) Freetown 151702Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst (R) Admty.)

BLACKMORE. Arrival 0720Z/15 June. (S.O. (I) Freetown 151720Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi (R) Admty.)

ALCANTARA. Intend sailing ALCANTARA at 1200Z/17th June to U.K. (route). S. of A. 13½ knots. 2. ALCANTARA shift to Med. W/T (?identification) at 2000Z (?24th) June. (F.O.C.W.A. 151723Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib.)
My 131718. Destination in U.K. for ALCANTARA is Clyde.
2. After disembarkation of passengers F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship to Liverpool for conversion to M.O.W.T. (D.O.D. (F) 151728B to F.O.C.W.Af. F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Shipping Routes. My 141215 para. (1). In view of C. in C.E.F's. 150909, request you will route ships under 15 knots (bound South America) to Durban for convoy. Attention is called to my 121301 para. (1) and 121730, not to all addressees. (2) Ships of 15 knots and over may be routed direct to position "Able" in A.M. 211556 May para. (2) subject to my permission being obtained for vessel to proceed. (C. in C. S.A. 151743B to C.S.A. at Beira. (R) C. in C. E.F. Admty. Cdre. Durban.)

U-Boat. R.O. Paranagua reports S/M sighted p.m. 14th short distance N. of San Francisco Island. Information received from Captain of Port and Graded C.4. pending further details. No Brazilian S/M in vicinity. (B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 151759Z to Asst. B.N.S.O. Recife for Com. 4th Fleet. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. W.A. C. in C. S.A.) (Doubtful, see 171836Z.)

SPINDRIFT, crew. Your 091806 May. On transfer of SPINDRIFT to S.A.N.F. about 30th June following available for disposal (names etc.). Highly desirable ship's company should remain together as they trained laying unit. Coxswain will be available three months after transfer. (2) Request disposal. (C. in C. S.A. 151801B to Admty.)

Movements, Freetown. Departures 1229Z/15 June, FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE, escorting. (S.O. (I) Freetown 151809Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. Comar Dakar, N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

/VERBENA...

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- VERBENA. Parted company with EMPIRE KAMAL at 1905Z/15th in 022° S. 038° E. in accordance with your 121451B. My E.T.A. Durban 1700B/17th. Weather report.
 (VERBENA 152130Z to Cdre.i/c. Durban.)
- W.S.30. Arrivals 15th June, Simonstown, SUFFOLK, CATTERICK, Capetown, CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, with W.S.30.
 (C. in C.S.A. 152210B to C. in C. E.F. Admty. F.O.C. W.Af.)
- Movements, Bathurst. E.T.A. Gambia Fairway 0800Z/16th, INKPEN, and LADY DENISON PENDER in company.
 (PORTSDOWN 152300Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst (R) F.O.C.W.A.)
- SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. Your 150620. (N.T. in W.D.) Intend SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA escort KHEDIVE ISMAIL Durban to Tamatave. My 101237 refers. (N.T. in W.R.) Firm date of sailing from Durban will be signalled later.
 (C. in C. S.A. 152303B. to C. in C. E.F. (R) Com.i/c. Durban, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez.)
- Route Signals. For consideration that Standard reference positions (Atlantic) only be used in route signals from West African ports with view to abbreviation of these signals. N.C.S.O. Freetown's 111609. (Convoy S.T.69) is an example.
 (C. in C. S.A. 152345 to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. Connav.)
- Convoy C.N. 24. B. Group dispersed J at 2100Z/15.
 (CITY OF EXETER 152350 to C. in C. S.A.)

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E-Boats. P.C. and S. of 2 enemy E-Boats 39.22 N. 17.24 E.
270° 30 knots.
(A/C FBM/C 150110B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

Movements, 14th June 43. Arrivals AETOS, ABDIEL, M.L. 1156.
Beirut. Departures ABDIEL.
(3.O.(I) Beirut 150635C to Admty.)

Convoy X.T.G.1 arrived. C. in C.Med. pass to Comnavnaw.
X.T.G.1. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 150715B to Admty. etc.)
X.T.G.1. My 141747, amend sailing time to read
2000B/15 June.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 151031B to A.I.G. 259.)

Movements, Departures LANCE, NIMBLE, DERWENT, ST. DAY,
Malta. LEONIAN, STANFORTH, WILTON, SLAZAK, BICESTER.
Arrivals Hospital Ship MAINE.
(V.A. Malta 150732B to Admty. etc.)
Transport STANFORTH left for Algiers. Hospital
Ship MAINE arrived.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 150905B to D. of S.T. Connav,
P.S.T.O. Med.)

AMARAPOORA. Arrived.
(Com. Algeria, 150938B to N.O.I.C. Bone, (R)
Admty. etc.)

UNSHAKEN, Intend to sail P.54 (UNSHAKEN) at 1800/16th to
UNISON, patrol in area T. south of 037° 20'.
UNITED. 2. P.43 (UNISON) is to operate north of 037° 25'
and west of 016° (905') after 0800/17th.
3. P.44 (UNITED) is to operate east of 016° E. in
zone M. after 0800/17th.
(Capt. S.10 151013B to C. in C.Med. (R) Capt. S.8,
P.43, P.44, C. in C. Levant, Capt. S.1, 10th S.F.)

UNRULY. Cancel my 131103 not to all (N.T. in W.D.) Onward
route from position P. through 037° 31' 012° 27'
thence through position V. thence direct for
West Sanctuary R/V to arrive 0830/18th.
(Capt. S.10, 151016B to P.49 (UNRULY) (R) 8th S.F.
C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8, V.A. Malta.)

CELENO. My 1417/30C. CELENO passed Canakkale 0600 G.M.T.
June 15th. My signal reported time of entry into
Aegean will follow.
(S.O.I. Istanbul 151041C to C. in C. Levant,
S.O.I. Levant, S.10, S.1, D.N.I.)
My 151041C. CELENO joined escort of 3 destroyers, one seaplane
0800 G.M.T. 5 miles east Imbros and proceeded West North Lemnos.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul 151526C.)

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Algiers Situation Report.

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B.A.S. Washington. C. in C. Persia/Iraq.
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1458 cipher 15 June.

Signed Eisenhower.

LITREP 55. Summary of operations 10 to 13 June.

Para. 1. Pantellaria. Naval Force 'L' with one Br. Inf. Div. embarked sailed Sousse night 10/11 June with object capture of Pantellaria. At 1030 hours 11 June first assault flight left position 8 miles off shore and by 1137 hours landing was taking place according to plan. Meanwhile white flag had been hoisted and the airfield had been marked with a white cross, the agreed signs of surrender. Heavy air attack made to cover our landings was continued until surrender was confirmed. Slight opposition was encountered at one beach after which the first objective, a bridgehead extending half a mile around the harbour area was secured. Our ships were ordered not to fire after 1200 hours except against batteries and positions which continued to resist. Shortly after midday enemy signalled Malta that they would surrender and at 1240 hours further bombing missions were cancelled. Soon afterwards G.O.C. First Div. went ashore while troops and stores were being landed. No contact was reported with late Governor or responsible authorities. 2800 prisoners were embarked and an estimated 11,000 await evacuation. By 1900 hours 11 June Rear Admiral 'L' Force had transferred his flag to destroyer TARTAR and all other ships and landing craft had sailed for Sousse. Following day two Inf. Bde. groups continued the search of the island, locating several dumps of food, petrol and ammunition.

Para. 2. Lampedusa. Four cruisers and (?six) destroyers with one Inf. Coy., from First Br. Inf. Div. carried in LCI(L) proceeded from Pantellaria 1700 hours

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11 June to carry out bombardment of Lampedusa and in case of surrender to occupy the island. Air attacks were made during afternoon 11 June and were continued on 12 June. Naval bombardments of enemy positions ordered at 2345 hours 11 June and 0200 hours and 0630 hours 12 June. Shore batteries replied to last bombardment until fired at directly. After further bombardments and heavy air bombing white flags were seen at 1829 hours. A Naval Officer then landed and at 1945 hours the enemy second in command surrendered. Our troops then landed. Estimated three or four thousand prisoners but situation is well in hand. Conference with island authorities arranged for 15 June.

Para. 3. Additional naval activity. During night 12/13 June coastal craft from Bizerta carried out sweeps between Marritimo and Cape St. Vito (Sicily) at about 0600 hours 13 June. The island Linosa surrendered to destroyer NUBIAN and 143 Naval and military prisoners were taken. One of our submarines reports attacking a small eastbound tanker in convoy of three escorted by two trawlers and six E-Boats on 8 June south of Marseilles. One hit was heard but result was not observed.

Para. 4. Additional air activity. Airfields in Sicily were attacked on 12 June; 39 B-17s (Fortresses) bombed Castel Vetrano, 41 B-17s raided Bocca di Falco and 24 B-26s (Marauders) attacked Milo.

Para. 5. Political. Matters with the new French National Committee are not going smoothly. There is convincing evidence that De Gaulle is attempting, in every possible manner, to dominate. The matter of military command has not been settled. Although the matter will probably be patched up, there is a possibility of De Gaulle withdrawing.

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| 5th S.L. | D.L.I.C. (2) | W.D. |
| V.C.N.S. | D. of P. (2) | Ad. Blake. |
| A.C.N.S.(A)(2) | D.C. (2) | D.D.O.D. (M) |
| A.C.N.S.(F)(2) | Hd. of M. (2) | D.A.W.T. |
| A.C.N.S.(W) | D.N.I. (4) | D. of P.(Q)(2) |
| U.W.R. | I.P. (2) | D.G.D. |

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- M.K.S.15 Pass to Commodore and escort. Joiners (list).
G.U.S.8A. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 151144B to F.O.Bizerta,
(R) Comnob Oran, Admty. F.O.C.Gibraltar, C. in C.
Med. Connav.)
- ULTOR. You were probably sighted off Cape Vaticano at 1002
today.
(Capt. S.8 151204B to P.53 (ULTOR).)
- Movements, Arrival 14th June SOUTHERN ISLE, SOUTHERN SEA,
Alexandria. departure 14th June ABERDARE, DERBY, MARYBOROUGH.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 151215C to Admty. C. in C.
Levant.)
- TAURUS P.339 (TAURUS) summarised 5th War Patrol report.
R. of P. 0530/31st May R.D.F. transmission pick up
probably from Pondiko Nisior, Cape Agria, Grabusa.
1248 (?3rd) June sank 60 tons Caique number 674
S.Y.R., 038° 28.5 024° 17'.
1352/3rd sank 120 tons Caique 038° 28' 024° 14'. 4th June
tapping noise from Cape Drepano, Sithonia, 10 k/cs 25 taps per
second. 1912/6th sank 50 tons Caique 039° 25' 023° 15'.
1526/6th, sank 50 tons Caique 039° 14.5 025° 45'. 7th June
tapping noise from Cape Drepano and Cape Paliuri; former
probably operates from Ampelo point.
0622/9th 6 miles North Cape Doro engaged 2 black paint 2
masted Caiques, with light coloured bulwarks long bowsprit.
Broke off engagement after scoring one hit, due accurate return
fire Oerlikon and either 3 inch or 12 pounder. Counter attack
32 depth charges, none close.
2041/10th missed southbound U-Boat at long range off Stampalia.
(?17)30/11th sank one 25 and one 40 ton Caique off Piskopi. 0530
(?15) sank single engined unoccupied Italian aircraft found
floating 40 miles west Beirut.
(Capt. S.1 151230C to F.O.S.)
- Force X V.A.Godfroy will wear his flag in French Cruiser
flagships. DUQUESNE. R.A.Dillard in French Cruiser SUFFREN.
A.M. 121815 refers.
(C. in C.Levant, 151235C to C. in C.E.F. F.O.C.W.Af
C. in C.S.A. Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. F.O.R.S.C.A.
N.O.I.C. Aden.)
- M.K.S.(L) 15 Sailing telegram (12 ships). 2. 0902C/11.
including 3. Sailed together. 4. 8 knots. 5. As in C. in
M.W.31. C.Levant's 082018 only to certain addressees.
6. DULVERTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SUTLEJ, SHOREHAM,
IPSWICH, MIAOULES.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 151246C to S.N.O.Tripolitania
F.Os.I.C. and N.Os.I.C. French North Africa
(except N.O.I.C. Casablanca), F.O.I.C. Gib. Admty.
Connav, S.O.Force "H". etc.)

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N.A.A.F. Report. J.7225E 15th June. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 114. N.W.A. Strategical A.F. June 13/14. 33 Wellingtons Messina. 3 unable to reach target owing engine trouble bombed gun positions near Castel Vetrano, Sciacca area and Partanna respectively. 1 Wellington jettisoned, remainder attacked R.N.Yards Ferry Terminal and Harbour area. Bombs covered target area, 2 good fires started. 8 tons of bombs dropped, leaflets dropped. N.A. Tactical A.F. June 12 additional. 23 U.S.Bostons (A.20) Lampedusa, 2 returned early. Bombs in harbour, in town. 3 fires started. June 13 additional. 18 U.S.Spittfires escort 3 mission. Photo R/C Pantellaria, Lampedusa. 12 U.S.Spittfires patrolled Pantellaria, no enemy aircraft. N.A.Coastal Air Force. 13 June additional. U-Boat hunt 2 (corrupt groups) bombed oil streak no results. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 151421B.)

Air R/C. R/C visuals. 1135, Taranto, no change, 2 battleships, 1 cruiser. (V.A.Malta 151423B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

U.G.S.9. My 131635. Amend destination LA FAYETTE to Bizerta. (C. in C.Med. 151501 to C.T.F.69, VELOX, (R) Admty. etc.)

L.S.I.(S) Your 122122, not to C. in C.Plymouth.
PRINCE CHARLES. Delays in sailing L.S.I.(S) are due to unforeseeable defects and mishaps. These were reported to you as they occurred in A.M. 101331 para. 5 Plymouth 110101 and A.M. 111745 para. 6.

2. PRINCE CHARLES has again broken down and should be ready to sail a.m. 19th June.

3. There are two alternatives:

A. Sail 3 L.S.I.(S) as arranged in A.M. 111745 E.T.A.Gibraltar 21st June. Sail PRINCE CHARLES in K.M.S.18 which is accompanied by an oiler. E.T.A. Gibraltar 3rd July.

B. Hold the 3 L.S.I.(S) until PRINCE CHARLES is ready, all four arriving Gibraltar 24th June.

4. Owing to uncertainty that repairs to PRINCE CHARLES will be successful intend to implement alternative (A) unless immediate request is received to the contrary.

(D.O.D.(H) 151525B to C. in C.Med. (R) C. in C.Plymouth.)

Your 151525.

Arrival date of 3rd July for PRINCE CHARLES is too late to permit training which is considered indispensable. Request alternative B. in which all L.S.Is. arrive Gibraltar 24th June and that every effort be made to meet or better this date.

(C. in C.Med. 152324B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Plymouth, Commavnaw.)
Reply: Admty. 161344B.

U/Bs. My 141831. No known change in U-Boat disposition. (C. in C.Med. 151600B to F.O.Gibraltar, etc.)

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Movements, 15th June Port Said arrivals ABERDARE, DERBY,
Port Said. MARYBOROUGH, L.S.T. 416. Departure L.S.T.416.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 151629B to Admty. etc.)

MAID MARION. MAID MARION is being sailed with K.M.S.20 leaving
U.K. 4th July for Gibraltar.
2. C. in C.Med. is requested to sail her through
Mediterranean as soon as practicable.
3. MAID MARION is detailed for service at Kilindini as
examination vessel.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 151644B to C. in C.Med. (R) C. in C.W.A. etc.)

Tankers. Request tankers NORHEIM and FORT LEE be sailed to
U.K. in first available convoy.
(C. in C.Med. 151725B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
Admty. Connav.)

PHOENICIA. Your 131008 (re landing craft base at Malta.)
Intend naming ship H.M.S.PHOENICIA.
2. Request promulgation by station message.
(V.A.Malta 151756B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty.
HAMILCAR.)

Mediterranean Shipping Information available to U.K. and U.S.A. routeing
Instructions. ships proceeding to ports in Mediterranean is
obtained from Q. messages and Western Mediterranean
Port Instructions, these latter being subject to
considerable delay in transmission and promulgation
2. In view of length of voyage and consequent liability of
amendments being received subsequent to sailing, request you will
say whether above instructions are considered sufficient for
through routeing of such ships, including those in K.M. and U.G.
convoys, or whether you would prefer them to call at Gibraltar for
orders.
3. Presumed that ships proceeding into Levant station are onward
routed from a Mediterranean station port.
(D.T.D. 151842B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C.Levant.)

N.A.A.F. 1. Photographic R/C was made of aerodromes and
Summary. landing grounds in Sardinia.
2. 6 Hudsons and 8 Bisleys of Coastal attacked U-
Boat with 3 depth charges, 2 of which exploded
near bow, no results observed.
(N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv. 151845 to Etousa.)

To Eaker and Brereton, From Spaatz, Signed Eisenhower. 12th
Air Force Daily Intelligence Cable.
1. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force patrolled Pantellaria area,
no enemy activity observed.
2. Coastal Air Force carried out usual escort and patrol missions.
3. Night 13/14 June: 33 Wellingtons dropped 68 tons of bombs on
Messina Railway Yards, Ferry Terminal and Harbour Area. Good
results were made, leaflets were dropped, and 2 fires started.
(N.A.A.F.H.Q. Adv. 151853B to Etousa.)

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PROTEE (from Alexandria) Intend to sail French Submarine PROTEE to Gibraltar in X.T.G.2 for onward passage to Casablanca. B.N.L.O.Lieut. Garbett R.N. not available after Gibraltar as he is urgently required in U.K. for submarine appointment. (C. in C.Levant 152013C to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. F.O.(S) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, S.l., S.8.)

M.Ls. Haifa. Arrival and departure 15th June M.Ls. 384,350,348, 385. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 152017C to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals S/M P.211 (SAFARI), L.S.Ts. 8,11,161, 422, CAVA, RUSKHOLM, GREGORY, French escorts LA SEPOISE, LA SABLaise. Departures M.Ls. 449, 258, 460, TRANSVAAL, L.S.T. 324 S/M P.224 (SICKLE), U.S. ship TRIPPE, S/M chaser 651. Arrived and sailed hospital ship AMARAPOORA. (Com. Algeria 152021 to Admty. etc.)

G.T.X.1. Sailed 2000B/15th June. Oran section as in my 121645 to BROCKLESBY less SOCONY VACUUM. Plus JOHN DICKENSON, JOHN A.DIX, ELIPHALET NOTT, RICHARD OLNEY, H.M.Tug BUSTLER. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 152021B to Admty. etc.)

TACTICIAN. ?U/B. One unidentified S/M P.C. and S. 039° 09' N. 018° 15' E. 000° 5 knots. (P.314 (TACTICIAN) 152100B to Capt. S.10, (R) P.42 (UNBROKEN).)

Movements, Oran. Departures this date BUSTLER, JAUNTY towing BADSWORTH, BROCKLESBY, OAKLEY, GAVOTTE, QUANTOCK, VISENDA, U.S.S. NIBLACK. Arrivals P.212 CAPIOLANUS(sic.)(C. in C.Med. pass to Commavnaw.) (Comnob Oran 152133B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals HYTHE, RYE, GLOXINIA, INCHCOLM, M.V. GAROET, L.S.Ts. 401,403, 303, M.T.Bs. 313,65, 76, 77, 82. Departures NEWFOUNDLAND, M.T.B.261 D. (V.A.Malta 152201 to Admty. etc.)

Movements Tripoli. Arrived TETCOTT, M.L. 1164, 1143, sailed LAMERTON, WHEATLAND. (N.O.I.C. Tripoli 152226B to Admty.)

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Malta Air Report. A.I. 585 June 15th C.S.R. (see summary in 152321Z.)
(A.H.Q. Malta 152250Z.)

Malta Opsum. A.I. 586 15th June. Daily opsum No. 37 14/15 June. 7 Mosquitoes made successful intruder patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy. In Sicily goods yards and railway sidings at Licata, Caltanissetta Termini, Imerse, and Fiume Torto were attacked with cannon and machine gun fire. Motor transport near Adrano and Palagonia was also attacked. In Italy direct bomb hits were scored on a factory at Trebisacce and on a power station at Cath Zaro (?Catanzaro) Marina. At Fiume Freddo 2 250 lb. bombs were dropped on the railway station starting a fire. 1 torpedo Wellington made armed search for enemy shipping South-east of Italy. 15th June. 4 Spitfires made offensive sweep in Lampesusa area and 35 Spitfires made offensive sweep over Southern Sicily. 6 Spitfire bombers escorted by 6 other Spitfires with 8 Spitfires in high cover bombed Comiso Aerodromes. One Baltimore made shipping searches south-east of Italy. 2 Baltimores maintained A/S patrol over outgoing shipping. 1 Wellington provided A/S patrol for outgoing Naval units.
(R.A.F. Malta 152321Z.)

Section 3. 15 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 1740 hours 2 plus enemy aircraft approached the Island but turned back before reaching coast. 3 Spitfires were airborne on interceptions.
(R.A.F. Malta 152359Z.)

Movements Arrivals P.Ts. 204,205. Departure CADMUS,
Bone. BREAM, KINTYRE.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 152259 to Admty. etc.)

Convoy X.T.G.2 includes M.W.32. S.O. Escort BEAUFORT.
X.T.G.2, About 10 merchant ships of which about 5 are
(including M.W.32. 2. Escort BEAUFORT, ALDENHAM, ROCKWOOD, G.S. SAKTOURIS, MARYBOROUGH, PRIMULA, KANARIS, EXMOOR, all to Malta unless otherwise ordered by V.A. Malta.
M.W.32.) 3. N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested to sail X.T.G. 15 (?2) to pass through coastal "Staff" 1200/18th Home 8 miles north "Warm" (?5 miles) north "Rum" 0305/19th 5 miles north "Bar" 5 miles north "Bend" 1730/19th 3 miles north "Trouble" 6 miles north "Tin" 0730/20th 3 miles north "Chop" 3 miles north "Egg" 3 miles north "Pork" 2105/20th 3 miles. "Loaf" 10 miles west "Beef" (?5 miles) west "Head" 0925/21st. 20 miles east "Brow" 10 miles south "Brow" through "Ankle" 2305/21st "Spine" 1105/22nd 10 miles north east "Knee" 1800/22nd 15 miles north "Mind" 0100/23rd through "Rib" by searched channel to "Hand" 1025/23rd. M.W.32 parts company at "Hand" through "Trim" "Blaze" "Lurch" "Hug". S.N.O. Tripolitania signal E.T.A. "Hug". X.T.G. 2 onwards route as ordered by C. in C. Med.
4. S.O.A. 8 knots. 5. Request Fighter defence high priority and A/S defence. 6. Codewort X.T.G.2 and combined (corrupt group) Naval M.W.32 "Paper". 7. Balloons may be flown as ordered by S.O. Escort. L.C.A.O. 12 mark D. 8. French S/M PROTEE forms part of convoy. 9. All time zone minus 3. 10. Further orders for escort follows.
(C. in C. Levant, 152301C to C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, etc.)

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Movements
Bombay. Following repetition of my 141054 (begins)
Arrival 0200Z SCOUT with M.B.37, departure 0700B
SEA BELLE escorting one ship (Ends.)
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 150351Z to Admty. etc.)
Arrival BARODA.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 150446Z to Admty. etc.)
Departure SCOUT.
(S.O.I. Bombay, 150603)

Repatriations
Route. Consider SATURNIA should proceed direct to Aden
thence return to Mogadishu and embark personnel
thence Port Elizabeth as at present planned.
In the event of her being short of water on
leaving Mogadishu propose to divert her to
Zanzibar to fill up. 2. Route if diverted from Mogadishu to
(M) 006° 28' S. 041° 52' E. thence Zanzibar Channel south to
Zanzibar. From Zanzibar to (N) 007° 28' S. 041° 35' E. thence
to rejoin route at (J) in my 140805. 3. R.O. Mogadishu to
report early if it will be necessary for SATURNIA to call at
Zanzibar for water. 4. N.L.O. Port Elizabeth 111801 refers.
(C. in C.E.F. 150845Z to Admty., (R) C. in C.S.A., N.L.O. Port
Elizabeth. Cmdre. i/c Aden. R.O. Mogadishu, H.Q. East Africa,
F.O.C. Red Sea Canal Area.) Agreed (Admty., 161609B)

Aircraft
Sqdns.,
Indian
Ocean. After personal discussion with A.O.C. 222 Group of
proposals put forward by joint R.N. and R.A.F.
Committees formed at China Bay, intend that
following action shall be taken to implement
your 032254B/May 1943. (A) Accommodation for
F.R.U. and 5, Fleet Air Arm Squadrons to be
provided by R.A.F. on Natchikanda Promontory.
(B) Naval Air Section with Commander R.N. in charge with nucleus
administrative and operational training staff to be formed prior
to expected arrival of first Naval Squadron and thereafter to be
permanent unless a complete change in situation involving full
occupation of accommodation by R.A.F. for prolonged periods occurs
(C) All vote 10 works to be carried out by A.M.W.D. in
consultation with Admty., C.E.Dept. to best advantage of both
services (Com. N.A.S. All2/H/1 of 27th May 1943 of which a
copy is being forwarded to Admty. refers). (D) Requirements of
any machinery or equipment special to R.N. use to be supplied by
Admty. (E) Responsibility for provision of services such as
aerodrome guards, native police, servants, and labourers, and of
furniture, mess traps etc. to be decided between A.O.C. 222 Group
and Com. N.A.S. 2. Above decisions reached owing to experience
other shared stations which show that only practical solution is a
Naval section and that Naval messing is essential when large
numbers of Naval personnel are disembarked for extended periods.
(R.A.N.A.S. I.O., 150851Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. E.F., C. in C.
Ceylon, Com. N.A.S. Ceylon, 222 Group.)

Shipping
routes. Intention in para. 1 of your 141215 as regards
ships for South American involving diversion of
about 1500 miles. It is not considered this is
justified in view of small amount traffic involved
and present threat.

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Shipping Routes. (Contd.) 2. Concur para. 1 as temporary measure for ship bound Australia.
3. Traffic from Kilindini will be routed to comply your paragraph 2 for time being. (C. in C.E.F. 150909Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Durban, C.S.A. Beira.)

Flying Boat Bases, Indian Ocean. A.X.198 June 15th. Amend our A.X.31 12 June as follows. Diego Suarez to be developed as permanent flying boat base for 2 Squadrons, Major Maintenance facilities not to be provided. Aden to be permanent Flying Boat Base for 1 Squadron in addition to Major Flying Boat Maintenance for 1 Squadron. Karachi to be permanent Flying Boat Base for 2 Squadrons in addition to Major Flying Boat Maintenance for 2 Squadrons. East Africa's A.182 13 June and Middle East's A.233 14 June refer. (Air Min. 151015Z to H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. A.H.Q.India, A.H.Q.E.Af. 222 Group.)

ORBITA. Transport ORBITA sailed 15th June for Suez with following military officers (details). Requirements Suez E.T.A. 25th. (D.S.T.O. Bombay 151046Z to P.S.T.O.M.E.)

CITY OF CANTERBURY. Transport CITY OF CANTERBURY sailed for Suez 15th June with following Indian crews for CITY OF VENICE 124, CITY OF DIEPPE 85. Requirements Suez. E.T.A. Suez 25th June. (D.S.T.O. Bombay 151053Z to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) P.S.T.O.I. D.S.T.O. Suez, D.S.T.)

Movements. Colombo departures 15th June 0230Z BENGAL, 0500Z S/M O.23. Arrivals 0630Z WILLEM VAN DER ZAN. (F.O.Ceylon 151152Z to Admty. etc.)
Khasab Bay arrivals 0630Z (?CERES) (?DURBAN). (N.O.I.C. Hormuz 151315Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Kilindini. CAPETOWN, ALAUNIA arrived. RANPURA, REVENGE, QUIBERON, NAPIER, CAPETOWN, CARTHAGE sailed. (F.O.E.A. and Z. 151211Z to Admty.)

Convoy K.R.5. Sailing telegram (9 ships). 2. 151300Z. 3. 280000Z. 4. 9 knots. 5. L.003° S. 055° 40' M. 001° 45' 073° 15' N. 000° 40' N. 076° 55'. 6. CAPETOWN, CARTHAGE. (N.C.S.O. Kilindini 151315Z to Admty.)

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U.S. Shipping
routes.

A.M. 122126 June and C. in C.S.A. 211556 May.
It is requested that all northbound traffic
directed from South Atlantic to East Indies
Station may be similarly routed. Thence keeping
East of Meridian of 050° E. from 033° S. to
Diego Suarez for onward routing.
(C. in C.E.F. 151331Z to Cominch (R) Admty.
C. in C.S.A.)

Flying Boats,
Indian Ocean.

Provision of bases, marine craft, control staffs.
etc. (A.H.Q. E.Africa 151733C to Air Min.)
See Lion Copy.

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151733C/June

From: A.H.Q. E.Africa. Date: 16.6.43
Recd: 0445

CYPHER TELEGRAM.

Addressed: A.M. Whitehall, Repeated H.Q.R...F. M.E.,
A.H.Q. India, A.H.Q. Aden, C. in C. E.F.
C. in C. S... 215 Group, Dechief, Balm
225 Group, 222 Group.

Flying Boats, Indian Ocean.

IMMEDIATE.

MS. 13585. Most Secret.

192 June 15 From A.O.C. A.H.Q. E... and A.O.C.
22 Group.

1. Although COS (India) 70 only deals with responsibilities of C. in C. Eastern Fleet Flying Boats from East Africa and 222 Group whilst detached to South Africa are also operating under C. in C. South Atlantic. As result of recent visits by both A.O.C.'s and in accordance with para 11 your AX.567 of April 23 the following proposals are submitted after consultation with C. in C. South Atlantic C. in C. Eastern Fleet Balm and Dechief.

2. Flying Boat Policy in South Africa H.Q. must be notified to Balm for works planning. In addition to Durban and St. Lucia Bases already approved strongly recommend Langebaan be developed to operate and accommodate Squadron of Flying Boats on semi permanent basis. C. in C. Eastern Fleet agrees to retention eight amphibians in South Africa until replaced by Ventura Squadrons provided Air Ministry and Admiralty

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consider they are not required for any increased Submarine threat Arabian Sea or elsewhere. It should certainly be borne in mind that Wellingtons earmarked for East Africa could be more usefully employed around South African Coast while Submarine threat remains greater in that area.

3. If Flying Boats 21 are to be permanently established in South Africa a centralised control staff at Cape Town is essential for co-ordinating operations of Flying Boats and shore based ground Recce. aircraft. Dechief has provisionally agreed that he could increase the establishment of Coastal Area Headquarters to include such an organisation, headed by a Royal Air Force Air Commodore with a mixed staff of Royal Air Force and South African Air Force personnel. This organisation would work under the A.O.C. Coastal Area in co-operation with the C. in C. South Atlantic and be divorced from Air Headquarters East Africa for operations.

4. If Flying Boats are detached to South Atlantic on a temporary basis only the establishment at Cape Town of an advanced operational section of Air Headquarters East Africa already approved can be accepted but recommendations in paras 5 and 6 still hold good.

5. It is again emphasized that Flying Boats cannot operate efficiently without suitable Marine craft and that these should be established at all Flying Boat Bases and not by Squadrons. Minimum requirement for advanced Base is 1 refueller 1 Bomb Scow 2 Power Dinghies which might be increased if more than 3 Flying Boats are operating.

Para 6....

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6. Full scale operation and Intelligence Control Staffs must be established at all main Flying Boat Bases. Wherever possible this must be combined with Naval Operations Room. Attachments can then be made when operating from advanced bases where a Camp Commandant and small care and Maintenance Party should be established.

7. Bases where paras 5 and 6 should be applied are main bases Durban and Diego Suarez Mombasa Aden Karachi Koggala China Bay Madras advanced Bases at Lktia Dares Salaam Langeboon Tulear Mauritius Pamanzi Seychelles Masira (Hormuz) Bombay Cochin ~~Mad~~ Island (Seychelles) Addu Atoll, Diego Garcia, Cocoyaba, Calcutta. *Make*

(021750 July)

8. If submarine threat increases in Gulfs of Aden and Oman Masira and Kuwait should be used for operating amphibians, or other shore based aircraft. Masira probably unsuitable for Flying Boats during Monsoon and both Jiwani and Gwardar unsuitable for fully loaded Catalina Flying Boats.

9. Would appreciate latest Training Policy for overseas Flying Boats. Provided that full GR and OTU courses are completed in United Kingdom Captain's course (SEK or SHD?) be undertaken in Squadrons. If training up to OTU standard not completed at home at least 1 full scale OTU required for Indian Ocean.

Para 10....

10. - In the meantime visit by D.H.O. or D.O.C. with latest Air Ministry Policy would be most helpful. He could also bring out decisions on matters represented in this signal.

151733C

Advance Copy, Ops., O.D., O.I.C.

✓ Re provision of bases for Flying boats and G.R. Wellingtons in Indian Ocean.

✓ 231749.

Received from Air Ministry: 1153/16th.

Air Ministry Circulation:

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- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
- A.C.H.S. (A) (2)
- U.W.R.
- D. of P. (2)
- D.O.D. (H) (2)
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- D.C. (2)
- D.N.I. (4)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- Hd. of M. (2)
- D.N.A.O.
- D.A.W.T.
- Hd. of Air Br.
- D. of L.D.
- D.A./S.V.
- D.T.S.D.
- C.C.L.S. (2)
- Ad. Blake.

- C...S.
- V.C.A.S.
- M.S.O. (2)
- D.O.Ops.
- D. of C.
- D. of P.
- D.G.E.
- D.G.O.
- O.F.
- A.C...S. (Ops)
- A.C.A.S. (F)
- D. of Plans
- D. of Policy (2)
- D.O.N.C.
- A.S.P.3(action)(2)
- E.14.
- Admiralty (W.R.)(2)
- S.9.(0)
- A.I.2.B
- M.C.S.(C)(File)
- D.W.O.
- D.O.(A)
- D.D.O.(2)
- Plans AS
- F.5B
- D.G.W.
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- I.P. (3)
 - W.D.
 - D.T.S.D.
 - O.I.C. (3)
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Convoy F.H. 60. E.T.A. Halifax (? approx.) 1300Z/15th. In company COWICHAN.
(NORANDA, 150030Z to C. in C. C.N.W.A., (R) Capt. (D) Halifax.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 14th. Arrivals MALPEQUE, TROIS RIVIERES ex B.W.30.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 150155Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.T. 6. Sailing telegram. Part 2. All ships U.S. flag. All destination Gibraltar, Dakar or other port as directed.
(Cmdg. Adm. Forces Aruba and Curacao, 150350 to F.O.C.W.Af.)

PASTEUR. Halifax arrived 2025Z/14th June.
(N.S.H.Q., 150603Z to D.S.T.)
A.T.51, PASTEUR. Army intend to embark 23rd (for?) sailing 24th June vide War Office signal *86034 of 3rd June.
(N.S.H.Q., 151457Z to Admty., (R) B.A.D., etc.)
* programme of sailing of convoys.

T.A. 45. E.T.A. 1000Z/16th.
(T.A.48, 150900Z to Connav, (R) B.A.D., Admty., C. in C. W.A.)

Movements Summary 1800 G.M.T. 15th. CORFU 07½° N. 26½° W., on patrol.
(D.O.D.(F), 150929Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)

U/B. Aircraft sighted S/M in 043° 10' 067° 50' W. at 1045Z/15th.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 151145Z to G.B.7A.)

P.554. My 131426 and 141628. Movement cancelled. P.554 being retained St. Johns for further exercises.
(F.O.N.F., 151202Z to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q., Admty.)
My 151615 June East: P.554 sails St. Johns 160940Z to exercise with (? escorts) in area bound by 047° 36' N. 047° 52' N. and 052° 30' W. and 052° 36' W. returning harbour 162000Z.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 152325Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N. 187. Boston section arrived 151005Z.
(U.S.P.D. Boston, 151226Z to Cominch C. & R.)

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Convoy B.X. 57. B.X.57 arrived 2240Z June 14th less U.S. NEMAHA, U.S. GEORGE HANDLEY. Cmdt. 1st N.D. Boston P/T Port Director Boston. (N.C.S.O. Halifax N.S., 151324Z to Admty.)

Convoy Routes. Your 122158B* concur. Presume Cominch has been informed. (N.S.H.Q., 151350Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.)
W.R. Note: *Presumably 122058 intended (N.T. in W.D.) Proposal to sail H.X., S.C., O.N. and O.N.S. convoys on fixed convoy and straggler routes (Most Secret Distribution).

U.S.A.T. 15th June U.S.A.T. GEORGE WASHINGTON. (U.S.R.O. Cristobal, 151425 to Admty.)

Convoys. G.A.T.67 and B.T.15 arrived. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 151432Z to Admty.)

Lake Tanker Convoy. Miscellaneous 71, following 5 Lake Tankers, all Dutch all 9 knots, sailed in convoy at 1300QR June 15th for Arica: RITA, ROSAURA, RODAS, ROSALIA, RENATA. Understand this is last Lake Tanker Convoy, further lifting from this port will be elsewhere by Ocean Tankers specially handled. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 151440Z to Admty., (R) B.R.L.O. Puerto la Cruz.)
Understand from U.S. Authority that Lake Tanker convoys between Curacao and Maracaibo (as received) are being discontinued. Vessels will revert to independent group sailing following patrolled route. This was first? used before U-Boat commenced operations in Caribbean Sea. (B.S.N.O. Curacao, 151445Z to Admty., (R) S.B.N.O.W.At., B.A.D., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

K. 14. Your 112309, destination of Netherlands S/M K.14 in U.K. is Dundee. (F.O.(S), 151512B to B.A.D.)
Addressed Comnavu to pass to Admty., F.O.(S), C. in C. W.A., Cominch, N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., C.T.F.24, (R) C. in C. C.N.A., Cinclant, K.15. From Comsublant. Netherlands submarine K.15 will leave New London area on June 16th at 2200Z. Will arrive Point Fox and change wireless watch at 2000Z/22. (Comnavu, 151645Z.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/Ms north of 040° N. west of 040° W. 1200Z/15th. (N.S.H.Q., 151530Z.)

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Dispositions. Section south-west. H.X.244, W.1 040° 07' 072° 48', 088°, 9.5. U.S.S. BELL, ISHERWOOD escorting SANTA ELENA 042° 38' 068° 12', 182°, 19 altering to 041° in 058° 29' W. U.S.S. NORTHLAND, CACTUS, LAUREL 043° 35' 064° 18' 054°, 10 altering to 071° in 044° 00' N. X.B.58 ST. ALBANS, GUYSBOROUGH 044° 10' 063° 19', 7.5 altering to position 044° 00' N. 064° 11' W., 225°. H.S.91 TIMMINS, TRAIL 044° 06' 063° 00' to position 044° 10' N. 062° 08' thence 053°, 7.5. NIAGARA, MONTGOMERY south end Gut of Canso en route Pictou. U.S.S. MOHAWK, MODOC, TAHOMA 045° 02' 059° 45', 248°, 11.5 en route Halifax. SALISBURY 044° 08' 062° 43', 072°, 20 altering course to (? 021° 078° 175° 299°) in 057° 00' W. and to 009° in 052° 36' W. (C. in C. C.N.A., 151645Z to Admty.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 151802Z to N.S.H.Q., Admty.)

K. 15. Addressed to Com.1, Com.3, C.T.F.24, K.15, Comnavu, Comesstseafon, Cominch, Cinclant, N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., C. in C. W.A., F.O.(S), Admty., C. in C. C.N.A., N.O.B. Argentina, from Comsublant.

Following S/M Notice:-

K.15 Netherlands S/M without escort. Net cutter on bow and gun forward of C/T, painted grey with black deck. Request bombing and attack restrictions 50 miles ahead 100 miles behind predicted positions 15 miles either side of track. Will depart Point Judith 2200Z/16th June proceeding via Narragansett swept channel at 12 knots on surface diving at discretion to arrive position (C) 40.30 N. 69.35 W. 0800Z/17th advancing 105 miles daily (10 knots surface in darkness 2.5 knots submerged by day) on course 090 true to longitude 66.17 at 0200Z/19th. Thereafter on surface at 11 knots submerging as necessary through: (D) 40.30 N. 60.01 W. 0400Z/20th. (E) 42.30 N. 52.30 W. 1244Z/21st. (F) 44.01 N. 44.59 W. 2000Z/22nd. At this time change of wireless watch occurs and operational control responsibility will pass to F.O.(S) British for further routing. (Comnavu, 151827 to Admty.)

"Monster" Sailings. Your 121629. Are arrival dates given in War Office 86034 (Q.M.2) of 3rd June addressed Milstaff Washington satisfactory? (D.O.D.(H), 151838Z to Cominch, (R) C.E.S.F., Cinclant.)

Movements. San Diego departed 13th June ATHENE. San Pedro arrived 14th June ENGADINE. (N.S.H.Q., 151958Z to Admty., (R) B.A.D., C.O.P.C.)

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A.T.50, A.T.50, pre-sailing telegram. Admty. 141742B
ANDES. June.
2. Chebucto 2300Z June 17th.
3. 55.00 N. 05.34 W. at 0500Z June 24th.
(?4). E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 1300Z June 24th
knots 19.5. 5. (Route).
10. 21 knots. 11. ANDES Liverpool 1. Passengers and mail.
15. Codeword "Donkey". 17. Standard communications plan,
except that watch will not be kept on convoy H/F.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 152002Z to Admty., Connnav.)

H.X.244. This completes Mydis 141650. Sailing telegram
H.X.244.
1. 75 ships, (arrangement in columns).
13. Commodore, Cdre. R.F. Aitmaurice R.N.R.
aboard SS. EMPIRE BUNTING for Glasgow. Vice-Commodore, Cdre.
W.C.Meek R.N.R. aboard M.V. SAMUEL BAKKE for M.
(P.D. New York, 152020Z to Admty., (R) Cominch C. & R., etc.)

ORIBI. B.A.R.M. Washington's 151432 not to C. in C.
H.F. ORIBI ready to sail from Boston 26th
June. Should she - (A) proceed independently or
(B) join a convoy escort for passage or (C) join
QUEEN ELIZABETH's escort at Bermuda. My 190047 May and 102329
June to Admty. only refer.
(2) Request destination.
(B.A.D., 152055Z to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A.,
C. in C. W.A., C. in C. H.F., R.A.(D) H.F.)

U.G.S. Cominch has informed us as follows.
Convoys, + 1. Owing to indications that convoy U.G.S.12
numbers. and 13 will be large, a limit of 80 ships has
been authorised for both convoys. For U.G.S.14
and following the limit will be 60 ships.
2. In selecting presenters first priority will
be given to North African maintenance including tankers.
3. Ten spaces of the 80 in U.G.S.13 have been reserved for
L.S.Ts.
(B.A.D., 152057Z to Admty.)

Dispositions. This 151553 giving changes to Cominch 081737
(circulated under T.O.O. 090348.) Serial 78.
Pacific: BARNES at Pearl. NEVADA, LONG ISLAND,
NASSAU, PRINCE WILLIAM, CONCORD at sea.
Atlantic: BELLEAU, WOOD in Trinidad. MILWAUKEE at Recife.
MARBLEHEAD in Bahia. LEXINGTON in Boston. CARD, SANTEE,
INDEPENDENCE, MOBILE, BOISE, CINCINNATI, BROOKLYN, PHILADELPHIA,
BIRMINGHAM, YORKTOWN at sea.
(Connaveu, 152109 to Admty.)

Movements. Departure SALISBURY for St. Johns N.F. TIMMINS,
TRAIL escorting H.S.91.
(C. Halifax, 152112Z to Admty., etc.)

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BELLE ISLE. 1. 323 Halifax. 3. June 15th. 4. BELLE ISLE (U.S.A.T.). 5. Ordered back from H.S.91 await special convoy. (Halifax, 152134Z to Admty.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
(A) PELICAN attacks submarine area 58.00 N. 29.00 W. p.m./14th. Liberator attacks submarine 57.13 N. 30.04 W. and 57.22 N. 30.20 W. about 141030.
(C) B.25 sights submarine 43.10 N. 67.50 W.
151045. S.C.1310 attacks sound contact 32.10 N. 79.44 W. 151215.
(D) Plane has Radar contact and sights oil slick 27.50 73.47 W. a.m./15th. Navy plane Radar contact 36.17 N. 70.59 W. 151720. Plane sights submarine course 318° 49.20 N. 58.59 W. 141255. (Cominch, 152151Z to Admty.)

V.L.R. Aircraft for Biscay. X J.S.M.982. U.S. Chiefs of Staff have submitted following:-
"As a result of investigations toward finding additional V.L.R. aircraft for service in Bay of Biscay, we find that there is an excess of V.L.R. planes in Newfoundland to meet present operational needs and requirements of A.C.C.3. We are now prepared to assign two Army V.L.R. Squadrons to British operational control for Bay of Biscay offensive until not later than last week in August 1943. These squadrons are equipped with B.24 anti-submarine aircraft and are assigned at present to Newfoundland".
2. Paper coming up Friday, 18th. (J.S.M., 152205Z to W.C.O. London.)

B.Y.M.S. Sail B.Y.M.S.49, 50, 155, 156 when ready about 20th June Charleston to Halifax for onward routing to Londonderry via St. Johns N.F. Ships should not operate at speeds above 1000

R.P.M. Have radius at 1700 to 1800 miles at 9 knots using 30 American gallons fuel per hour. Total tank capacity 5700 gallons. Approval granted carry 1200 gallons extra fuel as deck cargo in barrels provided vessels sailed on favourable weather report and do not refill barrels after fuel is removed. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A. C. in C. C.N.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A., Admty. informed. (Cominch, 152237 to Comesestseafon.)

AQUITANIA. (1) Vessel dry-docked June 14th, examination shows all shafts worn down to limit necessitating rewooding.
(2) U.S. Navy estimate 10 days required to complete work in dry-dock following which

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AQUITANIA. vessel is scheduled for fumigation and storing.
(Contd.) (3) Best present estimate of readiness July 2nd or 3rd.
(4) Advise Cunard Liverpool.
(B.M.W.T. New York, 152322Z to D.S.T., (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

U/B. S/M sighted by A/C in 047° 21' N. 061° 58' W. at 1535Z.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 152350Z to G.B. 7.)

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Kiwi 61. U.S.S. TALBOT depth charged sound contact position 27° 17' S. 169° 06' E. morning 12th results unobserved. Allied fighters intercepted about 50 enemy fighters Russell Island morning 12th. 25 shot down, further 8 probables. Our losses 6 with 4 pilots recovered. Pilots report no bombers. R.N.Z.A.F. fighter squadron in their first action flying Kittyhawks got 6 Zeros. 7 Fortresses 8 Avengers night 10th failed to locate shipping Buin Area, Fortresses bombed Kahili. 2 Liberators encountered 2 enemy twin engined MB West Buka morning 12th destroyed 1 Japanese submarine disposition June 15th, 3 to 4 in New Britain Eastern Papua area, one possible south of New Caledonia, one probably on patrol on Coral Sea may be moving south.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 150002Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty., D.N.I., B.A.D., A.C.N.B., G.H.Q. New Delhi.)

Digest Serial No. 511, June 14th. 2. Morning photos Nubia reveal no aircraft or change on Nubia aerodrome, also much barge activity while six fighters photographed Madang Strip.
3. Three B.25s destroyed or severely damaged five barges Huon Peninsula area night 13th.
8. 3 Catalinas, whereof 1 also bombed Babo aerodrome raided Kaimana and Utarom midnight 13th/14th. 1 reported sighting 2 small merchant vessels, 12 barges at Kaimana.
9. Ref. Digest 510, para. 9, photos 2 hours after strike reveal freighter near Humboldt Bay similar to vessel attacked.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 150822.)

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U.S. Transports. U.S. Transport URUGUAY, THOMAS H. BARRY, HENRY T. GIBBONS arrived Brisbane 14th June. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 151114Z to N.Z.N.B. etc.) Arrivals 14th June Townsville H.T. DUNTROON Fall River. H.T. TAROONA Thursday Island.

R.A.A.F. Store Ship WANAKA. U.S. Transports VAN HEUTSZ, VAN DER LLJN departed Townsville 13th due Fall River 17th. U.S. Transport BOTH departed Thursday Island 14th due Townsville 17th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 151323Z to Admty)

Movements. Brisbane 13th U.S. Drs. HELM, BAGLEY, MUGFORD. 14th U.S. Drs. CONYNGHAM, HENLEY. Milne Bay 14th BOWEN, SWAN. Cairns 14th BUNBURY. Darwin 14th LATROBE. Departure Brisbane 14th U.S. Drs. Tender RIGEL for Milne Bay. Cairns 14th KAPUNDA for Milne Bay, MILLINGIMBI 14th, CASTLEMAINE for Thursday Is. Sydney (N.S.W) 14th U.S.Drs. DRAYTON for Brisbane. Milne Bay 14th BOWEN for Townsville. (N.B. Melbourne, 151326Z to Admty etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 151318B, 151320B)

Weekly Summary. My 221059 July, 1942. (1) At 1941/5 Hudson M/48 attacked a U-Boat while it was diving in 36° 02' N. 10° 28' W. After the attack a large oil patch was seen and an object thought to be a body. (2) At 0857/6 Fortress A/220 attacked a surfaced U-Boat in 62° 05' N. 15° 50' W. U-Boat dived, then resurfaced and submerged again four minutes later stern first. (3) Crew of Fortress R/206 now rescued from dinghy report attack on U-Boat at 1110/11 N.W. of Faeroes Islands caused U-Boat to sink vertically. Crew were seen in water. Damage sustained by Fortress from U-Boat cannon fire caused aircraft to crash in sea 3 minutes after attack. (4) A.m. 14th June JED and PELICAN supporting O.N.S.10 sank with depth-charges a U-Boat detected as result of sweep along H/F D/F bearings. Much wreckage and human remains recovered. (5) Confirmation that U-Boats are proceeding by day through Bay of Biscay in groups obtained by aircraft sightings on 14th June. One group of five sighted twice and two groups of three reported, all outward bound. One group of two inward bound reported. Air patrols have been modified to meet new situation. (D.A/S.W. 151751B to Cominch etc.)