

War Diary.16.6.1943.
Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.Atlantic
Convoys.

- X1. In order to reduce signalling and since the original routes are rarely adhered to it is intended to sail H.X., S.C., O.N., and O.N.S. convoys sailing after 22nd June on fixed convoy and straggler routes, necessary diversions at sea being made as at present.

U.K./
Gibraltar
Convoys.

- X2. It is intended to reorganise the K.M.S./O.S./O.G. convoys. Particulars are given in a message from the Admiralty today.

Home Commands.Operation
F.H.

- X3. CAMELIA arrived at Liverpool this morning from Kola Inlet.

Icelandic
vessel
attacked.

4. The small Icelandic vessel SUDIN was bombed and machine gunned by a German bomber whilst on passage from Akureyri to Reykjavik this afternoon, about 30 miles north of Akureyri. The ship suffered damage and casualties, and was towed to Husavik (66.02 N. 17.20 W.)

5. Five moored mines were destroyed in Lyme Bay today.

Mediterranean.

6. ISIS and PALADIN carried out an anti-shipping sweep on the east coast of Sardinia last night. Nothing was sighted.

Pantellaria.

- X7. Minelaying is suspected in a raid on Pantellaria at 0245. In a daylight raid today, there were no casualties or damage.

U.97
Sunk.

8. At 1440 today Hudson A/C 3989 attacked with depth charges a U/Boat in 33° N. 34° E. (off Haifa.) The U/Boat circled, down by the stern, and later disappeared and 25 or 30 survivors were seen in the water. The Hudson was damaged by depth charge explosions.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

U.97
Sunk.
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This was the U/Boat which sank PALIMA in 12th June and ATHELMONARCH yesterday (q.v.). The survivors were located on 17th June and 2 German officers and 18 or 19 ratings were rescued; the C.O. and 1st Lieut. of the U/Boat were killed. It proved to be U.97., Lieut-Cdr. Trox, which left Pola on 4th June.

Australia and New Zealand.

Convoy
G.P.55
attacked.

9. U.S. PORTMAR (5551 tons) is reported to have been torpedoed and sunk in convoy G.P.55 at 0715Z today in about 31.03 S. 153.49 E. (about 200 miles south of Brisbane). L.S.T. 469 in the same convoy was damaged by torpedo attack and had several casualties.

Air
attack.
on
Guadalcanal.

*10. An estimated force of 60 enemy bombers escorted by a similar number of fighters attacked Guadalcanal this afternoon and damaged an Allied cargo vessel and a landing craft and caused several casualties. 104 Allied fighters attacked the enemy and destroyed 32 dive-bombers and 45 Zero fighters for loss of 6. Early this morning a force of 18 Avengers and 12 Dauntless, escorted by 12 Corsairs attacked the enemy base at Sagigar and caused heavy damage.

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Wednesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Russian
procedure.

X Following from Chiefs of Staff for General Martel. (1) Foreign Office have telegraphed to H.M. Ambassador about visas for Service personnel, requesting him to take up the whole question with M. Molotov. (2) We are greatly concerned at: (a) The serious loss of efficiency that results from the refusal or dilatory grant of visas to key personnel; (b) the eventual effect on morale if our efforts to send reliefs are obstructed as at present, by the unconscionable delay of the Soviet Authorities in granting visas. (3) Another most disturbing feature of the situation is the hold-up of mails at Murmansk, reported by Admiral Fisher (091814C) to Admiralty, which, if not remedied, may have a most depressing effect on personnel. No doubt you are in close touch with H.M. Ambassador and will stress the urgency of these matters from the Service point of view and the serious effect they may have on future operations if early remedy is not obtained.
(Air Ministry, 161700Z to 30 Mission, Moscow)

BRIGHTON

Urgently request BRIGHTON allowed to remain in this area. Consider essential target ship establishment be increased not decreased owing to routine refit, boiler cleaning and near future T.T.U. requirements which necessitate W.P.20 knots and over.
(R.A.F. Turnberry, 162300B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)

Movements.L.S.I.(S)
craft
for
Gibraltar.

C. in C. Med. 152324. Request you will arrange accordingly.
(D.O.D.(H), 160546B to C. in C. Plymouth)
My 151634B cancelled.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth. 160924B to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar)
To meet the wishes of C. in C. Med. the ships referred to in your 151634B June are to be held and are to be sailed with PRINCE CHARLES in company a.m. 19th to arrive Gibraltar 24th June. Every effort is to be made to better these dates.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 161122B to N.O.I.C.Falmouth)

F.O.I.C. Southampton's 141725. For urgent operational reasons it is of utmost importance that PRINCE CHARLES be ready to sail by 0800/18th June and every possible effort is to be made to improve on this date. A convoy and escorts and being held on her account.

(D.O.D.(H), 161346B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

S/M
movements.

My 152330B. Sailed (THRASHER and X Craft 7)
(TITANIA, 161032B)
S.5's 140931B. Sailed. (H.44).
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 161432B)
Positions of S/M's at 0800B/17 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S.161559B, 162322B, 171451B)

Sailed /...

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Sailed RUBIS, SCEPTRE escorted by CUTTY SARK
in accordance with S.3's 151111B.
(F.O.I.C.Greenock, 162036B)

SOUTH
DAKOTA.

C.T.G.92.4 is requested sail in SOUTH DAKOTA
with Task Group 92.4 for Scapa leaving Hvalfiord
on 19th June. (2) Route through Reykjanes
passage and (A) 060° 10' N. 013° 10' W.
(B) 001° Butt of Lewis 12 miles, thence by
AMQZL 31 to Scapa.
(C. in C. H.F. 161225B to C.T.G. 92.4)

BERMUDA

Arrived BERMUDA.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 161326B)
A.M.142226, 151638, 151310, 161424.

Request you will sail BERMUDA at best speed for
Gibraltar and the Mediterranean, when embarkation is completed,
routed through position L. 55.05 N. 10.10 W. M. 50.15 N. 14.
20. W. N. 41.30 N. 14.18 W. 0.36.20 N. 09.58 W. thence to
Gibraltar and onwards as ordered by C. in C. Med.
(D.O.D.(H) 162005B to F.O.I.C.Greenock)

CUMBERLAND.

Proceed to Hvalfiord passing Hoxa Gate 1800B/18.
(2) Route through position (X) 001° Butt of Lewis
15 miles, thence Reykjanes Passage.
(C. in C. H.F. 161716B to CUMBERLAND)

BELFAST.

C.S.10 is requested to proceed to Rosyth in
BELFAST pass Hoxa Gate at 2300B/17.
Ship is to be ready to sail p.m. 30th June.
(C. in C. H.F. 162246B to BELFAST)

MALAYA.

Arrival MALAYA.
(N.O.I.C.Lamlash, 162248B)

Operations.

Coastal
Patrols.

My 151015B "Device" returned 0030.
(F.O.I.C.Portland, 160035B)
Patrol Southward of E.A. 5 Buoy (A) M.G.B. 614,
615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX from Newhaven or
(B) BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE. (6) At short notice
(A) BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE at Yarmouth or (B) M.G.B.614, 615.
GREY SHARK, GREY FOX at Newhaven. (7) M.L.464, 124 patrolling
Eastern Approach Channel. (8) Chasseur 15 at St. Helens, LORD
WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth. (9) M.L.122, 215, 233 from Portland
patrolling 50° 20' N. between 1° 45' W. and 2° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 161416B)

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Patrols.
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- (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 is suitable for coastal forces by M.G.B's 614 (S.O), 615, GREY SHARK, GREY FOX. BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE immediate notice at Yarmouth.
(B) If unsuitable for coastal forces by BLEASDALE, GLAISDALE, M.G.B's at ¼ hours and S.G.B's at ½ hours notice at Newhaven.
(2) Decision will be signalled at about 2000B. (3) M.L's 464, 124 patrol Searched Channel between F. and EA 5 Buoys.
(5) Communications. Codewords, Patrol A "Advent", Patrol B "Object".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 161435B)
My 161435B. Carry out patrol (B).
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 161952B)

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug"

- × Cancel my 151049B. (2) When WOODPECKER (S.O), WREN, KITE, WILD GOOSE of 2nd Escort Group are ready they are to be sailed via Q.Z.S. Message 315 through 049° N. 011° W. to 045° 30' N. 012° W. to act as A/S striking force.
(3) Capt. (D) Liverpool to report when these ships are expected to be ready. (4) STARLING will be sailed to join later. (5) It is intended that C. in C. Plymouth shall assume operational control of this group from the time it enters his command.
(C. in C. W.A. 161103A to N.O.I.C. Liverpool)
Intend to sail WOODPECKER (S.O), WREN, KITE, WILD GOOSE, 1600Z/17th in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 161103.
E.T.A. position 045° 30' N. 012° W. 0900B/19. Codeword "Master".
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 161801B)
C. in C. W.A.'s 150026B, A.M. 141142B, and H.Q.C.C.'s 122257 June. (2) On reaching vicinity 045° 30' N. 012° 00' W. as ordered in C. in C. W.A.'s 161103B, E.G.2 is to act as anti U-Boat striking force in support primarily of operation "Musketry" and secondly of operation "Seaslug". (3) E.F.2 is to carry out North/South patrol in vicinity of 045° 30' N. 012° W. and is to proceed attack U-Boats located by A/C. If sighted by enemy R/C while on patrol the patrol-line is to be moved.
(4) Limit of patrol-area to be latitude 044° and 047° N. and longitude 011° 30' and 014° W. Unless in contact with enemy Second Escort Group is not to proceed east 009° 30' W.
(5) If necessary E.G.2 may be ordered to cover convoys against attack by surface-craft. 4 Narvik class destroyers were in Gironde and La Pallice on 13th June. Inward and outward blockade-runners may be met. J.U.88 Aircraft in formation may be met up to 012° W. and F.W.200 aircraft to 022° W. (6) E.G.2 to return Plymouth at P.L.E., passing through position (S) 049° 11' N. 011° 57' W. (T) 180° Bishop Rock 10 and thence by Q.Z.S.410 and 409. (7) C. in C. W.A. is requested to supply ships with copies of messages quoted in paragraph one, and with summary of current instructions regarding attacks on fishing vessels in Bay of Biscay. (8) Communications, (b) On sighting U-Boats aircraft will transmit Group 465, followed by a numeral indicating the number of U-Boats, and their positions. H.Q.19 Group and C. in C. Plymouth will rebroadcast such reports on 19 Group R/C wave and broadcast B.N. respectively. (c) H.Q.19 Group will then control the homing procedure, detailing specific aircraft to home by transmitting callsigns and dashes and indicating frequency /...

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Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug" (Contd.) frequency to be used. These signals will be transmitted on both waves as in (B). (d) R/T Callsigns. Ships: In accordance with W.A.S.O., appendix VIII. All aircraft on patrol in "Musketry" area: "Titan".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 161929B to E.G.2)

S/M Patrols.

Request you will sail ULA for patrol line GG when ready. Route and bombing restrictions as arranged by Capt. (S) 9.
(F.O.S. 161114B to S.O. S/M Lerwick)
Positions of submarines at 0800B/17th and movements for following 24 hours.

- (A) BARB vicinity 48° 50' N. 37° 35' W.
(B) HAKE vicinity 47° 57' N. 35° 51' W.
(C) BLACKFISH vicinity 47° 05' N. 35° 20' W.
(D) HADDO approx. 48° 25' N. 31° 20' W. diving by day to pass through 48° 50' N. 31° 01' W. at 1600/17, to 50° 10' N. 27° 59' W. at 0400/19.
(E) TALLY HO approx. 61° 16' N. 000° 30' W. probably on surface to Lerwick.
(G) SEADOG approx. 62° 30' N. 000° 29' E. proceeding dived as much as possible while North of 62°, then on surface to Lerwick to arrive 18th.
(H) SATYR approx. 62° 06' N. 01° 20' E, probably on surface, E.T.A. Lerwick 18th.
(K) USURPER 44° 01' N. 08° 34' W. dived by day through 44° 01' N. 10° 01' W. to pass through 43° 01' N. 09° 59' W. at 2300B/18th. (F.O.S.161559B to Admty)
From position F. proceed on surface to pass through (G) 053° 01', 022° 20' W. at 0800/20. (H) 055° 02', 016° 30' W. at 0800/21. (J) 056° 10', 009° 55' W at 0800/22. to R/V in position. (K) 180° Barra Head 10 at 1700/22 June with escort arranged by Capt. (S) 3.
(F.O.S.161847B to HADDO)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. Patrol Vessel attacked. One unidentified aircraft sighted 10 miles S.W. of Borganes 064° 32' N. 021° 55' W. at 0754, course N.W. Another unidentified aircraft sighted at 0840 in same position and on the same course. One aircraft sent up, but failed to intercept. (A.C.I.C. 161058B to Admty, (R) C. in C. H.F.)
Icelandic Patrol Vessel attacked by one German 4-Engined Bomber near Flatey 066° 10' N. 017° 51' W. at 1540B/16. Plane sighted 10 miles Grimsey 066° 34' N. 017° 58' W. course N.W. at 1600B.
(A.C.I.C. 161651B to Admty (R) C. in C. H.F.)

Mining.

Thames Estuary.

One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1541B/15 in 035° Tongue Sand Tower 8.15 miles.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 160916B)

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Mining.

Thames
Estuary.
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One ground mine detonated 115° Sunk Head Tower
5.15 miles.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 161106B)

Dover
Area.

In view of present instructions on minelaying
in the Dover Command it is considered that the
area east of Dunkirk to the Eastern limit of
Dover Command can now be covered by mine-laying
craft based on Dover. It is requested that I
may be informed whether you agree to this proposal.
(V.A. Dover, 161141B to C. in C. Nore.)
Your 161141B. Concur.
(C. in C. Nore, 162003B to V.A. Dover)

Lyme
Bay.

Three miles from Northern Edge of Q.Z.X. 1011
has now been check swept.
(GWEAL, 161551B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Have now swept a total width of 7 and $\frac{1}{2}$ cables
except for 1 mile Western end of last lap which
had to be abandoned due to parted sweep. 4 Mines were detonated
and 1 type-R cut and sunk by gunfire detonating whilst sinking,
making a total of 7 mines swept to date. 2 Static mines were
also cut. 1 complete sinker and moorings recovered by HYDRA.
Have anchored in Torbay for the night. Intend sailing at
0600B tomorrow to resume operations.
(HOUND, 162212B, to C. in C. Plymouth)

Hvalfiord
C.M.F.

✓ My 071637 May. Repairs to C.M.(L) field are
progressing satisfactorily. Numbers one, 2 and
3 guard loop and all mine-loops are now in action.
It is now possible that all defects can be made
good without assistance of RINGDOVE.
(A.C.I.C. 162317B to Admty)

U-Boats.

Biscay
Area.

× Am over enemy submarine in 43° 22' N. 14° 20' W.
course 270°, speed 8 knots, but was observed to
submerge.
(A/C, F.A.1 C, 160905B to 19 Group)
Am returning to base. Engine trouble. S/M

has dived.

(A/C 59 Sq. Duty C, 160925 to 19 Group)

Am over enemy submarine in 44° 04' N. 13° 42' W. which was
sighted on surface.

(A/C 422 Sqdn. 161630 to 19 Group)

No enemy sighted in area 44° 04' N. 13° 50' W.

Am returning to base.

(A/C 201 Sqdn. 161910 to 19 Group)

Off
Banff.

A.S.P.9 suspended until A/S Trawler search for
suspected U-Boat in 270° 9000 yards Ness Banff
if completed.
(MENDIP, 161110B to R.A.D. H.F.)

My /...

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U-Boats.

Off Banff (Contd.) My 1110. Submarine (?attack) (?impossible) to return Harbour until search for U-Boat is completed. (MENDIP, 161140B to R.A.D. H.F.)

North Atlantic. Inconclusive D/F bearings at 0957Z/16 on 10408 K/cs indicate U-Boat in general vicinity of convoys. (D.D.I.C. 161355B to Escorts O.N.S.10 and O.N.188)

Casualties and Defects.

ARVIDA, HESPERIA. ARVIDA proceed to Hvalfiord for assistance from BLENHEIM. COLDSTREAMER and HESPERIA anchor as convenient close to Reykjavik inner harbour. F.S.O. will undertake tugs defects. (A.C.I.C. 160922B to ARVIDA)

UNTAMED. First lift travelled one mile only, gained 6 feet on initial trim. Operations continue. (TEDWORTH, 161140B to Admty, Salvage)

Dinghy or Raft. Am over aircraft dinghy (or raft) containing 4 live persons. Position 63° 25' N. 11° 38' W. on course 200°.

(A/C 190 Sqn. Duty O, 161545 to 18 Group)
(C) F/279 to be despatched as soon as possible to 63° 25' N. 11° 38' W. to drop lifeboat near dinghy. Following instructions to be placed in lifeboat "Steer 125° to meet Rescue Launches W/T 285". (Rosyth, 161725B to H.Q.C.C.)

Am over an aircraft dinghy or raft, number of persons unknown, in 63° 25' N. 11° 38' W. One Flying-boat overhead. (A/C 206 Sqn. Duty O, 161740B to 19 Group)

Message T.O.O.161545 reporting dinghy containing 4 survivors in 063° 25' N. 011° 38' W. U.S. Ship SYMBOL has been instructed to proceed to approx. 063° 05' N. 012° 00' W. to assist in rescue. E.T.A. 0130B.

(A.C.I.C. 162032B to C. in C. Rosyth, A.C.O.S. N.O.I.C. Faroes)

MAID MARION. My 141810B. MAID MARION delayed defective. (F.O.C. N.I. 161800B to Cdre. WESTERN ISLES)

LANCASTER CASTLE, EMPIRE STARLIGHT, NEW WESTMINSTER CITY OCEAN FREEDOM. We have discussed with Dalgliesh the possibility of salvaging the vessels LANCASTER CASTLE, EMPIRE STARLIGHT, NEW WESTMINSTER CITY, and OCEAN FREEDOM which suffered air raid damage at Murmansk. Prospects appear remote unless we can secure full co-operation of the Russians. (2) It is considered that the only method of getting these vessels back into Allied Service would be to invite the U.S.S.R. Authorities to undertake their salvage on the basis that if two of them are successfully

floated /...

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Casualties and Defects.

LANCASTER
CASTLE,
EMPIRE
STARLIGHT,
NEW WEST-
MINSTER
CITY,
OCEAN
* FREEDOM.
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floated and repaired sufficiently to proceed to U.K. under their own power we would transfer the remaining two vessels to Russian ownership without payment. If this offer were accepted we should expect to be relieved of all salvage and repair charges or any further expenditure such as charges for watchmen in respect of all these vessels. (5) Please sound the appropriate departments of the Soviet Government and report whether they are disposed to co-operate on basis of paragraph 2. (Admty, 161843B to Ad. Fisher, Moscow)

Shipping and Convoys.

S.L.130.

A number of U-Boats on passage estimated in your vicinity today.
(D.D.I.C. 160953B to S.L.130)

East
Coast
Shipping.

C. in C. Rosyth's 151413 para. 4. Increased exhibition of lights which will be entailed is less objectionable than formerly but maritime risk to other ships in the Pentland Firth will increase.
(A.C.O.S. 161204B to Admty)

BEN-MY-CHREE.

Your 121221B. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 161244B to N.O.I.C. Invergordon)

K.M.F.17.

A.M.092052, Para 2. Add SS. SILVERTEAK from Mersey destination Gibraltar.
(D.O.D.H, 161416B to C. in C. W.A.)

S.C.133 F.
EMPIRE
MORTIMER
damaged.
REIGH COUNT
survivors.
S.C.133S.

Rescue ship with S.C.133 F has 10 survivors of SS. REIGH COUNT. SS. EMPIRE MORTIMER in S.C.133 F damaged in collision with LEAMINGTON on 11th June, extent 2 holes 3 feet long 10 feet below water, about 6 plates damaged. Holes will be above water when cargo is discharged VASCAMA and SS. SOUTHGATE position from D/F bearings 056° 35' N. 017° 41' W. 090° 9. S.C.133 S.22 ships.
(C.4, 161800Z to C. in C. W.A.)

K.M.S./O.S./
O.G. Convoys.

X It is intended to re-organise K.M.S./O.S./O.G. Convoys as follows: (a) Combined K.M.S./O.S. Convoy on a 20-day cycle. Minimum speed to Gibraltar 8 knots, thereafter 8½ knots. (b) Combined K.M.S./O.G. convoy on a 20-day cycle sailing 9 days after the K.M.S./O.S. speed 7½ knots. (2) (a) Escorts for K.M.S./O.S. Convoys to continue to Freetown and return with S.L. Convoy as at present. K.M.S. ships to be escorted from GISP by Gibraltar Local Escort which will

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also take out O.S. joiners. Similarly with M.K.S. Convoys and S.L. leavers.
(b) Escorts of K.M.S./O.G. Convoys will turn round at Gibraltar and return with M.K.S. Convoy. As a temporary measure and to facilitate clearing of Gibraltar all M.K.S. Convoys from Gibraltar to U.K. to be $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots unless minimum speed of

all ships presenting enables a higher speed to be made.

(3) Arrival of K.M.S. Convoys at Gibraltar will be 5 days after arrival of U.G.S. Convoys in order that ships for passage through Mediterranean from each series of Convoys may be sailed on a 5-day cycle. (4) Following is scheduled programme.

Convoys	Sailing Date	Arrived at Gibraltar
U.G.S.12	About 12th July	30th July
K.M.S.21/O.S.52	19th July	30th July
K.M.S.22/O.G.91	28th July	9th August
U.G.S.13	About 27th July	14th August
K.M.S.24/O.S.53	8th August	19th August
U.G.S.14	6th August	24th August
K.M.S.25/O.G.92	17th August	29th August
U.G.S.15	About 16th August	3rd September

(5) In foregoing schedule following times of passage have been allowed: U.G.S.18 days K.M.S./O.G.12 days K.M.S./O.S. (To Gibraltar) 11 days. Difference in O.G. and O.S. times necessitates K.M.S. sailing on 11 day and 9 day cycle alternatively.

(6) Ships for through Mediterranean passage to be sailed in K.M.S. Convoys and routed to Gibraltar for onward routing. Ships for West Africa and South Atlantic Ports are not to be sailed in O.G. Convoys. Ships for Casablanca may be sailed in either O.S. or O.G. Convoys. (7) S.L. Convoys are at present scheduled to sail from Freetown 24 days after sailing of relative O.S. Convoys subject to Escorts having not less than 4 days in Port. It is necessary that Escorts should have returned to U.K. by 48th day from date of sailing of O.S. Convoy which they escorted. It is proposed to continue this arrangement and appropriate M.K.S. sailing dates from Alexandria should be arranged as far as possible to conform. Time of passage from Freetown to COMP is taken as 12 days. COMP (Convoy meeting Point) is taken as between 34° and 36° N and 10° and 12° W.

(8) K.M.S. 23 is an operational convoy.
(D.T.D. 162131B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Med. F.O.C.W.A.F.
(R) C. in C. Levant, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, B.A.D., Cominch,
C. in C. S.A.)

ILE DE
FRANCE.

My 150217B para. 1. Following are details of
6257 personnel on board.
(D.S.T. 162249B)

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SEVERN.

Your 151436B.

At 160300Z my P.C. and S. 037° 05' N. 010° 19' W.
160° 14.5 knots to position W. thence through
position ordered passing Europa Point at 161900Z.
(SEVERN 160321Z to F.O.Gibraltar, (R) Capt. S.8.)

Your 160321Z. On passing Europa Point at 2100B/16th shift
W/T watch and proceed through position 180° Cape de Gata 15
at 0845/17th thence as ordered by Capt. S.8.

(F.O.Gibraltar 161223B to SEVERN (R) Capt. S.8.)

My 151319B. SEVERN passes Europa Point 2100B/16th routed
180° C. de Gata 15 miles at 0845/17th thence as ordered by S.8.
(F.O.Gibraltar 161231B to C. in C.Med.)

ADVENTURE.

Arrived.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 160945B to Admty. C. in C.Med.)

Dispositions.

Situation 162003B.

U.G.F.9A C.T.G.65.5, 037° 52' 033° 56' 104° 13½.
2. G.U.S.3, C.T.F.66, 026° 01' 037° 16' through 026
degs. 01' 039° 01' thence 305° 9½.
(F.O.Gibraltar 160953B.)

Situation 161958B. U.S.S. WEST POINT 030° 31' 017° 42' through
029° 01' 021° 01' thence 244° 20.5.

(F.O.Gibraltar 161039B.)

Situation 162001B.

TRUSTY 035° 53' 006° 15' through 036° 37' 007° 24' and 036° 51'
009° 13' thence 334° 11½ on the surface.

2. SEVERN entering Q.K.A. 87 161800B thence through Straits 14½
on the surface.

3. One U.S. destroyer 033° 04' 011° 46' to Casablanca 20.

4. X.K.7, MOLDE 036° 17' 009° 42' through 036° 18' 009° (?48')
thence 325° 6.

5. 3 Portuguese Submarines 1 Gunboat exercising Cezimbra area
expected time of arrival Lisbon 18th.

6. Small craft convoy SHEPPY 036° 01' 006° 57' to Gibraltar 6.

7. ARCTIC RANGER, 1 M.L. 2 merchant ships 036° 38' 007° 27'
coastwise to Gibraltar 7½.

8. Small craft convoy SOUTHERN GEM, 037° 38' 010° 36' through
036° 40' 010° 02' thence 105° 6.

9. One U.S. Destroyer, one merchant ship 034° 22' 007° 38' through
035° 04' 007° 07' and 035° 47' 006° 29' to Gibraltar 13.

10. G.C.16A, S.C.519, 1. merchant ship sails 171400B from
Gibraltar for Casablanca 7.

11. G.C.16B, CHASSEUR 2, 2 P.C. 6 merchant ships sail 171400B
from Gibraltar for Casablanca 8½.

(F.O.Gibraltar 161051B.)

My 161051B add new para. 13. F.F.S. RENONCULE sailed
Gibraltar 2300/16th through Q.K.A. 87 R St. Vincent Cape thence
350° 14.

(F.O.C.Gibraltar 161823B.)

K.M.S.16.

Sailing telegram (47 ships). 2. 1000B/16.

4. 8 knots. 5 and 8. as in C. in C.Med's 141645
6. ACTIVE, VETCH, ATHERSTONE, FOXTROT, PIROUETTE,
SCOTTISH.

(F.O.Gibraltar 161002B.)

K.M.S.16. List, cargoes, destinations.

(F.O.I.C. Gib. 161005B, 210756B to F.Os. I.C. N.Af.)

/ORDUNA...

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North Atlantic - Contd.

ORDUNA, Following repetition my 161320 (not previously
MAYO. received (begins) ORDUNA escorted by U.S.S. MAYO
sailed as my 152220.
(C.M.S.F.F. 161039Z to F.O.Gibraltar.)
This is U.S.S. MAYO 161416 (begins) ORDUNA
escorted by MAYO complying Commorseafon 152229 E.T.A. 0900A/17.
Request instructions on arrival Gib.
(U.S.S. MAYO 161652Z to Commorseafon (R) Comfairwing 15,
Aluslo Gib., C.T.F.69, F.O.C.Gib. C. in C.Med. Admty. N.O.B.
Casablanca.)

French XYour 101340. American Legation confirm 1200
Refugees. French refugees arriving Spanish-Portuguese
frontier June 21st. They should reach Setubal
a.m. June 22nd. Suggest ships should enter
Setubal on morning tide.
2. F.O.Gibraltar will be informed by immediate signal if any
delay in trains.
(B.N.A.Lisbon 161134B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. F.O.
Gibraltar, B.N.A.Madrid.)
(Admty. pass to C. in C.Med. and B.N.A.Lisbon) Your 101340
French here have arranged with Spaniards to have 1200 at
Setubal June 22nd and also state increase agreed with Portuguese.
(B.N.A.Madrid 161358B to C. in C.Med. (R) B.N.A.Lisbon F.O.C.
Gibraltar, Admty.)

C.G.37. Arrived.
(F.O.Gibraltar 161536B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) C. in
C.Med. Connav, Admty.)

TRUSTY. My 141941. Sailed.
2. Admty. pass to S.9.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 161640B to Admty.)

FOZ DO DOURO, Ministry of Marine request permission for Barque
Red Cross FOZ DO DOURO recently acquired to adopt following
Passages. route on voyages to and from America for which
alternative voyage will be for Red Cross.
Outward from Lisbon passing to north of Madeira
and south of Bermuda thence to Philadelphia.
Inward to Lisbon approx. along parallel of 038°.
2. This deviation from routes laid down in your 072033 May is
absolutely necessary as this vessel has no engine.
3. Request early reply as ship due to leave in a few days.
American Naval Attache has also been informed.
(N.A.Lisbon 161721B to Admty. (R) F.O.Gibraltar.)
Reply Admty. 192112B.

Air attack XSS. GULLPOOL, FLYINGDALE, CITY OF LANCASTER,
on M/Vs off HALLFRIED, GRODNO, RENE PAUL escorted by H.N.M.S.
Portuguese FLORES and F.F.S. ROSELYS attacked by at least
Coast. two F.W. Kuriers between 0750 and 0930/14th June.
First attack in position 30° Cape St. Vincent 5
miles. Ships then turned into territorial waters.
Escorts report aircraft approached overland.

/Masters...

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on M/Vs off
Portuguese
Coast.
(Contd.)

Masters state aircraft came from seaward and crossed coast to make run in out of sun. Aircraft crossed coast during attacks. Estimates of height vary from 7000 to 15000 feet. Near misses on GULLPOOL and CITY OF LANCASTER, slight damage to latter. N.A.Lisbon's 141853B not to C. in C.Med. report follows by air mail.
2. Master SS. FLYINGDALE reports two F.Ws. circled ships off pilot station Cascades Bay about 2130 on 30th May.
(F.O.Gibraltar 161736B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. N.A.Lisbon.)

MELBREAK.

E.T.A. 2100B.
(MELBREAK 161835B to F.O.C.Gib. (R) Capt. D.Gib.)

Movements
Casablanca.

Arrival L.S.T.421 and B.Y.M.S. 19 from Dakar.
Departed U.S.S. MAYO for Gib.
(C.M.S.F.F. 162010Z to C. in C.Med.)

CARITAS I.

Swiss CARITAS I, 2742 G.T, speed 8 knots, usual markings on sides, sailed 2130/16th for Marseilles by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence coastwise. Not to be molested this voyage.
(F.O.C.Gib. 162142B to S. and A. Area G.)

Movements
Gibraltar.

Departures ADVENTURE, ANTHONY to Algiers K.M.S. 16 with D.S.FLORES, M.L. 569 for Algiers ATHERSTONE for Tripoli. Tug EMPIRE TITANIA for Malta. VETCH for Alexandria. COLUMBINE, ST. NECTAN escort duties East. F.S. RENONCULE escort duties Lisbon.
Arrivals MALCOLM, ANTELOPE with O.G.37, L.S.T.12 ex U.G.S.9.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 162144B to Admty. etc.)

Hospital ships, It is requested that in future, in order to save route. time on voyage, Hospital Ships bound for British Channel may be routed to pass 180° Fastnet 10 miles thence by Irish territorial waters and to Barry Roads.
(D.T.D. 162349B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

U.G.S.9.

Arrivals (list).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar No T.O.O. /16 to Cominch C. and R. (R) Admty. etc.)

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U/B. Transmission at 15 (?20)47 indicates German U-Boat within 200 miles of 018° N. 033° W. (F.O.C.W.A.160012 to All ships in area 3A (R) Admty)
A.M.152330B, Final estimation of position of U-Boat by D/F on 12225K/cs at 2045Z/15 is within 100 miles of 19° 30' N. 33° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C. 160345B to F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorsea-fron)

MAURETANIA. Your 121204B. We hope there will be some accommodation available in MAURETANIA from South Africa as a result of disembarkations there of personnel embarked in Middle East. P.S.T.O. M.E. should report numbers involved. (2) In addition possibility is being examined by Admty of arranging escorted sailing from South Africa to U.K. in late July. Further signal will be made.
(D.S.T. 160158B to C. in C. S.A.)

ASTURIAS, Following is a repetition of Com. Fourth Fleet B.Y.M.S. 151759 (begins) "Cominch information B.A.D. Comtask Force 44, U.S.Cruiser MEMPHIS, U.S. Cruiser CINCINNATI, F.O.C.W.Af. B.Y.M.S. 46.45 24.22 sailed Recife 151200P for Freetown routed through (A) 007° 30' S. 031° 00' W. (B) 005° 00' S. 026° 00' W. (C) 000° 30' N. 020° 00' W. (D) 004° 30' N. 016° 30' W. (E) 008° 00' N. 014° 30' W. engine speed 9.5 E.T.A. June 23rd Group will guard NS S F until 180700Z then Group FT" (Ends)
(F.O.C.W.A. 160423Z to ASTURIAS)

CORFU. Movements Summary at 1800 G.M.T. 16th June. CORFU, 07½° N. 26½° W. on patrol.
(D.O.D.(F), 160856Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav)

Movements, Sailed 0835Z/16th DANAE II to join S.L.131 Dakar. Local escort to R/V M.L.289 M.L.574. CAP CANTIN delayed with engine repair. (Comar, Dakar, 160859Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty)
Arrived 1307 M.L. 289 M.L. 574 DANAE II joined convoy S.L.131 1000. My 160859 refers.
(Comar Dakar, 161519Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

Movements, Departures 1802Z/15 June 1943. Ships BELLWORT, Freetown. F/S D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 160902Z to Comar Dakar, (R) Admty, N.O.I.C. Bathurst)

Port Etienne. Request all ships before sailing Port Etienne may be informed of local situation regarding water and provisions. Both are rationed and inroad upon local stocks may result in subsequent hardships for Base personnel
(F.O.C.W.A.160905Z to Admty)

REVENGE /...

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REVENGE.

Para. 1 of your 071251. Request REVENGE be routed from position (Y) through (S) 022° 00' S. 038° 00' E. (T) (029°) 02' S. 032° 55' E. thence direct Durban. This is reverse of route of RESOLUTION. N.O.I.C. Durban 151501 refers. (C. in C. S.A. 161035B to C. in C. E.F. (R) REVENGE, RESOLUTION, N.O.I.C. Durban)

Dispositions.

Situation at 2001Z/16th June.
CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NIZAM with W.S.30 034° 45', 019° 00' Coastal to Durban 11.

SUFFOLK 035° 20', 019° to 037° 019° 45' 20.

CARADOC about 028° 50', 032° 20' to Durban 15.

VERBENA 026° 55', 033° 55' to Durban 14.

RESOLUTION, RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM 025° 05', 035° 35' to 022° 038° 13.

(C. in C. S.A. 161141B)

Situation 162001 June.

FOWEY, MALLOW, MYOSOTIS, CAMPION, STONECROP, LA MALOUINE with S.L.(?151) PATHFINDER 43' 017° 44' 358° 7½ DUNKERY escorting 015° 11' 017° 10' to North Coastwise 5½. SNOWDROP (?reports) M.L.278, 209 with QUERCY 010° 17' 015° 50' to Konakri 12.

FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE escorting 012° 03' 30" 355° 12.

M.L.18 and 17 011° 37' 017° 25' noon 013° 23' 017° 35' thence Bathurst 10½.

BELLWORT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting 009° 50' 015° 31' to 011° 01' 017° 18' thence 355° 6.

(R.A.W.A. 161157Z)

Movements,
Bathurst.

Arrivals 1030Z/16th June PORTSDOWN and INKPEN escorting SS. LADY DENISON PENDER.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 161316 to F.O.C.W.A.)

W.S.30.

Sailing telegram (11 ships). 1200Z/16th 029° 57' S. 031° 12' E. ?1800Z/19th 10 knots to Port Elizabeth 11 knots onward coastal through positions.

(N) 034° 26' S. 018° 26' E. (O) 034° 55' S.

019° 26' E. (A) 034° 10' S. 026° 33' E. (B) 032° 20' S.

029° 18' E. (C) 030° 30' S. 031° E. (D) 029° 57' S. 031° 12' E.

(6) NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NIZAM.

(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 161349Z to Admty)

CILICIA.

Arrival. 0710Z/16th June CILICIA from Ocean patrol.

(S.O.(I) Freetown, 161507Z to Admty (R) Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet)

Bathurst,
Water.

All ships bound for Bathurst during the tornado season now prevailing and sailing independently should be warned that fresh water cannot be supplied in cases of emergency.

(S.S.T.O. Bathurst, 161615Z to D.S.T.)

CARNARVON CASTLE /..

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CARNARVON
CASTLE. Capetown departure 1400B June 16th CARNARVON
CASTLE with W.S. to Port Elizabeth. E.T.A.
Port Elizabeth 0800B/18th June.
(C. in C. S.A. 161750B to Admty, N.O.I.C.
Port Elizabeth)

SUFFOLK. Simonstown departure 1800B/16 June SUFFOLK for
Durban routed (C) 37.00 S. 19.45 E.
(D) 37.00 S. 30.30 E. (E) 32.00 S. 34.00 E.
S. of A. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. 1000B/19 June.
Shift to W/T organization J at 0050B/19 June.
(C. in C. S.A. 161802Z to Admty, C. in C. E.F.
Com.i/c Durban)

ST.WISTAN. Intend sailing ST. WISTAN to Takoradi at 0500Z/17,
route K, S. of A. 10, E.T.A. 1400Z/18th.
(N.O.I.C.Lagos, 161807 to N.O.I.C.Takoradi (R)
F.O.I.C. W.Af. Admty)

Cables. Your 141225. See our 111530 (N.T. in W.D.)
(D.S.D. 161854B to F.O.C.W.A.)

Movements,
Takoradi. Arrival 16th June. CORINTHIAN, TURCOMAN,
PUCKSTONE (sic) F.F.S. DETROYAT.
Departure 16th June. 1800Z M.L.272 Accra, 0600/17,
escorting and screening. 1800Z M.L.265 Port
Bouet 0600Z/17th screening and escorting.
(N.O.I.C.Takoradi, 161852Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

BURDOCK. E.T.A. Lagos, 1300Z/17th June. Weather.
(BURDOCK, 161905Z to N.O.I.C.Lagos (R) F.O.C.W.A.)

ILE DE
FRANCE. Your high speed and zigzagging provides as good
protection as surface escort which would reduce
your speed. (2) Your route is clear of all
known U-Boat concentrations and air cover is
being provided as soon as you come within range.
(D.O.D.(F) 162101B to ILE DE FRANCE, (R) F.O.C.W.A.)

W.S.30
disposal. A.M.251644B May para. 7. Following are disposal
instructions for vessels of convoy W.S.30:
(1) MATAROA should proceed from Durban to Plate
to load for U.K. (2) SIBONEY should proceed
from Durban to U.S.A. direct with German P.O.W.
on board. B.A.D. should notify C. in C. S.A. of port in U.S.A.
to which this vessel should proceed. (3) ARGENTINA, H.F.
ALEXANDER and SLOTERDIJK should proceed from Durban to Casablanca
for inclusion in appropriate G.U.S. Convoy. (4) Further signal
will be sent regarding disposal of CUBA, NIEUW HOLLAND, and
SIBAJAK on arrival in Middle East and India.
(D.S.T. 162314B to P.S.T.O.Capetown)

Tugs /...

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South Atlantic.

Tugs.

Your 141097B (Requests report present position
re 3 Empire tugs reported sailing Pointe Noire)
Tugs arrived Takoradi 14th June, E.T.A. Freetown
approx. 25th.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 162345Z to Admty)

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Movements Beirut. 15th June. Arrivals, ABDIEL, TAURUS, ISLAY, CUMBRAE. Departures ABDIEL, AETOS, M.L. 384. (S.O.(I) Beirut 160607C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant).

P.54 (UNSHAKEN) P.54 routed through 036 degs. 26' 014 degs. 21' 036 degs. 26' 015 degs. 15' thence 020 degs. to zone T my 151013 refers.
P.49 (UNRULY). 2. P.49 arrive R/V West Sanctuary 0830/18th.
3. Your 152100 (unidentified S/M report) acknowledged.
(Capt.S.10 160811B to P.314 (TACTICIAN) (R) P.49, 10th S/M F).

ABDIEL Departure and arrival 15th ABDIEL. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta 160859C to Admty. etc.).

K.M.S.16 Pass to Commodore and escorts K.M.S. 16 / U.G.S.9.
U.G.S.9. Have following to join: for Algiers L.S.Ts. 65, 163. For Bougie: L.S.T. 199. (U.S.N.O.B. Oran 160912B to ACTIVE (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav, N.O.I.C. Bougie).

Movements Alexandria Arrival 15th June FAREHAM, ALYNBANK, M.L.459, M.L.1122 G.S. ASPIS, WOLBOROUGH, ROMEO. Departure 15th June HYACINTH, M.L. 349, F.S. LA MOQUEUSE, PROTEA, GENERAL BIRDWOOD. (S.O.(I) Levant 161002C to Admty.).

Convoy K.M.19. My 081654 states that Forces in K.M.19 were to be relettered "X" and "Y". This nomenclature was adopted in Honsin Strops accordingly. Troopers 88374 Q (M) 9 B of 10th June shows that sections of convoy are lettered 19 A 19 B 19 C (1) and 19 C (2) I have amended my orders but must point out that the failure of London to come into line may result in some confusion to other forces taking part. Admty. recypher and pass to S.O. Force V. (Passing action being taken by W.R.). (D.N.C.X.F. 161006C to S.O. Force V. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.).

X.T.G.2. Request you will sail (lists).
(A) For Gibraltar.
(B) For Malta
(C) For Tripoli, Libya.
(C. in C. Levant 161008C to R.A.L. (R) C. in C. Med. S.N.O. Trpoli, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Connav I, V.A.M. Admty. NEAUFORT).

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NIEUW AMSTERDAM
DOMINION
MONARCH. Codeword "Blue Coat" NIEUW AMSTERDAM sailed 1630Z/June 15th E.T.A. Aden 180500Z June to complete oil and water. Ship should sail from Aden not later 0315Z June 20th to R/V with DOMINION MONARCH at 200830Z in position (D) as signalled in C. in C.E.F. 111415Z June. Chief of Naval Operations pass to (U.S.) Comdr. S.W. Pacific Forces, U.S. C.T.F.71.
(N.C.S.O. Suez 161011C to Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Aden (R) N.O.I.C. Western Australia, C. in C.E.F. C. in C. Levant etc.).
See also 161903C.

K.M.S.16 LEWANT, ABBEYDALE (T) GULF PRINCE (T) for Bone. (WALTER JENNINGS (T) TORE JARL, AROOSTOCK (T) for Bizerta. EGRET SERULA for Tunis. PASS OF BALLATER for Sousse. BROWN RANGER (T) for Malta. (N.O.I.C. Algiers 161112B to V.A. Malta F.Os. i/c etc.).

SEVERN Onward routeing from Europa Point to avoid fleet unit is through 180 degs. Cape Calaburas 15 at 2345/16th 180 degs. Cape de Gata 10 at 0845/17th 037 degs. 44' 001 degs. 16' at 2245/17th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036 degs. 55' 003 degs. 01' at 0615/18th position N. and E. times zone minus 2, revised bombing restrictions arranged.
(Capt.S.8. 161202B to SEVERN (R) F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.).

M.K.S.15 Pass to Commodore.
(2) 1030/16th. (3) Sailed together. (4) 14 knots.
(5) As in C. in C. Med. Fleet 140, 214.
(6) WISHART, BOREAS, CLEVELAND.
(7) As in Med. N.C.S.O. letter 12 para. 100(3).
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 161203B to WISHART, A.I.G.259, A.I.G.260).
M.K.S.15. List, 4 ships, 3 for Gibraltar, 1 for Bougie.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 161223B to WISHART, Admty. etc.).

Situation Western Desert.
report X 40 parachutists dropped night 13/14 June near
No.35. Benghasi aerodromes. Of these 19 killed or
captured, majority Italians. M.Ls. patrolled
coastline without result.
(2) Levant, ? British Tanker ATHELMONARCH torpedoed and sunk by U-boat at 1732/15th June in 32 degs. 20' North 34 degs. 39' East 48 Survivors picked up by AETA.
(3) Admiralty floating dock. No. 30 at Haifa will be ready to operate June 18th. No.27 with 3 tugs south east of Sofagh making no headway. Raider has been sent to assist.
(4) Submarines. TROOPER reports little surface or air A/S patrols encountered in Adriatic and traffic observed to move only at night.
(5) TAURUS from patrol in Aegean reports 60 ton S.N.Y.120 ton caiques. Sunk A.F.N. (?at) 1248 and 1352/3rd June in approx. position 38 degs. 28' North 24 degs. 15' east. Two 50 ton caiques

/sunk....

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Situation sunk p.m. 6th June, 39 degs. 16' North 25 degs. 45' East. At 0622/9th June TAURUS engaged two caiques by gunfire but accurate return from Oerlikons and either 3" or 12 pdr caused S/M to dive. Counter attacked by 32 depth charges none close.

(6) 1730/11 June two small caiques sunk off Piskopi. 0530/15 June TAURUS sank single engined unoccupied Italian aircraft found floating 40 miles west of Beirut. (C. in C. Levant 161236C to Admty.).

N.A.A.F. J.7326E/16 June. N.W.A.A. Forces Opsum No.115, Report. signed Spaatz, N.W.A.S.A.F. 14/15 June. Sciacca Aerodrome 10 Wellington 15 tons of bombs and leaflets. Trapani/Milo Aerodrome 10 Wellingtons 14 tons and leaflets. Boccadifalco Aerodrome 10 Wellingtons 1 x 500, 160 x 250 from 10500 feet, also leaflets. 15 June. Boccadifalco Aerodrome, 56 B17 escort 36 P.38, 8 Bombers and 6 Fighters returned early, 161 x 300 and 5178 x 30 frags. from 24250 feet. Castelvetro Aerodrome, 55 B.17 escort 35 P. 38, 2 bombers and 4 fighters returned early, 206 x 300, 5760 x 20 frags. and 2 x 250 from 22750 feet. Trapani/Milo aerodrome, 36 B.26 escort 36 P. 38, 4 Bombers and 3 Fighters returned early, 1 Flight of 13 B.26 failed to rendezvous due delayed take off. 141 x 300 or 142 x 300? from 11000 feet. Marsala 18 P.38, 2 returned early strafed 2 Radio Stations. 1 Blown up and set on fire. Sciacca Aerodrome 36 B.25 escort 31 P.38 2 fighters returned early (?2582 or 2382) x 20. Frags. From 10,000 ft. Bo Rizzo aerodrome, 36 Marauders B.26 escort 36 P.38, 3 fighters returned early 3816 x 20 frags. From 10700 ft. Bo Rizzo Aerodrome 32 B.26 escort 44 P.40 (3804 or 3803?) x 20 frags. From 11500 ft. Sciacca Aerodrome 36 B.25 escort 29 P.38, 5 fighters returned early, 264 x 300 from 9000 ft. Northwest African Photographic Wing 14 June (additional) 1 Spitfire covered a Sardinia and Corsica 1 Mosquito covered ports and aerodromes in Italy. 15 June 2 F-5A covered Pantellaria and Aerodromes in Western Sicily. N.W.A.C.A.F. 14/15 June U-Boat hunts. 8 Hudsons and 1 Bisley 1 of Hudsons attacked without success a surfaced U-Boat in 39 degs. 35' N. 04 degs. 45' East. (H.Q. N.A.A.F. Adv. 161257B).

M.K.S.(L) 15. My 141831C. Add para.1. M/FD/F FORT ST. JAMES, FORT GASPEREAU. Para.2. GLENARTNEY cotton flax military stores and general passengers 23 mail 2197 bags. No details of MARTAND, MALAKAND, which did not enter harbour. (N.O.I.C. Alex. 161310C to Admty. etc.).

L.S.I.(S) Every effort is being made to comply with your PRINCE 152324+ . CHARLES. (D.O.D.H. 161344B to C. in C. Med. (R) C. in C. Plymouth, Comnavnav).
+ Former given M/S distribution.

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U/B
attacked
(sunk).
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Am over enemy submarine in position 33 degs. N. 34 degs. E. have attacked with depth charges. (A/C 3989 via Alexandria 161440 to H.Q. 201 Group (M.E.).

W.D. Note:- Sunk, prisoners taken, see C. in C. Levant 171351. H.Q. RA.F. M.E. 171047.

See also page 554 & 555. 16/6/43.

N.A.A.F.
Summary.

Ref. No. J.M. 0766 J.7361. (1) 51 B. 17s. escorted by 30 P.38s. dropped bombs from 24,000 feet on Boccadifalco Airdrome.

(2) 53 B.17s. escorted by 31 P.38s. dropped bombs from 22-23,000 feet on Castelvetrano Airdrome.

(3) 32 B.26s. escorted by 33 P.38s. bombed Trapani/Milo Airdrome.

(4) 16 P.38s. strafed radio station East of Marsala and left it smoking, a 2nd station blew up and set on fire.

(5) 36 B.25s. escorted by 29 P.38s. and 36 B.25s. escorted by 24 P.38s. dropped bombs on Sciacca Airdrome.

(7) 36 B.26s. escorted by 33 P.38s. and 32 B.26s. escorted by 44 P.40s. dropped bombs on Bo Rizzo Aerodrome.

(9) Coastal Air Force carried out usual patrol and escort missions.

(10) Night 14/15 June: Sciacca, Trapani/Milo, and Boccadifalco Airdromes attacked by 10 Wellingtons each.

(N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv. 161451B to Etousa).

X.T.G.1.

MIJDRECHT and KING HAAKON did not sail. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 161530B to A.I.G. 259).

Route for
SATURNIA.

Your 150845Z agreed. (Head of M.I. 161609B to C. in C.E.F. (R) C. in C.S.A. etc.).

Movements
Port Said.

16th June Port Said arrivals ANTWERP, SQUALL, STORMRACK, departures ANTWERP, SQUALL, STORMRACK, PACKICE, MARYBOROUGH, M.L. 359. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 161613C to Admty. etc.).

G.T.X.3.

F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail G.T.X.3 at 0001/22nd June.

(2) Speed of ships $7\frac{1}{2}$. S. of A. $7\frac{1}{2}$.

(3) Route through 72.86 109.17 036 degs. 40'

001 degs. 02' 51.43 36.91 letter K. to S. to Bone.

(4) From Bone through T. 037 degs. 10' 008 degs. 03' and U - 79 via Q.K.B. 93 Q.K.B. 128 and Q.K.B. 126 to Tripoli.

(5) Sections join and detach with local escorts Pointe Noire, Oran 109 0600/23rd. Algiers 036 degs. 54' 003 degs. 08' 0800/ June 24th. Bougie 036 degs. 58' (9005 degs.) 10' 2100/24th.

Philippeville 037 degs. 13' 007 degs. 01' 0900/25th. Bone E.T.A. 1500/25th entering Bay, sailing again at 1830/25th. Bizerta

Q.K.B. 94 0900/26th. Tunis Q.K.B. 97 1200/26th. Sousse 035 degs. 58' 011 degs. 02' 0230/27th. Sfax 034 degs. 20' 011 degs. 10'

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- G.T.X. 3. 2130/27th. Tripoli E.T.A. 1600/28th.
(Contd.). (6) Malta Section escorted by WHADDON, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE detach in 035 degs. 04' 011 degs. 57' east through Q.K.B. 125 and Q.K.B. 23 to Malta E.T.A. 0900/28th. (Amended by 171037 q.v.).
- (7) All times, B all positions N. and E.
(8) First 2 letters of W/T call sign 2 U.
(9) Fighter priority 3 days 2 nights, until arrival Bone, then 2 days and nights, codeword "Tedworth".
(10) Escort Gibraltar to Tripoli BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, OAKLEY, GAVOTTE, TANGO. Oran to Tripoli PIROUETTE FOXTROT. Gibraltar to Alexandria two of 13th D.F. as detailed by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and STELLA CARINA. Algiers to Malta, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON. Bone to Alexandria, BREAM.
(11) Convoy forms into 2 columns before crossing 009 degs. 30' East and 4 columns before dark on same day. Convoy again to be formed into 2 columns on crossing 012 degs. 30' East. (C. in C. Med. 161615B to F.Os i/c and N.Os. i/c French North Africa (except N.O.I.C. Casablanca), F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. Connav, S.O. Force 'H' Capt.(S) 8, V.A. Malta, C. in C. Levant, N.L.O. Cape Misurata Sector).
See also 171037.

ACADIA Intend sailing U.S. Hospital Ship ACADIA at 1700B/16th June for New York. (Route). E.T.A. New York 1830B/24th June.
(Com. N.O.B. 161630B to Admty. etc.).
Hospital ship ACADIA sailed in accordance with my 161630, S. of A. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 161821B).

ISLAMI Aden 10th June ISLAMY escorted by RANPURA from
RANPURA. position (J) Bombay 24th June knots (A) 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
(B) 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Route.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 161638 to Admty. C. in C.E.F. S.O.(I) Colombo S.O.(I) Bombay).

C. in C. Turkish Visit. *I proceeded to Ankara by air on 12th June. My reception was markedly friendly and on leaving on 15th June I received several cordial invitations to return. I had interviews with Marshal Calmak, Asim Gunduz, Minister of Nation's Defence, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister and finally with President of the Republic who subjected me to an intensive cross examination regarding military position and possible military developments. As regards naval conversations, the Marshal and Asim Gunduz readily agreed that at this stage Kelly and Jackson should be the British representatives, and that later up to four Staff-Officers should be sent to Ankara to work out details, not necessarily all together. At Gunduz own suggestion, first meeting was arranged for p.m. Monday 21st June. Question of visit of technical Officers was discussed without a great deal of success except in case of Surveying Officer. Full report will be forwarded by air.
(C. in C. Levant, 161754C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.).

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K.M.S.16 Amend destination of WINIFRED L. SMITH to La Goulette Tunis. Master should be instructed to arrive on an even keel with minimum draught. (C. in C. Med. 161755 to ACTIVE, (R) N.O.I.C. Bizerta, N.O.I.C. Tunis, Admty. Connav).

Movements Bizerta. Arrivals. ISIS, PALADIN, PETARD, TROUBRIDGE, ACUTE, CIRCE, CADMUS, BUDE, U.S.D. TRIPPE, KINTYRE, BREAM, HUNDA, M.T.B. 634, 635 U.S. Ship SENTINEL Tug RESOLUTE, L.S.T. 360, 314, 357, 376. Departures, U.S.D. TRIPPE, M.G.B. 646. (S.O.I.S. 161900B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

Malta Situation. Situation report for week ending 12 June 1943. 1. Enemy air activity. Thirteen day alerts for small numbers enemy fighters on R/C. 2. Own air. By (?day own) A/C carried out offensive sweeps Sicily. Targets included Gela, Comiso, railway sidings Pozallo power station Marzamemi. Spitfires escorted Liberators bombing Catania, Gerbini. 3. Naval Cruisers, destroyers bombarded and co-operated operations resulting capture Pantellaria, Lampedusa, Linosa. 4. Convoy M.W.29 completely discharged 6 June 8289 tons. 9 June M.W.30 arrived 3 personnel ships, 2 petrol, 2 cargo ships, 1 tanker including details (numbers) for Malta, discharged 4715 tons. 10443 remain. (Govr. Malta 161900B to C. in C.M.E.).

ORANJE NIEUW AMSTERDAM. C. in C. Levant's 111213 and your 121914 to F.O.R.S.C.A. only. ORANJE should not sail before 1200Z/24 June to arrive Wellington 0700Z/14 July. (2) NIEUW AMSTERDAM E.T.A. Fremantle 1st July, Wellington 9th July. (3) C. in C.E.F. requested to give earliest possible information if any delay in E.T.A. Fremantle. My 060107 not to all refers. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 161903C to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) C. in C. Levant, C. in C.E.F. Admty. Com. Aden).

Air R/C. 2 battleships, 1 cruiser at Taranto at 1740. Messina obscured at 1635. Visuals report. (V.A. Malta 162005B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

French personnel in Landing craft. X Employment of French in landing craft, A.M. 052104 refers. It will not be possible either to undertake any training of French naval personnel in landing craft in Med. before August at earliest.

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personnel
in Landing
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2. French Officers have however been invited to attend exercises and will be given all facilities.
3. C. in C. Allied Forces agrees that a token force of French landing craft might well be associated with a French assault force in future operations, and I agree that they could man, say, one Flotilla of L.C.I.(L) and one Flotilla L.S.T.

4. Before any hint or promise of this nature is made to French, request information that Admty. agree to such a project being discussed with French for implementation later in the year.

(C. in C. Med. 162010B to Admty.).

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals HAARLEM, M.G.B.662, 659, 660 M.T.B.665. Submarine SIBYL (P.217) P.C.625 S.C. 691 (U.S.N). Departed U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, HOWE, M.L.280, H.D.M.L. 1123, EGGESFORD Submarine UNSPARING (P.55). Arrived and departed FARNDALE, TYNEDEALE, HAYDON.
(Com. Algeria 162017B to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Oran.

Arrivals today were U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT and H.M.S. CONSBRO. No departures.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 162109Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Tripoli.

Arrived and sailed DULVERTON, BELVOIR. Sailed LARGS, WISHART, BOREAS, CLEVELAND, TETCOTT, FALK, KLO, BARFORD, FAVOURITE, L.C.1. (L) 112, 128, 135, 285, L.C.T. 361, 354, 9, 13, 325, 17, 318, 313.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 162115B to Admty.).

Malta
Opsum.

A.I.510 16th June. Daily Opsum No.38.
15/16 June. 1 Torpedo carrying Albacore and 1 bomb carrying Albacore on search for enemy shipping along East Coast of Sicily. Finding no shipping, dropped on return journey bombs on block houses on Cape Passero Island causing large explosion and dense white smoke. 4 Mosquitoes made successful intruder patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy.
2 Wellingtons made anti-submarine patrols for outgoing shipping.
16 June 27 Spits. made offensive sweep over Southern Sicily.
6 Spits. made offensive sweep over Southern Italy. 1 Baltimore made shipping search in Gulf of Taranto.
(A.H.Q. Malta 162103Z).

Sect.2. 0756 hours 6 enemy fighters approached Malta at great height. 6 Spits. were airborne but raiders avoided combat and returned. 1737, 11 Spits were airborne to intercept 6 plus enemy A/C which turned back before reaching Malta. 8 other Spits. were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta.

(A.H.Q. Malta 162210Z).

Movements
Bone

Arrival ALBACORE, departure M.T.Bs. 634, 635.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 162155B to Admty. etc.).

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ABDIEL Departure 16th ABDIEL and arrival 16th ABDIEL.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta 162229C to Admty. etc.).

SIMOOM One U.S. destroyer arrives Algiers from East at
information. 0800/17th.
(Capt.(S) 8th 162230B to (P.225) SIMOOM).

Movements . Arrived L.C.Ts. 586, 572, 556, departed GLOXINIA
Malta. and INCHCOLM with L.C.Ts. 332, 333, 302, 303, 421,
413, 314, 311 and 364, S/M. UNSHAKEN.
(V.A. Malta 162310B to Admty. etc.).

M.E. Air A. 676 June 16th 0914Z Daily Opsum 49. June 14/15.
Report. 30 Wellingtons Bocca Di Falco Sciacca, Trapani,
Milo Aerodromes. Total 51 tons bombs. Leaflets
dropped over Sicily. June 15th. 6 Beaufighters
anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea. 2 Caiques 120 tons
attacked in Harbour Naxos Island. 1 near miss with bomb on Jetty.
Many Cannon strikes on 2 Caiques 80 tons South West of Paros
Island.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 162315Z).

Movements Arrival 16th June M.Ls. 350, 385, 348, 384,
Haifa. G.S. IERAX. Departures 16th June G.S. IERAX,
SIESTA.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 162349 to Admty. etc.).

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Alleged Attacks on Japanese Hospital Ships. X On 4th January, 3 American Liberators bombed a vessel proceeding up Rangoon River, 2 hits, 3 near misses being claimed. R/C report at 23 (900) (?4th) states vessel was light (?and) estimated at 15000 tons. P.R. of (?coastal area) 8th (?Jan.) showed (?vesse) in Rangoon (?River) after second (?R/C) of vessel of ARABIA MARU class not marked as hospital ship. Consider this ship was the one bombed on 4th Jan. and Japanese (?claim) (?vetoed) as examination of photographs show not the slightest sign of red cross. A.H.Q.C.P.I.S. (?enquiry) (?report number) 597 of (?19th) January on this subject has been forwarded to Admty. (?Jan.) (?24th). Copies were sent to C. in C.E.F. C.O.I.S. Eastern Fleet on 22nd Jan. C. in C.E.F. 080903 refers. (F.L.O. Delhi 160252Z to Admty.).

R.I.N. ships Building. X Presume R.I.N. ships building at home will in future be routed through Mediterranean. This will avoid all colour bar difficulties. (F.O.C.R.I.N. 160345Z to Admty.).

BRITANNY Departure. S. of A. 10 knots. (S.O.(I) Bombay 160431Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements Summary No. 73 June 16th. (1) CAPETOWN and CARTHAGE escorting K.R.5 left Kilindini June 15th due Colombo June 28th. NEPAL joins convoy off Seychelles to provide A/S escort. (2) RANPURA left Kilindini June 15th to R/V one transport off Socotra and escort her to Sulu. (3) FROBISHER left Durban June 14th due Kilindini

June 18th. (4) REVENGE, QUIBERON, NAPIER left Kilindini June 15th to R/V RESOLUTION, RACEHORSE, ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS, who left Durban June 15, at 020 degs. South on June 18th. RESOLUTION, NAPIER, RACEHORSE proceed Kilindini due June 21st. REVENGE, QUIBERON, ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS, proceed Durban due June 21st. (5) Following Y messages are cancelled 286 of May 27th, 289 of May 29th, 290 of May 31st, 291 of June 4th, 294 of June 7th, 296 of June 10th. (C. in C.E.F. 160658 to Eastern Fleet (299Y) Admty. F.O.R.S.C.A.).

E.F.JOHNSON. Probably necessary to tow disabled tanker E.F. MASTERFUL. JOHNSON to Durban for repairs when her cargo has been discharged. (2) Intend to retain tug MASTERFUL due Kilindini 18th June for this purpose, tug BOLD is urgently required at Kilindini for target towing. (3) Request confirmation that MASTERFUL can be spared from Aden for this duty. (C. in C.E.F. 160834Z, to Admty. (R) Com.i/c Aden, D.S.T.). No objection (D.O.D.(F) 171231B).

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Convoy B.M.54 arrived 0130Z/16.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 160844Z to Admty.)

Transports. (1) Para. G. of my 071007Z. Revised date of sailing of ATHLONE CASTLE is 22nd June. Following extra move has been arranged. Bombay to Karachi - EASTERN PRINCE with 1260 service personnel. Sailing 23rd June. Local escort is being provided. Karachi Beira - EASTERN PRINCE with approx. 500 Polish refugees sailing 27th June.
(P.S.T.O.I., 161006Z to C. in C.E.F., (R) F.O. Ceylon, D.S.T., N.C.S.O. Bombay, N.O.I.C. Bombay.)

Ceylon movement summary No.55, 16th June.

1. BENGAL left Colombo June 15th due Bombay June 18th. BOMBAY and KONKAN escorting P.A.41 Hormuz June 11th due Aden June 19th.
3. TAMWORTH and BALUCHISTAN escorting A.P.33 left Aden June 13th due Khor Kwai June 19th.
4. CORNWALLIS left Calcutta June 10th, due Colombo June 16th.
5. LAUNCESTON and PUNJAB escorting B.P.84 leave Bombay June 18th.
6. MADRAS escorting P.B.44 left Hormuz June 12th, due Bombay June 18th. RATNAGIRI sailed as additional escort from R/V, due Karachi June 16th.
7. NETRAVATI escorting one M/S left Madras June 14th, due Colombo June 17th.
8. SCOUT left Bombay June 15th, due Colombo June 18th.
9. SHILLONG escorting one M/S left Madras June 12th, for Calcutta.
10. WILLAM VAN DER ZAAAN arrived Colombo June 15th.
11. AMRITSAR escorting J.G.13 left Colombo June 14th.
12. RAMDAS escorting J.G.13 leaves Madras 17th June for Vizag.
13. BARSTOKE leaves Colombo June 17th, due Trinco June 19th.
14. POONA left Bombay June 13th, for Cochin.
(F.O.Ceylon, 161021Z to Admty. etc.)

Shipping Routes. * Vessels bound for U.K. are not to be routed via Cape without reference to N.C.S.O. Bombay giving particulars of ships commitments, my 130631Z refers (N.T. in W.R.) 2. No ships are to be routed via Suez for Mediterranean convoys pending further instructions.
(Com. R.I.N. 161022Z to N.C.S.Os.)

Shipping Routes. M. of W.T. London advise their representative in India that they are anxious to avoid using Cape route pending re-opening of Mediterranean route anticipated early August. 2. They also propose utilising ships on local voyages to fill in time or alternatively holding ships in port. Estimate of mid-July sailings for Mediterranean convoys has been signalled to C. in C. Levant in my 160412Z. 3. N.C.S.O.s India have been instructed in 161022Z (N.T. in W.R.) in anticipation of your approval. 4. Alexandria C.O. pass to Cairomast.
(Com. R.I.N. 161035Z to C. in C.E.F., (R) F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O.Ceylon C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A., M.W.T. Bombay.) Reply: 170802Z.

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ALCANTARA.

My 151723 June has been repeated to C. in C.
Med. and Comar Dakar.
(F.O.C.W.A., 161147Z to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

CHITRAL.

Colombo arrival 16th June 0200Z.
(F.O. Ceylon, 161207Z to Admty. etc.)

ADAMANT

Arrived.
(F.O. East Africa, 161331Z to Admty.)

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MARIPOSA. MARIPOSA (U.S.A.T.) arrived Norfolk 13th June.
(N.S.H.Q. 160009Z to Admty.)
(see also 161438Z.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. June 15th, arrivals M.L. 054 ex
Wabana. Departures GEORGIAN to W.B. 24.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 160013Z to Admty.)

DAYLIGHT, Arrivals Port Castries a.m. minesweepers DAY (?DAY-
FLASH. LIGHT intended) and FLASH. FLASH has engine
room and boiler defects and will require some
time in port to effect repairs.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 160926Q to Admty. etc.)
My 160926Q. Repairs cannot be effected here. DAYLIGHT will
arrange to tow FLASH Trinidad at 5 knots. Propose they
proceed under lee of Islands direct. Request approval.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 161534Q to N.O.I.C. Trinidad (R) Admty. etc.)

Tugs Your 131522 to S.B.N.O.W.A. Tug T.BLAZEY
Bermuda. condenser tube plate received. Date of completion
16th June.
(Cdre. i/c Bermuda 160957P to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O.W.
Atlantic.)

T.F.62, X Cinclant 151839 addressed for action to Cdr.
U.G.S.11. Destroyer Div. 38, and for information to
Comnavaw, Commorseafon, C. in C.Med. Comdeslant,
Comeastseafon, C.T.F.29, Cominch, Com.5, Admty.
and Comnavau, informs as follows:
Task Force 62 hereby established, constituted as follows:
Comdr. Winecoff (Comdesdiv 38) in HOBBY, CARMICK*, McCOOK,
TURNER, KALK, GILLESPIE, TIDE, EVARTS, ENOREE, and WYFFELS
(as received). Escort convoy U.G.S.11 ready Hampton Roads
27 June, following routes and "chops" prescribed by Connav. To
fuel destroyers at sea, use ENOREE. C. in C.Med. will designate
point at which vessels destined for Mediterranean will be given
to other escort. Return to Hampton Roads escorting convoy
G.U.S.10, following Admty. routing, when directed by C.M.S.F.
(Comnavau 161051Z to Admty.) * FRANKFORD substituted for
CARMICK (192346)

B.2 Group. Departure 1530Z B.2 Escort Group for St. Johns.
(Capt. D. Argentia 161059Z to Admty.)

V.L.R. Personal from 1st S.L.
Aircraft Ref. J.S.M. 982, (152205Z) whilst not questioning
for Biscay. the return of these two squadrons in third week
in August, it would be interesting to know why
they must be returned.
(1st S.L. 161126B to B.A.D.) Reply 190021Z.

/EMPIRE...

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EMPIRE
MCALPINE. Your 141759Z para. 10 (report of Flying operations by EMPIRE MCALPINE). If ready request EMPIRE MCALPINE be sailed in H.X. 244 or if not ready for this convoy that she be sailed in H.X. 245. (C. in C.W.A. 161156B to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

CHELSEA. New York departed 151944Z, escorting H.X. 244. (N.S.H.Q. 161212Z to Admty.)

U/B. Submarine contact 24.10 N. 74.20 W. (S.O.(I) Kingston Jam. 161432Q to Admty.)

MARIPOSA. C. & R. all U.S. Adees. have this by other means. Sailing of MARIPOSA delayed until about 18th June. (Cominch 161438Z to P.D.Norfolk, (R) Cinclant, Admty. etc.)

U.G.S.10. Admiralty pass to C.M.S.F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.Base Oran, C. in C.Med. by land line. To U.S.(D) LIVERMORE for C.T.F.61. Convoy U.G.S.10. SS. W.H.WEBB, Pennant position 125, returned to port. Amend both parts my sailing telegrams. Pass to Commodore. (U.S.P.D.New York 161438Z to Cominch C.& R. (R) Admty. etc.)

SS. CAPETOWN
CASTLE. Arrival June 16th. (P.D.New York 161446 to Admty.)

O.N.187. 54 ships arrived. 1st arrival 152305Z. Last arrival 160325Z. SS. ANNIK put in Newhaven. All ships accounted for. (P.D.New York 161458Z to Cominch C.& R. (R) Admty. Comeastseafon, N.S.H.Q.)

N.S.H.Q.S/M
Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 161504Z to Admty. etc.)

A.T.50
(ANDES). Request continuous air cover for A.T.50 from time of departure to eastward limit of aircraft route (A.C) 044° N. 062° W. A.D. 042° N. 054° W. A.E. 043° N. 043° W. A.F. 044° N. 032° W. A.G. 048° N. 026° W. departs Chebucto 2300Z June 17th. Speed 19.5. (C. in C.C.N.A. 161515Z to A.O.C. in C.E.Air Command, (R) Admty. N.S.H.Q. etc.)

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Ionospheric Data. J.S.M. 984 16th June. Green 386 connects. C.C.B. recommend "that the Combined Chiefs of Staff address a memorandum substantially as follows to U.S. and British Commonwealth Services -
1. C.C.S. as a matter of policy have decided that current Ionospheric (Raneo Wave propagation) data should be exchanged between U.S. British Commonwealth and U.S.S.R. in order to cover more completely the present world picture as regards such information and data.
2. C.C.B. will recommend methods and channels to be used for exchange of this information and data."
Do you agree? Am referring matter to Service Representatives Canada, Australia and New Zealand here for necessary Dominion concurrence. U.S. Chiefs recommend acceptance.
(J.S.M. 161521Z to W.C.O.) Agree (Air Ministry. 171150Z.)

Convoy O.T.6. Destination ESSO PHILADELPHIA and FORT NIAGRA is Dakar others Gibraltar. F.O.C.W.A.F. requested:
1. Endeavour to provide surface clasps from R/V for two named alternatives.
2. If local clasps not available order ships broken off to proceed independently under air coverage U/B situation permits otherwise tankers continue Gibraltar with convoy.
(Cominch C. & R. 161530Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
Reply F.O.C.W.A. 181843Z.

JAMES HOWARD. From convoy T.B.17 at position Q. 29 1700 JAMES HOWARD (U.S.) Saldanha Bay and Suez 15th July. Knots (2) 9.5 with nets streaming, 10.5 nets not streaming. In convoy to Q, 11.01 S. 34.24 W. thence through M. 17.56 24.49 N. 19.40 15.01, 019.40 12.23, E. thence coastwise to Saldanha Bay keeping within 30 miles of coast. Ref. K.R. Ascension Island. L.Q. Cape Agulhas, days 72 requires 3000 barrels bunker C. at Capetown.
(N.S.H.Q. 161559Z to F.O.C.W.A. C. in C.S.A.)

S/M Estimates (Cominch 161618Z to Admty.)

Landing Craft Trials. Request your remarks by signal as to practicability of carrying out trials at Halifax or St. Johns N.F. operating following types of landing craft under winter conditions. (a) L.C.A. (b) L.C.P. (R) (c) L.C.M. (1) (d) L.C.M. (3) (e) L.C.V.
2. One craft of each type will be specially fitted for Arctic service and would be shipped from U.K. in Sept. 1943, together with crews and maintenance party.
(Hd. of M.II Approved by V.Cont. 161646B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C.C.C.S. C.C.O.) As amended 221626B.

Dispositions. Section South West U.S.S. NORTHLAND, CACTUS, LAUREL, 045° 05' 059° 15' 071° 10' to position 046° 09' 055° 01' thence to Argentina.

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Dispositions. H.S.91, TIMMINS, TRAIL 045° 36' 059° 32' 053° 7.5.
(Contd.) altering to 320° in 058° 51' W. and for Sydney
(C.B.) in 046° 32'.
COLUMBIA depart position 044° 28' 062° 19' thence
065° 15 alter to 001° in 045° 02' N. thence via
Gut of Canso to arrive R/V at 0001Z/17th (See amendment 162115Z.)
S.C.134, W.4, depart position 044° 08' 063° 16' at 2300Z/16th
thence 088° 7.5 alter to 064° in 062° 22' W.
H.F.60, NANAIMO, BRANTFORD 044° 10' 063° 40' 246° 7 alter to
225° in 064° 10' W. and to 254° in 043° 17' W. and to 297° in
043° 07' N.
X.B. 58, ST. ALBANS, GUYSBOROUGH 042° 10' 066° 13' 270° 7.5.
H.X.244, W.1. 040° 14' 068° 14' 088° 9 altering to 058° in 067°
01' W.
YARMOUTH and BELLE ISLE escorted by SEAHAWK, MODAC, TAHAMA
2300Z/16th to 043° 58' N. 063° 08' W. thence 089° altering to
057° in 061° 40' W., and to 076° in 060° 01' W. 12.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 161650Z to Admty.)
My 161650Z. Delete COLUMBIA add EDMUNDSTON depart Halifax
approach 0200Z/17th to position 044° 28' N. 062° 19' W. thence
064° altering to 000° in 045° 02' N. to PICTOU via Gut of Canso
12 knots.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 162115Z to Admty.)

Patrol This is Comairforlant's 151618 passed to you for
Sqdn. 63. information. Cinclant 041621 (circulated as
042031 from Comnavre re transfer of Patrol
Squadron 63 to temporary duty in Iceland), and
my 091551 and 122211 (N.T. in W.R.) When ready
on or about 21 June direct Patrol 63 proceed Base Charlie.
Movement to be completed prior 1st July. Upon arrival report
to Comfairwing 7 for temporary duty for operational control as
assigned by C.T.F.24. Transfer administration to Comfairwing 7.
(Comnavre 161659 to Admty.)

P.554. My 161620Z (N.T. in W.R.) add submarine P.554 sails
St. Johns N.F. 0940Z/17th to exercise with escorts
in area bound by 047° 36' N. 047° 52' N. and 052°
30' W. and 052° 36' W. return harbour 1330Z/17th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 161822Z to Admty.)

ROSALIE. My 2307/24th Dec. 42, reporting ROSALIE barge
(62 gross tons) total loss. Vessel has been
refloated and reconditioned.
(N.S.H.Q. 161900Z to Admty.)

S.C.134. Sailing telegram (68 ships). 2. Gate 1300Z/16.
4. 7.5. 5. Ocean route C.A. 44.10 N. 62.22 W.
C.B. 45.40 59.00, C.C. 45.50 53.01, C.D. 46.01
46.58, C.E. 52.03 41.15, C.F. 56.02 33.58 C.G.
56.42 20.08, C.H. 56.30 08.28. 6. W.4. 8. As in C. in C.C.N.A.'s
131525Z June.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 161905Z 161920Z 171410Z to Admty.)

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Movements
Halifax. Departures HARRISON, KAMSACK, THE PAS, BLAIRMORE,
TRANE escorting S.C.134.
(C.Halifax 161917Z to Admty. etc.)

QUEEN MARY. New York arrived 16 June 1402Z.
(N.S.H.Q. 161921Z to D.S.T.)

U.S.A.Ts. Departure San Francisco 12 June PENNANT for
Brisbane. GOSCHFONTEIN (U) for Noumea. Both
U.S.Army Transports.
(N.S.H.Q. 161930 to Admty. etc.)

S.C.134. My 122050Z June. Additions and deletions.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 161944Z to Admty.)

O.N.187. Arrivals New York June 15th (list). Total 55 ships
(B.R.L.O. New York 161955Z to Admty.)

Dispositions. Following is recyphered version of my 161955
(begins) From C. in C.C.N.W.A. My 161702Z
(N.T. in W.D.) Section North West. Add L.N.
14, ALBERNI, MOOSEJAW, VILLE DE QUEBEC depart
Quebec 2200Z/16th to 048° 09' N. 069° 27' W. at 1200Z/17th 9.
(Ends.)
(C. in C.C.N.W.A. 161956Z to Admty.)

EMPIRE Request information whether any news of ship or
AMETHYST. crew EMPIRE AMETHYST overdue since April, 1942.
(N.S.H.Q. 162002Z to Admty.) Reply: 191137.

Convoy
Routes.

X H.X., S.C., O.N. and O.N.S. convoys.

1. In order to reduce signalling and since original routes are rarely adhered to it is intended to sail these convoys on fixed convoy and straggler routes, necessary diversions at sea being made as at present.

2. Admty. will promulgate letters for the positions for west-bound convoys using double letters with first letter M to Z for convoy route and single letters for straggler route. C. in C.C.N.A. will promulgate letters for eastbound convoys using double letters A. to L. for convoy route and single letters for straggler 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' 43° 30' W. 50° 00' N. 48° 30' W. 44° 32' N.
49° 50' W. 43° 00' N. 60° 00' W.

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Convoy c. H.X. and S.C. convoys.
 Routes. 46° 00' N. 47° 00' W. 53° 00' N. 40° 00' W.
 (Contd.) 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 will be brought into force for convoys sailing after 22nd June.
 5. A.M. 122058B not to Cominch C. & R. and B.A.D. refers.
 (D.T.D. 162051B to Connav (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)
 W.R.Note:- A.M. 162051B addressed Connav etc. re H.X. S.C. O.N. and O.N.S. convoys has been passed to A.C.I.C. H.Q.C.C. Cdre. (D) W.A. Capt. (D) Argentia at the request of D.T.D. (17.6.43.)

EMPIRE C. in C.W.A.'s 161156* which is being passed to you.
 MCALPINE. Intend sailing MAC ship EMPIRE. MCALPINE in H.H.X. 245.
 2. Request pendant numbers for this ship in H.X. 245 may be signalled in view of inclusion of SEARCHER and CHASER.
 3. Ship carried 4 Swordfish Aircraft and will be operational.
 4. Admiralty letter M/T.D. (D.E.M.S.) and 02049/43 of April 7th 1943 and Admiralty's 071831 refer.
 (C. in C.C.N.A. 162110Z to C.E.S.F. (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. B.A.D. C. in C.W.A. P.D.New York, B.R.L.O.New York, Admty.)
 * Re request EMPIRE MCALPINE be sailed in H.X. 244.

Sub attack All times Z. Para. D. Brazilian Army Coast Watch
 & sighting sighted surfaced sub course N. 27.06 S. 48.35 W.
 summary. 142100. P.B.M. sighted wake course 135° 10.22 N.
 58.17 W. 151252.
 Coastguard 67004 sound contact 37.15 N. 74.47 W.
 about 160730 surface craft sound contact 24.20 N.
 74.20 W. 161512.
 (Cominch 162112Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

H.S.91. TRAIL, .TIMMINS with H.S.91 of 11 ships E.T.A. 171300
 (TRAIL 162215Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney, C.B. (R) C. in C.C.N.W.A. (Halifax N.S.) N.S.H.Q.)

B.D.Vs. Lorsa 10094. Ref. Lorsa 9510 para 1. (T.O.O. 260051Z May, re allocation of boom defence vessels.)
 Request names for these five vessels assigned to U.K. Hull numbers to which names are allocated will be signalled when known.
 (B.A.D. 162319Z to Admty.)

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Kiwi No. 62. Japanese patrol bases established Sagigai, centre South West Coast Choiseul, bush patrols commenced. Seven Liberators three Fortresses night 12th attacked Kahili, results not observed. Situation quiet. Air strength 13th remains same as my 60.
(C.W.R.Wellington 160009Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. D.N.I. A.C.N.B. B.D.Washington, G.H.Q.New Delhi.)

Digest serial No. 512 June 15th. One medium four small merchantmen sighted in Matchin Bay anchorage (Buka passage) forenoon. 2. Morning R/C Fortress photographed Kavieng revealing one small merchant vessel, one coaster, also seven fighters whereof four unserviceable and four medium bombers including two damaged and no change in aerodrome. Imperfect photos mid morning reveal 98 fighters 36 light and dive bombers, 6 medium bombers and transports at Lakunai. 43 fighters 13 medium two light bombers at Vunakanau, 36 medium ten light bombers at Rapopo, and 2 flying boats 6 float planes at Malaguna. 46 ships also photographed including 32 merchant vessels including one tanker and totalling 135,000 tons one Yubari light cruiser, seven destroyers, including one previously reported damaged, one destroyer tender, one submarine, one submarine tender, three submarine chasers. 4. Unidentified vessel sighted 40 miles Southwest by South Cape Orford course 270° early hours.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 160640Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements Melbourne. Arrival 15th Millingimbi INVERELL, Sydney WARRAMUNGA, U.S.Sub. tender SUMNER, Brisbane U.S. Destroyer DARYTON. (?Departure) Sydney DELORAINE for Brisbane, Brisbane BEMALLA for Townsville U.S.Destroyers MUGFORD and HELM for Townsville. Townsville U.S.Destroyer MAHAN for Milne Bay.
(N.B.Melbourne 161114Z to Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 161339B, 161341B.)

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Force "H".

X 1. S.O. Force "H" in NELSON, with INDOMITABLE, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, FAULKNER, FURY, INTREPID, INGLEFIELD, QUEENBOROUGH, ECHO, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, OFFA, PANTHER, PATHFINDER and PIORUN sailed from Scapa at 1404 today for Gibraltar.

2. BERMUDA sailed from the Clyde at 1256B today for Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug"

X 3. Four ships of the 2nd Escort Group (WOODPECKER, WREN, KITE, WILDGOOSE) which were ready, sailed from Liverpool at 1645 today for position 45° 30' N. 12° W. to take part in operations against U-Boats in the approaches to the Bay of Biscay.

U/B
Sunk.

4. P.315 (TRUCULENT) reports that at 1420B on 4th June she sank by torpedo a 500 ton U-Boat in 64° 28' N. 03.09 W. (about 150 miles N.E. of the Faeroes)

North Atlantic.Flight
F.

5. Flight F. of landing craft and small vessels arrived at Gibraltar this afternoon from the U.K.

X.T.G.1.

X 6. The first fast through convoy from Alexandria, X.T.G.1, arrived at Gibraltar today.

Mediterranean.G.T.X.2
attacked.

7. British SS YOMA (8131 tons) in convoy G.T.X. 2 was torpedoed and sunk by a U-Boat at 0857 today in 33.03 N. 22.04 E. The ship was carrying approximately 1670 military personnel, including 665 reinforcements for Force X.

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Mediterranean.

G.T.X.2
attacked.
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GAWLER, LISMORE and two M.M.S. landed about 1200 survivors at Derna. On 18th June C. in C. Levant reported the total number of survivors as 1353.

Pantellaria.

8. Adverse weather in the Sicilian Channel has hampered the build up of supplies in Pantellaria during the last two days. Coastal craft operations had also to be cancelled on account of weather.

9. 19 R.A.F. Wellingtons of the Strategic Air Force bombed the railway centre at Naples in the early hours of today. Thick cloud prevented detailed results from being observed.

Australia and New Zealand.

X 10. Two B.25's and 2 Bostons last night located 20 barges in Huon Gulf and destroyed and damaged several of them.

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Policy.

BRIGHTON. Your 162300. Regret arrangements in my 161223 must stand.
BRIGHTON allocated INSKIP was lent Clyde area temporary until INSKIP ready to operate. There are now 3 ships in Clyde area in addition to CARDIFF and 1 or 2 additional destroyers allotted when ready for service. Request future allocation question be of F.O.N.A.S. who is authority responsible.
(F.O.N.A.S. 171717B to R.A.F.Turnberry.)

Faroes. As result of a recent experience and the increase of flying now taking place between Faroos and Iceland, it is requested that Air Ministry be asked to detail 2 rescue M.Ls. or other suitable rescue craft to Faroos for operations within the minefields. In view of prevailing weather in these waters seaworthiness is of more importance than speed. It is not intended that the rescue M.Ls. should replace the A.S.R. Trawlers who will still be required for this service in conjunction with the former.
(A.C.O.S. 171744B to Admty.)

Defence of United Kingdom.

Local defence of Lerwick. In order to meet urgent operational manning requirements, regret it is necessary to pay off H.D.P.C. HARMATTAN and SEABREEZE. If preferred, other vessels can be released instead, provided the same numbers and types of personnel will thus become available for re-appointment.
2. Any resultant reduction in security is accepted.
3. Vessels are to be sailed to Inverness forthwith, paid off and crews returned to P.S.C.D.Lowestoft.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 172344 to A.C.O.S.)

Movements.

S/M Movements. Intend to sail P.317 and P.315 escorted by BREDA 1900B/17 for Hoxa Sound routed through 091° Fair Isle 6 miles, E.T.A. 0600B/18.
2. A.C.O.S. is requested sail P.67 to R/V BREDA in Hoxa Sound. Thence BREDA, P.317, P.315, P.67 to Holy Loch by searched channel E.T.A. 0700B/20.
(S.O.S/M Lerwick 170927B.)
Your 161114. Intend to sail ULA 0930B/20.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 171113B.)
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 141941. From position P. on route "Rose" proceed diving by day to R/V in position X. 180° Bishop Rock 7 at 0500B/25 with an escort as arranged Capt. S.3 for passage to Holy Loch.
(F.O.S. 171202B to TRUSTY.)
Intend to sail SATYR escorted by LOCH MONTEITH 59 (as recd.) B 18th June to 36 buoy routed through 091° Sumburgh Head 5 miles and 090° Fair Isle 6 miles, E.T.A. 1230B/19.

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Movements.

- S/M
Movements,
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2. A.C.O.S. is requested to sail ULTIMATUM with escort to this R/V thence LOCH MONTEITH and 3 S/M to 23 buoy, E.T.A. 0530B/20.
3. From 23 buoy SATYR to proceed unescorted to Dundee. ULTIMATUM escorted by LOCH MONTEITH to proceed by Searched Channel to Blyth E.T.A.
- 1630B/20.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 171223B, 181215B to A.C.O.S.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800/18 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 171654, 180101B, 181258B.)
My 170927. Sailed.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 171910B.)
Your 152330. Arrived 1520 (THRASHER and X.7.)
(Capt. S.12 172218B to TITANIA.)
Your 171223B. Codeword "Fitting."
(A.C.O.S. 172352B to S.O. S/Ms. Lerwick.)
- ECLIPSE. R.A.(D) H.F. 101620. (See special file).
ECLIPSE ready to sail from Scapa a.m. 20th June.
(C. in C.H.F. 170949B to Admty.)
- BRITOMART Sailed for Molotovsk to R/V with ice breakers and Soviet escort proceeding to Kara Straits p.m. today.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 171129B.)
- DIDO. The following is programme proposed by DIDO in which I concur. Begins. Assuming practice programme is completed as planned propose proceeding after exercises on 20th June to pass Bar Light Vessel at 1300/21st. On completion of fitting of type 281, propose sailing from Liverpool on June 23rd or 24th. Reference C.A.F.O. 620/42.
(C. in C.H.F. 171129B to Admty.)
F.O.I.C. Liverpool 141725B. It is expected that DIDO will return to Liverpool about 21st for 3 days.
2. Ships will not visit Greenock. A.M. 152229B June not to all addressees refers.
3. C. in C-Western Approaches is requested to sail DIDO, when ready, independently for Gibraltar and Algiers at best speed.
(D.O.D.H. 171729B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool, C. in C.W.A.)
- Group G. Admiralty's 082210. Intend to sail group G. on June 20th, being earliest possible date of readiness for overseas passage.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 171219B to Admty.)
- BERMUDA. Sailed BERMUDA. Route as in A.M. 162005B June. S.O.A. 25 knots. E.T.A. 1000B/20.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 171256B.)

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NELSON, X Scapa departure S.O.Force "H" in NELSON with
INDOMITABLE, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, FAULKNER,
RODNEY, FURY, INTREPID, INGLEFIELD, QUEENBOROUGH, ECHO,
VALIANT, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, OFFA, PANTHER, PATHFINDER,
WARSPITE. PIORUN.
(Force H.) (A.C.O.S. 171404 to Admty.)

PRINCE CHARLES A.M. 161346B.
Intend to sail PRINCE CHARLES escorted by
BLEASDALE from Needles at 2030 today for Portland
for onward passage at first light on 18th for
Falmouth. 2. Route. Speed 18 knots. E.T.A.
Portland 2230/17.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 171415B.)
My 171415B. Sailed.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 172145B.)
C. in C.Portsmouth's 171415B. Intend sailing PRINCE CHARLES at
0530/18 for Falmouth, E.T.A. D.1 Buoy 1230/18.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 172230B.)

SCYLLA. Arrived SCYLLA.
(C. in C.Plymouth 171423B.)

RENOWN. My 141401B. Intend proceed from D/G range
Rosyth at 2000B/20 via War Channels to Scapa.
S.O.A. from 22A Buoy 18 knots. Request surface
escort R/V Eyebroughy Buoy at 2120B.
(RENOWN 171539B to C. in C.H.F. C. in C.Rosyth,
A.C.O.S.)

KENT, Scapa arrivals KENT, JAMAICA and MIDDLETON.
JAMAICA. (A.C.O.S. 171624 to A.C.I.C.)

Landing Intend sailing L.S.I.(3) PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCESS
Ships. JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCESS
ASTRID, R.F.A. PRESTOL, SS. EMPIRE DAY escorted
by SHIPPIGAN S.O., TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE at
2100/18th for Gibraltar, E.T.A.1700Z/23rd routed
as in A.M. 271835B speed 11 knots.
Communications. C. in C.Med. is requested to signal onward
route from position E.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth 171713B.)

PENN. Sailed PENN in accordance with R.A.(D) H.F's
151405 (N.T. in W.R.) not to all addressees.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 172155 to Admty. N.O.I.C. Belfast,
R.A.(D) H.F. C. in C.W.A. C. in C.H.F. Capt. D.
4, S.O.Force "H".)

BELFAST. Scapa departure BELFAST.
(A.C.O.S. 172257B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

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RAMILLIES. C. in C.H.F. 151435B. Intend sailing RAMILLIES at 1400B/20th June to R/V with destroyers, detailed by R.A.(D) H.F. at Clyde L/V at 1730B/20 thence proceeding in company to Scapa E.T.A. 1600B/21 Hoxa boom 1700B BRAIL. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 171904B.)

Operations.

Coastal Patrols. 1. Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.) 245, 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 18th, returning Q.Z.S. 382

3. Object anti E-Boat patrol. Codeword "Device."
(F.O.I.C. Portland 170958.)
M.G.B. 611, 615, GREY FOX, GREY OWL from Newhaven patrolling to southward of E.A.5 buoy.

M.L. 124, 309, 347 patrolling eastern approach channel. CHASSEUR 14 at St. Helens. ALBRIGHTON, LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth.

M.L. 269, 245, 215 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 1° 45' W. and 2° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 171437B.)

1. Tonight. Anti E-Boat patrol to be carried out by M.G.Bs. 611, 615 GREY FOX, GREY OWL from 0001 to 0400 on lat. 50° 25' N. between 0° 15' W. and 1° 00' W.

2. M.L. 124, 309, 347 patrol searched channel between "F" and "E.A.5" buoys.

4. Communications. Codeword "Jovial."
(C. in C. Portsmouth 171446B.)

1. Patrol A. M.G.Bs. 316, 322, 329, and 330 are on patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.

2. Leave Plymouth 2230B for patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth.

3. Codeword "Bailey."

4. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 115, 112, and 75 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.

5. Leave Dartmouth 2230B for patrol. Leave Patrol 0430B for Dartmouth.

6. Codeword "Warrant."

7. Patrol C. M.T.Bs. 227 and 91 are to patrol between 315° Sept Iles Light 8 miles and 045° Sept Iles Light 8 miles.

8. Leave Dartmouth for patrol 2230B speed on passage 25 knots. Leave patrol to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light 18

9. Codeword "Occasion."

10. Object to intercept enemy shipping.
(C. in C. Plymouth 171503B.)

M.Ls. 140 and 293 at Bullock Bank. E.T.D. Dover 2215, E.T.R. 0515/18.

M.G.Bs. 43 and S.1 at Bullock Bank. E.T.D. 2300, E.T.R. 0500/18.

M.G.Bs. 117 and 116 at "V" buoy. E.T.D. Ramsgate 2315, E.T.R. 0445/18.
(V.A. Dover 171751B.)
Sailed "Warrant" and "Occasion."
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 172238B.)

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Operations.

Coastal
Patrols
(Contd.)

My 170958B. "Device" sailed 2309. For M.L. 215
read M.L. 303.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 172316.)

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".

Intend to sail this p.m. in WOODPECKER leaving
Lt. Cdr. Hugonin to bring on STARLING.
Circumstances permitting intend to transfer back
to STARLING at sea.
(Capt. D.S.G.2 171240B to C. in C.W.A.)
Para. 1 follows in cypher.
2. Amend paras. 8A, 8B, 8D as follows
8C. Add "homing will be continued until V/S contact has been
established. Aircraft will not communicate on 2410 k/cs unless
R/T silence is first broken by surface craft. Some aircraft
may not be able to use 2410 k/cs."
(C. in C.Plymouth 171723B to E.G.2.)
My 171723B para. 1 My 161929B add new paras:
"3A. Friendly A/C sighting U-Boats will drop marine markers.
Homing A/C whose endurance permits, will act under the
orders of Air Ministry when in visual contact."
"5A. All types of allied A/C, including gliders, may be met
in the area."
(C. in C.Plymouth 171705B.)

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".

My 161929B add new para. "3A. Friendly aircraft
sighting U-Boat will drop marine markers.
Homing aircraft whose endurance permits will act
under the orders S.N.O. when in visual contact."
"5A. All types Allied Aircraft, including gliders,
may be met in the area." 2. (Communications.)
8D. add "In "Seaslug" area, the word "Tintack"
will be used as R/T call sign in a similar manner."
(C. in C.Plymouth 171723B.)
Sailed: 1645 WOODPECKER, WREN, KITE, WILDGOOSE, codeword
"Master" to position 45° 30' N. 12° W.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 171954B to C. in C.W.A.)

S/M Patrols.

Positions of submarines at 0800/18th and
movements for following 24 hours. All times Zone B
A. BARB, HAKE, and BLACKFISH as in my 161559.
B. HADDO 49° 45' N. 29° 10' W. dived by day through
50° 10' N. 27° 59' W. at 0400/19th and 53° 01' N. 22° 20' W.
at 0800/20th.
C. SEADOG 61° 30' N. 00° 10' W. probably on surface to Lerwick.
(F.O.S. 171654, 180101B, 181046 to Admty.)

Enemy Air Activity.

SUDIN
damaged on
16th June.

My 161651. Vessel attacked was Icelandic SUDIN.
German 4-engined bomber machine gunned ship and
dropped 2 bombs on Fort Side. Casualties
include 2 dead, 2 badly injured. SUDIN towed
into Husavik 066° 02' N. 017° 20' W. in damaged
condition.
(A.C.I.C. 171209B to Admty.)

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Lyme Bay.

Four miles four cables from Northern edge of Q.Z.X.1011 has now been check swept. (GWEAL 171903B to C. in C.Plymouth.) Your 171027B. Positions of mines swept yesterday as follows:-

A. 50° 26' 54" N. 03° 09' 40" W. B. 50° 27' 09" N. 03° 06' 40" W.
C. 50° 26' 42" N. 03° 11' 06" W. D. 50° 27' 09" N. 03° 05' 54" W.
E. 50° 26' 30" N. 03° 11' 51" W.

Have now completed a total width of 13 cables. No mines swept to-day, one static cutter swept. Returned to Dartmouth for further supply of duns and minesweeping stores lost during operations.

(HOUND 172151B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Enemy Intellizence.

Boulogne.

✓ Photographs taken 17/1050B of Boulogne show nine possibly ten E/R Boats in Bassin Loubet and two M-Class Minesweepers at Quai Chanzy, being decrease of one M-Minesweeper since 11th June.

No important change in other shipping beside departure of small steamer 180 feet.

(R.A.F. Medmenham 171605B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boat sunk by TRUCULENT on 4th June.

U. 308

TRUCULENT report in accordance with S.W.M.14 para.2
1. At 0938/4th June in 064° 20' N. 002° 48' W. sighted S/M at long range. TRUCULENT dived and closed for 30 minutes. Nothing further sighted. At 1420B/4th in 064° 28' N. 003° 09' W. sank 500 ton U-Boat. 2 torpedo hits observed. U-Boat steering 280° painted green. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 171109B to F.O.S.)

U/Bs reported or attacked in Biscay Area.

Biscay

Am over enemy submarine in 43° 42' N. 09° 37' W. course 250°, speed 10 knots. (A/C 206 Sqdn. 171930B to 19 Group.) Have attacked submarine on surface with depth charges twice. (A/C 206 Sqdn. Duty F. 171935B to 19 Group.) D/F bearings at 2027Z indicate U-Boat within 50 miles of 46° N. 14° W. (D.D.I.C. 172254B to DAUNTLESS.)

Casualties & Defects.

Dinghy. Rescue by SYMBOL.

Your 162032. Rescue M.L. 538 and 541 and R.A.F. PINNACE sailed Faroes 1955B/16. M.Ls. E.T.A. 063° 38' N. 011° 52' W. 0630B/17.
2. Trawler EXPONENT sailed Faroes 1955B to 062°

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Dinghy. 44' N. 011° 45' W. A.C.I.C. inform U.S. ship
Rescue by. SYMBOL.
SYMBOL. 3. Request call-sign, watch kept, and code carried
(Contd.) by SYMBOL.
(A.C.O.S. 170124B to A.C.I.C.)
At 0450B/17 SYMBOL picked up one survivor and
the body of one of the crew of P.B.Y. Survivor states remaining
7 men of crew died on rafts. Survivor is in good condition.
SYMBOL returning to Reykjavik.
(A.C.I.C. 171003B to A.C.O.S. N.O.I.C. Faroes.)
Following is a repetition of A.C.O.S. 171235.
All survivors recovered. All craft addressed return Faroes. Ends.
(A.C.O.S. 171250 to SYMBOL, A.C.I.C.)
Air search for survivors of C.84 by F.84 from 2016/16 to
0537/17, sighted 2220/16 and later told vessel SYMBOL of
position by V.S. Only living survivor rescued by SYMBOL.
(R.A.F.Iceland 171640 to 15 and 18 Groups.)

Dinghies. Search for survivors of C/84 by J/84 from 0810/16
to 1542/16 nothing seen of dinghies. Search for
survivors of C/84 by N/269 from 1841/16 to
2034/16 during which sighted one dinghy with 2
live, also one empty dinghy in 48° 20' N. 12° 07' W. at 2001/16.
N/269 dropped Lindholme at 2020/16 and saw dinghy paddling
towards it see R.E.Y./026/16 June.
(R.A.F.Iceland 170135B.)

UNTAMED. Walked further 14 miles and grown 12 ft. in
consequence going good. From RANGER at 0339.
(Port Patrick Radio No T.O.O. to F.O.I.C.
Greenock, Recd. 0549/17.)

TEDWORTH report 1st lift p.m. 16th gained 6 feet on initial
trimming and moved 1 mile. 2nd tidal lift gained 12 feet and
movement of 10 miles to position 258° Pladda Light 7 miles.
(N.O.I.C. Campbelltown 171050B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

GLENGYLE. It is desired to draw attention to the fact that
GLENGYLE though fitted to carry S.N.O.L. and
Brigade H.Q. in an assault landing is in reality
most unsuited in her present state to carry out
these duties efficiently.
No proper operations room exists W/T officers are badly placed,
shaped, ventilated and unprotected. No properly fitted L.C.
workshop exists nor is the petrol stowage suitable for a ship
of this calibre. The ship compares most unfavourably with
(?other) ships converted to carry out similar duty. Unless
base intend that ship is to be taken in hand for conversion
as are GLENEARN and GLENROY it is considered essential that at
least these major operational necessities should be installed
at first possible opportunity.
(S.O.A.S.C. 171216B.)

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BRANDON. BRANDON will not oil and has hull defects on waterline.
(C.4 172010Z to Cdre. D.W.A.) .

Shipping & Convoys.

AMSTERDAM. My 151647B. Sailed.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall 170239B to A.C.O.S.)

K.M.S.18A. Intend sailing convoy as in A.M. 092053B and 111815B June passing Clyde boom 0100B/20th June to R/V escorts in position A. at 1400B/20th June thence in accordance with A.M. 132008B June. Estimated S.O.A. 8 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 171118B.)

W.S.31/
K.M.F.17. Intend sailing Clyde portion of combined convoy and escort passing Clyde boom 2200B/19th June to R/V with Liverpool and Bristol Channel portions and escort from Londonderry at 0900B/20th June in position M/A thence in accordance with A.M. 121842B June. Codeword "Peacock."
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 171226B.)

O.S.50
K.M.S.17. Escort for O.S.50 ENCHANTRESS (S.O.) LEITH, VIOLET, ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS. Escort for K.M.S.17 ABERDEEN, FOLKESTONE. ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, ABERDEEN, FOLKESTONE fitted H/F D/F.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 171325B.)

Ships with
C.S.A.Gear. My 141531Z. When an M/V fitted with C.S.A. equipment is included in convoy request N.C.S.Os. be instructed to station such ships in wing columns and to include information on Form A.1 and in the pre-sailing telegram.
(C. in C.W.A. 171610B to Admty.)

H.X.243. Preliminary D/F bearings at 1333Z and 1349Z indicate U-Boat may possibly have reported you.
(D.D.I.C. 171621B to Escorts H.X.243.)
D/F bearings at 1411Z, 1442Z, and 1526Z indicate you are being shadowed.
(D.D.I.C. 171756B to Escorts H.X. 243.)

E.G.5. Arrived BLENCATHRA, BRECON, BRISSANDER, BLANKNEY, HAMBLEDON, WOLSTON, WALLACE, VICEROY, MENDIP, ARROW.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 171635B to R.A.D.H.F.)

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- E.G.1. A. Submerged line 50. B. 049° 37' 037° 48' W. to 047° 52' W. 037° 20' forthwith until further directions.
(C. in C.W.A. 171715Z to E.G.1.)
- O.N.S.11. Escort for O.N.S.11 HIGHLANDER (S.O.), WINCHELSEA, ASPHODEL, PENNYWORT, CLOVER, BAYNTON. HIGHLANDER WINCHELSEA fitted H/F D/F.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 171757B.)
- W.S.31/
K.M.F.17. Intend sailing RANGITIKI, CITY OF LINCOLN, CLAN MACAULAY, BRITANIC, SAMARIA, LARGS BAY and SILVERTEAK escorted by MOURNE, 1230B/19th speed 9½ knots to R/V Clyde Section at 0900B/20th in 270° Oversay 6 miles. MOURNE thence Liverpool in accordance with C. in C.W.A's 151112B.
Fighter protection code word "Peacock 1."
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 171817B.)
- K.M.S.18B. Convoy K.M.S.18B will be ready to leave Clyde for onward routeing from Gibraltar on 24th June.
2. Composition as follows: (a) SS. DERWENTDALE, SS. EMPIRE ELAINE, SS. EMPIRE CATO, SS. CITY OF VENICE, SS. BENEDICT, SS. ALCINOUS, SS. PROMETHEUS, SS. ORESTES, SS. STANHILL, SS. FORTNASHWAAK, SS. DEVIS, SS. ST. ESSYLT, SS. EMPIRE CONFIDENCE, SS. FORT STAGER, SS. FORT MEDUCTIC, SS. FORT LAJOIE, SS. NORMAN MONARCH, SS. DERWENTHALL, SS. FORT BUCKINGHAM, H.M.S. BOXER, H.M.S. BRUISER, H.M.S. THRUSTER.
(b) SS. GUDRUN MAERSK destination Algiers.
(c) Rescue tug ALLEGIANCE. Rescue ship RATHLIN.
3. S.O.A. 9 knots.
4. Admiralty will promulgate route.
5. Escort will be provided by Group B consisting of TEVIOT, ERNE, BERGAMOT, BRYONY, RHODODENDRON, HONEYSUCKLE, HYDERABAD and OXLIP.
6. S.O. of escort Group B in TEVIOT.
7. C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange for escorts to join convoy as requisite.
8. C. in C.Med. is requested to signal onward routeing from Gibraltar and to direct ships mentioned in para. 2c.
9. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange convoy conference with R.A.(V) and to sail ships as requisite.
10. Fighter protection codeword "Material."
(D.O.D.(H) 172350B.)
- K.M.S.19. Convoy K.M.S.19 will be ready to leave Clyde for onward routeing from Gibraltar on 25th June.
2. Composition as follows:- (a) Section X.
SS. EMPIRE ARCHER, SS. FORT PEMBINA, SS. OCEAN VENGEANCE, SS. FORT WALSH, SS. JERSEY HART, SS. EMPIRE PERDITA, SS. FORT HOWE, SS. HARLESDON, SS. FORT CHARNISSAY, SS. EMPIRE FALSTAFF, SS. EMPIRE FARMER, SS. PACIFIC EXPORTER, SS. FORT GRAHAM, SS. FRANS VAN MIERIS, SS. LOCHEE, SS. ATLANTIC COAST.

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- (b) Section Y. SS. AELBERT CUYP, SS. FORT YORK, SS. LAMBROOK, SS. MIDDLESEX TRADER, SS. EMPIRE GRANGE, SS. EMPIRE NERISSA, SS. COXWOLD, SS. JADE, SS. CHERTSEY, SS. FORT YALE, L.S.T.(2) Nos. 63,64,164,198,200, 418.
- (c) Section Y.C.I. SS. DEPENDER, SS. FORTHBANK, SS. EMPIRE NEWTON, SS. CITY OF NEWCASTLE, SS. CITY OF DELHI.
- (d) Section Y.C.II. SS. OCEAN VIKING, SS. JOHN BAKKE, SS. EMPIRE FLORIZEE, SS. CAPE HOWE, SS. OCEAN VIRTUE.
3. S.O.A. $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
 4. Admiralty will promulgate route.
 5. Escort will be provided by Group D consisting of DART, FISHGUARD, CLARE, BLUEBELL, CAMELLIA, LOTUS, STARWORT, POPPY and DIANELLA.
 6. S.O. of Escort Group D. in DART.
 7. C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange for escorts to join convoy as requisite.
 8. C. in C.Med. is requested to provide onward routing from Gibraltar and to arrange for splitting of different portions of the convoy.
 9. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange convoy conference with R.A.(V) and to sail ships as requisite.
 10. Fighter protection codeword "Numeral."
(D.O.D.(H) 172359B.)

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MAYO Ref. my 161416 E.T.A. now 1100 (corrupt group) pass to Aluslo, Gibraltar.
(U.S. (D) MAYO, 170730Z to W/T Gibraltar)

S.L.130, U/B. D/F bearings at 0754Z/17 indicate that Convoy S.L.130 was probably reported by a U-Boat. Frequency 9430 K/cs.
(D.D.I.C. 171021B to Escorts of Convoy S.L.130, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C., Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

Dispositions. Situation 1958B/17.
TRUSTY 038° 37' 010° 18' through 038° (?50') 010° 28' at 2120/17th thence 359° 11½ until 0600/18th thereafter diving by day 9.6/2½.
(ii) XK 7 MOLDE 036° 10' 011° 28' 325° 6. (iii) AMARAPOORA 036° 36' 008° 23' through 036° (?11') 009° 30' thence 353° 11½.
(iv) 2 Swedish relief ships 035° 12' 017° 04' (?163° 266°) 12.
(v) Hospital ship ACADIA 035° 59' 009° 30' through 036° 30' 012° 58' thence 297° 17½. (vi) SS. ILE DE FRANCE 041° 24' 018° 01' 001° 18.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 171108B)

PUCKERIDGE. R.A. Force H's 170826B (N.T. in W.D.) E.T.A. 2330B June 17th S. of A. 22 knots.
(PUCKERIDGE, 171127B to F.O.I.C.Gibraltar (R) R.A. Force H., Com. N.O.B. Oran, C. in C. Med. FARNDALE)

X.K.9. Unless U-Boat situation in Atlantic deteriorates propose sailing X.K. 9 consisting of HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ORDUNA, FORT LEE, FLENARTNEY, MARLAND, MALAKAND, AVONDALE p.m. 22nd June escorted by MALCOLM, MELBREAK and one destroyer of 13 D.F., latter to go prudent limit of endurance. Convoy S. of A. 13 knots.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 171136B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty, C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth)
Approved, see C. in C. Med. 180041B.

ORDUNA. Arrival.
(F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 171157B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty.)

Axis Shipping, Bilbao. Arrival 16th CABO TORINANA. Departure 16th SYDNEY, DUERO, CABO SACRATIE. Departure 17th BANKA. (Bilbao, 171200 to Admty (R) S.O.I. Gib.)
W.R. Note: Passed F.O.S. H.Q. C.C., C. in C. W.A., and C. in C. Plymouth.

MARINA. MARINA Spanish expected sailing within 48 hours for North Spain. Cargo Ilmenite and preserves.
(R.O.Oporto, 171203B to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty)
CALANDA /...

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- CALANDA. My 111121. Departure of Swiss steamship CALANDA from Genoa postponed to 18th June. (D.E.W.D. 171245B to F.O.I.C.Gib. (R) C. in C. Med.)
- K.M.S.16. My 161003. (161005 intended) Destination of RANCHER should read Malta. (2) C. in C. Levant pass to F.O.R.S.C.A. (F.O.Gibraltar, 171453B to F.O.'s I.C.)
- G.C.16 B. G.C.16 B sailed as in my 161620, plus NEA. (F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 171631 to C.M.S.E.F. (R) C. in C. M.E.F., Admty, Connav.)
- Flight F. Arrived Flight "F" consisting of H.M.Trawlers SHEPPEY, ST. KILDA, ENSAY, MOUSA, M/S Repair and Store Ship PRODUCT B.D.V's BARBERRY, BAROVA, BB. BARNABY Water Carrier EMPIRE DAMSEL. Tugs HUDSON, SCHELDE, M.F.V. 33, 42, 65, 66, 67, 68, 54, 59, 60, 69, 25, 71, 72, 34, L.C.F. 5,6 L.C.T. 535, 536, 538, 540, 580, 581, 849, 582, 601, 614, 617, 702, 563, 625, 579, 589, 590 (in two halves) 591, 592, 594. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 171732B to Admty, C. in C. Med. etc.)
- U/B Aircraft sighted and attacked enemy S/M on surface at 1930 in 043° 42' N. 009° 37' W. 250° 10 knots. Further aircraft are to be sent to attack. (F.O.S. 172019B to P.56 (USURPER))
- C.G.38. Intend sail C.G.38 at 1200A June 19th consisting Brit. L.S.T.s 159 and 421, Brit B.Y.M.S.19 MONKLEIGH (U.K.) escorted by P.C.480, unencoded callsign N.B.M.A. routed through Q.K.A.102 thence 35.45 N. 06.30 W. thence Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar. S. of A. 7.5 E.T.A. 1800A June 20th Gibraltar. Convoy guard 500 K/cs, escort guard 2150 K/cs, codeword "FANTAWW". (C.M.S.F.F. 172100Z to F.O. Gibraltar)
- Movements, Arrivals HOWE, FARNDALE, TYNEDEALE, HAYDON, Gibraltar. EGGESFORD from Algiers. BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, OAKLEY, GAVOTTE, VISENDA, BUSTLER, BADSWORTH in tow JAUNTY with X.T.G.1. U.S.S. MAYO with SS. ORDUNA from Casablanca. ARCTIC RANGER, M.L.175 escort duties Huelva. COLUMBINE ex escort duties East. Departures EGGESFORD to join K.M.S.16. U.S.S. MAYO, P.C.472, 475, F/S CHASSEUR 2 with G.C.16B. F/S ROSELYS escort duties Almeria. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 172126 to Admty etc.)

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- CARADOC. Arrived.
(Com. I/C Durban, 170501Z to Admty etc.)
- MANCHESTER CITY,
ROHILKHAND. Sailed MANCHESTER CITY, ROHILKHAND.
N.C.S.O. Durban 170708 refers. (2) Route from dispersal through (F) 14° 46' S. 43° 56' E. (G) 12° 18' S. 47° 32' E. thence 10 miles North of Cape Amber to (H) 12° 00' S. 49° 28' E. (3) S. of A. from dispersal 10 knots. E.T.A. Diego Suarez 1000Z/24th. (Cdre. Durban, 170725Z to Admty, C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F. F.O.C.R.I.N., N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez)
- O.S. Convoys. Request that all ships included in O.S. convoys which do not need to call at Freetown may be given complete routes to destinations. Further request that I may be informed of names of all ships detached from O.S. convoys to proceed through Mediterranean and names and requirements of ships joining from Gibraltar who require to enter Freetown. (F.O.C.W.A.F. 170750Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty, C. in C. Med.)
- ST. WISTAN. Departure to Takoradi 17th.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 170910Z to F.O.C.W.A.)
- Movements, Dakar. Sailed 0850Z EMPIRE BARRY for Bathurst escorted by M.L.289 M.L.574. My 161622 to F.O.C.W.Af. and N.O.I.C. Bathurst only refers. (Comar. Dakar, 171013Z to Admty) Arrived 0700Z, BLACKMORE, sailed 1014Z to rejoin FOXHOUND. (Comar Dakar, 171026Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty etc.)
- Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/17th June.
CORFU on patrol about 007° 30' 026° 30' 15.
BOADICEA 006° 41' 011° 42' to 007° 45', 014° 05' thence Freetown 20.
M.L.'s 1160, 1137 escorting 008° 22', 013° 34' to 007° 47', 014° 00' thence 114° 6.
M.L.265 off Port Bouet Sarabande.
M.L.(?272) off Accra.
M.L.1006 off Lome.
M.L.296 off Grand Popo.
M.L.1019 off Kotonu.
(F.O.C.W.A. 171048Z)
Situation at 2001Z/17th.
POWEY, MALLOW, F.S. LA MALOUINE, MYOSOTIS, CAMPION, STONECROP with S.L.131, 018° 40', 017° 50' to 020° 01' 017° 50' thence 001° 7½.
DUNKERY escorting 017° 16', 016° 28' to North Coastwise.
E.5 (?S.O.), SNOWDROP, 2 M.L.'s escorting QUERCY 009° 27', 014° 04' /...

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Dispositions. 04' to 010° 52' 017° 06' thence 355° 12.
(Contd.) FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE escorting 018° 10' 017°
44' to 020° 01', 017° 30' thence 355° 11 $\frac{3}{4}$.
BELLWORT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting
011° 15', 017° 18' to Dakar 6.
ALCANTARA 009° 11', 014° 59' to 90° 30' 018° 30' thence 000° 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
KEPPEL, O.R.P. BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, F.F.S. LOBELIA,
F.F.S. ACONIT with O.S.49, 024° 49', 017° 50' to 024° 40' 018° 01'
thence 180° 8.
(F.O.C.W.A. 171049Z)

Situation at 2002Z/17th June.

FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, WELLARD, CEDARBERG with C.D.23 (4
ships) 034° 40' 019° 25' coastal to Durban 8 knots.
CARNARVON CASTLE, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NIZAM with W.S.30
(10) ships) 034° 30' 023° 55' coastal to Durban 10 knots.
SUFFOLK 037° 00' 027° 00' to 037° 00' 030° 30' 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
PRUDENT towing ALLIGATOR about 031° 15' 030° 15' to Durban.
MANCHESTER CITY, NIGELLA, COVENTRY CITY, STELLA POLARIS,
CAPE WARWICK, DRANGEY, ROHILKHAND with D.N.48 (14 ships) 028° 45'
032° 15' to 022° 00' 038° 00' 8 knots.
RESOLUTION, RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM 021° 25' 039° 10'
020° 15' 041° 00' 13 knots.
REVENGE, QUIBERON, NAPIER, 018° 05' 041° 10' to 020° 15'
041° 00' 13 knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 171105B)

REDSHANK. Arrival Pointe Noire 1000Z/17th.
(B.N.L.O.W.Af. 171130B to F.O.C.W.A.(R) Admty,
etc.)

FOXHOUND. Alter course to pass through new position K 020°
N. 017° 30' W. thence to C.
(F.O.C.W.A. 171142Z to FOXHOUND (R) FOWEY,
KEPPEL, BLACKMORE, Escorts O.S.49, Escorts
S.L.131)

RAPID. Your 141557. Subject to concurrence of C. in C
E.F. RAPID should sail with W.S.31.
(2) For information of C. in C. E.F. RAPID
comes under his orders from about 24th June.
A.M.051335 not to C. in C. W.A. para. 2 refers.
(D.O.D.(F), 171230B to F.O.C. W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A., C. in C.
E.F., C. in C. W.A.)
Concur (C. in C. E.F. 180841Z)

NIRVANA. Sailed 17th June for Karachi. E.T.A. 6th July.
Embarked (details)
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 171307Z to S.S.T.O. Karachi,
(R) P.S.T.O.India, C. in C. E.F., etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrivals 1225Z/17th June. B.Y.M.S. 17, 18.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 171607 to F.O.C. W.Af.
(R) Comar Dakar, Admty)

ALCANTARA /...

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My 141625Z (re intention to sail ALCANTARA)
Doubtful if ALCANTARA will be able to maintain
15 knots. Ship has been ordered to proceed
Gibraltar for inclusion in convoy if excessive
vibrations develop.
(F.O.W.A.171612Z to Admty (R) F.O.I.C.Gibraltar,
ALCANTARA)

REVENGE.

Ref. C. in C. E.F. 170932Z (N.T. in W.R.) E.T.A.
1530B June 20th Breakwater 1630B/20th, N.O.I.C.
Durban acknowledge.
(REVENGE 171657Z to N.O.I.C. Durban (R) C. in C.
E.F., C. in C. S.A., RESOLUTION)

BURDOCK.

Arrivals and departures 17th June. BURDOCK
arrived 1200Z sailed 1700Z through V. 01.00 S.
08.30 E. and W. 06.00 S. 12.00 E. S. of A. 14
knots, E.T.A. Boma 1700Z/20th June.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 171715Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R)
B.N.L.O.W.Af. Admty)

Shipping
Reference
Positions.

C. in C. S.A. 152345 (Proposal that standard
reference positions be used in route signals
from W.African Ports.) Present standard
positions are considered inadequate for satisfact-
ory routing under all conditions with large number
of ships. Suggest following additional
positions should be standardised. OC KF Lagos, Pointe Noire,
09.00 S. 02.00 W. 23.00 S. 05.00 E. 23.00 S. 20.00 W. 33.00 S.
30.00 W. 39.00 S. 45.00 W.
(F.O.C.W.A. 171719Z to Admty (R) C. in C.S.A. Connav)
Reply: C. in C. S.A. 190822B.

W.S.30.
CUBA,
defects.

On arrival W.S. 30 at Capetown CUBA reported
condenser tubes required replacement before
continuing voyage and work will be undertaken
and completed at Durban as quickly as possible
after arrival there on 19th June.
(2) Convoy should be ready to leave Durban 24th
June and will consist of (a) W.S.30A for Mid. East SIBAJAK
with Union and Imperial Personnel. The following ships for
destinations stated will accompany. GLENSTRAE, for
Kilindini Aden and Mid. East. SAGOLAND for Kilindini.
KARAGOZA for Seychelles. EXCELIER EXIRIA for Beira.
(b) W.S. 30 B for India CUBA, NIEUW HOLLAND with West African
Brigade. SANTA BARBARA for Colombo will accompany.
C. in C. E.F. 160846 (N.T. in W.R.) refers.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown, 171722B to C.in C. E.F.)

U/B.

My 151759 (Re: Submarine sighted short distance
San Francisco Island) report originated from
Brazilian Army Sentry on duty at night.
Considered very doubtful and no further
information available.
(B.N.S.O.Rio-de-Janeiro, 171836Z to Asst. B.N.S. O
Recife for Com.4th Fleet. (R) Admty, etc.)

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BORIS
(torp.
3/6.)

My 142359 (Greek ship BORIS from Santos to Freetown torpedoed. Captain's lifeboat with 21 survivors picked up today 17th by Spanish CABO BUENA ESPERANZA due Rio de Janeiro 19th. (R.O. Pernambuco, 171905Z to Admty)

ALCANTARA.

Departure 1227Z/17th June.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 172003Z to C. in C. W.A.
(R) Admty etc.)

ETHIOPIAN.

Your 121114B. Request information intended movements ETHIOPIAN, urgently required to load boom equipment in U.K.
(D.B.D.172052B to C. in C. S.A.)

Ships
ex S.T.69.

Corrected positions for PANAGHIS and BARONESA in 111609Z and 111611Z.
(Freetown, C.C.O. 172230Z to Admty)

T.S.44.

Arrivals 1320Z/17th June. MILFORD, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, CLARKIA, TAMARISK, YESTOR, PICT, with T.S.44.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 172315 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi
(R) Admty, R.N.O. Lagos)

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UNBROKEN Leave patrol to pass 038 degs. 19' 017 degs. 19' at 2300/17th thence through 036 degs. 26' 015 degs. 30' at 1200/19th thence through 036 degs. 26' 014 degs. 21' to arrive West Sanctuary R/V at 0830/20th June.
(Capt.S.10 170150 to P.42 (UNBROKEN) (R) 10th S.F. Capt.(S) 1, Capt.(S) 8, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).

Movements 16th June 43. Arrivals ABDIEL, IERAX. Departures Beirut. ABDIEL, IERAX, CUMBRAE ISLAY.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 170517C to Admty.).

Pantellaria Situation after capture, appreciation.
(A.F.H.Q. Algiers, to W.O. no T.O.O. Recd. 0630/17)
See Lion Copy.

ULTOR Onward route through 037 degs. 31' 012 degs. 27' thence through position V thence direct for West Sanctuary R/V to arrive 0830/20th. P.42 (UNBROKEN) arrives at same time.
(Capt.(S) 10, 170826 B to P.53 (ULTOR) (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, Capt.(S) 1, Capt.(S) 8, S/Ms on patrol).

Convoy X.T.G.1. This is a re-encypherment of my 121645B (N.T. in W.R.) addressed BROCKLESBY (R) A.I.G. 259 from Com.N.O.B. Oran (begins) Pass to Commodore and escorts X.T.G.1. Oran section as follows (list).
(Oran C.C.O. 170903 to Gib. C.C.O.).

M.K.S.15 Pass to Cdre. and escort Bizerta Joiners. (List).
G.U.S.8A. (N.O.I.C. Bizerta 170935B to S.O. Escorts M.K.S. 15, (corrupt group) LAMERTON (R) C. in C. Med.etc. M.K.S.15/ G.U.S.8A. Have following for inclusion (list).
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 171605B to Admty. etc.).

DOMINION Codeword "Blucoat". DOMINION MONARCH sailed MONARCH. 161535Z June to R/V with NIEUW AMSTERDAM at NIEUW 0830Z June 20th. My 161011 C June refers. Opanv AMSTERDAM. please pass to Cmdr. S.W.P.F. and C.T.F.71.
(N.C.S.O. Suez 171013C to Admty. C. in C.E.F. etc.)

Movements Arrivals 16th June ROCKWOOD, PRINS ALBERT.
Alexandria. Departures 16th June BAGSHOT, MAURITIUS, NIKI, KOUNDOURIOTIS.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 171019C to Admty. C. in C. Levant).

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FROM A.F.H.Q. Algiers.

Date 17.6.43.

Recd. 0630.

Cypher.

Addressed: The War Office, Agwar (for WDGBI) (W2846)
C. in C. Middle East.

Pantellaria. Situation after.
Capture. Appreciation.

IMPORTANT.

131800

1595 cipher 16 June. Most Secret.

CITE FIGBI. Signed Eisenhower.

From G.2.

Preliminary report available regarding Pantellaria follows.

1. Garrison. As at 1600 hrs. 13th June prisoners were as follows. Italians. Army 7140. Air 400 Navy 1140 Fascist Militia 2400 Carabinieri 27 Finanza 14. Germans 78. (11,199) Army personnel formed Pantellaria mixed brigade command General Di Brigata Achille Maffei. Composition first, second and third special battalions of five Infantry regiment in which possibly incorporated elements 129 Inf. Regt. and 76 Inf. Regt. MG Coys. as follows. 21 535 540 654 655 656 657 658 and Company CD MGS. Also 526 Coastal Company and one company of twelve R 35 French tanks found in airfield hangars. 47 107 and 108 Labour Companies fifty mixed engineer company CD artillery manned by naval personnel and Coast Defence Militia. This confirms very closely our order of battle. Exact breakdown will be notified when available.

2. Surrender. Main reasons appear to be.
A. Softening to breaking point of civilian and military morale by air and naval bombardment. Continuous air bombardment resulted in almost complete cessation of normal life and supply services in island. This largely accounted for fact some inhabitants had been without food or water for 3 days. B. Desire of Governor to avoid further bloodshed. Food and water shortage put forward as reason for surrender does not appear valid as adequate stocks of both exist. Italians declared that only fear of reprisals prevented earlier surrender.

3. Casualties. Those suffered from air bombardment were practically negligible as entire population went to ground.

/4. Saturation

4. Saturation bombing. This had very great effect on morale and effectively subdued personnel but first reports indicate little destructive effect on CD guns. Examination still incomplete but of 41 CD and AA guns sited to engage targets near port 31 appear serviceable although essential parts removed and fire control apparatus out of action in many cases. Full reports available later. No details yet available regarding general damage.

5. Fighting value. Did not appear to be very great. Island is natural fortress and determined troops could have held out for some time. Italians had not made full use of island's potentialities as natural fortress. More details will be available as interrogation proceeds. Troops of better fighting value than normal garrison troops.

6. General. Coast defence information generally accurate. No dummies appear to have been used from initial interrogations and other sources. Water distillation plant south of town sufficient all military purposes but bombed. Garrison housed above ground but some command posts underground. No land mines or underwater obstacles. No artificial anti-tank obstacles or booby traps. MGS in circular cemented holes. Batteries poorly protected and not camouflaged. All intercommunication lines laid above ground. Sector commanders only in touch with island commander by W/T. Wire to protect defences mostly single strand four and one half feet high. Some double fencing six and one half feet wide on wooden posts sunk in cement. No buildings strengthened.

7. Full report will follow when more details available.

No T.O.O.

Received from War Office 0338 19th June.

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- ?UGANDA Concur your 161755 (N.T. in W.D.).
(C. in C. Med. 171020B to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Greenock, UGANDA, N.O.I.C. Malta, F.O.I.C. Gib.).
- G.T.X.3. My 161615 para.6. Delete escort and substitute LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON. Add Malta section codeword "After" detaching "Liege" A.Z.H. Priority 2.
(C. in C. Med. 171037 to F.Os. i/c etc.).
- M.E. Air Report. A.678 June 17th 0934Z. Daily Opsum 50.
15/16 June. Single JU.88. which operated Tripoli area shot down by a Beaufighter no bombs dropped.
16 June. 4 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C Aegean Sea. 3 Caiques 80 tons 4 Caiques 50 tons attacked off? Mykonos Island. 2 Caiques 80 tons 1 of 50 tons sunk. Remainder severely damaged. 2 Caiques attacked 15 June seen same position listing apparently resting on bottom 7 Wellingtons 3 Swordfish 2 Hudson 2 Baltimores (A.30) 7 Walrus anti-submarine. Preliminary report indicates 1 Hudson dropped 4 depth charges on U-Boat west of Haifa. U-Boat circled down at ? stern and later disappeared. 30 survivors seen in water Hudson damaged by depth charge explosions (W.D. Note: See C. in C. Levant 171351C). (Middle East 171047Z).
- U/Bs. My 161623. U-Boat (Italian). No known change.
U-Boats (German). 1 being hunted 475 miles north of Tenes. 1 within 30 miles 35 degs. 20' North 002 degs. West. 1 unfixed probably between Greenwich meridian and 001 degs. West and off the coast.
(C. in C. Med. 171114B to F.O. Gibraltar etc.).
- LORRAINE Para.2. of A.M. 121815 (Arrangements for sailing Force X. of Force X). Reported endurance of LORRAINE. 3900 miles at 17 knots. My 091909 intended speed of group A 17 knots, group B 20 knots.
(C. in C. Levant 171121C to C. in C.E.F. C. in C. S.A. etc.).
- DZIK A British S/M. was reported North of Cape Vaticano at 0910B to-day.
(Capt.S.8. 171210B to P.52 (DZIK).
Leave patrol after dark 18th so as to pass P at 2215/20th and then proceed to Malta as ordered by Capt.(S) 10.
(Capt.S.8. 171230B to P.52 (R) 8th S.M. F.Capt.(S) 10).
- French Refugees. French asking that target date at Setubal should be 27th instead of 22nd mentioned in my 162116 on account of necessary repair at Casablanca to

/DJEBEL....

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French
Refugees
(Contd.).

DJEBEL AURES. Can this be arranged?
(C. in C. Med. 171312 to B.N.A. Madrid (R)
B.N.A. Lisbon, Admty. F.O. Gibraltar).
W.R. Note: 162116 was a repetition of B.N.A.
Madrid's 161358 sent to C. in C. Med. and
B.N.A. Lisbon. This presumably is the signal
intended.
Reply: Yes (B.N.A. Madrid 181413B).

N.A.A.F.
Report.

J.7416E/17th June. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 114. N.W.A.
Strategic A.F.
14/15 June additional, Castelvetro attacked by
10 Wellingtons. Bombs on aerodrome caused fires
and explosions 310000 leaflets dropped.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. 171329B to Air Min.).

ATHELMONARCH
sunk 15th.
U/B sunk 16th.

U-Boat presumably that which sank ATHELMONARCH in
032 degs. 20' North 034 degs. (?39') East at
18(?47)C 15th was located attacked and claimed
sunk by Hudson A/C at 1440/16th in 033 degs. 00'
North 034 degs. 00' East. A/C reported survivors
in water which have been located a.m. today 17th.
Further report will be made when prisoners are landed.
(C. in C. Levant 171351C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.).

P.R.U.

1200B/17th 2 Battleships, 1 cruiser in Taranto.
P.R.U. visuals.
(V.A. Malta 171444B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

K.M.S.16
U.G.S.9.

Pass to Cdre. and escorts K.M.S.16 and U.G.S.9.
Oran section sailed as in my 160912.
(Com.N.O.B. Oran 171509B to ACTIVE (R) A.I.G. 259,
etc.).

RANCHER

(?K.M.) S.16. Destination RANCHER is Malta.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 161003. (Not to Admiralty).
(C. in C. Med. 171710B to ACTIVE (R) N.O.I.C.
Bizerta, V.A. Malta, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.).

SEVERN

Your escort will be trawler CAVA.
(2) Fellucca WELCOME due Algiers from East at
0600/18th.
(3) M.Ls. on patrol east and west of Algiers.
(Capt.S.8. 171730B to SEVERN).

Coastal
Tankers.

Nasab 584.(1) The self propelled Coastal Tankers in
this theatre are now being used for (A) Shuttle
work (B) Lightering large tankers which, owing to
blocked Port entrances cannot reach Tanker berths
(C) Water Boats (D) Mobile storage.
(2) Number now here is barely sufficient to meet above demands

/and...

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Mediterranean.

Coastal Tankers. (Contd.). and unforeseen eventualities and does not allow any reserve for casualties.
(3) Glad if you can send as soon as possible two additional clean vessels of about 30,000 barrel capacity each, or if such not available of smaller size.
(M.W.T.R. Med. 171745, to B.A.D. (R) M.W.T. London).

OXFORDSHIRE My 170935. Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE sailed.
(Com.N.O.B. Oran 171751B to A.I.G. 259 etc.).

BRUSE JARL. BRUSE JARL refuses to sail, send L/C reserved for Lightenage (?Lighterage intended) back to Sousse.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 171820B to N.O.I.C. Pantellaria (R) C. in C. Med. F.O. Inshore Squadron).

Enemy Unit Position of one small vessel at 1640B is 43.00 N. 9.30 E. course 090 degs. based on a fix at 1700, speed nil.
(A/C A.P.U./J 171845B via Alex.).

SPORTSMAN Intend sailing P.229 SPORTSMAN p.m. 19th for exercises thence through 037 degs. 00' 003 degs. 08' at 2000/19th 039 degs. 18' 006 degs. 10' at 1500 21st 042 degs. 58' 007 degs. 42' at 2300/23rd to patrol in Gulf of Genoa north of A line 232 degs. from Spezia East of 007 degs. 30' East.
(Capt.S.8. 171852B to C. in C. Med. (R) Cdre. Algiers, F.O.C. Gibraltar, CASABIANCA, Capt.(S) 10, 8th S.F.).

Greek Navy Sinkings. Request ?list of sinkings credited to units of the Royal Hellenic Navy in all theatres of war since ?20th October 1940 may be forwarded by air.
(C. in C. Levant 171930C to Admty. (R) Greek C. in C.).

ELORN Fuel for Dakar from O.T.6. French Tanker ELORN arrived Casablanca in U.G.S.9. but understand fuel required at Dakar. As there will be no opportunity for onward passage for 14 days request you will divert (corrupt group) tanker from O.T.6. to Dakar. ELORN can then be discharged at Casablanca.
(C. in C. Med. 171948 to Cominch (C and R) (R) C.M.S.F. Cdr. U.S.N. Force N.W. African Waters, F.O.C. Gibraltar, Comar Dakar, F.O.W.A.).
Reply, A.N.P.D. 181805Z.

Movements Bizerta. Arrival BICESTER, CLEVELAND.
Departure L.S.T. 315, EMPIRE NED. M.T.B. 651, 634, 635, BICESTER, TROUBRIDGE.
(F.O.I.S. 172000B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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MESSAGE

IN

From C. in C. Mediterranean. (Malta) Date: 1.7.43.
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"O.T.P." are excepted from this rule.)

NAVY CIPHER PLUG. XD BY CABLE

G.U. Convoys

Addressed Admiralty, repeated B.A.D., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
C. in C. Levant.

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2. For future planning purposes request I may be informed whether this rule will still hold good if UG convoys arrive every 10 days instead of every 15. Your 071256 refers.

172211B.

Advance copy sent D.O.D.(H), D.C., Trade.

1st S.L.(2)
V.C.N.S.

~~MOST SECRET & MOST SECRET~~

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U.W.R.
Capt. Pim,
D. of P.(2)
D. of P.(Q)(2)
D.D.I.C.(2)
D.C.(2)
D.O.D.(H)(2)
D.O.D.(F)(2)
D.A/S.W.
D.A/U.D.
DR. D.N.I.(4)

D.T.D.(3)
Ad. Blake.(4)
D.T.D.(M)
D.T.D.(C)
S.O.F.(V)(4)
I.P.(2)
W.D.
U.W.R.
Hd. of M.
D. of S.T.(4)

*Recd. in W.D.
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Movements Bizerta. (Contd.). Add to my 172000B. Arrivals EMPIRE NED departures CLEVELAND, ISIS. (S.O.I.S. 172120B).

Movements Tobruk. Arrived and left M.T.B. 261. Arrived GENERAL BORDWOOD. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 172013C to Admty.).

Situation Report No.36. Convoy G.T.X.2. British S.S. YOMA torpedoed and sunk by U-Boat at 0837/17th June in 33 degs. 03' North 22 degs. 04' east. Ship was carrying approx. 1670 military personnel of whom 665 were Second Flight of Force X's reinforcements. GAWLER LISMORE and two M.M.Ss. have landed about 1200 survivors at Derna.
(2) My 161236 June para.2. Hudson aircraft almost certainly sank U-Boat 1443/16th June in 33 degs. 00' North 34 degs. 00' East. Aircraft has located 25 survivors in the water. Motor launches searching for survivors.
(3) C.S.15 in NEWFOUNDLAND at Suez for bombardment practices. (C. in C. Levant 172017C to Admty.).

Movements Oran. Arrivals today VETCH, ATHERSTONE, RIPLEY, L.C.Is. 136, 294, 292, 280, 268, 259, 264, 297, 316, 261.M.Ls. 449, 258, 260, 569 TRANSVAAL. Departures today VETCH, ATHERSTONE, HENGIST, PUCKERIDGE, British.
L.S.Ts. 65, 163, 199, CORIOLANUS.
(Com.N.O.B. Oran 172059B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Algiers. Arrivals L.S.Ts. 345, 346, 371, 380, 382, 400, 308, 311, 312, 313, 344, 370 ANTHONY M.L. 563, 558. U.S.S. STEADY Patrol Craft 624, 621, 627, S/M Chaser 690, 692, 693, 694.
Departures M.G.Bs. 662, 659, 660 M.T.B. 665, DELHI, French LA SETOISE, LA SABLaise, ROTHESAY, FELIXSTOWE, GREGORY, Patrol Craft 621, NARRAGANSETT.
(Com.Algeria 172114B to Admty.).

SIMOOM Arrived S/M SIMOOM (P.225).
(C.J. Algeria 172115B to Admty. etc.).

Malta M.Ls. Arrivals M.Ls. 126, 134, 135, 462.
(V.A. Malta 172122B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Malta. Arrivals convoy M.W.31 SHOREHAM, DULVERTON, TETCOTT, MIAOULES, BELVOIR, IPSWICH, SUTLEJ. L.C.Is. 112, 128, 285, 135. GREEN RANGER, APHIS.

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Movements Malta (Contd.). Departures EMPIRE CLIVE, GAROET. Arrivals and Departures PENTSTEMON, CONVULVULUS. (V.A. Malta 172156 to Admty. etc.).

Situation Report No.109. 1st and 8th Armies pass N.L.Os. (1) Evacuation of prisoners and build up of supplies in both Pantellaria and Lampedusa continued on 14th June 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.190's at Pantellaria on 14th June M.G.B.648 and Water Boat EMPIRE MAIDEN were sunk. There were no Naval casualties. (2) TROUBRIDGE landed a Naval party on Lampion on 14th June. No inhabitants were found on the island and the party re-embarked. (3) 12th M/S Flotilla completed on 14th June clearance of Allied mined area laid by M.T.B. North of Plane Island. Twelve mines have been cut. (4) During night 14/15th June Coastal Craft from Malta patrolling off Empedocle were ineffectively engaged by Coast Defence Guns. M.T.Bs. from Bizerta carried out sweep towards Marsala. (5) French S/M ARETHUSE reports attacking 6,000 ton cargo vessel at anchor off Cape Cervo (41.08 North 09.32 East) on 4th June. Two hits were heard and vessel was seen aground on 8th June. This would appear to be the same ship that went aground after TRIBUNE'S attack on 11th January and had just been refloated. (6) UPROAR reports at 1039/5 in position 39.03 North 17.16 East obtained one hit on 15,000 ton Northbound tanker. (C. in C. Med. 152158 to Admty. etc.).

Movements Tripoli Arrived GLOXINIA, INCHCOLM, L.C.R. 311, 314, 36(?4) 302, 303, 332, 333, 413, 421. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 172159B to Admty.).

Westbound convoys and U.G. convoys. At present the timing of westbound convoys in Med. is fixed by the rule that G.U. convoys should leave Casablanca 21 days after their arrival there. Cominch 1825/16 March refers. (2) For future planning purposes request I may be informed whether this rule will still hold good if U.G. convoys arrive every 10 days instead of every 15. Your 071256 refers. (C in C. Med. 172212B to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Levant B.A.D.). B.A.D. asked to reply (Admty. 191318B). Replies (B.A.D. 191709Z). (Cominch C and R 191941Z) (Admty. 201644B).

ABDIEL Departure 17th June and arrival 17th June. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta, Cyprus 172239C to Admty. etc.).

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Malta A.I. 522 17th June C.S.R.
Air (A) Air Part 1, offensive Night 16/17 June 5 M
Report. Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily
and Southern Italy. In Sicily the goods yards at
Termini Imerese were bombed and harbour area
attacked with cannon. In Italy D/R off Cape
Rizzuto and minesweeper off Cotrone were also attacked and
damaged. Day 17th June. 34 Spitfires made offensive sweep over
Southern Sicilian Aerodrome to clear the way for attack on
Comiso and Biscari Aerodromes by Liberators of 9th Bomber
Command, Libya, escorted by a further 51 Spitfires from Malta
with 16 more Spitfires as high cover. 25 M.E. 109 and M.C.202
in small formation were driven off.
(A.H.Q. Malta 172243Z).

Movements 17th June Port Said arrivals MAURITIUS,
Port Said. NEWFOUNDLAND, BAGSHOT, NIKI, KOUNDOURIOTIS,
M/L 1256, M/L 1296, H.S. ABA, L.S.Ts. 414, 409,
404. Departures ABERDARE, DERBY, 17 L.C.Ms.
M.F.Vs. 505, 508, 516, L.S.T.411, MAURITIUS,
NEWFOUNDLAND. H.S.ABA, KOUNDOURIOTIS, L.S.Ts. 414, 409, 404.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 172325 to Admty. etc.).

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S/M.
O.23

Arrival H.N. M.S., O.23 at 0540Z/17th June.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 170545Z to Admty.)
Departure O.23 at 1525Z/17th June.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 171530Z)

Shipping
Routes.

Your 161033 proposals approved subject to any remarks by C. in C. Levant. 2. Request copy of your 160412 and that all such signals be repeated to C. in C.E.F. 3. Request you will repeat your 161022 and 161033 to Admiralty. (C. in C.E.F., 170802Z to Com. R.I.N. (R) Admty. etc.)

AMRITSAR.

Arrival.
(N.O.I/c Madras, 170814Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Colombo.

Colombo arrivals 17th June 0230Z NETRAVATI, 0625Z, CORNWALLIS, 1150Z SCOUT. Departures 0430Z BARSTOKE, NETRAVATI. (F.O. Ceylon, 171207Z to Admty. etc.)

MASTERFUL.

Your 160834/June para. 3. (Requests confirmation that MASTERFUL can be spared from Aden to tow E.F. JOHNSON). No objection. (D.O.D.(F) 171231B to C. in C.E.F.)

DURBAN.

Departure Hormuz 1300Z DURBAN E.T.A. Aden 0500Z/21st.
(N.O.I.C. Hormuz, 171306 to Admty. etc.)

U.S.
Dispositions.

Changes in disposition of U.S. Pacific Fleet A.M. 101840 refers. BARNES at Pearl Harbour. NAVADA, LONG ISLAND, NASSAU, PRINCE WILLIAM, CONCORD at sea. (D.O.D.(F) 171430B to C. in C.E.F.)

Reserve
Aircraft
for
Eastern
Theatre.

X Following tentative programme for shipping, reserve aircraft to Eastern Theatre up to end 1943 is passed to you for information. Much depends upon rate of production and availability of shipping space and these figures can only be treated as a rough guide.

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Reserve Aircraft for Eastern Theatre. (Contd.)	2. Type.	Shipping started.	Approx. rate per month.	To E. Africa Total.	To Ceylon and India Total.
	Swordfish	July	5	13	17
	Barracuda	Sept.	15	27	18
			initially falling to 5.		
	Seafire	Sept.	5	12	6
	Tarpon	June	5 rising to 14.	49	32
	Hellcat	July	2 rising to 10.	27	9
	Corsair	Aug.	10	39	13
	Martlet V.	June	2 rising to 8.	25	16
	Defiant	July	5	22	8
	Martinet	Nov.	3	6	0
	(D.N.A.O., 171601B to C. in C.E.F.(R) R.A.N.A.S., Indian Ocean.)				

Air Report. A.249 17 June. Opsum No. 459. 15 June. 7 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Myitnge Bridge. Total over 9 tons bombs dropped. Hits on south approach and believed several hits on bridge. Bombs on 1 A/C hung up later dropped centre of Monywa destroying buildings. 7 U.S. Liberators (B.24) detailed Thanbyu-6-5. 2 A/C returned due technical trouble. 4 A/C returned due weather attacked Diamond Island. Over 1 ton bombs dropped near misses on W/T installations. 7. U.S. Mitchells (B.25) river boats Bhamo over 7 tons bombs dropped. 1 river boat sunk, and 1 damaged.
(A.H.Q. India, 171220Z.)

EMERALD,
DANAE. Your 161143 (N.T. in W.D.) EMERALD has been delayed in working up. She is due to leave U.K. 1st July proceeding via the Cape. 2. DANAE is expected to leave U.K. at the end of July.
(D.O.D.(F) 171930B to C. in C.E.F.)

JUMNA. My position 2200 will be 032° 48' North 022° 26' East. Intend steering West for 4 hours then south for 1 hour, East for 2 hours then again South for 2 hours.
(JUMNA, 171936Z to 235 Wing.)

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- U.S.A.Ts.** Arrival San Francisco 14th June DASHING WAVE.
Arrival 15th June MONTEREY. Both U.S. A.Ts.
(N.S.H.Q. 170001Z to Admty.)
- Minesweeping Halifax.** My 160004. Mine bag Wednesday 16th. 1. Exploded in Oropesa Sweep 44° 18' 30" 63° 14' 30". Position may be in error. Will confirm.* Total mines destroyed 44, recovered 3, probably self sunk 3 to date.
(C. Halifax 170049Z to Admty. etc.) * corrected position. 44° 17' 40" N. 63° 15' 50" W. (180012Z.)
- Movements.** St. Johns Nfld. June 16th. Arrivals HESPERUS, WHITEHALL, GENTIAN, HEATHER, CAMPANULA, CLEMATIS, ex Argentia. SALISBURY ex Halifax. Departures LULWORTH, WAVENEY, BIDEFORD, MOYOLA, HASTINGS to O.N.189. KING HAAKON VII to Sydney. SALISBURY escorting LADY RODNEY to Halifax. M.L. 085 to Wabana. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, Nfld. 170140Z. to Admty.)
- TRILLIUM.** TRILLIUM departed Boston at 1200Q on June 17th. en route Halifax via:- (a) 42.59 N. 65.22 W. 44.08 N. 63.16 W. Speed 13.5 knots.
(C.T.G.2.1. 170226Z, 171751Z to C.E.S.F. (R) Cominch etc.)
- STRIKER.** Your 162135Z. (Request by War Reg. for Cominch's 242147 quoted in Commaveau's 142359.) This is a re-encipherment of Cominch 242147. Comwestseafon, Compaseafon Action Coms 11,12,5 C. in C. Pac. C.E.S.F. Comsoeastpac, Comgulfseafon, Comcaribseafon, C. in C. Lant, B.N.L.O. Norfolk. Admty. Information. "When ready about May 28th Comwestseafon sail STRIKER to Balbao independently. No operating planes on board. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A. Action Adees. furnish protection as practicable. Compaseafon route onward to Norfolk in Trade Convoy or independently if satisfactory to other Seafontier Commanders concerned and advise time of departure Cristobal, route, S. of A".
(Radio Washington 170325Z to Admty.)
- CAPETOWN CASTLE.** New York arrived 16th June.
(N.S.H.Q. 170615Z to D.S.T.)
- Movements summary.** 1800 G.M.T. 17th June.
- | Ship | Position | Course | Speed |
|-----------|----------------|--------|-------|
| CORFU. | 08° N. 28° W. | Patrol | Blank |
| ASTURIAS. | 05° S. 25½° W. | 246° | 16 |
- (D.O.D. (F) 170830Z to Opnav (R) Commaveu.)

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Movements,
Georgetown.

Arrival COMSTOCK U.S.E.D., STATE OF VIRGINIA
U.S.A.T. June 17th.
(B.R.O. Georgetown 171000Q to Admty. etc.)

SNOWBERRY
H.X.244.

C. in C. C.N.As. 152031Z. (No trace in W.R.)
Request you will sail SNOWBERRY with escorts of
H.X.244. 2. Intend she should join 5th Escort
Group, which will be supporting O.N.190.
3. Important that SNOWBERRY should fuel before
leaving H.X.244.
(C. in C. W.A. 171027Z to F.O.N.F. (R) A.C.I.C.
Connav, C. in C. C.N.A. Admty. H.Q.C.C. N.S.H.Q.
Cdre. (D) Argentina, Cdre. (D) W.App.)

Ionospheric
Data.

Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S. (W) 643.
Reference J.S.M. 984. (161521Z Re: Ionospheric
(Raneo Wave propagation) data be exchanged
between U.S. British Commonwealth and U.S.S.R.
C.C.B. to recommend method and channels to be
used). We Agree.
(Air Min. 171150Z to Britman, Washington.)

LORD KELVIN.

Western Union Telegraph Company advises services
cable ship LORD KELVIN required to repair breaks
in important cables at 52° N. 27° 30' W. and at
49° 45' N. 25° W. No U.S. escort available.

Since this escort requirement is in North Atlantic where
Canadian and British ships normally operate and since area is
relatively quiet for time being request that either Canadian
or British escort be provided. Comeastseafon pass to Com.3.
(Cominch 171306Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. C.N.A.
C. in C. Lant, Com.3.)

Routeing of
U.S. Ships
for Indian
Ocean.

If you concur will route vessels direct from
Admiralty to Indian Ocean in accordance with
C. in C. S.A. 111253B thence East of 050° to
Diego Suarez for onward routeing. C. in C.
Eastern Fleet 151331Z refers.
(Connav 171331Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. E.F.
C. in C. S.A.)

WEAZEL.

A.M. 212000B/May. (Requests WEAZEL be sailed to
Freetown on completion of present towage for
onward routeing to Gibraltar first available
opportunity.) WEAZEL is urgently required in
Mediterranean.
(Capt.i/c. Rescue Tugs 171346B to B.A.D.)

/REIGH...

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REIGH COUNT, C.4's 161800 was the first information received that missing survivors of REIGH COUNT sunk in Halifax Approaches had been rescued. 2. Extensive searches by surface ships and aircraft were made for missing boat and broadcast was made on G.B.7A reporting that ten survivors were still unaccounted for. 3. Request whether rescue ship informed (corrupt) that she had these survivors on board. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171417Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) F.O.N.F. Admty. N.S.H.Q.) Reply:- C. in C. W.A. 191234B.

U.Bs. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's estimate of S/Ms. N. of 040° N. W. of 040° W. 1200Z/17 June, no indication of any U-Boats in area. (N.S.H.Q. 171425Z to G.B.7A. Admty. etc.)

MARIPOSA. Expected departure MARIPOSA, 0900Z/18th June. Route Casablanca in accordance with Con Route dispatch 111931. S. of A19 kts. Chop E.T.A. 2030Z June 24. (P.D. Norfolk 171433 to Conroute, C. in C.Lant, Comeastseafron, etc.)

Dispositions. Section E. 40th Escort Group 050° 32' 046° 41' 054° 12. Escort Group W.5. 047° 39' 051° 30' 080° 11 to join O.N.S.10 in 042° 43' 042° 09' W. 089° 71st M.L. Flotilla 046° 32' 053° 08' 252° (?10). B.W.31 ESQUIMALT 046° 20' 052° 43' 044° 7, altering to 011° in 046° (25' or 50') N. G.S. (?24), T.U. 24.8.2, due Argentia p.m. 17th. U.S.S. MENEMSHA en route St. Johns, N.F. from eastward. J.H.56 SALISBURY 046° 03' 057° 14' 263° 13.5 altering to 231° in 059° 38' W. and to 246° in 060° 59' W. U.S.S. TAHOMA, MODOC, MOHAWK escorting YARMOUTH and BELLE ISLE 045° 10' 058° 10' 076° 12 altering to 359° in 054° 36' W. SS. SOCOTRA 041° 26' 054° 40' 255° 16 altering to 264° in 057° 00' W. SURPRISE (U.S.) 040° 21' 058° 00' 088° 15. CITY OF CAPETOWN 041° 00' 051° 45' 265° 14.5. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171625Z.)

Section S.W. S.C. 134 W.4 045° 13' 060° 03' 058 7.5 altering to 088° in 045° 40' N. 059° 00' W. S.S.C.134 THUNDER MISCOU 046° 15' 059° 26' 108° 8 to join S.C.134 in 045° 43' N. 057° 04' W. FLINT TAPTADO 044° 19' 061° 35' 063° 10 altering to 086° in 057° 00' W. H.X.244 W 1 041° 41' 064° 06' 058° 9 altering to 073° in 061° 59' W. H.H.X. 244 BUXTON, BUCTOUCHE, NIPIGON depart Halifax South light vessel 2000Z/17th to join H.X.244 at 1300Z/18th. H.F.60 NANAIMO, BRANTFORD, 043° 37' 066° 41' 353° 7.5. B.X.58 W.3 depart position 042° 23' 070° 42' at 2100Z/17th to 042° 31' 070° 28' thence 087° speed 7.5. TRILLIUM vicinity 042° 25' 069° 57' 087° 12 altering to 054° in 065° 11' W. S.H.86A TIMMINS departs Sydney (C.B.) 2000Z/17th en route Halifax speed 12. BARLE vicinity 045° 30' 060° 03' 082° 16 en route St. Johns. Netherlands S/M unescorted diving by day 040° 30' 068° 57' 090° 2.5 knots submerging 10 knots surfaced speed of advance 105 miles per day. MELVILLE departs Halifax 2300Z/17th en route St. Johns. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171655Z.)

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- Convoy Reports for Cominch. X Your 081553Z. Daily Summary requested will be instituted as from 21st June. Existing system will be maintained concurrently for short period until new system is working satisfactorily. (D.T.D. 171658B to Connav (R) N.S.H.Q. Comnaveu.)
- T.O.5. Curacao Section T.O.5 arrived 17th June 1300Z. (list). (C.A.F.A.C. 171707 to Connav (R) Admty. etc.)
- G.U.S.8. Are Mer. Ships AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, WILLIAM SEWARD, LEIV EIRIKSSON and ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE in G.U.S.8? (Cominch C. & R. 171710Z to C. in C. Med. (R) Commorseafon) Reply:- Yes. 181741B.
- SIBONEY. D. of S.T. 162314 para. 2. Navy Dept. desire SIBONEY proceed to Rio de Janeiro for fuel and onward routing. (B.A.D. 171729Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) D. of S.T. P.S.T.O. Capetown.)
- U-Boat. Possible S/M. reported by Aircraft in 043° 45' N. 066° 20' W. at 1142Z. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171729Z to G.B.7A.)
- S.S.C.134. Sailing telegram Part II. Total 9 ships. (N.C.S.O. Sydney 171749Z to Admty.)
- H.H.X.244. Sailing telegram part 2. Total 18 ships. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 171813Z to Admty.) H.H.X.244. My 131608Z/June. Deletions. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 171812Z to Admty.)
- P.544. P.544 sails St.Johns, N.F. 1040Z/18 to exercise with escort in area bounded by 047° 36' N. 047° 52' N. and 052° 30' W. 052° 36' W. returning to harbour 1900Z/18. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171817Z to G.B.7A. Admty. etc.)
- U-Boat Estimates. (Cominch 171846Z.)
- H.X.244. Reference your 141325B to N.S.H.Q. only regarding limit of 90 ships. 18 ships including rescue ship ACCRINGTON were sailed in H.H.X.244 anticipating stragglers and returns. W.l. pass to Commodore. (C. in C. C.N.A. 171848Z to Admty. (R) Ships escorting Convoy H.X.244, F.O. or C.C.Newfoundland N.S.H.Q.)

/Hospital..

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Hospital
Ship for
N. Africa.

Com.1 pass to P.D. Boston Com.5 pass to P.D. Norfolk. Following addressees shall be included in route messages for hospital ships bound for North Africa. (list). Vessels should hold no codes, maintain H/F regular watch, run with lights on, be unarmed and maintain radio silence except in case of emergency. Hospital ships should call at Gib. to obtain onward routing into Med. Vessels will be diverted in P/L. Prior to routing of any hospital ship Connav shall be consulted as to whether provision of this despatch are still applicable.
(Connav 171855B to C.E.S.F. P.Ds. (R) Admty. etc.)

Grosse
Ile.
Air
Training
School.

My H6-19 dated 26th February to D.N.A.D. (for D.A.W.T. from S.A.T.) (N.T. in W.D.)
(1) Request your early views on para. 5 as R.A.F. Delegation are anxious to make arrangements.
(2) Grosse Ile is now giving primary training only to R.N. and R.A.F. since as from 1st September Ground School W.T. U.S.N. Flying Training Stations will cease. R.A.F. Delegation and ourselves have been asked to arrange and run Ground School at Grosse Ile to suit our requirements. Proposals.
(B.A.D. 171911Z to Admty.)

WEAZEL.

Departure 1430Q.R. June 17th H.M. Tug WEAZEL due Trinidad 1200Q/June 19th. Routed close to Venezuela Coast and between Marguerita Island and Mainland.
(S.B.N.O. Curacao 171920Z to Admty.)

X.B.58.

Cape Cod Canal Section arrived 171900Z.
(U.S. P.D. Boston 171922 to Cominch C. & R.etc.)

Convoy
A.T.51.

Request you will sail SS. PASTEUR from Halifax so as to arrive Liverpool on 1st July.
2. C. in C. W.As. is requested to arrange air protection. 3. Fighter protection code word "Baulk".
(D.O.D. (H)171938B to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. etc.)

Convoy
B.X.58.

Sailing telegram, part II. Total 22 ships.
(P.D. Boston 171958 to Connav, C. in C. Med. Admty. etc.)

Ships for
Indian
Ocean.

Cominch C. and Rs. 141410Z follows:-
"Vessels routed via Atlantic to destination in East Africa and Indian Ocean with sufficient endurance are not required to call South Africa for onward routing. Such vessels should be routed to Kilindini or Diego Suarez for onward

/routing...

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Ships for Indian Ocean. (Contd.) routing, as follows:- Southward of line connecting position (A) 36 S. 40 E. (B) 45 S. 26 E. (C) 45 S. 10 E. thence close W. of Madagascar to one of above. Reporting centres pass to Routing Officers your area". (N.S.H.Q. 172006Z to Admty.)

M.A.R.l. In view of Cominch C. & Rs. 141410Z addressed to N.S.H.Q. only and repeated to Admty. T.O.O. 172006Z, is it intended to amend M.A.R.I. Section IV 8A to conform with the above mentioned signal and is it Admiralty's intention that British ships shall be so routed? (2) If so it will be necessary for N.S.H.Q. to have all Q.C.B. messages. Request those now in force may be sent at first available opportunity and N.S.H.Q. be included in address group for all subsequent messages. (N.S.H.Q. 172007Z to Admty.) Reply:- 201836B.

DRURY. Norfolk arrived June 17th. (N.S.H.Q. 172113Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D.)

Sub attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para D. K.52 has made contact 31.45 N. 78.44 W. 171110. S.C.1281 sound contact 20.30 N. 79.25 W. 170520. A.T.C. planes sighted sub on surface 47.21 N. 61.58 W. 151535. (Cominch 172117Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

Landing Craft Construction. X J.S.M. 991 17th June. Following is summary of communication received June 16th from U.S.Navy:- "After repeated requests additional allocation of 55,000 tons steel has been made to U.S. Navy for landing craft construction programme during third quarters 1943. Owing to lateness of allocation some difficulty is being experienced in securing necessary plates from rolling mills, which are already heavily booked for third quarter. Hoped this difficulty will be overcome". (J.S.M. 172125Z to W.C.O. London.)

Japanese Hospital Ships. J.S.M. 992 17th June. Ref. J.S.M. 972. (Re improper use and marking by Japanese of Hospital Ships). At tomorrow's meeting C.C.S. we are accepting interpretations of Geneva Convention as proposed in para. 1. 2. As regards reprisals referred to at end of para. 3 we suggest this is a political matter for settlement between Foreign Office and State Department. (J.S.M. 172129Z to W.C.O.)

H.H.X. 244. Departure BUXTON, BUCTOUCHE, NIPIGON escorting H.H.X. 244. (C. Halifax 172221Z to Admty. etc.)

/POLYANTHUS...

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(Contd.)

Expected to be ready to sail p.m. Monday 5th July. Request destination. (B.A.M.R. Washington 172226Z to Admty.) Reply:- F.O.N.F. 181815Z.

B.W.31.

B.W.31. E.T.A. St. Johns, 180500Z. (ESQUIMALT 172235Z to F.O.N.F. (R) Connav, etc.)

A.T.50.

A.T.50 sailed as in my 152002Z/June. (C. in C. C.N.A. 172235Z to Admty. etc.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi 63.

Three bombs dropped by single enemy raiders near Fakumbona Guadalcanal night 13th. Further raid 15th, three aircraft, five bombs dropped Koli Point, no damage either raid. M/B used first time Solomons when force of 18 with 18 Corsairs bombed Vila Aerodrome early morning 14th. Coastwatcher Kolombawgara sighted formation enemy aircraft Southeast course afternoon 16th. Three vessels seen course Northwest passing North Vella Lavella 1855M/16th. Fortresses and Liberators attacked Kahili area evening 13th again night 14th results not reported. (C.W.R. Wellington 170001Z to Admty.)

PORTMAR
(sunk
16/6.)

U.S. Vessel PORTMAR (5551 tons) torpedoed and sunk 0715Z/16th in approx. position 031° 03' S. 153° 49' E. when in convoy. 3 of crew missing L.S.T. 469 in same convoy damaged by torpedo attack 3 killed 7 wounded. (A.C.N.B. 170234Z to Admty. etc.)

Digest
No.513.
June 16th.

Vicinity Buka passage but returned to Base damaged with photos Buka aerodrome revealing 35 fighters one medium. 2. Photos Rabaul midmorning reveal only 150 aircraft (details). Diminution of aircraft strength indicates transference for Solomons operation. 44 ships present comprising 26 Merchant vessels including one tanker and totalling 114500 tons also one "Yubari" class Light Cruiser, 8 destroyers, including one previously reported as damaged, one destroyer tender, one S/M, one S/M tender, three sub. chasers, one seaplane tender, one minelayer, one unidentified vessel. 3. One Catalina bombed Cape Gloucester Aerodrome

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Australia & New Zealand.

Digest late night 15th. 4. Forenoon R/V aircraft
No.513 16th reported sighting one medium one small
June 16th. merchant vessel, four small harbour craft in
(Contd.) Wewak Harbour while photos which were cloud
obscured reveal one S/M chaser. 5. One Mitchell
attacked fast moving power boat Hanisch Harbour
area midnight 15th. 7. 6 Beaufighters
thoroughly strafed Boana Mission area next morning. 8. 6
Bostons bombed strafed Mubo-Komiaum area midday.
9. Buna area ineffectually raided by 3 enemy medium bombers
night 15th. 10. Later same night 8 Liberators bombed Kendari
hitting buildings and one anti aircraft position also causing
numerous explosions and fires. 11. Enemy R/C aircraft over
Woodlark Island morning 16th. 12. Photos 13th Tanimbar
Islands area show 5,500 feet strip under construction on
Selagu Island 30 miles South West Saumlaki Bay. 13. "Portmar"
U.S. 5,500 tons sunk and one Amphibious craft damaged by
enemy submarine attack position 31° 3' S. 153° 49' E. at
160715Z. 3 personnel missing. 14. 6 Mitchells attacked
Keepang night, starting fires.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 170942Z to Admty. etc.)

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM.

In order that disembarkation schedule may be
adhered to request NIEUW AMSTERDAM and escort
be instructed to arrive off Wellington Heads
at 0700 local time on day of arrival. As ship
requires about 7 days for overhauling boilers
anticipate she will sail p.m. eighth day after arrival. Your
290156Z May para. 4 propose issuing route instructions as
far as Hobart.
(N.Z.N.B. 172335Z to Comsouwespacseafon (R) Admty. C. in C.
E.F. Com. 7th Fleet.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 171435B, 171440B.)

Recd in War Reg. at 1033/20.

st Lord
st S. L. (2)

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.C. N. S.

.C. N. S. (F)

.A. S. (S)

of P. (2)

of P. (Q) (2)

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P. (2)

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N. I. (4)

W. R. (2)

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Brig. Jacob

For. Sec.

War Reg. Admiralty.

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A. M. C. S. (C)

C. C. C.

Mr. Buckley

Capt. Layman

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Ans. 12/6

Unparaphrased version of a Most Secret Cypher Telegram
NOT One Time Table

IZ 2128
TOO 1705Z/19
TOR 2312Z/19

MOST SECRET CYPHER TELEGRAM

From:- J.S.M. Washington

To:- W.C.O. London

Secrecy Equivalents.

JSM 1001

19th June 1943

Reference COS(W) 602.

1. Question of secrecy equivalents was put by U.S. Chiefs to their own Joint Administrative Committee, who consulted British representatives, and we are thus in a position to give you lines on which U.S. are thinking.

2. They reject introduction of Most Secret into U.S. system and we feel it is useless to press this further.

3. They propose that following equivalents should apply:-

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| British Most Secret | - | U.S. Secret |
| British Secret and Confidential | - | U.S. Confidential |
| British Restricted | - | U.S. Restricted |

They base their contention on our definition of British Secret which they say corresponds almost exactly to their definition of Confidential. They further point out that act of Congress lays down penalty for violation of secrecy rules and that if definition of Secret were altered Congress would have to reconsider scale of penalties. We are not, however, impressed with this latter argument which we consider was only put forward to bolster their case.

4. In discussion, however, it become obvious that our definition of British Secret is, perhaps, loosely

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drawn, as reference to the interpretation as given in amendments to ACI 1579/41 as promulgated 31 March 1943 shows that British term Secret is of course relatively high category. Americans were prepared to concede this point but asked, if this was so, why could we not adopt broad definition of Secret to correspond with their own. If we could do this we believe that Americans could then be inclined to accept formula:-

British Most Secret and Secret	- U.S. Secret
British Confidential	- U.S. Confidential
British Restricted	- U.S. Restricted

5. U.S. Army and Navy secrecy definitions no doubt available London if not will signal.

6. Whatever broad definitions are eventually agreed there are bound to be minor differences in practice between British and U.S. as indeed there are between our own three services. It is felt however that equivalents in para.4 are best compromise we are likely to get and that it can only be achieved by altering our definition of Secret.

TOO 1705Z/19

(Circulation)

Brig. Jacob.
Foreign Secretary.
War Registry, Admiralty.
C.6. Tels., War Office.
A.M.C.S.(C).
C.C.O.
Mr. Buckley.
Capt. Layman.

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SITUATION REPORT.

✓ 1. The term "Radar" will be used in future instead of R.D.F. (p. 627).

Home Commands.

Atlantic
S/M Patrol.

2. U.S.S. BARB, HAKE and BLACKFISH, on anti-U-Boat patrol in the Atlantic were ordered this evening to move on to a patrol line between 44 N. 23 W. and 40 N. 20 W.

ANSON.

3. ANSON arrived at Scapa this evening from dry-docking at Rosyth.

O.N.S.
Convoys.

× 4. The better weather conditions and more direct routing have reduced the time on passage of O.N.S. convoys. It is therefore intended to sail O.N.S. convoys 3 days later than the present programme, commencing with O.N.S.12 which will sail on 3rd July. Thereafter O.N.S. convoys will sail every 11 days.

Heavy
casualties at
COLLINGWOOD.

× 5. Some damage and over 70 casualties were caused by air attack on the Naval Training Establishment COLLINGWOOD (Fareham, Hants.), today.

6. R.A.(D) reports that ATHABASCAN has been damaged in collision and after the completion of temporary repairs at Scapa, 3 more weeks in a yard will be required.

North Atlantic.

7. Flight E. of landing craft and small vessels arrived at Gibraltar today from the U.K.

8. SS. LALANDE reported being bombed at 180821Z in 220° Cape Espichel 16 miles and asked for assistance urgently. However, the ship arrived at Lisbon p.m. today under her own power.

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Operations.

9. TACTICIAN on return from patrol in the Adriatic reports having damaged an armed boarding vessel and left a large 3 masted schooner sinking off Bari Light on 12th June, and one hit with torpedo on a PIAVE (7,600 ton) class merchant ship on 14th June in 40.14 N. 19.28 E. (about 20 miles N.N.W. of Corfu.) UNRULY made 2 hits with torpedoes on a 5000 ton merchant ship escorted by a destroyer in 38.52 N. 15.27 E. at 0200/14. SAFARI reports having sunk by torpedo at 1219/10 off Orosei a 1000 ton coaster, K.T.12, loaded with M.T. and cased petrol.

Paratroop
Raid.

X10. Paratroops dropped on the night of 13th/14th June destroyed 5 aircraft in the Benghazi area last night. 38 paratroops have now been accounted for in this area, as well as several of those which landed elsewhere. The search continues.

X.T.G.2.

11. Convoy X.T.G.2 sailed from Alexandria today - including the French S/M PROTEE for Casablanca.

Air attacks
on Olbia,
Aranci and
Messina.

X12. 105 U.S. Marauders escorted by 70 U.S. Lightnings made heavy attacks on Olbia (north east Sardinia) today. In the first attack direct hits were reported on the commercial dock at the end of the long quay and on two large merchant vessels moored alongside. Another formation attacking shortly afterwards also reported hitting two vessels at the end of the long quay, one of which exploded sending smoke up to 8,500 ft. The second vessel was left in flames, and a third ship was hit and caught fire. Hits or near misses were made on a mole and bursts were seen on the commercial dock, railway, military stores and town areas. Flames up to 500 ft. were reported amongst small craft in the inner harbour. Aranci (east side of Sardinia) was also attacked. Near misses were made on two merchant vessels and bursts were seen on shore. 84 Fortresses attacked Messina today. Ferry ships and warehouses were hit and bursts were seen in the ferry terminus and railway areas.

Enemy air
operations.

X13. Twelve enemy aircraft operated last night over the Philippeville area. Minelaying is suspected. 29 plus enemy aircraft operated last night

/against ...

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Mediterranean.

Enemy air
operations.
(Contd.)

- X against Jijelli; no details of damage are available.
- X There was one raid on Pantellaria harbour today; the A/A defences claim to have shot down 5 certain and 3 probable. No damage is reported.

East Indies.

Air attack
on Yenang-
yaung.

- 14. 9 U.S. Mitchells attacked Yenangyaung (Irrawaddy River) today. The oil tanks were set on fire, two large boats damaged, and damage was probably caused to shore installations.

Australia and New Zealand.

- 15. Aircraft early this morning attacked an enemy submarine 69 miles S.E. of Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, and forced it to the surface. The submarine was again attacked later and was seen trailing a large oil slick. Contact was subsequently lost.
A B.25 attacked 3 large barges near Cape Gloucester (New Britain) last night, sinking one and badly damaging the other two.
Barges off Finschhafen were attacked by 2 Mitchells after dark today.

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"Radar" X The term "Radar" will be used in future instead of R.D.F.
 (2) Existing publications will not be amended until reprint, but future correspondence and publications should use the term "Radar".
 (3) Personnel will be referred to as Radar Officer, Petty Officers (Radar), etc. but there will be no change in the title of Radio Mechanics.
 (D.S.D. 182138B, A.M. 107A).

Policy.

LOCH OSKAIG. Ref. my 142129B + June 1943 para.4. LOCH OSKAIG completes p.m./24.
 (2) In view of the recent losses of LORD HAILSHAM JASPER, LORD STONEHAVEN and ULLSWATER by enemy action. Request that LOCH OSKAIG be retained in this command as an A.S. escort trawler.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 181655B to Admt.).
 + Most Secret Distribution.

Rescue M.Ls. X Your 171744. Approved for two of the R.M.Ls. allocated to Stornoway to be detached to Faeroes.
 (2) Request you will make detailed arrangements with C. in C.W.A. in order that boats detached may be relieved as necessary for maintenance.
 (3) Attention is called to the following minefields which contain mines designed to be dangerous to light surface craft at all states of the tide, 3A, B, C, E. 65A, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 88 and 89. Patrols should not normally be carried out in these areas but the risk is considered acceptable for the purpose of effecting a rescue.
 (C. in C.W.A. pass to 15 Group. C. in C. Rosyth pass to 18 Group.
 (D.D.O.D.(C) 181814B to A.C.O.S.).

Movements.

S/M Movements. Scapa departure. CURIE (P.67) to R/V with BREDA. BREDA P.317, P.315 and 67 proceeded from Hoxa Sound at 0620B/18.
 (A.C.O.S. 180632).
 Arrival P.216.
 (S.O. S/Ms. Lerwick 181007B).
 P.214 arrived.
 (S.O. S/Ms. Lerwick 181025B).
 Retain P.216 (SEADOG) at Lerwick.
 (F.O.(S) 181103B to S.O. (S) Lerwick).
 Intend sailing at 0700B/19 RUBIS escorted by CHASSEURS 41 and 13 for Portsmouth.
 (2) Routed by Q.Z.S. 409, 416, 415, 413, 284 and Needles Channel.
 (3) Codeword "Warrant".
 (C. in C. Plymouth 181203B).

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Movements.

S/M (2) P.216 (SEADOG) will be required for special
Movements W/T D/F trials with aircraft of Group 18.
(Contd.). (F.O.S. 181506, 201851B to Capt.(S) 3).
Positions of S/MS. at 0800/19 and movements for
the following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S) 181541, 182016B, 182214, 190219B).

BELFAST Rosyth arrival F.O. (10th) C.S. in BELFAST.
(C. in C. Rosyth 180900B).

RAVENSWOOD My 161840B. Owing to the poor sea keeping
qualities of RAVENSWOOD it is not considered she
should proceed independently except in most
favourable weather conditions. In view of present
weather forecast intend to retain RAVENSWOOD at Belfast until
June 22nd when NORTHERN GIFT will be available as escort.
(F.O.I.C.N.I. 181015B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

STARLING Request you will sail STARLING when ready towards
045 degs. 30' North 012 degs. West via "Q.Z"
S.315.
(2) STARLING will come under the orders of
C. in C. Plymouth on entering his command.
(C. in C.W.A. 181142B to N.O.I.C. Liverpool).

Dispositions Area Iceland (c) ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, BERWICK,
of Operational 5 U.S. Destroyers.
units in Area Scapa. DUKE OF YORK, FURIOUS, CUMBERLAND,
North Atlantic. DIDO, DIOMEDE, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, KENT, NORFOLK,
SHEFFIELD, 9 Destroyers.
Area Clyde. MALAYA, UGANDA, 1 destroyer.
Area Rosyth. BELFAST.
Area Plymouth. CHARYBDIS, SCYLLA, 2 Destroyers.
Area Gibraltar. HOWE, KING GEORGE V., FORMIDABLE, AURORA,
CARLISLE, DELHI, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS, 9 Destroyers.
Passage to Gibraltar. NELSON, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE,
INDOMITABLE, BERMUDA, 13 Destroyers.
(D.O.D.(H) 181322B).

ANSON. Sail ANSON escorted by ONSLOW, OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE
Pass May Island 1435B/18th.
(C. in C., Rosyth, 181441B to A.C.O.S.).
Arrived Scapa.
(A.C.O.S. 182251B).

ECLIPSE Your 170949. When ready request ECLIPSE be sailed
to Plymouth for onward passage to Gibraltar.
(D.O.D.(H) 181513B to C. in C.H.F.).

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Movements. - Contd.

SOUTH DAKOTA. SOUTH DAKOTA with T.G.92.4 leaving Hvalfiord 1200B/19 June for Scapa. Routed in accordance with C. in C.H.Fs. 161225B Speed of advance 16. Passing position (B) 0500B/21 June thence to exercises in area A-2. Arrives point of arrival 1250B/21 June. Request Hoxa Gate 1340B. (C.T.G. 92.- 4. 182030B to A.C.I.C. A.C.O.S.).

HUSSAR Your 181850B* HUSSAR has insufficient fuel to proceed further than Londonderry. (SCARBOROUGH 182150B to C. in C.W.A.).
* No trace in W.R.

Landing ships for Gibraltar. My 171713B sailed. Amend communications as follows. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 182200B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Operations.

Coastal Force Patrols. My 170958B*. "Device" returned 0455/18. (F.O.I.C. Portland 180503B).
* Re: Intended patrol of M.Ls. 269, 245 and 303. Codeword "Device".
(1) Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.) 303 and 245 to patrol tonight Friday 18th June on Lat. 50 degs. 20' North between longs. 01 degs. 45' N. and 02 degs. 25' W.
(2) Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave patrol line at dawn 19th returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
(3) Object anti E-Boat patrol.
(4) Constant W/T watch on 2300 kc/s usual books to be landed.
(5) Codeword "Jovial".
(6) Collective call sign 3 X Ray S.R.
(7) Request Air protection be arranged.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 181017B to C. in C. Portsmouth (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).
Patrols 18/19 June.
(2) M.G.Bs. 611, 614, S.G.Bs. GREY SHARK, GREY OWL from Newhaven patrolling to southward of E.A.5. buoy.
(3) M.Ls. 309, 572, 246 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.
(4) CHASSUER 5 at St. Helens. LORD WAKEFIELD at Yarmouth, GLAISDALE at St. Helens, or Yarmouth. All ships keeping constant watch on 2,450 kc/s.
(5) M.Ls. 269, 245, 303 from Portland patrolling 50 degs. 20' North between 01 degs. 45' West and 02 degs. 25' West. (C. in C. Portsmouth 181456B) See amendment 182136.
(1) Anti E-boat patrol tonight 18/19th June to be carried out by M.G.Bs. 611, 614, S.G.Bs. GREY SHARK, GREY OWL from 0001B to 0400B on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 15' West and 01 degs. 00' West.

/ (2) M.L. 309...

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.) (2) M.L. 309, 572, 246 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys.
(3) GLAISDALE immediate notice at Yarmouth or if weather unsuitable for coastal forces at St. Helens.

(4) St. Catherines light to be shown for 5 minutes after each hour from midnight to 0405B.

(5) Communications.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 181504B).

My 181456B cancel paras. two and three. Forces are remaining in harbour at short notice.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 182136).

Greenland Sea S/M patrol. X Request you will sail D.S. O.15 for patrol line F.F.
(F.O.S. 181018 to S.O. S/Ms. Lerwick).
(F.O.(S) 161114 and your 171113 request you will sail P.66 (ULA) at 0930B/20 through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 8 miles thence direct patrol line G.G.
(Capt.(s) 9 181043B to S.O.(S) Lerwick).

Request you will sail P.65 (UPSTART) when ready for patrol line D.D.

(F.O.S. 181634B to S.O.(S) Lerwick).

My 181541 add new para. (G) O.15 leave Lerwick 0600B June 19th through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 5 miles towards 64 degs. 20' North 001 degs. 01' East probably dived by day when North of 62 degs. North.

(F.O.S. 182214).

Biscay S/M Patrol Zones. X Following is a repetition of my 181909 addressed Subron 50. Begins.
(2) From D/F indications U-Boats have moved from your present area to south eastward.
(3) Following new patrol zones established. 20 miles either side of line joining 44 degs. N. 23 degs. W. and 40 degs. N. 20° W. Area is sub-divided into six zones each approximately 45 miles long, lettered North to South H.1. to H.6. Ends. Request bombing restrictions as arranged through H.Q.C.C.
(F.O.S. 181911B to C. in C.W.A.).

Atlantic S/M patrol. Not for HADDO. BARB, HAKE and BLACKFISH leave present patrol forthwith and proceed on surface passing through positions as follows.

BARB through (C) 047 degs. 20' 031 degs. 50' at 0800/20th June (D) 045 degs. 10' 027 degs. 01' at 0800/21st June to patrol zone H.1 and H.2.

Nos. 22, 11 and 14 for HAKE, BARB, and BLACKFISH respectively.
(2) HAKE through (G) 045 degs. 30' 031 degs. 05' at 0800/20th June (H) 043 degs. 25' 026 degs. 02' at 0800/21st June, to patrol zone H.3. and H.4.

(3) BLACKFISH through (J) 044 degs. 28' 031 degs. 30' at 0800/20th June. (K) 042 degs. 26' 026 degs. 50' at 0800/21st June, to patrol zone H.5. and H.6.

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Atlantic
S/M Patrol.
(Contd.).

(4) S/M's are to dive by day when east of 024 degs. West.
(5) Numbers 23, 12, 15 for HAKE, BARB and BLACKFISH respectively all times B.
(F.O.(S) 181929B to Subron 50).

Allied Air Activity.

A/S patrol
in H.F.
practice area.

A/S patrol in Home Fleet practice area shortly being relinquished by F.A.A. and becomes R.A.F. commitment. From Cape Wrath to Dunnet Head and as far north as 59 degs. 45' N. from dawn to dusk daily.

(2) July to September inclusive 10% increasing to 50% of all patrols flown to be done by 18 Group. Number of patrols flown average 20 hours decreasing to 18 hours in the period six days per week.

(3) October to December inclusive 50% increasing to 75% of all patrols flown to be done by 18 Group. Number of patrols flown expected to average 16 hours decreasing to 8 hours six days per week.

(4) At some uncertain date in 1944 all patrols to be flown by 18 Group as 700 Squadron will probably have been disbanded.

(5) On receipt of the weekly programme the number of A/S patrol hours required to be flown are determined and will be signalled to 18 Group.

(C. in C.H.F. 182337B to A.O.O. 18 Group).

Enemy Air Activity.

COLLINGWOOD
bombed.

COLLINGWOOD reports unknown numbers of H.E.'s. dropped at approx. 180038/6 demolishing 3 huts and causing casualties:- Killed 23, wounded 46, missing 4 including 2 unidentified dead.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 180237B, 180830B, 181510B).

C.A.F.O. 2195/42 and P.D.O.III.

(A) COLLINGWOOD, new entry training establishment. (Seamen, Fareham, Hants.).

(B) 002245 and 003243 Q. (C) 18th June 1943. (D) 002245, time 0040 approx. bomb 50 kg. anti-personnel bomb, soil soft grassland crater 7 feet deep by 10 feet diameter.

003243, time 0034 bomb 50 kg. anti-personnel bomb. Target wood hut, crater nil, 3 huts demolished.

(COLLINGWOOD 181650B).

Iceland

One 4 engined enemy Bomber sighted over GRIMSBY 066 degs. 34' North 017 degs. 58' West flying at altitude 100 feet at 172315B course west by North West. (sic).

(A.C.I.C. 181231B).

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Enemy Air Activity. - Contd.

Iceland. One unidentified aircraft sighted 15 miles east
(Contd.) of Borgarnes 064 degs. 32' North 021 degs. 55'
West course East at 1502B.
One unidentified aircraft South of Hvalfiord at
1530B course West and at 1537B seen South East in
the vicinity Reykjanes Light. 063 degs. 49' 022 degs. 42'.
(A.C.I.C. 181643B).
One unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 90 miles North East
of Skalar 066 degs. 20' North 014 degs. 45' West course East at
1940B.
(A.C.I.C. 182232B).

Jan Following from Jan Mayen aircraft heard east of
Mayen. Island 0555Z northerly course.
(A.C.I.C. 181805B).

Mining.

Portland My 171903B add mine detonated believed 'P' type
Area. at 1543 260 degs. Portland Bill 8.6 miles. Area
south of 50 degs. 30' N. being rechecked.
(GWEAL 180630B).

Thames One ground mine detonated 185 degs. Gun Fleet
Estuary. Tower 2.95 miles.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 180845).

RUBIS Request you will sail RUBIS for minelaying
operations p.m./21st.
(2) RUBIS is to be escorted to vicinity of Lizard
Head and is thence to proceed diving by day on
route "Gold" to latitude 046 degs. North thence to laying
position.
(3) Ref. F.S. D.2. para. 4 F.D. 43.
(B) 28th June 1943. (C) 16 in vicinity of 044 degs. 20' 001 degs.
27' West repeated 044 degs. 20' 001 degs. 27' West 16 in vicinity
of 044 degs. 20' 001 degs. 42' West repeated 044 degs. 20' 001
degs. 42' (D) 8 feet (E) 6 feet (G) 100 feet (H) 40 days
(I) Portsmouth thence on completion of laying F.S. RUBIS is to
patrol in area bounded by longitude 002 degs. 30' West and 004
degs. West and latitude 044 degs. 30' North and 046 degs. North.
F.O.C. S/Ms. will order withdrawal. (K) On contact with escort
on return trip.
(4) RUBIS is not to proceed within 15 miles of French coast south
of latitude 044 degs. 15' North.
(F.O.(S) 181501B to Capt.(S) 5).

Enemy Intelligence.

Le Havre 171900B. Only S.E. part of port covered. No change
in shipping since 1700 on same day.
(R.A.F. Medmenham 180130B).

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U-Boats.

U-Boats reported.

Am over enemy S/M in 44.31 N. 14.10 W. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge.
(A/C C/S V9 M.B. 180930B).

Have lost touch with enemy submarine last seen in 44.31 N. 14.10 W. Request instructions.
(A/C 70 of 86 Squad. 181140B to No.9. Group).

SEADOG reports at 1612B on 6th June in 064 degs. 24' N. 001 degs. (705') E. while on the surface sighted westbound German U-Boat on the surface. Dived to attack but U-Boat was not seen or heard again. Sighting may have been mutual. U-Boat was painted green.

(S.O. S/M Lerwick 181209B to F.O.S.).

Following read. My N.R.1. Have lost touch with enemy. Enemy's last observed position was 44.75 N. 12.02 W. Course and speed 090 degs. 10 knots.

(A/C Duty B.59 Sqdn. 181330B).

Am over enemy submarine in 59.25 N. 23.15 W.

(A/C 84 Sqdn. 181650B).

Enemy submarine previously reported periscope only was sighted when first sighted was on course 024 degs. estimated speed 3 knots.

(A/C 84 Sqdn. 181646).

Informing recipient as last.

(A.C.I.C. 181722B to S.E.C. M.O. J.189 (R) C. in C.W.A. Admty.).

Casualties and Defects.

UNTAMED

Received 1042Z DE RANGER. Gained further 11 feet during night. Moderate Southerly gale heavy seas now anchored with doings slung below. Thomas.
(Port Patrick Radio 181242B).

F.O.S's. 171906B position at 1200B/18th 055 degs. 25' North 005 degs. 20' West operations temporarily suspended owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 181314B).

F.O.S's. 171906B. and N.O.I.C. Campbeltown's 181050B. Intend to make WHITE BEAR available for Transport of representatives from Clyde to Campbeltown and for accommodation. In order to release WHITE BEAR as soon as possible consider preliminary examination only should be carried out at Campbeltown detailed examination being deferred until arrival at her refitting port.

(Capt.S.3. 181805B to F.O.S.).

M.L.1286.

Your 181531. Your request instructions yet give no extent of damage. If you state requirements I will give every assistance. Remain alongside till weather moderates sufficiently to enable you to return to SEAHAWK under temporary repair.
(S.N.O.V. 182135B to M.L.1286).

EMERALD

Your 141730. It is understood two additional generating sets for EMERALD will become available in U.S.A. during first week in July.

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EMERALD (Contd.). (2) Until these sets are fitted 80% electrical high power in the ship is vulnerable to a single torpedo hit owing to the existing sets being sited so close together.
(3) This unsatisfactory state of affairs in a ship about to join the Eastern Fleet is a matter for grave concern.
(4) I recommend delivery should be hastened and EMERALD's departure be delayed until these sets are fitted.
(C. in C.H.F. 182147B and 191751B to Admty.).

ATHABASCAN ATHABASKAN has been in collision and received the following damage at the fore end.
(2) Repairs to make ship seaworthy to proceed to Repair Yard will be carried out at Scapa.
Estimate ship will be ready to sail about 22nd June. Estimated time for permanent repairs at a dockyard about 3 weeks.
(3) Request yard may be allocated.
(R.A.(D) 182225 to Admty.).

Shipping and Convoys.

S.L.130/
M.K.S.14. Detach forthwith ships capable of 10 knots and over escorted by FLEETWOOD, AZALEA, COLTSFOOT, HUSSAR and SPEEDWELL.
(2) Ship capable of 12 knots and over to proceed independently on crossing 055 degs. North.
(3) Name of ships detached to be reported.
(4) Escorts to Londonderry. HUSSAR, SPEEDWELL for onward routing to Grimsby and Leith respectively.
(C. in C.W.A. 181103B to S.E.Convoy S.L.130 for Comdre. Escorts Convoy M.K.S. 14., Admiralty).
(1) Para.4. cancel last sentence. HUSSAR and SPEEDWELL are to escort Loch Ewe ships to destination.
(2) N.O.I.C.Aultbea is requested to sail HUSSAR and SPEEDWELL to Grimsby and Leith respectively utilizing them as escorts for suitable convoy if required.
(C. in C.W.A. 181850B to FLEETWOOD).

O.S.50 /
K.M.S.17 List of ships and destinations.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey 181500B, N.C.S.O. Clyde 182225B).
Sailed ABERCROMBIE, ROBERTS in K.M.S.17 in accordance with A.M. 031817B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 182144B).

O.N.S.
Convoys. Pass to N.C.S.Os.
O.N.S.12 will sail on July 3rd from Mersey and thereafter O.N.S. Convoys will sail every eleven days.
(D.T.D. 181608B to A.I.G.21, A.C.I.(C)).

COPELAND Arrived 1715B/18th.
R.S. (D.S.T.O. Greenock 181703B).

/Cancel...

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Shipping and Convoys. - Contd.

? Cancel my 181430B (N.T. in W.D.) sailing of
convoy has been delayed as troops have not yet
been re-embarked on some ships. Time of amended
arrival will be signalled as soon as possible.
FORT BUCKINGHAM has been sailed independently and will arrive
at time stated in my 18(?) 30B. F.O.I.C. Greenock pass to all
addressees.
(Cdre. England 181905B to DEVIS).
My 181905. Amended T. of A. Toward Point 190745. Troops
have now been re-embarked in all ships except ST. ESSYLT and if
they are not on board by time of sailing intend leaving her
behind to proceed independently. F.O.I.C. Greenock pass to all
addressees.
(Cdre. England 182151B to DEVIS).

Reporting Pass to N.C.S.O's. and R.N.O's. concerned.
Reference C. in C. Plymouth 2611278 May+ signals
relating to these coastal movements should not
be normally repeated to Admiralty. Sailing signals
of ocean going ships and all ships joining convoys will still be
required.
(D.O.D. 171908B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff, F.O.I.C. Milford Haven,
F.O.I.C. Falmouth (R) C. in C. Plymouth).
+ Re sailing of Merchant ships independently.

? A/C 141 18th June.
Following received by visual signalling by
aircraft P/59 Squadron. Begins. To Admiralty from
Master of Convoy Z. Arriving Clyde 1700Z hours
Sunday. 44 hospital cases including 20 measles. Ends. T.O.R. 1055
(ALDERGROVE 181920B).

E.G.1. If convoy not threatened part company with O.N.S.
O.N.S.10. 10 at daylight June 19th and proceed Argentinia
unless otherwise ordered by F.O.N.F.
(2) Ships should boiler clean on arrival.
(C. in C.W.A. 182133Z to E.G.1.).

A.T.50 Convoy A.T.50 comprising ANDES is due Liverpool
ANDES 24th June with 4182 troops etc.
(2) Convoy T.A.50 is required to be ready to
sail from Liverpool p.m. 30th June. Approx.
3,500 including 2000 German prisoners of war will
embark 29th June and 30th June.
(D.S.T. 182201B).

T.A.49 Convoy T.A.49. S.S. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND will
EMPRESS OF be ready to leave Liverpool on 24th June.
SCOTLAND. (2) F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail ship
for New York by route which will be signalled by
Admiralty.

/C. in C....

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- T.A.49
EMPRESS OF
SCOTLAND.
(Contd.).
- (3) C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange air protection.
(4) Fighter protection codeword "Redbreast".
(D.O.D.(H) 182215B).
- K.M.S.18B. Convoy K.M.S.18B. will be ready to leave Clyde for onward routeing from Gibraltar on 24th June.
(2) Composition as follows:-
(a) S.S. DERWENTDALE, S.S. EMPIRE ELAINE, S.S. EMPIRE CATO, S.S. CITY OF VENICE, S.S. BENEDICT, S.S. ALCINOUS, S.S. PROMETHEUS, S.S. ORESTES, S.S. STANHILL, S.S. FORTNASHWAAK, S.S. DEVIS, S.S. ST. ESSYLT, S.S. EMPIRE CONFIDENCE, S.S. FORT STAGER, S.S. FORT MEDUCTIC, S.S. FORT LAJOIE, S.S. NORMAN MONARCH, S.S. DERWENTHALL, S.S. FORT BUCKINGHAM, H.M.S. BOXER, H.M.S. BRUISER, H.M.S. THRUSTER.
(b) S.S. GUNDRUN MAERSK destination Algiers.
(c) Rescue Tug ALLEGIANCE. Rescue ship RATHLIN.
(3) S. of A. 9 knots.
(4) Admiralty will promulgate route.
(5) Escort will be provided by Group B consisting of TEVIOT, ERNE, BERGAMOT, BRYONY, RHODDENDRON, HONEYSUCKLE, HYDERABAD and OXLIP.
(6) S.O. of escort Group B in TEVIOT.
(7) C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange for escorts to join convoy as requisite.
(8) C. in C. Med. is requested to signal onward routeing from Gibraltar and to direct ships mentioned in para.2.(c).
(9) F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange convoy conference with R.A.(V) and to sail ships as requisite.
(10) Fighter protection codeword "Material".
(D.O.D.(H) 172350B).

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North Atlantic.

LALANE
attacked by
enemy
A/C.

Following read:- A.A.A.A. LALANDE.* Cape Espichel 220° distance 16 miles bombed.
(Burnham Radio 180821Z to Admty. C. in C. W.A.)
W.R. Note:- Controlling Station Valentia Radio. R.A.F. informed. * Attacked by aircraft.
Following read:- A.A.A.A. LALANDE. Cape Espichel 220° distance 16 miles, require assistance urgently.
(Burnham Radio 180837Z to Admty. C. in C. W.A.)
Controlling Station Valentia Radio, R.A.F. informed

Request you will send tug to assistance of LALANDE bombed in position 220° Espichel 16 miles. 2. Ship should be towed to Lisbon.

(F.O. Gibraltar 181505 to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) Admty.)

Instruct ALGERIAN to proceed to Seville keeping inside territorial water. You are to part company forthwith and proceed with all despatch to assistance of LALANDE bombed in position 220°. Cape Espichel 16 miles. Endeavour to tow ship to Lisbon. Report when met.

(F.O. Gib. 181517B to RENONCULE. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Cancel my 181517. (2) Cancel para (v) of my 161841, not to Admiralty and C. in C. Med. and return to H.K. Gibraltar through Q.K.A.87. (3) Acknowledge forthwith.

(F.O. Gib. 181805B to F.S. RENONCULE. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Cancel my 181505. LALANDE has reached territorial waters under own power.

(F.O. Gib. 181813 to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) Admty.)

German aircraft sighted off Cape Roca at 0830 steering South. (2) Between 0900 and 1000 one British merchant ship and escort were attacked 3 times by 2 German aircraft who were apparently engaged by 2 British planes. Action took place off Cape St. Vincent. German aircraft passed Cape Roca steering North at 1050 and 1120. (3) All times G.M.T. A.O. (4) Your 181505. LALANDE has now arrived Lisbon.

(N.A. Lisbon 181908B to S.O. (I) Gib. (R) Admty.)

Your 181517B and your 181805B. Left ALGERIAN in 036° 57' N. 007° 30' W. to proceed to Seville independently. My P.C. & S. at 2000B 036° 55' N. 008° 26' W. 120° 13 knots then through Q.K.A.87 to Gibraltar.

(RENONCULE 182000B to F.O.I.C. Gib.)

British SS. LALANE arrived Lisbon p.m. today Friday.

(F.O.I.C. Gib. 182217B to Admty. C. in C. Med. (R) Escort X.K.7.)

ROSELYS.

Saft (?left) HALLFRIED off Almeria at 0700Z/18th June. Am returning to Gib. as ordered.
(ROSELYS F.S. 180901Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Capt. D. Gib.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

Arrived Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE.
(Gib. W/T 181028B to Com. N.O.B. Oran (R) Admty. etc.)

Following is a repetition of my 181549.

(Begins) Intend sailing OXFORDSHIRE to U.K. at 1800B June 18th. Route. Thence by Irish Territorial waters to Tuskar Rock. Thence to Barry Roads. S. of A. 14 knots.

(2) Admty.*pass to H.Q.C.C.

(F.O. Gib. 182249B to Admty.)*Passing action being taken by W.R. /CALANDA...

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CALANDA. Following is a repetition of my 181020B.(begins)
Now reported Swiss CALANDA leaves Genoa today
18th June for Gibraltar. My 121044B refers.
(Ends.)
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 181040 to 8th Sub.Flottilla,
CASABIANCA.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1957B/18. French S/M ORPHEE, ALCYON,
034° 32' 007° 34' through 035° 44' 006° 29' to
Gibraltar 10. (2) RENONCULE 1 Merchant Ship
036° 52' 007° 27' to Chipiona thence through
035° 56' 006° 20' to Gib. 9. (3) G.C.16A, S.C.519, 035° 24'
006° 45' through 034° 11' 008° 01' to Casablanca 7.
(4) Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE sailed 1800B/18th through 036°
59' 009° 30' thence 332° 14. (5) C.G.38 P.C.480, sailing for
Casablanca 1300/19th through Q.K.A. 102' thence 036° 7½.
(F.O. Gibraltar 181057B.)

Situation 2001B/18th. Situation Report for Area X.B. of
Mediterranean Station. H.M.S. TRUSTY 041° 05' 010° 29' 359°
9.6/2½. 2. P.56 (USURPER) cross 043° 01' 010° 01' at
2300B/18th thence 180° 7/2. 3. Hospital Ship ACADIA 038° 23'
017° 28' through 038° 59' 019° 09' and 040° 10' 024° 01' thence
283° 17½. 4. AMARAPOORA 040° 08' 011° 30' 000° 11¼.
5. X.K.7. (E) 038° 57' 012° 34' 328° 5. 6. U.G.F.9 C.T.G.65.2
and 65.3 027° 48' 021° 02' through 030° 03' 018° 02' thence
053° 13. 7. U.G.F.9A (U.S.) C.T.G. 65.5 036° 10' 020° 58'
through 036° 22' 015° 20' thence 094° 13½. 8. FOXHOUND,
BLACKMORE one merchant ship 022° 26' 017° 38' through 025° 17'
016° 25' thence 041° 11¼.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar 181117B.)

Add new para. (9) to my 181117B BERMUDA 046° 01' 014° 20'
through 041° 30' 014° 18' thence 147° 25.

(F.O. Gib. 181953B.)

Situation 1959/18th. (2) Two Swedish relief ships 034° 53'
022° 50' 266° 12. (4) U.C.3 (U.S.) C.T.G. 21.6 025° 43' 026°
22' through 023° 01' 029° 01' thence 260° 14.

(F.O. Gib. 181143B.)

VULCANIA,
leakage of
information.

I can throw no light on the matter referred to
in your 152222. (Re Italian knowledge that
S.B.N.O. VULCANIA had forbidden wireless
reception of family news broadcast.)
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 181228B to Admty.)

T.E.22.

Sailed:- 7½ MARITA Government stores Bone 7,
BRINKBURN not known Philippeville, SELLINGE
did not sail.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 181540B/June to F.Os.i/c. etc.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 181705B to Admty.)

G.U.S.8A.

Intend sailing EMPIRE MARVELL (T) PAN FLORIDA, JOHN ADIX

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- G.U.S.8A. (T) RICHARD OLNEY, JOHN DICKINSON, ELIPHALET
(Contd.) NOTT. Request pendant numbers.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 181710B to Comnob Oran. (R)
Cdre. Algiers. etc.)
- Flight E. Arrived Flight E consisting of SOUTHERN GEM,
SALTERILLO, EMPIRE LARCH, EMPIRE SPITFIRE,
EMPIRE SUN, VIDONIA, OUTPOST, VINDELICIA, L.C.G.
(L)'s 1 to 14 inclusive 17,18,19,20 L.C.Fs.
8,10,11,12, L.C.T. (R)s. 136, 141, 147, 167, 171, 140, L.C.T.
(3)s. 306, 316, 347, 410, 418.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 181819B to Admt. etc.)
- X.K.9. Sailing destinations.
(D.O.D. 181946B to F.O.I.C. Gib.)
- Movements, R.F.S. ORPHEE and ALCYON left U.S.S. MAYO,
Casablanca. P.C. 472 and 475 with R.F.S. CHASSEUR DEUX in
from Gib. R.F.S. SENTINELLE from Safi.
(Commorseafron 181954 to C. in C. Med.)
- Movements, Arrivals PUCKERIDGE from Oran, ROSELYS from
Gibraltar. Algeria. Departures M.T.B. 649 for Algiers
A.V.R. Ca. 9471, 9472 for Oran S.C. 519 with G.C. 16A
LORD NUFFIELD for Melilla Flight F consisting
of SHEPPEY, MOUSA, L.C.F. 5 and 6, M.F.Vs. 33, 42,
65, 66, 67, 68, 34, 54, 59, 60, 69, 25, 71, 72, L.C.Ts. 535, 536, 538, 580,
581, 582, 601, 614, 563, 625, 589, 591, 592, 594 with T.E. 22 for Algiers
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 182215B to Admt. etc.)
- Air Report. A.I. 32 18th June. Opsum No. 229 for 24 hours ended
1800 hours 18th June. (G) Sightings and attacks.
Hud U/233 at 5000 ft. on A/S and A/A escort to
coastal convoy at 0907B/18 June 37.08 N. 09.08 W.
attacked F.W. 200 at 1000 ft. attempting to attack
convoy and drove it off. E/A replied cannon. No hits either
side. At 0920B A/C drove off second F.W. 200 without opening
fire and sighted third F.W. 200 flying Northwards ahead of
second during chase. At 0955B 36.55 N. 08.55 W. relieving Hud.
D/48 at 3000 ft. sighted F.W. 200 at 5000 ft. which dropped 2
bombs in sea 30 yards astern of M/V. Hud. climbed to intercept
but E/A disappeared on course 250° (I) E/A Activity 1 JU.88
from N.N.W. at 1055B/18 over Rock 8000 ft. 4 Fighters
scrambled no interception. A.A. opened fire. No claims. E/A
disappeared N.E. No bombs dropped.
(A.H.Q. Gib. 182300B.)

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Convoy D.C. 31. Sailing telegram, (15 ships - all for Capetown). (2) 0600Z/18th June. (3) 8 knots. (5) Coastal reference 61 to 68 Saldanha Bay O.B. (6) THYME, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO, NORWICH CITY, IMMORTELLE. (12) E.T.A. Capetown p.m./22nd. E.T.A. Port Elizabeth a.m./20th. E.T.A. East London p.m./19th. (N.C.S.O. Durban, 180741Z to Admty., etc.)

W.S. 30 SIBAJAK. Sailed to join W.S.30 SIBAJAK (H.M.T.) speed 15½ knots reference Saldanha Bay 67 1 to 8. (N.C.S.O. Port Elizabeth, 180821B to Admty., etc.)

CONGELLA. Group sailing 22, Lourenco Marques expected sailing R/V 130° Inhaka Light 6 miles 0430Z/19th June CONGELLA escorted by CAPE WARWICK and DRANGEY, Durban p.m./20th June, S. of A. knots 8. Ref. Saldanha Bay O.B., Diego Suarez D.S., days 44, diesel. (Capetown, 180825B to Admty., C. in C. S.A, etc.)

SIBAJAK. Sailed, E.T.A. a.m./20th June, draft 25 feet, trial of port forward generator unsatisfactory through bearing trouble and will require further attention at your end. (S.T.O. Port Elizabeth, 180931 to D.S.T.O. Durban, (R) D. of S.T., P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

ETHIOPIAN C.N. 25. Capetown departure 18th June ETHIOPIAN for Freetown in Convoy C.N.25 to C. 2° S. 11° 20' E. thence through U. 02° S. 00° E. E. 04° N. 01° E. F. 04° N. 04° W. thence by 100 fathom line to Freetown. S. of A. from position C, 9 knots. E.T.A. position F, a.m./2nd July. E.T.A. Freetown a.m./5th July. 2. W/T watch. 3. Requirements. (C. in C. S.A., 181023B to F.O.C.W.A., Admty.)

BURDOCK. My 171715Z. Positions V and W should read 001° S. 008° 30' E. and 006° S. 012° E. (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 181042Z to F.O.C.W.A.F., (R) B.N.L.O.W.Af., Admty.)

Dispositions. FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, WELLARD, CEDARBERG with C.D.23 (4 ships) 034° 20' 022° 50' coastal to Durban 8. NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NIZAM with W.S.30 (10 ships) 033° 00' 028° 30' coastal to Durban 11. THYME, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO, NORWICH CITY, IMMORTELLE with D.C.31 (16 ships) 031° 30' 030° coastal to Capetown 8.

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Dispositions. SUFFOLK 032° 20' 033° 40' to 032° 034° thence
(Contd.) Durban 19½.
CAPE WARWICK, DRANGEY off Inhaka Light.
NIGELLA, MANCHESTER CITY, STELLA POLARIS,
COVENTRY CITY, ROHILKHAND with D.N.48 (14 ships)
026° 15' 034° 40' to 022° 038° 8.
REVENGE, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM, QUIBERON 022° 038° to 029° 02'
032° 55', 13½.
RESOLUTION, RACEHORSE, NAPIER 017° 05' 041° 15' to 009° 34'
041° 55', 13.
(C. in C. S.A., 181107B.)

BOADICEA. Arrival 0714Z/18th June.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 181604Z to Lagos, (R) Admty.,
etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrivals 0821Z/17th June B.Y.M.S. numbers 11, 12,
20 and 18.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 181606Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) Admty., etc.)

Convoy Cominch C. & R. 161539 (161530 intended, request
O.T. 6. surface escort for ESSO PHILADELPHIA and FORT
NIAGARA destination Dakar.) Surface escort will
not be available for ESSO PHILADELPHIA and FORT
NIAGARA. Request you will detach them from
Dakar R/V to proceed independently to Dakar at best speed.
Air escort will be provided from dispersal point to destination.
(F.O.C.W.A., 181843Z to C.T.G. 21.5, (R) Cominch C. & R., Admty.,
Commorseafron, N.S.H.Q., etc.)

ORION, Sailed 17th. Fuel taken by ORION.
ALCANTARA. 2. Passengers on board, see my code 181905.
(D.S.T.O.W.A., 181903Z to Admty. for D. of S.T.,
(R) Trade Div., F.O.C.W.Af.)

Movements, Arrival 18th June MARIE LOUISE, M.L.287.
Takoradi. Departure COMMANDANT DETROYAT F.S. Cape Palmas
0600Z/20th June, then to R/V T.S. HK. at 0600Z/
21st June.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 181910Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty.
R.N.O. Lagos.)

MORRIS Intend trawlers MORRIS DANCE and COPINSAY and
DANCE, LADY DENISON PENDER to arrive St. Vincent about
COPINSAY, 2nd week July. Estimated requirements for
LADY D.P. trawlers 240 tons coal. Trawlers will embark
armed guards allocated ARCOLA. Date of arrival
will be signalled later.
(F.O.C.W.A., 182051Z to N.C.S.O. St. Vincent,
(R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Bathurst, N.A. Lisbon.)

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22D.F. "Rump" 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours early North of "Bend".
?Convoy. S. of A. 8 knots.
(Capt. (D) 22nd D.F. 180035C to C. in C. Levant)

X.F.9. Your 171136 approved. BICESTER should be
added to escorts.
(C. in C. Med. 180041B to F.O.C. Gibraltar (R)
Admty, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth.)

Expect "Rump" "Shoulder" 1130C/19. BALTARA straggler
escorted by LISMORE. E.T.A. Great Pass: ADRIAS, NEURALIA,
PRINCESS KATHLEEN, 1100. GAWLER and L.S.T's 1230.
MEROE report 8 tons of stores and life-boat await him at
Alexandria.
(Capt. D.22. 181925C to R.A. Alexandria (R) C. in C. Levant,
Cdre. (D))

Tugs and Request every effort to despatch as early as
Lighters. possible Tugs and Lighters in para. 1 and 2
urgently required. Your 142007 refers.
(P.S.T.O. Med. 180814B to D.S.T.)

DZIK. Onward route as in my 170826 to arrive 0830/22nd.
(Capt. (S) 10, 180828B to P.52 (DZIK) (R)
C. in C. Med. etc.)

UNITED, (1) P.44 (UNITED) leaves patrol to pass 037°
UNISON. 23' 016° 02' at 2000/21st thence through 036°
26' 015° 43' and 036° 26' 014° 20' to arrive
West Sanctuary R/V at 0830/23rd. (2) P.43
(UNISON) same route 24 hours later.
(Capt. (S) 10, 180830B to P.44 (UNITED) P.43 (UNI-
SON) (R) 10th S.F. Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8 C.in C
Med., C. in C. Levant.)

Movements, 17th June, 1943.
Beirut. Arrival ABDIEL, IERAX, AETOS. Departures
ABDIEL, AETOS.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 180835C to Admty)

Western O.142 17th June. Ref. order of Battle
Desert Western Desert, dated 1st June, despatched
Air under reference M.S.57987/ORG. Herewith
Force. changes of location. Adv. A.H.Q. W.D. Malta.
40 S.A. Sqdn. SC/O Rear A.H.Q. W.D.60 S.A. Sqdn.
Sorman with detachment La Marsa (Tunisia) 232
Wing and 55 223 Sqdns Enfidaville.

South. 340 M.B. Group U.S.A.A.F. and Sqds Hergla (811? or 211)
Group S.C/O. Rear A.H.Q. W.D. 57th and 79th Fighter Groups
U.S.A.A.F. and Sqdns Haouaria with detachments Bu-Grara.
(H.Q. R.A.F., M.E. 180914Z to Air Min.)

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Movements, Arrivals FALK, KLO, FAVOURITE towing BARFORD
Malta. L.C.T.Nos. 361, 354, 325, 313, 318, 9, 13, 17.
(V.A. Malta, 180916B to Admty etc.)

Movements, Repetition of my 152330(N/T in W.R.) (Begins):
Sousse. C. in C. Med. (R) R.A. Alexandria from N.O.I.C.
Sousse. Arrival 15th PENSTEMON, CONVULVULUS.
M.L.126, M.L.1421 (?RYSA).
Departure PENTSTEMON, APHIS, CONVULVULUS,
M.L. 1421 MULL. T. of O. 152330 (Ends)
(N.O.I.C.Sousse, 180945B to Admty)

Movements, Arrivals 17th June MARYBOROUGH (?ANTWERP)
Alexandria. PACKICE, STORMWRACK, M.L.358, 359 (?566),
departure 17th June SOUTHERN SEA, SOUTHERN ISLES,
(BO?) REALIS, M.L.361, G.S. PANTHER.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 181004C to Admty etc.)

M.K.S.15, My 170935B. T.Ls. 419, 438, 453 did not sail.
G.U.S.8A. (N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 181010B to N.O.I.C.Bougie, (R)
C. in C. Med. Admty.)

YOMA YOMA torpedoed and sunk by U-Boat at 0837 today
sunk. 17th June in 033° 03' N. 22° 04' E. 1200 survivors
landed Derna.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 181013C to D.S.T.)
M.K.S.15. Joining EMPIRE SPEY to Gibraltar for
Melilla. G.U.S.8A PAN ARUBA (T) for U.S.A. (?port) also
French S/M ARETHUSE for Oran. Total 5 vessels.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 181038B to Ships Escorting Convoy M.K.S.15
(R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar Connav, C. in C. Med. N.O.B.Oran)

X.T.G.2 (1) X.T.G. 2 including M.W.32 (8 ships including
M.W.32. Fr. S/M PROTEE). (2) 0901C/18th. (3) Sailed
together. (4) 8 knots. (5) As in C. in C.
Levant's 152301C. (6) BEAUFORT, ALDENHAM.
EXMOOR, G.S. SAKTOURIS, PRIMULA, KANARIS (G.S)
(R.A. Alex. 181046C, 181643C to F.O.'s I.C.
S.O. Force H. etc.)

Force "H". X Intend to proceed in FORMIDABLE screened by
TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN, TUMULT and ILEX at 2000B
Saturday 19th June. (2) S. of A. 16 knots.
Routed standard route Y outward through position
036° 20' N. 009° 30' W. to R/V with S.O. Force (H) in position
L at 1200 Monday 21st June. (3) Codeword "Pillbox" B.G.N.
(R.A. Force H, 181051, C. in C. Med. (R) S.O. Force (H)
F.O.I.C. Gib. Admiralty.)

M.E. Air A.680 June 18. Daily Opsum 51. 16/17 June.
Report. 19 Wellingtons Marshalling Yards Naples, one
returned early remainder found low cloud over

target /...

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M.E. Air Report. (Contd.) target and bombed through gaps, several fires started including 1 large near railway station remainder damaged unobserved, leaflets dropped. 37 tons H.E. between 2345Z and 2351Z hours. 17 June. 50 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Comiso and Biscari aerodromes, 3 returned early technical troubles, one landed Malta on outward journey, 23 bombed Comiso. 23 bombed Biscari. 67 Spitfires from Malta which provided cover over target shot down 1 M.C.202. 3 Beaufighters anti shipping R/C Aegean. 1 Caique 150 tons attacked many cannon 1 machine gun strikes, one near miss with bomb. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.181104Z

K.M.S.16. Pass to Cmdre. My 171652B (N.T. in W.R.) add RONAN for Tunis, local escort T.157. (N.O.I.C. Philipeville, 181128B to E.C. K.M.S.16 (R) N.O.I.C. Bone, A.I.G.259 etc.)

Sailed 12 ships (list)

(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 181822B to Admty etc.)

K.M.S.16 onward route vide C. in C. Mediterranean's 141645. (2) (A) S. of A. 8 (D) Speed of convoy 8. (3) H 1600/22nd by searched channels through H.B. 2230/22nd 10 miles North East, K.0630/23rd, through S. 1515/23rd 10 miles North A 0115/24th, 10 miles West H 5 miles West B 1345/24th 3 miles West L 2 miles North E 0315/25th, 2 miles North C 3 miles North T 1305/25th, 5 miles North T 5 miles North B 0245/26th, 5 miles North B. 10 miles North R 1700/26th, through H.S.0800/27th thence by inshore route to Port Said. Ships to proceed to Alexandria and subsequent order for escort will be signalled later. (4) Suitable ships from Benghazi if ready may join 5 miles West B. (5) 1st 2 letters of convoy wireless call sight T.N. (6) Request (A) fighter defence high priority (B) A/S defence, codeword "Across". (7) All times C. (8) Escort Capt. (D) 16 in DULVERTON S.O., TETCOTT, G.S. MIAOULES, BELVOIR, SUTLEJ, SHOREHAM, IPSWICH, VETCH. (9) Balloons may be flown as ordered by S.O. escort. (10) S.N.O. Tripoli is requested to signal ships from Tripoli. V.A. Malta those from Malta. S.N.O. Tripoli inform Air Authorities of number of ships in convoy.

(C. in C. Levant, 182334C to C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta etc.)

? Convoy. Skudd 5th will show Buoy at position "blaze" from 0500B/19th till all 3 sections have passed. (S.N.O. Trip. 181121B to AURORA, ESKIMO, JERVIS. M/S F. 13th)

CORIOLANUS. E.T.A. Cape Caxine 2300 tonight. Request my relief brings mail for HENGIT (? HENGIST). (CORIOLANUS, 181130 to Comm. Algiers)

Convoy K.M.19. Your 161006. To make it worse all BARK have orders referring to Force X. and Force Y. (R.A.V. 181311B to D/N.C.X.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med.)

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U/B Sunk by A/C 16/6. U-Boat definitely sunk. Two German Officers and 19 ratings rescued. C.O. and 1st Lieutenant of U-Boat were killed. My 171351 refers. (C. in C. Levant, 181340c to Admty)

Westbound Convoy. Ref. Admty. message 162131 (re-organisation of K.M.S./O.S./O.G.) being passed to above, para. 4, first westbound convoy will sail from Alex. about 31st July and thereafter at 5 day intervals. (C. in C. Levant, 181344C to C. in C. E.F. F.O.R.S., M. of W.T.M.E. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.)

French Refugees. Your 171312. This will be arranged. (B.N.A. Madrid, 181413B to C. in C. Med.)

PAN FLORIDA, G.U.S.8A. Request PAN FLORIDA be prepared as stand by Tanker G.U.S.8A with 15,000 Barrels Fuel Oil. This has been approved by C. in C. Med. (Com.N.O.B. Oran, 181457B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. (R) Commorseafron, C. in C. Med. Comnavnaw)

K.M.S.16 U.G.S.9. Arrivals (list) (Com. N.O.B.Oran, 181525 to Admty etc.)

TACTICIAN R. of P. TACTICIAN reports: (1) At 1220/12th in position 060 Bari Light 5 miles engaged large 3 masted schooner, escorted by armed boarding vessel, by gunfire. 46 rounds fired, over 30 hits obtained. Vessel left in sinking condition. During this action, boarding vessel opened accurate fire from 5200 yards obtaining one hit on fore casing with third round causing superficial damage. Fire was returned by TACTICIAN who destroyed enemy's gun and obtained at least 2 further hits out of 15 rounds fired. TACTICIAN re-engaged schooner but was finally forced to dive at 1234 by shore batteries. (2) At 1610/14th in 40° 14' N. 19° 28' E. fired 4 torpedoes at PIAVE class merchant vessel 7600 tons. One hit obtained. Prompt counter attack followed, 17 depth charges being dropped first 5 being close but causing no damage. (S.10, 181535B to C. in C. Med.)

U/B. P.C. and S. of enemy one submarine on surface 41° 05' N. 8° 10' E. 225° 10 knots. (A/C VBF/D, 181603B via Alex, W/T)

CASABIANCA. Leave patrol passing 042° 00' 008° 11' at 0330/20th, 039° 23' 007° 21' at 1030/21st 037° 59' 004° 34' at 2230/22nd. thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 12' at 0600/23rd.

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CASABIANCA
(Contd.) All positions north and east.
(Capt. S.8, 181624B to CASABIANCA (R) C. in C.
Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar Cdre. Algiers 8th S/M.F.
Capt. (S) 10)).

SONTAY. Transport SONTAY left for Sfax draft 23 feet.
(D.S.T.O. Malta, 181640 to S.T.O. Sfax (R)
D. of S.T., P.S.T.O. M.E., Connav, D.S.T.O.
Med.)

SHAKESPEARE,
TRESPASSER. Your escort will be CAVA. (2) AMERICA (corrupt
group) due Algiers from west at 0800 and 0930.
(3) 1 Trawler leaving Algiers to westward
Tobruk 0600. (4) M.Ls on patrol to East and
West of Algiers. (5) P.312 (TRESPASSER)
escorted by 4 M.Ls arriving Algiers from West at 0730/19th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 181646B to (P.221) SHAKESPEARE).

M.K.S.15. Amend destination ALEXANDER ANDRE to Oran.
(C. in C. Med. 181735 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar,
(R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C.Oran, Admty,
Connav.)

Movements,
Port Said. 18th June. Arrivals ISLAY, CUMBRAE, G.S. PANTHER,
RAIDER, VULCAN. Departure G.S. PANTHER,
ISLAY, CUMBRAE, RAIDER, VULCAN.
(N.O.I.C.Port Said, 181739C to Admty etc.)

G.U.S.8. Your 171710 (inquiring after certain ships).
Yes.
(C. in C. Med. 181741B to Cominch, C. & R. (R)
Commorseafron)

Floating
Dock,
Algiers. In view of pressure of high priority work at
Algiers at present request these men be sent
as soon as possible. Your 101701 June refers.
Ref. Para. 3 Com. N.O.B. Oran has been requested
to arrange accordingly.
(C. in C. Med. 181747B to Admty)

O.T.6
fuel
for
Dakar. Cinmed pass to Cincaf. Affirmative your
171948 to Cominch C. and R. FORT NIAGARA and
ESSO, PHILADELPHIA in O.T.6 previously ordered
diverted to Dakar. Latter ship has full cargo
fuel oil. No additional ship from O.T. 6 to be
diverted to Dakar.
(A.N.P.B. 181805Z to C. in C. Med. (R) Commorsea-
fron, Connavnaw, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Comar Dakar,
F.O.C.W.Af. Cincaf.)

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U.S.S/M's Atlantic Patrol. X Three U.S. Submarines are on anti U-Boat patrol in Atlantic. They are shortly being moved on to a patrol line between 44° N. 23° W. and 40° N. 20° W. (2) Submarines are operated by Admiralty through Flag Officer (S) who for security reasons is sole initiating authority of signals to them. (3) Submarines operate submerged by day when in patrol zones, submerged bombing restrictions are arranged through H.Q. Coastal Command. To assist identification submarines have broad yellow stripe athwart upper deck before and abaft conning tower. (4) Signals affecting their patrol will be repeated to you.
(F.O.(S), 181817B to C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty)

Situation Report No.110. (1) Lisbon - Gibraltar coastal convoy attacked by at least 2 Focke-Wulfs off Cape St. Vincent on 14th June. SS. CITY OF LANCASTER slightly damaged by near miss. (2) ISIS and PALADIN carried out anti-shipping sweep on east coast of Sardinia during night 15th/16th June. Northing sighted. (3) Adverse weather conditions in Sicilian Channel hampered build up of supplies in Pantellaria on 16th and 17th June. Minelyaing suspected in raid on the Island at 0245/16. One daylight raid was reported on 16th June. No naval damage or casualties. (4) Coastal craft operations for 16th and 17th June had also to be cancelled on account of weather. (5) SAFARI reports at 1219/10 sank by torpedo 1000 ton coaster K.T.12 off Orosei. Ship loaded with M.T. and cased petrol.
(C. in C. Med. 181910B to Admty.)

BARMOND. Boom Vessel BARMOND is at Gibraltar waiting onward routeing to Trincomalee via the Cape in accordance with A.M.241447* Feb. (2) Unless otherwise ordered by Admty, intend to pass her through Mediterranean where she could do a useful 2 months work in passing and reach Egypt by end September for onward routeing. (3) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail her for Algiers at next opportunity.
(C. in C. Med. 181924B to Admty, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Levant, C. in C. E.F.) * re arrangements for Boom Vessel BARMOND to be included in convenient convoy to Gibraltar.

UNRULY R. of P. UNRULY reports. (1) At 0051/12 in 39.22 N. 15.56 E. fired 4 torpedoes at 3,000 ton M/V escorted by trailers. Missed. (2) At 0200/14 in 38.52 N. 15.27 E. fired 4 torpedoes at 5,000 ton M/V escorted by 1 Destroyer. 2 hits. Counter attack negligible.
(S.10, 181952 to C. in C. Med. (R) C.1. S.8, C. in C. Levant, F.O.S.)

Movements. Bizerta. Arrivals ESPIEGLE, M.T.B. 667 P.T. 201 P.T.208, EMPIRE NED. Departures PALADIN, CLEVELAND, ISIS.
(F.O.I.S. 182005B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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Movements,
Haifa.

18th June Departure G.S. AETOS.
My 172240 Add ARMADILLO sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 182057C to Admty etc.)

Situation
report
No. 37.

Western Desert. My 161236 June para. 1:
Paratroops destroyed 5 aircraft in Benghazi area
night 17/18 June. 38 paratroops now accounted
for. (2) My 172017 June para. 1, total survivors
from YOMA now 1353. (3) My 172017 para. 2
U-Boat definitely sunk. Walrus aircraft landed
one survivor at Beirut 17 June and M.L's landed one Lieutenant,
one engineer officer and 18 ratings at Haifa 18th June.
All German, names not yet known. C.O. and First Lieut. of
U-Boat were killed. (W.D. Note: U.97, See 191221C)
(4) Convoy X.T.G. 2 sailed Alexandria 18 June three tankers
for Malta, three M.S.'s for Tripoli (L), 3 M.V.'s for Tripoli
(L) two M.V.'s for U.K. and French submarine PROTEE for Oran.
(C. in C. Levant, 182116C, 211218C to Admty)

Movements,
Oran.

Departures today. 12312 M.L.449, 460, 258, 565,
U.S.S. MONREVIA (?MONROVIA), DALLAS, COLE,
BERNADOU.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 182147 to Admty etc.)

Movements,
Sousse.

Departures 18th RHYL, POLRUAN, STORNAWAY, CLACTON.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 182205B to Admty)

Movements,
Bone.

Arrivals ISIS, DERWENT, ST. DAY. Departures
ESPIEGLE P.T.S.201, 208, M.T.B. 667. Arrived
and sailed ROTHESAY.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 182208B to Admty etc.)

Movements,
Algiers.

Arrivals WELCOME, SCOTTISH, FOXTROT, FLORES,
PIROUETTE, L.S.T. 322, 163, S/M SEVERN Y.M.S.78
S.C. 649. Departures C.S.12 in AURORA, ADVENTURE,
D.6 in ESKIMO, LOYAL, WHADDON, LAUDERDALE, LASSO
L.S.T. 8, 11, 362, 422, 160. Arrived and sailed
EGGESFORD. Admty pass to B.D.Z.
(Com. Algeria, 182216B to Admty C. in C. Med. etc)

Balloon
Shuttle
Service.

Ref. C. in C. Med's No.1512/Med.(W)/00214/3 dated
27th May para 4 (Requesting equipment for 2 extra
port balloon shuttle service be sent Algiers).
Suggest you renew your request to him for extra
personnel. His 051851 April asked for material
only.
(D.M.W.D. (K.B.Sect.), 182219B to Kite and
Balloon Officer, Algiers)

ABDIEL.

18th June departure and arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus, 182229C to Admty etc)

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Malta. 635. Departures. SUTLEJ, MIAOULES, Transport
SONTAY.
(V.A. Malta, 182243 to Admty etc.)

Movements, Arrived PENTSTEMON, CONVULVULUS L.C.I.(L)
Tripoli. 180, Sailed GLOXINIA, INCHCOLM, LS.T.62, 410,
420, 423, 427, 428.
(N.O.I.C.Tripoli, 182313B to Admty (R) C. in C.
Levant, N.O.I.C.Alexandria, N.O.I.C.Malta)

N.A.A.F. N.W.African Air Forces Opsum No.117.
Report. N.W.A. Strategic Air Force, 16/17 June. 19
Wellingtons Naples, 1 returned early. 18 dropped
37 tons and leaflets from 7500 to 13700 feet
burst in dock area and marshalling yards. 17
June. No operations. N.W.A. Coastal Air Force. 16/17 June.
10 Hudsons 8 Hurricanes 2 Latacoeres anti submarine patrols and
convoy escorts. Hudsons attacked U-Boat off Cape Tenes with
3 x 100 A/S bombs which overshot. Latacoere bombed suspected
oil streak off Cape Falco. No results seen.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv, 182340B)

Malta A.I.539 18 June, CSR Malta (A) Air, part 1 offen-
Air sive. Night 17/18 June. Mosquitoes Intruder
Report. patrols Sicily and Southern Italy.
Part 2. Enemy air activity, night 17/18 June
nil, 18 June negligible.
(A.H.Q.Malta, 182357Z)

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East Indies.

DOMINION MONARCH. Intend embarking approx. 15 civilians plus any P.S.T.O. India may send down for U.K. in DOMINION MONARCH sailing from here about end June. Confirm by return these can be accepted. Admty. pass to D. of S.T., (S.S.T.O. Ceylon, 180405Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown (R) P.S.T.O. India, D. of S.T., Admty.)

Landing Craft Sub-Depot, Bombay. X Following is a repetition of my 100614Z. Your 112145Z refers (begins): Admty. (R) C.C.O., F.O.C.R.I.N., SALSÉTTE. From D.C.O. (1) SALSÉTTE and S.E.O. on staff of A.C.O.(I) report that it is urgently necessary that a central organization for storage and replenishment of spare gear for landing craft and for storage and maintenance of signal equipment be established in India now. (2) It is intended to set up a sub-depot in Bombay in the terms of C.A.F.O.631/43. Proposals. (D.C.O.(I) 180632Z to Admty.)

CITY OF LONDON. (A) CITY OF LONDON. (B) Basra. (C) 17th June 22 feet. (D) Embarked (numbers etc.) (I) Troop transport. (D.S.T.O. P.G., 180705Z to P.S.T.O. Bombay, (R) P.S.T.O. India, etc.

RAPID Concur in proposals in your 171230 (RAPID to sail with W.S.31). (C. in C. E.F. 180841Z to Admty)

P.B.44 Convoy P.B.44, Bombay portion arrived. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 180847Z to Admty etc.)

ALMANZORA. Transport ALMANZORA sailed 18th June for Suez with following (numbers). Requirements Suez. E.T.A. Suez June 28th. (D.S.T.O. Bombay, 180908Z to P.S.T.O. Middle East. (R) P.S.T.O. India, D.S.T.O. Suez, D.T.D.)

Air Report. A.257. 18th June, daily Opsum No.460. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. reports. 16th June. 7 U.S. Liberators (B.24) detailed Lashio. 2 A/C returned early 5 A/C unable reach Lashio bombed Mandalay. 7 tons dropped. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) detailed Mandalay area bombed Paukkan Railway installations and shipping at Ngazun and Mandalay. 10 tons dropped causing damage to railway track and shipping. (H.Q. R.A.F. India, 181110Z)

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Movements, Arrival 0530Z MADRAS with P.B.44.
Bombay. 0600Z BENGAL.
(S.O.(I)Bombay, 181138Z to Admty etc.)

P.A.42 (?A) (A) 1100Z/18th. (B) BRITISH GENIUS.
(C) Kilindini. (D) 1500Z/30th. (E) 023° 09'
(?060°) 39'. (F) 9 knots.
(N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 181142Z to Admty etc.)

MAURETANIA, In view of D.S.T. 121555A (N.T. in W.D.) not
DOMINION to you, R.I.N. crew have already embarked in
MONARCH, MAURETANIA. It was presumed that change over
STRATHMORE. to DOMINION MONARCH could take place in Suez if
considered necessary. D.S.T. 130009B received
after R.I.N. draft had sailed in STRATHMORE.
Your 171801C refers.
(P.S.T.O.India, 181218Z to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) D.S.T.
C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A. G.H.Q.M.E.)

Movements, FROBISHER, MASTERFUL arrived, sail SUSSEX, KENYA.
Kilindini. (F.O. East Africa, 181234Z to Admty)

O.21. Colombo arrival 18 June 0830Z Dutch S/M O.21.
(F.O. Ceylon, 181305Z to Admty etc.)

SHILLONG. Arrival.
(N.O.I.C.Calcutta, 181611Z to Admty etc.)

M.L's. Your 020914Z (Request dispositions for M.L's 1204
and 27 Flotilla L.C.55 Flotilla). Reasons for
your request not understood, since most of
vessels concerned do not appear to be of direct
interest to you.
(Head of M.11, 182149 to D.S.T.O. Bombay)

Shipping Proposed to promulgate Atlantic and Indian
Reference Ocean Standard Reference Positions in form of a
Positions. Signal Publication; this should enable present
system whereby they are issued by signal to be
dispensed with. (2) Requested any suggested
amendments or alterations to present ports and
positions be forwarded to Admty in order that their incorporation
may be considered.
(D.T.D. 182217B to C. in C. E.F., F.O.C. W.Af., C. in C. S.A.
A.C.N.B., (R) B.A.D.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West IndiesESCANABA
sunk.

New York, June 18th.
Navy Department announced today the loss of the coastguard cutter ESCANABA with all on board except two enlisted men. ESCANABA was 165 ft. long and had a displacement of 718 tons. Her normal complement was 60 officers and men. She was in command of Lieut. Cdr. Carl Uno Peterson. Later it was stated that ESCANABA was destroyed by an explosion of undetermined cause and sank almost immediately while on convoy duty in North Atlantic. The destruction of the vessel was seen from another coastguard cutter the STORIS.
(The Times, 19.6.1943.)

Minesweeping
Halifax.

My 170049. Mine bag Thursday 17th, 2.
One L.L. position 44.16 - 63.26 in area covered L.L. 4th, 9th, 13th, 14th and Oropesa 9th, 10th.
One floater not in sweep sunk gunfire 44.12 - 63.36.
Total mines destroyed 46, recovered 3, probably self sunk to date 3. My 050245 amended position mine sunk gunfire 44° 25' 30" - 63° 13' 45". My 170049. Correct position 44° 17' 40" 63° 15' 50".
(C.Halifax 180012Z to Admty. etc.)
My 180012. Mine bag Friday 18th nil. No changes in totals.
No sweeping today on account fog.
(C.Halifax 182315Z.)

ILE DE
FRANCE.

For your information, ILE DE FRANCE on arrival in New York about 8/7/43 as convoy T.A.50A will require to be taken in hand for thorough overhaul and drydocking. We are planning on her resuming service in the second half of August.
(D.S.T. 180214B to B.M.W.T. New York.)

BENTINCK.

New York departed 17th June.
(N.S.H.Q. 190409 to Admty.)

Movements
St. Johns N.F.

St. Johns N.F. June 17th. Departures LEAMINGTON and 71st M.L. Flotilla to Halifax. LINCOLN, MATAPEDIA, MONCTON, HEPATICA to O.N.S.10.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 180440Z to Admty.)

QUEEN MARY.

Cominch C. & R. info. Comeastseafon, Admty. N.S.H.Q. from P.D. New York. SS. QUEEN MARY arrived New York 161021Z. Above is originator's 161456. See your A.D.56. New subject. Cryptg. device used by P.D. New York is held by Navcom London.
(Radio Washington 180730Z to Admty.)

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Movements Summary.	1800 G.M.T. 18th June.			
	Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
	CORFU	08° N. 28° W.	Patrol	Blank
	WEST POINT	25° N. 33½° W.	270°	20½
	(D.O.D.(F) 181040Z to Opnav (R) Comnav.)			

G.S.24. Arrived 1600Z/17 at Argentia.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 181127Z to Admty.)

Escort Construction Bermuda working up.

1. In discussion with C. in C.W.A. a suggestion has arisen that, with exception of first two ships of each class and frigates which will be required for escorting QUEEN ELIZABETH, new construction escorts should remain at Bermuda sufficiently long to enable all essential A's and A's on completion to be carried out prior to working up.
2. Realized that it would be impossible for Bermuda to undertake any substantial amount of work for the large numbers of ships which will work up there. However, completion where possible of A's and A's at Bermuda will prove of considerable help in that it will reduce refitting work in home yards.
3. Any work therefore which can be accomplished in this connection will be appreciated.
(D.O.D.(H) 181145B to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) B.A.D. etc.)

U.S.A.T. Arrival Vieuxfort 17th U.S.A.T. HUGH J.GALLAGHER.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 181151Q to Admty.)

H.X.244.

1. You will be relieved by Mid-Ocean group C.3 BURNHAM H/F D/F (S.O.) SKEENA H/F D/F, BITTERSWEET, MAYFLOWER, LA MALBAIE, PICTOU and BARLE in Westomp position 044° 46' N. 049° 10' W. at 1900Z June 20.
2. "Chop" 1900Z June 21st.
(F.O.N.F. 181253Z to Ships escorting Convoy H.X. 244, (R) BURNHAM, C. in C.C.N.A. C. in C.W.A. C. in C.U.S.Fleet, Admty. Cdre. (D) W.A. N.S.H.Q.)

S.C.134.

1. Mid Ocean escort group B.2 HESPERUS H/F D/F (S.O.) WHITEHALL, HEATHER, CLEMATIS, GENTIAN, CAMPANUALA will join in Westomp 046° 00' N. 047° 25' W. at 1400Z June 20th.
2. W. S.C.134 3 ships (SS. BERKEL, SS. P.L.M. 13 and SS. WINSTON SALEM) escorted by NORTHERN FOAM and VIZALMA junction in 045° 53' N. 052° 23' W. at 1200Z June 19th.
3. "Chop" 1400Z June 21st.
(F.O.N.F. 181428Z to Ships escorting S.C.134, (R) C. in C.C.N.A. C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. C. in C.U.S.Fleet, Cdre. (D) W.A. Admty.)

S/M estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa est. of S/Ms north of 040° N. west of 040° W. 1200Z/18th June. Situation north of 040° obscure because of recent lack of W/T activity. No U-Boats considered in area.
(N.S.H.Q. 181437.)

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- WEAZEL. Modify my 192202 April. Sail H.M.R.T. WEAZEL Trinidad to Gibraltar direct. Urgently required in Mediterranean. Advise time of departure, route, S.O.A.
(Cominch 181503Z to Comcaribseafon (R) N.O.B. Trinidad, N.S.H.Q. Admty. etc.)
- DAYLIGHT, FLASH. Departure Port Castries 1900Z, H.M.Minesweeper DAYLIGHT with FLASH in tow.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 181505Q to Admty.)
- Japanese Hospital Ships. Ref. J.S.M.992 (172129Z.)
With-hold action until you receive Admiralty views which follow shortly.
(W.C.O. 181527Z to J.S.M.)
- MARIPOSA. Request continuous air cover for U.S.S. MARIPOSA as practicable route C. 38.35 N. 65.02 W.
D. 39.21 N. 52.30 W. E. 38.40 N. 39.08 W.
estimated position 2000Z/18 June 37.28 N. 71.47 W. speed 19 knots.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 181600Z to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C.
(R) F.O.N.F. Cominch, Admty. N.S.H.Q.)
This is repetition of P.D.Norfolk 180958. (Begins) N.O.B. Bermuda, Cominch C. and R. C.T.F. T.B.O. Radio Washington, C. in C.Lant, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, from P.D.Norfolk. Re my 171433. Departure Cape Henry 0939Z/18th June. T.O.O. 180958 (Ends.)
(Cominch C. & R. 181740Z to C. in C.C.N.A. Admty.)
1. MARIPOSA. 2. 180939Z Cape Henry. 3. Passing C. 191320Z speed 19. 4. "Chop" 232030Z Radio shift 20° W. 240700Z E.T.A. Casa 251700Z. 5. (Route).
(Cominch C. & R. 182106Z to Commorseafon.)
- O.N.S. Convoy Cycle. X N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 281640 May and A.M. 301030 May. Although the estimated number of presenters for July does not at present necessitate any change in existing trans-Atlantic convoy cycle the better weather conditions and more direct routing has reduced time on passage of O.N.S. convoys to an extent that, provided these conditions are maintained, an amendment to O.N.S. sailing dates to meet requirements of the W.L.E.F. can be made.
2. It is therefore intended to sail O.N.S. convoys 3 days later than present programme commencing with O.N.S. 12 which will sail on 3rd July.
3. This amendment is subject to proviso that should an O.N.S. convoy be unduly delayed on passage, the corresponding S.C. convoy should be delayed sufficiently to allow of a reasonable lay-over for mid-ocean escort at St. Johns.
4. Convoy schedule is therefore as follows. H.X. 245 23rd June then at 7 and 8 day intervals. O.N. 190 24th June then at 7 and 8 day intervals. S.C.135 27th June and at 11 day intervals. O.N.S. 11 19th June. O.N.S.12 3rd July then at 11 day intervals. (D.T.D. 181606B to N.S.H.Q. C. in C.W.A. (R) Connav, B.A.D. F.O.N.F. C. in C.C.N.A.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies - Contd.ENGADINE,
ATHENE.

1. U.S.Navy plan to return ENGADINE and ATHENE to British control on their next arrival in South Pacific Area.
2. ENGADINE should be available about 29th June and ATHENE about 7th July.
3. Cominch requests information as to what orders should be given to these ships and states that their services have been greatly appreciated.

(B.A.D. 181607Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

Dispositions. Section East.

C.L.71, THREE RIVERS 046° 35' 052° 43' 192° 7.
BARLE 047° 13' 052° 22' 010° 16. en route St. Johns N.F.

S.C.134, W.4 045° 47' 055° 19' 088° 7.5.

THUNDER, MISCOU en route (?Sydney C.B.) from S.C.134 FLINT, TEXADA 045° 59' 056° 33' 085° 10 altering to 008° in 052° 36' W. U.S.S. MOJAVE, TAMPA, ALGONQUIN escorting 3 vessels 046° 21' 056° 20' 243° 9.5 altering to 251° in 044° 42' N. and 060° 50' W. U.S.S. DALY STEVENS, SANTA ELENA departs Argentia 2359Z/18th to 043° 17' 059° 58' 19 knots.

CITY OF CAPETOWN 040° 40' 056° 40' 265° 14.5 knots.

SURPRISE 040° 30' 049° 40' 088° 15 altering to 062° in 040° 34' N. 048° 38' W. NORTHERN FOAM, (?HALMA) 047° 30' 052° 21' 115° 8 to join S.C.134.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 181630Z.)

My 181630Z. Add A.T.50 042° 11' 054° 51' 109° 19.5. altering to 084° in 042° 00' N. 054° 00' W.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 181635Z.)

Section South West H.X. 244 W.one 043° 19' 059° 45' 073° 9 altering in 043° 58' N. 056° 02' W.

CHELSEA, SHAWINIGAN vicinity (?045°) 30' 062° 00' from H.X.244 en route Halifax.

LEAMINGTON, 71st M.L.Flottilla 045° (?18') 058° 28' 252° 10 altering for Halifax in (?044°) 08' N. 066° 13' W.

B.W.32 departs Sydney at 2200Z June 18th for position 046° 01' 045° 31' 7 knots S.H.87.

TRAIL, CUCKMERE, HERSCHELL 045° 55' 059° 40' 231° 7.5 altering to 239° in 060° 42' W. B.X.58, 042° 41' 066° 58' 087° 7.5. altering to 047° in 065° 09' W.

TRILLIUM due Halifax from southwards 2200Z/18th N. Sub. K.15 unescorted 040° 30' 066° 40' steering 090°. E.T.A. 066° 17' W. 02(?37)Z/19th thence S.O.A. 11 knots.

(C. in C.C.N.A. 181700Z.)

X.B.58,
B.X.58.

Boston arrived 2051Z/17 June ST. ALBANS and GUYSBOROUGH escorting X.B.58. Boston sailed 2129Z/17 June ROXBOROUGH escorting B.X.58. (N.S.H.Q. 181711Z to Admty.)

S/M Estimate . (Cominch 181721Z.)

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ARVIDA. A.C.I.C's 180137 (re ARVIDA dry docked at Hvalfjord). Propose that ARVIDA should be sailed to rejoin C.5 escorting H.X. 245. (C. in C.C.N.A. 181745Z to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

POLYANTHUS. Your 172226Z June to Admty. Request POLYANTHUS proceed to St. Johns. (F.O.N.F. 181815Z to B.A.M.R. Washington (R) C. in C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. S.B.N.O.W.At.)

U.S.A.Ts. Departure San Francisco 16th June TABINTA (Dut.) for Suva. Arrival 16th June BLOEMFONTEIN (Dut.) Both U.S. Army Transports. (N.S.H.Q. 181905Z to Admty.)

SEMINOLE Cancel my 041931. SEMINOLE has arrived. (N.S.H.Q. 162046Z to Admty. Connnav.)

OCEAN VAGABOND (torp. 10th Jan.) Third Officer survivor from OCEAN VAGABOND which sailed from St. Johns 4th Jan. 1943 and joined convoy S.C.115 states that when ship subsequently lost convoy in fog on 7th Jan. no orders instructing return to port in such circumstances could be found. Ship therefore proceeded on Straggler Route and was torpedoed 10th Jan. 2. Request whether instructions in accordance with M.A.R.I. Section I para. 5 sub. para. 11 where given to Master. (D.T.D. 182049B to N.S.H.Q. (R) N.C.S.C. St. Johns N.F. C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F.) Reply: 201156.

"Chop" line S.W.Pacific. Request dispatch information, if without affecting the Area of strategic responsibility the altering of the "Chop" line between C. in C. Eastern Fleet and Cdr. S.W.Pacific Seafrontier from 110° E. to 100° E. to give more sea room for shipping diversion purposes only meets with approval of Admty. and C. in C.E.F. (Cominch C. & R. 182050Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

Sub attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. C. P.B.Y. sights periscope course 024 59.25 N. 23.15 W. 181440. P.B.M. sighted sub submerging course 090 24.22 N. 82.29 W. 181245. Para. D. C.G.MANASQUAN attacked sound contact 42.20 N. 66.05 W. 180115 S.C. 1060 sound contact 27.45 N. 89.28 W. 171313. Sub sighted 14.14 N. 63.55 W. 170935. Aircraft sights sub 43.45 N. 66.20 W. 171142. U.S.S. ROCKAWAY attacked sound contact 24.18 N. 74.21 W. 170705. P.B.M. Radar contacts 36.09 N. 73.42 W. 172130. BORIE and P.C.575 attack sub 06.43 N. 52.59 W. 171600. Sub sighted 19.58 N. 72.47 W. 160600. Army plane sights two oil slicks course 300 27.37 N. 90.04 W. 172118. (Cominch 182051Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

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BENTINCK. Amend E.T.A. to 1400 June 19th.
(BENTINCK 182057Z to N.O.B. Bermuda S.B.N.O.W.A.)

K.14. Direct Comsublant sail Neth. S/M K.14 when ready about 20 - 5 June New London to U.K. via
L. 40.30 69.35 M. 40.30 60.01 N. 42.30 52.30
O. 44.01 45.00. F.O.(S) requested to furnish onward route and instructions from point O.
Report T.O.D. S.O.A.
(Cominch 182246Z to Cinclant, (R) Admty. etc.)

Estimate of Future Shipping Losses. Revised estimate of losses for next 6 months and first 6 months of 1944 as agreed by Admty. and M. of W.T. are being signalled by letter to B.M.S.M. for use at C.M.T.C. meeting on Tuesday 22nd June. Following comments are for use of your representative at this meeting.
2. It will be noted that estimated loss rate for second half of 1943 is slightly higher than that experienced during first 5 months of this year. Reasons for this are:-
(a) Despite our recent successes, U-Boats are not yet defeated and may extend and augment their operations in areas where we are not so well prepared to deal with them.
(b) Enemy is endeavouring to counter attack by aircraft by aircraft by arming his U-Boats and remaining on surface, which may lead to a reduction in number of successful attacks by aircraft.
(c) Number of U-Boats is still increasing.
(d) To leave a small margin for adjustment in event of U.S. pressing for a lower rate of loss. In this connection we feel that whilst loss rate for dry cargo ships is about right, that for tankers is slightly on the high side having regard to large number of fast tankers now coming into service.
3. M.O.W.T. is advising B.M.S.M. of their views regarding the figures.
(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(U.T.) 182255B to B.A.D.)

T.F.62. My 151839 substitute FRANKFORD for CARMICK.
(Cinclant 182346 to C.T.F.62, (R) Comnavu, C.T.F. 29, C.E.S.F. Comdeslantflt, Cominch, Comdt. 5th Naval District.)
W.R.Note: Message circulated under 161051 from Comnavu re establishment of T.F.62.

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?Kiwi. U.S.S. RONAKI (255 tons) aground Kingston Reef Norfolk Island, no casualties, cargo believed salvageable. Japanese SS. attacked by A/C with depth charges 1100/17 N. of Efate. SS. again appeared 1300 15 miles W. of Efate. Attack continued. Enemy A/C attacked Allied positions Guadalcanal night 15, bombs fell in sea. 16 Dauntless, 12 Avengers with 24 Wildcats attacked Dairong supply Centre on East N.E. Georgia early morning 15. 20 tons dropped, two large fires started, large explosion seen. Five Marts were seen watching Bay on? morning 15. By D/F probably two SS. Louisade Area.
(C.W.R. Wellington 180002Z to Admty. etc.)

Digest serial No. 514 June 17th. Two merchant vessels sighted stationary in Buka Passage morning. No aircraft observed on Buka aerodrome.
2. Afternoon photos Rabaul reveal total 238 aircraft comprising six medium bombers and transports of which five damaged 13 light bombers including two unserviceable 56 single engined and 23 twin engined fighters whereof three each unserviceable at Lakunai 46 medium two light bombers 56 fighters at Vanakanau 30 medium bombers at Rapepo where coverage incomplete and three flying boats four float planes in harbour. 51 ships present in complete coverage of harbour. Only significant changes since previous coverage reveal four submarines present, previously damaged destroyer now has new bow in position, and 23 merchant vessels including one tanker totalling 105,000 tons.
3. One Liberator bombed Cape Gloucester Aerodrome forenoon and later attacked Finschhafen.
4. Ten B.25s whereof one also attacked Salamau bombed Townland Aerodrome area Madang morning.
5. 8 enemy medium bombers escorted by 22 fighters raided Bino Bena area midday 16th.
6. Same night two B.25s two Bostons in coastal sweep located 20 barges in Huon Gulf whereof five destroyed three probably destroyed one damaged. Also bombed strafed enemy positions this area also Marien Harbour (Pooke Island) and Cape Gloucester area.
7. Reported 486 enemy troops moved south along (indecipherable) track 15th.
8. Four enemy bombers ineffectually raided Port Moresby night 17th. Anti aircraft fire probably destroyed one aircraft.
9. One Liberator bombed Sorong noon. Reported sighting two small medium merchant vessels eight 29 sea trucks in vicinity.
10. Same time two other Liberators attacked Boela (Ceram Island) damaging buildings and starting fires. Also sighted two small merchantmen and many small craft at Waroe (22 miles south east of Boela.)
11. Four Catalinas bombed Lanrgoer Aerodrome night 16th/17th scoring direct hits on anti aircraft positions and starting fires
12. Enemy R/C aircraft over Darwin area morning 17th.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 180840Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements. Arrivals Thursday Island 17th CASTLEMAINE.
Cairns 17th BOWEN. Townsville 16th U.S. Destroyer SANDS 17th U.S. Destroyer GILMER, KATOOMBA
Brisbane 17th BUNDABERG, WARRNAMBOOL,
COLIMBAMUNDRA. Departures Fremantle 16th U.S.

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Movements. CHANTICLEER for Exmouth Gulf. Millingimbi 17th
(Contd.) INVERELL for Thursday Island. Milne Bay 17th
GYMPIE, KAPUNDA for Townsville, SWAN for Orobay.
Cairns 17th BOWEN for Port Moresby. Townsville
17th PIRIE for Milne Bay. Brisbane 17th U.S.

Destroyer CONYNGHAM on escort duty.

(N.B. Melbourne, 181313Z to Admty., etc.)

Arrival 17th June Fall River U.S. Transports VAN DER LIJN,
VAN HEUTSZ, ANHUI. Townsville U.S. Transports BOTH, HENRY T.
GIBBONS. Brisbane U.S. Transport PRESIDENT JOHNSON. H.T.
DUNTROON departed Townsville 17th due Port Moresby 20th. U.S.
Transport MAETSUYCKER departed Fall River 17th due Townsville
20th.

(Comsouwespaceseafron, 181656Z to Admty.)

Departure Brisbane 16th June MATSONIA (U.S.A.T.) for San
Francisco via Auckland. THOMAS H. BARRY (U.S.A.T.) Bora Bora
24th June.

(N.S.H.Q. (sic), 181717Z to Admty.)

Kiwi
No. 65.

Sound of heavy firing also explosions similar
depth charges heard in Vanua Lava, New Hebrides
1150M/18th. Estimated force 60 B 60 F attacked
Guadalcanal afternoon 16 and damaged allied
AK and L.S.T. 104 Allied F. engaged enemy 1607M
destroyed 32 D.B. 45 Zero fighters for loss of 6. Total Japanese
A/C destroyed by Allies South Pacific now 146 for this month and
1414 since July 31st, 1942. SS surfaced close to A/S net
Tulagi p.m./17th. Some indication shortage of barges Vella
Lavella, New Georgia area, many stranded barges not being
salvaged. 3 MARUs north Vella Lavella N.W. course, dusk 16th.
3 very heavy explosions from W.N.W. direction 0848M/18 early
morning 16th force 18 Avengers, 12 Dauntless escorted by 12
Corsairs attacked enemy base Sagigar, my 62 first para. refers.
Heavy damage. 2 3A US stationary Buka passage a.m./17th.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 182333Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty., etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 181350B, 181359B.)

Submarines Attacked.

Attacks
by U.S.N.
Aircraft.

The attack on a U-Boat by U.S.N. P.B.Y. Aircraft C/84 on 14th May, 1943, has been assessed as "Probably Sunk". 2. Request you will convey our congratulations to those concerned with this success. 3. Although we do not assess, we think that the attack by U.S.N. P.B.Y. Aircraft F/84 on 25th May, 1943, probably destroyed a U-Boat. (D.A/S.W.*182156B to Comnavu (R) Cominch, C. in C. W.A. H.Q. C.C.)* Approved 1st S.L.

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Saturday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Denmark
Strait
Patrol.

1. BERWICK left Hvalfjord at 1346B today to establish patrol "White" for outward-bound shipping.

Enemy
Unit.

2. An unknown enemy unit, believed to be a surface craft, was located by D/F at 2109Z yesterday within 75 miles of 72° N. 27° W.

Operations
"Musketry"
and "Seaslug".

3. WILD GOOSE and KITE, which were detached from E.G.2 at 0940Z today to search for a raft with 3 survivors sighted yesterday in 48° 5' N. 13° 27' W., were ordered at 1939B today to rejoin WOODPECKER and WREN on patrol in the "Musketry" and "Seaslug" areas; and STARLING left Liverpool at 1501B to reinforce this patrol.

New L.C.A.
Craft.

4. 35 new L.C.A. craft will be completing between 15th June and 1st July, and probably a further 25 by the 15th July; and all new construction L.C.A. craft are now being sent to Liverpool.

5. Three torpedo carrying Hampdens of Coastal Command on patrol off the south coast of Norway attacked two merchant vessels off Lister this morning and hit one vessel, of 2,500 tons and possibly the second ship also. A 3000 ton merchant ship was attacked a little later, 10 miles S.S.W. of Stavanger, but the result was not seen.

North Atlantic.U.S.
Movement.

6. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar reports that the U.S. Cruiser BOISE escorted by the U.S. destroyers NELSON and GLENNON passed Europa eastbound at 1830Z, but no knowledge of this movement, destination or route had reached him.

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attacked.

7. A U.S. Army Liberator attacked a surfaced U-Boat at 0625A in 35.30 N. 18.20 W. (120 miles N.W. of Madeira.) The enemy remained on the surface and fired back, but the aircraft dropped all its charges and obtained a perfect straddle with 6 350 lb. Torpex charges on the after part of the U-Boat from 100 ft. After a second attack the enemy lost headway and sank stern first at an angle of 45°. A large oil slick was seen. Com. Moroccan Seafron estimates the U-Boat as probably severely damaged.

Mediterranean.Air
Operations.

8. Ten Wellingtons of the N.W. African Strategic Air Force attacked Syracuse last night. The majority of the bombs burst across the port area. A torpedo Wellington attacked and hit and severely damaged a southbound 7000 ton tanker off Porto Vecchio (Corsica) last night. An hour later the tanker was seen settling in the water and spitting smoke or steam. 40 U.S. Liberators today bombed the ferry termini and railway sidings at San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria and shipping in the Straits of Messina. At both termini bursts were seen in the area of the ferry berths and elsewhere, but cloud prevented accurate observation.

U-Boat Campaign.

9. The general situation is very quiet, and Admiralty estimates of positions are indefinite.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Treatment
of
Vichy
A/C.

X It is proposed to issue instructions that all Vichy aircraft will in future be treated as hostile, and that S.D. 158(1), not to para. 9 be amended as follows: "Any aircraft whether civil or military clearly observed to bear Vichy French markings is to be treated as hostile unless flying singly and giving unmistakable evidence of friendly intention by not attempting to avoid pursuit or taking offensive action". (2) We shall be glad to know whether you have any objection and also whether this proposal conflicts with any instructions issued by the French North African Air Authorities.
(Air Ministry, 191113Z to H.Q. Med.)

Russian
procedure.

X Air Ministry, 161700Z. (1) Account of shameful conduct over visas is now on its way to you by air. Also mentioned in letter to C.I.G.S.
(2) Trouble over official mails is maddening, but, in this case, entirely fault of home authorities. Each service has broken the agreement with Russian over mails at times, and trouble ensues. No trouble over official mails if rules are obeyed. (3) Hope to settle question of personal mail in North Russia, satisfactorily, but it requires careful handling since Russians are technically within their rights, though they have only recently insisted on them as part of general policy of vexatious formalities.
(30 Mission, Moscow, 191245 to War Office)

PROTEUS,
UNTIRING.

Your 181617. Admiralty direct PROTEUS and UNTIRING to be made available to W.A.Command for 14 days A/S training from 29th June.
(F.O.S.191257B to Capt. S.3)

WHITE
HEATHER I,
GADWALL,
ANTRIM.

Comnas (N) 181455B. Propose that Motor Boat WHITE HEATHER I be renamed GADWALL. This craft is at present named ANTRIM, but this is expected to lapse in the very near future. My 171840B refers.
(F.O.I.C. N.I. 191710B to Admty)

L.C.A.
New
Construction.

X Your 151609. There will only be 35 new L.C.A. completing between June 15 and July 1st and probably a further 25 between July 1st and 15th. (2) All new construction L.C.A. are now being sent to Liverpool. (3) Para. 2 of your 212005May. Only 5 of these 12 L.C.A. had been delivered to HELDER before diversion to Liverpool took place.
(D.N.E. C.O.191711B to C.C.O)

Trawlers
for
Atlantic.

X C. in C. Portsmouth's 092030. (2) There is a requirement for large A/S Trawlers in the Atlantic. (3) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to transfer A/S trawler LORD WAKEFIELD to the Plymouth Command and sail her for Plymouth.

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Trawlers for Atlantic. (Contd.) On her arrival C. in C. Plymouth is requested to transfer CAPE COMORIN to the W.A. Command and sail her for Liverpool. (4) On completion of refit and on recommissioning, A/S trawler ASIE should be sailed for Tobermory to work up, thence for Plymouth. On her arrival C. in C. Plymouth is requested to transfer VICTRIX to W.A. Command and sail her for Liverpool.
(A.C.N.S. U.T. 191739B)

C. in C. Portsmouth's 092030. (2) There is a requirement for large A/S trawlers in the Atlantic. (3) C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to transfer A/S trawlers KINGSTON TURQUOISE and KINGSTON TOPAZ to the Rosyth Command and sail them for Granton, where they will join the 38th Auxiliary A/S Group. (4) On their arrival C. in C. Rosyth is requested to select the two most suitable for escorting from BRIMNES, LADY BERYL and STELLA CANOPUS, which should be transferred to the Orkneys and Shetland Command and sailed for Scapa. (5) On arrival of trawlers as in para. 4, A.C.O.S. is requested to transfer KINGSTON AGATE and KINGSTON AMBER to W.A. Command and sail them for Liverpool.
(A.C.N.S. U.T. 191740B)

Roseneath Force Flotillas. My 142124. Flotillas Nos. 593 to 599, 698, 699, 799 are to be formed at Roseneath commencing on 25th June, details and dates of joining of personnel allocated to Roseneath Force Flotillas to be arranged by Commodore Roseneath with QUEBEC direct. Instructions as to composition.
(C.C.O.191810B to Cdre. Roseneath)

Movements.

S/M Movements. My 171223B as amended by my 181215B. Sailed (SATYR and ULTIMATUM).
(S.O.S/M Lerwick, 190015B)
Sailed RUBIS escorted by Chasseurs 41 and 13, E.T.A. 1845/19th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 190722B)

Am sailing MINERVE escorted by an M.L. detailed by PHILANTE from 180° Sanda Island three miles at 1600B/20 to Larne, E.T.A. 1830B/20.

(Capt. S.3, 191101B to F.O.S.)

Am sailing STUBBORN, CUTTY SARK from Holy Loch 2100B/21 to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1800/23.

(Capt. S.3, 191111B)

Scapa departure ULTIMATUM escorted by LORD LLOYD at 1028.

(A.C.O.S.191122)

Intend to sail STUBBORN, UNIVERSAL, CUTTY SARK from 180° Garrock Head 2 miles at 2200B/20 to 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A. 1800B/22. (2) Thence STUBBORN, UNIVERSAL south.

(3) N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to sail CUTTY SARK to meet TRUSTY in 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 0500B/25 and escort her to Clyde.

(Capt. S. 3, 191129B and 210919B)

Positions /...

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Movements
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Positions of S/M's at 0800B/20 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S.191708)
My 191129B. Add 24 hours to all times in paras 1 and 2.
(Capt. S.3, 191714B and 192114B to A.I.G.220)

DAUNTLESS.

My position 055° 02' N. 010° 44' W. Course 075° to position A, route K. S.O.A. 19 knots. E.T.A. (?Farne Islands) Point 2100B.
(DAUNTLESS, 190600Z to C. in C. W.A.)

A.M.151249. From position (E) proceed to Chatham calling at Scapa for fuel if necessary. (2) C. in C. W.A. and A.C.O.S. are requested to route onwards as necessary.
(D.O.D.(H), 191150B to DAUNTLESS)

Cancel my 190600Z. My position at 1300Z 055° 35' N. 7° 20' W, proceeding Scapa for fuel and making good defect to main circulator, S.O.A.17 knots. A.M.191150B and C. in C. W.A. 191409B refer.

(DAUNTLESS, 191302Z to C. in C. W.A.)

E.T.A. 0545B/20.

(DAUNTLESS, 192241Z to A.C.O.S.)

T.G.92.4.

T.G.92.4 remains at Hvalfiord.

(C. in C. H.F.191000B to C.T.G. 92.4)

Your 182030 and my 191000. Practice will be arranged to suit your E.T.A.. Similar practices are under consideration for 24th in connection with visitors about whom you have been informed. (2) Intend carrying out search and a L.T. on your force by Swordfish aircraft after passing longitude 005° 30' W.

(C. in C. H.F. 191056B to C.T.G. 92.4)

Cancel my 191000. Proceed to Scapa with Task Group 92.4.

(C. in C. H.F. 191540B to C.T.G. 92.4)

My 182030. All times delayed 6 hours.

(C.T.G. 92.4, 191714B to A.C.O.S., A.C.I.C.)

Hvalfiord departure at 2025B Task Group 92.4. C. in C.

H.F.(101225) and 191540, Comtask Group 92.4 S.X.182030 and 191714 refer.

(A.C.I.C. 192120B to C. in C. W.A.)

RENOWN.

My 171539. E.T.A. Scapa 0740B/21st.

(RENOWN, 191035B to A.C.O.S.)

CUMBERLAND.

Proceed with moderate despatch, complete with fuel, and come to one hours' notice on arrival at Hvalfiord.

(C. in C. H.F.191135B to CUMBERLAND)

My 191135. Revert to normal notice on arrival.

(C. in C. H.F.191542B to CUMBERLAND)

Landing /...

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Landing Craft Flight H. My 151422B. Intend sailing Flight H. a.m/21st. (C. in C. Plymouth, 191313B to Admty, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

SOUTH DAKOTA. My 182030B. Departure delayed. Further signal will be made. (C.T.G. 92.4, 191515B to A.C.I.C., A.C.O.S.)

DIDO. On completion of practice tomorrow proceed to Liverpool so as to arrive Bar Light Vessel 1300B/21st. (ii) Routed by War Channels. (iii) On arrival act under the orders of C. in C. W.A. (C. in C. H.F. 191526B to DIDO)

Your 171450B Para (B). Hope to leave Liverpool, 24th June at latest. (DIDO, 191914B to Admty)

ECLIPSE (Force "H") Leave Scapa at 1130B/20th and proceed to Plymouth with convenient despatch routed through Minches North Channel Q.Z.L.15 and searched channels in force. (2) Subject to suitable weather you should endeavour to arrive by 1900B/21st. (3) On arrival act as ordered by C. in C. Plymouth prior to joining Force H (N) (R.A.D. H.F. 191820B to ECLIPSE)

Operations.

Coastal Force Patrols. My 181017B. "Jovial" returned at 2318 owing to weather. (F.O.I.C.Portland, 190008B)

(1) Intend M.L's 208 (S.O) 122 and 233 to patrol tonight on lat. 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W. (2) Leave Portland at W.215 via Q.Z.S.382 and leave patrol-line at dawn/20th returning via Q.Z.S.382. (3) Object. Anti E-Boat patrol. Codeword "Device". (F.O.I.C.Portland, 191140B)

(1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight to be carried out by S.G.B's GREY FOX, GREY OWL, M.G.B. 614, 615 from 0001B to 0400B on latitude 50° 25' N between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. (2) M.L.572, 346 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. (3) GLAISDALE, PYTCHLEY immediate notice at Yarmouth or if weather unsuitable for coastal forces GLAISDALE at St.Helens. (5) Communications. Codeword "Advent". Destroyers, Codeword "Service". (C. in C. Portsmouth, 191531B)

My 191140B. "Device" sailed 2222. (F.O.I.C.Portland, 192240B)

Denmark Strait Patrol. X Proceed to establish Patrol "White" in accordance with H.W.O.60 para. 7 for outward bound shipping. (C. in C. H.F.190502B to BERWICK)

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Denmark Straits Patrol. (Contd.) Your 190502. BERWICK sailed. (A.C.I.C.191346B to C. in C. H.F.)

Greenland Sea S/M Patrol. X O.15 sailed for patrol. (S.O.S/M Lerwick, 190613B to Admty) My 161349 May which was passed to shore authorities as my 161418 May. Mid position patrol-line CC and DD is to be shifted 180° 30 miles. (F.O.S.191151 to S/M's.)

Atlantic S/M Patrol. Cancel para. (A) of my 181541B and add new paras as follows. (H) HAKE leaves patrol so as to pass through 45° 30' N. 031° 05' W. at 0800B/20. (J) BARB leaves patrol so as to pass through 47° 20' N. 031° 50' W. at 0800B/20th. (K) BLACKFISH leaves patrol so as to pass through 44° 28' N. 031° 30' W. at 0800B/20. (F.O.S.190802B to Admty)

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug". X My 181720B/6. STARLING. Amend E.T.A. to read 1800B/21. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 191304B to C. in C. W.A.) My 181720. Amended by my 191304. Sailed STARLING. (N.O.I.C.Liverpool, 191501B) WOODPECKER and WREN carry patrol 25 miles 145° and 325° from 043° 30' N. 011° 45' W. commencing 0800B tomorrow 20th. (2) WILDGOOSE and KITE to rejoin WOODPECKER. (C. in C. Plymouth, 191939B to WOODPECKER)

SCYLLA Patrol. SCYLLA is to pass Gate at 2130B/19 and proceed to pass through position (F) 180° Bishop Rock 10. (G) 049° 21' N. 011° 02' W, thence towards position (H) 043° 29' N. 013° 15' W. (2) SCYLLA is to support E.G.2, SHIPPIGAN's convoy, and X.K.7 again attacked (?against attack) by surface forces. On reaching position (H) SCYLLA unless otherwise ordered is to patrol on approx. meridian of 013° 30' W. between 042° and 045° N. (4) 4 Narvik destroyers were in Gironde and La Pallice on the 13th June. (5) Codeword "Bailey". (C. in C. Plymouth, 191555B to SCYLLA)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/20 and movements for following 24 hours. (A) BARB 47° 20' N. 31° 50' W, probably on surface through 45° 10' N. 27° 01' W. at 0800/21. (B) HAKE 45° 30' N. 31° 05' W. probably on surface through 43° 25' N. 26° 02' W. at 0800/21. (C) BLACKFISH 44° 28' N. 31° 30' W. probably on surface through 42° 26' N. 26° 50' W. at 0800/21.

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(D) HADDO 53° 01' N. 22° 20' W. probably on surface to pass through 55° 02' N. 10° 30' W. at 0800/21. (E) O.15 approx. 62° 20' N. 00° 28' E. dived as much as practicable to patrol vicinity 63° 28' N. 01° 07' E. (F) ULA leaves Lerwick 0930/20 through 000° Muckle Flugga 8 miles thence to patrol vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 30' E, proceeding dived as much as possible when north of 62° N. (F.O.S.191708 to Admty)

Allied Air Activity.

Enemy
M/V
attacked.

One medium enemy vessel 57.48 N. 06.20 E, course 320, speed 10 knots. Result of attack unobserved. (A/C. 455 Sqdn. Duty C. 190800B to 18 Group) P.C.S. of one medium enemy vessel and 3 Escort Vessels are 58° 49' N. 05° 30' E. 010°, 7 knots. Result of attack - hits probable. (A/C, 455 Sqdn Duty K, 190803B to 18 Group)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland.

One enemy aircraft sighted at 1223B flying low over Grimsey 066° 34' N. 017° 58' W, course N.E. (A.C.I.C. 191316B)

Mining.

Thames
Estuary.

One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1257B/17 in 034° Tongue Sand Tower 5.45 miles. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 191004B)
One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 0954B/19 in 121° Sunk Head Tower 5.1 miles. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 191006B)
One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 0740B/18 in 186° Gunfleet Light 2.95 miles. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 191027B)

Lyme
Bay.

Proceeded at 0600 today. Sweeping operations in Q.Z.X. 1011 abandoned on account of bad weather. (GWEAL, 191310B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Enemy Intelligence.

Off North
Cape.

By D/F at 2109Z/18, unknown enemy unit, probably surface-craft, was within 75 miles of 72° 00' N. 27° 00' E. (D.D.I.C. 190215B to C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S.)

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U-Boats.

North
Atlantic.

A/S Sweep Potman by I/B/J/84 from 1407/18 to 0134/18. At 1650/18 I/84 sighted periscope breaking surface, in 59° 24' N. 23° 15' W. Course appeared to be 024 T/3. A/C altered course to attack but U/B submerged so no attack made.
(R.A.F. Iceland, 191416B to H.Q.C.C.)

Casualties and Defects.

M.L.1286.

Your 182135. M.L.1286 decking set up Port and Starboard Bow. Dinghy crushed. Starboard propeller shafting jammed. Deck fittings carried away. Propose effecting temporary repairs at Irvine and then returning to SEAHAWK or as directed by them.
(M.L.1286, 190023B to S.N.O.V.)

PUFFIN.

Intend to take PUFFIN in hand for boiler cleaning at Harwich at 0700/22nd. Ship ready for sea 2359/26th.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 190952B)

Raft.

Raft with 3 survivors and sail was sighted 1520B/18th in position. (A) 048° 05' N. 013° 27' W. Detach 2 ships to pass through position (B) 048° 50' N. 012° 01' W. thence through position (A), thence rejoin unless further information of sighting has been sent.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 190955B to WOODPECKER)
Your 190955B. WILD GOOSE and KITE detailed. My P.C.S. 047° 46' N. 011° 18' W. 190° 14 knots.
(WOODPECKER, 190940Z to C. in C. Plymouth)
My 190955B. Liberator Aircraft of 224 Squadron will co-operate from approx. 1900B/19th. Will home you on 500 K/cs.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 191207B to WOODPECKER)

LORD
INCHCAPE.

LORD INCHCAPE delay in sailing occasioned by defective main engine air-pump and governor gear on additional generator. Anticipate vessel will be available for sea trial on 24th June.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 191304B to Admty)

PHOEBE.

On arrival in U.K. about 8th July PHOEBE will be taken in hand by Vickers Barrow for fitting "A" turret and other work.
(D.O.D.(F) 191316B to C. in C. W.A.)

TRITELLIA.

Your 151206. H.M. Trawler TRITELLIA can be taken in hand by Messrs Shields Engineering Co., North Shields, on 28th June for refit.
(D.O.D.(H), 191323B to A.C.I.C.)

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UNTAMED. F.O.S's 171906B. Position at 1600B/19 185°
Iron Rock Ledges Buoy 2 miles. 2 lifts in past
24 hours have reduced draught to 19 fathom.
Weather now deteriorating. It is intended to
reduce draught to 15 fathoms on Arran side and then proceed to
Killdalloig Bay where second lifting-craft will be secured and
draught reduced 30 feet, after which wreck will be brought
into Eastern end of Campbeltown Loch and draught further reduced
until upper-deck is clear of water. Lifting operation will
take at least 12 tides; passage to Killdalloig Bay, securing
of second lifting craft, and passage into Campbeltown Loch
will take approximately another 4 days, under most favourable
weather conditions. No evacuation of personnel can therefore
be expected for at least 10 days.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 192015B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

VEDA. After towing VEDA to Clovelly Road proceed and
rejoin convoy.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 192305B to RUBY.)

Shipping and Convoys.

T.A.49. My 150214B para. 3. Embarkation and sailing
(EMPRESS OF dates delayed by 24 hours.
SCOTLAND) (D.S.T.190103B)

O.N.S.12. Owing to postponement of O.N.S.12, the last
connecting convoys will now be F.N.60 and E.N.
50 but ships in E.N.50 should be routed to Loch
Ewe and not Oban for this convoy.
(D.T.D. 190228B)

My 042101Z. O.N.S.12 will sail on July 3rd and subsequent
O.N.S. convoys will sail every 11 days.
(C. in C. W.A. 191634Z)

W.S.31/ My 171014. "Wiseacre" sailed.
K.M.F.17. (N.O.I.C. Cardiff, 190300B)
My 171817. Sailed "Peacock I"
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 191300B)

O.S.50/ Sailed ENCHANTRESS, FOLKESTONE, LEITH, ABERDEEN,
K.M.S.17. ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS, VIOLET for O.S.50.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 191001B)
(A) 1200Z/19th. (C) E.G.38 ENCHANTRESS H/F D/F
(my 191507) LEITH H/F D/F, VIOLET, ANCHUSA,
COREOPSIS for Freetown. ABERDEEN, H/F D/F, FOLKESTONE H/F D/F
to Gibraltar. COLUMBINE joins O.S.50 from Gibraltar.
Escort oiler K.M.S.17 R.F.A. ORANGELEAF. (D) O.S.50 - 21 K.M.S.
17 - 38. (E) Cdre. H.C. Forsyth in SANSU Vice Cmdre. of
Convoy and Cmdre. K.M.S. 17 R.D. Binks in HELENCREST.
(F) Combined 457 O.S.50 458. (G) Combined VY O.S.50 ZP.
My 191515Z June follows.
(C. in C. W.A. 1502Z, 191507Z to F.O.I.C. W.Af. F.O.I.C. Gib.)
Note: Part of this signal has already been circulated under
T.O.O.191502.

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O.S.50/
K.M.S.17.
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Ships in O.S.50 Names.
(C. in C. W.A.191515Z)
K.M.S.17. BARON RAMSAY, MERKLAND, STANHOPE,
PENDEEN - 4 ships for Lisbon.
HELENCREST R/T, FORT ABITIBI. M/F R/T, FORT
NIPIGON M/F R/T, EMPIRE NIGHTINGALE, ANGLO
INDIAN carrying toxic gases, ORANGELEAF M/F R/T escort oiler (R.F.
A.), BLAIRESK, TREVAYLOR, LYSAKER V (Nor), CORCREST, KRISTIANIAF-
JORD (Nor.), RICHMOND HILL, ROBERTS, ABERCROMBIE, 14 ships for
Algiers. DUMFRIES Algiers/Oran. DALCROSS R/T Algiers/Philip-
peville. PENTRIDGE HILL, EVVIVA (Nor.) 2 ships for Bone.
CROMARTY- Bougie. SALTWICK, BARON DOUGLAS, BARON RUTHVEN,
EMPIRE FAL, EMPIRE HARP, BALTEAKO, EMPIRE CANDIDA, VIGSNES (Nor),
COMO, 9 ships for Gibraltar.
MARGA (Nor), DORNOCH 2 ships for Philippeville. STAD MAASSLUIS
(Du.) Philippeville/Bone. NORFALK (Nor), BONE/Philippeville.
FORT LAIRD ND., FORT SENNEVILLE ND., 2 ships for Casablanca.
(C. in C. W.A. 191525Z to F.O. Gibraltar)

K.M.S.20. EMPIRE SAMSON, PROSPEROUS.
Above Rescue Tugs are due to sail with K.M.S.20
from Clyde July 4th.
(Capt. Rescue Tugs, 191120B)

BEN-MY-CHREE. Intend to sail loaded transport BEN-MY-CHREE from
Cromarty 1545B/23 21 knots routed to 060° 54' N.
005° 45' W. E.T.A. Thorshaven, 0801B/24.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 191307B to C. in C. Rosyth)

H.X.243. My 191330. If necessary intend to detach
BROADWAY early to save daylight at Londonderry
in order to (A) Turn over to Gatineau if present
(B) land C.B. and settle accounts before
proceeding Belfast.
(C.2, 191335Z to Cdre. D. W.A.)

H.X.243 slow. Detail LANCER to escort Liverpool section.
No local escort available. (2) 1 escort is to be detailed to
escort Loch Ewe Section from splitting position to 057° N, ships
thence unescorted.

(C. in C. W.A. 191338B to Escorts H.X.243)

Merchant ship MOSLI is urgently require'd at Scapa.
(2) N.O.I.C. Aultbea is to detail an escort to rendezvous MOSLI
off Loch Ewe Buoy and to escort her to Hoxa. (3) If arrival
of MOSLI can be expedited she is to be detached forthwith with
one escort to Barra Head thence proceeding unescorted to R/V.
(4) BROADWAY is to report E.T.A. MOSLI at Loch Ewe Buoy.

(C. in C. W.A. 191559B to Escorts H.X.243)

Your 191559B. MOSLI going full speed to keep up with
convoy will detach with other Loch Ewe ships. E.T.A. Loch Ewe Buoy 2200Z/20

(C.2, 191600Z to C. in C. W.A.)

C. in C. W.A.'s 191734B. Amend my 191022Z to read (B)

0600Z.

(B.1, 191652Z to A.I.G.185)

Your 191335Z. There is no urgency. GATINEAU not
expected at Londonderry till 24th June.

(C. in C. W.A. 191754B to BROADWAY)

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- S.L.130. (1) 1 Escort, not SPIREA, is to be detailed to escort Loch Ewe Section from splitting position LN to 057° N. Ships thence unescorted.
(2) AQUAMARINE will relieve the escort of Liverpool Section.
(C. in C. W.A. 191343B to SCARBOROUGH)
- K.M.S.18B. Admiralty 172350. A/S escort (A) to sail from Clyde TEVIOT (S.O), RHODODENDRON, HYDERABAD, OXLIP. (B) to join from Liverpool at Oversay R/V BERGAMOT and BRYONY (C) to join from Londonderry at Oversay R/V ERNE and BANFF.
(C. in C. W.A. 191604B)
W.D. Note: See also C. in C. W.A. 201153B.
K.M.S.18/19. N.O.I.C. Cardiff's 181247B. EMPIRE NERISSA and CAPE HOWE escorted by KINGSTON BERYL join group at seaward end Q.Z.S.184 at 0330B/21st. One trawler leaves group daylight 21st and return to Milford Haven.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 191605B)
- W.S.31/
K.M.F.17. Sailed in accordance with my 171226B June. Codeword "Peacock".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 192246B to Admty, C. in C. W.A. etc.)
Route etc.
(N.O.I.C.Greenock, 192248B)
- Zig-zag diagrams. Insert new Zig-zag diagram No.44. Night Zig-zag. The night Zig-zag is 20° either side of the mean course, course being altered 20° to port at five minutes past the hour, 40° to port at twenty and forty minutes past the hour, 40° to starboard at ten, thirty and fifty minutes past the hour, and 20° to port at fifty five minutes past the hour. Thus the mean course will be steered from fifty-five minutes past the hour to five minutes past the next hour. The Zig-zag is to be ordered to commence at an exact ten minutes past the hour and is then to commence with an alteration of 20° in the appropriate direction (D.S.D. 192318B : "A" Message 112ABZ)
- Through convoys Loch Ewe to London. Admiralty 122020 and C. in C. Rosyth 131413 both June. No difficulty is foreseen in running convoys from Loch Ewe direct to London provided the requisite escorts are available and convoys can proceed through the Pentland Firth at any time of the 24 hours. (3) Consideration should be given to the following observing that most of these vessels will be strange to the North Sea and some of them American manned. (A) Provision of North Sea Pilots at Loch Ewe. (B) East Coast Commodore to embark at Loch Ewe and take over at May Island. (C) Stop press sheets to S.R. route book to be supplied at Loch Ewe. (3) Northbound ships should sail in Fast F.N. Convoys only. (4) In the event

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of a bad passage between Loch Ewe and the Forth the strain on Masters will be considerable and it may be advisable to put into Methil for 24 hours. (5) Cancellation of an F.S. Convoy will often re-act on Channel Convoy sailings. It is therefore considered desirable to run seven days a week. (6) Time of passing No.4 buoy will vary with the time of year. (7) Every endeavour should be made to degauss these ships as well as possible as risk of mining is always present in some degree South of Flamborough Head. (8) I concur in para.5 of C. in C. Rosyth's 131413. It is most desirable that the destroyers from Rosyth and Nore Commands now lent to Force V and C. in C. Plymouth should return by 20th August. (9) A conference is desirable to arrange details.
(C. in C. Nore 192345B to Admt)

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VULCANIA, / Following received from S.B.N.O. VULCANIA (beginning
communication F.O.I.C. Gib. for Admty. Your 162127
with Italian (N.T. in W.R. but Admty. 152222B refers).
Govt. etc. No communication between Governor Caroselli and
Italian Government takes place except with
sanction of S.B.N.O. and through medium of
British telegraphist. Governor Caroselli
requested permission to communicate with his Government on
ground that family broadcast was permitted by Admty. on
previous voyage and that its cancellation had not been
submitted to Italian Gov. S.B.N.O. considers message justifiable
and it was passed by British operator T.O.O. 182114Z June
(ends).

(F.O. Gibraltar, 190821B to Admty).

Following received from S.B.N.O. VULCANIA. (begins) -
F.O.C. Gibraltar for Admty. Ref. A.M.152221. Great difficulty
was experienced at St. Vincent in preventing private trading
between gunboats and Italian crew owing to impossibility
of using force against neutral subjects in neutral port.
Every precaution was taken to prevent unauthorized communication
and none came on board this ship to my knowledge and none was
intercepted. On each call at St. Vincent a few provisions
(coffee, fresh fish and fruit) have been allowed but they have
always been thoroughly examined when taken on board.
T.O.O.182147Z June (ends).
(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 190833 to Admty).

G.U.S.8 Add the following to my 0710/10 (Circulated as
100719Z) (list).
(C.M.S.F., 190830Z, to P.D. Norfolk).

U/B attacked Army Liberator attacked surfaced U-boat 035° 30'
by A/C. N., 018° 20' W. at 0625A. Enemy remained
surfaced and fired during attack. All charges
dropped. Large oil slick only result.
(C.M.S.F., 190925Z to S. and A. in Area X. of
Med., Station (R) Cominch, Admty. Cdr. U.S.
Naval Forces, C.T.G.65.5,C. in C. Med.,)

My 190925. Plane obtained perfect straddle with 6 350
pound Torpex charges after part of U-boat from 100 feet (?and)
Intervalometer setting 60 feet. Second attack Z charges same
setting. Enemy lost headway and sank stern first at 45° angle.
Evaluation probably severely damaged.

(C.M.S.F., 191705 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet, (R) Admty.
Com. U.S. Nav. Forces N.W. African Waters, C. in C. Med.
C.T.G.65.5).

CLAN CAMERON Ex K.M.S.16, delayed here owing to engine
defects. Repairs estimated completion 28th.
Full report follows by air mail.
(S.T.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 190929 to D.S.T.)

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- Dispositions. Situation at 2001B/19th.
C.G.38 P.C.480, 034° 15' 007° 47' through 035° 45' 006° 30' to Gibraltar 7½.
2. U.G.F.9 A, C.T.G.65.5 036° 20' 014° 17' 093° 13½.
3. BERMUDA, 036° 55' 010° 29' through 036° 20' 009° 58' to Gibraltar 25.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 191026B).
Add new para. (4) to my 191026B. Fleet Unit sails Gibraltar 2000B/19th through 036° 15' 008° 31' thence 302° 16.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 191316B).
Situation 2002B /19th.
- Y.1. (?223 or 324) 1 Merchant Ship 026° 08' 015° 35' through 028° 07' 013° (?46') thence 036° 12.
2. P.56 (USURPER) 041° 42' 010° 01' 180° 7/2 diving by day.
3. TRUSTY 042° 55' 010° 28' 359° 9½/2½ diving by day.
4. S.L. 131 FOWEY 024° 16' 017° 20' 042° 7½.
5. U.G.F.9 C.T.G. 65.2 and 65.3, 031° 04' 016° 27' 053° 13.
6. 2 Swedish relief ships, 035° 24' 012° 266° 12.
7. X.K.7, MOLDE, (E) 040° 40' 013° 57' 328° 5.
8. U.G.F.9 A, C.T.G., 65.5, 036° 20' 014° 17' 093° 13½.
9. Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 039° 15' 011° 01' through 040° 01' 011° 30' thence 001° 14.
10. BERMUDA 036° 55' 010° 29' through 036° 20' 009° 58' to Gibraltar 25.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 191044B).
- M.K.S.15. Intend sailing (list, 16 ships, cargoes).
(F.O. Gibraltar, 191519B to Admty).
- Albacores Provision of reserve aircraft.
(Head of Air Branch 191520B to F.O.I.C. Gib).
- SPORTSMAN Amend route through 037° 00' 003° 08' at 2000/19 038° 07' 003° 08' 0430/20th 039° 52' 006° 24' at 0200/22nd, 042° 58' 007° 42' at 0030/24th. Acknowledge.
(Capt. S.8., 191542B to P.229 (SPORTSMAN) (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S/M Flotilla, C. in C. Med., F.O.C. Gibraltar, CASABIANCA).
- G.T.X.2 Admty. 121542B and 171900B/June. Repetition of your 311752B/May does not indicate that ships actually sailed. Request sailing telegram in accordance with C.B.04024(41) Art.88.
2. Essential for Admty. to have this information in order to keep a complete check on all shipping (D.T.D., 191631B to F.O. Gibraltar) Reply: 210918.

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ORDUNA, Your 191100 (W.R. Signal requesting repetition)
MAYO. Following is a repetition of C.M.S.F.F. 161320
(begins) Addressed C. in C. Med., Admty.
N.O.B. Casa. Comfairwing 15, Aluslo Gibraltar.
A.H.Q. Gibraltar all information, action to
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, from Commorseafron, ORDUNA escorted by U.S.S.
MAYO sailed as my 152220. T.O.O. 161320Z.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 191726B to Admty).

U.S.S. BOISE, U.S. Cruiser BOISE escorted by U.S.S. NELSON and
NELSON, U.S.S. GLENNON passed Europa eastbound at
GLENNON. 1830B/19th June.
2. No knowledge of this movement destination
or route received by me.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 191840B to C. in C. Med.
(R) Admty. B.A.D.)

Movements B.L.S.T. 421 and 159. B.Y.M.S.19, P.C.480
Casablanca. departed for Gibraltar.
(Commorseafron, 191940 to C. in C. Med).

Movements Arrivals. TROUBRIDGE ex M.K.S.15 A. ST. NECTAN
Gibraltar. ex escort duties Huelva. French ship L'ALCYON,
French submarine ORPHEE from Casablanca. French
ship RENONCULE ex escort duties west. L.C.T.
592, 601 defective ex flight F.
Departures U.S.S. NIBLACK to Oran.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 192108B to Admty etc).

FOZ DO Your 161721. In the circumstances, as a
DOURO, special case, no objections provided U.S. agree.
Red Cross 2. Presumably Axis consent will be necessary.
passages. (Head of M.I. Approved A.C.N.S. (F), 192112B
to N.A. Lisbon (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Shipping A.M. 101238. Your 110945 and F.O.C.W.Af. 170750.
Routes. Request report whether you have received coloured
route schedules.
(D.T.D., 192341B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C. Med., F.O.C.W.Af.) Reply. No.
(211501B).

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CORINTHIAN. Is required for use as C.W. Training Ship in Home Waters. Request you will sail her for U.K. as soon as practicable.
2. Destination will be signalled later.
(D.O.D.(F) Approved on T.S.D. 316/43, to F.O.C.W.A.
(R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.W.A.)
Reply: 211324Z.

KHEDIVE Your 192050. On 16th June estimated completion
ISMAIL. date was 23rd June.
Fire broke out during night 17th June causing further delay in drydock and date of readiness is now 27th June, M.W.T.R. Durban report is incorrect and date quoted is as accurate as can be forecast at present.
(D.S.T.O. Durban 190703Z to D.S.T. (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

SUFFOLK. Arrived.
(Com. i/c Durban 190801Z to Admty. etc.)

Shipping Reference Positions. F.O.C.W.A. 171719 (re proposed standard reference position be used to route signals from West African Ports.)
Agree as regards ports named but consider additional positions in mid-ocean redundant as latitudes and longitudes concerned are easily obtained if required from existing standard positions.
(C. in C.S.A. 190822B to Admty. (R) F.O.W.A.)

CORFU. Movements Summary at 1800 G.M.T. 19th June.
08° N. 28° W. on patrol.
(D.O.D.(F) 191001Z to Opnav (R) Commaveu.)

B.Y.M.S. My 071311Z*, June cancelled.
(F.O.W.A. 191001Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, B.N.L.O. West Africa.) * Sailing B.Y.M.S. 11,12,20 28, to Takoradi.)

Movements Arrived 0615Z QUERCY, SNOWDROP, M.L. 278.
Dakar. (Comar Dakar 191036Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)
Arrived 1830Z/18th STANDELLA escorted by BELLWORT, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES. Arrived 1800Z/18th, R.619.
(Comar Dakar 191039Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

Weekly State. No. 008, Weekly State South Atlantic Station 19th June.
Capetown Area ASTER, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN DUKE, CANADIAN STAR, ETHIOPIAN.

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Weekly State. Capetown to Durban FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE,
(Contd.) WELLARD, SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.
Durban to Capetown THYME, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO,
NORWICH CITY.
Durban Area ROHILKHAND, NIGELLA, COVENTRY CITY,
STELLA POLARIS, CAPE WARWICK, DRANGEY, NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT,
NIZAM, ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS, QUIBERON, REVENGE, MANCHESTER CITY.
Saldanha Bay SPINDRIFT.
Capetown MEAD, CECILE MAPLESON, KELT, ARCTIC EXPLORER, ROCKROSE,
ST. LOMAN, M.L.S.107.
Simonstown P.552, H.D.M.L. 1150, M.Ls, 381,830,P.614, LEWES,
VIRGINIA, HAWKINS, CATTERICK, BARWIND.
Port Elizabeth NORTHERN ISLES, MARGUERITE, SPHENE, CARNARVON
CASTLE.
East London TULIP, EMPIRE GOBLIN.
Durban AETOS, CORSICA, M.Ls. 1200, 1197, 1198, 1199, JASMINE,
SONDRA, QUICKMATCH, KIRRIEMOOR, LADY ROSEMARY, VIVIAN, NORTHERN
CHIEF, GENISTA, B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7 and 8, LE TIGRE, FALMOUTH,
FREESIA, CARADOC, VERBENA, SUFFOLK, ALLIGATOR, PRUDENT.
(C. in C.S.A. 191116B.)

Dispositions. Situation 192004Z.
M.L. 1160, M.L. 1137 escorting $005^{\circ} 52' 010^{\circ} 22'$
coastwise to south east 6.
COMMANDANT DETROYAT, F.F.S. about $004^{\circ} 25' 005^{\circ} 35'$
mins. to Cape Palmas 10.
M.L. 265 off Port Bouet, CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, ORFASY, ST. WISTAN,
TURCOMAN with T.S 45, $004^{\circ} 33' 002^{\circ} 01'$ to $005^{\circ} 04' 003^{\circ} 50'$
thence $269^{\circ} 7'$.
SARABANDE, M.L. 272 off Port Bouet, M.L. 1006 off Lorne, M.L.
296 off Grand Popo, M.L. 1014 off Contonou, BURDOCK $003^{\circ} 27' S.$
 $010^{\circ} 13' E.$ to Boma 14.
CORFU $007^{\circ} 36' 025^{\circ} 18'$ to Freetown 15.
(R.A.W.A. 191143Z.)
Situation at 192003Z.
FOWEY, MALLOW, F.S. LA MALOUINE, MYOSOTIS, CAMPION, STONECROP
with S.L. 131, $024^{\circ} 28' 017^{\circ} 05' 042^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$.
KEPPEL, O.R.P. BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, F.F.S. LOBELIA, F.F.S.
ACONIT, 2 M.Ls. with O.S.49, $017^{\circ} 33' 018^{\circ} 02' 180^{\circ} 8\frac{1}{2}'$.
ALCANTARA $017^{\circ} 26' 018^{\circ} 30' 000^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$.
DUNKERY escorting $021^{\circ} 21' 017^{\circ} 18' 020^{\circ} 5\frac{1}{2}'$.
(R.A.W.A. 191142Z.)
Situation at 2000Z/19th June.
F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA $034^{\circ} 55' 020^{\circ} 10'$ coastal to Durban 11
knots.
FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, WELLARD, CEDARBERG with C.D.23 (5
ships) $034^{\circ} 05' 026^{\circ} 05'$ coastal to Durban 8 knots.
THYME, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO, NORWICH CITY, IMMORTELLE with D.C.
31 (16 ships) $033^{\circ} 45' 027^{\circ} 00'$ coastal to Capetown 8.
CAPE WARWICK, DRANGEY with L.M.D. 22 (one ship) $028^{\circ} 05' 032^{\circ} 50'$
to Durban 8 knots.
REVENGE, QUIBERON, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM $026^{\circ} 35' 034^{\circ} 40'$ to
 $029^{\circ} 02' 032^{\circ} 55' 13\frac{1}{2}'$.
NIGELLA, STELLA POLARIS, COVENTRY CITY, MANCHESTER CITY,
ROHILKHAND with D.N.48 (13 ships) $023^{\circ} 40' 036^{\circ} 35'$ to $022^{\circ} 038^{\circ} 8'$
(C. in C.S.A. 191146.)

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(Contd.) N.C.17 (4 ships) unescorted 026° 40' 014° 30'
to 027° 10' 014° 30' 9.
ASTER, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN DUKE, INDIAN STAR,
ETHIOPIAN with C.D.25 (12 ships) 029° 25' 016° 30'
to 028° 30' 015° 30' 8.
(C. in C.S.A. 191202B.)

SAVORGNAN Capetown departure 0830Z/19th June SAVORGNAN DE
DE BRAZZA. BRAZZA for Durban routed coastwise. S.O.A. 11
knots. E.T.A. Durban 0600Z/22nd June. Shift
to W/T organization J. A.G. 1400Z/21st June.
(C. in C.S.A. 191234B to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. 1. Intend to sail B.Y.M.S. 11,12,13,20 and 28
at 1800Z/20 to Gibraltar calling at Dakar and
Casablanca for fuel. Route (A) 11.01 N. 17.20 W.
(B) 14.33 17.26 thence Dakar, S.O.A. 8½ knots

E.T.A. 0700Z/23.
2. Comar Dakar is requested to sail B.Y.M.S. by coastwise route
to Casablanca, reporting time of shifting to Med. Q.D.S. T.
organization.
3. Commorseafron is requested to sail B.Y.M.S. to Gibraltar.
4. W/T guard. 5. Recoding tables.
6. Call signs and signal letters.
(F.O.C.W.A. 191336Z to Comar Dakar, Commorseafron (R) Admty.
C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

T.S.45. T.S.45 sailed 1700Z/19th route "Bayswater" S.O.A.
6.75 knots, E.T.A. Freetown 0600Z/25th,
stragglers route close inshore, no positions given.
List, etc. Convoy code word "Jingo".
(Takoradi 191704Z to Admty.)

Sailed 1700Z/19th June, T.S.45 escorted by CORINTHIAN (S.O.
Escort) CROCUS, TURCOMAN, ORFASY, ST. WISTAN, COMMANDANT DETROYAT,
F.F.S. R/V at sea daylight 21st June. Route "Bayswater" S.C.A.
6.75 knots. E.T.A. Freetown 0600Z/25th June.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 191821Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. Admty. N.O.I.C. Lagos)

GLOIRE. Intend to sail GLOIRE 1800Z/20 for Ile de Salut
(French Guiana) with troops embarked.
2. S.O.A. 20 knots E.T.A. first light 25th June,
routed from Goree Island through position C.X.
12 N. 23 W. G. 12 N. 32 W.
3. GLOIRE has British Liaison Staff with cruiser sets S.Ps.
Shifts from group F.T. to Washington broadcast 1800Z/22 which
watch kept until arrival Trinidad.
4. Sails from Ile de Salut p.m. either 25 or 26 for Trinidad.
S.O.A. 20 knots (route). E.T.A. will be signalled 6 hours
before arrival on port wave (1650 k/cs.)

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5. F.O.I.C. Trinidad is requested to sail GLOIRE after two days at Port of Spain for New York. (Comar Dakar 191706Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty. Cominch N.S.H.Q. F.O.I.C. Trinidad, Cinclant, B.A.D. S.B.N.O.W.At.)

Movements,
Bahia.

Arrival 18th Brazil Cruiser RIO GRANDE DO SUL Minelayers CARIOCA, CAMAQUAM. Departure 19th Minelayer CARMAQUAM. (R.O.Bahia 191836Z to Admty.)

Movements
Takoradi.

Arrival 19th June M.L. 274. Departure 19th June M.L. 302 Lagos E.T.A. 0800Z/21st escorting. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 191906Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

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Enemy Unit. Following read: P.C. and S. of one enemy motor vessel 41.45 N. 9.33 E. 180°, 6 knots. (A/C UAD/B, 190040Z.)

TRESPASSER M.Ls. M.L.565 lost touch at 0330 in 036° 49' 002° 30'. M.L.460 detached to search. Neither seen since. Am proceeding Algiers with other 2 M.Ls, E.T.A. 0730. (P.312 (TRESPASSER), 190616 to Cdre. Algiers, Capt. (S) 8, (R) C. in C. Med.)

Movements. 18th June 1943 arrivals ABDIEL. Departures ABDIEL, IERAX. (S.O.(I) Beirut, 190842 to Admty., etc.)

M.E. Air Report. A.682, 19th June. Daily Opsum 52. 17th/18th June. 4 Liberators (B.24) 10 Halifaxes Comiso aerodrome, 3 Halifaxes returned early engine trouble. Remainder bombed. 18th June. 3 Beaufighters anti-shipping R/C west coast Greece. 1 Schooner 200 tons, 1 small caique attacked off Cape Katakalo. Many? cannon strikes but damage unobserved. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 190914Z.)

Convoy Movements, Reports for N.S.H.Q. X F.O.C. Gibraltar 031803 being passed to Admty. Para. 2 of N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's signal is already complied with. 2. To comply with para. 1 would complicate orders and increase signal traffic. 3. Suggest that Ottawa obtains information required from Admiralty or Connav. (C. in C. Med., 190951B to Admty., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.S.H.Q.) W.D. Note:- See Admty. 201837B to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.

Movements, Alexandria. Arrivals 18th June GERALDTON, CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, WOOLONGONG, DERBY, ABERDARE, M.T.B.261, PAUL COUNDOURIOTIS. Departures 18th June BEAUFORT, ALDENHAM, EXMOOR, PRIMULA, FAREHAM, WOLBOROUGH, KANARIS, SAKTOURIS, ASPIS, F.F. S/M PROTEE. (S.O.(I) Alexandria, 191023C to Admty., etc.)

K.M.S.16. Arrived EASTERN CITY, JOHN LAWRENCE, JAMES BOWIE, MAKEFJELL, TEXAS, T.L.S.8, 11, 65, 160, 199. (N.O.I.C. Bougie, 191030B to Admty., etc.) Arrived CARA straggler from K.M.S.16. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 192235B to Admty., etc.)

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X.T.G. 2. X.T.G.2 includes M.W.32. My 181046 and 181643 complement SOUTH AMERICAN white oil tanker 9½ knots Malta escort ROCKWOOD, MARYBOROUGH. Sailed 0554C/19th to overtake convoy. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 191037C to F.O.I.Cs. and N.O.I.Cs. French North Africa, etc.)

BERMUDA. Request intended programme for BERMUDA after arrival at Algiers. (C. in C. Med., 191048B to Admty.) Reply: 201620B.

Vichy Aircraft. X Treatment as hostile. (Air Min., 191113Z.) See Home Commands, Policy.

BELPAREIL. Your 102006 (D. of S.T. signal not circulated). Confirmed that main engine compressor of BELPAREIL broken down. No new parts on board and Master advises necessary new parts on order in India. Repairs now being effected Alexandria with assistance Naval Authorities who are making new piston. Every effort being made to complete repairs in time for vessel to sail with M.K.S.16. (P.S.T.O.M.E., 191211C to Admty. for D.S.T.) My 191211. BELPAREIL proceed Malta to discharge lighter thence Tripoli with rolling stock. On completion discharge at Tripoli vessel proceed Tobruk to back load lighter for Alexandria. (P.S.T.O. Middle East, 191823C to Admty. for D.S.T.)

U. 97 (sunk by Hudson A/C, 16th June.) This was U.97 commanded by Lieut. Cdr. Trox, which left Pola on 4th June. He has carried out 4 patrols since February. My 182116 para. 3 refers. (C. in C. Levant, 191221C to Admty.) Further details, 211211C.

OSSAG, FIRUZ. Reported B.4. OSSAG will sail 72 hours for Aegean. Vessel will be towed from Dardanelles onwards. Report D.4. FIRUZ expect commission transit from Black Sea to Aegean next few days. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 191305C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, S.1, S.10, D.N.I.)

Reserve Albacores. Your 031921B June received 15th June. Number of reserve Albacores in U.K. is very small and does not permit any more being sent abroad.

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Reserve Albacores. (Contd.) - Two reserve Albacores are embarked in INDOMITABLE. No reserves can be made available from U.K. C. in C. E.F. is being asked to provide all available Albacores by flight delivery to Egypt. This will give about six more.

Your 171130 June and F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 171146B June. Cdr. Sears has full details. (Head of Air Branch, Approved by 5th S.L., 191525B to C. in C. Med., (R) C. in C. Levant, S.O. Force H, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Transports, Malta. Transports OVULA, ARGO, CAP ST. JACQUES and EXPLORER left for Tripoli, first three to join eastbound convoy. EXPLORER to join westbound convoy for Gibraltar for orders. (D.S.T.O. Malta, 191525B to D.S.T.)

Algiers Air Report. To: Eaker and Brereton. From: Spaatz. Signed: Eisenhower.
12th Air Force Report.
1. 31 B.26s escorted by 20 P.38s dropped 182 x 500 pound bombs on Olbia docks and shipping. Target area well covered and railroad station hit.
2. 24 B.26s escorted by 19 P.38s, and 32 B.26s escorted by 22 P.38s dropped 332 x 500 pound bombs on Olbia docks and shipping, scoring hits on dock areas, 2 motor vessels another 2 being set on fire, 1 ship exploded.
3. 36 B.25s escorted by 34 P.38s dropped 207 x 500 pound bombs on Golfo Aranci. Jetties, warehouses, railroad tracks and many houses were hit.
4. 84 B.17s dropped 400 x 300 pound, 335 x 500 pound and 552 x 100 pound incendiary bombs on Messina ferry slip and railroad yards. Railroad yard, station were completely covered and fuel dumps, power station, ferry terminus and pens were well covered, causing many fires.
5. 30 P.40s escorted by 14 P.40s dropped 96 x 20 pound fragmentation bombs on South Favino, Monreale, Villacidro, destroying 2 enemy aircraft, probably destroying 3 on the ground. Gun positions were strafed, also troops causing many casualties.
6. 49 P.38s dropped 24 x 1000 pound bombs on Milo airdrome, bursts among administration buildings, and aircraft were observed.
7. Usual escort and patrol missions were also carried out night 16th/17th. 9 Wellingtons dropped 3 x 4000, 10 x 1000 pound, 28 x 500 pound and 16 x 250 pound bombs on Naples port and marshalling yards. Fires started and target area completely covered.
(Algiers, 191559B to Etousa.)

Movements, Aden. Arrivals 0309Z LAOMEDON, 1031Z KONKAN and BOMBAY. (Care. Aden, 191641Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

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- FORT LEE. My 151725. Request tanker FORT LEE be held at Gibraltar until further orders.
(C. in C. Med., 191643B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
(R) Admty., Connav.)
- M.K.S.15 Amend destination IMPERIAL TRANSPORT to
G.U.S.8A. Gibraltar. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to hold this ship to assist in discharge of tankers ex O.T.6.
(C. in C. Med., 191728B to SLAZAK (Polish Dest.),
BICESTER, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty., Connav.)
- M.K.S.15. Sailed EMPIRE SPEY to Gibraltar for Melilla with 2
convoy signalmen belonging to U.K. Pool. G.U.S.8A. Sailed PAN
ARUBA (T) for U.S.A. Also MARS to Oran and French Submarine
ARETHUSE to Oran.
(Com. Algeria, 191749B to Admty., etc.)
- P.R.U. No P.R.U. visual Taranto. Harbour partially
obscured by cloud.
(V.A. Malta, 191752B to C. in C. Med., etc.)
- FALK, KLO, Intend FALK and KLO replace BREAM and HERRING
BREAM, as L.E.8 and 9 in H.O.N.1 Appendix 2A.
HERRING. 2. BREAM and STELLA CARINA will be employed
on Levant escort duty.
3. Admiralty recypher and pass to R.A. (V).
4. C. in C. Med. pass to R.A. (P).
(C. in C. Levant, 191857C to C. in C. Med., (R) Admty., S.O.
Force P, S.O. Force V, Admty.)
Passing action taken by War Registry.
- G.T.X.2. Arrivals Alexandria 19th June from Tripoli (Libya)
NEURALIA, PRINCESS KATHLEEN, ENSIS, MARST,
BALTARA, FORT NAUREPAS, PANAF0, AFGHANISTAN.
From Benghazi BASSETHOUND, HERMELIN, MEROE,
KWAISANG. From Western Med. L.S.T.(2)s 417, 425, M.M.S. 102
and 05.
Your 171900 June refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 191859C to Admty., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
V.A. Malta, S.N.O. Trip.)
- K.M.S. 16 Arrived SOMERVILLE, IDDESLEIGH, TESTBANK, WILLIAM
and U.G.S.9. ENDICOTT, EMPIRE AIRMAN and ALAN A. DALE.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 191909B to Admty., etc.)
- P.A. 41. Convoy P.A.41 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 191922Z to Admty.)

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Through Convoys, Indian Ships. Request that water and bunkering requirements at ports in the Suez Canal area for ships in through Mediterranean Convoys bound for Indian Ocean ports may be communicated well in advance. (C. in C. Levant, 191951C to Admty., B.A.D., (R) C. in C. Med., etc.)

BEAUFORT. Several shadowing aircraft, no communication with fighters, position 32.08 N. 25.00 E. (BEAUFORT, 192000C to C. in C. Levant, (R) 15 Sector.)

Movements, Bizerta. Arrivals: FELIXSTOWE, ROTHESAY, GREGORY, PALADIN, L.S.T. (? One), 403, 3, 451, 112, S.C.696, 697, P.C.562, P.B.97, L.S.T.347, Departures PETARD, FELIXSTOWE, CIRCE, L.S.T.347. (F.O.I.S., 192001B to C. in C. Med., Admty., etc.)

TRIDENT. Intend sailing TRIDENT at 1830/23rd June routed through 036° 23' 014° 20' thence 036° 23' 015° 49' at 0500/24th, thence through 035° 53' 021° 54' 2359/25th, proceeding submerged during daylight 24th June and on surface on 25th June. S. of A. 10½ knots on surface and 110 miles every 24 hours when diving by day. Capt. (S) 1 is requested to take over operational control at 2359/25th and TRIDENT will shift to Alex. broadcast at this time. (Capt. (S) 10, 192002B to Capt. (S) 1, (R) C. in C. Med., etc.)

PARTHIAN. Onward route from 034° 37' 019° 00' through 036° 26' 015° 20' at 2359/25th thence through 036° 26' 014° 20' to R/V with minesweepers in 036° 08' 014° 22' at 0830/26th June. Surface ?patrol daylight as necessary to comply with above is to be made on 24th June. (Capt. (S) 10, 192004B to PARTHIAN, (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1, V.A. Malta, 10th S.F.)

Movements, Oran. A.V.R.C.9471 and 9472 arrived today. No departures. (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 192015B to Admty., etc.)

N.A.A.F. Report. J.7623E 19th June. N.W. African Air Forces Opsum 138. N.W.A.S.A.F., 16th/17th June (additional) 9 Wellingtons Naples. Bursts in harbour, marshalling yards, town areas. Detailed results obscured by thick cloud. 18th June, 3 missions totalling 105 U.S. Marauders with escort 70 U.S. Lightnings Olbia. 18 U.S. Marauders, 9 U.S. Lightnings returned early. 1 formation

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reported direct hits on commercial dock at end of long quay and on 2 large merchant vessels moored alongside. Another formation attacking shortly afterwards also reported hitting 2 vessels at end of long quay, 1 vessel exploding sending smoke up to 8,500 ft. Second vessel left in flames. Escort saw direct hit on third ship which caught fire. Hits or near misses scored on 1 mole. Other bursts on commercial dock, railway, military stores and town areas. Among small craft in inner harbour flames up to 500 ft. reported. (Air combat details). 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) with escort 36 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) 6 (? over) Aranci. 2 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) returned early. Near misses scored on 2 medium sized merchant vessels on either side of pier. Bursts on buildings and jetty and warehouse areas. Railway tracks severely attacked. Formation heavily engaged by enemy fighters (details). 3 missions totalling 84 U.S. Fortresses (B.17) Messina. Ferry ships and warehouses hit, other bursts in (? ferry) terminus and railway areas. Explosions and fires near warehouses. 44 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) 30 with 6 x 20 lb. fragmentation each diversionary sweep Southern Sardinia. 6 hits on railway station at S. Gavino, Mobyfale, many bursts on Villacidro aerodrome. 3 gun positions at Villacidro silenced by strafing. 1 Ju.52 damaged on ground at Tristano, fires started at Villa Urbana. Many casualties inflicted on troops. 2 missions totalling 49 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) 24 with bombs Milo aerodrome. Bursts among aircraft and aerodrome buildings.

N.W. African Tactical Air Force. 15th June (additional) 8 missions totalling 64 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), 23 U.S. Spitfires provided cover over Pantellaria. 12 U.S. Spitfires escorted 1 U.S. Boston (A.20), on photographic R/C over Pantellaria.

North West African Coastal Air Force. 15th June (additional) 4 U.S. Airacobras (P.39) searched for landing barge off Kerkenah Island without result. 18th June. 2 Marauders (B.26) shipping R/C. 1 machine-gunned surfaced U-Boat off Asinara scoring strikes.

Enemy activity. 17th/18th June. 12 enemy aircraft operated over Philippeville area. 2 crossed coast remainder believed mine-laying. 2 H.E. bombs dropped. No damage. 3 Beaufighters destroyed 2 Ju.88s. 29 plus enemy aircraft operated against Jijelli dropping 16 H.E. bombs. 2 aircraft destroyed by flak. No details damage received. Two Hurricanes searched for crews following day. 1 German pilot picked up by PINNACE.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 192031B.)

Movements,
Sfax.Arrivals SUTLEJ, MIAOULES.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 192034B to Admty.)Movements,
Haifa.Arrived and left G.S. PANTHER, CUMBRAE, ISLAY.
Departed M.Ls 350, 348, 385, 384, JENNET.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 192051C to Admty., etc.)

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Movements, Arrivals LAMERTON, LEONIAN, CORIOLANUS, M.T.B. 649, submarines SHAKESPEARE (P.221), TRESPASSER (P.312), U.S.S. MONROVIA, DALLAS, COLE, BUNADON, L.S.Ts 338, 337, 381, Tug REDWING, Y.Ts 156, 161, 186, 197, SUSTAIN, Y.M.S.62, 69, 208, 226, 227. Departures PRODIGAL, SCOTTISH, ANTHONY, FOXTROT, PIROUETTE, submarine SPORTSMAN (P.229), French submarine ARETHUSE. Arrived and sailed CLEVELAND, WHEATLAND, WILTON, BICESTER, Tug HENGIST and tow. (Com. Algiers, 192059B to C. in C. Med., etc.)

Movements, 19th June Port Said arrivals FAREHAM, ASPIS, Port Said. WOLBOROUGH, PRINS ALBERT, L.S.Ts 323, 367, 368, 411. Departures SPETSAI, BAGSHOT, NIKI, 14 L.C.Ms, WOLBOROUGH, L.S.Ts. 323, 367, 368, 411. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 192200C to Admty., etc.)

Movements, Arrived PROTEA. Arrived and sailed HYACINTH, Benghazi. LA MOQUEUSE F.S. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 192214C to Admty.)

ABDIEL. Departure and arrival 19th June. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta, Cyprus, 192239C to Admty., etc.)

Malta Air A.I.563, 19th June, C.S.R. Report. (A) Air. Part 1 Offensive. Night 18th/19th June. Mosquitoes on patrol along coastal railway between Naples and toe of Italy bombed stations An Amantea Torre Annunciata and Paola Railway bridge. Attacks also made on trains and station buildings in Salerno and Amantea areas. One special equipment Wellington made armed shipping search south-east of Italy. Day 19th June. 44 Spitfires offensive sweep over Southern Sicily. Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 18th/19th June. Nil. Day 19th June. Little enemy air activity. 14 Spitfires shipping cover. (A.H.Q. Malta, 192250Z.)

Movements, Arrived and sailed AURORA, JERVIS, NUBIAN, Tripoli. LOOKOUT, ESKIMO. Sailed CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON, L.C.T.413, 302, 303, 332, 333, 421, 311, 364, 314, 355, 379, 372, 371, L.C.I.(L) 293. Arrived RHYL, CLACTON, STORNOWAY, POLRUAN. (S.N.O. Trip., 192350B to Admty.)

HURSLEY. Arrived and left. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 192350C to Admty.)

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Departures JERVIS, NUBIAN and LOOKOUT. 11th L.C.T. Flotilla with HENRIETTA MOLLER and FAVOURITE. DULVERTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SHOREHAM and IPSWICH escorting EXPLORER, ARGO, OVULA and CAP ST. JACQUES. Arrivals ADVENTURE, LOYAL, GLOXINIA, INCHCOLM and L.S.Ts. 410, 62, 420, 423, 427 and 428. L.C.Ts. 578 and 339. (V.A. Malta, 192354Z to Admty., etc.)

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North Africa, Situation Report.

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MINISTER ACHIMOTA, BRITMILAT ANKARA
FOR MARSHAL CHUKMAK, DEFENDER
WELLINGTON FOR PUTTICK
From FREEDOM
Signed EISENHOWER
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LINREP 56. Summary of Operations 14 to 16 June.

- Ground Number of Prisoners estimated, total Pantelleria 11,199 and Lampedusa nearly 4,000. On 16 June, Hq. 1 Br. Inf. Div. returned Sousse. Several parties of 10 saboteurs each landed in Theater by parachute night 14/15 June. 7 parties already taken prisoner and search continues. No reports of any damage accomplished.
- Naval. On 14th June, naval party from HM Destroyer TROUBRIDGE landed on Lampion but found island uninhabited and reembarked. Same day water ship and MGB were sunk by dive bombers in Pantelleria Harbor. On night 14/15 June, coastal craft from Malta patrolled off Empedocle (Sicily) while others carried out sweep towards Marsala (Sicily). Our forces ineffectively engaged by shore batteries during former operation. French submarine reports attacking 6,000 ton cargo vessel at anchor off NE Sardinia 4 June. 2 hits were heard and vessel was seen aground 4 days later. One of HM Submarines claims a hit on 15,000 ton tanker off South Italy on 5 June.
- Air Airdromes in Sicily were heavily attacked on 15 June. Sciacca and Bocca di Falco, which had each been attacked by 12 Wellingtons during night 14/15 June were successfully raided by 72 medium bombers and by 56 B-17's (Fortresses) respectively. 55 B-17's also raided Castelvetro and a further 36 B-26's (Marauders) attacked Milo. 2 formations of B-26's totalling 68 aircraft attacked the airfield at Borizzo. In all these raids the target areas were well covered, and bombs were seen to fall among Adm. buildings and aircraft dispersal areas. Fighter escorts were provided by P-38's (Lightnings) and P-40's (Warhawks).

4. Political. French unity has not yet been achieved. In fact the matter of military command has not been settled. With the lack of unified, positive action on the part of the new National Committee, local public opinion is becoming impatient.

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Convoy Sailing telegram (5 ships). 2. 0100Z/19th June.
B.P.84. 3. E.T.A. position (S) Karachi R/V 0630Z/21st
June. 3A. Crossing 062° 1430Z/22nd June. 3B. E.T.A.
position (U) Gulf of Oman 0130Z/24th June. 3C.
E.T.A. West of Quoin Is. 1030Z/24th June.
4. 9 knots to position (S) thence 8½ knots. 5. Route.
6. LAUNCESTON, PUNJAB.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 190113Z, 190115Z.)
Departure LAUNCESTON, PUNJAB with B.P.84.
(S.O. (I) Bombay 190121Z to Admty. etc.)

BARSTOKE. Arrival at 0205Z/19th June.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 190223Z to Admty.)

EMPIRE ^{= EMPIRE TUGELA}
~~LIGHT. TUGELA~~ SS. EMPITE LIGEB (as received ? EMPIRE LIGHT)
ex German WARTENFELS now being reconstructed
at Karachi estimate completion March 1944,
recommended by Combined Operations Officers with
personal knowledge of her for use for Combined
Operations as ship being capable of carrying four L.C.Ms. If you
concur request D.S.T. may be approached with view to approval
for necessary modifications being made to ship during
reconstruction.
(D.C.O. India 190302Z to S.E.C.O.R. (R) F.O.C.R.I.N. D. of S.T.,
P.S.T.O. Balsette.) See D.C.O. India 131201Z/July)

RAMDAS. Arrival RAMDAS escorting tanker BRITISH HUSSAR.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam 1904217 to Admty. etc.)

VARELA. Transport VARELA sailed for Karachi 19th June
with following U.S. (numbers).
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 190501Z to S.T.O. Karachi (R)
P.S.T.O. Bombay, D. of S.T.)

EL MADINA,
SANTHIA. Transports. (1) EL MADINA. (2) SANTHIA sailed 19
June for Basra with following (numbers).
Requirements Basra. E.T.A. Rooka 26 June.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 190507Z to D.S.T.O. P.G.)

MAURETANIA. MAURETANIA arrived 18.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 190553 to Admty. etc.)

HOEGH SCOUT. Norwegian Tanker HOEGH SCOUT after dry-dock left
190600C E.T.A. Bahrein 2nd July.
(S.T.O. Diego Suarez 190601Z to M.W.T.R.)

Movement (1) DURBAN left Khasab Bay June 17th due Aden
Summary June 21st. (2) SUSSEX left Kilindini June 18th
No.74 due Addu Atoll June 23rd. KENYA left Kilindini
June 18th to R/V 2 Transports South of Socotra
June 19th. and escort them to vicinity Addu Atoll to MOMP

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with SUSSEX on June 24th. KENYA escort one transport to Colombo due June 26th then proceeds Trincomalee. SUSSEX escort one transport to Momp at 092° E. on June 28th with escort provided by A.C.N.B. SUSSEX proceeds Mauritius due July 4th thence Kilindini due July 7th. (C. in C. E.F. 190800Z.)

Movements,
Madras.

Arrivals EARL KITCHENER and LORD GREY.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 190855Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Shipping
for
South
Atlantic.

Admty. 051512 April and 230121 May approved long range well found U.S. ships to be routed direct to Bahia or Rio Janeiro from Persian Gulf Red Sea and East Africa. (2) Reference position period letters for South Atlantic were not held and were not considered necessary, as only two ports were involved. Period letters, have since been repeated to C. in C. E.F. but only from 20th June onwards. (3) C. in C. S.A. was asked for Q message details of approach routes to the two ports and they were passed to S.N.O.P.E. F.O.E.A. also to F.O.R.S.C.A. for information. (4) As ships concerned are U.S., considered they would hold charts for the two ports or N.C.S.Os. could supply. (5) A.M. 171659 June reply to F.O.R.S.C.A. 161257 appears to indicate that complete blocks of reference positions viz. 52 to 62 as vide A.M. 311818 Jan. approach routes to all ports included all charts and Q message information for these ports should be supplied. (6) Request early approval that ships be only routed to one of the two ports and hold no other South Atlantic reference positions. (7) Safety diversions if necessary, to be done by reference to route positions. In latter part of long voyages, port diversions probable on account of bunkers. (8) If approved of (6) then following need not be promulgated. (A) Details of Atlantic reference positions. (B) Explanation of the different South Atlantic station method of indicating by blocks. (C) Period reference letters which for accuracy must be passed by air mail. (D) Q message details for at least the whole of South Atlantic. (C. in C. E.F. 190931Z to Admty.)

OKAPI.

Add to my 181305. Departures 1150Z OKAPI.
(F.O. Ceylon 191200Z to Admty. etc.)

Albacores.

Your 040814Z June. Request all available Albacores be prepared and flight delivered to North Africa as soon as possible.
(Hd. of Air Branch. Approved by 5th S.L. 191518B to R.A.N.A.S. Indian Ocean (R) C. in C.E.F. C. in C. Levant, C.O. N.A.S. Egypt.)

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CAPETOWN. Request you will amend R/V in your 180426 (N.T. in W.D.) to read 001° 47' S. 072° 42' at 0400Z 24th and route ship on course 266° for 20 miles to R/V. 2. Speed of convoy is 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ knots. My E.T.A. Colombo 16 hours early. Weather report. (CAPETOWN 191758Z to F.O. Ceylon (R) C. in C. E.F.)

Enemy Units. By D/F on 89615 k/cs. per second at 1838Z/19th position of enemy unit believed S/M was within 100 miles of 003° N. 070° E. Call sign R.E.T.I.4. (C. in C. E.F. 192031Z to S. and A. E.I. Station (R) Admty. C. in C. S.A.)

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America and West Indies.

V.L.R. Aircraft for Biscay. Personal from Adm. Noble to 1st S.L. Your 161126. Gen. Arnold states these 2 Squadrons were in nature of loan until we had available sufficient aircraft of our own to carry out this commitment. He had calculated that we might be in a position to provide necessary number by about end of August and so worded U.S. C.O.S. Paper accordingly. (B.A.D. 190021Z to Admty.).

Special Tanker Convoy. Navy Dept. informs me that they could have 12 14½ knot tankers ready to leave New York by 15 July to help build up U.K. import. They cannot however, provide escort but have suggested that in view of relative quiet now prevailing in the North Atlantic we might be in a position to escort this special convoy. (B.A.D. 190023Z to Admty.).

Convoy Routes Icebergs. Your 181322 (N.T. in W.D.). Both proposed routes particularly O.N.S.10 appear to involve risk from Icebergs. Do you consider this risk acceptable? (D.T.D. 190035 to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) C. in C.W.A. Connav, F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q.).

S.H.87 S.H.87 will arrive Halifax light ship by 2300Z/19th Request immediate reply if convoy is to be held back for 1600Z/20th arrival. (TRAIL 190050Z to C. in C.N.A.).

Movements St.Johns. St. Johns, N.F. June 18th. Arrivals U.S.S. MENEMSHA BARLE ex Halifax. ESQUIMALT ex B.W. 31. Departures NORTHERN FOAM, VIZALMA, to S.C. 134. TROIS RIVIERES to C.L. 71. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 190205Z to Admty.).

Shipping Casualties. This is Connav's 182054. Connav Serials 13 to 18. PORTMAR torpedoed sunk 16 June while en route Sydney to Brisbane convoy G.P.55. ROMANOLA Mexican tonnage unknown foundered sunk 5 June off Chamela Bay enroute San Pedro to Punta Arenas. SUDIN bombed and gunned by aircraft 16th June caught fire North Coast Iceland towed to Husavik. (Comnav 190502 to Admty.).

U.S.A.T. Departure 19th STATE OF VIRGINIA U.S. Army Transport Trinidad 20th. (B.R.O. Georgetown 190904Q to Admty. etc.).

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WEAZEL

Trinidad arrival June 19th.
(N.O.I.C. Port of Spain Trinidad 191122Z to
S.B.N.O.W.A.).EMPIRE
AMETHYSTYour 162002. No news of vessel or crew. Overdue,
probably torpedoed 14th April.
(D.T.D. 191137B to N.S.H.Q.).

REIGH

S.C.133. Your 171417Z. COPELAND reports that on
COUNT survivors closing KATHARIOTISA on 3rd day out he was
not reported. informed she had 10 survivors from REIGH COUNT.
COPELAND informed Commodore who instructed
COPELAND to take off survivors. COPELAND herself
made no report to W.L.E.F.
(C. in C.W.A. 191234B to C. in C.C.N.A. (R)
Admty. F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q.).

BLACKWOOD

Boston departed June 18th for New York.
(N.S.H.Q. 191235Z to Admty.).

ST.ALBANS.

Boston departed June 18 for Halifax.
(N.S.H.Q. 191236Z to Admty.).Movements
Halifax.Arrival TIMMINS ex S.H.86A. SALISBURY ex J.H.56,
TRILLIUM from Boston.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax 191241Z to Admty. etc.).Mediterranean
Westbound
Convoys.C. in C. Med's. 172212. Request you will obtain
reply and inform Admty. and C. in C. Med.
(D.T.D. 191318B to B.A.D. Washington, (R) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med.).S/M
Estimated
positions.

(Cominch 191331Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q.).

H.X.245

Ref. Admty. 162051.
(1) H.X.245, Ocean route letters B.E. to B.J.
(2) Add positions B.B. 39.50 N. 73.00 W.
B.C. 39.55 N. 68. 00 W. B.D. 42.42 N. 61.33 W.
(3) Departure position B.B. at 2200Z June 3rd

H.O.M.P. position 42.48 N. 61.07 W. at 1200Z/ June 26th.

(4) Stragglers route letters B to G.
(5) West "Chop" 1500Z/June 25th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 191405Z to Admty. etc.).

/NIGERIA...

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NIGERIA B.A.M.R. 151558. NIGERIA will be taken in hand for completion of refit at Chatham Dockyard on return to U.K. about 24th July.
(D.O.D.(H) 191407B to B.A.M.R.).

N.S.H.Q. S/M estimate .
(N.S.H.Q. 191444Z, 191957Z).

?Mid-Atlantic S/M patrol. My 181323Z. Due to cyphering error patrol line mentioned in your 171715Z was across convoy routes.
(F.O.N.F. 191445Z to C. in C.W.A.).
W.D. Note: N.T. of formers.

SNOWBERRY C. in C.C.W.A. 171027. Regret SNOWBERRY delayed by boiler defects anticipate ready for sea A.M. 22nd June.
(2) When ready intend sailing ship to St. Johns, N.F. for orders.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 191453Z to C. in C.W.A. (R) Connnav, Admty. etc.).

Secrecy J.S.M. 1001, replying to C.O.S.(W) 602.
Equivalents. (J.S.M. 1705Z/19) See Lion copy.

Dispositions Section South West F.H.61 (BRANTFORD ?) NANAIMO depart Hudson 2300Z/19th to position 043 degs. 56' 066 degs. 49' thence 154 degs. Speed 7.5.
N.S. ST. ALBANS, GUYSBOROUGH due Halifax South light vessel 2000Z/19th.
H.S.91 COLUMBIA depart Halifax South Light Vessel 2300Z/19th to position 044 degs. 29' 061 degs. 59' thence 056 degs. alter to 330 degs. in 044 degs. 55' 059 degs. 02' Speed 12 knots.
Section South West S.H.87 TRAIL, CUCKMERE, HERSCHELL expected time of arrival Halifax South Light Vessel 2200Z/19th.
FORT WILLIAM departed Halifax South Light Vessel 2130Z/19th 088 degs. 12 altering to 064 degs. in 062 degs. 00' West.
MOJAVE, TAMPA, ALGONQUIN escorting three vessels 044 degs. 39' 061 degs. 01' 253 degs. 9.5 en route Halifax.
Netherlands S/M K.15 unescorted 040 degs. 30' 062 degs. 03' 090 degs. 11 altering to 071 degs. in 060 degs. 01' West.
IRISH ASH 039 degs. 46' 066 degs. 36' en route St. Johns N.B. 7.5.
CITY OF CAPETOWN 040 degs. 29' 059 degs. 12' 265 degs. 14.5.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 191705Z).

U.G.S. / C. in C. Med. 172212.
Schedules Understand Cominch will issue revised schedule and shortly based on 16 days in lieu of 21 days from Mediterranean U.G.S.13 onwards.
Westbound (B.A.D. 191709Z to Admty.).
Convoys. C. in C. Med. 172212. Present schedule was made to give 6 days in Casablanca for escorts which

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U.G.S. permitted merchant vessels 21 for unloading. Schedules With U.G.S. sailing every 10 days 6 are desired and for escorts at Casablanca which allows 6 16 or Mediterranean 26 for merchant vessels. Based on expected 18 Westbound day voyage and 6 day desired layover Casablanca Convoys. for escort upkeep future sailing dates are (Contd.). U.G.S. 13 July 27th, U.G.S. 14 August 6th thence every 10 days. G.U.S. 12 August 20th G.U.S. 13 August 30 thence every 10 days. (Cominch C and R 191941Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Levant, Cinclant, Commorseafron).

U.S.A.T. Arrival June 19th U.S.A.T. T.W. DRENNAN. (B.R.O. Georgetown 191725Q to Admty. etc.).

CHASER Radio Washington pass to Admiralty. CHASER will depart 1330Z/20th June. Routed New York point X.M. thence through following positions 37.36 North 64.12 West 39.53 North 73.30 West thence to point X.Z. S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. Ambrose 1030Z/21st June. (P.D. Norfolk 191750 to Cominch, Comeastseafron, Comfour, N.S.H.Q. P.D. New York, (R) Admty.).

U/B Coastal boat sighted S/M 0125Z June 18th in 047 degs. 03' North 052 degs. 45' West. Graded C.3. (C. in C.C.N.A. 191753Z to G.B.7A. (R) Connav, Admty. etc.).

CYRUS Halifax arrival June 19th. FIELD (C. in C.C.N.A. 191915Z to Admty. etc.).

Sub attack All times Z. and sighting C. K.53 Radar contact 23.54 N. 82.05 W. 190430. summary. Army plane sights sub 02.38 S. 42. 10 W. 191213. Action to Admiralty for O.I.C. From Cominch. D. U.S.S. FURY sound contact 37.10 N. 73.50 191734. Aircraft has Radar contact 36.32 N. 74.35 W. 191551 sights periscope 36.09 N. 74.31 W. about 191600. (Cominch 192111Z to Admty.).

Reference C. in C. South Atlantic's 152345 (re use of Positions. Standard Reference positions (Atlantic) in route signals from W. Africa Ports.) With a view to abbreviating type of signal referred to concur in proposal. Standard reference positions plus lettered route positions should be sufficient for diversion purposes. Request your remarks. (D.T.D. 192203B to Connav, (R) C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.W.A.). Concur (Cominch C and R 211515Z to Admty.).

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C.O.102 Convoy post sailing telegram C.O. 102 18th June
COLAC Whyalla, IRON KING Melbourne, BARWON
Melbourne, THEOFANO Adelaide, ILISSOS Port Pirie,
DUMOSA Melbourne (group missing) TOWNSVILLE,
BALLARAT from Newcastle, MILDURA, S.O. GLENELG, M.L. 430 from
Sydney.
(N.C.S.O. Newcastle 190043Z to Admty. etc.).
Departure 19th June Sydney section convoy C.O. 102
comprising two ships NUOLJA for Melbourne MAROSA for Hobart.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney N.S.W. 190531Z to Admty. (R) Connnav).

MAUNGANUI Departure Wellington 0534Z/19th June hospital
ship MAUNGANUI. E.T.A. Fremantle 29th June thence
Colombo and Aden.
(M.W.T.R. Wellington 190718Z to D.S.T.).

Digest Forenoon photos. Rabaul revealed 52 vessels
Serial 515 including 25 merchant vessels plus one large
June 18. transport totalling 120,000 tons also normal
 warships and five submarines. Aerodrome coverage
 incomplete but two fighters photographed on
 barges in harbour.
(2) One B.25 attacked three large barges vicinity Cape Gloucester
night 17/18 sinking one and badly damaging other two.
(3) One Fortress bombed and hit jetty Unea Island (Witu group)
morning.
(5) Report 17th states enemy forces in occupation of W.N.S.A.
and Waimeriba 19 miles northeast by north and 24 miles north
Bena Bena respectively.
(6) Enemy R/C aircraft over Milne Bay Wau Bulolo and Bena Bena
areas morning and mid-day 17th.
(7) Buna area twice raided night 18th by two enemy aircraft then
by two flights of three. One personnel killed, four injured, no
other damage.
(8) One unidentified enemy aircraft dropped bombs in sea vicinity
Horn Island early hours.
(9) Delayed report states Mappi post attacked by three enemy
aircraft May 27th one aircraft also seen this vicinity June 3rd.
(10) Photos during noon 17th show on small medium freighter
one naval escort vessel one sea truck.
(11) Other photos Ceram Island approx. same time reveal two small
sea trucks, one other small vessel 23 barges at Waroeg. At
Boela one 4,000 foot runway serviceable and one 3,000 foot runway
nearly completed but no aircraft. Evidence of construction and
restoration of buildings and installations.
(12) Three Catalinas attacked Laha same night starting fires.
(13) 12 Vengeance struck villages on Selaru Island (Tanimbar
group) forenoon 18th while six covering Beaufighters also strafed
area and three luggers and two power barges offshore.
(14) Unidentified aircraft over Millingimbi morning.
(15) 90 minutes later one Beaufort engaged and destroyed R/C
floatplane 100 miles north by (group missing) Cape Wessel.
(16) Aircraft attacked enemy submarine 69 miles southeast of
Coffs Harbour early morning forcing submarine to surface.
Submarine again attacked later and observed trailing large oil
slick. Contact subsequently lost.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 190810Z to Admty. etc.).

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Movements. Arrival Milne Bay 15th GYMPIE Cairns 16th WHYALLA.
Brisbane 15th A.C.L. Ship GLADSTONE, BUNGAREE,
Departure Milne Bay 16th SWAN for Orobay, GYMPIE
for escort duty.
Brisbane 16th BUNGAREE, U.S. Destroyer BAGLEY for Sydney N.S.W.
16th PREBLE U.S. M.L. GAMBLE for Noumea. Commissioned (?H.S.),
16th September Aust. Commonwealth Line Ship ARARAT.
(N.B. Melbourne 191043Z to Admty. etc.).
U.S. Transport MAVI arrived Brisbane 18th June.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 191152Z to Admty.).
Arrivals (? Maryland) 18th U.S. Dest. DRAYTON. Townsville
18th BENALLA Thursday Island 17th CASTLEMAINE, 18th INVERELL.
Milne Bay 17th U.S.G.B. TULSA, 18th U.S. Dest. MAHAN.
Departures Brisbane 18th COOTAMUNDRA for Townsville, WARRNAMBOOK,
ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG for Sydney.
VENDETTA on escort (?Townsville) U.S. Dest. GILMER U.S. Det. SANDS
U.S. Tender RIGEL for Milne Bay Darwin 17th (?LATROBE) for
Millingimbi.
(N.B. Melbourne 19(?)234Z to Admty. etc.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/MS. Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 191326B, 1335B).

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Home Commands.

Search for
U/B supply
ship.

1. American aircraft report sighting 3 German U-boats in company with a tanker in 62.44 N. 37.10 W. (250 miles N.E. of Cape Farewell), at 1505Z today. BERWICK, who at 2002B had been instructed to leave patrol "White", was ordered to investigate, CUMBERLAND at Hvalfjord was brought to short notice, and 3 Liberators from Iceland searched. Nothing was found and BERWICK returned to Hvalfjord on 22 June.

2. RENOWN sailed from Rosyth this evening for Scapa, after completing refit. DAUNTLESS (Eastern Fleet) arrived at Scapa this morning. The ship is to refit in U.K.

3. SCYLLA sailed from Plymouth at 0037B today to support E.G.2 (on Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug") and convoys in the Biscay area against attack by surface forces. Four NARVIK class destroyers were in the Gironde and La Pallice on 13th June.

U/B attacked. 4. U.S. Navy Catalina Duty I 84 Sqdn. from Iceland attacked and claims to have severely damaged a U-boat in 57.35 N. 31.46 W. (470 miles S.W. of Reykjanes) at 1100B today. The 40th Escort Group were ordered to search. VANQUISHER (Unit B.6) investigated and found wreckage of German origin marked by a smoke float, but its nature was such that it might have been ejected from a torpedo tube.

5. F.O.(S) proposes the following operational employment of submarines in Home Waters until early August:-
(A) A/S patrol north of the Shetlands, to be carried out by S/Ms working up and small S/Ms of operational flotillas.
(B) A/S patrol in Bay of Biscay east of 05° 30' W, by the larger operational S/Ms of Home Flotillas when these are available. These latter patrols will necessarily be intermittent, owing to special operational commitments and trials.

Air Operations. 6. Two Bomphoons of 3 Squadron claim to have damaged one E-boat and slightly damaged a second, with bombs and cannon fire, 4 miles west of Dunkirk at 0038 today. Spitfires damaged two trawlers and an escort vessel off the Hague, and Typhoons seriously damaged two armed trawlers in the same area.

7. Bomber Command aircraft laid 55 mines in Biscay ports last night.

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North Atlantic.

8. BERMUDA arrived at Gibraltar this morning from the U.K. and sailed for Algiers.

South Atlantic.

Mines off
Dakar.

X 9. U.S. SANTA MARIA (6507 tons), Dakar for New York independently, was stopped by explosion at 0820 today, off Dakar and was towed to harbour, damaged. It was later confirmed that the explosion was caused by a mine. One mine was exploded by B.Y.M.S. and further sweeping was undertaken.
REVENGE arrived at Durban today to refit.

Mediterranean.

10. UNITED (P.44), returning from patrol off the Straits of Messina reports her torpedoes expended and that she has sunk one medium merchant ship and one 7,000 ton A.M.C.

11. Owing to bomb damage L.C. M.S. O. Jijelli has been transferred to Bougie.

Air attack
on K.M.S.16.

X 12. Convoy K.M.S.16 was attacked by up to 20 aircraft carrying out medium and low level bombing from 0210 to 0340 today when west of Galita Channel. Bombing deteriorated under barrage and the convoy sustained no damage.

Air
Operations.

+ 13. 3 bomb carrying Albacores from Malta bombed two small merchant ships in Syracuse harbour last night. These 3 boats were attacked and near missed 2 miles south of the port. 55 Wellingtons of the N.W.A.A.F. bombed Messina last night. Fires were started in the ferry terminus area and marshalling yards. 31 Wellingtons of N.A.A.F. Advanced also bombed the ferry terminus last night. 35 Wellingtons of N.A.A.F. bombed Marsala last night.
Caiques and Schooners were attacked today by aircraft of R.A.F. M.E. in Kyllene harbour.

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X 14. Lampedusa airdrome is now usable with care.

Australia and New Zealand.

X 15. R.A.A.F. Command report that the present Japanese strategy in the south West Pacific area consists mainly in strengthening bases and installations in possible apprehension of Allied intentions.

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- DAUNTLESS. Arrived Scapa.
(A.C.O.S. 200627.)
- CUMBERLAND. Arrived.
(A.C.I.C. 200641B.)
- METEOR. Proceed passing Switha 150QB/21 to Hvalfjord
routed through 058 55' N. 007 10' W. thence
through Reykjanes passage and swept channel in
force. Report E.T.A. to me before sailing.
2. On arrival act as ordered by BERWICK.
(R.A.(D) H.F. 201145B to METEOR.)
- WILLIAM
HASTIE. Articles expire 6th July.
Request ship may be routed to Lyness for paying
off as convenient early July.
Mechanics Thompson and Brown to remain for
maintenance and operations of salvage plant.
(C.S.V.O.Lyness 201220B.)
- UNICORN. Your 192101B*confirmed that my 181818B should be
addressed F.O.C.(A) H.F. UNICORN joined H.F.
on 8th June. Your 031353A April and F.O.C.T.
051112B June refers.
(UNICORN 201230B to Admt.)
* Originated by W.R. requesting whether 181818
should be addressed R.A.A.H.F.
- RAMILLIES. Sailed RAMILLIES in accordance with my 171904
June. Codeword "Brail".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 201406B.)
- K.15. From position F. proceed on surface through G.
47° 18' 39° 25' H. 50° 01' 34° 59' J. 52° 02'
30° 02' K. 54° 10' 24° 45' L. 55° 25' 18° 10'
M. 56° 20' 11° 25' W. thence to R/V in position
N. 180° Barra Head 10 miles at 2200B/29 with an escort as
arranged by Capt. S.3. Estimate your S.O.A. 10 knots.
(F.O.(S) 201418B to K.15.)
- Landing craft My 191313 June sailing postponed further signal
Flight H. will be made.
(C. in C.Plymouth 201511B.)
- S/Ms. Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/21 and movements for
following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S) 201714B, 201832B, 211451B, 211926B.)

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NEWFOUNDLAND. When ready in all respects for service hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND should be sailed on evening tide 21st June or morning tide 22nd June on a voyage to North Africa calling at Gibraltar for orders. 79 nurses and 1 Brigadier will embark as passengers. (D. of S.T. 201835B to D.S.T.O. Avonmouth.)

RHODODENDRON. Intend sailing RHODODENDRON p.m. today Sunday to R/V with 23rd Escort Group in position to be signalled by PHILANTE.
2. In event of R/V not being made, RHODODENDRON will proceed to Larne and await orders. (Capt. D.Greenock 201844B to C. in C.W.A.)
W.D.Note: See further signals in Casualties & Defects.

STUBBORN Amending his 181506. (F.O.S. 201851B.)
Cancel my 191111B re sailing P.238 (STUBBORN) H.M.S. CUTTY SARK. (3.3 202309B.)

BERMUDA. A.M. 201620. BERMUDA leaves Algiers about 22nd June for Plymouth.
2. She is required to be at Scapa on 7th July.
3. In the meantime, the ship will be under your orders from the time she reaches 38° N. on her homeward passage. (A.C.N.S.(H) 201932B to C. in C.Plymouth, (R) C. in C.H.F. C. in C.Med. C.S.10, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, BERMUDA.)

RENOWN. Sailed RENOWN escorted by ONSLAUGHT, SCORPION, OBEDIENT passing May Island 2220B June (sic.) (C. in C.Rosyth 202231B.)

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SCYLLA, My 191555B June sailed SCYLLA 0037B/20th. patrol. Latest messages Q.K.78, Q.K.A. 104. (C. in C.Plymouth 200039B to Admty. (R) Escorts X.K.7, E.G.2nd SHIPIGAN, S.O.Force H, N.O.I.C. Falmouth, C. in C.W.A. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C.Med.)

Coastal Force Patrols. My 191140B*. "Device" returned 0507. (F.O.I.C. Portland 200515B.)
*Re intend M.Ls. 208 (S.O.) 122 and 123 to patrol tonight Saturday 19th June Codeword "Device".

/1. Intend...

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.)

1. Intend M.Ls. 208 (S.O.) 233 and 182 to patrol tonight, Sunday 20th June, on lat. 50° 20' N. between longs. 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.S. 382 and leave patrol line at dawn 21st returning via Q.Z.S. 382.
3. Object: anti E-Boat patrol.
5. Codeword "Device".
7. Request air protection be arranged.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 201110B, 201628B to C. in C. Portsmouth, (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)
 1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight 20th/21st June to be carried out by M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.) 614, S.G.Bs. GREY FOX, GREY WOLF from 0001B to 0400B on latitude 50° 25' N. 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W.
 2. M.L. 464, 346 patrol searched channel between F. for Fox and E.A. 5 buoys.
 3. BLEASDALE at immediate notice at Yarmouth or if weather unsuitable for coastal forces at St. Helens.
 4. St. Catherines Light to be shown for 5 minutes after each hour from midnight to 0405B.
 5. Communications.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 201328B to N.O.I.C. Newhaven S.O. 1st S.G.B.F. S.O. 18th M.G.B.F. D.1 X.D.O.(E) (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth V.A. Dover, F.O.I.C. Portland, Tangmere for 841 Sqdn. BLEASDALE.)

M.Ls. 208 S.O. 233 and 122 from Portland will patrol on 050° 20' N. between 001° 45' and 002° 25' W. tonight 20th/21st June.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 201341B to ALBRIGHTON.)
My 201110B and my 201645B "Device" sailed 2227.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 202232B.)

Atlantic S/M Patrol. Following are being passed to you for information.
F.O.(S) 181817 (see Mediterranean) 181911, 182021.
(F.O.S. 201129B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

RUBIS, operation. Intentions.
(Capt. S.5 201443B, 201445B.)
Cancel my 201443 and my 201445.
(S.5 202121B.)
W.D.Note: See (F.O.(S) 201922B in Casualties & Defects.

Operations by Home Fleet S/Ms until early August. Subject to concurrence of C. in C.H. propose following operational employment of S/Ms in Home Waters until early August.
A. A/S patrol North of Shetlands to be carried out by S/Ms working up and small S/Ms of operational Flotillas.
B. A/S patrol in Bay of Biscay East of long. 05° 30' W. by larger operational S/Ms of Home Flotillas when these are available.
2. Patrols in B. above will be necessarily intermittent owing to special operational commitments and trials. Anticipated 4 S/Ms will be available to leave their bases during first week in July.
(F.O.S. 201533B.)

/Biscay...

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Biscay Patrol. X My 201851B* not to all addressees. Request you will sail P.238 STUBBORN in company with P.57 UNIVERSAL.
 2. P.238 STUBBORN is to patrol in area long. 004° 30' and 005° 30' and lat. 047° 20' and 046° 00'
 3. Object of P.238 STUBBORN is enemy S/M.
 4. In order to keep S/M clear of each other a temporary route is established 20 miles to westward of route "Rose" as far as lat. 046° N.
 (F.O.(S) 201852B to Capt. S.3, (R) Admty. C. in C.Plymouth, H.Q. C.C. Capt. S.5.) See also F.O.S.211301B.
 * P.238 no longer required for trials.

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/21st June and movements for following 24 hours.
 A. BARB 45° 10' N. 27° 01' W. probably on surface to patrol in vicinity 43° 20' N. 22° 30' W.
 B. HAKE 43° 25' N. 26° 02' W. probably on surface to patrol vicinity 42° 01' N. 21° 30' W.
 C. BLACKFISH 42° 26' N. 26° 50' W. probably on surface to patrol in vicinity 40° 40' N. 20° 30' W.
 D. HADO approx. 55° 02' N. 16° 30' W. probably on surface to pass through 56° 10' N. 09° 55' W. at 0800/22nd.
 E. H.Neth. M. O.15 on patrol in vicinity 63° 28' N. 01° 07' E.
 F. H.Nor. M. ULA (P.66) from Lerwick approaching her patrol line 20 miles 070° and 250° from 62° 50' N. 002° 30' E.
 H. UNIVERSAL (P.57), STUBBORN (P.238) escorted by SHIKARI leaves Clyde 2200B/21st for Scillies 10 knots.
 (F.O.(S) 201714B, 201832B.)

STUBBORN. My 201533 para. B. P.238 (STUBBORN) is now available and leaves Holy Loch 21st June.
 (F.O.(S) 201854B to Admty.)

X Search for tanker and 3 U/Bs. American A/C B.17 on passage from Goose to Reykjavik reports sighting at 1505Z in 062° 44' N. 037° 10' W. 3 U-Boats (German) circling a surface vessel. 2 U-Boats (German) dived in an easterly direction and the 3rd remained on surface close alongside. Sighting was made thro' cloud but vessel reported to be tanker. 3 Liberator A/C are being sent.
 (A.C.I.C. 202205B to C. in C.W.A. (R) C. in C.H.F. Admty. C. in C.C.N.A.)
 Cancel my 202002.* Aircraft report merchant ship probably tanker and 3 U-Boats in company in position 062° 44' N. 037° 10' W. at 1505Z/20th June.
 2. Proceed to position. No Allied merchant ships or tankers should be in that vicinity.
 3. Observe anti U-Boat precaution. Attention is called to C.A.F.O. 1021 of 1943 which is a repeat of A.G.M. 657A.
 4. Liberators from Iceland are co-operating.
 (C. in C.H.F. 202357B to BERWICK, (R) A.C.I.C. C. in C.W.A. Admty. C. in C.C.N.A. H.Q.C.C. C.S.1.) * BERWICK to proceed to Iceland from patrol "White".

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Allied Air Activity.

2 E-Boats attacked. Two very small vessels plotted from two miles North of Boulogne at 2325/19 Eastbound at 27 knots, faded at 2357 4 miles north west of Calais. Attacked at 0038 four miles west of Dunkirk by two Bomphoons of 3 Squadron with bombs and cannon fire. Vessels identified as two E-Boats by pilots who claim one damaged and one slightly damaged. (V.A.Dover 200950B.)

Bomber Command Report. Covering period 1200 hours 17th June to 1200 hours 20th June, 1943. Day 17th June. 5 Whitleys of 10 O.T.U. carried out anti-submarine patrols. There were no sightings. Day 18th June. Night 18/19 June. 5 Whitleys of 10 O.T.U. carried out anti-submarine patrols. There were no sightings. Night 19/20 June. Minelaying. 12 Lancasters of 3 group were detailed. 11 A/C laid mines in their allotted areas. 1 A/C is missing. (H.Q.B.C. 201645B.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Mayen. Aircraft observed at 0605Z south of the island course west. Probably Heinkel III. (A.C.I.C. 201932B to C. in C.H.F.)

U-Boats.

?U/B attacked. Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate 2 hits, 1 miss. R.F. (Duty I 84 Sqdn. via Iceland W/T 201128B.)

U/B attacked. A.C. 139 20 June U-Boat sighted and attacked by K/269 position 62.17 N. 13.20 W. course 250 speed 18 knots at 1755B. (R.A.F.Iceland 201957B.)

U/Bs reported. Am over enemy S/M in 61.47 N. 13.35 W. Enemy S/M was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 270 speed 8 knots. (A/C C/S OM80 (via Iceland) 202309B.)

Am over enemy submarine in 63.06 N. 14.40 W. (A/C C/S XA1X Duty via Rosyth 200752B) (A.C.I.C. 200907B to Ships north of 60° N. between Long. 10° and 30° W. Admty. C. in C.W.A. A.C.O.S. C. in C.H.F.)

Enemy submarine previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. Course 240° position and speed unknown. (Duty X (?190 Sqdn.) 200800B.)

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U/B attacked. Following has been read:
0843 am over enemy submarine in 57.35 N. 31.46 W. Submarine was on the surface when first sighted on course 230 speed 10.
(Duty 1 84 Sqn. 201045B.)

Following has been read: Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(Duty 1, 84 Sqn. 201100B.)

Following has been read: Enemy has been severely damaged (?Kill).
(A/C 84 Sqn. via Iceland W/T 201114B.)
Aircraft signal 1755B*. Expect to reach position at 2045Z.
(WOODPECKER 201709Z to C. in C.Plymouth, (R) A.O.C.19 Group Coastal Command.) * Sighting of submarine by aircraft.
Cancel my 201709Z.
(WOODPECKER 201745Z.)
Aircraft reports U-Boat in position 057° 35' N. 031° 46' W. probably damaged proceed to search. If nothing sighted by dusk proceed to join O.N.189 detaching MOYOLA to U.K.
(C. in C.W.A. 201219Z to E.G.40, (R) Escorts O.N. 189, Connav, Admty. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. H.Q.C.C. A.C.I.C. C. in C.C.N.A. Cdre. (D) Argentia, Com (D) W.A.)
A.C.130 20 June. Item 84 attacked U/B at 1100 (1120B/206 8) in 57.35 N. 31.46 W. hits observed.
(R.A.F.Iceland 201125B.)
Your 201219 and aircraft duty I 201045. VANQUISHER has investigated wreckage of German origin marked by smoke float in this position. Exhibit including flesh blistered which is not definitely identified as human, articles of clothing, hammock and books and parts of circular wood container which might have been ejected from torpedo tube. Light oil film thousand yards diameter. A/S search without result. P.C. and S. 1300Z 057° (?16') N. 030° 44' W. 259° 10 weather report 6580 1131.
(B.6 201505Z to C. in C.W.A. Admty. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. H.Q.C.C. A.C.I.C. C. in C.C.N.A. Cdre. (D) Argentia, Cdre. (D) W.A. (R) E.G.40.)

U/B attacked. Following has been read: am over enemy submarine in position WNZQ 1740 (indecipherable in W.D.)
(A/C K of 269 Sqn. via Iceland W/T 201755B.)
Enemy submarine previously reported was sighted on the surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 250 speed 18 knots. Have attacked enemy with bombs level and depth charges.
(A/C N. of 269 Sqn. via Burnham 201800B.)

Casualties & Defects.

VEDA. Cancel my 192305B.* Remain by VEDA until you receive further orders.
(C. in C.Plymouth 200033B to RUBY.)
*At time of circulation no trace in W.R.

/ILLUSTRIOUS...

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- ILLUSTRIOUS. Anticipate ILLUSTRIOUS being ready for service 12th July.
 (F.O.C.T. 201529B.)
- C.2 group. Urgent defects. BROADWAY R.D.F. burnt out but propose await refit.
 PRIMROSE new A/S dome required. Diver necessary.
 FENNEL centre furnace to be rebricked.
 KAMLOOPS A/S dome lost and oscillator shaft bent. Dry dock necessary.
 (C.2 201615B to Com. (D) W.A.)
- UNTAMED. My 192015B* No progress owing to unfavourable weather conditions.
 (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 201900B.)
 * re operations on wreck of P.55 (UNTAMED.)
- RUBIS. S.3 reports in his 191551* that noise trials show that in RUBIS
 1. Propellers sing very badly at all speeds
 2. after hydroplanes groan.
 2. Intend to postpone operation quoted in my 181501 not to all addressees.
 (F.O.S. 201922B.)* N.T. in W.R. + re sailing of F.S.RUBIS. M/S circulation.
- RHODODENDRON. My 201856B* RHODODENDRON returned with defects.
 (F.O.I.C. Greenock 202233B.)
 *Sailed RHODODENDRON to R/V with 23rd Escort Group.
 Cancel my 201844 RHODODENDRON returning Greenock.
 L.P.Circuits still defective. My 181832 and F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 201506*
 (Capt. D.Greenock 202320B.) *N.T. in W.R.
- FOLKESTONE. A/S direct compartment flooded beyond capacity of pumps probably due to fractured plating. Am returning to Londonderry. E.T.A. 1245B/21.
 (FOLKESTONE 202249Z to C. in C.W.A.)
- P.65. Your 181634* not to Capt. S.3rd S.F. H.M.P.65 delayed sailing owing to low insulation of main generators. Records show insulation have continued to fall since 4th June when generators were stripped and cleaned. Insulation falls especially during evenings. Insulation now port 170000 starboard 380000 O.H.M.S.
 (S.O.(S) Lerwick 202315B to F.O.S.)
 *Request you will sail P.65 when ready.

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Shipping & Convoys.

- K.M.S.18A. Sail (?sailed) convoy in accordance with my 171118B June.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 200126B to C. in C.W.A. etc.)
- ILE DE FRANCE. C.B.23530 arrived at 200934B June.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock 200938B, 200950B.)
- W.S.31/
K.M.F.17 Sailed MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, HAMBLEDON, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, VICEROY, WOOLSTON, WALLACE, BLANKNEY, WITHERINGTON, ARROW, LEDBURY for W.S.31/
K.M.F.17.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 201004B.)
- BENEDICK (O.N.S.11.) BENEDICK. Escort oiler for O.N.S.11 has developed engine defects and unlikely to be able to R/V with convoy off Londonderry. Com. (D) will keep you informed by telephone of latest position in order that ship may be brought on by special escort if you can so arrange.
(D.T.D. 201122B to C. in C.W.A.)
- K.M.S.18B Escorts. My 191604B para. A. add HONEYSUCKLE.
(C. in C.W.A. 201153B.)
- K.M.S.18A. Sailed EXE, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT for K.M.S.18A. NESS will follow when ready.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 201206B.)
My 172350 not to BANFF. Convoy K.M.S.18B.
1. Para. 5 add BANFF. 2. Route as follows: R/V in position R.A. 270° Oversay 24 miles at 0430B/25 June. Through R.B. 55° N. 10° W. R.C. 51° N. 16° W. R.D. 45° N. 16° W. R.E. 40° N. 15° W. R.F. 36° N. 10° W.
3. Speed is to be adjusted to pass Europa Point at 030330B July.
4. Stragglers Route through D. 49° N. 15° W. E. 41° N. 15° W. F. 36° N. 10° W.
5a. Ships which straggle before crossing lat. 49° N. and are unable to rejoin convoy are to return to U.K. by reverse of outward route.
5b. Ships which straggle south of 49° N. proceed to Gibraltar.
5c. Ships which straggle after passing Europa Point proceed to Algiers.
(D.O.D.(H) 201610B to F.O.I.C. Greenock, etc.)
- P.W.357. With weather deteriorating it is doubtful that P.W.357 will make headway off Lizard Head. Propose anchor convoy in Plymouth tonight. My position 1900 220° Start Point 5 miles. Speed 5 knots.
(PYTCHLEY 201930B to C. in C.Plymouth, Capt. D. 15th D.F. N.O.I.C. Falmouth, HOLDERNESS.)

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Convoy M.K.S.15A. M.K.S.15 A arrived.
(F.O.C.Gibraltar, 200230B to N.O.I.C.Tripoli
(R) Admty, Connav, C. in C. Med.)

BERMUDA. Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 201027B to Admty)

Dispositions. Situation 1959B/20th. P.56 (USURPER) 040° 18' 010° 00' thence 180° diving by day to 038° 56' 010° 00' speed 7½. (2) Fleet Unit 038° 03' 012° 30' 305° 16. (3) U.G.F. 9, C.T.G.65.2 and 65.3. (A) 035° 05' 009° 52' through 035° 20' 009° 30' thence 079° 15. (4) Fleet Unit 043° 10' 016° 11' through 040° 01' 016° 01' thence 130° 15 (see amendment 2317B). (5) Convoy SHIPPIGAN 045° 15' 013° 30' through 042° 01' 013° 30' thence 153° 11. (see amendment 210302B). (6) X.K.7 MOLDE (E) 043° 27' 015° 26' 011° 6½. (7) FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE one merchant ship (E) 029° 28' 012° 30' through 032° 48' 009° 40' thence 042° 12. (8) S.L.131 FOWEY (corrupt group) 025° 47' 015° 50' through 027° 33' 014° 01' thence 035° 7. (9) ALCANTARA 022° 19' 017° 51' 024° 13½. (10) 2 Swedish relief ships 035° 08' 018° 42' 266° 12.
(F.O. Gibraltar 201029B)

My 201029B amend para. 4 to read: Fleet Unit 044° 36' 016° 16' through 040° 01' 016° 01' thence 130° 16.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 202317B)

Situation 202001B. S/M USURPER 040° 18' 010° 00' thence 180° diving by day to 038° 56' 010° 00' speed 7/2.
(2) U.G.F. 9A, C.T.G.65.5 036° 03' 007° 34' through Strait 13½. (3) U.G.F.9, C.T.G.65.2 and 65.3 034° 54' 010° 12' through 035° 20' 009° 30' thence 079° 13. (see amendment 1427B)
(4) CG 39 LA GRANDIERE sailed Casablanca 210700B through 035° 44' 006° 29' to Gibraltar 8½ (see amendment 210114B)
(F.O. Gibraltar, 201033B)

Position and speed in para (3) of my 201033, amend to read 035° 50' 009° 52' 15 knots.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 201427B)

Situation 1958B/20th. (1) U.S.S. BARB in approx. position 046° 18' 029° 28' to 045° 10' 027° 01' at 0800/21st on the surface till East of 024° West speed 10½. (2) U.S.S. HAKE in approx. position 044° 28' 028° 30' to 043° 25' 026° 02' at 0800/21 on the surface till East of 024° West speed 10½. (3) U.S.S. BLACKFISH in approx. position 043° 25' 029° 10' to 042° 26' 026° 50' at 0800/21st on the surface till East 024° West speed 10. (4) 2 Swedish relief ships 034° 16' 034° 20' through 034° 01' 039° 01' thence 270° 12. (5) Hospital ship ACADIA 041° 34' 035° 09' through 041° 40' 036° 58' thence 270° 17½.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 201123B, 201125B)

REUS. Spanish REUS left Cartagena 2000/18th June for Port Vendres.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 201048B to 8th S/M F. S.O.(I) Med. (R) Capt. (S) 8).

G.T.X.3. In view of advanced sailing date of G.T.X.3
EMPIRE EMPIRE MIGHT will not be able to sail with G.T.X.3
MIGHT. from Gibraltar. (2) Intend EMPIRE MIGHT
should /

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EMPIRE
MIGHT
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should continue into Mediterranean to overtake G.T.X.3 in approx. 36.44 N. 01.40 E. at 2130B/23 June. Escorts FOXHOUND and BULLDOG, BLACKMORE being detached on convoy passing Europa, BULLDOG will be sailed to join as requisite to enable FOXHOUND to fuel. (3) FOXHOUND and BULLDOG will return to Gibraltar with despatch on R/V with G.T.X. 3 being made in order to join W.S.31. (4) Admiralty pass to D.N.C.X.F. (F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 201107B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty, C. in C. Levant, D.N.C.X.F.)

French
refugees
at
Setubal.

Your 171312. Ships should arrive Setubal forenoon tide 27th. Hope to sail them evening tide same day.
(B.N.A. Lisbon, 201221B to C. in C. Med. (R)
B.N.A. Madrid, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty)

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

Request sailing telegram K.M.S.17, O.S.50, may be passed by important signal.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 201246B to C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy
C.G.38.

C.G.38 arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 201430B to C.M.S.F.F.(R)
Admty etc.)

Convoy
Aircraft
programme.

A.O.366 20 June. In order to ensure adequate cover and economy in force for convoys North of Gibraltar using L.R. and V.L.R. aircraft, request A.O.C. Gibraltar signal daily by 1200B his intentions for the period 2359 on day of despatch until 2359 on following day. Following details are required - convoy duty aircraft time on patrol, time off patrol, E.T.A. base, landing base. The priority "Emergency" should be attached to the signal and repeated this Hqs., 15 and 19 Groups. 15 and 19 Groups are to transmit similar information to Gibraltar by 1200B daily.
(S.S.S.15, 19 Group, Admty (R) R.R.R. Air Min, D.O.N.C.)

M.K.S.15.

Sailing destinations.
(D.T.D. 201805B to F.O. Gibraltar)

A/C
distress.

Following message intercepted. Aircraft down in 44.55 N. 10.42 W. remainder corrupt. T.O.O.201740. (Ends.) (2) Hospital ship BEDFORDSHIRE should be in this vicinity.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 202021B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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Gibraltar.

Arrivals WISHART, BOREAS with M.K.S. 15 A.
LORD NUFFIELD from Melilla. P.C.480, L.S.T.
159, 421, B.Y.M.S. 19 with C.G.38. Departures
SALTERELLO, L.C.G.(L) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20. L.C.F. 8,
10, 11, 12. L.C.T.(R) 136, 141, 147, 167, 171, 140 L.C.T.306,
410, 418 for Jijelli. BAROVA L.C.T. 540, 601, 617, 702, 592
for Algiers. COLUMBINE for Almeria. BERMUDA for Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibrlatar, 202236B to Admty etc.)

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W.S.30. Arrived NORMAN, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, NIZAM, with W.S.30.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 200611Z to Admty etc.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/20th T.L.S.S. THYME, LADY ELSA, ST. ZENO, NORWICH CITY, SPHENE, IMMORTELLE with D.C.31 (15 ships) 034° 20' 027° 30' coastal to Capetown 8 knots. F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA 034° 15' 025° 25' coastal to Durban 11. FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, WELLARD, CEDARBERG with C.D.23 (4 ships) 031° 55' 029° 25' coastal to Durban 8. NIGELLA, STELLA POLARIS, COVENTRY CITY, 023° 00' 037° 05' to St. Lucia 10. ROHILKHAND, MANCHESTER CITY, 021° 00' 038° 50' to 014° 46' 043° 56' 10.
(C. in C. S.A. 201021B.)

My 201045. Add F. Cruiser GLOIRE. Sails from Dakar 1800Z to 12° 00' N. 23° 00' W. 20.

(R.A.W.A.F. 201432Z.)

Situation 202001. M.L. 1137 007° 15' 012° 44' to Freetown 10. M.L. 1160 escorting 004° 28' 008° 26' to 004° 09' 007° 42' thence 070° 6. F.F.S. (?COMMANDANT DETROYAT) off Cape Palmas M.L.265 off Port Bouet. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, ST. WISTAN, TURCOMAN, ORFASY with T.S.45 005° 01' 004° 45' to 004° 59' 005° 22' thence 250° 7. SARABANDE M.L. 272 off Accra. M.L. 1041 off Lome. M.L. 296 off Grand Popo. M.L. 1014 off Kotonu. RAPID, WOLVERINE, WITCH, escorting 006° 05' 003° 15' E. thence 257° 11. B.Y? M.S. 46.45, 24.22, 002° 11' 018° 30' to 004° 30' 016° 30' thence 032° 9½.

(F.O.C.W.A. 201053Z.)

Movements, Arrivals 0930/29th June. H.M.T. MORRIS DANCE, Bathurst. M.L.278 and 209.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 201035Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Comar Dakar, Admty.)

SANTA MARIA, ✕ Comar Dakar reports SANTA MARIA sailing explosion. independently stopped by explosion at 0820/20th. in position 200° Cap Manule 5 ? miles. Torpedo or possibly mine suspected. Two B.Y.M.S. from Bathurst sailed to search area. Three A/S vessels hunting.

(F.O.C.W.A. 201215Z to Admty.)

SANTA MARIA reached harbour in tow 1845Z damage forward serious. Report on probable cause and disposal of C.Bs. will follow.

(Comar Dakar 201932 to F.O.C. W.A. (R) Admty. Connav.)

Repatriations. Expect to sail DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE at 0900B/June 21st for Aden.
(N.L.O.Port Elizabeth 201256B to C. in C. S.A.
(R) C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Massawa.)

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Convoy L.S.9. Expected sailing time 1815Z/20th June. L.S.9 escorted by WOLVERINE S.O. RAPID, WITCH, route "Oxford" S. of A. 11 knots, E.T.A. Freetown 1300Z/25th June. Straggler route close inshore, no positions given. HIGHLAND BRIGADE, (Cmdre.) HIGHLAND MONARCH, NEW NORTHLAND. Details. Requirements. Convoy codeword "Trainer" wireless call sign, G.R.D. Q.L.A.182. (N.C.S.O. Lagos 201345Z to Admty. etc.)

Weekly statement West Africa, 19th June. Cape Blanco area FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE, FOWEY, MALLOW, F.S. LA MALOUINE, MYOSOTIS, CAMPION, STONECROP. Dakar, SNOWDROP, BELLWORT, COMDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES. Dakar Area ALCANTARA, KEPPEL, O.R.P. BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, F.F.S. LOBELIA, F.F.S. ACONIT. Freetown DESPATCH, CILICIA, BOADICEA, BRIDGEWATER, MILFORD, COWSLIP, ARMERIA, WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, CLARKIA, TAMARISK, BUTTERMERE, WASTWATER. Freetown Area CORFU. Cape Palmas Area F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT. Takoradi Area. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, Lagos (Nigeria) WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH, F.S. PRESIDENT HOUDUCE. Pointe Noire area BURDOCK. Pointe Noire REDSHANK. (F.O.C.W.A. 201445Z to Admty. etc.)

REVENGE, destroyers. REVENGE, QUIBERON, RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM, arrived. (Com.1/c. Durban 201454Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Lagos. Departure 20th WOLVERINE, WITCH, RAPID. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 201455Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)

EDINBURGH CASTLE, CORBRAE. When do you expect to complete installation of new generators in EDINBURGH CASTLE and to sail CORBRAE for U.K? (D.M.S. 201648B to F.O.C.W.A.)

O.S.49. Sailed 1620Z FORT DOUGLAS, JOHILLA, SANTA MARGHARITA, LISS. SNOWDROP and COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escort to join O.S.49. (Comar, Dakar, 201648Z to F.O.C. W.A. Admty. KEPPEL, BURZA.)
(1) (?My) 2010 (?21) (N.T. in W.D.). Sailed 15(?45) Z 20th June INKPEN, M.L. 278, 289, 574, escorting. (2) M.L. 209 returned to harbour with engine defect.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 201819Z to F.O.C. W.A. KEPPEL, Comar, Dakar (R) Escort O.S.49.)

CORFU. My P.C. and S. 2000/20th 009° 07' N. 017° 52' W. 100° 15 knots, E.T.A. 1500/21st. (CORFU 201851Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

GLOIRE. My 191706Z/June. GLOIRE sailed 1800Z/20. (Comar, Dakar 201910Z to F.O.C.W.A. Admty. etc.)

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Movements,
Dakar.

Arrived 1630Z KEPPEL, sailed 1914Z to rejoin
convoy. Arrived 1850Z CHELMA, GRAND QUEVILLY,
MEDIE II, FORT (corrupt group) COOK, FORT JEMSEG,
PALACIO, with local escort.
(Comar, Dakar 201917Z to O.R.P. BURZA, F.O.C.
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K.M.S.16, Arrived less EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP.
U.G.S.9. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 200001B to Admty. etc).
Algiers section arrived less VINRIVER plus
JOHN STEELE 19 ships.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 201014 to Admty. etc).
Bizerta arrival (10 ships, list).
(F.O.I.S., 201520B to C. in C. Med., etc).
K.M.S.16 arrived (8 ships, list).
(N.O.I.C. Tunis, 201600B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty.
etc).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of three escort vessels 095°
37° N., 15° E. 20 miles course 030° 15 knots.
(A/C GGP/L 200025B via Alex. to A.H.Q. Malta).
P.C. and S. of two escort vessels 41.40 N.
9.26 E. course 190° speed 15 knots.
(A/C GKM/S 200100B via Alex).

NIEUW AMSTERDAM, DOMINION MONARCH, KENYA. NIEUW AMSTERDAM sailed 0235Z/20 June to R/V
with DOMINION MONARCH in position (D) at 0830Z/20
June and with KENYA in position (G) at 0800Z/21
June. (Route).
(E) 12° 10' 50° 55' (F) 11° 55' 51° 45'.
(G) 10° 30' 53° 05'. (H) 09° 15' 54° 15'.
(J) 01° 20' S. 71° 30'. DOMINION MONARCH thence
Colombo E.T.A. 26 June, NIEUW AMSTERDAM,
thence Fremantle E.T.A. 1st July.
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 200404Z, to A.I.G.89).

M.Ls. M.L.558 563, 569 and 580 are allocated to 29th
M.L. Flotilla and M.L.565 to 3rd M.L. Flotilla
N.O.I.C. Algiers is requested to sail 558 and 563
to Oran and 565 to Malta.
(C. in C. Med., 200840B to N.O.I.C. Oran,
N.O.I.C. Algiers, (R) F.O.I.S., V.A. Malta,
C.C.F. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty).

Movements, Beirut. 19th June. Arrivals ABDIEL, IERAX, SNOWDRIFT
M.L.350, 348, 384, 385. Departures ABDIEL
M.L.1156 JOHN WILLIAMSON.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 200915C to Admty).

AURORA, destroyers. Arrived AURORA, JERVIS, LOOKOUT, NUBIAN,
ESKIMO.
(V.A. Malta, 200956 to Admty. C. in C. Med.,
C. in C. Levant). W.D. Note, AURORA conveyed
H.M. King George VI on his visit to Malta.
(The Times, 22.6.1943).

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- Minesweepers Subject to concurrence of C. in C. Med., with para. 3, following Fleet Minesweepers are re-allocated.
1. FLY and MUTINE to 12th M.S.F.
 2. HAZARD and SHARPSHOOTER to 17th M.S.F.
 3. HYTHE and RYE to 14th M.S.F.
 4. HUSSAR and SPEEDWELL to 1st M.S.F.
 5. ORESTES and RATTLESNAKE to 18th M.S.F.
 6. SPANKER and WATERWITCH to 19th M.S.F.
- (D.M.S., 201055B to C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Rosyth, A.S.C.B.S.)
Concur - C. in C. Med., 221640B to Admty).
- Movements Alexandria. Arrival 19th June, HURWORTH, CROOME, GAWLER, LISMORE, RAIDER, VULCAN, M.Ls. 1038, 1048, 1083, 11(?58), L.S.Ts. 417 (?425) NOTRIAS. Departures 19th June, ROCKWOOD, MARYBOROUGH, GERALDTON, (?WOLLONGONG), CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, PRINS ALBERT, M.Ls. (?359) 459, 1038, 1083, 1158. (S.O.(I) Levant, 201056C to Admty etc).
- L.C.M.S.O. X Owing to bomb damage L.C.M.S.O. Jijelli has been transferred to Bougie. Title becomes L.C.M.S.O. (Bougie) SAMARAI address remains c/o N.O.I.C. Bougie. (C. in C. Med., 201059B to Med., Station (R) Admty C.C.O. D.C.O. M.E.)
- M.E. Air Report. A.684 June 20 0944Z. Daily Opsum 53. 19 June. 49 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Ferry termini and railway sidings San Giovanni and Reggio Di Calabria and shipping in Straits. 6 returned early mechanical troubles, 3 more owing to cloud. 17 bombed San Giovanni. Cloud prevented accurate observation results but bursts seen Southern side of harbour in area of ferry berths and railway station and on sidings to South, other bombs near ship S. of harbour and in town. 23 bombed Reggio majority bombs bursting S.E. corner harbour, causing considerable smoke. Other bursts on Western arm of harbour in area ferry berths and sidings also in town to E.N.E. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 201116Z).
- U/B Sunk 16 June. Request you will convey our congratulations to the Hudson Aircraft which sank a U-boat off Haifa on 16th June, 1943. (D.A.S.W., Approved 1st S.L., 201200B to Air Ministry, (R) C. in C. Levant).
- P.R.U. P.R.U.19th June shows 2 LITTORIO class battleships at Spezia and one LITTORIO class battleship in dock at Genoa. (Capt. S.8., 201304B to S.8).

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N.A.A.F. Report. N.W. African Air Forces Opsum No. 119. Northwest African Strategic Air Force 18/19 June. 11 Wellingtons Syracuse. 1 returned early. Majority of bombs burst across Port area. 1 small fire started. (?19) June. No operations.

N.W. African Tactical Air Force. 17 June (additional) 15 missions totalling 66 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), 24 U.S. Spitfires patrol and cover Pantellaria. 18 June (additional) 17 missions totalling 60 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), 36 U.S. Mustangs (A.36), 24 U.S. Spitfires patrol and cover Pantellaria. 19 June. 15 missions totalling 48 U.S. Spitfires, 42 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), 36 U.S. Mustangs (A.36) cover Pantellaria.

Northwest African Coastal Air Force. 17 June (additional) 8 U.S. Airacobra (P.39), 2 Latacoeres A/S patrols and convoy escorts. Latacoeres bombed suspected oil streak N.E. Captres Forcas no results seen. 18 June. (Additional) 1 Latacoere one Hudson A/S patrol and convoy escort. 18/19 June. 1 torpedo Wellington attacked and severely damaged Southbound merchant vessel N.E.? Porto? Vecchia (W.D. Note, further details in 211543B). Enemy activity. 18/19 June. 7 enemy aircraft operated over Bizerta area. Only 1 crossing coast. No further details available. (H.Q., N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 201359B).

OSIRIS OSIRIS sails from Beirut for Malta on surface at 2045C/22nd to arrive in 034° 25' N., 021° 50' E. at 1735C/25th, thence as ordered by (?you). (Capt. S.1., 201458C to Capt. (S) 10, (R) (?Admty) OSIRIS) Delayed 24 hours (211127C).

Chart showing A.804 19th June. Your A.X.854 10th June. We A/S operations in North Atlantic. have asked Admiral Commanding M.S.F.F. through C. in C. Med., to pass the information direct to A.H.Q. Gibraltar. (H.W. Med., Air Command, 201511B to Air Min. (R) Gibraltar).

CASABIANCA My 181624. From 039° 23' 007° 21' at 1030/21 proceed through 037° 55' 003° 08' at 0330/23rd to R/V escort Algiers, in 037° 00' 003° 08' at 0800/23rd.

2. Cable Ship and escorting trawler working between 037° 42', 003° 50' and 037° 44', 004° 13'. (Capt. S.8., 201524B to CASABIANCA, (R) 8th S/M F. C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C. Algiers).

BERMUDA Your 191048B to Admty. only. Request you will sail BERMUDA for Plymouth after disembarkation of passengers and stores. 2. On reaching 38° N., she is to come under orders of C. in C. Plymouth. (D.O.D. (H), 201620B to C. in C. Med., (R) C. in C. Plymouth, etc).

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U.G.S. Schedules. * Your 172212B. Following is B.A.D's 191709Z to Admiralty only (begins) Understand Cominch will issue revised schedule shortly based on 16 days in lieu of 21 days from U.G.S.13 onwards. (Ends). (D.T.D., 201644B to C. in C. Med).

DURBAN 1½ hours late on E.T.A. in N.O.I.C. Hormuz 171306Z and my 151247Z. (DURBAN, 201651Z to Cdre. Aden).

Movements Port Said. 20th June. Port Said. Arrivals PANTHER, AETOS, GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, ISLAY, CUMBRAE, M.L.1122, M.L.459 R.F.A. BADAPUR. Departures. PRINS ALBERT, FAREHAM, ASPIS, 9 L.C.Ms. AETOS, GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, R.F.A. BADAPUR. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 201733C to Admty. etc).

G.U.S. 8 A, M.K.S.15. Sailed ships in my 1771605, Incon, 356 issued plus H.D.M.L. 1232. Cdre. Rear Adm. Cooke U.S.N. in MEMPHIS CITY. Vice Cdre. Cdr. Tillman U.S.N. in DEL SUD. (Comnob Oran, 201735 to Admty etc). Oran ships arrived. List including H.M.T. FOXTROT H.M.T. PIROUETTE, F.S. ARETHUSE. (Comnob, Oran, 201935B to A.I.G.259).

U/Bs U-boat disposition German, estimated 3 operating between Alboran and Algiers one of which was denoted 3 miles N.W. Cape Caxine at 1724 June 20th.

Italian. One between Algiers and Bougie, one between Philippeville and Bone one in Gulf of Sirte one south or south east of Malta. (C. in C. Med., 201802B to U-boat situation report Western Med., Escorts of T.E.22, M.K.S.15, K.M.S.16).

UNSHAKEN. Leave patrol to pass through 037° 00' 015° 43' at 2359/23rd thence through 036° 26' 015° 43' thence through 036° 26' 014° 20' to arrive N.W. R/V at 0830/25th. 2. You are to keep north of 037° 00' N. after 0800/22nd. My 201942 refers. (Capt. S.10, 201939B to P.54 (UNSHAKEN) (R) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, 10th S.F. Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8).

UPROAR. P.31 (UPROAR) sails at 1830/21st for special operation in area South of (9037) 00' and West of 015° 40'. Return route through 036° 30' 015° 20' and 036° 30' 014° 15' to arrive 1700/24th (Capt. S.10, 201942B to UNISON, UNITED, UNSHAKEN)

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Movements, Oran. Todays arrivals. U.S.S. BOISE, GLENNON, NELSON, NIBLACK, H.M.T.FOXTROT, PIROUETTE, F.F.S.ARETHUSE. Todays departures. U.S.S. BOISE, GLENNON, NELSON, H.D.M.L.1232. C. in C. Med., pass to Comnavnaw. (Com. N.O.B., Oran, 202019B to Admty. C. in C. Med., etc).

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals WHEATLAND, RETRIEVER, SEAWOLF. Departures U.S.S. REDWING, P.C.621, D.19 in LAFOREY, WELCOME. (Com Algeria, 202023B to Admty. etc).

Movements, Sousse. Arrivals 20th FELIXSTOWE departures 20th FELIXSTOWE, MULL. (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 202030B to Admty).

Movements, Sfax. Departure: SUTLEJ, MIAOULES. (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 202117B to Admty).

Movements, Bone. Arrival CIRCE, RESTIVE departure H.D.M.L.12, 11 M.G.B.645. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 202130B to Admty. etc).

Movements, Tobruk. Arrived M.L.359, ROCKWOOD, MARYBOROUGH. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 202132C to Admty).

Air R/C. 2 battleships, 1 cruiser at Taranto at 1745. Visual report Brindisi 1 cruiser. (V.A. Malta, 202204B to C. in C. Med., etc).

ABDIEL 20th June, departure and arrival. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta, Cyprus, 202247C to Admty. etc).

UNITED, ships sunk. Torpedoes expended. 1 medium merchant ship and one 7,000 ton A.M.C. sunk. In by route given your 180830B to arrive 0830B/22nd. (P.44 (UNITED) 202259B to Capt. (S) 10, (R) S/MS on Patrol).

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Movements
Malta.

Arrivals PETARD, ULTOR, UNBROKEN L.C.Ts. 422, 554. Departures AURORA, NUBIAN, JERVIS, LOOKOUT, ESKIMO, PENELOPE.
(V.A. Malta, 202317B to Admty. etc).

Movements,
Tripoli.

Arrived and sailed FALK. Arrived DULVERTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SHOREHAM, IPSWICH, KLO L.C.T.9, 13, 17, 308, 313, 318, 324, 325, 354, 361 FAVOURITE, H. MOLLER.
Sailed RHYL, CLACTON, STORNOWAY, POLRUAN, HAILSTORM.
(S.N.O. Trip. 202340B to Admty).

Malta Air
Report.

A.I.583 20 June C.S.R.
(A) Part 1, offensive. Night 19/20. 3 bomb carrying Albacores shipping search East coast Sicily attacked 2 M/V 1000 Syracuse Harbour. Near misses on 3 E-boats 2 miles South of Syracuse. Mosquitoes patrolled coastal railway Naples to Toe of Italy, attacked Railways and buildings, 2 bomb hits on station at Paola started fire, strikes scored on M.T. near Praia a Mare. Day 20th, 87 Spitfires offensive sweeps south and south east Sicily. Part 2 E/A activity. Day 20th. 32 Spitfires escort Naval Units. 64 Spits. protective patrols. 8 Beaufighters escort shipping. 1650 8 Spitfires intercepted a number of enemy fighters over Sicily. 1 M.E. 109 destroyed. 1 Spitfire missing.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 202350Z).

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RAMDAS

Departure for Madras.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 200201Z to Admty., etc.)

Dispositions. Eastern Fleet disposition signal No. S.P.X.1.
REVENGE refitting Durban. RESOLUTION at
Kilindini. (c) SUSSEX escorting South Indian
Ocean. SUFFOLK Durban to Kilindini.
(d) KENYA CAPETOWN escorting in North Indian Ocean FROBISHER,
NEWCASTLE at Kilindini. DURBAN Persian Gulf to Aden at
Durban. (e) Available until exercising off Kilindini.
(C. in C.E.F. 200704)

B.M. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$

B.M. (?54) $\frac{1}{2}$ consisting of EMPIRE TROPHY for
Cochin and BRITISH LORD for Colombo sailed 0630Z/
20 June escorted by BARODA to Cochin.
(2) Routed coastwise through positions (R) 015°
52' 073° 03'. (S) 009° 58' 075° 42' (T) 009° 35' 076° 58'
S. of A. 8 knots. E.T.A. position (S) 0830Z/23 June, Colombo
0230Z/25 June. Convoy W/T call sign P.Q.D.3.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 200704Z to Admty.)

IRRAWADDI.

Arrival IRRAWADDI escorting CITY OF (?DURBAN).
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 200732Z to Admty. etc.)

MAURETANIA

Following is a repetition of C. in C.E.F. 101250
June. Your 191115 refers (Originated by W.R. in
connection with N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez's 130745.)
begins: N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez (R) F.O. Ceylon,
F.O. R.S.C.A., P.S.T.O. Capetown, P.S.T.O. M.E., D.S.T. from
C. in C.E.F. P.S.T.O. Capetown states that MAURETANIA requires
8 days to boiler clean. Essential she should sail from
Colombo not later than P.m. 26th June. Ascertain from Master
whether he can boiler clean at Colombo in given time. Failing
this boiler cleaning must be deferred until arrival Suez (Ends.)
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 200732Z to Admty.)

Air
Report.

A.268. 20 June Daily Opsum No. 462. Outstanding
U.S.A.A.F. reports. 18th June 9 U.S. Mitchells
(B.25) Yenangyaung (Irrawady). 9 tons dropped.
Oil tanks set on fire. 2 large boats damaged.
Probable damage to shore installations and among
buildings near workshops. 9. U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Myingyah.
1 A/C returned early without bombing. 9 tons dropped. Building
demolished. Fires started.
(A.H.Q. India, 200955Z to Air Min. etc.)

Convoy
M.B. 38

Sailing telegram.
(2) 0845Z 20.6.43. (4) 14 knots. (5) (G)
07° 29' N. 78° 24' E. (H) 07° 59' N. 77° 10' E.
(6) CHITRAL. STRATHMORE, STRATHAIRD, troops
Bombay.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 201007Z, 201018Z to Admty.)

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Bombay. ALBATROSS.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 201124Z to Admty etc.)

LAHORE. Departure LAHORE for Calcutta escorting
SS. TANK HUSSAR.
(N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, 201230Z to Admty etc.)

CHITRAL. Colombo departure 20th June 0823.
(F.O.Ceylon, 201257Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

French Ships, Diego Suarez, refits. x Para. 6 of C. in C. E.F's 291521/April is con-
curred in. (2) As D'ENTRECASTEAUX and BEVEZIER
cannot be re-fitted properly at Diego Suarez and
it is very desirable to get them away from there
as soon as possible, request (a) N.O.I.C. Diego
Suarez, informs C. in C. S.A. regarding nature
or repairs necessary to these ships, and (b)
C. in C. S.A. reports on possibility of allocating
a suitable yard in a Union port. (3) Agreement of Free French
is being sought to re-fit in Union port. (4) Efforts of
French to recover their position in Diego Suarez may be
expected to continue. Until contrary instructions are
received the present attitude of C. in C. E.F. and N.O.I.C.
Diego Suarez towards these efforts should be maintained.
(Hd. of M. Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 201501B to C. in C. E.F.
N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, C. in C. S.A.)

Routeing of U.S. Ships Indian Ocean. C. in C. S.A's 041755, C. in C. E.F's 151351,
Connav's 091554 and 171331, M.E.I.R.I. does not
include approach instructions to ports.
(2) It is, therefore, suggested that C. in C.
E.F. should issue an amendment to this publication
giving approach instructions for Diego Suarez
and for such other ports as may be considered
necessary. (3) Request that N.S.H.Q. Ottawa
may be included in M.E.I.R.I. amendments.
(D.T.D. 201833B to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A. (R) Connav.
N.S.H.Q.).

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SEARCHER Refer to this as 191926. Expected departure SEARCHER 1600Z/20th June. Routed New York point X.M. thence through following positions 37.30 N. 74.15 W. 39.53 N. 73.28 W. thence to point Z. S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. Ambrose 1300Z/21st June. (P.D. Norfolk 200020Z to Comeastseafon, Cominch, Admiralty, Com. 4, N.S.H.Q. P.D. New York).

Minesweeping My 182315 Mine bag Saturday 19th, one by L.L. in Halifax. position 441745, 633530 in area swept Oropesa 9th, L.L. 14th. Total mines destroyed 47, recovered 3, probably self sunk 3 to date. (C. Halifax 200023 to Admty. etc.).

Movements June 19. Departures CALDWELL, OAKVILLE, ARROWHEAD, St. Johns SUDBURY, BROCKVILLE to O.N. 188. HESPERUS, N.F. WHITEHALL, GENTIAN, HEATHER, CAMPANULA, CLEMATIS, to S.C.134. BURNHAM, PICTOU, BITTERSWEET, LA MALBAIE, MAYFLOWER, BARLE to H.X. 244. MENEMSHA (sic) on patrol. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 200309Z to Admty.).

T.G. 92.4 My 171431 May to Admty. and 210801Z May to T.F. 61 (R) Cominch, Opnav, Cinclant, Admiralty, C. in C.W.A. and C. in C.H.F. Request all operational signals with regard Task Group 92.4 be addressed Cominch and Cinclant for information. (Comnav 200849Z to Admty. etc.).

G.A.T.68 Arrived. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad 200927Q to Admty.).

S.H.87 Arrival CUCKMERE, HERSCHELL, TRAIL escorting S.H.87. (?Halifax) (201049Z to N.S.H.Q. etc.).

BENTINCK Bermuda arrival 19th June. (S.B.N.O.W.At. 201103P to Admty. etc.).

X.B.59 Departures COWICHAN, SASKATOON, DUNVEGAN, U.S.S. EVERGREEN, CONIFER, escorting X.B.59. (C? Halifax 201140 to N.S.H.Q. etc.). Sailing telegram part 2. Total 7 ships. (Halifax 201555Z to Admty.).

OCEAN Your 182049. Master had definite instructions to VAGABOND return to St. Johns, if becoming a straggler (Torp. before reaching 45 degs. West. 10 Jan.). (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 201156Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A.).

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A.T.52
A.T.54 Convoys A.T. 52 and A.T.54. Request you will sail QUEEN MARY and S.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH so as to arrive Clyde p.m. on 30th June and 6th July respectively, reporting E.T.A. and estimated position at daylight on day of arrival.
(2) C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange air protection.
(3) Fighter protection code words should be allocated by B.A.D. (D.O.D.(H) 201201B to P.D. New York, (R) Comnav B.A.D. etc.).

B.X.? B.X. arrived 2015Z/19th. Commandant N.O.B. San Diego pass to P.D. Boston. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 201224Z to Admty.).

U/B Possible S/M sighted 021 degs. 35' North 076 degs. 15' West at 201525Z. (Kingston Jamaica 201323Q to Admty.).

T.A.G.67 List (6 ships), destinations. (Willemstad 201345Z to Admty.).

? SANDPIPER Modify my 191843. C.T.U. 24.83 detach SANDPIPER off St. Johns 21 June and direct SANDPIPER to proceed to base C via Great Circle route, speed 11. SANDPIPER on arrival report to Commandant N.O.B. Iceland (C) for temporary duty with C.T.U. 24.3.10. SANDPIPER guard F. Holds Iceland (C) hydrographic information, change number 5 entered. N.O.B. Iceland (C) pass to C.T.U. 24.3.10. (C.T.F.24. 201421 to C.T.U. 24.8.3. SANDPIPER, N.O.B. Iceland).

POLYANTHUS F.O.N.F. 181815. Request POLYANTHUS be sailed to New York to join W-6 additional for H.X.247 to St. Johns N.F.
(2) Ship required to join group C-2 mid-ocean escort H.X. 248. (C. in C.C.N.A. 201441Z to B.A.M.R.).

N.S.H.Q. (N.S.H.Q. 201442Z to G.B.7A. Admty. etc.).
S/M
Estimate.

WEAZEL Part 1. 201800B. WEAZEL (H.M.R.T) Gibraltar 5 July, knots (2) 10 from R.O. Port of Spain. (Route). (Com.N.O.B. Trinidad 201503 to Cominch C and R. C.C.S.F. N.S.H.Q. B.A.D. F.O.C.W.A.F. S.B.N.O.W. A. Admty. V.A. Gib.).
H.M.R.T. WEAZEL departed from Philippeville (sic) Port of Spain 201800, Gib. July 5th.
(? 202009 to Radio Station San Juan Pass to C.C.S.F. Radio Station Washington pass to F.O. Gib. N.S.H.Q. F.O.W.A.F. Admty. etc.).

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S/M
Estimate

(Cominch 201520Z to Admty. N.S.H.Q.).

Hospital
Ships,
Immunity,
attack on
CENTAUR.

X Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S.(W) 650.

Ref. J.S.M. 972. [*referred in Admiralty 28/11/34 June, page 1014*]

1. We fully concur that:-

(a) it is in the Allied interests that immunity of Hospital Ships from attack should be maintained.
(b) U.S. and British interpretation of the Conventions must be consistent, especially as U.S. and British Forces are operating together in same Areas.

2. We doubt, however, wisdom of addressing a comprehensive note of kind proposed to all three Axis Powers, because we feel it most important not to,

(a) appear to be replacing or supplementing Conventions with another Code of our own making:

(b) encourage Axis to concert their policies on this or any kindred subject, e.g. shooting bomber crews. Moreover we have already made several of the points in notes addressed to Italian and German Governments.

3. Accordingly, we prefer present practice of stating interpretations of Conventions when lodging or answering protests concerning particular incidents. We propose, therefore, that any communication to enemy by either Government which involves a new application of Conventions or important considerations of policy concerning Hospital Ships, should, whenever possible, be referred in draft to the other. Also essential that when a protest concerning same incident is addressed to both Governments, as Japanese state their recent protest to have been, there should be consultation before a reply is made.

4. U.S. Interpretations (a) and (b).

We agree that this is essential if a Hospital Ship is to ensure freedom from attack (vide Article 5 of 10th Hague Convention) and that if markings are not adequately illuminated at time of attack, no complaint can be entertained. It should be clear, however, that there is nothing illegal in a Hospital ship darkening ship, though it does do at its own risk. A ship lying in port, passing through defensive minefields, or accompanying a fleet, obviously cannot carry illuminations.

(c) We have had no experience of this difficulty and do not, at first sight, see why a Hospital Ship should be absolutely prohibited from taking a deceptive course. We agree that manoeuvring is generally unwise, because it may confuse submarines and air forces and result in an attack. But in special circumstances deceptive alteration of course by a Hospital Ship may be necessary to avoid compromising an operation.

(d) This represents our general practice, inserting Air Force, in (ii) and with the addition that we permit carriage of invalid wives or families of service personnel. We prefer (v) to read "regular medical supplies and equipment for transportation" and (vi) "No other passengers materials or stores may be carried".

(e) We agree, provided it is clear that a Hospital Ship does not,

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by accepting escort, render itself a legitimate object of attack. Escorted Hospital Ships must not, in our view, be deliberately attacked, though they must accept risk of accidental attack consequent upon their being in company with ships which are legitimate object of attack (Article 4).

5. We have also had occasion to emphasise :-

(a) importance of adequate deck markings for recognition from the air:

(b) that Hospital Ships in vicinity of Military

Objectives must accept risk of damage incidental to any attack upon the Military Objective. Majority of attacks upon Hospital ships in Mediterranean have occurred accidentally during air-raids on Ports.

6. Authority is given to British Hospital ships in Mediterranean Area, only, to broadcast their position at regular intervals, and this is generally done. No agreement on this subject has been made with enemy Governments, but Italians have adopted same procedure.

7. We possess a considerable volume of evidence of abuse of Hospital Ships by Italians through carriage of unwounded Service Personnel and war materials. Italians have replied to our protest suggesting that neutral commissioners should be placed on all Hospital Ships in Mediterranean. We are not disposed to agree to neutral commissioners for reasons of security. We shall pursue our protests further, but our policy is to avoid reprisals which may lead to the Axis abandoning the Convention. In European theatres, advantage to be derived from privileged position of Hospital Ships now lies heavily with United Nations. Our own reports concerning abuses by Japanese are not wholly reliable but, if their evidence justifies it, we presume U.S. Gov. will protest in concert with Australian Government.

8. In connection with CENTAUR incident, A.C.N.B. reports that suggestion had been made that abandonment of special markings for Hospital Ships in favour of camouflage, should be considered. CENTAUR incident is only Japanese attack of which we have heard and may conceivably have been the act of an irresponsible commander. Unless there is other evidence available we feel strongly that it would be better to wait until further incidents have occurred or Japanese show an unmistakable intention to attack our Hospital Ships. We fully concur with U.S. Chiefs of Staff that any reprisals taken against the Japanese should not be extended to Germany or Italy unless latter show solidarity with Japan.

9. We are referring J.S.M. 972 and this telegram to Dominion and Dutch Authorities for their information and comment.
(Air Min. 201600Z to Britman, Washington).

Dispositions Section South west H.S.91, A COLUMBIA 045 degs. 55' 059 degs. 02' en route Sydney C.B.12 knots thence COLUMBIA to Picton N.S. via Cape North (?SALISBURY) 045 degs. (?07) 060 degs. 43' 000 degs. 20 via Gut of Canso to Picton U.S.S. STEVENS, DALY, TAMPERTA, ELENA, 041 degs. 47' 063 degs. 40' 241 degs. 19 alter to 257 degs. in 067 degs. 05' West Neth. S/M K.15 unescorted 041 degs. 24' 056 degs. 32' 07 degs. 11 knots alter to 074 degs. in 052 degs. 30' West

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Dispositions X.B.59.
(Contd.). DUNVEGAN, SASKATOON depart position 044 degs. 08' 063 degs. 16' at 2100Z/20th steering 259 degs. 7.5 altering to 230 degs. in 064 degs. 10' West and to 260 degs. in 065 degs. 24' West. F.H.61 NANAIMO, BRANTFORD 042 degs. 55' 065 degs. 56' 092 degs. 8 alter to 054 degs. in 065 degs. 19' West.
U.S.S. MOJAVE vicinity Cape Sable en route Boston U.S.S. TAMPA, ALGONQUIN, vicinity 044 degs. 35' 061 degs. 00' en route Argentina.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 201707Z to Admty.).
As amended C. in C.C.N.A. 210133Z).

SEMINOLE Departed New York 1500 Ambrose W.N.C.X. U.S.A.H.S.
(H.S.). SEMINOLE Gib. for onward routing to Cape Campbell Light. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600Z/ July 1. S. of A. 14 knots. Ocean route. Diversion in plain English. Running with lights. No position reports. Unarmed.
(P.D. New York 201736Z to Cominch, (R) Admty. etc.).

M.A.R.I. Your 172007. This routing applies to British controlled ships and M.A.R.I. will be amended.
(2) To avoid necessity of passing Q.C.B. messages Connav has been supplied with Mercantile East Indies. Routing Instructions, short title M.E.I.R.I. amendments to which are passed by signal. B.A.D. has been requested to supply you with a copy.
A.M. 201833B refers.
(D.T.D. 201836B to N.S.H.Q. (R) Connav).

Convoy Your 012327 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar only and C. in
Movements C. Mediterranean's 190951. To obviate increase
Reports for in signal traffic involved by this request it is
Cominch and intended to include N.S.H.Q. in addressees of
N.S.H.Q. summary referred to in Connav's 081553 and A.M.
171658, and to omit N.S.H.Q. from addressees of
relevant individual convoy signals. It is hoped
that this will meet your requirements.
(D.T.D. 201837B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. Med.
F.O.I.C. Gib.).

Movements Trinidad arrival June 20th R.H.N. Fleet Tender
Trinidad. 13 DAYLIGHT, FLASH. M/S 99, 100, 101, 104, 108.
Departure WEAZEL.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 201902Z to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R)
Admty. etc.).

Sub attack All times Z. Para.A. Plane sights sub course
and sighting 240 63.06 North 41.40 West 200542. Navy Catalina
summary. attacks sub course 230 57.35 North 31.46 West
200900.

/Para. C....

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Sub attack and sighting summary. (Contd.).
Para.C. OTTAWA attacks sound contact 49.08 North 41.36 West 182300.
Para.D. S.S. G.M. BIBB sights sub 21.35 North 76. 15 West 201525. U.S.9. MALLARD sound contact 22.22 North 85.30 West about 201720. B-17 Radar contact 36 North 68.50 West 192234. Coastal boat sights sub. 47.03 North 52.45 West 180125. A.D.C. observer sights sub area 50. 37 North 57. 24 West 172250. (Cominch 202026Z to Admty.).

COLUMBIA Your 192017 (N.T. in W.R.) My P.C. and S 046 degs. 25' 060 degs. 09' 353 degs. 17 knots. Proceeding Pictou by Cape North accordance with your 191222. E.T.A. Pictou 210701. (COLUMBIA 202101Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) SOREL, MULGRAVE, S.N.O. Pictou, N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B. D. Halifax.).

CHELSEA Arrival from H.X. 244. (C. Halifax 202145Z to Admty. etc.).

U/Bs. and tanker. American aircraft report sighting 3 U-Boats (German) in company with tanker in 62 degs. 44' North 37 degs. 10' West at 1505. (C. in C.C.N.A. 202220Z to G.B.7A. (R) Cdr. (D) W.A. Cdr. (D) Argentia, A.C.I.C. Connnav, Admty. C. in C.W.A. etc.). See A.M. 210143Z to B.A.D.).

CHASER This is a re-encipherment of my 201436, re my 191750Z. Departed Cape Henry 1400Z/20th June. N.S.S. pass to Admiralty. (Navcom Washington 202339 to Admty.).

NANAIMO BRANTFORD E.T.A. 1900Z/21. In company BRANTFORD. Boiler hours. (NANAIMO 202342Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Capt.D.).

Australia and New Zealand.

Movements. 22 Milne Bay - Departure TAROONA, VAN HEUTSZ VAN DER LIJN for Townsville 0300Z/22nd escorted by SWAN and submarine CHASER 731. PAHUD Oro Bay. 0300Z/20th escorted by Y.M.S.11. (Milne Bay 200004Z to Admty.).

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Arrivals. Brisbane 18th BUNGAREE (? U.S. Dest. DRAYTON). Milne Bay 18th SWAN, Thursday Is. 19th INVERELL, Townsville 19th U.S. Dest. HENLEY, Cairns 19th GYMPIE.

Departures. Fremantle 18th U.S.A. ISABEL for Exmouth Gulf. Brisbane 18th U.S. Dest. DRAYTON for Townsville, Milne Bay 19th SWAN for Townsville, Sydney 18th U.S. Dest. LAMSON for Brisbane. (A.C.N.B. 201136Z to A.I.G. 115 etc.).

WALLAROO
(minesweeper)
sunk.

H.M.A.S. WALLAROO, an Australian built corvette, has been lost in a collision at night with an allied merchantman off the coast of West Australia. Neither vessel was showing lights. Two members of the crew were killed and another is missing presumed drowned. The merchantman reached port without casualties and with minor

damage.

(Melbourne, June 20, The Times, June 21).

Kiwi 66
Air attack
on
Guadalcanal
16/ June.

λ Natives report S.S. North East of Vanua Levu a.m. 18/ June possible S.S. 22.23 South 163.10 East p.m. 19/ June A/C sighted S.S. 7.10 South 167.30 East. 18/ June. Kiwi No. 66. Ref, Kiwi No. 65 para.2. Allied casualties 25 killed, 29 injured, 22 missing both vessels damaged, repairable. Further alert 17/ June. Rekata Bay Santa Ysabel bombed 17/ June, Baulale Island bombed 16/ June, one A/C missing. (C.W.R. Wellington 200005Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.).

Movements.

R.A.F.A. AASE MAERSK departed Townsville 19th June due Palm Island 19th. H/T TAROONA U.S. Transports VAN HEUTSZ, VAN DER LIJN departed Fall River 19th due Townsville 23rd. U.S. Transport BOTH departed Bowen 19th due Brisbane 22nd. (Comsowespacseafon 200130Z to Admty.).

CRATER

Departure 0802Z/19th Townsville CRATER E.T.A. Wellington 0600Z/28th via Capricorn Channel thence direct 9 knots. (Cdr. S.W. P.F. 200602Z to Admty. Connav, N.Z.N.B. (U.S.) Cdr. S.Pacific Forces.).

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No.516
June 19th.

Large submarine with deck cargo passed Cape Orford afternoon heading south.

(2) Before dawn 15 Fortresses 3 Liberators raided Vunakanau Aerodrome starting many fires.

(3) Forenoon photos Rabaul Harbour disclose 46 ships whereof 27 Merchantmen totalling approx. 130,000 tons including one additional 12,000 tons transport or possible Hospital Dhip. 9 Destroyers visible and usual Warships and Auxiliaries excepting converted seaplane tender apparently departed. Minimum 180 aircraft present on three dromes but damage unassessable due unclear pictures.

(4) Incomplete morning photographs Wewak Harbour indicate increased number of Barges and small craft Wewak and Biram. Dromes only partially covered showing 25 aircraft on former whereof 15 damaged and 14 on latter.

(5) Four small vessels observed Hansa Bay before noon.

(7) Forenoon R/C. Liberator bombed Finschafen after sighting three barges and many small boats in Hanssch Harbour also another barge off Cape Cretin.

(8) Six Bostons attacked six beached barges in Hanbiah Harbour before dusk.

(10) Enemy R/C plane over Goodenough Island forenoon.

(11) Enemy submarine fixed within 100 miles of 26 degs. South 150 degs. East at 191215Z.

(12) After dark 18th June two Mitchells attacked three or four barges off Finschafen while solitary Boston raided enemy occupied villages in vicinity.

(13) Dawn 18th June single enemy aircraft conducted ineffective strafing raids on small vessel off Merobe Harbour also on Allied positions near.

(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 200645Z to Admty. etc.).
As amended 220726Z.

Japanese
Air
Strategy.

A.I. 693 20 June.

X Present Jap strategy in S.W.P.A. mainly strengthening bases and installations in possible apprehensions Allied intentions. Airsum 112 16th June. Increased activity Gilberts and Marshalls, regular R/C Solomons recent reinforcements to latter, night operations covering Goodenough Woodlark Milne Bay. In N.E. Sector Naval medium bomber strength comparatively low but fighter strength maintained in spite of losses. About 45 fighters brought in between 12th and 15th June believed Army. Apparent completion air communications route between N.W. and N.E. Sectors. Reinforcements need no longer depend on ship ferrying of fighters or flying other aircraft over long stretches of sea. Probable at least all Army aircraft will now come to S.W.P.A. via Singapore, Java, Kendari, Ambon, Babo, Hollandia, Wewak to Rabaul. All this points abandonment any present plan aggression in favour watching for any Allied move. Tokio radio June 9 "Enemy planning counter offensive pilots young but not to be ridiculed therefore endeavour send even 1 more extra plane and train even 1 more pilot. Government today

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approved measure to abolish regulation limiting
working hours for youths in machine ship vehicle
silk and metal industries."
(R.A.A.F. Command 200800 to Air Min.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/Ms. Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 201402B, 201406B).

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
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- (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.

1. RAMILLIES (Eastern Fleet) arrived at Scapa this afternoon from the Clyde.
RENOWN arrived at Scapa this morning after refit at Rosyth.

Operation
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug"

2. WOODPECKER suggests that the patrol areas of the 2nd Escort Group should be moved, as they appear to be too far to the southward and westward to take effective action on reports from the aircraft engaged on operation "Musketry".

3. 4 Moored mines were found off Portland Bill today and 4 ground mines were detonated in the Harwich area.

North Atlantic.

4. The Spanish Minister of Marine reported on 23/June that the Spanish trawler ASIA whilst fishing with ATTILA today about 200 miles North of Cape de Penas was attacked by 2 out of 3 British aircraft and suffered some casualties. ATTILA was not attacked.

South Atlantic.

Swedish
S.S.VENEZIA
sunk.

5. S.S. VENEZIA (Swedish 1673 tons) (Rosario to Bahia) was torpedoed and sunk at about 2100Z today in 25.50 S. 38.38 W. KAIPARA picked up the entire crew on 23/June and landed them at Rio de Janeiro next day. The enemy was not seen but is presumed to have been a U-Boat.

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Mediterranean.

6. BERMUDA arrived at Algiers today and after disembarking passengers and stores left for the U.K. via Gibraltar.

X 7. S.S. BRINKBURN in Convoy T.E.22 blew up and sank at 1136 today in 36.53 N. 02.22 W (about 40 miles N.W. of Algiers). It is presumed that the ship was torpedoed.

8. WILTON carried out a promising attack on a U-Boat which was sighted on the surface at 0442 today in 151 degs. Alboran Island 19 miles.

Attacks on
ferry
termini.

X 9. R.A.F. aircraft bombed the ferry termini at San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria last night, and 45 U.S. Liberators attacked the same targets today. At San Giovanni a Siebel ferry was hit in today's attack, and capsized; and at both places there were numerous bursts in the target area. About 40 enemy fighters attacked the Liberators who shot down at least 20 of the enemy.

and
Naples

X 19 Wellingtons of the N.W.A. Strategic Air Force dropped 40 tons of bombs on the town and marshalling yards at Naples last night. 50 U.S. Fortresses attacked today causing fires in the marshalling yards, Royal Arsenal and torpedo factory, and the oil refinery. 4 Torpedo Beaufighters of the N.W.A. Coastal Air Force sank a 4000 ton merchant ship towing barges off Aranci today; the barges and escorting destroyer were also attacked but results were not seen.

X 10. 20 plus enemy aircraft attacked Bizerta today. Bombs were dropped in the harbour, but caused no damage.

East Indies.

11. RESOLUTION arrived at Kilindini this afternoon, after completing repairs at Durban.

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Flag of C.S.1. Intend to transfer my flag to LONDON a.m. 30th June.
(C.S.1, 211341B to C. in C. H.F.)

SHROPSHIRE Programme of trials.
(C. in C. Nore, 212158B).

Movements.

RENOWN Scapa arrivals at 0835, RENOWN, ONSLAUGHT, SCORPION, OBEDIENT.
(A.C.O.S., 210918B to C. in C. Rosyth).

DAUNTLESS A.C.O.S. 201242B, para. three. COTTESMORE will R/V in vicinity Flamborough Head at 0730B tomorrow.
(C. in C. Nore, 211014B to DAUNTLESS).
Scapa Departure DAUNTLESS.
(A.C.O.S., 211335 to C. in C. Nore).

UNIVERSAL. UNIVERSAL leaves Scilly Isles at 1800B/23rd diving by day through L. 049° 01' 007° 01' M. 046° 01' 007° 01' and by route "Rose" to 043° N., E.T.A. 2330B/30. S.O.A.85 miles a day. Thence as ordered by F.O.C. Gibraltar.
(Capt. S.3., 211027B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

S/M Movements. My 200936B. Sailed (P.61).
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 211045B to N.O.I.C. Blyth).
Intend sailing SCIMITAR from Lough Foyle at 1100B/22 to R/V with HADDO at 1700B in 180° Barra Head 10 miles and thence in company speed 10 knots to Clyde arriving Cumbræes 0900B/23rd.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 211049B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

My 201740B. Sailed. (P.34).
(Capt. S.6., 211422B to F.O.I.C. Tyne).

SCIMITAR will meet you at place and time indicated in F.O.S.161847B.

(Capt. S.3., 211441B to HADDO).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/22 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 211542, 211926B).

Intend to sail UPSTART escorted by RIPLEY 2300B/21st for Holy Loch by usual route, E.T.A. 0300B/24.

(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 211555B to F.O.I.C. N.I.)

Intend sailing TUNA, AMBUSCADE, KINGFISHER from 180° Garroch Head at 2300B/23 to 057° 01', 011° 30', E.T.A. 0300B/25 for certain trials returning on completion to Clyde.

(Capt. S.3., 212121B).

Sailed STUBBORN, UNIVERSAL escorted by CUTTY SARK in accordance with Capt. (S) 3, 191129 amended by 192114 and 210919.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 212204B to F.O.S.)

My 211555B*sailed (UPSTART).

(S.O. S/Ms Lerwick, 212312B). *(P.65) UPSTART escorted by RIPLEY.

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DIDO Your 201447B. Arrived DIDO.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 211244B to A.C.O.S.)

A.F.D. XXI A.M. 191740B and 152323B, an urgent requirement has arisen for escort of A.F.D.XXI sailing to Belfast on 24th June. No destroyers are available. Propose KINGSTON TURQUOISE, KINGSTON TOPAZ which will be ready for transfer to Rosyth command on 24th be used for this escort thence to Rosyth northabout.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 211400B).

METEOR Sailed METEOR to Hvalfiord E.T.A.1200B/23.
(R.A.D. H.F., 211511B to A.C.I.C.)

RAMILLIES Scapa arrivals. RAMILLIES, MILNE, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA.
(A.C.O.S., 211713B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

ULSTER, SAUMAREZ. After satisfactory completion of acceptance-trials of ULSTER and SAUMAREZ on 30th June, followed by two days fire fighting course at Rosyth ending 2nd and 4th July respectively, request these destroyers be sailed separately to Scapa.
(D.O.D. H., 211844B to C. in C. Rosyth).

SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA. Scapa arrivals SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, EMMONS, ELLYSON, MACOMB, FITCH, RODMAN.
(A.C.O.S., 211918B to A.C.I.C.)

UNICORN Intend to proceed at 0600 tomorrow for flying exercise in Irish Sea, returning to Bangor Bay on completion about 2000.
(UNICORN 212144 to F.O.N.I.)

ARCHER B.5. C. in C. W.A., 211828. Intend proceeding for day and night flying and exercises with E.G. B.5 in Irish Sea. Sailing from Rothesay at 1500B/23rd, returning p.m./24th.
LIMBOURNE is requested to report if his group will be sent to take part.
(ARCHER, 212231B to HAVELOCK).

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Tanker and
3 U-boats.

Keep steam at one hours notice.

(C. in C. H.F., 210026B to CUMBERLAND (R)
BERWICK).Para. 4. C. in C. H.F. 202357. 3 Liberator
A/C will be searching area from 0530B until 1700B
June 21st.

(A.C.I.C., 210409B to BERWICK).

A.C.I.C., 212017. When area has been searched for not less
than 3 hours BERWICK return to Hvalfiord.

(2) CUMBERLAND revert to usual notice for steam.

(C. in C. H.F., 212337B to BERWICK, CUMBERLAND).

Coastal
Force
Patrols.My 201110B and my 201628. "Device" returned
0548.

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 210552B).

Intend M.Ls. 269 (S.O.), 182 and 245 to patrol
tonight on lat. 50° 20' N., between 01° 45' W.
and 02° 25' W.2. Leave Portland at 2215 via Q.Z.X. 382 and leave patrol line
at dawn 22nd returning via Q.Z.S.382.

3. Object. Anti E-boat patrol. Codeword "Device".

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 211012B).

1. GREY WOLF, GREY OWL, M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.), 614 from
Newhaven patrolling to southward of E.A.5 buoy.

2. M.Ls. 464, 124 patrolling Eastern Approach Channel.

3. At immediate notice LA COMBATTANTE at St. Helens or Yarmouth.
CHASSEUR 41 at St. Helens.4. M.Ls. 269 (S.O.), 182 and 245 patrolling 50° 20' N., between
01° 45' W., and 02° 25' W.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 211242B).

1. Anti E-boat patrol tonight to be carried out by
M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.) 614, S.G.Bs. GREY OIL, GREY WOLF from 0001B
to 0400B on latitude 50° 25' N., between 00° 15' W., and 01°
00' W.2. M.L. 464, 124 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5
buoys.3. LA COMBATTANTE at immediate notice at Yarmouth or if weather
unsuitable for coastal forces at St. Helens.4. St. Catherine's Light to be shown for 5 mins. after each
hour from midnight to 0405B.

5. Communications. Codeword "Advent".

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 211246B).

1. Patrol A. M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 329, 322 are to patrol 3
miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.2. Leave Dartmouth 2130B for patrol, leave patrol 0430B for
Dartmouth.

3. Codeword "Porter".

4. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 80, 115, 112, 75 are to patrol 5 miles 125°
and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.5. Leave Dartmouth 2230B for patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for
Dartmouth.

6. Codeword "Scent".

7. Patrol C. M.T.Bs. 227, 91 are to patrol between 315° Sept
Isles light 8 miles and 045° Sept Isles light 8 miles. Object
to intercept enemy shipping.8. Leave Dartmouth for patrol 2230B, speed on passage 25 knots.
Leave patrol to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light
22nd.

9. Codeword "Talbot".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 211413B).

/M.Ls...

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Coastal Force Patrols. (contd). M.Ls. 138 and 293 at Bullock Bank weather permitting. M.G.Bs. S.2 and S.1 at "V" Buoy. E.T.D. Dover 2315, E.T.R. 0445/22. M.A.S.Bs. 38 (S.O.) and 25 at Bullock Bank, E.T.D. Ramsgate 2220, E.T.R. 0600/22. (V.A. Dover, 211702B). My 211004. M.L. 269 returned to Portland. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 211725B). My 211012B. "Device" sailed 2229. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 212316B).

Employment of S/Ms in Home Waters until early August. Concur with F.O.S's 201533 June. (C. in C. Plymouth, 211044B).

Operation VP - P. Carry out VP - P. (1) Patrol P. (2) (M.T.B.619) S.O. and 623. (3) 22nd June or first suitable day thereafter (4) at S.O's discretion. (5) No (6) No. (7) 060° Out Skerries 110 miles. (A.C.O.S., 211235B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).

Biscay S/M Patrol. My 201852. Cancel para. 3 and substitute (A) Primary object of patrol is enemy submarines (B) Cruisers and above, supply-ships, raider, blockade-runners may also be attacked. (C) Enemy reports are to be in accordance with F.S.L.2, para. 11. (F.O.S., 211301B and 211529 to Capt. S.3.)

Greenland Sea S/M Patrol. At 0001/22 0.15 leaves patrol-line FF and proceeds to patrol-line DD. (F.O.S., 211501B to S/Ms).

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/22 and movements for following 24 hours. (B) BARB on patrol vicinity 43° 31' N., 022° 29' W. (C) HAKE patrolling vicinity 42° 03' N., 021° 31' W. (D) BLACKFISH 41° 21' N., 023° 05' W, dived by day to patrol near 40° 41' N., 020° 27' W. (E) TRUSTY 45°18' N., 006° 28' W, dived by day towards 49° 01' N., 006° 30' W. (G) ULA patrolling 62° 54' N., 002° 35' E. (H) 0.15 patrolling near 64° 20' N., 001° 24' W. (F.O.S., 211542 to Admty).

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"Musketry"
and "Seaslug".

X It is for consideration to move patrol-areas of 2nd Support Group. At present I appear to be too far south and west to take effective action on air report from "Musketry". If hostile air attack develops I could withdraw Westward again. (WOODPECKER 211700B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Allied Air Activity.Searches for
Tanker and
U-boats.

X Search by 3 Liberators 120 for enemy surface vessel and 3 U-boats sighted by A AB17 in 62° 44' N., 37° 10' W. at 1705B/20, E.T.D.0130, on patrol 0400, off patrol 1400, E.T.A.1700. CLA search by 2 aircraft 269 FRO 3 U-boats sighted by O/269 in 761° 47' N., 13° 35' W. at 2309B/20 creeping westwards from datum-line to PLE. E.T.D.0110 and 0112, on patrol 0330 of P.L.E., E.T.A. 0730 and 0735 (R.A.F., Iceland, 210231B).

Enemy Air Activity.Attack on
Portsmouth of
18th June.

X My 181650 and letter No. A.963/196 of 18th June. Ministry of Home Security representative has confirmed from bomb fragments found subsequently that the 2 bombs were 250 kgs, each and not 50 kgs. as stated. (COLLINGWOOD, 211130B to Admty).

Iceland

One F.W. flying at 100 feet sighted over Grimsey 066° 32' N. 018° 00' W. at 1245, course E. (A.C.I.C., 211441B).

Mining.

Harwich.

X Two ground mines detonated by A/S and M/S trawlers at 0758 in vicinity 53 buoy. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 210907B and 212138B).

Nore
Command.

Mines rendered safe in Nore Command for week ending 19th June 1943. One British Mk.XIV. (R.M.S.O. Gt. Yarmouth, 211103B).

S.N. 74

Your 081134. Proposed position is concurred in.
2. Experience has shown that ice-conditions in any given year are of little value in judging those to be expected in following year.
3. It is improbable that ice will approach within 60 miles of N.W. coast of Iceland after mid-July, and, even should the season prove abnormal, the depth of any ice should not exceed 10 feet.
4. It is therefore requested you will plan to lay S.N.74 as

/soon...

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Mining.

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soon after mid-July as practicable, and before S.N. 222 B. This will give more time for incorporation of sensitive relays in latter.
5. Supply arrangements are being made accordingly.
(A.C.N.S. H., 211141B to Cdre. M).

Lyme Bay.

Your 152205B. Carry out four laps clearance sweep to northward of your northern datum line tomorrow.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 211158B to HOUND).

6.2 miles from northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1011

now swept. Mines encountered today as follows:-

1112 suspected "R" type detonated 246° Portland Bill 5.2 miles.
1328 "R" type cut and exploded 251° Portland Bill 5.9 miles.
1333 suspected "R" type detonated 244½° Portland Bill 5.4 miles.
1407 "P" type cut and sunk 251½° Portland Bill 7 miles.

Two static cutters cut and destroyed. One Sniper believed "R" type recovered by Dohet.

(GWEAL, 212220B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Thames Estuary.

One ground mine detonated 036° Tongue Sand Tower 5.6 miles.

(Capt. M/S Sheerness 211259 and 230901B).

Enemy Intelligence.

Five Trawlers.

5 Trawlers in 66° 53' N., 24° 31' W. Am investigating. Then intend proceeding in accordance with your 210006.

(BERWICK, 210205B to C. in C. H.F.)

Lesardrieux.

Sortie R.A./472 1710/B 21st June shows Lesardrieux one M. class minesweeper 216 ft. and two M. class minesweeper 1942 type only shipping of note present. All are new arrivals since 17 May.

(R.A.F. Medmenham 212300B).

U-boats.

U-boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic.

U-boats sighted and observed to submerge by O/269 in approx. 61° 47' N., 13° 10' W. 2309/20, 270° speed 8 knots.

(R.A.F., Iceland, 210055B to H.Q.C.C.)

Amend my 210055 to read three U-boats in 61° 47' N., 13° 35' W.

(R.A.F. Iceland, 210145B).

/Patrol...

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U-boats.

U-boats
reported or
attacked in
North
Atlantic.
(contd).

Patrol "Copper" by JXKSY 269 from 1424/20 to 1844/20 during which K.269 sighted 3 fully-surfaced U-boats at 1753/20 in 62° 17' N., 13° 20' W. 170°, 19 altered to 250° 19 when A/C seen. K.269 attacked at 1802/20 with one 100 lb. bomb mk. IV fusing 025 second pistol No.30 from 800 feet which landed 170° 25 feet from U-boat which then rolled noticeably. K.269 then attacked second U-boat with same type bomb and fusing which landed 25 yards from stern and in line with U-boat track and no result seen. K.269 then attacked second U-boat again at 1811/20 with 4 270 lb. Torpex Mk. XI D.Cs. pistol Mk. XVI from 500 ft. set 25 ft. spaced 100 ft. when U-boat fully visible. D.Cs. landed in line with U-boat track number 4 exploding 15 ft. behind stern. No oil or air bubbles seen and U-boat remained on surface. During these attacks considerable A.A. fire from all 3 U-boats prevented A/C attacking below 500 feet and A/C front fixed gun did not function correctly. A/C used turret below and side-guns during all attacks. Enemy fire struck A/C at least twice, hitting tail-plane and one fuel tank causing loss of 20 gallons fuel. At 1823/20 first U-boat submerged and A/C continued exchanging fire with remaining two till 1845/20 when left they still on surface on reaching GLE. At 1043/20 I 84 sighted surfaced U-boat in 757° 36' N., 31° 20' W. 230/10 kts. and attacked at (1049/20 (?1849/20) with 3 325 lb. Torpex nose-spoilers set 25 ft. spaced 45 ft. from 100 ft. when U-boat still fully surfaced. These D.Cs. undershot No.3 being 230 DHAB relative to U-boat. Short burst A.A. fire from enemy. U-boat submerged and I.84 then attacked swirl at 1050/20 with one 600 D.C. (R.A.F. Iceland, 210230B to H.Q.C.C.)

Two S/Ms position 62° 31' N., 33° 25' W, heading west at 0946Z/21 reported by transit aircraft.

(A.O.C. 19 Group 211100Z).

C. in C. H.F., 202357 and my 202205. Mitchell aircraft on passage to Reykjavik reports sighting at 2145B/20 in 062° 28' N., 035° 30' W, what were thought to be 5 U-boats circling and on no definite course.

(A.C.I.C., 211152B to BERWICK, C. in C. H.F.)

U-boat search, my A.C.140 20th June, by M/O/G/269 from 2150/20 sighted 3 surfaced U-boats in 61° 47' N., 13° 35' W. 270° 8 knots, which submerged as A/C came in to attack and left oil slicks. U-boats disappeared one minute before A/C reached position and no attack made. When first seen U-boats were in V-formation.

(R.A.F. Iceland, 211205B to 15 and 18 Groups).

U-boats
reported or
attacked in
Biscay Area.

Am over (2?) enemy submarines. Submarines when sighted were on the surface and observed to submerge.

(A/C YMQE 210815B).

Have lost touch with enemy S/M last seen in 44° 06' N., 14° 53' W.

(A/C 59 Sq. Duty A. 210820B to 15 Group).

Submarine has dived in 44.15 N., 09.55 W. When sighted was on surface, course, 175° speed 12 knots.

(A/C 224 Sq. Duty O. 211055 to 19 Group).

Have lost touch with enemy.

(A/C 224 Sq. Duty O. 211119 to 19 Group).

/Have...

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U-boats.

U-boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. (contd).

Have carried out 2 attacks A/S contact in 49° 00' N., 10° 11' W. Am still investigating. (STARLING, 211248B to C. in C. Plymouth). Your 211248B. Report situation forthwith. (WOODPECKER 211655 to STARLING). Am over enemy submarine in position 48° 40' N., 09° 40' W. (A/C 231 Sq. Duty R. 211727B to 19 Group).

Have attacked enemy. No hits observed. (A/C 231 Sq. Duty R, 211740 to 19 Group).

My 211248B. Am leaving position as now consider non S/M. Am now proceeding full speed to 048° 40' N., 009° 40' W. as per aircraft 1727.

(STARLING, 211802B to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) WOODPECKER).

Aircraft reports enemy S/M in 048° 40' N., 009° 20' W, course 060° at 1715/21.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 211803B to STARLING).

Have passed through 048° 40' N., 009° 40' W. Am carrying out square search in this area. If this produces negative results intend to proceed at 2300B in accordance with your 211727 unless otherwise ordered. Aircraft R/100 TU not sighted, Sunderland not yet sighted.

(STARLING, 212100B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Am chasing H/F D/F bearing in area of "Musketry". My position 044° 32' N., 010° 17' W.

(E.G.2, 212100Z to C. in C. Plymouth).

Attention is drawn to A.M. Q.Z.X. 246, 259 and 336.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 212115B to STARLING).

U/B sunk 17/4 by SPENCER.

The A/S attack by U.S.S. SPENCER on 17th April 1943 has been assessed as "U-175 known sunk".
2. Request you will convey our congratulations to the SPENCER on this success.
(1st S.L., 212017B to Comnavu).

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Casualties & Defects.

UNTAMED.

Following from RANGER.

Southerly wind yesterday reached gale force with heavy sea. At 2300 windward anchor were parted throwing all strain on No. 1 9" which in turn parted Nos. 3 and 4 9" slipped to avoid broaching to and breaking wires. All wires will require examining and possibly replacing before further lift. Wind now strong westerly no diving work possible meantime.

(Port Patrick Radio 210900B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

My 192015B. During southerly gale night of 20th/21st one 9 inch lifting-wire parted, 2 others were released from lifting craft and buoyed, 1 remaining in position. Salvage Officer considers all lifting-wire requires lifting for examination and replacing by diver. Time required 4 days. Weather now moderate but still unsuitable for diving.

(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 211132B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

My 192015B. Lifting craft re-moored in position. Divers from TEDWORTH are commencing work on replacement of wires. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 211801B.)

BAROUND.

While employed on maintenance work BAROUND sustained damage from submerged waterlogged baulk of timber resulting in fracture of rudder spindle. Damage completely beyond local resources and

necessitates docking. BAROUND 4 months overdue for refit. Request vessel may be taken in hand for docking and refit at earliest possible date. Vessel can proceed for refitting port under own steam. But, as rudder is completely out of action, assistance of trawler, which is available at Aultbea, is necessary (B.D.O. Aultbea 211009 to F.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

PORCUPINE.

CYCLAMEN escorting tug AIMWELL towing stern half of PORCUPINE are to be detached from X.K.7 in vicinity of lat. 50° N.

2. C. in C.Plymouth is requested to arrange onward passages of tow to Portsmouth.

(D.O.D.H. 211126B to Escorts X.K.7.)

ATHABASKAN.

Proceed passing Switha 1000B/22. Routed through Minches, North Channel, Q.Z.L. 15, and searched channels in force to Plymouth for damage repairs.

2. Except in emergency speed should not exceed 15 knots.

(R.A.D.H.F. 211138B to ATHABASKAN.)

WOLVES.

Entered harbour - both dynamoes broken down. A/3 suppressor burnt out.

(WOLVES 211401B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

Dinghy.

On completion U-Boat hunt proceed position 046° 55' N. 013° 04' W. to search for dinghy with 2 survivors. If nothing seen proceed patrol-area. (C. in C.Plymouth 211727 to STARLING.)

/DIOMEDE...

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Casualties & Defects - Contd.

DIOMEDE. It has been approved for DIOMEDE to return to Rosyth about 15th July, where she should be taken in hand for fitting of 100 tons of permanent ballast in the double-bottom compartments.
(D. of D. 212259B to A.S.Rosyth.)

Landing Aircraft reports sighting empty landing-craft in 50° 22' N. 07° 51' W. at 1716/21. Drift during last 9 days has been 073° 1½ knots. Request you will sail DEXTEROUS escorted by M.Ls. 186 and 179 at first light/22 to tow to Falmouth. Wellington aircraft will co-operate.
(C. in C.Plymouth 212353B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

Shipping & Convoys.

PORT PHILLIP. Intend to sail PORT PHILLIP at 0800B/22nd June from Breaksea for New York. Route.
(N.C.S.O. Avonmouth 211017B to Admty.)

Convoys from Mersey. Schedule of convoys sailing from Mersey during July
O.N. 191 1st. O.N.S.12 3rd. K.M.S.20/O.S.51
4th. O.N. 192 9th. O.N.S. 13 14th.
O.N.193 16th. K.M.S.21/O.S.52 19th. O.N.194
24th. O.N.S.14 25th. K.M.S.22/O.G.91 28th.
O.N.195 31st.
(C. in C.W.A. 211033B.)

Schedule of convoys sailing during June. My 251052Z May delete all reference to O.N.S.12.
(C. in C.W.A. 211435B.)

H.X.244. Stragglers which have not rejoined convoy by 1200Z 22nd have been ordered to return St. Johns N.F.
2. Report ships which have not rejoined at that time.
(C. in C.W.A. 211330Z to Escort H.X.244.)

K.M.S.19. Care's noon R/V 26th, 055° 29' N. 007° 37' W.
Care's noon R/V 27th, 053° 40' N. 011° 24' W.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 211502B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

BEN MY CHREE. Your 191307. Request BEN MY CHREE proceed direct Sorvaag thence Thorshavn.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes 211608B to N.O.I.C. Invergordon.)

COLENDAM. Sailed 1451/21st.
(P.S.T.O.N.W.Ports 211710 to D.S.T.O. Greenock.)

/T.A.49...

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- T.A.49
(EMPRESS OF
SCOTLAND) A.M. 182215 June. 1. Route through position L. 270° Oversay 6 miles, to New York.
(D.O.D.H. 211817B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
- Special Tanker Convoy. / Your 190023. This commitment can only be met by utilising a Support Group. Second Escort Group, at present employed on anti-submarine operations in the Bay, should return to Plymouth about 2nd July and, allowing 48 hours for rest and repairs, could then be sailed direct to Halifax arriving approximately 14th July. If local escort could be arranged from New York to vicinity of Halifax Second Escort Group could then meet convoy off that port on 17th July.
2. It is observed that groups A. and D. will be arriving in U.S.A. in mid-August and would probably be available for escorting any special convoys of this nature should there be a similar requirement at that time.
(C. in C.W.A. 211833B to Admty.)
- O.S.50/
K.M.S.17. My P.C. and S. 052° 30' N. 012° 36' W. at 1800Z 211° 6½. When weather moderates speed 7½ knots.
(E.G.38 212008Z to C. in C.W.A.)
- A.N.D. gear. ✕ A.M. 121905 October, 1942, add new para. 5.
"The above instructions apply not only to ships sailing independently but also to ships which have become separated from convoy and are proceeding to or on the Stragglers Route."
(D.T.D. 212109B.)
- H.X.243.
DEEBANK. My 311719 January 1942. H.X.243. Steamship DEEBANK for Southampton carries valuable general cargo. Request you will arrange special protection. Category III.
(D.T.D. 212208B to C. in C.Plymouth, Portsmouth, F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
- NEWFOUNDLAND. Sailed hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 2215B/21.
E.T.A.Gibraltar 0915B/26th.
(N.C.I.C. Avonmouth 212220B to Admty.)

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Dispositions (20 June.) My 201033B. Amend para.(4) to read C.G.39, P.C.481 sailed Casablanca 202100B through 035° 44' 006° 29' to Gibraltar 10. Add new para. (5) C.G.40 LA GRANDIERE sailed Casablanca 210700B through 035° 44' 006° 29' to Gibraltar 7.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 210114B.)

Situation 1950/20. My 201029 B. Amend para. (5) to read 046° 01' 013° 30' through 042° 01' 013° 30' thence 153° 11.
(F.O. Gib. 210302B.)

G.T.X.2. This is a repetition of my 080127 (Requested in your 191631) (begins) Addressed A.I.G.260, V.A.M. C. in C. Levant, R.A. (L) From F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. G.T.X.2. sailed MADRAS CITY Oran, EMPIRE FLAMINGO Bone, FORT HALKETT Bone, OCEAN GALLANT Bone, SOMERSET COAST Algiers, (all military stores).
(Gibraltar C.C.O. 210918 to Admty.)

CORRIENTES. German SS. CORRIENTES at Las Palmas is not at outer most (?berth) on outer Mole as formerly, but inside end of De La Muz Mole. It would not be more than barely possible for S/M to go to anchorage alongside her there without connivance of naval authorities. However, to make sure she and KERSTEN MILES cannot even communicate with S/Ms. by boat Embassy is putting in request that they be moved to buoys at top of inner harbour.
(N.A. Madrid 210947B to Admty.)

Dispositions (21 June) Situation 1958B/21st. Area X.B. S.L. 131 FOWEY 027° 52' 013° 42' through 030° 01' 012° 01' thence 027° 7. 2. (See 211402). 3. (See 211402) 4. ALCANTARA (A) 027° 53' 015° 05' through 028° 01' 015° 01' thence 000° 13½.

5. Portuguese sloop PEDRO NUNES sails from Lisbon for Funchal 21st 12 knots.
(F.O. Gibraltar 211036B.)

Para. 2 of my 211036 (Convoy, SHIPPIGAN) amend position and speed to read 042° 16' 013° 30' 11 knots. Amend para.3 (Fleet units, FAULKNER, 16 destroyers) to read 038° 54' 015° 10' through 037° 53' 014° 27' and 035° 52' 011° 33' thence 090° 13.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 211402B.)

Area "Z". Two Swedish relief ships 034° 48' 024° 32' 266° 12. Situation 1956B/21st. (2) Two Swedish relief ships 034° 01' 040° 01' 270° 12.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 211116B.)

Situation 2002B/21st. FOXHOUND, BLACKMORE, one Merchant Ship 033° 17' 009° 07' through 035° 45' 006° 30' to Gib. 12. 2. P.56 (UNSURPER) 038° 56' 010° 01' through 038° 50' 010° 01' at 2310/21st thence 162° 7/2. 4. G.U.S.8A. passes Europa Point 2100/21st through Q.K.A.87 thence R/V Casablanca section in 034° 25' 008° 15' at 2000/22nd 7½. 6. F.F.S. RENONCULE, SAPPER, sails 2130/21st through Q.K.A.87 thence direct to Lisbon to R/V Lisbon section D/S.15 off Tagus 10½ knots.

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Dispositions. 7. BULLDOG sails 2130/21st to R/V FOXHOUND
(June 21). 0800/22nd 15 knots. After R/V FOXHOUND parts
(Contd.) company and proceeds Gibraltar 25 knots.
8. C.G.40, LA GRANDIERE, 034° 47' 007° 20'
through 035° 44' 002° 29' to Gibraltar 7.
(F.O. Gibraltar 211144B, 211408B.)

Convoy Intend including BATTLER in X.K.9.
X.K.9. 2. AVONVALE will not be ready for inclusion in
convoy. 3. X.K.9. will be escorted by MALCOLM
MELBREBE (?MELBREAK) BICESTER, none of whom
is fully efficient, also BOREAS to prudent
limit of endurance. 4. Can refuelling of
BOREAS be accepted at Lisbon?
(F.O. Gib. 211202B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C.T.,
C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)
Should BOREAS continue to U.K. with X.K.9? A.M. 201931
and my 211202 refers.
(F.O.C. Gib. 211536B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. C. in C.
W.A.)

BERMUDA. C. in C. Med. 210901B. (No Trace in W.R.).
Subject to your approval and operational
requirements, propose BERMUDA sailed from
Gibraltar at 0700B/23rd, arriving at Plymouth
1900B/25th.
(BERMUDA 211412B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C.
Plymouth, C. in C. Med.)

Shipping Your 192341. (Re coloured Route Schedules). No.
routes. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 211501B to Admty.)

Enemy German aircraft sighted off Sagres 1758 G.M.T.
A/C. 19th flying North. A.O.
(N.A. Lisbon 211752B to S.O. (I) Gib. (R) Admty)

Movements, From Casa for Gibraltar, P.Cs. 47 and 481,
Casablanca. French LA GRANDIERE, DUMONT DURVILLE June 21st.
(Commorseafron 212000Z to C. in C. Med.)

Convoy M.K.S.15 Arrived.
M.K.S.15. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 212050B to N.O.i/c. North
Africa.)

SHIPPIGAN My P.C. and S. at 2200B. 042° 44' N. 013° 28' W.
L.S.Is. 180° 11 knots. 3 L.S.Is. have fuelled, 4th
will fuel tomorrow Tuesday.
(SHIPPIGAN 212133B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty.
C. in C. Med. C. in C. W.A.)

/Convoy...

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C.G.39.Arrived.
(F.O.Gibraltar 212145B to C.M.S.F.F. (R)
C. in C. Med. Admty. Connav.)

G.U.S.8A.

Sailed (list).
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 212332B to C.M.S.F.F. (R)
Admty. etc.)Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals P.Cs. 471,481 with C.G.39. BICESTER
H.D.M.L.1232, O.R.P.SLAZAK, LANCE towed by
NIMBLE ex M.K.S/G.U.S.8A. Departures BULLDOG
to R/V SS. EMPIRE MIGHT. G.T.X.3 with ST.KILDA
ENSAY, B.D.V.BARMOND, L.S.T.12 for Algiers.
B.Y.M.S.9, 19, 26 & 27, oil fuel carriers VIDONIA, VINDELICIA,
OUTPOST for Malta. LIDDESDALE, OAKLEY, TANGO, GAVOTTE, Tug
ORIANA for Tripoli. WISHART, VENOMOUS, STELLA CARINA for
Alexandria.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 212358B. to Admty. etc.)

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South Atlantic.

Movements, Lagos. Arrival 21st M.L.302. 20th M.L.1006. Departure 21st M.L. 1019 to Kotoonu. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 210726Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.) HIGHLAND BRIGADE, HIGHLAND MONARCH, NEW NORTHLAND, sailed 1800/20th. (S.S.T.O. Lagos 210740Z to D.S.T.O. W.A. (R) D. of S.T.)

Movements, Dakar. (Corrupt Group) sailing 2250Z/20th BELLWORT to overtake O.S.49. Sailing 2107Z/20th COINSAY (As received COPINSAY intended?) for Bathurst. (Comar, Dakar, 210848 to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

Convoy O.S.49. My 201648. Dakar Section joined 1930Z/20th. (Comar, Dakar, 210911Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty.)

COPINSAY. Arrival 0915Z/21st June. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 210935 to F.O.C.W.A.)

Repatriations. Port Elizabeth departure June 21st DUILIO, GIULIO CESARE, Italian, for Suez. (Port Elizabeth 210946B to Admty.)

SANTA MARIA (damaged by mine, 20 June.) Comar Dakar reports U.S. Ship SANTA MARIA torpedoed or mined 0800Z/20th June in 14° 34' N. 17° 28' W. (S.O. (I) Freetown 211107 to Admty. (R) Opnav.) Comar Dakar's 201932. Mining now seems almost certain but official report from Comar will follow. (B.N.L.O. Dakar 211214Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty.)

My 201932. Mining confirmed. One mine exploded by B.Y.M.S. and sweeping continues. 2. Dangerous remains as in my 201951 (N.T. in W.D.) 3. Following new instructions in force for ships approaching Dakar pending amendment Q.L.A.151, routes reversed for outgoing ships. 4. Ships from N. or W. or S.W. Identify themselves by day or night to signal station at (Mamelles). Proceed through following points. (A) 270° 5 miles from Almadier Light. (B) 270° 1.5 E. miles from Almadier Light. (C) 215° 0.6 miles from Southern Point of Cadeleine Island. (D) 180° 0.6 miles from Cape Mayual (E) 120° 0.5 miles from Southern Point, Goree Island, thence to gate which lies six cables N.E. of Southern Point, Goree Island. 5. Ships from South. Proceed through following points. (M) 180° 28 miles from Goree Island. (N) 230° 3.5 miles from Pobinguem Church 14 33.2 N. 17 6.8 W. (O) 195° three miles from Bargny Gouddou 14 14.7 N. 17 14.2 W. thence to Gate. 6. Ships from S.E. as in para.5. but omitting (M) 7. Method of challenge and identification for ships approaching by Southern or South Eastern route will be promulgated later. (Comar, Dakar 211919Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty. Connnav. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Med.)

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U-Boat.

1122Z/21st June 012° 31' N. 021° 55' W.
periscope sighted twice by one look out,
course altered (meantime?) without further
enemy action.
(F.S. GLOIRE 211130Z to Comar, Dakar, F.O.C.
W.A.) (F.O.C.W.A. 211533Z to Admty.)

French
Units,
Dakar.

Weekly state 19th June. Cruisers GEORGES
LEYGUES, GLOIRE, Dakar. A.M.C. QUERCY, Dakar.
Escort ships CALAIS, ASPIRANT BRUN, Dakar.
LA GRANDIERE, DUMONT D'URVILLE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ,
GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY, VICTORIA, Casablanca
area. S/M LE CENTAURE, Dakar, ARGO Freetown.
(Comar, Dakar 211156Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. Admty.
C. in C. Med.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001Z/21st June. M.L. 1160 off Tabou
M.L.265 off Port Bouet. (?CORINTHIAN) CROCUS,
ST. WINSTAN, TURCOMAN, COMMANDANT DETROYAT,
ORFASY with T.S.45 004° 21' 007° 10' to 004°
09' 007° 42' to 004° 42' 008° 56' thence 310° 7. RAPID,
WOLVERINE, WITCH with L.S.9 004° 32' 000° 18' to 004° 56' 002°
00' thence 265° 11. LOCH INVER M.L.272 off Accra. M.L.296 off
Grand Popo. M.L. 1041, 1014 off Cotonou. B.Y.M.S. 46.45
24.22 005° 08' 016° 09' to 008° 00' 014° 30' thence Freetown
9½.
(F.O.C.W.A. 211217Z.)

Situation 2002Z/21st. DUNKERY 028° 08' 015° 17' to N.
coastwise. F.S. GLOIRE 012° 01' (?25°) 30' 270° 20. KEPPEL
O.R.P. BURZA, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS F.F.S. LOBELIA, F.F.S. ACONIT,
SNOWDROP, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, INKPEN, with O.S.49,
010° 38' 017° 30' thence to Freetown 8½. M.Ls. 278, 289, 574
about 010° 22' 017° 31' to 010° 05' 017° 30' thence Freetown
10. B.Y.M.S. 11.13 20.28 010° 28' 016° 28' to 011° 01' 017°
20' thence Dakar 8½. C.T.G. 21.5 with O.T.6, 017° 26' 035° 06'
082° 13.7. B.Y.M.S. 12 009° 17' 014° 47' 302° 10.
(F.O.C.W.A. 211219Z.)

S.L.132.

Advance Sailing Telegram.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 211258Z to Admty.)

Movements,
Freetown.

Departure 1854Z/20 June. B.Y.M.S. 11,13,20 and
28. 1000Z/21 June, B.Y.M.S.12.
(S.O.I. Freetown 211305Z to Comar, Dakar,
Commorseafron (R) Admty. etc.)

ORION.

ORION sailed from Freetown with type 271
defective.
(F.O.C.W.A. 211310Z to Admty.)

CORINTHIAN.

Your 190002. Owing to shortage of escorts
due to requirements for Floating Dock tow,
intend to retain CORINTHIAN until arrival of
escorts referred to in your 111426.
(F.O.C.W.A. 211324Z to Admty.(R) F.O.I.C.Gib.
C. in C. W.A.)

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O.S.49,
S.T.70. KEPPEL request Cdre. O.S. as indicated to proceed ahead of convoy at (?06)00Z/23rd escorted by F.S. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES to disembark Cdre. and staff into M/B at Fairway Buoy. PENRITH CASTLE then to sail to (?overtake) and rejoin convoy to Takoradi escorted by COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, which then returns Freetown. (2) Intend sail S.T.70 consisting of 4 ships at 0630Z/23rd escorted by BRIDGEWATER S.O. BOADICEA, BELLWORT, PETUNIA, BUTSER, DUNCTON, and PICT to R/V with O.S.49 in 008° 33' N. 013° 38' W. at 0900Z/23rd. KEPPEL adjust speed O.S.49 if necessary. (3) After R/V convoy will split and convoy O.S.S. 49, now consisting of 12 ships for Takoradi one for Monrovia and one for Lagos (Nigeria), will continue with escort in para 2. and BELLWORT to be detached by KEPPEL. Ships for Freetown and remaining escort proceed to Freetown. Cdre. O.S.S.49, Master SS. NEWCHANG. (4) Route K. 007° 39' N. 014° 20' W. N. 004° 00' W. P. 004° 26' 00' W. Speed 8 knots. E.T.A. Takoradi a.m. 28th. (5) PICT will be detached as necessary to proceed with U.S. ship INGERSOL and screen her at Monrovia while unloading. (6) BOADICEA and BRITISH COAST will be detached at P. both to proceed to Lagos former at best speed for docking and replacement of dome. BRITISH COAST as ordered by N.C.S.O. (7) N.O.I.C. Takoradi sail BELLWORT after fuelling for docking at Boma. (F.O.C.W.A. 211735Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, KEPPEL, N.O.I.C. Lagos, (R) C. in C. S.A. Admty. BRIDGEWATER, Escort O.S.49, Capt. (D) 18.)

W.S.31. Request (corrupt group?) escorts will relieve in Pointe Noire Area on 13th July. Intend DESPATCH and RAPID to act as through escorts to the Cape. (F.O.C.W.A. 212208Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) B.N.L.O. W.Af. Admty.)

MORRIS (1) Estimated time sailing MORRIS DANCE and
DANCE, COPINSAY in company with LADY DENISON PENDER
COPINSAY, 0600Z/22nd June, speed 9½ knots. F.O.C.W.Af.
LADY D.P. 182056 not to Admiralty refers. (2) MORRIS
DANCE keeping (?W/T) with defective Buffer
removed. If possibility of radiation
considered dangerous request you instruct her
accordingly. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 212301 to F.O.C.W.A. (R)
Admty. Comar, Dakar.)

CORFU. Arrival 1430/21st. CORFU from Ocean Patrol.
(S.O. (I) Freetown to Admty. (R) Com.4th Fleet.)

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Enemy Units. P. C. and S. of 2 enemy merchant vessels in 41.47 N. 12.12 E. Course 130°, speed 8 knots. (A/C V.A.M./F 210225B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

Convoy A.P.34 Sailing telegram, part 2. E.T.A. Karachi 27th June, Rooka 29th June. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 210731Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Beirut. 20th June 1943. Arrival ABDIEL. Departures ABDIEL, PARTHIAN. (S.O.(I) Beirut, 210842C to Admty.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM, DOMINION MONARCH. Your 201130B. (Requesting repetition of 111415Z quoted in 161011Z) Following is repetition of C. in C. E.F.'s 111415Z. Route for NIEUW AMSTERDAM and DOMINION MONARCH. (Details) DOMINION MONARCH thence through (R) 00° 50' S. 074° 40' E. (S) 004° 40' N. 079° 00' E. thence Colombo. NIEUW AMSTERDAM from position (J) through (K) 002° 40' S. 073° 40' E. (L) 024° 30' S. 090° 45' E. (M) 025° 50' S. 092° 00' E. thence Fremantle. (N.C.S.O. Suez, 210855C to Admty.)

M.K.S.16 Following join at Tripoli. (List) All Alexandria. (S.N.O. Trip. 210903B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Alexandria. Arrivals 20th June BAGSHOT, HURSLEY, (?JUMNA) WOLBOROUGH, L.S.Ts. 325, 367, 368, 411, G.S.NIKI. Departures 20th June ROMEO, EASTON, (?PAUL COUNDOURIOTIS), PINDOS. (? S.O.(I) Alexandria, 210957C to Admty. etc.)

M.E. Air Report. A.650 June 21st. Daily Opsum 54.19/20 June. 33 Wellingtons railway facilities Messina. 1 missing, 2 returned early, 1 bombed Porto Empedocle another San Giovanni with unobserved results. 28 bombed Messina. 6 small fires just West of goods station later spreading into 1 large fire visible 100 miles. 2 fires immediately South of harbour, other fires in town. Leaflets dropped. 48 tons including some delayed action between 2110Z and 2140 hours. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 211034Z.)

G.T.X.3. Intend sailing. 10 ships (list). Request Pendants. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 211056B to F.Os.i/c and N.Os.i/c French North Africa, etc.)

F.O.I.C. Gibraltar pass to Commodore and escorts G.T.X.3. Intend to sail following (list). (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 211508B to Admty., etc.)

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K.M.S.16. Para. 10 of C. in C. Levant's 182334. FORT GASPAREAU only. (V.A. Malta, 21110B to C. in C. Med. etc.) FORT GASPEREAU left to join K.M.S.16. Holds routing instructions for Alexandria and Port Said. No passengers or cargo. Holds not swept. (D.S.T.O. Malga, 212100B to P.S.T.O. M.E.)

OSIRIS. My 201458 and 201444 June. Sailing delayed 24 hours. (Capt. S.1., 211127C to various.) Onward routing from 034° 25' 021° 50' through 036° 27' 015° 44' at 2200 Northward and Eastward thence through 036° 20' 014° 20' to R/V with minesweeper in 036° 08' 014° 22' at 0830/28th. Surface passage in daylight as necessary to comply with above is to be made, on 25th and 26th June. (Capt. S.10, 211528B to OSIRIS (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1st Capt. (S) 8th, V.A. Malta, 10th S.F.)

Axis Ship. Report B.4 Axis vessel name unknown expected from Black Sea next 24 hours. Istanbul. See my telegram 191305C. Para 2. (re OSSAG will sail again.) (S.O.I, Istanbul, 211136C to C. in C. Levant)

U.97 Further to my 191221. U.97 was of 500 tons. (sunk by Hudson Complement 5 officers and 43 men. Battery failure caused U-boat to surface shortly before A/C 16/6) air attack which sank her. (C. in C. Levant, 211211C to Admty., (R) S.O.(I) Med.) Add to my 211211. U.37 (?U.97 intended) sank PALIMA and ATHEL MONARCH. She had made two patrols in the Eastern Mediterranean since February 1943. U-Boat fitted with German searching receiver M.Y. P.O. Telegraphist stated that sinking of U.97 was not reported to base. (C. in C. Levant, 211911C to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Med.)

PROTEE. For "Casablanca" read "Oran" in para. 4 of my 182116. (C. in C. Levant, 211218C) Former amended.

Landing Craft, Force V. (1) Your 171301 (N.T. in W.D.) Wording of my 311939 May (Bigot Most secret) was misleading. As directed by C. in C. Med. F., L.S.G. and L.S.C. will sail from beaches in 1st slow convoy to leave area. (2) Admiralty recypher and pass to S.O. Force "V". (D.N.C.X.F. 211317C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.etc)

/Force X. ...

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Force X. Request no publicity be given to movements of Force X on leaving Alexandria.
(C. in C. Levant, 211355C to Minister of State
(R) F.O.C.R.S.A., C. in C.E.F., C. in C. Med., Admty.)

P.R.U. Visuals. 1115 Brindisi 1 Cruiser. 1200
Taranto 2 Battleships 1 cruiser.
(V.A. Malta, 211428B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Movements, Aden. Arrival 0728Z. DURBAN Departure 0746Z.
BOMBAY and KONKAN in company LAOMEDON.
(Com. Aden, 211504Z to C. in C. Levant, etc.)

N.A.A.F. Reports. N.W. African Air Forces Opsum No. 120 N.W.A.S.A.F.
19th/20th June. 58 Wellingtons Messina. 3
bombed Porto Empedocle, Marsala and San Giovanni
respectively, 2 returned early, 1 landed at
Malta, 1 missing. Total 102 tons and leaflets
from 5,500 to 14,000 feet. 8 fires started in Messina Ferry
Terminus Area and Marshalling Yards including 1 visible 100
miles.
(Attacks on enemy aerodromes only.
N.W.A.C.A.F. My Opsum No. 119 (201359B) following
amended details received of Wellington attack N.E. Porto Vecchia
Vessel identified as Tanker 7,000 tons. 1 torpedo hit Tanker
which seen 1 hour later settling in water and spitting smoke or
steam. 19th June additional. Hudsons attacked submerging
U-Boat 60 miles north of Bone. Results unobserved.
(Spaatz, Adv. H.Q. N.A.A.F. 211514B, 211543B)
6. Night 19/20. A.35 Wellingtons dropped 2 x 1,000 pound,
5 x 500 and 3 x 250 pound bombs on Marsala. 6 x 4,000, 22 x
1,000, 112 x 500 pound and 56 x 250 pound bombs were dropped on
Messina Ferry Terminus, industrial and port installations.
Areas completely covered. B. 31 Wellington's dropped 48 tons
of bombs in same area causing many fires. In Sicily leaflets
were dropped.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. 211650B to Etousa)

G.U.S. 8A. This is a repetition of my 211530 (begins)
(1) Sailing telegram G.U.S. 8A. (2) 1000A/22.
34.25 N. 08.15 W. 1900A/22 (G.L.) 33 N. 11 W.
1300A/23, speed 9. (4) 10 west, 0630A 23.27.
02 W. 0130A 28 radio shift. 20 W. 2300A/25. (5) All North
and West G.L. 35°, 11° G.M. 31°, 17° G.N. 25°, 26° G.O. 25°, 38°
G.P. 32°, 50° G.Q. 35°, 58° G.R. 38°, 69° thence Norfolk.
(6) Taskfor 69 STEVENSON, STOCKTON, THORN, MAYO, DUANE,
SPENCER, TARBELL, PAUL JONES, CAMPBELL, MAUMEE (AO)
(Commorseafron, 211533Z, 211535Z, to P.D. Norfolk.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy Units. P. C. and S. of one M/V and one destroyer 39.09 N. 17.10 E., 190° 7 knots.
(A/C A.A.H. 211605B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

SICKLE, My (?181630) (N.T. in W.R.). Your area is extended to 041° N.W. of 011° E. and East of SARDINIA and CORSICA. (2) At (?later) date you will be ordered to operate South of 042° N. and P.229 (SPORTSMAN) will be ordered to operate North of 042° N.
(Capt. S.8, 211614B to P.224 (SICKLE) (R) P.229 (SPORTSMAN))

K.M.S.17. Following escort will sail with K.M.S.17.
(1) From Gibraltar, (A) to Bizerta HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, SLAZAK. (B) to Algiers CLEVELAND. (C) to Sfax, REIGHTON WYKE, VISENDA.
(2) From Oran to Sfax, BONITO, GRAYLING, MULLET, WHITING.
(3) From Algiers to Sfax WHADDON, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE, MAN-O-WAR, KING SOL. (4) From Bone to Malta, SHIANT, KERRERA ?EDAY, INCHMARNOCK.
(C. in C. Med., 211815B to F.O.S.I.C. etc.)

H.D.M.Ls. allocation. H.D. Motor Launches are allocated as follows:-
Gibraltar 134th Flotilla 8 boats. Mers El Kebir 117th Flotilla 6 boats. Algiers H.D. Motor Launch 1138, 1240, 1233, 1249, 1166, 1228. Jijelli H.D. Motor Launches 1253, 1254, 1155, 1275. Bougie H.D. Motor Launch 1136, 1144, 1238. Philippeville H.D. Motor Launch 1132, 1133. Bone H.D. Motor Launches 1123, 1121. Bizerta Tunis H.D. Motor Launches 1227, 1241, 1251, 1163. Sousse H.D. M.L. 1221, 1222. Sfax H.D. M.L. 1128, 1211. Malta H.D. M.L. 1236, 1145, 1230, 1165, 1234, 1239, 1242, 1246, 1297, 1224, 1257, 1247, 1277, 1258, 1270, 1271, 1301.
(2) Crew of H.D. M.L. 1222, 1211, 1128 and 1221 are to be transferred to H.D. M.L. 1253, 1254, 1155 and 1275 as arranged by S.O. Force "P" at Jijelli. (3) Authorities concerned are requested to sail H.D. M.Ls. accordingly, as soon as possible.
(4) H.D. M.L. 1155 and 1275 will arrive at Bougie in K.M.S.17.
(5) Further H.D. M.Ls. expected on the station shortly will be allocated as follows - 3 to Malta, 3 to Tripoli 2 to Tunis Bizerta and 1 (one) to Bone. (6) Admiralty recypher and pass to S.O. Force "V".
(C. in C. Med., 211840B to N.O.I.C. Bizerta, N.O.I.C. Philippeville F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Bone, N.O.I.C. Malta, S.N.O. Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Sfax, N.O.I.C. Bougie, Com. N.O.B. Oran. (R) D.N.C.X.F. S.O. Force "V", S.O. Force "G", C.C.F.)

Movements, Bizerta. Arrivals FELIXSTOWE, MULL, M.T.B.81 (?86), 89, 243, Departure PALADIN.
(?) S.O.I.S. Bizerta, 212000B to C. in C. Med. etc)

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Movements ,
Oran. Today's departures were F/S LA PERLE, LA SETOISE,
H.M.T. PIROUETTE, U.S.S. ROWAN. No arrivals.
(Commob. Oran, 212025B to Admty.)

Movements,
Port Said. 21st June Port Said arrivals - ROMEO R.F.A.
CHANGTE, NEWFOUNDLAND, KOUNDOURIOTIS.
Departures - KOUNDOURIOTIS, NEWFOUNDLAND, CUMBRAE,
M/Ls. 360, 1159.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 212029C to Admty. etc.)

Movements,
Haifa. Arrival 21st June, GERALDTON, WOLLONGONG, CAIRNS,
CESSNOCK Schooners, SIESTA (?C)HANDOS.
Departure GERALDTON, WOLLONGONG, CAIRNS, CESSNOCK.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 212119C to Admty.etc)

Movements,
Algiers. Arrivals SHEPPEY, MOUSA, H.D.M.L. 1211, U.S.S.
BOISE, U.S.S. GLENNON, U.S.S. NELSON, S.C.676
Y.Ts. 154, 161, 197, 168. Departures SIRIUS,
U.S.S. TRIPPE arrived and sailed Bermuda.
(Cdre. Algiers, 212147B to Admty. etc.)

Enemy
Units. P.C. and S. of 2 small craft 36.46 N., 13.03 E.,
210° 16.
(A/C FAU/V, 212204B, via Malta W/T.)

Movements,
Bone. Departures EURYALUS M.T.Bs. 81, 86, 89, 243.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 212205B to Admty., etc.)

BARMOND,
BARWIND. Your 181924B, BARMOND is allocated to Mediterranean
vide my 251642B April and BARWIND has been sent
to Trincomalee in her place.
(D.B.D., 212215B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.i/c.
Gibraltar, C. in C. Levant, C. in C.E.F.)

Movements,
Malta. Arrivals AURORA, JERVIS, ESKIMO, NUBIAN, LOOKOUT,
LAFOREY, CONVULVULUS, PENSTEMON, L.C.Ts. 372,
413, 302, 393, 332, 333, 421, 311, 364, 314, 355,
379, 321, L.C.I.(L) 293, Z lighters 18, 38.
Departures, CROMARTY, POOLE, with M/V FORT
GASPAREAU, GLOXINIA with L.S.Ts. 303, 401, 403.
M.T.Bs. 636, 637, 313, 268. M.G.B. 663.
(V.A. Malta, 212224B to Admty., etc.)
Departure S/M UPROAR.
(V.A. Malta, 212226 to Admty., etc.)

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U.G.F.9A Convoy U.G.F.9A arrived.
(Comob Oran, 212239B to Admty., F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Opanav, Commavnaw.)

Movements, Arrived and sailed AURORA, ESKIMO, JERVIS, NUBIAN
Tripoli. LOOKOUT, arrived SUTLEJ, MIAOULES.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 212243B to Admty.)

Malta A.I. 506 21 June C.S.R. Malta. (A) Air Part 1
Air Offensive. Night 20/21st June. Mosquitoes
Report. bombed railway sidings at Licata, Sicily,
 railway south of Battipaglia, Station at Tropea,
 and marshalling yards at Foggia. In Italy
 Cannon attacks started fires among trucks at
San Cataldo, Sicily, and damaged locomotive sheds at Foggia,
trains at Spinazzola and Cariati, factory buildings at
Trebisacce, a signal box near Sibari, and M/V 1000/1500 tons off
Pizzo. (W.D. Note - See also 220159Z) Day 21st June 120
Spitfires offensive sweeps Southern Sicily.
Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 20/21st June. Nil.
Day 21st June. Little enemy activity. 12 Spitfires dusk
patrol, 6 Beaufighters shipping escort. Part 5. Operations
by aircraft of other commands. Day 21st June. 1 Liberator
345 Sqn. airborne from Benina at 0625 hours to attack San
Giovanni dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs on ships believed train
ferry and Siebel ferries off coast south of target. Bombs
burst around convoy and later only 1 Siebel ferry seen in area.
Enemy fighters attacked Liberator which destroyed 1 M.E.109 and
probably destroyed another. Damage was sustained by Liberator
which landed at Malta at 1200 hours.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 212301Z.)

Movements, Sailed SEVASTI, M.L. 1038, M.L.1083, M.L.1158.
Tobruk. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 212305C to Admty.)

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Italians captured in Sfax area were found in possession of marked maps showing airfields. They stated they landed 3 night previously with explosives for demolition. Another 9 Italian paratroops were captured at Biskra on 18 June the search continues.

Para 2. Location statement. Under command AFHQ 51 Inf Div Djidjelli. HQ Tunisia District Carthage. 5 Corps Duvivier M 99. HQ L of C Constantine. 5th Army Oujda. 1 Armd Corps Mostaganem. Under command Tunisia District 1 Br Inf Div less 1 bn Sousse. 4 Inf Div Tunis. 34 US Inf Div J8986. Under command 5 Corps 46 Inf Div enroute to Algiers. 6 Armd Div Gastonville G 12. Under command L of C 78 Inf Div Guelma M 69. Under command 5 Army 1 Br Airborne Div Mascara Q 14. 6 Corps Rabat. Under command 6 Corps 1 US Armd Div Kasbatemara Y 61. 36 Inf Div Rabat. Under command 1 Armd Corps HQ 2 Corps Perregaux Q 70. 1 US Inf Div Algiers. 3 Inf Div J 8991. 9 Inf Div Magenta Z 37. 2 Armd Div (less CC A with 3 Inf Div) Paren Port Aux Poules U 89. 82 Airborne Div Oujda.

Para 3. Movements. 16 June 1 Br Inf Div less 1 bn arrived Sousse from Pantelleria. 16 June 46 Inf Div departed Medjezel Bab for Algiers. 1 US Inf Div less 18 RCT arrived Algiers from Oran. 6 Armd Div arrived Gastonville from Hammamet.

Para 4. British military casualties. Read officers and others. Period 11 to 17 June. Killed 6, 49. Wounded nil, 45. Missing nil, nil. Total 6, 94.

No T.O.O.

Received in War Registry 1329/23.

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B.P.84. Karachi Portion B.P.84 sailed 0330Z/21st to R/V N.C.S.O. Bombay 190113 refers (5 ships, list) (N.C.S.O. Karachi 210359Z to C. in C.E.F. etc.)

Troop and
convoy
Movements. Following extra undermentioned moves have been arranged:- My 161006Z refers not to N.O.I.C. Hormuz
1. B.M.52, JALAGOPAL with approximately 500 personnel for Addu Atoll via Colombo sails 20th June.
2. B.P.86. 3 personnel ships CITY OF LONDON, ISLAMI and NEVASA sailing 4th July last named ship is for Karachi only.
3. Karachi to Beira NEVASA with 900 Polish refugees sailing 10th July.
4. B.P.87 J personnel ship LANCASHIRE, ASCANIUS, EKMA, SALWEEN and CITY OF PARIS sailing 12th July.
5. AOANGI to U.K. sailing about 9th July.
(L.S.P.T.O. India 210604Z to C. in C.E.F., (R) F.O.Ceylon, D. of S.T. N.O.I.C. Hormuz, N.C.S.O. Bombay.)

STRATHMORE,
STRATHAIRD. STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD sailed 20 June E.T.A. Bombay 230330Z. and embarked U.S. troops numbers. Requirements.
(S.S.T.O. Ceylon 210618Z to P.S.T.O. India, (R) D. of S.T. Admty.)

STORE
NORDISKI. Bombay 10 21st June cable ship STORE NORDISKI outer end Karachi channel 24th escorted. Thence working in position to 024° 45' 066° 45' knots 9 10 coastal days 21.
(Bombay 210632Z to Admty.)

Convoy
B.P.84. Karachi portion of B.P.84 transport GAZANA, VARSOVA sailed your 21st. (Personnel embarked). Requirements.
(S.T.O. Karachi 210831Z to D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf, (R) P.S.T.O. India, D. of S.T.)

Movements. Arrival RAMDAS.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 210924Z to Admty.)
Departures 21st VIVA 0500Z Karachi 23rd PEGASUS 0730 Abadan 28th, STORE NORDISKI 1032Z position off Karachi 24th.
(Bombay 211055Z to Admty.)
RESOLUTION arrived with RACEHORSE and NAPIER.
(F.O.C.E.Af. 211631Z to Admty.)

NEWCASTLE. Defects in super heater headers in NEWCASTLE have recurred.
2. Probable that replacements will be necessary in not more than three months time involving absence of this ship from the Eastern Fleet during

/winter...

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NEWCASTLE.
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winter months. A more detailed report is being forwarded by air.
3. Alternatively ship could operate for a longer period in an area where boiler water is readily available.
(C. in C.E.F. 210958Z to Admty. (R) R.A.E.F.)

KUMAON,
KATHIAWAR.

Sail KUMAON and KATHIAWAR routed to Bombay via Seychelles and thence direct through position X. 002° 01' N. 063° 10' E. (?Y) 009° 40' N. 069° 00' E. C. in C.E.F. 150800 refers. E.T.A. Seychelles 0900Z/23rd.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 211501Z to C. in C.E.F.)

Repatriations In view of change of destination VULCANIA and SATURNIA respectively. Is there any security objection to transferring Professor Coppola and Surgeon General Andruzzi to SATURNIA for

Mogadishu (?) Italians have requested this be done. Should Italians of 2 ships be allowed to contact at Aden and should VULCANIA's Red Cross stores for Mogadishu be transhipped to SATURNIA.
(S.B.N.O.VULCANIA 211517Z to Admty.)

Shipping for S.Atlantic. Your 190931 para. 6. Regret approval can not be given to this suggestion.
2. Para. 7. Concur safety diversion can be done by reference to route positions only but reference positions are also useful for this purpose and are needed for destination changes. Necessity for decision in para. 1 above is partly dictated by second sentence of your para. 7.
3. Para. 8 (B) only difference in indicating Atlantic reference positions held is that first and last positions and appropriate letters of group are signalled.
8(C) No necessity is seen for this as period blocks have always been signalled by Admiralty. Basic numbers should be promulgated forthwith by signal.
8(D) Q messages for the ports required should be obtained from C. in C.S.A.
4. Considered that ships from East Indies station on this long voyage should be capable of diversion within wide limits. The U-Boat situation might necessitate diversion to Freetown and the proposal in your para. 6 places a too rigid limit on routing which must always be kept flexible though it is appreciated that this involves considerable preliminary work for N.C.S.Os.
5. Request you will take necessary action to implement.
(D.T.D. 212221B to C. in C.E.F.)

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Mines off Halifax. My 200023. Mine bag Sunday 20th nil. No change in totals. Further reports will not be made unless situation changes.
(C. Halifax, 210036 Z)

H.X.246
CUCKMERE. Your 241618 May Anticipate CUCKMERE will proceed to U.K. as additional escort H.X.246.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 210049Z to Admty (R) B.A.D. S.B.N.O. W.At. C. in C. Western Approaches, F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q., C.D.W.A.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. June 20th. Arrivals - TEXADA, FLINT ex Halifax. OTTAWA ex O.N.188.
Departures - SKEENA to H.X.244.
(N.O.I.C. St. John N.F. 210142Z to Admty)
Arrival San Francisco 18th MORMACPORT. Departure Port Hueneme 16th July (? June intended) DAY STAR for Noumea. Both U.S.A.T's.
(N.S.H.Q. 212820Z (sic) to Admty)

U/B's and Tanker, BERWICK. Following has been received from A.C.I.C. (Begins) American A/C B.17 on passage from "Goose" to Reykjavik reports sighting at 1505Z in position 062° 44' N. 037° 10' W. 3 U-Boats (German) circling a surface vessel. 2 U-Boats dived in an easterly direction and the third remained on the surface close alongside. Sighting was made through cloud but vessel reported to be tanker. Three Liberator A/C are being sent. T.O.O.202205B (Ends.) (2) BERWICK is being diverted from patrol "White" to investigate.
(D.O.D.(H) 210143B to B.A.D.)

H.X.244,
EMPIRE
CAVALIER. H.X.244. EMPIRE CAVALIER reported shadowed whilst straggling at 2115Z/19th June in 044° 23' N. 055° 29' W. explosion occurring 500 yards off port bow, mine suspected, visibility good, no one in sight. 85 ships present.
Ice and weather report.
(C.3, 210832Z to Connav (R) Cmdr (D) Argentia, C. in C. C.N.A. Cmdr (D) W.A. Admty, C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, F.O.N.F., H.Q.C.C., A.C.I.C.)

Escort Group 1. Argentia 21st June. Arrival 0925Z E.G.1 consisting of BITER, PELICAN (?WEAR) JED and SPEY.
(Capt. D. Argentia, 211135Z to Admty)

ILE DE FRANCE. Arrived Clyde 20th.
(D.O.D.(H), 211142B to B.A.D. F.O.C.W.A.(R) C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

EMPIRE MACALPINE/...

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MACALPINE.

EMPIRE MACALPINE has completed loading and flown on aircraft. In view of inclusion of two A.C.V's in H.X.245 should ship still sail with this convoy observing that there will be no carrier in S.C.135. Early reply is requested. (C. in C. C.N.A. 211259Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty, P.D. New York)

U/B.

U.S. Navy A/C report periscope in 045° 37' 052° 40' at 1220Z/21st.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 211328 to G.B.7A)

Shipping
routeing.

Prior to Connav's 101530 May (Contained in 120103Z/May from B.A.D.). British managed oil burning vessels here for Persian Gulf or India were being routed round Cape Horn. Since that despatch did not differentiate between British and U.S. managed shipping, nor between coal and oil burners, all British managed ships for Persian Gulf or India are now being routed via Fremantle. Request confirmation this is correct observing that your reply to B.A.D.'s 120103Z/May is not known here.
(B.R.L.O.Cristobal, 211404R to Admty, (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

N.S.H.Q.
S/M
Estimate.

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimates (corrupt group) S/M north of 040° north west of 040° west 1200Z/21st.
(N.S.H.Q. 211410Z)

RANCAGUA.

21st 1100 RANCAGUA Chile Naval Transport probably Talara 25th.
(Aluslo Iquique, 211430 to Admty)

Patrol
Squadron
63.

Patrol Squadron 63 thirteen Catalinas, expects to depart Quonset for Iceland via Argentia at 1000Z/21st (sic).
(Alusna, No. T.O.O./6, Recd. 211444 to Admty)

Reference
Positions.

Your 192203B concur.
(Cominch C. & R. 211515Z to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.C. W.A.)

B.Y.M.S.
47, 37, 48.

When ready about 0800Q June 22 depart (?through) Neck. Proceed Boston via Long Island and Sound and Cape Cod Canal. Report Comtask Group 02.1 for onward routing to Halifax. Arrival Halifax Port C. in C. C.N.A., for orders speed 10 knots. Guard B.A.M.S. (C.E.S.F. 211541Z to By hand for action to B.Y.M.S. 47 S.O. 37, 48, N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F. Admty, Cinclant, B.N.(?0) New York, C. in C. W.A. Cominch, Comtask Groups 02.2, 02.1, C. in C. C.N.A., Comtaskforce 24.)

All /...

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47, 37, 48.
(Contd.)All times Q. B.Y.M.S. 47, 48, 37 depart
Thbogs Neck New York 0800/22nd E.T.A. Boston
1200/23rd. S. of A. 10 knots via Long Island
Sound Cape Cod Canal.
(C.T.G. 023, 211722 to C.T.G.02.1 (R) Vice Opnav,
Cominch, C.T. 02.2 N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C. in C.
W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.C.T.G.24)

L.N.14.

L.N.14 E.T.A. Rigolet 2300Z/21st.
(ALGOMA, 211600Z to F.O.N.F., S.N.O. Goose Bay)

Dispositions.

Section East. B.W.33, THREE RIVERS vicinity
046° 07' 058° 45' 102° 7.5 altering to 083°
in 056° 56' W.
ALGONQUIN, TAMPA vicinity 046° 13' 055° 53' en
route Argentia 10 knots.
W.B.25 MALPEQUE, EYEBRIGHT 047° 18' 052° 32' 187° 7 knots.
FORT WILLIAM 046° 47' 052° 27' 010° 12 altering to 310° in
047° 33' N. en route St. Johns N.F.
O.N.188 043° 47' 052° 03' 264° 9 knots.
N.S.K.15 unescorted 042° 48' 051° 05' 074° 11 knots altering to
050° in 044° 01' 044° 59' at 2000Z/22nd.
ACADIA U.S. Hospital Ship 041° 28' 047° 10, 267° 17 altering
to 261° in 050° 00' W. thence New York.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 211645Z)Section South West. U.S.S. STEVENS (?DALY) SANTA ELENA
vicinity 039° 42' 072° 43' inbound New York (?06) 59 W. 8
043° 12' 066° 41' 268° 7.5 altering to 233° in 069° 03' W.
H.S.92, LETHBRIDGE, RED DEER (?044°) 03' 062° 56' steering
068° 7.5 altering to 057° in 061° 57' W. and to 041° in 045°
28' N.
79th M.L. Flotilla M.L.081 044° 12' 063° 07' to position 044°
28' 062° 19' thence 065° altering to 000° in 060° 44' W.
GEORGETOWN 044° 07' 062° 57' en route Halifax.
U.S.S. FALK, GILLESPIE, GEORGE WASHINGTON 044° 03' 061° 05'
065° 14.5 altering to Argentia in 046° 09' 055° 01'.
COBALT 045° 12' 060° 52' 239° 12 en route Halifax.
(? SHAWINIGAN) 044° 32' 059° 13' 267° 13.5 en route Halifax.
VISON departs Halifax 2000Z/21st coastwise to Digby 10 knots.
GODERICH, MEDICINE HAT departed 2100Z/21st to 044° 08' 068° 16'
steering 064° altering to 000° in 060° 44' W. thence to Pictou
N.S. via Gut of Canso.
H.F.61 TRAIL departed Chebucto Head 2200Z/21st thence to 044°
08' 063° 16' thence 258° at 7.5 knots altering to 043° in
064° 08 W. and to 275° in 065° 23' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 211715Z)

Following is a recyphered version of my 211745 (Begins):
Section North West North GASPE 048° 42' 068° 24' coastwise to
Gaspe 10.5 knots.S.Q. 54 ST. KEENAN, LAWRENCE, MIDDLETON, SWIFT CURRENT, 048° 49'
062° 50' 300° 8 altering to 256° in 049° 41' N. and to 238° in
066° 45' W.S.B.48 PAYNTER vicinity 047° 18' 060° 15' 018° 7.5 to 048° 49'
058° 57' thence Port au Prince at 12 knots (Ends)

(C. in C. C.N.A. 211751Z)

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WEST POINT.

Alter course from (D) 34.25 66.10 for new
(E) 41.12 69.02 (F) 42.30 70.03 thence amended
destination Boston.
(Connav, 211710Z to WEST POINT (R) Cinclant,
N.O.B. Bermuda, C.E.S.F. Com. 1 Admty, N.S.H.Q.
C. in C. C.N.A. Halifax.)

S/M
Estimated
positions.

(Cominch, 211718Z)

New Ships
working up,
Bermuda.

A.M.242101/February. Anticipated arrivals of
new construction ships manned by R.N. at Bermuda
for full A/S work-up are as follows.

June	Captains Class Frigate	BAZELY
	Corvette	LINARIA
July	Captains Class Frigate	CALDER
	Frigates	EVENLODE
		FINDHORN
	Algerines	CLINTON
		ARIES
	Corvettes	FRIENDSHIP
		STATICE
		WILLOWHERB
August	Captains Class Frigate	DUCKWORTH
		BURGESS
	B.A.M.	CATHERINE
	B.E.C.3	
	Frigate	INVER.
	Algerines	GOZO
		LIGHTFOOT
	Corvette	MELITA
September	Captains Class Frigate	ROSEBAY
		DUFF
	Frigate	ESSINGTON
	B.A.M.	LOSSIE
	B.E.C.4, 5.	GAZELLE
	Algerines	OCTAVIA
		PERSIAN

(2) In addition to the above, the R.C.N. vessels given in
N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 031927/June (not to all addressees) may be
expected about one month after the dates shown, and certain
French escort vessels on completion of fitting Asdics.
(D.A/S.W. 211758B to MALABAR (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.
S.B.N.O.W.At. Cdre-in-Charge, Bermuda, C. in C. W.A., C. in C.
C.N.A.)

Convoy
Reports
for Cominch
and N.S.H.Q.

Your 201837. Convoy summary will be appreciated.
Since however G.U,T.O, and U.C. convoys pass
through the Ottawa intelligence and it is most
desirable that N.S.H.Q. should be informed of
their routes to enable shipping plot to be kept
correct, desirable also that operations should

have /...

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have knowledge of escorts. Propose therefore that N.S.H.Q. be included in address of part 1 sailing telegram of these convoys assuming that names of ships and destinations will be obtainable from your summary. To avoid original (?signal) congestion propose all above messages be sent to Connav with passing instructions for N.S.H.Q.
(N.S.H.Q. 211915Z to Admty (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C.Gibraltar)

ORIBI.

Sail ORIBI Boston to Bermuda direct when ready about 25th. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A.
(Cominch, 211917Z to C.E.S.F.)

U/B's
attacked.
Weekly
Summary.

Your 221059B July. Following promising attacks reported week ending 2400Z/20. 19 June U.S. Army Liberator attacked surfaced submarine 35.30 N. 18.20 W. submarine lost headway sank stern first at 45° angle, large oil slick observed, submarine fired on plane during attack. 20 June U.S. Navy Catalina attacked submarine 57.35 N. 31.46 W. hits observed VANQUISHER found wreckage of German origin in area after attack.
(Cominch, 211932Z to Admty)

S.L.132.

Average speed 6.6 knots. Off Oversay at 110600Z. All arrived.
(D.T.D. 211952B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.)

QUEEN
ELIZABETH,
PHOEBE,
escorts.

C.E.S.F. sail QUEEN ELIZABETH and PHOEBE 26th June Norfolk to Bermuda escorted by U.S.S. HARRISON, BLACKWOOD, DRURY. Upon arrival Bermuda when released by QUEEN ELIZABETH, U.S.S. HARRISON comply C. in C. Lant 171814. When ready upon completion fuelling C. in C. Lant direct N.O.B. Bermuda route QUEEN ELIZABETH and PHOEBE onward to Plymouth escorted by ORIBI, MENTINCK, BLACKWOOD, BAZELY, DRURY. Action addressees advise all times of departure, routes, S. of A.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 212015Z to (C.E.S.F.?) C. in C. Lant (R) Cdant 5th N.D. Norfolk N.O.B. Bermuda N.S.H.Q., Cotclant Admty, U.S.S. HARRISON, C. in C. C.N.A., QUEEN ELIZABETH)

Ships for
Indian
Ocean.

Temporarily amend my 141410Z Cominch C. and R. originator delete Kilindini and after position A.B. and C. add "Thence east of 050 to Diego Suarez for onward routeing reporting centers pass to all Routeing Officers your area.
(Cominch C. & R. 212016Z to Admty)

Convoy /...

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S.C.132.Request arrival signal S.C.132.
(N.S.H.Q. 212027Z to Admty)

H.X.242.

Average speed not reported. Off Oversay
141800Z. All arrived.
(D.T.D. 212056B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.
W.A.,C. in C. C.N.A.)Sub. attack
and
sighting
summary.All times Z. Para. A. R.A.F. Hudson sights
three subs. course 270 61.47 N. 13.35 W. 202255.
R.A.F. Hudson attack sub. course 250 62.17 N.
13.20 W. 201555. Para.C. Transit plane sights
two subs. course 270 62.31 N. 18.25 W. 210946.
K.36 has made contact 36.56 N. 74.17 W. 211600.
Carioca attacks sound and sighting contact 13.53 S.
28.33 W. 192030. Para. D. Navy Liberator sights periscope
45.37 N. 52.40 W. 211220. Plane sights three subs. 62.44 N.
37.10 W. 201505.
(Cominch, 212059Z to Admty)Landing
Craft
Trials.Your 161646B. No difficulty anticipated in
carrying out trials of landing craft under
winter conditions at Halifax or Sydney N.S.
selection of port will depend upon ice conditions
desired and other details of trials.
(N.S.H.Q. 212154Z to Admty (R) S.C.N.O. London)

HAMILTON.

E.T.A. St. John's N.F.1000B/22nd. Boiler hours.
In company KAMSACK, THE PAS, BLAIRMORE, TRURO.
(HAMILTON, 212242Z to F.O.N.F. (R) Capt. (D)
St. Johns N.F.)EMPRESS
OF
SCOTLAND.From B.M.W.T. New York. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.
Unless vessel requires repairs estimate should
be ready for departure July 7th.
(B.R.L.O. New York, 212301Z to D. of S.T. (R)
B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

AQUITANIA.

From B.M.W.T. New York. AQUITANIA. Referring
our 152322Z.. (1) U.S. Navy now advise earliest
date they can estimate for completion dry dock
work is June 3rd but will advise more accurately
in few days. (2) View para. 1 cannot fix definite date readiness
at present. (3) We will signal new date as soon as possible.
(B.R.L.O. New York, 212309Z to D. of S.T. (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

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Kiwi
No.67. Submarine sighted 22.23 S. 177 E at 1545M/19th also suspicious oil slick seen 18.40 S. 175 E. 1146M. Possible submarine sighted 1½ miles North Moso Island Northwest Efate 1545M/20th, hunter killer operations proceeding. Our aircraft attacked Nauru twice night 18/19 first by 6 Catalinas which started fires and hit oil tank and dispersal areas. Three hours later 6 Liberators continued hitting building north end of runway. 6 Mitchells machine gunned 6 barges Wilson Strait between Vella Lavella and Ganongga also runway Vila night 18th. Night 18th 9 Liberators dropped fragmentation? bombs Kahili large fires started explosions in munitions dumps same time 2 Mitchells bombed Ballale. (2) Marus Buin 18th. RONAki's keel broken twice ex 25% cargo ashore, my 64 refers. (C.W.R. Wellington, 21004Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty, etc.)

Shipping
Reference
Positions. Suggest reference positions for Backstairs passage Geraldton and Albany be included in proposed S.P. Your 182217 complete (?refers) See East Indies. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 210931Z to Admty (R) C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A.)

Digest
Serial
No.517
June 20th. (2) Forenoon photos Wewak disclose 1 small merchantman and 1 sub chaser plus usual barge activity. (7) Three B.25's one Boston in night Coastal sweep bombed 4 barges vicinity Cape Gloucester sinking 1, damaging 3, also dropped bombs vicinity Finschhafen starting fires. (8) Two patrol Hudsons encountered and damaged Zero Floatplane 156 miles North of Millimgi mid morning. (9) 28 enemy fighters attacked Darwin Forenoon causing slight damage to equipment and installations 3 personnel killed 11 injured. 49 Spitfires intercepted destroying 8 bombers 4 fighters plus one bomber 1 fighter probably destroyed and 8 bombers 2 (fighters) damaged 2 spitfires were lost. (10) One Liberator bombed Kaimana midday starting fires and reported sighting 1 small vessel, 8 barges. Also strafed barges at Fak Fak. Five Floatplanes took off at Taker Fane but Liberator avoided interception. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.210938Z) As amended 220736Z.

Movements. U.S.S. CIMARRON escorted by U.S.S. WALLER departed Sydney (N.S.W.) 20th for Noumea through (A) 030° 30' S. 156° 30'. (B) 023° 50' S. 166° E. S. of A. 15½ knots E.T.A. Noumea 0200Z/23rd. (A.C.N.B. 211136Z to Admty)

H/T DUNTRON arrived Port Moresby 20th June S.I.S. MERKUR arrived Sydney 20th Dutch Naval Store ship SOEDOE departed Brisbane 20th due Cairns 25th U.S. Transports HENRY T. GIBBONS NOORDAM departed Townsville 20th due Port Moresby 23rd. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 211227 to Admty)

Arrivals Brisbane 20th. COOTAMUNDRA, GLADSTONE Milne Bay, PIRIE Townsville 19th U.S.D. CONYRGHAM Sydney 20th BENDIGO, KALGOORLIE, WARRNAMBOOL, BUNDA BERG, ROCHAMPTON

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Australia and New Zealand.

Movements,
(Contd.)

DELORAINÉ, EXMOUTH GULF, U.S.S. CHANTICLEER.
Departure Townsville 20th U.S.D. BROOKS,
U.S.D. HUMPHREYS, BENALLA for Milne Bay 21st
U.S.S. PORPOISE for Brisbane. Cairns 20th
BUNBURY for Port Moresby.
(A.C.N.B. 211619Z to Admty)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions,
(D.D.I.C. 211444B, 211450B)

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Tuesday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Operations
Musketry
and
Seaslug.

X 1. A fire and explosion occurred today and caused serious damage on board the New Zealand Cruiser ACHILLES (attached to South Pacific Force) undergoing long refit at Portsmouth. There were a large number of casualties to civilians. The cause of the accident is not at present known.

(Leakage of gas - page 990).

X 2. Transit aircraft report sighting 3 U-Boats in 44.40 N. 09.58 W. (85 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegal) at 1513B today, steering 67°. No aircraft was able to co-operate with E.G.2. on account of the weather.

X 3. About 15 enemy aircraft operated over the Dover and Dungeness areas in the early hours of today. In Dover harbour the minesweeping trawler ADAM was severely and SARPEDON slightly damaged and there were some slight casualties on board the former.

Mediterranean.S/M
operations.

X 4. UNSHAKEN reports that during patrol off Syracuse today she sank a 250 ton schooner in 347° Murro di Porco 6.5 miles. S/M ULTOR reports that at 2113/13 she carried out a bombardment of the D/F station on Salina Island (Lipari Is.) The mast and adjacent buildings were repeatedly hit. At 1340/15 she sank a 1200 ton auxiliary in 38.25 N. 1546 E. (about 20 miles North of Messina) and at 2017/15 she obtained one hit with torpedo on an ORSA class destroyer in company with a CLIMENE class destroyer in 38.32 N. 15.47 E. (about 20 miles North of Messina.)

5. KING GEORGE V, HOWE and 5 destroyers left Gibraltar for Mers el Kebir today (arrived 23 June).

Force X.

X 6. The French battleship LORRAINE and cruisers SUFFREN, DUGUAY-TROUIN and TOURVILLE, escorted by destroyers, sailed from Alexandria today for Port Said. DUQUESNE sailed on 24 June.

7. U.S. L.S.T.333 and 387 were torpedoed off Dellys (near Cape Matifou) at 2140 today. The former was beached and the latter towed to Dellys.

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Black
Sea.

X 8. N.L.O. Black Sea reports that activities have mainly been confined to air operations. Tuapse was attacked on 17 June. On 7 June Russian naval aircraft sank 3 barges and 5 launches laden with troops and supplies in Kerch Straits; on 15 June during a daylight raid on Feodosia a merchant vessel was hit and several explosions were seen in the harbour area. On 16 June an enemy S/M. is reported to have been sunk off the Caucasus coast.

X 9. Wellingtons of the N.W.A.F. Strategic Air Force dropped 50 tons of bombs on Salerno last night.

Australia & New Zealand.

X 10. Liberators and Beaufighters attacked Taberfane Seaplane Base today.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

BRITOMART. BRITOMART arrived Dvina B.
(S.B.N.O.Archangel 220601B.)

ARCHER B.5. Will join you Rothesay at 1500B/23 in accordance
with your 212231B.
(HAVELOCK 221043B to ARCHER.)
Your 212231B. Group will be ready less
STEVENSTONE whose defect may not be completed
in time. WENSLEYDALE and LIMBOURNE complete A/S exercises off
Londonderry at 1630B/24th.
(LIMBOURNE 222000 to ARCHER.)

Ten M.F.Vs. Admiralty 171939. 211825.
for Med. 1. Escort LOCH OSKAIG, SOUTHERN PRIDE.
2. Final destination of SOUTHERN PRIDE is Freetown
(C. in C.W.A. 221220B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

ILLUSTRIOUS. Sailed ILLUSTRIOUS for exercises in Irish Sea.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 221448B.)
Arrived ILLUSTRIOUS.
(N.O.I.C.Belfast 221958B.)

S/M Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/23 and movements for
Movements. following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 221707B, 231058B.)
On 28th June request you will sail SURF for Gib.
and SEA NYMPH for A/S patrol in Bay of Biscay.
(F.O.S. 221726B to Capt. S.3.)

DAUNTLESS. Sheerness for Chatham. Arrival at 1640B -
DAUNTLESS escorted by COTTESMORE.
(C. in C.Nore 221722B to A.C.O.S.)

WEDGEPORT, Request you will sail WEDGEPORT, QUALICUM and
QUALICUM, PARRSBORO to Falmouth. They will be required to
PARRSBORO. leave Falmouth for Gibraltar a.m. 30th June.
(D.M.S.221818B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

A.F.D.21. A.M. 152323B. Intend sailing A.F.D.XXI, in tow
of tug MARAUDER from Needles at 1730B/24th for
Belfast. 2. Route. Estimated S.O.A. 5 knots.
3. Tow will be escorted by KINGSTON TURQUOISE,
KINGSTON TOPAZ, LORD WAKEFIELD S.O. the latter parting company
as ordered by C. in C.Plymouth.
4. Tow will be swept by L.L. sweepers in A.M. Q.Z.S.284 and 413.
C. in C.Plymouth is requested to arrange necessary sweeping in
Lyme Bay area.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 221910B.)

NESS. My 201206B. Sailed NESS.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 222240B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med.)

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Movements - Contd.

IROQUOIS. Return Plymouth forthwith.
(C. in C.Plymouth 222303B to IROQUOIS.)

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug." 2nd Escort Group resumed north/south patrol in the vicinity 045° 30' N. 012° W. in accordance with para. 3 of my 161929B. STARLING to join group in accordance with my 211727B.
2. SCYLLA to patrol on approx. meridian of 013° 30' W. between 043° and 046° N. in support of 2nd Escort Group.
(C. in C.Plymouth 220003B to E.G.2, SCYLLA.)

Denmark Strait Patrol. C. in C.H.F. 212337. E.T.A. 2230B/22. Position 62° N. 37° W.
(BERWICK 220225B to A.C.I.C.)
Hvalfjord arrival BERWICK.
(A.C.I.C. 222332B to C. in C.H.F.)

Coastal Force Patrols. My 212316B. "Device" returned to harbour.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 220515.)
1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight to be carried out by M.G.Bs. 611 (S.O.), 614, S.G.Bs. GREY FOX, GREY OWL from 0001B to 0400B on lat. 50° 25' N. between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W.
2. M.Ls. 124, 309 patrol searched channel between F. Buoy and E.A.5 Buoy.
3. ALBRIGHTON at immediate notice at Yarmouth or if weather unsuitable for coastal forces at St. Helens.
5a. M.G.Bs. and S.G.Bs. Codeword "Cadger".
c. ALBRIGHTON Codeword "Advent".
(C. in C.Portsmouth 221348B.)

Operation V.P.-Y. Carry out V.P - Y. 1. Patrol Y. 2. M.T.B.619 (S.O.) and 623. 3. 23rd June or first suitable day thereafter. 4. At S.O's discretion. 5. No. 6. No. 7. 045° Out Skerries 110 miles. This is an alternative to my 211235B, depending on weather.
(A.C.O.S. 221525 to N.O.IC. Lerwick.)

S/M Patrols. Position of submarines at 0800B/23rd and movements for following 24 hours.
A. BARB vicinity 43° 31' N. 22° 29' W.
B. HAKE vicinity 42° 03' N. 21° 31' W.
C. BLACKFISH vicinity 40° 41' N. 20° 27' W.
D. O.15 vicinity 64° 20' N. 01° 24' W.
E. ULA vicinity 62° 54' N. 02° 35' E.
H. STUBBORN and UNIVERSAL escorted by CUTTY SARK vicinity Trevoze Head to exercise with aircraft proceeding to 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A. 1800/23rd, thence:-

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Operations.

S/M Patrols. 1. UNIVERSAL dived by day through 49° 01' N. 07° 02' W. and 46° 01' N. 07° 02' W.
(Contd.) 2. STUBBORN dived by day through 49° N. 06° W. and 47° 01' N. 05° 59' W.
J. TRUSTY 47° 04' N. 06° 28' W. dived by day through 49° 00' N. 06° 27' W. to R/V in 180° Bishop Rock 7 miles at 0500/25th.
K.K.15, 44° 50' N. 43° 20' W. probably on surface to pass through 47° 18' N. 39° 25' W. at 0800/24th.
(F.O.S. 221707B to Admty.)

Allied Air Activity.

A/C in S.O.S. British Airmen in distress 51.35 N. 03.25 E. and 51.25 N. 03.30 E. and 51.02 N. 01.56 E. distress. (North Foreland Radio 221137 to Admiral Chatham.)
Received 1234 G.M.T. from 15 Group Chatham begins: S.O.S. British airmen in distress 51.35 N. 03.05 E. (North Foreland Radio No T.O.O. to R.A.F. 11th Group.)
Received 1147 G.M.T. from R.A.F. 16th Group Chatham. Here correction to our distress British Airmen in distress 51.35 N. 03.25 E. and 51.25 N. 03.38 E. and 51.02 N. 01.56 E. (North Foreland Radio 221357B to Ad. Chatham, 11 Group.)

Swordfish Admiralty 152124. Request very early action to Night issue directions on tactics and method to be Bombing. employed by Swordfish Aircraft for night dive-bombing including illumination of target.
(F.O.N.A.S. 221900 to Admty.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Dover area, + Between 0115 and 0455 today about 15 enemy A/C bombed. operated over the Dover and Dungeness areas. In ADAM and addition to bombs dropped in Dymchurch and SARPEDON Folkestone areas one bomb fell in Dover harbour damaged. alongside Prince of Wales pier. This caused severe damage to bridge and upperworks of ADAM necessitating docking for repairs and slight damage to SARPEDON. Tugs LADY BRASSEY and SIMLA also sustained fairly extensive superficial damage but remain serviceable. One officer and five ratings in ADAM wounded but none seriously. No other damage or casualties reported.
(V.A. Dover 221247B to Admty.)

Mining.

S.N.222A. Intend to carry out operation S.N.222A as follows.
A. Deep minefield from south to north.
D. (1) AGAMEMNON (R.A.(M)), PORT QUEBEC, MENESTHEUS, CASTLETON, LANCASTER, NEWARK, ST.
MARY'S, SCOTT.
2. C. in C.H.F. is requested to detail one cruiser if cover is considered necessary.
E. A/S Air Escort is requested when outside the North Minch.

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S.N.222A, F. From 063° 04' 18" N. 011° 55' W. to 063° 23' N. 012° 17' W.
(Contd.) G. 0630B/28th June.
I. 059° 45' N. 005° 30' W. at 1930B/28.
J. Through position A. 059° 45' N. 005° 30' W.
B. 060° 22' N. 006° 50' W. C. 061° 20' N. 007° 20' W. D. 061° 56' N. 007° 20' W. E. 062° 42' N. 011° 29' W.
O. and P. Port ZA 1030B/1st July except ST. MARY'S who proceeds to Dundee.
(R.A.M. 220904B.)
My 220904B. Request I may be informed if oil fuel will be available Seidis Fjord during this period.
(R.A.M. 220906B to A.C.I.C.)
R.A.M's 131056B. Request you will sail ST. MARY'S to arrive Port ZA at 0800B/27.
(R.A.M. 220908B to N.O.I.C. Dundee.)

Western Channel. Sail NIGHT HAWK (S.O.), SIR JOHN LISTER, BRECON CASTLE, SCARRON and DORINDA to arrive Portland p.m. tomorrow. Vessels are required to sweep ahead of A.F.D.21 from Portland to Lizard using "A" sweep during daylight and Oropesa Sweep by night as deep as practicable. Vessels to return to Plymouth on completion.
(C. in C.Plymouth 221304 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, F.O.I.C. Portland.)
Intend to sail NIGHTHAWK (S.O.) SIR JOHN LISTER, BRECON CASTLE, SCARRON and DORINDA at 0630/23 to Q.Z.S.420 to Portland.
2. If weather does not permit sweeping ships will steam to Portland.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 221459B to F.O.I.C. Portland.)

Lyme Bay sweep. In view of great difficulty in coaling 4th M.S.F. whilst clearing approach to 18 Q.Z.L., and to save time, suggest 4th and 9th M.S.F. exchange station until completion of above. Do you concur?
(D.M.S. 221307B to C. in C.Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth.)
C. in C.Plymouth's 211158B complied with. Only one static cutter swept in first lap. E.T.A.Dartmouth 2045B.
(HOUND 221823B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Harwich. One ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 11.48 in 51° 57' N. 1° 32.5' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 221316 and 221908B.)

Humber. 4 British controlled mines exploded 0920 in 255° Spurn Light House 3.9 miles.
1 mine detonated by Sweeper at 1137/22 in 262° Spurn Light 2.6 miles.
(F.O.Humber 221624.)

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U-Boats reported or attacked in N. Atlantic.

By D/F at 0006Z, U-Boat estimated within 100 miles of 50° 30' N. 22° 30' W. (D.D.I.C. 220433B to ANDES.)
Am over enemy S/M in 61.03 N. 09.30 W. (A/C 15 Group Duty Y 220557B to 18 Group).
One submarine dived, course 040° speed 6 knots.
My P.C. and S. 232° 54' N. 40° W. 62, 223° 10 kts. (BIDEFORD 220643Z.)

Am over enemy submarine in 061° 17' N. 009° 25' W. (A/C 15 Group 220653B to 18 Group.)

1. Aircraft Y in messages 0557 and 0653 reported U-Boat in 061° 03' N. 009° 30' W. and 061° 17' N. 009° 25' W. Proceed to area.

2. If not in contact after four hours there proceed to Hvalfjord. (C. in C.H.F. 220814B to METEOR.)

Am over enemy submarine in 62° 36' N. 13° 58' W. (A/C 190 Sq. Duty Z. 220820 to 18 Group.)

My 220648B. Have lost touch with enemy S/M. Last seen in ?(62) ? 17 N. 09.25 W.

(A/C 220840B to 18 Group.)

My 220557. Position of enemy is 61.03 N. 09.30 W. course 045° speed 6. My 220648. Position of enemy is 61.19 N. 09.25 W. course 270°, speed 6.

(A/C 221049B to 18 Group.)

U-Boat sighted by BIDEFORD in 053° 25' N. 040° 54' W.

(B.6 221100 to C. in C.W.A.)

C. in C.H.F. 220814. One Sunderland, 4 Hampden, co-operating in search.

(C. in C.Rosyth 221111B to METEOR.)

U-Boats in Biscay area.

On day 20th June 4 Whitleys of 91 Group completed A/S patrols. Two of the Whitleys sighted and attacked the same submarine, but the depth-charges in each case fell slightly short. One of the A/C fell in to the sea in flames although no

opposition was apparent from the U-Boat.

A Whitley flying at 3000 feet, sighted a fully-surfaced U-Boat 1 1/2 miles distant 090°. The A/C immediately dived to the starboard and dropped depth-charges about thirty seconds after the U-Boat had submerged. No results were seen.

(H.Q.B.C. 221515B.)

Transit aircraft report sighting three U-Boats in 44° 40' N. 09° 58' W. at 1513B/22nd, course 60°. U-Boats sighted on surface and seen to submerge. No aircraft can co-operate tonight due to weather.

(C. in C.Plymouth 222023B and 222339B to WOODPECKER.)

At 1513B/22 transit aircraft sighted three U-Boats on surface in 046° 30' N. 010° 00' W. course 060°. These U-Boats dived on being sighted.

(F.O.S. 222231B to TRUSTY.)

2 U-Boats may be patrolling eastward of long. 010° W. (F.O.S. 222309B to USURPER.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Navigational.

Ice. Your 202002. Ice edge 20th June passes following positions. Details.
North of 067° 15' edge is firm packed drift ice and polar bear observed walking close to edge.
BRASH light and extending 2-(75) miles. South of this position normal drift ice and BRASH to depth of 2-(710) miles.
(BERWICK 222331B to C. in C.H.F.)

Casualties & Defects.

Dinghy. Your 211727B and 220030B. Am now approaching area in which dinghy may be expected. In view of weather conditions request A/C assistance in search. Weather 7865 2256.
(STARLING 220915B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
Your 220915B. In view of weather A/C are being withdrawn.
(C. in C.Plymouth 221231B to STARLING.)
Your 220030B. Extensive search has proved fruitless.
Intend to proceed at 2359B to join Escort Group 2. My P.C. and S. at 2359B, 046° 55' N. 012° 56' W. 155° 11 knots.
(STARLING 222230B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

ACHILLES. X A fire and explosion occurred on board ACHILLES at 0745 today. Cause at present unknown. Two dead and thirteen wounded have up to the present been landed. Investigation proceeding.
(A.S.Portsmouth 221000B to Admty.)

A.S.Portsmouth's 221000. Explosion occurred apparently between 77 and 87 bulkhead starboard side below platform deck. Secondary low-power room wrecked and surrounding compartments damaged. No Naval casualties. Implication of Naval personnel not known until report is received and on completion of professional departmental investigation being held by A.S.
(C. in C.Portsmouth 221731B to Admty.)

ATHABASKAN. Sailed ATHABASKAN for Plymouth. E.T.A. 1400B/24.
(R.A.D. 221005B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

UNTAMED. My 192015B. TEDWORTH's divers report UNTAMED now lying in 19 fathoms with list 035° to starboard and sunk deep in mud. Lifting-wires damaged and must be renewed. No further progress to-day owing to unfavourable weather.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 221900B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

WORCESTER. On leaving F.N.54 proceed to carry out exercises amended in accordance with C. in C.Nore's 221112B. On completion proceed Immingham where cracked main circulator inlet-pipe will be repaired.
(Capt. D.16 222100B to WORCESTER.)

Intend to anchor at Humber Light Vessel 0644B proceeding for exercises at 0900B. Expect to approach Humber Boom 1215B.
(WORCESTER 230517B to N.O.I.C. Immingham.)

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- PORT PHILLIP Sailed PORT PHILLIP from Breaksea 0745B/22.
E.T.A. Light Ship 1230 G.M.T. 2nd July.
(N.C.S.O. Avonmouth 220827B.)
- O.N.189. Reference Admiralty's 041340B May, stragglers
O.S.50/ return for week ending 0900B/22. Ex O.N.189
K.M.S.17. EMPIRE CAMERON, lack of speed due to unsuitable
Stragglers. coal and bad fireman. Ex O.S. 50/K.M.S.17,
CITY CASTLE, condenser trouble.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 220915B.)
- K.M.S.18B. K.M.S.18B. Intend sail convoy escorted by
TEVIOT S.O., RHODODENDRON, HYDERABAD, OXLIP,
and HONEYSUCKLE pass Clyde Boom 1200B/24 to R/V
additional escorts at 0630B/25 in 270° Oversay
24 miles, thence in accordance with A.M. 201610B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 221014B.)
- W.N.44. W.N.44 090° Duncansby.
(A.C.O.S. 221112.)
- K.M.S.19. K.M.S.19. Admiralty's 172359, 202250.
1. A/S escort (A) from Clyde. DART S.O. (B)
to join at Oversay R/V. BLUEBELL, CAMELLIA
from Liverpool. FISHGUARD, CLARE, LOTUS,
DIANELLA, STARWORT, POPPY from Londonderry
(C. in C.W.A. 221117B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- COLENDAM. Your 211710B arrived 1055/22.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock 221130 to P.S.T.O.N.W.Ports.)
- W.P.358. Proceed across Lyme Bay through the following
position. A. Dart Buoy. B. 050° 31' N. 003° 10'
30" W. C. 050° 31' N. 002° 32' 00" W. D. 050°
27' 30" N. 002° 27' 24" W.
(C. in C.Plymouth 221131B to Escorts W.P.358.)
- F.N.54. Part company with F.N.54 off Flamborough Head
tomorrow proceeding to patrol as ordered by C.
in C.Nore on Wednesday night.
(Capt. D.16 221218B to CAMPBELL.)
- S.C.134. S.O. B.2 in HESPERUS. Additional A/S escort and
for rescue duties NORTHERN FOAM, VIZALMA. Escort
oiler CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BOE, EL CIERVO,
BEACONSTREET, BRITISH PRESTIGE, BRITISH HONOUR,
SCANDIA, ESTURIA. Ships carrying depth-charges BEACONSTREET, EL
CIERVO, BRITISH PRESTIGE, 60 improvised, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BOE
30 flotation.
(C. in C.W.A. 221325B to E.G.40.)

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Ships which straggle west of 040° W. are to return to St. Johns N.F. (2) Amended stragglers route for ships straggling east of 040° W. Cancel (W) substitute (A) 054° 10' N. 040° 02' W. (C. in C.W.A. 221634Z to S.C.134.)
Return to St. Johns N.F.
(C. in C.W.A. 221636Z to Stragglers S.C.134.)

Escort
Groups.

Your 291854 May para. 1. A.M. 051955 refers to approved strength of "B" Groups.
2. Para. 2. Your proposals are concurred in.
3. R.C.N. have already allocated additional corvettes to make up numerical deficiency in the "C" Groups, which it is now agreed should have paper strength of 10 ships.
4. It is suggested that next 2 Escort Destroyers to become available should relieve British-manned TOWN class in C.1 and C.2 Groups.
5. These TOWNS would then be available to relieve TOWNS of 17th Division, which would be allocated as F.A.A. target vessels.
6. When relief in para. 4 above takes place, N.S.H.Q. will be requested to release ITCHEN and LAGAN, who are required to reinforce foreign stations
(V.C.N.S. 221610B, and D.O.D.H. 231855B to C. in C.W.A.)

Convoy
K.M.F.18.

Convoy K.M.F.18 will be ready to leave Clyde for onward routing from Gibraltar on 28th June.
2. Composition as follows:- (a)
HILARY, GLENGYLE, BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER, BATORY, MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE, BERDYSHIRE, CIRCASSIA, LLANGIBBY CASTLE, DURBAN CASTLE, ASCANIA.
(b) ULSTER QUEEN destination Algiers.
3. S.C.A. 12½ knots.
5. Ocean escort will be provided by COLOMBO, who will part company as directed in A.M. 131929 June.
6. A/S escort will be provided by Group A consisting of PHEASANT, CRANE, CHANTICLEER, WHIMBREL, CYGNET, TEST and TRENT.
(D.O.D.H. 221653B.)

U.R.80.

Request you will sail SHIKARI after refuelling to reinforce escorts U.R.80.
(C. in C.W.A. 221710B to A.C.I.C.)

T.A.50A.

SS. ILE DE FRANCE will be ready to leave Clyde p.m. 30th June.
2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship to New York by route which will be signalled by Admiralty.
(D.O.D.H. 221955B to C. in C.W.A.)

K.M.F.17/
W.S.31.

Position 047° 21' N. 014° 02' W. Course (7183°) speed 12 knots.
(UGANDA 222001B to Admty.)

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Zig-zag
diagrams.

A.M. 112A of 19th June, para. 1. Request Masters of Merchant Ships be informed.
2. Printed corrections to "Zigzag diagrams 1940" will be issued.
(D.S.D. 222034B to A.I.G.19, A.I.G.26, S.B.N.O. North Russia. S.B.N.O.Archangel, B.A.D.)

A.G.M. 112A and F.O.H. 121001 June. C. in C.Med. has proposed deletion in S.P. 02200 of Article 144 (e) on staggered zigzag. Your views are requested.
(Head of M.II 222213B to Cs. in C.H.F., E.F., W.A., Levant.)

K.M.S.23/
O.S.53.
K.M.S.24/
O.G.92.

My 162131. Cancel para. 8 and amend para. 4 to read K.M.S.23/O.S.53 (sailing 8th August) K.M.S.24/O.G.92 (sailing 17th August.)
(D.T.D. 222138B to C. in C.W.A. Med. W.Af.)

AMARAPOORA.

Sailed hospital ship AMARAPOORA at 2030B/22 independently to Avonmouth unescorted E.T.A. Barry Roadstead 2359B/23rd.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast 222212B.)

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- Convoy C.T.X.3. Sailing telegram. (2) 0001B/22nd. (4) $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (5) and (8) as C. in C. Med., 161615. (6) WISHART, VENOMOUS, OAKLEY, LIDDESDALE, TANGO, GAVOTTE, STELLA CARINA, ST. KILDA. List of ships. (F.O. Gibraltar, 220002B, 220021B, 221516B to N.Os. I.C. North African Ports (R) P.S.T.O.M.E. Admty. etc).
- M.K.S.15 A.M. 201805B M.K.S.15 cased petrol carrier PRINCE DE LIEGE now proceeded Oran at orders P.S.T.O. Mediterranean. (S.T.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 220930B to D. of S.T.)
- O.S.50 Propose following ships join O.S.50 (list of 6) All for Dakar. R/V details requested. B.N.L.O. Dakar pass to Comar. (Commorseafron 221025 to F.O.C. Gib. (R) Admty. Comar Dakar, etc).
Concur. Your 221025 refers. (2) R/V will be signalled
(3) C.M.S.F.F. Pass to French Admiralty. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 221759B to Commorseafron).
- Dispositions. Situation 221959B. U.S. S/M BARB and HAKE on patrol within an area 20 miles either side lines joining $044^{\circ} 01' 023^{\circ} 01'$ and $040^{\circ} 01' 020^{\circ} 01'$.
2. U.S. S/M BLACKFISH $040^{\circ} 44' 022^{\circ} 20' 100^{\circ}$
10/2 to assume patrol in para. 1.
3. SS. MARIPOSA $041^{\circ} 20' 034^{\circ} 15'$ through $041^{\circ} 20' 027^{\circ} 40'$ thence $111^{\circ} 19'$. (F.O. Gibraltar, 221053B).
Situation 2001B/22nd. F.F.S. RENONCULE, SAPPER $037^{\circ} 31' 009^{\circ} 12'$ to R/V 4 merchant ships off Lisbon at 230500 and escort coastwise to St. Vincent thence $188^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$.
(2) P.56 (USURPER) $037^{\circ} 37' 009^{\circ} 30'$ through $036^{\circ} 51' 009^{\circ} 13'$ thence $099^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$.
(3) Fleet unit FAULKOR 16 destroyers $035^{\circ} 51' 010^{\circ} 23'$ to Gibraltar 13.
(4) From G.U.S.8 A. U.S. Cdr. T.F.69 $034^{\circ} 06' 008^{\circ} 47'$ through $033^{\circ} 01' 011^{\circ} 01'$ thence $251^{\circ} 9'$.
(5) CLEVELAND, ANTHONY $034^{\circ} 34' 008^{\circ} 01'$ to Gibraltar 15.
(6) X.K.9 BICESTER sails 221900 from Gibraltar through $035^{\circ} 45' 006^{\circ} 30' 036^{\circ} 30' 007^{\circ} 30'$ and $036^{\circ} 30' 010^{\circ} 01'$ thence $311^{\circ} 13'$.
(7) SCOTTISH $034^{\circ} 28' 008^{\circ} 09'$ to Gibraltar 10.
(8) Convoy SHIPPIGAN (E) $039^{\circ} 02' 011^{\circ} 30'$ through $036^{\circ} 40' 010^{\circ} 01'$ to Gibraltar 11.
(9) LORD NUFFIELD sailing 222100 through Q.K.A. 87 thence to R/V SS. CARNIVAL off via Point A Pitrel p.m./23rd.
(10) G.C.17, 3 P.C. $035^{\circ} 50' 006^{\circ} 04'$ through $035^{\circ} 45' 006^{\circ} 21'$ and $034^{\circ} 03' 007^{\circ} 54'$ to Casablanca 10.
(11) M.K.S.15 F.F.S. ROSELYS sailing 230800B through $035^{\circ} 45' 006^{\circ} 30'$ thence to $239^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$. (F.O. Gibraltar, 221157B).
Situation 2002B/22.
X.K.9 BICESTER sailed 1900/22nd from Gibraltar through $035^{\circ} 45' 006^{\circ} 30' 036^{\circ} 30' 007^{\circ} 30'$ and $036^{\circ} 30' 010^{\circ} 01'$ thence $249^{\circ} 13'$.
(2) Fleet units FAULKOR 16 destroyers, $035^{\circ} 51' 010^{\circ} 23'$ to Gibraltar 13.

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Dispositions. (3) G.U.S.8 A, C.T.F. 69, 034° 06' 008° 47' through 033° 01' 011° 01' thence 251° 9.
 (4) ALCANTARA 033° 15' 014° 59' through 034° 59' 014° 59' thence 332° 13½.
 (5) S.L. 131, FOWEY 029° 59' 012° 01' through 030° 01' 012° 01' thence 034° 7.
 (6) Convoy SHIPPIGAN (E) 039° 02' 011° 30' through 036° 40' 010° 01' to Gibraltar ll.
 (7) SS. ORION 037° 59' 015° 33' through 040° 01' 017° 58' thence 343° 17.
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 221111B).

Convoy C.G.40 arrived.
 C.G.40. (F.O. Gibraltar, 221306B to C.M.S.F.F.)

Convoy X.K.9 Intended route for X.K.9 sailing 1900B June 22nd is through (PA) 39° 45' N., 06° 30' W.
 (PB) 36° 30' N., 07° 30' W. (PC) 36° 30' N., 10° 00' W. (PD) 40° 00' N., 15° 00' W.
 (PE) 45° 00' N., 15° 00' W. thence as ordered by Admty. S. of A. 13 knots. (2) Codeword "Simony".
 (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 221309B to Admty).

French refugees at Setubal. X Your 201221 French Mission informs me Portuguese Railway cannot provide sufficient transport June 26th as they object to travelling in goods train and/or cattle trucks on humanitarian grounds. French do not object to this.
 2. Portuguese say best they can do is one train June 26th and one on June 28th.
 3. Spanish Railway Authority suggest influence be brought to bear on Portuguese to waive objection in para. one and request early reply to allow them to make final arrangements.
 (B.N.A. Madrid, 221643B to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar C. in C. Med., Admty).

BERMUDA Intend sailing BERMUDA at 0700B/23 June for U.K. routed through
 35° 45' N., 06° 30' W. 46° 20' N., 07° 01' W.
 36° 20' N., 10° 00' W. 40° 00' N., 13° 00' W.
 43° 00' N., 13° 30' W. 45° 00' N., 13° 30' W. lettered QA to QF thence as ordered by C. in C. Plymouth. S. of A. 25 knots. Codeword "Relax".
 2. Admty. pass to H.Q.C.C.
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 221753B to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., H.Q.C.C., F.O.S.)

Convoy G.C.17. G.C.17 sailed. SOCONY VACUUM (T) and KING HAA-KON VII for Safi.
 (F.O. Gibraltar, 221829 to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., Connav).

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Convoy Sailing telegram (ships, list).
X.K.9 (2) 1900/22. (4) 13 knots. (5) and (8) PA,
PB, PC, PD, PE. (6) BICESTER, MALCOLM,
MELBREAK, BOREAS.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 222203B, 222203OB to Adty.
(R) C. in C. Med., Connav).

X.K.9 sailed escorted by BATTLER, BICESTER, MALCOLM, MEL-
BREAK in accordance with my 221309. Local escort BOREAS.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 222248B to Admty).

Movements Arrivals 1320 FOXHOUND 2046 BLACKMORE.
Gibraltar. (F.O. Gibraltar 222134B to Admty).
Arrivals. COLUMBINE ex escort duties ALMERIA.
BERMUDA from Algiers F.S. LA GRANDIERE, DUMONT
D'URVILLE with C.G.40. PENELOPE from Malta.
Departures BROCKLESBY for Bougie. HOWE, KING GEORGE VI,
FARNDALE, TYNEDALE, CALPE, PUCKERIDGE, HAYDON for Mers-el-Kebir
FOXHOUND on escort duties East. LORD NUFFIELD on escort duties
Villa Real. U.S. P.C. 471, 480, 481, with G.C.17 for
Casablanca L.C.T.410, L.C.G.(L) 6 for Jijelli.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 222236B to Admty).

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REDSHANK. Departure Pointe Noire 0600Z 46522 Trawler
REDSHANK routed through 017° S. 011° E. E.T.A.
Walvis Bay 1800Z/27th. Single Operator period.
Requirements.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 220855A to F.O.C.W.Af.
(R) Admty etc.)

Minesweeping X My 211919 mining off Dakar shows it essential
off Dakar. that these modern British Minesweepers should
be based permanently on Dakar to keep open a
Swept Channel. (2) If Admiralty and French
Naval C. in C. concur minesweepers could be
manned by crews of existing obsolete minesweepers here after
short period of training with British Crews.
(Comar, Dakar, 220928Z to F.O.C.W.A.F.(R) Admty, C. in C. Med.)

Convoy C. in C. W.A.'s 061348 refers. Request I may
O.S.49. be informed whether the 4 ships mentioned in
last part of message have been diverted to
Mediterranean.
(C. in C. S.A. 221036B to Admty. (R) F.O.C.W.Af)

CORINTHIAN. Your 211524 June. Approved to retain CORINTHIAN
until arrival of first escort reinforcements,
due 9th July.
(D O.D.(F), 221236B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C. W.A.) As amended D.O.D.(F)
241642B.

SAVORGNAN Arrived.
DE BRAZZA. (Com. i/c Durban, 221401Z to Admty etc.)

DUNKERY. MARIE MAD not met. VENDOME continued from
position X-ray independently at 1100/22.
DUNKERY proceeding to Port Etienne.
(DUNKERY, 221503Z to Comar Dakar, F.O.C.W.Af.
F.O.C. Gib. Commorseafron.)

Shipping C. in C. S.A's 152345. Request you will comply.
Reference (2) Consideration is being given to establishing
Positions. additional standard positions. (3) Your
171719. Request repetition of names of the two
ports preceding Pointe Noire.
(D.T.D. 221916B to F.O.C.W.A.)

GLOIRE. Your 221452 (N.T. in W.D.). At 1900Z/22 P.C.S.
011° 56' 030° 35', 270° 16. Fuel consumption
greatly exceeds expectations, E.T.A. Cayenne
now being 26th June. Propose making direct
Trinidad to refuel. This would give me more freedom of action
for landing troops 29th and 30th June calling again Trinidad
way back.
(Fr.Cr.GLOIRE, 221946Z to Comar Dakar)

Motor /...

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Motor
Launch,
305.

Intend to sail Motor Launch 305 to arrive
Bissao p.m. 28th with diplomatic mail. Motor
Launch 305 will leave Bissao a.m. 29th.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 221950 to British Consul, Bissao,
(R) Admty, etc.)

B.3
Group.

(Group missing) B.3 group has no major defect.
KEPPEL will require to clean 2 boilers.
(2) Several ships are short of provisions.
(S.O. Escort Group B.3, 222024Z to Capt. Freetown
(R) S.E. Convoy O.S.49, F.O.C.W.A.F.)

S.L.132.

Sailing destinations.
(D.T.D. 222055B to N.C.S.O. Freetown.)

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Enemy Units. Following read: P.C. and S of 2 enemy escort vessels 41.32 N. 9.30 E 000 degs. 15 knots. (A/C 55S via Alex. W/T 220115B).

M.K.S.16 R.A. Alexandria is requested to sail M.K.S.16 consisting of 19 merchant ships (5 of them tankers) and 15 L.S.T. This includes one tanker for Tobruk, 5 ships for Benghazi and M.W.33 of 4 ships. ROMNEY towing L.S.T. Pontoon.
2. (See amendment 221158C).
3. (See amendment 221158C).
4. (A) Tobruk portion detach when north east "Hand".
(B) Benghazi portion detach when north west "Beyond".
(C) M.W.33 detach at "Hand" through "Trim" "Blaze" "Hug".
(D) S.N.O. Trip. signal E.T.A. "Hug".
(E) M.K.S.16 for onward routeing from "Hand" by C. in C. Med.
5. First two letters of convoy W/T call sign A.G.
6. Request (A) fighter defence high priority (B) A/S defence codeword combined convoy and M.K.S.16 "Mammoth", M.W.33 "Venus".
7. All times C.
8. Escort Capt.D.22 in HURWORTH, S.O., ADRIAS, EASTON, CROOME, HURSLEY all to Malta, whence V.A. Malta is requested sail them for escorting. JUMNA and HYACINTH to Tripoli whence S.N.O. Tripolitania is requested to sail them to Alexandria after oiling. GAWLER and LISMORE to Tripoli for boiler cleaning. RAIDER as ordered by C. in C. Med. Forthwith destroyers BASQUE, FORBIN, LA FORTUNE to Casablanca.
9. Balloons may be flown as ordered by S.O. Escorts.
(C. in C. Levant 220121C to V.A. Malta, A.H.Q. Malta, R.A. Alex. S.10, S.N.O. Trip.).

M.K.S.16. Amend my 220121C to read:
2 (A) Speed of Advance 7 knots until Benghazi portion is detached and thereafter 8 knots.
(B) Convoy speed as in (A).
3. Amend times to read:- "Shoulder" 1500/24th 8 miles north.
"Rum" 0755/25th 10 miles North. "Bend" 0100/26th 5 miles north.
"Tin" 1620/26th 5 miles north. "Egg" 0310/27th 5 miles West.
"Loaf" 1440/27th 10 miles West. "Head" 2235/27th. "Lip" 0125/29th.
"Rib" 1030/29th. "Hand" 1615/29th.
(C. in C. Levant 221158C).

Malta A.I. 507 21 June. Daily Opsum No. 43. 20/21 June.
Air Report. 5 Mosquitoes all carrying bombs made successful attacks in railway targets in Sicily and Southern Italy. Off Pizzo an M/V 1000/1500 tons was attacked with Cannon and strikes were scored on super-structure. 2 Wellingtons maintained anti-submarine patrol over outgoing Naval Units. 21 June 31 Spitfires made an offensive sweep over Southern Sicily. Attacks were made on flak position and military buildings to cover bombing of Reggio and San Giovanni by Liberators of 9th U.S. Bomber Command from Libya. 31 Spitfires made offensive sweep over aerodromes in South

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Malta Air Report. (Contd.). Eastern Sicily. Further 58 Spitfires made offensive sweeps over Southern Sicily. 15 Spitfires airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 1626 hours 6 plus enemy fighters approached from North at great height but turned back before reaching Malta. 8 Spitfires were airborne on interception but enemy aircraft avoided combat. 12 Spitfires maintained dusk patrol over Island. 8 Beaufighters provided escort for incoming shipping. (A.H.Q. Malta 221159Z).

Movements Beirut 21st June. Arrivals ABDIEL. Departures IERAX M.Ls. 384 - 386, NOBLE NORA, ABDIEL. (S.O.(I) Beirut 220849C to Admty.).

ABDIEL Departure and arrival 21st. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus 220908C to Admty. etc.).

Movements Alexandria Arrival 21st June. HYACINTH, F.S. LA MOQUEUSE, G.S. ASPIS, G.S. AETOS, G.S. SPETSAI. Departure 21st June, M.L.12, WOLBOROUGH, L.S.Ts. 405, 401, 415. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 221018C to Admty. etc.).

M.E. Air Report. A.652 June 22nd. Daily Opsum 55. 20/21 June 5 Liberators (B.24) 9 Halifaxes ferry Termini San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria. 1 returned early. 7 bombed San Giovanni 6 Recco (?Reggio) Haze hampered observation results and small fires only seen each objective, 21 Wellingtons railway marshalling yards Naples. 2 more bombed East of Target in error. Remainder bombed objective. Effective smoke screen hampered observation but 1 large fire seen West of Marshalling Yards. 2 fires to South and several small fires. Also 1 violent explosion followed by cloud smoke. 21 June. 52 U.S. Liberators (B.24) ferry Termini and railway sidings San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria. 7 returned early. 19 bombed Reggio.

End of Part 1 Part 2 follows.

Bursts along harbour mole and sidings to south, near berths and in area railway station and adjacent sidings. Some bursts near underground oil storage north side of town, other bombs in town. 26 bombed San Giovanni. Bombs well concentrated on harbour mole to south side of harbour in ferry berth area and along sidings south of harbour. Much smoke seen rising from Mole which believed severely damaged. Westbound ferry boat hit and turned over. Other bursts in town east of harbour. About 40 enemy fighters attacked. 20 claimed shot down 6 probably destroyed, 2 damaged. Following delayed details 20 June. 4 Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping R/C West coast Greece. 2 schooners about 190 tons, 2 caiques about 35 tons attacked in Kyllene harbour, near misses with bombs, results cannot*attacks unobserved. Smoke seen issuing from 1 vessel. *as received

(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 221044Z, 221059Z).

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- G.T.X.3. Intend to sail EMPIRE LORENZO to Bone for P.S.T.O. Med. 212230B. (N.O.I.C. Bougie 221045B to N.O.I.C. Bone (R) Admty. etc.).
- Convoy T.E.22. T.E.22 arrived, less BRINKBURN (sunk) and SELLINGE. (Cdre. Algeria 221134B, to Admty. etc.).
- Black Sea Report. (1) Very little to report and activities mainly confined to air operations. (2) Enemy air attacks. Aerodrome Socwen raided night June 14th/15th some damage being done. Tuapse attacked by day on June 17th Port (group missed) S were damaged and bombs fell in harbour area. (3) Air operations by Russian naval aircraft. June 7th three barges and five launches laden with troops and supplies sunk in Kerch Straits June 10th two R. and E. boats sunk. June 15th a direct hit scored on merchant vessel and several explosions seen in harbour area during daylight raid on Feodosia. June 16th enemy S/M reported sunk off Caucasus coast. South Saragoza enemy aerodromes troop positions. (4) Land fighting almost entirely confined against Finns. (N.L.O. Black Sea 221134 to Admty. etc.).
- French Detainees Admiral Godfroy sees no objection to proposal in your 201334 (See 230400 which is a repeat of 201334) June but before committing himself to agreement he requests more information as to character of Detainees and circumstances under which they were detained. (C. in C. Levant 221210C to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty.).
- Force H. On arrival at M.E.K. on 23rd June, HOWE is requested to sail FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, CALPE to Algiers. (2) F.O.(H) is requested to sail PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER on 23rd to M.E.K. after they have refuelled at Gibraltar. (C. in C. Med. 221253 to F.O.(H) HOWE (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Com.N.O.B.Oran, N.O.I.C. Algiers.).
- Air R/C. Taranto 2 battleships, 1 cruiser at 1130, Brindisi 1 cruiser at 1110, visual report. (V.A. Malta 221349B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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Convoy M.K.S.16. Request you will sail for Gibraltar.
 (A) Tobruk. R.F.A. CEDARDALE (T).
 (B) Benghazi. TRAJANUS, KEEPONG, BRITISH SOVEREIGN
 (T), BASSET HOUND (T) DARIEN II.
 (C) Tripoli. PRINCESS KATHLEEN (P) Commodore
 Cdre. Owens R.N.R. 14 L.S.T. A.S.I.S. PACHECO, EMPIRE HARMONY,
 ROMNEY, WELSH TRADER, EMPIRE CONRAD, MACOMA (T).
 (D) (?Malta) ANTWERP (Vice Cdore) CITY OF KEELING, PANAMA,
 BADAPUR (T), FALKEFJELL (T).
 (E) Gibraltar. HOPERAGE.
 (C. in C. Levant 221356C to R.A. Alexandria (R) C. in C. Med.
 S.N.O. Tripolitania, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, V.A. Malta, Admty.
 S.N.O. Cyrenaica, N.O.I.C. Tobruk, HURWORTHY, Connav.).

BOREAS Your 201931 (192029/5 intended). Intend to
 retain BOREAS until arrival of BRILLIANT. Your
 192029 refers (192029/5 intended).
 (C. in C. Med. 221408B to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C.
 Gibraltar).

Shipping for East of Suez. When ships are sailed for passage through
 Mediterranean to Suez Canal and beyond it is
 requested that ports of call of ships after
 leaving Suez be communicated. It is also
 requested that C. in C. Levant, and F.O. Red
 Sea and Canal Area be included in the address. Your 230959 and
 171941 both of May refer.
 (C. in C. Med. 221500B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant, F.O. Red
 Sea and Canal Area).

Air Operations June 22. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 121 N.W.A. Strategic
 Attacks on Air Force 20/21 June 2 mission totalling 30
 Naples. Wellingtons Naples. 1 returned early. 1 missing.
 40 tons and leaflets. Violent explosion several
 Attack on small fires marshalling yards. 21 June 2 missions
 Bizerta. totalling 57 U.S. Fortresses B.X.17 Naples.
 6 returned early 1 missing. 608 X 300 or 340? H.E.
 144 X 500. Incendiary from 21600 to 24000 feet.
 Many fires marshalling yards. Royal Arsenal and torpedo factory
 much smoke oil refinery. Formations attacked by 10 and 6 enemy
 fighters respectively. No claims. 8 other bombers damaged by
 flak. 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) escort 29 U.S. Lightnings (138)
 Salerno (No naval targets). 21 June. 15 missions totalling 120
 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) 36 U.S. Spitfires 36 U.S. Mustangs (A.36)
 cover Pantellaria.
 Enemy activity. 20/21 June. 20 plus enemy aircraft attacked
 Bizerta. 28 H.E. bombs dropped in harbour without damage.
 (H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Advanced 221533B).
 4. Tactical Air Force provided continual fighter cover over
 Pantellaria with no contacts. Coastal Air Force carried out
 continual submarine hunts, escort and patrol missions.
 5. Night 20/21st. 19 Wellingtons dropped 40 tons of bombs on
 Naples covering town and marshalling yards. In marshalling
 yards, fires started and large explosions occurred.
 (N.A.A.F. Rear 221819B).

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Air Operations Attacks on Naples. (Contd.). Daily Opsum No.44 21/22 June. Brindisi 1 6-inch cruiser still present (6 or 8?) vessel including 3 liners totalling approx. 24000 tons have arrived since 21 June Catania no activity shipping. Naples half Toyar arsenal gutted. 16 Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta 20 Spitfires made protective patrols. (A.H.Q. Malta 222355Z).

Enemy Unit. P.C. and S. of one small vessel 3000 tons at 1558B was 38.08 N. 13.23 E. 030 degs. nil. (A/C B.N.J/M. 221625B to Air H.Q. Malta).

Minesweepers Concur your 201055. (C. in C. Med. 221640B to Admty.).

SICKLE If circumstances permit be in approx. position 134 degs. focal point G.27 miles 0300/23rd Freedom approximate 270 degs. Second time lucky. Resume patrol at 0700/23rd. (Capt.S.8. 221648B to P.224 (SICKLE)).

CASABIANCA Your escort trawler CAVA will met you in 037 degs. 00' 003 degs. 08' at 0800/23rd. (2) One destroyer arriving Algiers from westward at about 0400. (3) Small convoy sails from Algiers to east at 0500. (4) M.L. on patrol to east and west of Algiers. (Capt.S.8. 221700B to CASABIANCA).

Movements Cyprus Departure 22nd ABDIEL. Arrived and left 22nd M.L. 384 and 386. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus 221722C to Admty. etc.).

Convoy K.M.S.(L) 16. (1) K.M.S.(L) 16 less KATRINA, LUCKENBACH detained by machinery defects. (2) 1500B/22. (3) Sailed together. (4) 8 knots. (5) C. in C. Levant 182334. (6) DULVERTON S.O. TETCOTT, MIAOULES, BELVOIR, SUTLEJ, SHOREHAM, IPSWICH, VETCH. Names of ships. (S.N.O. Trip. 221810B to 222009B, 221853B, to Admty. etc.).

Ships for Turkey. Offer of 2 Hunt class destroyers was made on receipt of your 242106 May and C. in C. Levant also mentioned the advantages of these over

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GAYRET and MUVENET during his call on the Marshal and General Asim Gunduz. In letter just received the latter says " The substitution of Hunt class destroyers for those previously ordered is not sought (?or) incidentally in accordance with our need".

(2) He understands that need of escort vessels is realized and that 6 were therefore included in Adana list. He now asks me to recommend that 2 Hunt class destroyers may be supplied as the 2 of these ships.

(3) His letter ends with request that he may be informed when GAYRET and MUVENET will be sent to Turkey.

(4) As regards para.3. Ministry Foreign Affairs and Turkey General Staff have been given by Ambassador and myself respectively the decision on the major item of Adana list, they still hope however that these decisions are not final and anticipate delivery of at any rate some of the vessels if and when they may become available.

(B.N.A. Ankara 221845C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant).

K.M.S.16/
U.G.S.9.

Add to my 201520B. CROMARTY FIRTH.
(F.O.I.S. 221908B to Admty. etc.).

KRISTEL

Shuttle Service. KRISTEL arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 221945B to N.O.I.C. Philippeville
(R) Admty. etc.).

Situation
Report No.
111.

(1) L.C.T.395 was mined in approaches to Sousse at 0830/18. Craft has been beached but is considered total loss. Mine probably long delayed ground magnetic. Channel has since been swept with negative result. No Naval casualties but 8 Military killed or missing and 42 injured.

(2) Pantellaria Harbour raided once on 18 June when A.A. Defences claimed 5 certain and 3 probable, and once on 19th June.

Scauri Bay also attacked on 18th June. MISOA, EMPIRE DACE and Landing Craft continue build up of supplies. ^(?East)

(3) U-Boat was attacked with depth charges and probably severely damaged by Liberator in 35.30 North 18.20 West, at 0625/19.

(4) Convoy K.M.S.16 was attacked by up to 20 aircraft carrying out medium and low level bombing from 0210/29 to 0340/20 when West of Galita Channel. Bombing deteriorated under barrage and no damage was sustained by convoy.

(5) Coastal Craft carried out sweep during night 19th 20th June. Marsala was inspected from 500 yards off shore no shipping lights or sentries on jetty were seen. Patrol continued 5 miles off Favignana and Marettimo without encounter.

(6) During night 20th 21st June Coastal Craft patrolled off Sciacca.

(7) S.S. BRINKBURN in convoy T.E.22 blew up and sank at 1136/21 in 36.53 North 02.22 East. Presumed torpedoed.

(8) TACTICIAN reports at 1220/12 in 060 Bari light 5 miles engaged large schooner with gunfire. Vessel was left sinking condition. Escort attacked and caused superficial damage,

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Situation before gun was destroyed. TACTICIAN eventually
Report No.111 forced to dive by shore batteries. At 1610/14
(Contd.). obtained one hit on "Piave" class merchant vessel
in 40.14 North 19.28 East.
(9) UNRULY reports at 2001/14 in 38.52 North
15.27 East scored two hits on 5,000 ton merchant
vessel escorted by one Destroyer. Negligible
counter attack.
(10) SIMOOM reports obtaining firm M.D.U. contact in 000 degs.
Cape Caprara 2.5 miles. Contact extended 1,000 yards to Northward.
(11) ULTOR reports at 2113/13 carried out bombardment of D/F
Station on Salina Island. Mast and adjacent buildings repeatedly
hit. At 1340/15 in 38.25 North 15.46 East sank 1200 ton
Auxiliary. At 2017/15 in 38.32 North 15.47 East fired 3 torpedoes
at Orsa class destroyer in company with Climene class destroyer.
One hit but result unobserved due to accurate counter attack by
one destroyer.
(12) UNITED reports having sunk one medium merchant vessel and one
7,000 ton A.M.C.
(C. in C. Med. 221950B).

Movements, Arrival PALADIN U.S. Destroyer ROWAN (?A.L.C.),
Bizerta. 204, 205.
Departure FELIXSTOWE, WESTRAY, M.T.B. 81, 86, 89,
243.
(F.O.I.S. 221952B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

WELSH WELSH TRADER proceeds Tripoli (L) in M.K.S.16
TRADER with naval and mil. coal and stores. Request
instructions whether vessel should be released at
Tripoli to proceed east or west as required by
you by next opportunity about 15th July.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 222003C to Admty. for D. of S.T.).

Situation Western Desert. H.M. Schooner ZINGARELLA ran shore
report 0700/20th June North of El Agheila, SEKSERN
No.38. salvaging.
(2) LEOPARD still ashore, has suffered considerable
damage in recent bad weather. Salvage abandoned
ship will probably break her back next blow. All
fittings possible being removed.
Admiralty pass to F.N.F.L. London, Comla pass to S.F.N.O. Beirut.
(3) Alexandria Force X has sailed less DUQUESNE (my 271951 May
para.2 refers) (Hush N.T. in W.D.).
(4) C.S.15 in NEWFOUNDLAND on passage to Malta.
(C. in C. Levant 222006C to Admty.).

Convoy Arrivals (List of ships).
U.G.F.9. (N.O.B. Oran 222131B to Admty. etc.).

KLO Arrived and sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax 222139B to Admty.).

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Movements Arrivals EURYALUS, WILTON, M.F.V.S.39, 42, 65,
Algiers. 66, 67, 68, 34, 54, 59, 60, 69, 25, 71, 72,
submarine PA PERLE (French) LA SETOISE U.S.S.
REDWIG P.C.624, departures U.S.Ts. 161, 322, 412,
submarine SERAPH (P.219) M.L.563 arrived and
departed PIROUETTE.
(Com. Algeria 222144B to Admty. C. in C. Med.etc.).

Movements Arrived DELHI, ACTIVE, ATHERSTONE, L.S.T.422, 362,
Tripoli. L.C.T. 385, 420. Arrived and sailed VETCH. Sailed
DULVERTON, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SUTLEJ, SHOREHAM,
IPSWICH, MIAOULES, HENRIETTA MOLLER, L.C.T.308,
317, 138, 313, 325, 341, 354, 361, 324.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 222235B to Admty.).

Movements Todays arrivals were U.S.S. HOPI, BOYLAN,
Oran. MCLANAHAN, NICHOLSON, EDISON, KENDRICK, BUCK,
MCKENZIE, LAUB ROE, BROOKLYN, PARKER, NIELDS,
TRIPPE, Y.M.S.18, 34, 43, 82, MORENO, PHILADELPHIA,
VULCAN, BIRMINGHAM, UEFFERS, GHERARDI, MURPHY,
BEATTYI, DAVIDSON, QUICK, BUTLER, EARL COWIE,
MADDO, KNIGHT, DORAN, HERNDON, SHUBRICK, WOOLSEY, SWANSON, WILKES.
Todays departures were U.S.S. MCLANAHAN.
(Com.N.O.B. Oran 222237B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Arrivals WHADDON, EGGESFORD, and LAUDERDALE ,
Malta. escorting M/Vs. BROWN RANGER, BRITANNY COAST,
RANCHER and EMPIRE TITANIA. S/M. DZIK and
UNITED. Departures L.C.T.578, INCHCOLM and 4th
and 5th L.C.T. Flotillas.
(3) 379, 413, 314, 335, 442, 332, 311, 364, 333, 421, 303 and
321.
(V.A. Malta 222340, 222348B to Admty. etc.).

Malta Arrived from sweep M.T.B. 636, 637 plus M.G.663.
M.T.Bs. Sailed on sweep M.T.B. 76, 77, 62 and 65.
(V.A. Malta 222344B to Admty. etc.).

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Movements 21st. Arrival 0540Z NETRAVATI. Departure 1030Z AGRA escorting cable ship STORE NORDISKI. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 220232Z to Admty).
Departure Hospital ship WUSUEH 22nd June via Sunderbans E.T.A. Chittagong 27th. (S.T.O. Calcutta, 220616Z to S.T.O. Chittagong).
Departure IRRAWADDY escorting CAPE ST. FRANCIS. (N.O.I.C. Madras, 221145Z to Admty).

Portuguese ex German Shipping. The German ships ALLER, DORTMUND and RUFIDJI all in Portuguese East Africa have been bought by the Portuguese and re-named SOFALA, FILOGELA and BUZI respectively.
The WAGOGO and WAMERVIN Portuguese East Africa also bought and re-named BARUNGO and WANDU. (C. in C. E.F., 220722Z to S. and As. in E.I. Stn. 302 C. (R) F.L.O. Delhi, A.C.N.B., Admty. C. in C. S.A., N.Z.N.B.)

RECORDER Mauritius 11 Z 22nd, cable ship RECORDER Seychelles via Tamatave 25th knots 8. (S) 019° 07' 053° 08' (T) Tamatave. (U) 015° 04' 051° 42' (V) 006° 23' 055° 40' (W) 004° 50' 055° 35'. Saldanha Bay S.K. Kilindini Y Q. Days 23. (Mauritius, 220805Z to Admty).

FERNMOOR Cdr. I/C Durban 100714 gives E.T.A. FERNMOOR at Aden 0600Z/28th S. of A. 9 knots. (2) Your 210009 refers. (C. in C. E.F., 220825Z to C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C. Med).

Kilindini Jetty. Design of jetty for armament depot Kilindini cannot be completed until receipt of reply to my 061307 May. Request very early reply. (A.I. Kilindini, 220923 to Admty).

Movements Colombo. Colombo departures 22nd June. 0020Z HINDUSTAN, 0045Z CORNWALLIS 0150Z WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN arrivals 0230Z OKAPI. (F.O.Ceylon 221231Z to Admty)

Routeing of U.S. ships, Indian Ocean. X Ref. to A.M. 201833 June. M.A.R.I. does not include Q message information for approach routes and M.E.I.R.I. was similarly designed. 2. Cominch already holds Q message information for E.I. station including Q.C.Bs. for Diego Suarez and Kilindini.

3. Request Cominch may be asked to supply to Cominch C and R.
4. N.S.H.Q. will in future be included in addressees of all Q message information for E.I. stn. back information will be forwarded by air.
5. In view of Para. 1 and 2 it does not appear necessary or desirable to include routes in M.E.I.R.I.
(C. in C. E.F., 221347 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. Cominch C. and R, N.S.H.Q.)

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LORD
KELVIN
(Cable ship).
Cominch 171306Z. 1. Escorts cannot be made available from U.K. 2. As it is understood that ship will work from Halifax request you will endeavour to arrange escort and inform Cominch accordingly.
(D.O.D. (H) 220025B to N.S.H.Q. (R) Cominch, C. in C.N.A. C. in C. Lant.)

Movements. St. John's N.F. June 21st. Arrivals FORT WILLIAM ex Halifax. KOTTENAY, DIANTHUS, ROSTHERN, WETASKIWIN, WOODSTOCK ex O.N.188. BUXTON, BUCTOUCHE, BARRIE, QUESNEL, NIPIGON ex H.X.244. GEORGIAN, KING HAAKON 7 ex B.W.32. U.S. MOHAWK, TAHOMA STORIS, LAUREL, NORTHLAND, AMAROK, ACTIVE S.C.704 ex Argentina.
Departures. EYEBRIGHT, MALPEQUE to W.B.25.
(N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F. 220030Z to Admty.)
Departure 22nd T.W. DRENNAN (U.S.A.T.) Trinidad 23rd.
(B.R.O. Georgetown 220310Q to Admty.)
Norfolk arrived, STRIKER from Canal Zone and PHOEBE 20th from New York.
(N.S.H.Q. 221302Z to Admty.)
Following is recyphered version of N.S.H.Qs. 220120 (Begins) from N.S.H.Q. New York departed 20th PHOEBE for Norfolk. New York arrived 21st CHASER from Norfolk. (Ends).
(Ottawa C.C.O. 221337Z to Admty. C.C.O. B.A.D. C.C.O. Halifax, C.C.O. St. Johns, N.F. C.C.O.)
Los Angeles 19 DULUTH (U.S.A.T.) San Francisco 21.
(N.S.H.Q. 221938Z to Admty.)
LURLINE (U.S.A.T.) arrived San Francisco 20th.
(N.S.H.Q. 222017Z to Admty.)
EUGENE SKINNER USAT sailed San Francisco 20 for Noumea.
(N.S.H.Q. 222018Z to Admty.)
Departure GEORGETOWN to B.X.59. COWICHAN for St. John N.B. ROXBOROUGH, CHELSEA, LEAMINGTON, NANAIMO, BURLINGTON to O.N.188.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 222314Z to Admty.)
Departure SNOWBERRY to St. John's N.F.
(C. Halifax 222315Z to Admty.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	F.S. GLOIRE	12° N. 32° W.	256°	20.
1800	(D.O.D. (F) 220810Z to Opnav (R) Commaveu.)			
G.M.T.				
22nd.				

Convoy T.B.18. 1. Sailing telegram. 2. 1230Z/22. 4. 8½ knots (6½ knots to Cape St. Roque). 5. (Route). U.S.S. SIREN, U.S.S. P.C.593, P.C.488, P.C.492, P.C.494, P.C.577.
(Trinidad 220924Q to Admty.)

O.N.189. O.N.189. Request you will indicate shortest route consistent with safety from icebergs.
(D.T.D. 221010B to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) C. in C. W.A. F.O.N.F.)

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Ships for Persian Gulf, to sail through Mediterranean. Your Mov. Tn(P) M.C.1676 8 June. 1. It is proposed that all ships for the Persian Gulf coming on berth in U.S.A. from July inclusive onwards shall sail through Mediterranean. So far as can be foreseen at present arrivals in Persian Gulf of combined Russian and U States Army cargo from U.S.A. will be August 165000, Sept. 146000, Oct 162000. In addition arrivals on British account from U.S.A. will be August 36000, Sept. 22000, Oct. 40000. All figures in long tons. British figures amend those given by War Dept., to Connolly in their 947 of 20 June, and are sent with cognizance of War Dept. 2. For your information third Russian Protocol calls for average monthly shipments from U.S.A. of 135000 long tons of Russian aid cargo commencing July. (B.A.S. Washington 221115Q to C. in C. Persia/Iraq (R) W.O. (Q) (Ops) C. in C. M.E.)

Troop Convoys. (B.A.S. Washington 221200Q to W.O.)
See Lion Copy.

LEAMINGTON. My 171904 can E.T.A. now be given. (B.A.M.R. Washington 221350Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. estimate of S/Ms. N. of 040° N. W. of 040° W. 1200Z/22nd. (N.S.H.Q. 221441Z.)

Canadian Coastal Convoys, Daily Summary. Daily summary Canadian Coastal Convoys are very satisfactory to avoid duplication suggest individual shore authorities may now discontinue addressing Cominch Candr. for all coastals except X.B. and B.X. Convoys. (Cominch C. & R. 221604 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty.)

Landing Craft Trials. A.M. 161646B St. John N.S. should read St. Johns, N.F. (Newfoundland) but further enquiries now indicate that this is unsuitable locality owing to strong tides. (Head of M. 11. 221626B to N.S.H.Q. (R) S.C.N.O. (London) C.C.O.)

U/B. S/M contact 19.58 N. 73.28 W. at 1855Z. (Kingston 221706Q to Admty.)

Dispositions. Change my 151553, Serial 79, NEVADA, BENNES BRETON in San Francisco. INDEPENDENCE, CONCORD, TRENTON, MOBILE at Balboa. PRINCE WILLIAM in Pearl. ATLANTIC, BOGUE, YORKTOWN in Norfolk. BOISE, BROOKLYN, PHILADELPHIA, SAVANNAH, BIRMINGHAM in N.W.Africa. MEMPHIS at Bahia. CINCINNATI in

/Recife...

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IN

221200Z/June.

From: B.A.S. Washington.

Date. 23.6.43.
Time. 0225.

CYPHER

Addressed: The War Office.

Troop Convoys.

IMPORTANT

344410. QM 213 cipher 22nd June.

For Scarail. To D. Mov. from D.D. Mov. (P).

1. Your 90943 (Q(M)2) discussed with B.A.D. and War Dept. and Navy Dept. to-day and following emerged.
2. Max. size of escorted tp. convoys to be 25 ships.
3. Until further notice all convoys will embark New York.
4. U.S.A. escorts require min. of 10 and preferably at least 12 days in U.S.A. between successive voyages.
5. Escorted tp. convoys to U. Kingdom other than special convoy in para. 6 below to be given special nomenclature and unescorted sailings to retain AT/TA symbols as in your 86034 3 June amended to suit BMWT 022322.
6. July convoy to sail 16 July to suit HX convoy programme. Escort has been specially provided and both escort and tpships are required to return U.S.A. earliest possible. Balance of Iceland (C) relief therefore cannot be carried out with this Gp.
7. If escorts can be provided from sources in BLD 151951 para. 5 regular programme of escorted tp. convoys to start 24 August and to be as in your 90943 (Q(M)2) para. 2 amended if possible in light of para. 8 below.
8. It is assumed that North African convoys shown in your programme are for U.S.A. tps. only and that separate arrangements are being made for movement of British tps. from that theatre U.S.A. convoy leaving U. Kingdom 22nd October for North Africa will leave about 60,000 and it is suggested that you investigate with Admiralty and BMWT possibilities of carrying balance of U.S.A. tps. as well as all 3 British Divs. from North Africa in British tpships with British escorts. U.S.A.

would/.....

would place some tpships from A gp. arriving U Kingdom
3 November at your disposal if required. Above
arrangement would permit balance of A gp. to return U.S.A.
and make one more US/UK voyage arriving U kingdom
13th December bringing total BOLERO/SICKLE lift during
1943 into line with build up programme accepted at
TRIDENT conference.

9. Agreed B.I.D and U-states War and Navy Depts.
Pass to Ross.

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Dispositions. Recife, MILWAUKEE, MARBELHEAD at sea.
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A.T.51 (1) A.T.51. Pre sailing telegram, Admty.171938.
(PASTEUR.) (2) Chebucto 2300Z/24th. (3) June 30 in 55° 15' N. 15° 50' W. at 0500Z. E.T.A. Bar Light Vessel 0730Z July 1st. (4) Knots 19.5. Chop 1400Z/26th Route K Q.Z.S.298. (10) Knots 21. (15) Code word "Baulk". Standard communications plan except that broadcast "L" will be read when W. of 35° W. (C. in C. C.N.A. 221801Z to Admty. Connav.)

A.T.49. No arrivals signal received for A.T.49. (N.S.H.Q. 221842Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Convoy Sailing Telegram Part II. (35 Ships).
T.X.59. (P.D. Boston 221931Z to Cominch C. & R. etc.)

Convoy 1. Sailing Telegram Part I. 2. Position B.B.
H.X.245. at 0200Z/June 24. 3. 5.8. Routes and R/V as per Admiralty 162051 Conroute 181510, and 181518 C. in C. C.N.A. 191405 June except all times four hours later. "Homp" 1800Z June 26.
6. Task U.W.2. SAINT CLAIR. S.O. MIDLAND, MULGRAVE, TRANSCONA, SYLEEEEA LL. (Sic.)
(P.D. New York 222016 to Admty.)

Shipping Your 211404. A.M. 131314 May repeated to you
Routeing. replying to para. 3 of B.A.Ds. 120103 May stated that instruction applied to British Managed Shipping.
(D.T.D. 222050B to B.R.L.O. Cristobal (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

CHASER, H.X.245. Request that Cdre. and C.O. CHASER
aircraft. may be informed as to Admiralty policy in operating aircraft in hours of darkness bearing in mind that necessary flight deck illumination may disclose position of convoy.
(B.R.L.O. New York 222110Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A.)

HERSCHEL. My 082117 in order that HERSCHEL may not be
delayed by GATESHEAD who has not departed yet from Quebec, intend sailing HERSCHEL to St. Johns, N.F. when ready. 2. Anticipate ship will proceed to U.K. with S.C.135.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 222153Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. B.A.T.M. F.O.N.F.)

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O.N.S.10. Newfoundland portion escorted by 2 trawlers left 2200Z. EXTERMINATOR who has most serious leaks in fore hold has been sent with this portion. Pumps are just holding. MELROSE ABBEY has been ordered to stand by her to St. John's, N.F. Remainder of ships except for MIGUEL DE LARRIHAGA who is 20 miles astern. Intend B.7. groups to part company at 0700Z tomorrow Wednesday. Convoy P.C. and S. 044° 52' N. 045° 48' W. 250° 3½ 045° 10' N. 044° 35' W. Ice report. Weather report.
(B.7 222201Z to C. in C. N.W. At.)

Sub attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para A. U.K. Plane sights S/M 62.36 N. 12.32 W. 220620. Para. B. BIDEFORD sights S/M 52.53 N. 40.54 W. about 220600. Para C. Plane attacks S/M 32.07 N. 63.46 W. 221036 Panam Pilot sights S/M 24.39 N. 80.26 W. 221430. Para D. S/M sighted 24.14 N. 81.32 W. 220930. SS. Cape Lookout sights S/M 11.40 N. 76.32 W. 221431 Army Transport Plane sights S/M 49.32 N. 64.32 W. 200025.
(Cominch 222120 to Admty.)

SEARCHER. My 112228 SEARCHER delayed at Norfolk (Virginia) due to H.P. Turbine defect. Expects to complete in 6 to 7 days. Ship will miss convoy H.X.245 but will be included in either H.X.246 or H.X.247 according to date of completion which is at present uncertain.
(B.A.R.M. Washington 222232Z to Admty. (R) Cominch, S.B.N.O. W.At. N.S.H.Q. SEARCHER.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.68. Attempt to salvage RONAHI to be made by U.S.S. ORLOTAN about 1st July. Vessel to be flooded to reduce pounding. MOSS ISLAND SS. report erroneous and cancelled my 67 refers. Coastwatcher RENDOVA P.A.F. 44 single engined aircraft course S.E. 1700 M.19th. Condition Red Guadalcanal 1 hour noon 20th no details yet. Japanese posts evacuated new post established small party extreme N. Reniova. No large ships Buin 19th only barge and small craft night 19th 10 Liberators attacked Kahili dropped 310 fragmentation clusters started 7 fires exploded some munition plane strength 17th.

Place	Fighters	Bombers	Reconnaissance.
Solomons	10	13	29
New Britain	103	117	34
New Ireland	9	9	4

Estimated S/M positions June 22nd. 2 off Eastern Coast of

/Australia...

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Kiwi No.68. Australia. 1 possibly STOW OF NEW CALEDONIA.
(Contd.) 1 possibly S. of Fiji Group. 2 in Solomons Area
1 14° S. 161° E. Area probably patrolling. 5 to
7 in New Britain - Papua Area.
(C.W.R. Wellington 220201Z to C. in C. E.F.
Admty. etc.)

Movements. Arrived (?Sydney N.S.W.) 20th U.S.S. VICTORIA.
(A.C.N.B. 220544Z to Admty.)
Arrivals Milne Bay 20th WAGGA 21st U.S. RIGEL,
U.S. SANDS, U.S. GILMER, U.S. GRIDLEY, U.S. SMITH
Townsville 20th U.S. DRAYTON, U.S. FLUSSER,
SWAN, Cairns 21st KAPUNDA, Brisbane 20th U.S. LAMSON, Sydney
20th MORESBY, ECHUCA 21st U.S.S. ADVENT departure Milne Bay
21st, U.S. TULSA for Townsville, Brisbane 21st U.S.S. LAMSON
for Townsville, Sydney 21st U.S. BAGLEY for Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 220936Z to Admty.)
U.S. Transport PRESIDENT JOHNSON departed Brisbane
1748Z/21st due San Francisco 12th July.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 220938 to Admty.)
Arrivals 20th June Townsville U.S. transport MAETSUYCKER
(Du). 21st Townsville A.S.I.S. YUNNAN, R.A.F.A. BISHOPDALE.
22nd Townsville H/T TAR'ONA, U.S. Transport VANMAGUTSI. H/T
DUNTRON U.S. Transport CREMER departed Port Moresby 21st due
Townsville 24th. R.A.A.F. Store Ship WANAKA departed Thursday
Island 22nd due Townsville 24th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 221323Z to Admty.)

Digest Correction last two Digests. My 200645Z should
Serial No. be Serial No.516 June 19th and my 210938Z
518. should read No.517 June 20th. (2) Photos 20th
June 21st. Taberfane show 10 Float Planes mostly Zero type
and at Saimana two merchantmen of 1000 tons.
Refer correct Digest No.517 para. 10. Mid
morning R/C sighted single 8,000 ton vessel and
5 barges near Koepang and photographed Aerodrome area disclosing
7 serviceable fighters, one probably damaged, medium bomber on
Penfoei Aerodrome where new revetments under construction.
Work continues on new Gulf Links strip. (4) One S/M proceeded
S. past Cape Orford afternoon 20th and another same time
following day.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 220736Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 221336B, 221337B.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
Summary.

My 221059 July, 1942. 1. H.M. S/M TRUCULENT reports 2 torpedo hits on a 500 ton U/B at 1420B/4 June, in 64° 28' N. 03° 09' W. 2. Hudson aircraft sank U.97 at 1440/16th June in 33° N. 34° E. 21 survivors taken prisoner. 3. Bay offensive 14th to 21st June 38 sightings, leading to 13 attacks.

U-Boat mostly in groups which submerged when attacked. One group of sloops now acting in co-operating with aircraft.
(D.A/S.W. 221711B to Cominch.)

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

1. A ferry pilot on passage from Iceland (c) to the U.K. this evening reported that at 1222Z today he had sighted a 15/20,000 ton ship in 59.04 N. 09.20 W. steering N.E. at 25 to 30 knots. MUSKETEER and MAHRATTA were detached by Capt. (D) 3 to proceed to 62.31 N. 00.45 W. to establish a patrol. Air search was arranged and C. in C.H.F. asked for fighter protection for the two destroyers. The latter arrived at Scapa at 250551, without having sighted the ship.

2. CHARYBDIS sailed from Plymouth at 1711B today to cover convoys in the Biscay area.

Search for
damaged U/B.

X 3. C. in C.Plymouth at 1957B today ordered WOODPECKER to take the 2nd Escort Group to locate a U-Boat, probably damaged, which was within 40 miles of 45.01 N. 13.31 W. at 1831 today. Catalina searchlight aircraft are to co-operate early tomorrow morning.

X 4. 47 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night in the Frisian/Elbe area.

North Atlantic.

Concentration
in Western
Mediterranean.

X 5. Force H arrived at Gibraltar today and the Flag of R.A. Force H was transferred from FORMIDABLE to WARSPITE. The following ships are now in the Gibraltar area:- HOWE, KING GEORGE V, NELSON, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, INDOMITABLE, FORMIDABLE, AURORA, BERMUDA (sailed today for Plymouth), CARLISLE, DELHI, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS, UGANDA, 22 destroyers.

Air attack
on convoy.

X 6. 4 merchant ships which RENONCULE was escorting from Lisbon to join convoy M.K.S.15 were attacked at 1738Z today off Cape St. Vincent by 3 F.Ws. SS. SHETLAND (British 1846 tons) was sunk and VOLTURNO (British 3424 tons) was damaged and sank early next day.

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South Atlantic.

7. B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 13, 20 and 28 (on passage to Eastern Fleet) arrived at Dakar this morning from Freetown.

Mediterranean.

8. UNSHAKEN this afternoon fired two torpedoes at a northbound 3000 ton merchant ship escorted by two destroyers in 37.10 N. 15.19 E. (off Syracuse) and obtained one hit. The vessel is believed to have sunk.

9. Last night and during the night 21/22 June coastal craft from Malta carried out patrols off Empedocle.

* 10. Last night, 5 Wellingtons mined the entrance to Olbia harbour with bombing diversion. Torpedo Beaufighters attacked 2 escorted tankers north of Trapani today, one of which was blown up and sunk

America & West Indies.

Minefield off Halifax. X 11. 43 mines have now been destroyed off Halifax, 3 recovered, and probably 2 self sunk.

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Australia & New Zealand.

12. U.S. ALUDRA (7181 tons) and U.S. DEIMOS (4380 tons) were attacked by U-Boat this morning south of Cap Cristobal, apparently in 11.35 S. 162.08 E. The former was sunk and the latter was last reported settling fast.

Air attack
on
Makassar.

X 13. 17 Liberators attacked Makassar today, dropping bombs on the wharf area and incendiaries over the town. A direct hit was made on a NATORI class cruiser, and photos show evidence of damage to a KUMA class cruiser. Much shipping was seen in the harbour, including 4 light cruisers, a destroyer, 2 tankers and 4 merchant ships.

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S/M Attacks on Shipping. Submarines are reminded of following instructions.
 A. Sink-at-sight area. North of 061° N and to eastward of meridian of Greenwich, Submarines may at all times attack all ships unless they are identified as friendly or are Swedish ships on the approved route. Movements of these latter ships will be notified. B. In area outside the sink-at-sight area only those merchant ships definitely identified as enemy may be attacked. C. Whether vessels are attacked or not, their P.C.S. must immediately be reported. D. My 231946 for 1222B read 1222Z. (F.O.S. 232246B to S/M's North of 51° N.)

Movements.

S/M Movements. Clyde arrivals HADDO escorted by SCIMITAR. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 230834B)
 Your 191257B. Both vessels delayed PROTEUS until 30th June and UNTIRING until 1st July. (Capt. S.3, 231145B to F.O.S.)
 Positions of S/M's at 0800B/24 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 231634B)
 Sailed TUNA with AMBUSCADE and KINGFISHER in accordance with Capt. (S) 3, 212121. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 232304B)
 Not received your 201421. Awaiting route instructions from Point F. (K.15, 232305Z to F.O.S.)

ARCHER. Your 222000B. R/V 1900B/23 position 163° Mull of Kintyre 17 miles. (ARCHER, 230915 to LIMBOURNE)
 My 222000. For 24th June read 23rd June. Intend joining you after A/S exercise. Request R/V. (LIMBOURNE, 231100B to ARCHER)

Group G. Group G on crossing longitude 10° W. steer for new position T. 47.15 N, 13.40 W, thence to Q. (D.O.D. H, 231115B to NARVIK, YORK CITY)

North Atlantic dispositions. Dispositions of operational units in North Atlantic. Area Iceland (C), BERWICK, CUMBERLAND, 1 Destroyer. Area Scapa, ALABAMA, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, COLOMBO, DIOMEDE, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, KENT, NORFOLK, SHEFFIELD, 9 Destroyers 5 U.S. Destroyers. Area Clyde, MALAYA. Area Plymouth, CHARYBDIS, SCYLLA, 2 Destroyers. Area Gibraltar, HOWE, KING GEORGE V, NELSON, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, INDOMITABLE, FORMIDABLE, AURORA, BERMUDA, CARLISLE, DELHI, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS, UGANDA, 22 Destroyers. (D.O.D. H. 231146Z to C. in C. U.S. Fleet)

METEOR. Your 211511. Arrived. (A.C.I.C. 231328B to R.A.D. H.F.)

Mooring /...

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Mooring Lighter. (1) Self-Propelling Mooring-Lighter at present completing at Grimsby is to be sailed to Falmouth for onward passage to Gibraltar. It is hoped that she will be ready to leave Falmouth on 30th June. (2) Ship has endurance of 750 miles only and towage from Falmouth is to be undertaken by Tug CHARON. (3) Escort will be provided by WEDGEPORT, QUALICUM and PARSBORO of 16th M.S.F. (D.O.D. H, 231340B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Landing Craft Flight H. Your 201511. (1) Propose that sailing of L.C. Flight H be postponed until 0800/25th June in order that M.M.S. 4, 10 and 32 may be included. (2) Request you will confirm that this can be arranged. (D.O.D. H, 231351B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Your 021740B. Owing to operational requirements, request confirmation that M.M.S.10 will be ready to sail in company with M.M.S.32 and 4 on 25th June. (D.M.S. 231409B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Your 231351B. As Motor M/S 10 will not complete before 26th June at the earliest it is intended to sail flight H at 0800 tomorrow as previously arranged with Motor M/S 4 and 32, in company. Failing earlier opportunity it is intended to sail Motor M/S 10 with your 221818B/June. (C. in C. Plymouth, 231755 to Admty)

A.F.D.21. C. in C. Portsmouth's 221910. (1) ROTHER is available to sail from Cardiff a.m. 26th to join escort of A.F.D. XXI to Belfast. (C. in C. W.A. 231526B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

C. in C. Portsmouth 221910B. N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to sail M.L. 181 and 186 and N.O.I.C. Dartmouth is requested to sail M.L. 491 (?110) 163, 304, 118, 157, 159 and 153 to R/V A.F.D. XXI in Admiralty message Q.Z.S.413 in 134° Portland Bill 4.9 miles at 2230B/24th and proceed as escort to Longships. (2) M.L.491 is S.O. of Escort. (3) On arrival Longships M.L.s return to bases. (C. in C. Plymouth, 231545B)

C. in C. Portsmouth's 221910 Request you will arrange for tow to be swept during passage through Q.Z.S. 315, 333, 307, 297 and 300 or 301.

(C. in C. W.A. 231628B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)

C. in C. Plymouth 231545B. Intend to sail M.L.491 (S.O) 153, 163, 304, 159, 157, 118 at 1700B/24 to R/V with A.F.D. XXI at 2230B/24 in 134° Portland Bill 4.9 miles and proceed to escort her to Longship, thence detach and return Dartmouth.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 231801 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

C. in C. Plymouth's 231545B. Intend sailing M/L's 181 (S.O) and 259 at 1030/24 to R/V in 134° Portland Bill 4.9 miles at 2230/24.

(F.O.I.C.Falmouth, 232155B and 232241B)

DIDO. A.M.171729B and A.M.231315. When DIDO is ready for sea and has completed embarkation of passengers and stores request you will sail her

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DIDO. at best speed for Gibraltar and Algiers.
(Contd.) (2) Routed by Q.Z.S. 315 to A. 270° Trevoise
Head 5 miles. B. 50.00 N. 12.30 W.
C. 40.00 N. 12.30 W. D. 36.30 N. 10.00 W. Thence
as ordered by C. in C. Med.
(D.O.D. H, 231554B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool)

L.S.T. 406. GROWLER is to be sailed forthwith to R/V with
L.S.T. 406 reported in approx. 053° 28' N. 012°
42' W, course 045° speed 4 knots at 0055B today.
L.S.T. 406 is to be towed at best speed practicable
to Londonderry.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 231624 to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown)

Sailed GROWLER.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 231740B)
Providing spares are on board and repairs to engine
satisfactory sail L.S.T. 406 escorted by ERNE and BANFF to
R/V with K.M.S. 18 B in 270° Oversay 24 miles at 0430B/25.
(C. in C. W.A. 231907B to Cdre. D.W.A)
P.C.S. of L.S.T. 406 at 1200B today 53.52 N. 10.45 W,
020° 9 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 231916B to GROWLER)
E.T.A. Tory Is. Light 0130B tomorrow, bearing 180° 2 miles.
Request vessel R/V me that position.
(GROWLER, 232000Z to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Your 231954B. My position 2359/23 Tory Island Light
bearing 096° 9 miles, course and speed 071°, 9 knots.
(L.S.T.406, 232205Z to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
Your 232000Z. Return to Londonderry.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 232305Z to GROWLER)

ARDROSSAN. What was your position at 1422B today.
(A.C.O.S. 232055B to ARDROSSAN)

Operations.

H.F. F.O.S.201533. Approved.
Submarines. (A.C.N.S. (H), 230303B to F.O.S.)

CHARYBDIS Pass gate at 1600B/23rd and proceed through (F)
Patrol. 180° Bishop Rock 10 (G) 049° 20' N. 010° 40' W.
and thence cover O.S.50 and K.M.S. 18A against
surface attack until convoy reaches 042° N.
giving priority to the former. (2) You will
probably be required to cover X.K.9 later. (4) Codeword
"Arena".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 231149B to CHARYBDIS)
My 231149. CHARYBDIS sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 231711B)

Coastal (1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight to be carried
Force, out by ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE from 0001 to 0400
Patrols. on latitude 50° 25' N. between 1° 00' W. and 00°
15' W. (2) M.L.309, 297, 572 to patrol Searched
Channel /...

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Coastal Force Patrols (Contd.) Channel between F and E.A. 5 buoys.
 (3) GREY WOLF, M.G.B. 615 at half-hours notice at Newhaven. (4) HOLDERNESS immediate notice at Yarmouth. (5) M.L.122, 233, 182 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 2° 25' W. and 1° 45' W. (6) Communications.
 (A) Destroyers on patrol, codeword "Advent".
 (B) Coastal Forces if at sea, codeword "Cadger".
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 251212B)
 (1) Patrol A. M.G.B's 80, 115, 112 and 75 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
 (2) Codeword "Harris". (3) Patrol B. M.G.B's 316 and 326 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107°. Start 17 miles.
 (4) Codeword "Bailey". (5) Patrols A. and B. are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol-line by 2330B and leave patrol for Dartmouth, 0430B.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 231731B)

Operation "Gearbox" X Guard at Signhaven reinforced yesterday.
 (2) Request NAMSOS or Norwegian SMACK fully equipped for reconnaissance Bell Sound, King Bay, and further North.
 ("Gearbox", 231229Z to Admty)

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B /24 and movements for following 24 hours. (A) BARB vicinity 45° 30' N. 22° 30' W. (B) HAKE vicinity 42° 02' N. 21° 30' W. (C) BLACKFISH vicinity 40° 40' N. 20° 28' W. (D) O.15 vicinity 64° 21' N. 01° 30' W. (E) U.L.A. vicinity 62° 51' N. 02° 31' E. (F) STUBBORN approx. 48° 31' N. N. 06° 01' W. diving by day through 47° 01' N. 06° 01' W. then to patrol between latitudes 47° 20' N. and 46° 00' N. and longitudes 04° 30' W. and 05° 30' W. (G) UNIVERSAL (P.57) approx. 48° 46' N. 07° 01' W. diving by day, course 180°, S.O.A. 85 miles a day. (K) K.15 approx. 44° 45' N. 43° 40' W. probably on surface through 47° 18' N. 39° 25' W. and 50° 01' N. 34° 59' W. 10 knots.
 (F.O.S.231634B to Admty)

Search for Enemy Ship. X Ferry pilot on passage Iceland to U.K. reports sighting 15/20000 ton ship, 2 funnels, grey colour in 59.04 N. 09.20 W. at 1222 G.M.T. today, course N.E. 25 to 30 knots. (2) C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange air search.
 (A.C.O.S.231740B and 231911 to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

Following received, (Repeats A.C.O.S. 231740B). (3) Detach 2 destroyers to proceed with all convenient despatch to 062° 31' N. 000° 45' W. to intercept. (4) Allied submarines are operating in the vicinity positions 062° 54' N. 002° 35' E. and 064° 20' N. 001° 24' W.

(C. in C. H.F., 231822B and 231947B to Capt. D.3)
 At 1222Z/23rd A/C report 15000 to 20000 tons 2 funnelled unknown ships painted grey in 059° 04' N. 009° 20' W, course N.E, 25 to 30 knots. (2) 2 destroyers have been ordered 062° 31' N. 000° 45' W. to intercept.
 (F.O.S.231946B and 232246B to S/M's)

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Enemy
Ship.
(Contd.)My 231822. MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA sailed 2212B.
E.T.A. 062° 31' N. 000° 45' W. at 0730B/24.
(C. in C. H.F.232235B to A.C.O.S.)Mining.Lyme
Bay.Intend sailing at 1515B today with HYDRA and
two Danlayers to anchor in Torbay for the night
and sailing again at 0600B tomorrow to resume
operations.
(HOUND, 231158B to C. in C. Plymouth)Your 221307B. Concur.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 231403B to Admty)A.M.221307. It is pointed out that assuming the Flotilla
works from Milford Haven the diesel ships would be due for
top overhaul involving twelve days out of routine after 21 days
steaming it has not proved economical to exceed 500 running
hours. (2) Present state of flotilla as follows. Should it
still be considered desirable to exchange the Flotillas in spite
of the above I have no objection.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 232004B to Admty)

Harwich.

My 212158B. Add further mine detonated by
Sweeper at 0800¹/₂B/21st in 51° 47.9' N. 01° 45.8' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 231523B)

Iceland.

Check sweeps of Q.Z.S. 406, 407 and 412 have
been carried out with negative results.
(A.C.I.C. 232247B to C. in C.H.F.)Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
Convoy.X 541 Sqdn. PR sortie D/724 1815B June 22 shows:
Convoy reported by pilot to be approaching
Hook from the north seen to comprise five M/Vs
240/290 ft four of which fly balloons disposed in
two columns in line ahead. M/Vs preceded by
four 1942 Class minesweepers with sweeps and flanked to star-
board by two auxiliaries and to port by one auxiliary.
One M-Class minesweeper 216 ft and three auxiliaires, one of
which flies balloon, follow M/Vs and these vessels alter positions
and speeds in convoy during time of photography.
Ahead and to port of leading minesweeper are one 1942 Class
minesweeper and two auxiliaries proceeding away from course
of convoy. Four small auxiliaries seen heading towards coast
at rear of convoy.
(P.R.U. Benson, 230025B)

Altenfiord.

X Soviet P.R.U.(?of) Altenfiord Area 1400 C/22
observed Spotter. 1 Cruiser presumably
carrying out practise shoot off Langnesholm,
one Cruiser, and 3 Destroyers entering Alten
from firing area. Battle Cruiser, NURNBERG-Class Cruiser in
Kas Fiord. 4 NARVIK Class Destroyers in LangFiord.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 231120B to Admty)

O.I.C. /...

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Enemy Intelligence.

Altenfiord. O.I.C. Comment. 3 Main Units are believed to
(Contd.) be in Altenfiord area, 1 B/S, 1 P/B, and 1 Battle
Cruiser.

Reported
mis-use
enemy
hospital
Ships.

X(1) (a) Workman from Akers Ship Yard Oslo has reported that German Hospital ships STUTTGART and BERLIN normally employed carrying military casualties between Oslo and Germany have been seen by him armed with A/A gun on bridge. C.3.
(b) Though movements of these vessels are often reported to us this is first occasion we have heard of these ships being armed.

(2) (a) Swedish press reports German Red Cross vessel BIRKA of 3000 tons was sunk off Trondheim June 10th with 800 German soldiers on board. Vessel was reported as carrying ammunition and petrol at the same time. Further more, it was stated vessel normally proceeds from Kirkenes carrying wounded to Trondjhem and returns Northbound with troops and ammunition.
(b) We have recorded movements of BIRKA measuring 1000 tons employed as hospital ship on route mentioned but have not so far heard of any mis-use as hospital ship.

(N.A. Stockholm 231223).
Comment. Para.(a). No previous information that these ships have been armed. (2) (a) A ship called BIRKA of 1000 tons was reported sunk on 23rd June have been previously reported off Trondheim on 10th June but she has never been notified as a hospital ship.

Antwerp. Small-scale photographs of Antwerp taken 22/0910/B June show no significant changes in shipping since 11 June apart from arrival of one possible M-class minesweeper at River Quay.
(Medmenham, 231835B)

U-Boats.

U-Boats
reported
or
attacked
in
Biscay
Area.

My 222231. Correct latitude to read 044° 40' N.
(F.O.S. 230219B to TRUSTY)
Am over enemy S/M (?within 1 miles of) 45.05,
10.48.
(A/C. 58 Aqdn. Duty E. 230959 to 19 Group)
My 0940. No attack.
(A/C 58 Sqdn, Duty E. 231023 to 19 Group)
Am over enemy S/M within 3 miles of 44° 37' N
13° 50' W.
(A/C 570 K, 231155B to 15 Group)

D/F bearings at 1425Z indicate U-Boat within 40 miles of 45 N.
13.30 W.

(D.D.I.C. 231711B to SCYLLA, E.G.2)
Am over enemy submarine in 44° 56' N. 12° 43' W.

(A/C 86 Sqdn. Duty K. 231839B to 15 Group)
By D/F a U-Boat, probably damaged, was within 40 miles position 045° 01' N. 013° 31' W. at 1831/23rd. Proceed with E.G.2 to locate. Catalina searchlight aircraft will be co-operating from 0320/24th to 0600/24th. All times B.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 231957B to WOODPECKER, (R) SCYLLA)

North /...

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Atlantic.

Ferry-pilot from Iceland reports a submarine seen to submerge in 58° 33' N. 08° 35' W. at about 1900/23.

(C. in C. W.A. 231226 to A.C.O.S.)

Following received 231554Z from B.26 number 674 "heading 160 magnetic submerged 62.52 N. 17.45 W.

(T.A.C. Prestwick, 231807B)

Casualties and Defects.Two C.F.
craft.

Sailed rescue tug PROPEROUS to assist 2 C.F. craft vicinity of Trevoise Head.

(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 230845B)

SKATE.

Your 061854B. SKATE has suffered no damage as result of trials and will be operationally efficient on completion of refit.

In view, however, of very limited endurance and poor seakeeping performance, it is not considered that this ship will be of much value in Western Approaches during winter months.

(C. in C. W.A. 231104B to Admt)

STEVENSTONE.

A superheater-tube in number 2 boiler of STEVENSTONE has burst. Tube bend was found completely blocked with lime. 2 burst tubes have previously occurred in number one boiler due

to same cause. It is probable other burst tubes will occur. Ship is not 100% efficient and will not be so until all superheater tubes are removed. Consider undesirable for ship to proceed on intended duty. Request relief ship be detailed if considered necessary.

(C. in C. W.A. 231256B to Admt)

Landing
Craft.

Landing craft 50° 48' N. 07° 10' W.

(A/C. 228 Sqdn. Duty J, 231520B to 19 Group)

My 212353. Delete reference to M.L.s 186 and 179. (2) Request you sail DEXTEROUS escorted by DROBAK at 1700B/23, Codeword "Gibson".

(4) Position reported by A/C at 1520B/23 50° 48' N. 7° 10' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 231531B to F.O.I.C. Falmouth)

Intend sailing Rescue Tug DEXTEROUS escorted by MANDAL at 1700/23 for 50° 56' N. 07° 00' W. to search for derelict L.C.T. searching to the Southward.

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 231615B to C. in C. Plymouth)

My 231615B. sailed "Gibson".

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 231824B to C. in C. Plymouth)

EMERALD.

Pending a decision on your 182147, A.M. 141730 is not to be complied with.

(D.O.D.(F), 231622B to C. in C. H.F.)

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- M.M.S.10. A.M.231409B. M.M.S.10 developed defects during trial of air-compressor today.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 231702 to Admty)
- UNTAMED. My 192015B. RANGER reports two four-inch leading wires rove preparative to passing new 9-inch lifting-wires. No further progress possible owing to weather.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 231900B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- ACHILLES. An explosion, the cause of which has not yet been ascertained occurred in ACHILLES at 0740/22nd June, resulting in casualties, reported in my 231700 and 2319559 June.
(2) It appears from the nature of the structural damage that the explosion occurred in oil-fuel tank A.9 on the starboard side below the platform deck between stations 77 and 87. Details of damage.
(A.S. Portsmouth, 232037 to Admty) *Probable cause: page 990.*

Shipping and Convoys.

- I.U.S.3. (A) 0100B/June 23rd. (B) 15 knots.
(C) Argentia for onward routing New York HAWAIIAN SHIPPER, MARKAY, CARIBBEAN, ESSO AUGUSTA. (D) Routed through (B) 063° 44' 024° 32'. (C) 062° 43' 028° 18'. (D) 058° 04' 037° 46' (E) 050° 07' 049° 35'. (F) U.S. Dest. HAMILTON (S.O), HOGAN. HOWARD. (G) 4000 barrels in ESSO AUGUSTA for emergency.
(N.C.S.O. Iceland, 230105B to C. in C. W.A.)

- K.M.S.19. Intend sailing convoy escorted by DART passing Clyde Boom 1330B/25 to R/V with additional escorts in position D.K. at 0730B/26, thence as in A.M.202250B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 231008B)
Intend sailing BLUEBELL and CAMELLIA 1500B/25 to R/V in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0730B/26 in accordance with Admiralty 172359B/6, 202250B/6 and C. in C. W.A. 221117B/6.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 231527B)

- Straggler. My 221730B (No trace in W.D.). Amend to read Fog, and unable to maintain slow speed of Convoy.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast, 231010B to Admty)

- K.M.F.18. Admiralty 221653. (1) A/S escort (a) from Clyde. PHEASANT, S.O., CRANE, CHANTICLEER, WHIMBREL, CYGNET. (b) From Londonderry to join at Oversay R/V TEST, TRENT.
(C. in C. W.A. 231059B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

Escort /...

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- Escort Groups. Admiralty's 221610. (1) Para. 4 concur. Anticipate FORESTER, ICARUS will be ready for service after working up late in July. (2) Para. 6. ITCHEN is S.O. of C. one group and cannot be spared till relieved by new S.O. probably late in August. (C. in C. W.A. 231103B to Admty)
- in ASSINIBOINE
- O.N.190. After topping up with fuel request SNOWBERRY may be sailed to join Escort Group 5 in support O.N.190 which R/V off Barra Head at 1800Z/25th, thence by standard route. (C. in C. W.A. 231123B to F.O.N.F.)
- E.G.5.
- O.N.191. FRISCO is to sail with O.N.191 to gain experience of convoy work and will probably be transferred to H.X. 246 for return journey. (C. in C. W.A. 231207B to F.O.I.C.Liverpool)
- K.M.F.19. (1) Convoy K.M.F.19 will be ready to leave Clyde for onward routeing from Gibraltar on 1st July. (2) Composition as follows:
(A) Section "X" SS. EMPIRE PRIDE, SS. ARUNDEL CASTLE, SS. DUNOTTAR CASTLE. (B) Section "Y" SS. ORMONDE, SS. CAMERONIA, SS. LETITIA, SS. FRANCONIA, SS. BANFORA. (C) SS. NEA HELLAS, SS. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. (3) SS. ORMONDE and FRANCONIA will complete embarkation at Liverpool on 28th June and are to be sailed to Clyde to attend Convoy Conference a.m. 30th. (4) Destination of NEA HELLAS and EMPRESS OF RUSSIA is Algiers. (5) S. of A. 12½ knots. (6) Admiralty will promulgate route. (7) A/S Escort will be provided by Escort Group "C" consisting of WANDERER, WRESTLER, INCONSTANT, BANN and PLYM. SWALE will provide additional escort to Gibraltar. (8) S.O. of Escort Group C. in WANDERER. (9) C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange for escorts as requisite. (10) C. in C. Med. is requested to signal onward routeing from Gibraltar and to arrange for splitting of different portions of the Convoy. (11) F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail ships in para.3. (12) F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange conference with R.A.(V) and to sail ships as requisite. (13) Fighter protection codeword "Whelp". (D.O.D.(H), 231720B)
- H.X.245. In view of shortage of escort vessels with H.X.245 and incomplete training of air crews of CHASER in W.A. method night flying is not to be carried out except in the case of extreme urgency. While the C.O. escort carrier has final decision as to whether or not flying is to take place the flying programme must be subordinated to requirements of S.O. of escort. (2) S.O. C.5 E.G. pass to Cmdre. (C. in C. W.A. 231750Z to C.5, CHASER, Cdre. H.X.245)

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CALIFORNIA. (1) SS. CALIFORNIA carrying personnel for Freetown and West Africa will be ready to leave Clyde p.m. 7th July. (2) Escort will be provided by DOUGLAS and MOYOLA, destination Freetown. (3) It will be necessary for DOUGLAS to fuel at Casablanca. (4) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail SWALE ex K.M.F. 19 to join convoy before DOUGLAS parts company, and to arrange fuelling. SWALE will proceed to Freetown. (5) Estimated S.O.A. 14 knots.
(D.O.D.(H), 232255B)

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BERMUDA. My 221753 sailed Q.Z.H.427 (C.10) L.52,S.420, X.103, Y.400.
(F.O.C. Gib. 230944B to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001B/23rd. G.U.S.8A, C.T.F.69,032° 30' 012° 35' 248° 9. (2) X.K.9 BICESTER 037° 25' 011° 18' through 040° 01' 015° 01' thence 001° 13. (3) ALCANTARA 038° 10' 017° 08' through 040° 01' 018° 25' thence 354° 13½. (4) S.L.131 FOWEY (E) 031° 28' 010° 52' through 032° 30' 010° 01' thence 001° 6. (5) SS. MARIPOSA 040° 40' 025° 28' 112° 19. (6) BERMUDA 037° 25' 010° 55' thence 040° 01' 013° 01' 043° 01' 013° 30' thence 001° 25. (7) W.S.31, K.M.F.17, UGANDA, MENDIP, 044° (?23') 014° 25' 179° 10. (8) Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND 046° 14' 012° 01' 180° 14.
(F.O. Gibraltar 231036B.)

Situation at 231959B. F.F.S. RENONCULE 4 merchant ships 037° 08' 008° 57' coastwise to 270° Cape St. Vincent 2 miles thence 035° 42' 007° 39' to R/V M.K.S. 15 6½. 2. P.56 (USURPER) 036° 45' 008° 28' to 036° 37' 007° 24' diving by day 7½. Thence proceeding on the surface to 035° 53' 006° 15' to Gibraltar 10. 3. (?Convoy) SHIPPIGAN 036° 12' 007° 56' to Gibraltar 11½. 4. S.L.131 FOWEY (E) 031° 28' 010° 52' through 032° 30' 010° 01' thence 001° 6. 5. M.K.S. 15 ROSELYS sailing Gib. 240100B through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 265° 7½. 6. ANNAMITE, ADMIRAL MOUCHEZ, One Merchant ship sailing Casablanca 231900B for Gibraltar through 035° 45' 006° 30' 10 LORD NUFFIELD 037° 03' 007° 17' to Gib. 10.
(F.O. Gibraltar 231044B.)

Situation 2002B/25th. U.S.S. BARB (?U.S.S. HAKE) U.S.S. BLACKFISH on patrol area Z 20 miles either side of line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W. (2) SS. MARIPOSA 040° 40' 025° 28' 112° 19.
(F.O. Gibraltar 231050B, 231531B.)

SHIPPIGAN. (1) E.T.A. 0615B/24 with PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCESS ASTRID, TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE, R.F.A. PRESTOL and one merchant ship. (2) Request Gate at 0730B. (3) Request Pilots for the 4 L.S.Is. Weather report 9170, 2284 position 3610.
(SHIPPIGAN 231134B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med.)

ASIA reported attacked by British A/C. Spanish M. of Marine report trawler ASIA whilst fishing with ATTILA was attacked by 2 out of 3 British aircraft May 21st about 200 miles North of Cape de Penas. 4 wounded included 2 seriously. Casualties taken into Aviles hospital. ATTILA not attacked.
(Asst. N.A. Madrid 231259B to Admty.)

K.M.S.18B. K.M.S.18B. My 141717. Request you will make necessary arrangements for trawler GRENADIER. Rescue tug ALLEGIANCE and rescue ship RATHLIN to enter Gibraltar and sail them subsequently in first suitable convoy to U.K.
(C. in C. W.A. 231431Z to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. TEVIOT.)

/French...

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Wednesday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic - Contd.French
refugees
at Setubal.X My 221643 French Mission now inform me Spanish
Railway willing to provide through train to
Setubal. Mission awaiting approval of Portuguese
Railway representative in Madrid.(Ass. B.N.A. Madrid 231450B to B.N.A. Lisbon (R)
Admty. N.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

My 231450 Portuguese have agreed. Schedule

(Your 201221) stands.

(B.N.A. Madrid 232023 to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. Admty.
C. in C. Med.)B.N.A. Madrid's 231450. Arrangements have been concluded
between Spanish Portuguese Railway for 2 trains to arrive Setubal
on 27th. Reference my 201221.(B.N.A. Lisbon ? 23940B to C. in C. Med. (R) B.N.A. Madrid,
N.O.I.C. Gibraltar Admty.)Enemy Air
Attack,
SHETLAND
sunk,
VOLTURNO
damaged.X Air Attack. Help Pimms St. Vincent 3 F.W. attacking
(RENONCULE 231738Z to B.N.)

My 1738Z 2 ships already hit.

(RENONCULE 231846Z to Gib.)

SHETLAND sunk have picked up 30 survivors including
Captain 4 missing VOLTURNO rudder and propeller
gone, decked buckling amidships. Have left SAPPER
in company off St. Vincent. Request instructions
for her. Am proceeding with SPERO and FINLAND inaccordance with your 231014B (N.T. in W.R.) Expect VOLTURNO will
not sink.

(RENONCULE 232129B to F.O. Gib.)

My 232129B. SAPPER has on board survivors including 2
seriously injured 6 others injured. Requires medical assistance.

(RENONCULE 232235B F.O. Gib.)

Axis
Shipping.Arrival 22nd, 8. departure 22nd. PAX CHRISTI,
COURDANNES. Repeat S.O. (I) Gibraltar.
(Consul Bilbao 231825 to Admty.)Movements,
Gibraltar.Arrivals. CLEVELAND, ANTHONY, SCOTTISH ex G.U.S.8A.
Departures PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER for Mers el
Kebir.

(F.O. Gib. 231941B to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Movements,
Casablanca.June 23, P.Cs. 481, 480 and 471 arrived from
Gibraltar. Departures French ANNAMITE, AMIRAL
MOUCHEZ for Gibraltar. S.C.324 for Agadir.
(Commorseafron 231950 to C. in C. Med. (R)
Comnavnaw, Cominch, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admiralty.)Convoy
K.M.S.16
EASTGATE.K.M.S.16. Request information and intended
movements of EASTGATE.
(D.T.D. 232133B to F.O. Gib.)

/Force...

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Force H. Arrived S.O. Force "H" in NELSON R.A. (H) in FORMIDABLE R.A.A. in INDOMITABLE with WARSPITE, VALIANT, RODNEY, ILEX, TROUBRIDGE, PENN, PANTHER, PATHFINDER, FAULKNER, ECHO, FURY, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, QUEENBOROUGH, INGLEFIELD, INTREPID, OFFA, PIORUN, O.R.P. (F.O. Gib. 232315 to Admty. C. in C. Med. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. H.F. H.Q.C.C. C. in C. Plymouth, A.C.O.S.)

Landing craft. Arrived from Gib. SALTARELLO, L.C.T. (R) 140, 141, 147, 167, 171, 136; L.C.G. (L) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, L.C.F. 8, 10, 11, 12, L.C.T. 306, 347, 418. Arrived from Algiers L.C.F. 5 and 6, L.C.T. 560, 607, 621, 633. Arrived from Bougie L.C.I. (L) 187, 250, 272, 606 sailed Bougie

L.C.I. (L) 121, 126, 300, sailed R.H.D. M.L. 1, 221. (HAMILCAR 232343B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.C. Gib.)

Convoy M.K.S. 15. Sailed M.K.S. 15 and BUSTLER towing MANXMAN, FRISKY towing BADSWORTH with French ship ROSELYS escorted locally by REIGHTON WYKE, HORNPIPE, VISENDA. (F.O. Gib. 232359B to Admty. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Med.)

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Wednesday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.

S.L. Convoys. S.L. Convoys cancel A.M. 281644A March 1942. (D.T.D., 230115B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) C. in C. W.A., N.C.S.O. Freetown.)

DUNKERY, VENDOME. Your 221217 (N.T. in W.R.) DUNKERY detached VENDOME at 1100Z/22nd in 026° 12' N. 014° 36' W. to proceed independently to Casablanca by standard French coastal route, S. of A. 6 knots. DUNKERY returns to Port Etienne.

MARIE NAN which sailed from Casablanca to vicinity of? DUNKERY in above position not met. Commorseafron's 182139 June* refers. Regret Comar Dakar signals referring were not repeated to you. (F.O.C.W.Af, 230856Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
* re MARIE LIBERIA sailed 181913A June.

B.Y.M.S. Arrived 0700Z B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 13, 20, 28. Your 221649 acknowledged. (Comar Dakar, 230917Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

GLOIRE. My 191706. Owing to shortage of fuel French Cruiser GLOIRE is to alter for Trinidad at 1900Z/23rd at which time estimated position is (X) 010° 20' N. 036° 50' W.

2. From (X) GLOIRE proceed through position (D) 010° 58' N. 060° 49' W. and to Trinidad by original route, S. of A. 16 knots, E.T.A. 1400Z/27th.

3. N.O.I.C. Port of Spain Trinidad is requested to sail GLOIRE as necessary to arrive Cayenne 29th.

4. Comor pass to Admiral Africa. (Comar Dakar, 231048Z to F.O.C.W.A.F., Admty., N.S.H.Q., N.O.I.C. Port of Spain Trinidad, GLOIRE, Cominch, C. in C. Atlantic, B.A.D., S.B.N.O. Washington, Commorseafron.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2002Z/23rd.
CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ST. WISTAN, TURCOMAN, ORFASY with T.S.45 006° 15' 012° 12' to 006° 25' 013° 14' and 007° 08' 014° 20' thence 000°, 8.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, BELLWORT, PETUNIA, PICT, DUNCTON, BUTSER with O.S.S.49 007° 39' 014° 20', 119°, 8.
WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH with (?L).S.9 003° 52' 008° 29', 302°, 11.
CILICIA 007° 38' 014° 52' to 004° 01' 014° 59' thence 270°, 14.
B.Y.M.S.44, 43, 14, 000° 40' 020° 25' to Freetown, 9.5.
M.L.1160 escorting about 005° 01' 005° 19' coastwise to Bochaot 6.
SARABANDE, M.L.272 off Accra. M.L.296 escorting about 005° 01' 000° 25' E. coastwise to Takoradi. M.L.1042 off Grand Popo.
M.L.1019, 1041 off Kotony. REDSHANK 010° 28' S. 011° 28' E., 183°, 9.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 231229.)

/SANTA ...

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.SANTA
MARIA.

My 201932 (not received).
SANTA MARIA docked Dakar 21st for examination
mine damage.
2. Paul Jackson Hagemann, Seaman first class
number R.6506451 missing believed dead. Not
result of own misconduct.
(B.N.L.O. Dakar, 231236Z to Grabbag, Connav,
Cominch, (R) F.O.C.W.Af., Admty., U.S. Mission,
Dakar.)

U/B.

Following has been read: Position 26.02 S.
04.53 E. periscope visible.
(NEW YORK, 231245Z.)

Minesweeping ✕ Comar Dakar's 220928 to F.O.C.W.Af. B.Y.M.S.
off Dakar. were stationed at Bathurst to be handy for

Dakar, and at same time to preserve secrecy.
Consider it would be better to continue this
policy. It means taking greater risks at

Dakar, but will jeopardise the LL sweep far less than Comar
Dakar's para. 1.

(F.O.C.W.Af., 231344Z to Admty., (R) C. in C. Med.)
Concur - (A.C.N.S.(F), 251216B to F.O.C.W.Af.)

12th M.L.
Flotilla.

M.Ls. 188, 226, 228 and 231 plus four others to
be nominated later are to form the 12th M.L.
Flotilla and are allocated to West Africa.

2. On arrival at Gibraltar about 28th June
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail these
four boats to Freetown.

3. Remaining Coastal Force boats quoted in F.O.I.C. Milford
Haven's 221129, are allocated to the Mediterranean.

(D.D.O.D.(C), 231615B to F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Med., C.C.F., HORNET.)

Movements,
Takoradi.

Arrival 23rd SARABANDE.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 231710Z to F.O.W.Af., Admty.,
R.N.O. Lagos.)

Routeing,
ships
approaching
Dakar.

2. Following new instructions are in force for
ships approaching Dakar pending amendment to
Q.L.A.151. Routes reversed for outgoing ships
(details).
(D.T.D., 231725B to C. in C. W.A.)

815^A SA line

CONFIDENTIAL. MESSAGE. 231951Z/Juno. IN.

From: N.O. i/c Falkland Islands. Date: 28.6.43.
Reed: 2251.

NAVAL CODE B BY W/T.

Addressed: C. in C. South Atlantic Station.

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Your 211149. Damage referred to consisted of 1 (one) pipe line Davit slightly bent and standard strained. Repairs have been completed locally. Master satisfied and is informing Owners. This occurred when H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY proceeded alongside, Oiler being moored at Admiralty fuelling (lighter?). In view of insignificance of damage, is report in accordance with K.R. and A.I. 1167 still required?

231951Z.

+ No trace in War Registry.
Note: This message passed to Admiralty for information.

- 4th S.L.
- D. of S. (3)
- D. of S.F. (15)
- D.T.D. (4)
- D.T.D. (M)
- D.T.D. (C)
- D.H.I. (4)
- O.I.C.
- Cdr. Holbrook.
- Ad. Leggett's Committee.
- Director Damage Control School.

JF.

- I.P. (3)
- W.D.
- N.L.
- M. (2)
- D.M.R.

Reed. after typing.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Malta Air
Report.

A.1519 22nd June.
C.S.R. 22nd June offensive night 21/22nd June
4 Mosquitoes intruder patrols attacked Railway
Targets Sicily and Southern Italy, train near
Metaponto set on fire day 22nd June, 97 Spitfires
offensive sweeps Southern Sicily.
(R.A.F. Malta 230040B.)

French
Detained
Personnel.

Following is repetition of 201334 (originally
received in cypher not held by Admiralty) begins:-
French Authorities including Admiral Michelieu
are pressing for Force X to embark on passage
to Dakar French detained personnel numbering in
all between 300 and 400. These persons can be
assembled at Aden, Mombasa and Durban without affecting secrecy
of Force X movements. British F.O. is anxious to take this
opportunity of evacuation of these French Detainees who are
mostly of armed Forces or mobilisable. Before agreeing to
arrangements I wish to be assured that Admiral Godfroy has no
objection. Can you please ascertain. 201334B. (Ends.)
(C. in C.Med. 230400B to C. in C.Levant, (R) Admty.)
(See C. in C.Levant 221210C to C. in C.Med.)

Lampedusa
Surrender.

Reasons.
(A.F.H.Q. Algiers Recd. 0600, 23rd June to W.O.)
See Lion Copy.

Convoy
G.T.X. 3.

Cancel my 211500B (N.T. in W.R.) not to all
addressees. Intend sailing in G.T.X.3 EMPIRE
LORENZO for Bone, JOHN BOWIE for Bizerta,
trawler QUERCIA for Sousse, L.S.T. 320 (Capt.
4th T.Mediterranean) 361 (S.O. L.S.T. One) 302,
304, 363, 322, 402, 412, 426 and 429 all for Sousse.
L.S.Ts. 199 (S.O. L.S.T.4), 8, 9, 11, 65, 160, 161, 324, 419 for Malta.
L.S.Ts. 361, 302, 304, 363 and 402 will have pontoon in tow 175
feet. Request pendant number.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 230830B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
C. in C.Med. Connav, V.A. Malta, N.O.I.C. Sousse, N.O.I.C.
Bizerta, N.O.I.C. Bone, Cdre. G.T.X.3.)
G.T.X.3 sailed as in my 211508 less BRAZIL and GOODGULF
plus OCEAN MAIL for Algiers.
(U.S.) N.O.B. Oran 231002B to Admty. etc.)
G.T.X.3. Arrived. SHICKSHINNEY, JOEL POINSETT, ESSEK
HOPKINS, PRINCE DE LIEGE.
(Comnob Oran 231006B to Admty. etc.)
This is a repetition of my 211508B my 220716B refers.
Correct version follows: F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, pass to Cdre. and
Escorts G.T.X.3. Intend to sail following ships:
For Algiers VINRIVER, GOODSWITCH, BRAZIL.
For Bougie PROSPER SCHIAFFINO. For R ALMENARA.
For Bizerta ESNEH, META. For Sfax CELEROL.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 231703B to Admty. Connav, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
C. in C.Med. (R) S.O.I.S. Cdre. Algiers, N.Os.I.C. Bougie, Bone,
R. Sfax, F.O.I.C. Bizerta.)

/Convoy...

High Med.
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FROM: A.F.H.Q. Agents

DATE: 23.6.43

RECD: 0600

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ADDRESSED: The War Office, Agwar (for WDGBI) (W3267)
Repeated C. in C. Middle East

IMPORTANT

133297. W/3267/3610 22nd June.

CITE FHGBI signed Eisenhower.

Now available following details Lampedusa.

1. Prisoners. Italian 170 officers, 4161 other ranks. Breakdown as follows. First figure officers, second other ranks. Air force Zero 14. Navy 30 800 Army 140, 3315 including AA Militia 34, 700. Carabinieri Zero, 22, Pay personnel zero, 10. Germans three RDF operators.
2. Main reason for surrender intensity air attack lack of fighter cover weakness AA defence. Food and water stocks adequate. Decision made by Garrison Commander, not Rome or Sicily. Troops low category. No desire to fight, garrison casualties three.
3. Defences no evidence dummy guns. Wire and anti tank mines more extensive than Pantelleria. Eight L3 tanks. Fortification work actually in progress aerodrome not recently used even as landing ground.
4. Supplies normally from Sicily by landing craft.
5. Collated report all intelligence received Pantelleria and Lampedusa in preparation. T.O.O. Nil.

Reed. in War Reg at 1850/24.

1st Lord	D.P.D.	Circulation:	
1st S.L.(2)	C.N.I.	S. of S.	D.Air.
4th S.L.	W.D.	C.I.G.S.	Air.Co-ord.
5th S.L.	Ad. Blako	V.C.I.G.S.	D.Research
V.C.N.S.	D.D.C.D.(M)	D.C.I.G.S.	C.C.O.
A.C.N.S.(A)(2)	D.A.W.T.	A.C.I.G.S.	Admiralty
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	C.C.L.S.(2)	A.G.	(War Reg.)
A.C.N.S.(W)		Q.M.G.	Air Ministry
U.W.R.		V.Q.M.G.	(A.M.C.S.)
D.O.D.(F)(2)		D.M.C.	S. of S. for
D.O.D.(H)(2)		D.D.M.O.(O)(H)	For. Affairs
D.D.I.C.(2)		D.Plans (2)	For. Office
D. of P.(2)		M.O.l.3.4.	(Mr. Cavendish
D.C.(2)		D.M.I.	Bentwick)
Hd. of M.(2)		D.D.M.I.(I) (P/W)	
D.N.I.(4)		M.I. 3. 3b, 6, 10, 14, 17(b), 19.	
I.P.(2)		D.S.D. Forgn Off.	
		S.D.l.	
		D.R.A. Brig. Jacob.(W.C.O.)	
		D.P.W. C.O.S.S.A.C.	
		A.G.Stats. (Maj. Gen. Whitefo	

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Convoy X.T.G.2 intend to sail 12 FORT HALKETT M/F P.V.
X.T.G.2. Gibraltar for Malta 10½ EMPIRE FLAMINGO M/F
Gibraltar for (corrupt group) MARION BOVARD M/F
(?Algiers) 8½ KROMAN 9½ GULF PRINCE M/F R/T 10½
ABBEYDALE M/F R/T P.V. LEWANT M/F R/T. 10
OCEAN GALLANT N.D. M/F 9½ KING STEPHAN M/F P/V RESTIVE towing
DERWENT to Gibraltar. All for Algiers.
9½ ULLA ORAN 8 DAGO II M/F KURE.

(N.O.I.C. Bone 230849B to S.O.Escort X.T.G.2 (R) N.O.I.C.
Philippeville, N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Oran, Admty.
C. in C.Med. F.O.C.Gib. Connav.)
As amended C. in C.Med. 241400B.

X.T.G.2 intend to join 9 KINGSLAND ballast Gibraltar for
Melilla and U.K.

(N.O.I.C. Tunis 231400B to Escorts of X.T.G.2.)

X.T.G.2 (corrupt group). Bizerta joiners - 10 ANTIETAM (T)
D/F Oran for Hampton Roads. 9½. WALTER JENNINGS (T) D/F H/F
Oran for Hampton Roads 8 AISHE H/F Algiers. 9 DUX Algiers.
8 GALLIUM Algiers. 10 VILLE DE BOUGIE Algiers.

(Bizerta F.O.I.S. 231621B to P.S.T.O.M.E.?)

1. X.T.G.2 (sailing telegram.) 2. 1200B/23rd. 3. Sailed
together. 4 7½ knots. 5. As in C. in C.Med. Fleet 191647.
6. ACTIVE, ATHERSTONE, DELHI.
(S.N.O.Trip. 231623B to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Malta.

Following is a repetition of my 221015
(originally received undecypherable) Begins:-
Transports RANCHER R.F.A. BRITTANY COAST and
BROWN RANGER, tug EMPIRE TITANIA arrived.
(D.S.T.O. Malta 230859B to D. of S.T.)

MERVINE.

My 222237B. Arrival U.S.S. MERVINE.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 230925 to Admty. C. in C.Med.
F.O.Gib. Commavnaw.)

Movements
Beirut.

22nd arrivals ABDIEL, M.L. 384 and 386. Departures
ABDIEL.
30.(I) Beirut 230938C to Admty. (R) C. in C.Levant)

Movements
Alexandria.

Arrivals 22nd June PINDOS. Departure 22nd June
VULCAN, CROOME, DELPHINIUM, EASTON, F.F. Ships
Fr. Battleship LORRAINE, Fr.Cr. TOURVILLE, SUEFREN,
BASQUE, FORBIN, DUGUAY TOUIN, LE FORTUNE, LA
MOQUESE, NIKI, ASPIS.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 230955C to Admty. C. in C.
Levant.)

M.E.Air
Report.

A.654 June 23. Daily Opsum 50. 14 June 21.
20 Wellingtons Salerno Marshalling Yards 1
returned early another bombed Torre Annunciata
(?) results unobserved. Remainder bombed
objective low cloud hampered observation damage

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M.E.Air
Report.
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but bursts observed on railway tracks. 1 large many small fires started in town. 1 Wellington anti shipping R/C Aegean. No suitable targets. June 22. 3 Wellingtons, 5 Hudsons, 4 Bisleys, 2 Baltimores (A.30) 2 Walrus anti submarine. 1 Spitfire, 1 Mosquito photographic R/C. 2 Beaufighters, 18 Hurricanes shipping protection, 7 Beaufighters, 2 Spitfires, 12 Hurricanes defensive patrols. Following delayed details June 21 4 Baltimores (A.30) anti shipping R/C Aegean. 1 Caique 65 tons sunk off east coast Scarpanto. 4 Wellingtons, 1 Hudson, 7 Baltimores (A.30) 1 Walrus anti submarine. 1 Wellington crashed in sea crew rescued, 2 Spitfires, 2 Mosquitoes photographic R/C. 5 Beaufighters, 36 Hurricanes shipping protection, 2 Hurricanes defensive patrols. June 20 1 Walrus, 9 Baltimores (A.30) 2 Bisleys anti submarine. My Opsum 55 amend claims against shipping San Giovanni June 21 to read hits scored on west bound ferry boat 1 Siebel Ferry hit and turned over.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 231004Z.)

M.Ls.patrol.

Patrol line joining position A. 036° 40' N. 001° 02' E. B. 036° 53' N. 002° 54' E. starting from A. at 1500B/23rd. Additional M.L. joining p.m. today.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 231056B to M.L. 341 (R) M.L.443)

French
Refugees
Spain.

There are approx. 20,000 French refugees in Spain which French Authorities here are very anxious to evacuate to Casablanca. Ports of embarkation suggested are Cadiz Setubal or Lisbon. Please refer matter to F.O. and advise whether shipping can be provided. Agreed M.W.T.R.
(P.S.T.O.Med. 231200 to D. of S.T.)
Cancelled C. in C.Med. 241330B.

Reserve
Albacores.

Request confirmation that 9 replacement Albacores are required in accordance with R.A.A.H.F's 221754 not to Admiralty or V.A.M. and summary of circumstances.
2. You will be aware from A.M. 191525 that no reserve Albacores are being sent from U.K.
3. Only resources are (A) 10 Albacores in Egypt quoted in C. in C.Levant's 191425 or alternatively (B) withdrawal of aircraft from 826 Squadron crews being flown to Malta to take over 828 Squadron aircraft.
4. Request your proposals in consultation with F.O.I.C.Gibraltar. (C. in C.Med. 231205 to F.O.H. (R) R.A.A.H.F. F.O.I.C. Gib. C.O.N.A.S.Med. V.A.M. Admty.)

Enemy Units.

Following read P.C. and S. (at 1147) of 2 E-Boats (?) 2 Transports (?) of 3000 tons, 1 small merchant vessel, and 1 aircraft fixed within half an hour of 1100 was 38° 57' N. 14° 20' E. 190° speed 8 knots.
(A/C BWJW via Alex.W/T 231223R.)

/N.A.A.F...

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N.A.A.F. Report. June 23, N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 122. N.W.A. Strategical Air Force 21/22 June. 25 Wellingtons Salerno 50 tons and leaflets from 5000 to 8000 feet. Many fires marshalling yards and town areas 22 June no operations. My opsum 121. Wellington reported missing 20/21 June landed in sea. Crew rescued. N.W.A. Tactical Air Force. 22 June no report received. N.W.A. Coastal Air Force 21 June (additional) 4 torpedo Beaufighters anti shipping sweep east coast Sardinia merchant vessel 4000 tons towing barges attacked N.E. Golfo Aranci vessel blew up and sank. Barges and escorting destroyer also attacked. Results unobserved. 1 Beaufighter damaged by flak. 6 U.S. Spitfires escorted air sea rescue Walrus. 8 U.S. Spitfires escorted Bisleys anti submarine patrols. 1 Bisley 26 U.S. Spitfires convoy escorts.
(H.Q.N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 231242B.)

Movements Aden. Arrivals 0512Z SOLVRA, 0716Z BRITTANY. Departures Durban 0604Z BRITTANY.
(Cdre. Aden 221302Z to C. in C. Levant etc.)

Enemy M/Vs. Following read P.C. and S. of 2 enemy merchant vessels 38° 38' N. 13° 48' E. 080° 8 knots.
(A/C HSMG via Alex. W/T 231430, 231440.)

Linrep No. 57 Summary of Operations 17th - 20th June.
(Algiers 231519B to Etousa.)
See Lion Copy.

DUQUESNE DUQUESNE unable to sail owing to stern mooring wire fouling screws. Ship docked 23rd June. Expected to sail for Suez 24th June. Para. 3 of my 222006 refers.
(C. in C. Levant 231627C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.R.S.C.A.)

PERLE. Intend sailing F.S. PERLE at 1900/25th to patrol between 006° 00' E. and 007° 33' E. North of line joining 042° 00' 008° 00' and 042° 55' 007° 33' routed through 038° 18' 003° 26' at 0530/26th 039° 43' 006° 15' at 0230/28th 042° 10' 006° 15' at 2030/29th.
(Capt. S.8 231640B to C. in C. Med. (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S.F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

PARTHIAN, OSIRIS, patrol. Intend diverting PARTHIAN and sailing OSIRIS tonight for short patrol in Southern Aegean returning Malta and Beirut respectively to comply with C. in C. Med's 231135 (N.T. in W.R.)
(Capt. S.1 231643C to C. in C. Levant, (R) Capt. S. 8, Capt. S.10, C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta.)

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From Algiers

Date 24.6.43
Time 1828Z

Addressed ETOUSA.

EDITED LITERAL TEXT

Interior addresses: To Troopers Repeated USFOR,
Mideast, Britman Washington,
Amindia Delhi, PAICCN Land-
forces Melbourne, Dechiefs
Pretoria, Dechiefs Capetown,
Force Nairobi. Troopers pass
to HM Am. Madrid for U.S. Amb.
Madrid, Resident Min. Achimota,
Britmilat Ankara for Marshal
Chakmak, Defender Wellington
for Puttick

From AFHQ
Sigd. Eisenhower
Cite FHGCT

Summary of Operations 17 to 20 June LINREP No. 57

I. -1. Ground. On 17 June, Command of a small permanent garrison to be maintained on Pantellaria pass to NAAF. Garrison includes Infantry and Anti Aircraft Units and Fighter Aircraft.

II. Naval. A convoy of 6 ships was attacked by 2 enemy aircraft off Capo St. Vincent on 14 June. 1 ship was slightly damaged by a near miss. On night 15/16 June H.M. Destroyers ISIS and PALALIN carried out an anti-shipping sweep off East Coast Sardinia without incident. 1 of our submarines reports sinking a 1,000 ton coaster on 10 June off Orosei East Sardinia. The coaster was loaded with motor transport and cased petrol.

III. Air. Heaviest attack of the period was made on Messina on 18 June. 84 B-17 Fortresses attacked railway yards, fuel depots, warehouses and the ferry terminus, which were well covered with bursts. Sardinian targets included Olbia and the airdromes of Villacidro and Oristano. Olbia was bombed on 18 June by 3 formations of B-26 Marauders totalling 105 aircraft with 70 escorting fighters. Direct hits were scored on quays and on 2 motor

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vessels, while 10 enemy fighters were destroyed. We lost 3 B-26s. and 1 of the escorts. Same day Villacidro and Oristano airdromes were successfully attacked by a formation of 44 P-39s Airacobras in the course of a fighter sweep. Targets in Sicily were also attacked. 10 Wellingtons bombed the harbour of Syracuse on night 18/19 June and following night 55 Wellingtons raided Messina. 1 large fire started was visible for 100 miles. Borizzo airdrome was attacked on 20 June by 25 B-26s, which dropped bombs among dispersal areas. 1 raid was also made on the Italian Mainland, where 19 Wellingtons dropped 37 tons of bombs on docks and marshalling yards at Naples on night 16/17 June.

X IV. Political. No agreement as yet on the important question of the French High Command. 21 June session of the National Committee of Liberation ended without decision. Giraud reportedly insisted that a decision be reached during the session of June 22nd.

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Note by Cables

The Office of Brig. Jacob has been requested to pass paraphrased copy to all addressees.

Note by War Registry
* as received from
ETOUSA.

1st Lord
1st S.I. (2)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
A.C.N.S. (H)
U.W.R.
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.O.D. (H) (2)
D.D.I.C. (2)
D. of P. (2)
D.C. (2)
Hd. of M. (2)
D.N.I. (4)
I.P. (2)
D.P.D.
C.N.I.
W.D.
Admiral Blake
D.D.O.D. (M)
D.A.W.T.
S.C.F.V. (4)

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Movements
Massawa.

Massawa 23rd June arrivals SAGITTA LAOMEDON.
(N.O.I.C. Massawa 231645Z to Admty.)

Movements
Oran.

SERAPH and M.L.563 arrived. H.M.T.PIROUETTE
arrived and departed.
(Com N.O.B. Oran 231647B to C. in C.Med.)

Movements
Port Said.

23rd Port Said arrivals G.S.COUNDOURIOTIS, G.S.
ASPIS, G.S.NIKI, F.C.SUFFREN, F.C.DUGUAY- TROUIN,
F.C.TOURVILLE, F.B.LORRAINE, EASTON, CROOME, LE
FORTUN, BASQUE FORBIN. Departures EASTON,
CROOME, RORQUAL, ALBRIGHTON, G.S.ASPIS, NIKI,
F.C.SUFFREN, F.C.DUGUAY-TROUIN, F.C.TOURVILLE, F.B.LORRAINE,
BASQUE FORBIN.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 231703C to Admty. C. in C.Levant.)

PARTHIAN.

Cancel my memorandum "SJVF" para. 1. Proceed to
pass through $035^{\circ} 36' 022^{\circ} 57'$ at 0502C/25th
thence on course 66° through Antikithera Channel
to patrol Western Aegean west of $025^{\circ} 48'$. You
will be recalled to leave your area a.m. 4th to arrive Malta
a.m. 7th July.
(Capt. S.1, 231730C to PARTHIAN (R) C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant,
V.A.Malta, Capt. S.8, Capt. S.10, TRIDENT, RORQUAL, OSIRIS.)

OPHIR.

As from 1st July hospital carrier OPHIR will sail
under the Dutch Flag. Request you report time of
delivery and amount of surplus bunkers and water
remaining on board. You should also arrange for
inventory of surplus stores to be taken.
(D. of S.T. 231837B to P.S.T.O.M.E.(R) D.S.T.O.
Alexandria.)

Movements
Bizerta.

Arrivals KINTYRE, BREAM, RHYL, STORNOWAY, POLRUAN,
CLACTON, FELIXSTOWE, M.M.S.140, M.T.Bs. 315,316,
309,265,89,651, M.G.B. 641,643, HENGIST, INTENT,
S.C.696. Departures ISIS, CLACTON, POLRUAN, U.S.S.
ROWAN, HUNDA.
(S.O.I.S. 232000G to C. in C.Med.)

Air R/C.

Visual of 2 battleships, 1 cruiser in Taranto
at 1635, 1 cruiser in Brindisi at 1650.
(N.O.I.C. Malta 232012B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

Movements
Oran.

Arrivals today. KING GEORGE V, HOWE, HAYDEN,
TYNDALE, M.L. 563, SERAPH, GAVOTTE, L.C.I.(L) 313.
H.M.T.PIROUETTE. Departures today U.S.
NICKOLSON, MURPHY, JEFFERS, MADDOX BUTLER,
GHEAARDI, HEMNON, SHUBUCK, DELTA, MAYRANT, BENSON,
H.M.T.PAYOHJ (as recd.)
(Com N.O.B.Oran 232019B to Admty. C. in C.Med.
F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Comnavaw.)

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Force H
flag of R.A. X Flag of R.A. Force H transferred to WARSPITE.
(S.O. Force H 232100B to Admty. C. in C. Med.
(R) C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Malta.)

Movements,
Haifa. Arrival 23 June IERAX, CAIRNS, Schooner JOANNA
departure 23rd June IERAX, CAIRNS, CUMBRAE, M.L.
360, schooner CATINA.
(N.C.I.C. Haifa 232105C to Admty. C. in C. Levant.)

Shipping
for east
of Suez. Your 221500B and my 151842B. If ships for
passage through Mediterranean to Suez Canal are
to call at Gibraltar, suggest F.O.I.C. Gibraltar
addresses his sailing telegram to C. in C. Levant
and F.O.R.S.C.A. giving ports of call after Suez.
(D.T.D. 232156B, 241155B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements,
Malta. Arrivals M.T.B. 77, 62, 65, 81, 86, 243.
Departures M.T.B. 635, 637, M.G.B. 663.
(V.A. Malta 232239 to Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in
C. Levant.)
Arrivals CROMARTY, POOL, NEWFOUNDLAND, L.C.I. (L)
170. Departures ADVENTURE, QUEEN OLGA, ORION, PENTSTEMON,
CONVOLVULUS, L.S. Ts. 410, 420, 423, 62. LAUDERDALE, WHADDON,
EGGESFORD, M/V FORT ST. JAMES, Submarine TRIDENT.
Arrivals and departures L.C. Ts. 608, 850, 537.
(V.A. Malta 232354 to Admty. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant.)

RORQUAL. Your 231525C (N.T. in W.D.) Will be ready to
sail p.m. Friday if exercise can be arranged
during that day.
(RORQUAL 232242C to Capt. S.1.)

Movements
Tripoli. Arrived and sailed ALDENHAM, G.S. SAKTOURIS,
PRIMULA. Arrived FALK, AGHIOS, GEORGIOS,
INCHCOLM, HAILSTORM, L.C.T. 413, 422, 303, 332, 333,
421, 311, 364, 314, 372, 355, 379, 321. Sailed DELHI,
ACTIVE, ATHERSTONE, L.C.T. 385, 420.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 232308B to Admty. (R) C. in
C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Alex. V.A. Malta.)

Spanish
S/Ms. X All Spanish S/Ms are now painted white with
identification paint on both sides of conning tower. When under
way in daylight 2 ensigns are worn. At night
ensigns and painted national colours are
illuminated as brightly as possible.
(C. in C. Med. 232323B to Med. Station and Levant
Station 23B. (R) C. in C.W.A.)

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Movements
Bone.

Arrival WESTRAY.
Departure WESTRAY, M.T.B. 315,265,309,316,651,
M.G.B. 641,643.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 232323B to Admty. C. in C.Med.
F.O.I.C. Gib. N.O.I.C. Malta.)

Malta Air
Report.

A.I. 538, 23rd June. C.S.R. A. Air Part 1
offensive.
Night 22/23rd June. Mosquitoes over Sicily bombed
railway sidings at Canicatti and attacked sidings
at Licata with cannon. In Italy factory at
Trebisacce and marshalling yards at Sibari were bombed and cannon
attack made on M.T. at Metaponto and locomotive in station at
Sibari damaged. Albacores armed shipping search. Day 23rd June.
Spitfires bombed industrial area at Pozzallo. 28 Spitfires
offensive sweeps Southern Sicily.
Part II. Enemy Air Activity.
Night 22/23rd June. Nil. Day 23rd. Negligible enemy air
activity 4 Spitfires island patrol destroyed 1 Me.109. 8
Spitfires shipping escort.
(A.H.Q.Malta 232340Z.)

Movements
Tobruk.

Arrived and left M.L. 356 sailed MAGNET, ST. MINVER.
Derna sailed SEVASTI.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 232344C to Admty.)

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East Indies.

Repatriations S.B.N.O. VULCANIA'S 211517Z to Admiralty only.
No objection to transfer of Professor Coppola and Governor Andruzzi to SATURNIA, provided H.Q. East Africa Command agree. Request H.Q. East Africa Command will inform N.O.I.C. Aden of decision.
(2) Italians on board SATURNIA and VULCANIA should not be allowed to contact at Aden.
(3) VULCANIA'S Red Cross stores for Mogadishu should be transhipped to SATURNIA at Aden.
(Head of M. 230151B to S.B.N.O. VULCANIA H.Q. E.A. Command, (R) N.O.I.C. Aden.).

Movements Arrival 0300Z/23rd SUSSEX.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 230301Z to Admty.);
Arrived KUMAON and KATHIAWAR.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles 231820Z to Com.R.I.N. C. in C, E.F.).

Convoy Arrival CHITRAL with M.B. 38.
M.B.38. (S.O.(I) Bombay 230301Z to Admty.).
(N.C.N.O. Bombay 230325).

Ceylon Movements Summary No.56 23rd June.
(1) BATHURST and CARNATIC left Khasab Bay 18 June escorting P.A.42 due Aden 26.
(2) BOMBAY and KONKAN left Aden 21 escorting A.P. 34 due Khor Kuwai 27.
(3) BALUCHISTAN and TAMWORTH left Khasab Bay 20 June escorting P.B.45 due Bombay.
(4) CORNWALLIS left Colombo 22 due Cochin 23.
(5) HINDUSTIAN left Colombo 22 due to arrive and leave Addu Atoll 24 escorting APPLELEAF. To R/V with K.R.5. due Colombo 27.
(6) JAY expects to leave Trincomalee 23 for Colombo.
(7) LAUNCESTON and PUNJAB escorting B.P.84 due Khor Kuwai 24.
(8) NETRAVATI escorting JALAGOPAL left Colombo 17 arrived Bombay 21.
(9) POONA leaves Cochin 23 escorting one Tanker to Colombo.
(10) RAMDAS left Vizagapatam 20th arrived Madras 21st.
(11) SHILLONG arrived Calcutta 18th.
(12) WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN left Colombo 22nd to R/V with K.R.5 due Colombo 27th.
(13) SCOUT leaves Colombo 27th escorting WINGSANG to Addu Atoll returning Colombo 2nd July.
(14) IRRAWADI left Madras 22nd escorting CAP ST. FRANCIS to Calcutta due 25th.
(15) AGRA left Bombay 22nd escorting STORE NORDISKE to vicinity of Karachi.
(16) BARODA left Bombay 20th escorting B.M.54 to Cochin due 23rd.
(17) DIPAVATI leaves Bombay 23rd escorting one troopship to Karachi due 25th.
(18) LAHORE left Vizagapatam 20th escorting one tanker to Calcutta due 22nd.
(19) SEABELLE arrived Khor Kuwai 19th.
(F.O. Ceylon, 230518Z.)

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Force X programme. Estimated that RAMILLIES should reach Pointe Noire about 10th August. A.M. 121532 refers. 2. In order to conserve escorts the following programme for Force X N? R. Class Battleships is proposed. 3. RESOLUTION and LORRAINE to sail from Kilindini in company on 17th July to arrive Durban 23rd July. 4. RESOLUTION, REVENGE and LORRAINE to be sailed from Durban for Capetown on completion of LORRAINE's docking about 28th July. If you consider that four days is likely to be insufficient for docking LORRAINE, RESOLUTION and LORRAINE could leave Kilindini up to three days earlier. 5. Escort for RESOLUTION and LORRAINE from Kilindini to be provided by NAPIER, NEPAL and RACEHORSE to about 20° S. where they will be relieved by destroyers of the South Atlantic escort force. 6. Force X, Group B ? and Cruisers of Force X, Group A ? to sail from Kilindini unescorted to arrive Durban on 19th July and 21st July respectively. 7. If C. in C.S.A. concurs in this programme C. in C. Levant is requested to obtain Admiral Godfroy's concurrence. 8. C. in C. Levant 091909 and A.M. 121815 also refers. 9. Fuel consumption figures for RESOLUTION and REVENGE with clean bottoms after recent docking are as follows.

Speed.	RESOLUTION Consumption in tons per hour.	REVENGE Consumption in tons per hour.
12	9.5	8.7
14	12.3	10.6
16	16.0	13.3
18	21.0	17.2

10. 95 per cent full storage RESOLUTION 3000 tons REVENGE 3049.tons. 11. Ships are limited to maximum of 10 at sea owing to paucity of water supply. (C. in C.E.F., 230925 to C. in C.S.A.(R) Admty., F.O.C.W.Af., F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C. Levant.)

NEVASA, Polish refugees. Para. 3 of my 210604Z NEVASA will now embark 1000 Polish refugees. 200 for Mombasa and 800 for Dar es Salaam. (P.S.T.O. India, 231023Z to C. in C.E.F.(R) D. of S.T.)

Chop Line S.W.Pacific. Cominch C. and R's 182050 request your remarks. (D.T.D., 231327B to C.in C. E.F., (R) Connav.)

SANTHIA, Polish refugees. Reference regulation in Admiralty message 161140/ March, 1943 para. 3A for ships in trade convoys SANTHIA due here 26th June carrying 1500 U.S. Troops. Ship returning India with Polish Refugees number if quoted regulation adhered to will not permit more than 500. In view of large number Polish Refugees to be evacuated request that refugees be regarded as troops. (D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf, 231535Z to D. of S.T.(R) P.A.I.C.) *Re passengers to be carried in trade convoys.

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U.S. Pacific Fleet Dispositions. A.M. 171430. U.S. Pacific Fleet changed in disposition. NEVADA, BREYON, BARNES at San Francisco. INDEPENDENCE, CONCORD, TRENTON, MOBILE, at Balboa. PRINCE WILLIAM at Pearl. (D.O.D.(F), 231628B to C. in C.E.F.)

Indian Ocean bases. Ref. (A) BM/GS/613 (MO5) of 25th May (B) 88248 (MO5) of 8th (or 9th) June. (C) 90198 (M117) 16th June. Views of combined services conference. 2. Noted scale of attack uniform throughout command vide (C) above. Scale defences detailed in (B) and proposed in (A) indicates a higher probability of attack and greater importance of Seychelles Mauritius vis-a-vis Kilindini Diego Suarez. R.N. strongly represent that Kilindini Diego Suarez greater importance than I.O.I. R.A.F. concur. R.N. consider Kilindini should remain fully defended base deprecating any reduction Hy. A.A. defences for removal to I.O.I. since surprise attack by carrier borne aircraft cannot be entirely ruled out. Would accept production defences Mombasa later date if situation Indian Ocean again improves meantime R.N. recommend defences I.O.I. implemented less 4 J.A.A. Grand Port and 4 U.A.A. Tombeau by release by you of 12 H.A.A. earmarked your fifth of 84329 of 4th June 1942 which could be manned from E.A. (East Africa) resources. R.N. consider Tanga A.A. defences should be implemented now. Propose employing A.A. defences as follows. 4. Reduced establishment all coast Artillery including B.O.I. or (S.O.I.) agreed with exception Kilindini Diego Suarez where constant readiness one gun A.M.T.B. (A/S) batteries and one gun anti-ship batteries required in addition. Further comments. 6. Air raid intelligence. Closing down of R.A.A. T.R.U. and C.O.L. sets gives added importance to C.D. and A.A. early warning and F.C. sets. R.N. represent necessity maintenance some form of fleet base early warning organisation. Use of ships sets uneconomical. 9. Corrections recommended to text and attachments to Ref. A. Bases and functions Obbia no longer required. Tanga after disembarked add and training. Dar es Salaam before flying boats and advance base for. Tables of naval defences Kilindini delete baffle substitute boom and add controlled minefield. Before type add two. Manza Bay delete A/B for boom substitute baffle. Diego Suarez and Midget Loops. Tamatave no naval defences. 10. Am not implementing your 88248 (MO5) 9th June pending approval para. 3 above. Grateful early decision. (G.O.C.in C., 231720C to W.O.) Note by C.6.(Tels.) Unable to identify 84329.4th June 1942. Note by M.O.7. In letter (A) G.O.C. in C. East Africa was requested to comment on proposed Defence Plans for East Africa and Madagascar. In signal (B) G.O.C.in C., East Africa was informed that C.O.S. had approved new Defence Plans for Seychelles, Mauritius and Rodriguez and was sent a summary. Signal (C) Gave J.I.C. estimated scale of attack.

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Routeing
of U.S.
ships
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Ocean.

1. C. in C.E.F.'s 221347 in view of para. 1 concur with para. 5.
2. Para. 3 is referred to Cominch C. and R. (D.T.D., 231906B to C. in C.E.F., Connav, (R) C. in C.S.A., N.S.H.Q.)

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Aircraft,
report on
A/S
operations.

Points from interview with Capt. of BOGUE.
1. Complement 12 T.B.F.6 fighters. C.O. suggested advisability of overbearing the fighter squadron to permit more continuous flying without reducing number of T.B.F. (See para. 5 below).
2. Pilots were graded in the squadrons and only the best were allowed to fly under bad conditions. Towards the end of the period T.B.Fs. were successfully landed on at winds as low as 19 and as high as 41 knots over the deck.

3. H.F./D.F. worked well and C.O. considers it a necessity in A.C.Vs. for anti submarine work. Sub. Lieut. Elton R.N.V.R's services greatly appreciated.

4. During the good weather in Azores latitudes aircraft flew 800 hours in two weeks. General policy at this stage was offensive searches ahead and on beam to depths varying from 60 to 100 miles and astern to 30 miles, three times daily at dawn midday and evening. Circular patrol at visibility distance between searches.

5. Use of fighters. T.B.Fs. on search each accompanied by fighter stationed about 500 yards on beam of T.B.F. (to decrease chance of being sighted). On contact aircraft kept this formation in attack within about 1500 yards of submarine when fighter went ahead shooting at guns crews. The object was for the fighter to pass over the submarine 2 to 3 seconds before T.B.F. This technique avoids hampering T.B.F. and still does not give A.A. guns crews time to recover.

6. On two occasions fighter fire directed at base of conning tower apparently set fire to ready use ammunition as smoke flames and small explosions were seen.

7. Regardless of relative seniority T.B.F. was always in charge and gave attack signal.

8. At least one fighter and one T.B.F. were kept at instant readiness on deck to investigate H.F./D.F. bearings.

9. C.O. of BOGUE firmly requested more depth charge stowage. At one period it seemed likely that ship would run out of aircraft depth charges. The Catapult proved saving grace in light winds allowing full offensive armament to be carried in T.B.F. and in one case T.B.F. was catapulted while oiling a destroyer.

10. C.O. states that four destroyers is minimum escort in his opinion, but he made no firm recommendation on position of carrier relative to convoy.

11. Propose to send Sub. Lieut. Elton home by air to report direct.

(B.A.D., 230051Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A.)

Movements

Balboa 23rd June U.S.A.T. MADISON.
(U.S.R.O. Cristobal, 230135 to Admty).
St. Johns N.F. 22nd. Arrivals HAMILTON, TRURO,
KAMSACK, THE PAS, BLAIRMORE ex S.C.134.

Departures KING HAAKON VII to Sydney. STORIS MOHAWK, LAUREL S.C.704 ACTIVE, TAHOMA, NORTHLAND, AMAROK escorting S.G.26 to Greenland.

(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 230147Z to Admty).

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Following is repetition of my 221145. (Begins)
Arrival SHAWINIGAN ex H.X. 244. (ends).
(C. Halifax, 231235Z to Admty. etc).
COLONEL G.H. PENROSE (U.S.A.T.) arrived 22nd.
23 arrivals T.W. DRENNAN (U.S.A.T.)
(R.O. Port of Spain, 232026 to Admty).

S/M K.14

Your 242059 (N.T. in W.R.) to B.A.D. only
destination K.14 in U.K. as Dundee.
(2) Concur change W/T watch at 045° W. Amend my
212145 to conform. Cdr. S/Ms Atlantic pass to
K.14.
(B.A.D., 230341Z to Cdr. S/Ms Atlantic (R) C. in C
W.A. K.14, C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admty. C. in C.
C.N.A. F.O.S., N.S.H.Q.)

Escorts for
H.M.S. QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

B.A.D's 190047 May. If delay of Q.E. at
Bermuda for approx. 36 hours can be accepted
intend to give escort 24 hours training at
Bermuda as a Group.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 231234P to Admty. (R) B.A.D.,)
Approved (D.O.D. (H) 251437B).

Minsweeping
Halifax.

My 210036. Mine bag Tuesday 22nd two by LL in
position 4413-6334. My 090205 now known only
two not three probably self scuttled. Corrected
totals mines destroyed 43 recovered three
probably self sunk two to date destroyed 49
Reco.
(C. Halifax, 231242Z to Admty. etc).

LEAMINGTON

Your 221350. LEAMINGTON E.T.A. Norfolk 28th June
My 222033, refers.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 231348Z to B.A.M.R.,
Washington (R) N.S.H.Q., Admty. F.O.N.F.,
S.B.N.O.W.At).

Swedish
Ships safe
conduct.

Swedish ships under safe conduct estimated
P.C. and S. 232000Z AKKA and MONGABARRA 34.04
38.38 266 12.5. FORMOSE and YARRAWONGA 34.01
54.40 270 12.5.
(Cominch, 231400Z to Admty. etc).

A.T.51

A.T.51 departs Chebucto 2300Z/24 speed 19.5
knots routed (A) 44.08 N. 63.17 W.
(B) 43.N., 60 W. (C) 42 N., 51 W. (D) (?44) N.,
41. W. (E) 44 N., 35 W.
Request continuous air cover from departure to
eastward limit of aircraft.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 231427).

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N.S.H.Q. S/M estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/Ms. North of 040° N.W. of 040° W. 1200Z/23. (N.S.H.Q. 231440Z).

A.T.52 (QUEEN MARY). Departing New York 1800Z June 24th Ambrose Point. At 1900Z 24th position J at 0130Z 25th. QUEEN MARY A.T.52. Clyde. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 2200Z 29th S. of A. 26.7 knots. (Route). R/V (Group missing) at 0400Z 29th in lat. 56.30 N 16.50 W.

Q.56.31 N., 08.29 thence in accordance instructions C. in C. W.A. York. Standard communications plan. Fighter protection codeword "Direction" with associated three number call sign 109. "Chop" 1800Z/26th. (P.D. New York, 231544 to Cominch C. and R).

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 231554Z).

Convoy B.T.16. Arrived minus PARANALOIDE (Braz). straggler 18. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad 251603Q to Admty).

Convoy O.N.188, GYLFE. GYLFE broke down at 1430Z/23rd in 043° 04' N. 060° 32' W. Duration of defect 48 hours. SUDBURY screening and rejoining O.N. 188 on relief by escort detailed by CALDWELL. O.N.188 238° 9.75 knots. Weather report. (ROXBOROUGH, 231615Z to Comnav, C. in C. C.N.A.)

Convoys M.K.S.16, G.U.S.9. M.K.S.16, G.U.S.9. Onward route escorted by PRIMROSE, OAKLEY and RAIDER, CALPE from position (?W) at 1525/29th at S. of A. 8 knots through Q.K.B. 124, Q.K.B. 128 and Q.K.B.93. 2. Thence at S. of A. 7½ knots through 95,52, 65, 61, 24, 100, 7, 89, 44, 93, 52, 73, 63, 16, Letters A to O omit I to Gibraltar, M.K.S.16 enters Gibraltar. 3. Onward route for G.U.S.8 from 16 at S. of A. 9 knots through Q.K.A.87 thence through (P) 035° 42' N., 007° 31' W. to R/V with Sorrento section at (Q) 034° 05' N., 008° 28' W. at 0800 July 7th. 4. Speed is to be adjusted (?off) Oran and Gibraltar to arrive position 16 at 0600 July 6th. 5. G.U.S.9. Ocean route as ordered by Admiralty. 6. Sections join and detach with local escort as follows Sfax 034° 20' N., 011° 10' E. (?09)30 June 30th Sousse 035° 58' N., 011° 02' E. 0330 July 1st Tunis Q.K.B. 97 1700 July 1st Bizerta Q.K.B. 94 2000 July 1st Bone 96 1100 July 2nd Sidi Barrani, 037° 13' N., 006° 56' E. 1500 July 2nd Bougie 037° 05' N., 005° 12' E. 0200 July 3rd Algiers 036° 56' N., 003° 05' E. 1600 July 3rd Oran 036° 00' N., 000° (?38') West 1800 July 4th

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Convoys Gibraltar 16 0600 July 6th All times B.
M.K.S.16, 7. V.A. Malta is requested to sail Malta section
G.U.S.9. escorted by LAMERTON, WHEATLAND and WILTON to
(contd). R/V in 035° 04' N., 011° 57' E. at 1730 June 30th.
8. Codeword of main convoy "Trafford" 105. Malta
section "Riband" 115. Priority 2 until 0700
July 2nd then 3 by day 2 by night.
9. First 2 letters W/T call signs combined convoy and G.U.S.
9 AG.
(C. in C. Med., 231637 to F.O.s. I.C. and N.Os. I.C. French
North Africa, (except N.O.I.C. Casablanca), Connav, F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, Admty, Capt. (S) 8, S.O. Force H, V.A. Malta,
N.L.O. Misurata Sector (R) C. in C. Levant).

CLYDE Admiralty's 110516. CLYDE is expected to be
ready to sail for U.K. about 1st September.
2. With present battery it is considered that
although maximum diving endurance is 13 hours
before gassing becomes dangerous; ventilation with main engines
running is advisable every 4 hours.
3. Bearing in mind that the U-boat situation may alter by
September can you give an idea whether it will be acceptable
for CLYDE to make independent passage on the surface by
day. The only alternative appears to be an H.X. convoy.
(B.A.D., 231735Z to F.O.S. (R) Admty. CLYDE).

SEARCHER Cancel my 141831 (Requesting sailing SEARCHER
to New York) Further orders will be issued.
(Cominch, 231740Z to C.E.S.F.)

M.Ls. 422, Departure 1800Q H.M. M.L.422, 423 for Port of
423. Spain via San Juan and St. Lucia routed through
(Route) thence to San Juan E.T.A. 261000Q June.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 231800Q to Admty).

Routeing C. and R. concur with C. in C. E.F. 221347Z
of U.S. Ships Q.C.A. and Q.C.B. messages have been passed
Indian Ocean. to U.S.R.O's concerned.
(Cominch, 231930Z to Admty).

ATHENE, Your 181607. Requested that ATHENE and
ENGADINE. ENGADINE may be sailed for U.K. routed via
Panama Canal as soon as practicable after
completion of their present duties.
2. Suggest that opportunity should be taken
to bring a cargo of Naval Aircraft from U.S.A. to U.K.
3. Ships should be sailed in convoy for passage of the Atlantic
4. B.A.D. inform "Cominch".
(D.O.D. (F) 231951B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C. E.F.)

/CAPETOWN...

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CASTLE.Sail CAPETOWN CASTLE via (route).
(Cominch C. and R. 232050Z to P.D. New York).Convoy
H.X. 245.Escort Oilers and ships carrying depth charges.
(Lists).
(P.D. New York, 232116Z to Admty).Convoy
H.X. 245.This completes Mydis 220016. Sailing telegram
part 1.
(P.D. New York, 232140Z to Admty).

B.Y.M.S.

Sail B.Y.M.S. 321, 70, 71, 211 when ready about
28th June New York 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 of 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 times of
departure, route, S. of A.
(Cominch, 232201Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)Crew of
A/CU.S. Ship reports she is proceeding to pick
up crew of British Kingfisher plane located on
water by aircraft in 27° 47' N., 48° 14' W.
Crew appears uninjured and ship expected to
arrive on the scene at 232030 Z.2. There may be doubt about identification as British.
(B.A.D., 232223Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.
S.B.N.O.W.At.)A.N.D. and
Mark 29
Mines.A.N.D. and Mark 29 mine will be discussed at
meeting of anti-submarine committee at
Washington on 29th June. Request latest data of
results achieved with A.N.D. since March 1943
by 28th June.
(B.A.D., 232235Z to Admty).

KITCHENER

Departure KITCHENER to St. Johns N.F.
(C. Halifax, 232312Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney, Admty.
etc).

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Kiwi No. 69. Photographic R/C Nauru 1730M/20th showed that Akkrat? Jetty 2 alerts Guadalcanal night 20th nothing happened. 18 Dauntless, 18 Avengers, 26 F dropped 26 tons Vila, fires started dump area runway and A/S positions hits. 16 Wildcats hunted barges Vanguna Island afternoon 20th 8 machine gunned. (C.W.R.Wellington 230001Z to Admty. etc.)

CHEVREUIL. F.S.CHEVREUIL returned to Noumea with convoy and ceased watch on group WV. (CHEVREUIL 230155Z to Admty. for F.N.F.L. N.Z.N.B. A.C.N.B.)

Digest serial R/C aircraft reported sighting 1 small merchant vessel probably wreck vicinity Schlangen Harbour (10 miles west by south Sio) morning 21st. Shortly afterwards sighted six dive bombers over Singorkai (32 miles E.S.E. Saider) course 90°. 2. One Liberator strafed shoreline south of Finschhafen midday same day and reported sighting two floatplanes on water. 4. 3 Liberators bombed Taberfane seaplane base with unobserved results afternoon. 3 to 5 floatplanes intercepted whereof one destroyed 2 damaged. 79 Beaufighters later strafed the base damaging 2 floatplanes also damaging 2 of 6 intercepting floatplanes. Also destroyed 1 steam barge, damaged 1 lugger. (G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 230904.)

Movements. U.S.Transport VAN DER LIJN arrived Townsville 22nd June U.S.Transport BOTH arrived Brisbane 22nd U.S.Transport MAETSUYCKER departed Townsville 21st due Brisbane 25th R.A.F.A. BISHOPDALE departed Townsville 22nd due Fall River 25th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 231526Z to Admty.)

TROMP, N.S.Light cruiser TROMP depart (?Fremantle) SUSSEX, 2300Z/23rd speed 14 to R/V with SUSSEX and NIEUW NIEUW AMSTERDAM at 0300Z/28th in L. 024° 30' S. 090° AMSTERDAM. 45' E. escort NIEUW AMSTERDAM thence to Fremantle at N.S.TROMP's best speed of 11 knots. (N.O.I.C. Western Australia 232356Z to C. in C.E.F. Cdr. S.W.P.S.F. SUSSEX, (R) (U.S.) Cdr. 7th U.S.Fleet, F.O.Ceylon, N.S.TROMP, Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 231408B, 231411B.)

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Two U/Bs.
sunk by
E.G.2.

1. At 0935Z today STARLING, who had joined the 2nd Escort Group in the search for a U-Boat suspected to have been damaged (see 23rd June) reported that she had sunk a U-Boat by depth charge and ramming in 44.59 N. 12.24 W. (about 210 miles W.N.W. of Cape Ortegal) at 0830. STARLING's A. and B. magazines are flooded and her asdic is out of action; she proceeded to Plymouth (arrived 261944B) escorted by KITE, after Captain (D) had transferred to WILD GOOSE.

At 1347Z S.O.E.G.2 reported that a second U-Boat had been sunk after barrage and other attack by all ships of the group except STARLING. A vast quantity of oil and much wreckage was seen. The initial contact and final attack was made by WREN directed by WILD GOOSE.

E.G.2 is remaining in the area, searching for the third of the 3 U-Boats reported by aircraft. PYTCHLEY was sent to relieve KITE escorting STARLING; and IROQUOIS who is engaged with ORKAN on an operation - see Special File, will be on patrol within 50 miles of 46.15 N. 12.58 W. from 0180B tomorrow. All aircraft had to be withdrawn late this evening until tomorrow morning, on account of the weather.

Operations.
(see Special
File.)

2. ORKAN left Plymouth this afternoon to establish patrol within 25 miles of position 49.45 N. 09.50 W. by 0300B tomorrow. IROQUOIS will be on patrol within 50 miles of 46.15 N. 12.58 W.

U/B sunk
by Liberator.

3. Liberator aircraft H.120 (Capt. F/Lt. Fraser) proceeding from Iceland (C) to convoy O.N.S.11 reported this evening having sunk a U-Boat in 58.15 N. 25.15 (or 25) W. (360 miles S.S.W. of Reykjavik. The U-Boat was seen to sink vertically and 15 survivors were seen in the water. The aircraft landed safely with undercarriage and petrol tank damaged by the U-Boat's gunfire. Aircraft G.84 from Iceland at 1607 today attacked a U-Boat on the surface in 59.00 N. 26.18 W. Some wood and possibly one body were seen.

Operation
V.P.- Y.

4. M.T.Bs. 619 and 623 sailed from Lerwick at 1417B today to carry out Patrol Y. of operation V.P.

Flight of
L.Cs.

5. Flight H. of landing craft sailed from Plymouth at 0830 today for Gibraltar.

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6. DIDO (Mediterranean Fleet) sailed from Liverpool this evening for Gibraltar (arrived June 27th.)
- X 7. 29 aircraft of Bomber Command laid 79 mines last night off Biscay ports.

North Atlantic.

- X 8. Convoy X.K.9 was shadowed late this evening by 2 F.Ws. in 40.37 N. 14.54 W. (about 280 miles W.N.W. of Lisbon) One of BATTLE's fighters shot down one of the enemy aircraft. The destroyer TUMULT reported being shadowed by an aircraft in 40.55 N. 13.05 W. this evening.

South Atlantic.

- X 9. One further mine was exploded off Dakar today by B.Y.M.S.
- X 10. SUFFOLK sailed from Durban at 1151Z and RELENTLESS and NIZAM at 0921Z, to search for an enemy surface ship, possibly the 8000 ton 11½ knot tanker CHARLOTTE SCHLIEMANN, which may be supplying U-Boats in the neighbourhood of D/F of U-Boat on 19 June in 31. S. 45 E. A raider may also be in the area. C. in C.S.A. has been asked to arrange for air search and A/S air escort for SUFFOLK.

Operation
"Player".

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

11. Coastal craft from Malta last night operated off the South Coast of Sicily and those from Bizerta carried out a sweep in the Cape St. Marco area.

S/M
Operations.

12. UNITED reports that at 1236/14 in 37.54 N. 15.42 E. (Straits of Messina). She obtained two hits on a 5000 ton eastbound escorted merchant vessel which was seen to sink by aircraft. At 1513/20 she sank a modern 7000 ton 15 knot unescorted eastbound liner in 37.40 N. 16.02 E. Polish S/M DZIK reports that at 1940/17 in 38.40 N. 15.16 E. (Straits of Messina) she sank with torpedoes a 4000 ton northbound passenger cargo ship.

M.K.S.16.

13. The three destroyers of Force X sailed from Alexandria today with convoy M.K.S.16 for Casablanca.
Convoy M.K.S.16 sailed from Alexandria today with 2 tankers and 2 merchant ships for Malta, 3 tankers, 6 merchant ships and 15 L.S.Ts. for Tripoli (L) 3 merchant ships for Benghazi and one merchant ship for U.K.

Air attacks
on Spezia
and Salonika.

14. 49 Lancasters attacked Spezia on their return flight to U.K. from North Africa after an attack on Friedrichshafen on the night 20/21 June. Slight haze and smoke screen obscured the battleships and hindered observation of results. An oil installation was hit and set on fire early in the attack and fires were caused in the dock area.
49 Liberators bombed Sedes Aerodrome, Salonika, last night. 9 Wellingtons bombed shore targets at Catania.
26 U.S. Mitchells escorted by U.S. Lightnings bombed Golfo Aranci today. Two merchant vessels were hit, one of which was set on fire. The jetty and shore installations were well covered.

15. C. in C. Med. reports that during an air raid on Bizerta at 0410/8 PETARD and R.F.A. AGATHA were slightly damaged by near miss. There were no serious casualties. PETARD has been repaired at Bizerta and damage to AGATHA does not impair efficiency.

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.East Indies.

16. SS. ALCOA POINTER this morning picked up 23 survivors of the British tanker SAN ERNESTO (8078 tons), Sydney N.S.W. for Abadan which was torpedoed twice by a U-Boat on the night 15/16 June in 06.18 S. 80.20 E. (about 520 miles S.E. of Addu Atoll) and shelled throughout the night. The vessel was last seen next day with her back broken and engine room gutted. Two lifeboats are missing.

U-Boat in
Gulf of
Oman.

17. The tanker BRITISH VENTURE (4696 tons) was torpedoed, presumably by a U-Boat, at 0500Z today in 17.13 N. 58.02 E. (north coast of Gulf of Oman) and sank 3 hours later. Information generally is vague, as the only surviving upper deck officer was not on watch.

America & West Indies.Escorting of
Shipping.

18. The Admiralty today proposed to Connav that during the present quiet phase in northern latitudes all British and Norwegian controlled ships of 15 knots and over should revert to independent sailing. This was agreed to and was brought into operation on 29th June.

Fast tankers.

19. The Admiralty learn that an additional 12 fast tankers can be made available for U.K. imports from U.S.A. next month, but they are unable to find escorts for them without employing the 2nd Escort Group which is engaged in hunting U-Boats with success in the approaches to the Bay of Biscay. They hint to Cominch that the escort of all fast tankers, regardless of the scale of U-Boat threat likely to be encountered, is unnecessary, and they put forward temporary proposals for meeting the present situation. The U.K. oil stocks are not being rebuilt from the dangerous level to which they have fallen at a rate sufficient to reach the necessary target figure by 1st April 1944, and if this is not done, the United Nations will be severely handicapped in the execution of future operations from the U.K.

/Cominch...

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SITUATION REPORT.

America & West Indies.

Fast Tankers.
(Contd.)

Cominch replied (25th June) that he did not consider it advisable to risk independent sailings of tankers in the North Atlantic and he suggested that the fast escort group in the Bay of Biscay (E.G.2 engaged in operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug") should be replaced by a slow one so that the fast group could escort a tanker convoy. However, he is increasing the C.U/U.C. convoys to a maximum of 24 tankers.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

L.S.T.406. Your 231626. GROWLER has made E.T.A. Tory Island 180° 2 miles at 0130B/24 but has now been instructed to return to Londonderry. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 240007B to L.S.T.406).

ECLIPSE 1. Sailed ECLIPSE in accordance with my 221059B and 231005B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 240359B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

ARDROSSAN My 232055. Following reply received 059° 38' N., 009° 53' W. (A.C.O.S., 240636 to Admty, C. in C. H.F., C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Rosyth, H.Q.C.C.)

Did you see or hear an A/C in your vicinity at 1422B yesterday.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 240915B to ARDROSSAN).

Your 240915B. No aircraft seen or heard at that time.

An aircraft heard but not seen at 1800B in approx. 059° 15' N., 008° 23' W.

(ARDROSSAN 241020B to C. in C. Rosyth).

MALAYA Sailed MALAYA. (N.O.I.C. Lamash, 240915B).

Landing Craft Flight "H". X Sailed flight H at 0830/24 for Gibraltar, consisting of L.C.T. (4) 542, 595, 606, 624, 587, L.C.I.(L) 245, M.F.V.12, Tug ABEILLE IV M.M.S. 432 escorted by ILFRACOMBE.
2. Routed as in Admiralty's 1935/30th March.
4. C. in C. Med., is requested to signal onward route from position N.
5. Codeword "Plumb".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 240939B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

BERMUDA F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 221753B. From position Q.F. pass through Q.G.049° 16' N., 012° 31' W. Q.H.180° Bishop Rock 10. Q.I.180° Lizard Head, 3 thence by A.M. Q.Z.S. 410, 409 to Plymouth. (C. in C. Plymouth, 241013B to BERMUDA).

S/M Movements. Intend sailing at 2300/24 CUTTY SARK to R/V TRUSTY in 180° Bishops Rock 10 miles at 0500/25, thence to Clyde. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 241056B). Positions of S/MS 0800B/25 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S., 241629, 242314B).

/Intend...

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Operations ^{x5} sloops are co-operating.
 "Musketry" (STARLING 240129Z to ?)
 and "Seaslug" Have sunk U-boat by depth-charge and rammed in 044
 U-Boat sunk degrees 59' N., 012° 24' W. at 0830. Am now
 by STARLING. investigating wreckage.
 U-boat sunk STARLING A and B magazines flooded.
 by WREN. (STARLING 240935Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 240935Z. Intend to transfer to WILD GOOSE and
 send STARLING to Plymouth escorted by KITE.
 (STARLING 240947Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 0935Z and my 0947Z Second. Support Group now hunting
 further contact in 045° 06' N., 012° 06' W. Captain (D) has not
 yet transferred to WILD GOOSE.
 (STARLING, 241150Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 241150. Am now hunting deep U-boat in 045° 10' N.,
 011° 49' W. Intend to hunt it to exhaustion.
 (E.G.2 241347B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 240947Z. Have transferred to WILD GOOSE.
 (STARLING 241435B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 Remain vicinity of your kill. Aircraft is certain there
 were 3 U-boats inward-bound in that area yesterday p.m.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 241549B to STARLING).
 Have detached STARLING and KITE to (group missing).
 STARLING's Asdic out of action.
 (E.G.2, 241730Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 241347Z. This second U-boat destroyed after barrage and
 other attack by all ships of the Group negative STARLING.
 Vast quantity of oil and much wreckage. Initial contact and
 final attack made by WREN directed WILD GOOSE. U-boat very deep
 and several S.B.Ts. released. Contact finally lost after
 WREN's attack at 1705B.
 My position 045° 10' N., 011° 48' W. Am remaining in area
 searching for remaining U-boat of 3 referred to in your 241549B.
 Weather 3380, 1211.
 (E.G.2., 241910Z to C. in C. Plymouth).
 My 241549B should have been addressed S.O.E.G.2nd.
 Report P.C.S. of STARLING and KITE.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 241933B to E.G.2).
 IROQUOIS will be on patrol within 50 miles of 046° 15' N.
 012° 58' W. from 0100B/25.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 242031B to E.G.2).
 Your 241021B. It is considered important that E.G.2
 should continue its good work.
 2. C. in C. Plymouth is endeavouring to make other arrangements
 to reinforce X.K.9, and also to relieve KITE as escort to
 STARLING to enable her to return to her group.
 (D.O.D. H., 242033B to C. in C. W.A.)
 Your 241933B. My P.C.S. 045° 24' N., 011° 56' W, 000° 12
 knots, 045° 24' N., 011° 56' W. KITE in company. Weather
 9080 2514.
 (STARLING, 242100B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 U-boat sighted on surface by A/C in 044° 30' N., 011° 20' W.
 at 2030B, course 130° before diving.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 242133B to E.G.2).
 PYTCHLEY 241921B. Proceed to relieve KITE as escort to
 STARLING to Plymouth.
 2. Estimated position of STARLING at 2000B, 046° 01' N., 012°
 01' W. course 010° 6 knots.
 3. P.C.S. of KITE will be confirmed later.
 4. On relief by PYTCHLEY, KITE rejoins E.G.2.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 242221B to PYTCHLEY, KITE).

/Your...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug". U-boat sunk by STARLING. U-boat sunk by WREN. (contd).

Your 242036. Regret all aircraft recalled owing to weather. Further signal will be made when air co-operation can be resumed.

Your 241910Z. Well done indeed. (C. in C. Plymouth, 242313B to E.G.2).

Search for Enemy Ship. My 232235 and 231822. After arrival in position and in absence of further instructions establish a patrol in longitude 001° between latitudes 62° and 63° N. (C. in C. H.F., 240134B to MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA).

My 240134. Request long-range fighter protection from 0730B/24. (C. in C. H.F., 240136B to C. in C. Rosyth). If nothing seen leave patrol at 2000B/24 and return Scapa. (C. in C. H.F., 241553B to MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA).

Coastal Force Patrols. My 232248B. "Bailey" returned 0527B, "Harris" returned 0538B, both without incident. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 240628B).

1. Tonight M.G.Bs. 611, 615, S.G.Bs. GREY WOLF GREY FOX to carry out following patrol with object of destruction of enemy coastal shipping and patrols.

2. From Newhaven proceed to pass 150° St. Catherines 13 miles at 2330B, thence through 50° 00' N., 01° 14' W. to carry out sweep along enemy coast from approx. 320° Cherbourg 6 miles to northward of the Alderney Race returning so as to be within 30 miles of own coast by first light. Course when approaching 2330B position should be approximately west.
3. If E-boats are reported leaving Cherbourg, force will be diverted to attack them. Albacore R/C has been arranged.
4. M.Ls. 346, 572, 347 to patrol in normal area south of E.A. 5 buoy. If ordered to withdraw to searched channel they are to patrol between F and E.A. 5 buoys.
5. M.L. 208, 233, 303 from Portland patrol latitude 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
6. Communications. Codeword "Artful". (C. in C. Portsmouth, 241415B).
 1. Patrol A. M.G.Bs. 80, 115, 112 and 75 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
 2. Codeword "Recruit".
 3. Patrol B. M.G.Bs. 316, 329, and 330 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.
 4. Codeword "Recruit I".
 5. Patrols A and B. are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol-line by 2330B and leave patrol for Dartmouth 0430B.
 6. Patrol C. M.T.Bs. 227 and 91 are to patrol between Les Heaux and Barnouic with the object of interrupting enemy shipping.

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Coastal Force Patrols. (contd). 7. Leave Dartmouth for patrol 2230B. Speed on passage 25 knots. If one M.T.B. breaks down on passage both are to return to Harbour. Leave patrol to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light 25th.

8. Codeword "Neutral".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241537B).

M.L. 208, 233, 303 sail Portland 2100 to Patrol 15' S., of St. Albans returning daylight.

M.G.B. 80, 115, 112, 75 sail Dartmouth to patrol 6' S.W. of Eddystone 2300 - 0430/25.

M.G.B. 316, 329, 330 sail Dartmouth to patrol 17' S.E. Start 2330 - 0430/25.

M.T.B. 227, 91, sail Dartmouth 2230 Southbound returning daylight.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241641B).

M.Ls. 275 and 137 at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. 43 (S.O.), 40 and 41 at Bullock Bank, E.T.D. 2230, E.T.R. 0515/25.

M.G.Bs. 108 and 118 from Ramsgate at V buoy, E.T.D. 2315, E.T.R. 0445/25.

(V.A. Dover, 241727B).

Your 241537B. Sailed "Recruit" 242216, "Neutral" 242233, and "Recruit I" 242240 less M.G.B. 329 plus M.G.B. 326.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 242244B to C. in C. Plymouth).

ORKAN
Patrol.

A.M. 240031B. (See Special File).

(1) ORKAN is leaving Plymouth passing Gate 1600B today and proceed to reach position (D) 049° 45' N., 009° 50' W. by 0300B/25 and is then to patrol up to 25 miles 066° and 228° from position (D).

(2) Route to position (D) Q.Z.S. 409 and 410, thence through 180° Bishop 7 miles.

(3) Codeword "Harris".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 241433B to ORKAN).

My 241433. Sailed.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 241633B to Admty).

Operation
VP-Y.

X M.T.Bs. 619 and 623 sailed at 1417B. My 211235.

(A.C.O.S., 241542 to Admty).

S/M
Patrols.

Positions of submarines at 0800B/25 and movements for following 24 hours.

Paras. (A) (B) (C) (D) and (E) as in my 231634.

(H) STUBBORN vicinity 47° 00' N., 05° 35' W.

Dived by day to patrol between lat. 47° 20' N.,

and 46° 00' N., and long. 04° 30' W. and 05° 30' W.

(J) UNIVERSAL 47° 15' N., 07° 01' W. Dived by day through 46°

01' N., 07° 02' W. and 46° 00' N., 06° 28' W. thence to southward.

(K) K.15 probably on surface 47° 20' N., 39° 25' W. speed 10 knots towards 50° N. 35° W.

(F.O.S., 241629 to Admty).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Bomber
Command
Operations.On night 23/24 49 A/C bombed Spezia and 29 A/C
laid mines.
(H.Q.B.C., 241330B).U-boat
Offers to
Surrender -
action to be
taken.

A.X.76 25th June, 1943.

1. There have been occasions when U-boat crews have offered to surrender after their craft has been damaged by air attack. On one such occasion ten of the crew appeared on the conning tower and held up their hands in token of surrender. The Captain of the aircraft accepted this action as a surrender and discontinued his attack.

Shortly afterwards he was forced to leave the scene owing to shortage of petrol. Before further action could be taken the U-boat made good its escape.

On another occasion the crew of a U-boat which had been damaged by air attack displayed a white flag in token of surrender.

2. The Captain of an aircraft is obviously in no position to differentiate between a genuine surrender and ruse to gain time either to repair damage and escape or to man A.A. Armament. It is desirable to capture U-boats when possible. But it will be seldom, if ever, possible for an aircraft to effect a capture without the assistance of a surface vessel, and no chances should be taken of allowing a U-boat to escape by a ruse de guerre.

3. It should be clearly understood that an aircraft is under no obligation to accept a surrender unless it is clear beyond doubt that the U-boat's capacity for further belligerent action or escape is destroyed; no such certainty can ever exist. Again, a white flag has no sanctity in international law as a token of surrender; it merely signifies a wish on the part of one belligerent to enter into communication with another.

4. Whatever action may be taken by the U-boat's crew offensive action with all available weapons against the U-boat is therefore to continue unless capture by close co-operation with surface craft is practically certain. If the crew signify in any way their intention to surrender, the aircraft is to make the signal 514 in the Naval Section of the Air Force Code meaning "U-boat damaged on surface crew attempting to surrender" but is to machine the decks of the U-boat to keep the crew below and prevent scuttling. If the Captain knows that a surface vessel is sufficiently close to arrive and capture the U-boat before his P.L.E. he is not to attempt to sink the U-boat.

5. On receipt of the signal referred to above the appropriate authority is to despatch a relief aircraft, and, if it can reach the scene in time to be certain of effecting a capture, a surface ship.

If the original or relief aircraft has to leave the U-boat before a ship can arrive to effect capture or before darkness, the U-boat is to be destroyed.

6. If a neutral vessel approaches a disabled U-boat whether or not the crew have signified desire to surrender she should be warned to keep clear by the normal method of firing across the bows. If the neutral vessel disregards this warning force may be used to ensure compliance with the aircraft's directions. In the last resort she may be sunk.

7. In no circumstances is any form of attack to be deliberately opened on the crew of a U-boat in the water nor should a neutral be prevented from effecting rescue after a U-boat has been sunk.

8. This order cancels all previous Air Ministry orders on this subject. (A.M. 241543Z).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.Humber
Area.

X Between 0240 and 0320 today approximately 15 enemy aircraft crossed the coast between Flamborough and Spurn. Some incidents have been reported in Hull but no damage to Naval personnel or property has been reported. Mine-laying not suspected.
(F.O. Humber, 240403B).

Mining.

Lyme Bay.

Request you will sail GWEAL, PROSPECT, DOUCHET, ULVA, PORCHER and M.L.229 at 1100B/24 to sweep Q.Z.S.420 as far as Dart Buoy proceeding Dartmouth for the night. Sweep to be as deep as practicable. Codeword "Stencil".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 240049B to F.O.I.C.Portland).

Intend to proceed at 1100/24 in accordance with C. in C. Plymouth's 240049B.

(GWEAL, 240204B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Request you will sail GWEAL, PROSPECT, DOCKET, ULVA, PORCHER and M.L.229, to Plymouth at first light tomorrow, sweeping Q.Z.S. 416 with a sweep as deep as practicable.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 241308 to GWEAL).

S.N. 222A.

Your 220904.

(C. in C. H.F., 240903B to R.A.M.)

My 220904B paras. O and P. add - and MENESTHEUS screened by LANCASTER who proceed to Scapa for H.A. firing returning to port Z.A. on completion.
(R.A.(M) 241202B).

S.N.74

Your 211141B (A) Arrangements will be made to comply with para. 4.

(B) Intend to commence loading outfits into lighters on 2nd July.

(C) Ice R/C flights have proved valuable in the past.

Consider in order to conform your para. 3 they should commence forthwith and continue up to date of laying. Request you will make necessary arrangements.

(R.A.M. 241002B to Admty).

Harwich.

Ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 0330B/24 in 51° 53.7' N., 01° 37.3' E.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 241048B).

One ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1013 in 51° 57.7' N., 01° 44.5' E.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 241146B).

Ground mine detonated by sweeper at 1017B/24 in 51° 57.4' N., 01° 44.3' E.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 242134B).

S.N. 222 B.

On completion of S.N.222 A intend SCOTT shall proceed to Seidisfjord for fuel and thence to carry out survey of Eyiafiord until required for S.N.222 B. (R.A.M. 241202B to Admty).

/Q.Z.S. ...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining. - Contd.

Q. Z. S. 416. Your 241308B (N.T. in W.D.) Intend to sail GWEAL (S.O.) PORCHER, DOCKET and ULVA at 0430B/25 sweeping Q. Z. S. 416 to Plymouth.
2. Codeword "Slave XI". E.T.A. 1200B/25.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 241505B to C. in C. Plymouth)

German Type "R" Mines. X German Type "R" Mines have been encountered with three-quarter inch cord with attached corks spaced 3 foot 6 inches apart. Believe cord is attached to switch borns of mines to endanger shallow-draft vessels.
(D.T.M. 242214P A. Message 152 A).

Enemy Intelligence.

Brest, La Pallice, Gironde. Air R/C on 20th and 23rd June shows the following distribution of enemy destroyers and T.Bs. Brest one ELBING one MÖWE, 2 T class T/Bs, La Pallice one ELBING 3 MÖWES, 3 T Class T/Bs, one NARVIK destroyer, Gironde 3 NARVIK none have been sighted recently in channel ports west of Le Havre.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241131B, 241831B).

U-boats.

U-boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. Am over enemy S/M. (A/C 5 RVK No T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd. 0254/24). No enemy. (A/C 293 Sq. Duty K. 240255B to 19 Group). Report on attack A/S contact. (A) 0545B/21st June. 045° 12' N., 013° 30' W. (B) FLY (C) Contact not regained after counter-attack. (SHIPPIGAN 240645B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
Am over enemy S/M in (?latitude) 10° 02' W. (A/C P.10, 241346B to 19 Group).
By D/F on 4412 k/cs at 1110Z U-boat estimated within 50 miles of 45° 00' N., 11° 30' W. (D.D.I.C., 241408B to E.G.2, SCYLLA, BERMUDA, O.S.50, CHARYBDIS).
Am over enemy S/M. Periscope only sighted. (A/C P.10, 241409 to 19 Group).
Have attacked enemy with depth-charges. Result of attack unobserved. (A/C P.10, 241425 to 19 Group).
Am over enemy submarine in 44° 30' N., 11° 20' W. (A/C 502 Sq. Duty H., 242030B to 19 Group).
Have attacked enemy with depth-charges and estimate no hits. Submarine has dived. (A/C 502 Sq. Duty H., 242045B to 19 Group).
Am over enemy submarine. (A/C 502 Sq. Duty H., No T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd. 2047/24)

/U-boats...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.U-boats. - Contd.

U-boats reported or attacked in North Atlantic (D.D.I.C., 241057B to Escorts H.X.244, S.C.134, E.G.40). Inconclusive D/F bearings at 0728Z indicate U-boat possibly in general vicinity of convoys.

Am over enemy submarine in 59° 00' N., 26° 18' W. (A/C 984 Sqdn. 241620B to Sandgendi).

Am over enemy S/M in 58° 15' N., 07° 45' E. (A/C 120 Sq. Duty H., 241630B to Artunshofdi).

Have attacked enemy with depth-charges. (A/C 120 Sq. Duty H., 241631 to Artunshofdi).

Have attacked enemy with depth-charges. (Origin unknown, 241641B to Sandgendi).

U-boat sighted by G/84 59° 00' N., 26° 18' W. course 270°, 14 knots. Attacked at 1620B. (R.A.F. Iceland, 241700B to 15 and 18 Groups).

U-boat sunk by A/C. Liberator A/C H.120 proceeding to O.N.S.11 reports having sunk U-boat in 058° 15' N., 025° 15' W. Signal from A/C T7YH T.O.O. 241630B refers. U-boat was seen to sink vertically and 15 survivors seen in water. A/C returned with damage to undercarriage and petrol-tank from gunfire, but landed safely. (A.C.I.C., 242137B to Escorts O.N.S.11).

Casualties & Defects.

STEVENSTONE. Your 231256. Concur in para. 3.
2. Regret no relief available and this can be accepted.
(D.O.D. H., 240124B to C. in C. W.A.)
Intend sailing STEVENSTONE from Lough Foyle at 1200B/25, speed 18 knots, by standard routes arriving Needles 2200B/26. A.M. 241607B. refers.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 242246B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

U.S.Cutter 9. 2140 X 75 Y collided with U.S. Cutter 9 in dense fog. Damaged Cutter, no damage self, towed Cutter until steering gear (?word omitted). 0140 repairs completed both proceeded destination Master.
(Unknown Ship 240140Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Dinghy On completion of present duty proceed to assistance of 3 men reported in dinghy in approx. 047° 32' N., 012° 13' W. Aircraft will co-operate.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 240811B to PYTCHLEY).
My 240811. Sunderland and Liberator are searching for dinghy. Either aircraft sighting dinghy will report on former frequency and then shift to 500 k/cs to home you.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241007B to PYTCHLEY).
Search discontinued. Am returning to base.
(A/C 59 Sq. Duty L. 241030B to 19 Group, IROQUOIS, PYTCHLEY, CHARYBDIS).

/Your...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties & Defects.

Dinghy
(contd). Your 230733B para. one, completed 1030/24.
Am complying your 240811B. Intend abandoning
search at dusk and returning to Plymouth unless
otherwise ordered.
(PYTCHLEY 241921B to C. in C. Plymouth).

ATHABASKAN Arrived ATHABASKAN.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 241445B to Admty).

LYDIA LONG. Admiralty's 202119B. LYDIA LONG leaking badly.
Temporary repairs being made and P.R.O. Inverness
has been asked to arrange for slipping and
repairs.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon 241725B to Admty).

ERNE Ammunition-hoist to B mounting of ERNE completely
defective thus putting mounting virtually out
of action. Intend retaining ERNE until repairs
are completed or spare parts received.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 241754B to C. in C. W.A.)

NASTURTIUM My 232202B NASTURTIUM delayed by defect.
(F.O.C. N.I., 241825B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

UNTAMED My 231900B. Nothing further to report.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 241901B to F.O.I.C.
Greenock).

SPIREA Leaving 22 Buoy at 2220. Speed reduced to 9½
knots owing to engine defect.
(SPIREA, 242205B to C. in C. Rosyth).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- A.T. 50. Arrived A.T.50.
(ANDES.) (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 240701B.)
- A.T. 49. Arrived 0320Z June 18th, A.T.49.
(EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.) (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 240746B to C. in C. C.N.W.A.)
- T.A. 49. Admiralty's 211817B June. Intend sailing SS.
EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 1700Z/24. S.O.A. 19½ knots.
E.T.A. in position L 0300Z/25, days 14. E.T.A.
Ambrose Light Vessel 1200Z/2 July.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 240940Z and 241207Z to
Admty.)
- O.S. 50/
K.M.S.17. Sailed FOLKESTONE on completion repairs to
overtake O.S. 50/K.M.S.17 and for Gib.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 241002B to Admty.)
- X.K. 9. In view of the weak escort provided for X.K.9
and the presence of BATTLER in convoy it is
suggested E.G.2 or a portion of it provide close
support between 042° N. and 048° N. F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar's 211202B refers.
(C. in C. W.A., 241021B to Admty.)
See reply (D.O.D.(H), 242033B) in Operations.
- O.N.S.
Commodores. As Commodores of O.N.S. convoys now bring back
S.C. convoys the O.N.S. Commodore should whenever
possible sail in a vessel calling at Halifax.
(D.T.D., 241154B to N.C.S.O. Mersey.)
- Group
nomenclature. My 151244B/6. Request decision on lines of
Cominch's 221810Z/5 may now be promulgated
pending allocation on delivery groups referred to
in my 261321/5.
(C. in C. W.A., 241225B to Admty.)
- K.M.S. 18B. Sailed convoy in accordance with my 221014B
June.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 241426B.)
K.M.S.18B. Sailed convoy composed and escorted
as in Admiralty 172350 and 211852B. Add to escort BANFF and
GRENADIER. Route as in Admiralty 201610B.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 241428B to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar.)

/Ships ...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - Conts.Ships for
Gibraltar.

Sailed 1430/24th DEVIS, FORT NASHWAAK, EMPIRE ELAINE, NORMAN MONARCH, FORT STAGER, FORT MEDUCTIC, EMPIRE CATO, FORT BUCKINGHAM, GUDRUN MAERSK, BENEDICT, STANHILL, CITY OF VENICE, DERWENTHALL, ORESTES, FORT LAJOIE, ST. ESSYLT, ALCINOUS, EMPIRE CONFIDENCE, PROMETHEUS, RATHLIN.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 241530B.)

X.K. 7.

From position (LG) ships for Loch Ewe are to be detached unescorted and HUDDERSFIELD TOWN to Milford Haven. MOLDE continue with convoy to Liverpool. Ship for Barrow being detached as requisite.

(C. in C. W.A., 241531B to MOLDE.)

I have AQUILLA in convoy. Request port of destination and time of departure. E.T.A. position (A) 1900B/25.
(MOLDE, 241900B to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

F.D. 7.

Sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 241601B.)

T.A. 49.

Sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 241700Z.)

-SAN
UBALDO.

As SAN UBALDO is unable to proceed ahead HOLDERNESS is remaining with P.W.359 until W.P.360 is met then transferring.

(2) Anticipate W.P.360 will be off Hartland Point at 1830B/25th.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 241809B to Escorts P.W.359.)

A.T. 52.
(QUEEN MARY),
T.A. 52.

Convoy A.T.52 is due Clyde p.m./30th June.

2. Total of approx. 15,000 personnel will disembark 1st July.

3. Approximately 3,500 personnel including 2,000 German P.O.W. will embark at Tail of the Bank on p.m./3rd July and a.m./4th July.

4. Convoy T.A.52 should be ready to sail p.m./4th July.

(D.S.T., 241918B.)

U.R. 80.

Reykjavik departure SHIKARI to join U.R.80 in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 221710. Routed to position F on convoy route thence along route. Expect to meet convoy at 2359/25.

(A.C.I.C., 242303B to Escorts U.R. 80.)

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SHETLAND, X Your 232258B. SHETLAND sunk VOLTURNO badly
VOLTURNO, damaged unable to proceed but not sinking SAPPER
(attacked standing by VOLTURNO with survivors including 5
23 June.) very seriously injured RENONCULE with 30
survivors from SHETLAND proceeding with SPERO
and FINLAND in accordance with your 231014B.
(RENONCULE 240015B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Your 240046?B (N.T. in W.R.) do not consider towing practicable
after hold flooded, ship settling all the time.
Requires urgent medical attention for 5 injured men.
Request instructions.

(SAPPER 240204Z to F.O.Gibraltar.)

Your 240747 (N.T. in W.R.) My signal letters GNQB.
VOLTURNO has now sunk. My P.C. and S. 037° 01' N. 009° 11' W.
118° 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Request P.C. and S. of tug as medical assistance
urgently required.

(SAPPER 240725Z to F.O.Gibraltar.)

My 240015B. 4 missing from SHETLAND are (names).
Remaining 30 are all fit and well on board F/F RENONCULE.
(RENONCULE 240915B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

Convoy of 4 ships and 2 escort vessels attacked 1840 G.M.T.
23rd by 2 aircraft off Sagres. 1 ship sunk A.O.

(N.A.Lisbon 241010B to S.O.1 Gib. (R) Admty.)

P.C. and S. 036° 27' N. 007° 38' W. 297° 12.5 knots at
1245B. Have not knowledge of R/V (?wanted).

(JAUNTY 241245B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

Injured embarked E.T.A.Gibraltar 0500B/25th. Request
ambulance. SAPPER proceeding in accordance with your 241037.

(JAUNTY 241645B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

My 241010. A second ship which was damaged at 1840 G.M.T.
yesterday sank at 0915 G.M.T. today. A.O.

(B.N.A.Lisbon 241739B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar (R) Admty.)

JULIET, SHETLAND, VOLTURNO, SPERO, FINLAND escorted by
F.F.S.RENONCULE and H.M.Trawler SAPPER attacked by 3 F.W. off
St. Vincent about 1940B/23rd. SHETLAND and VOLTURNO sunk,
remainder (? safe).

(N.O.Gibraltar 241843B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. B.N.A.Lisbon.)

Convoy
M.K.S.15.

Sailing telegram (ships, list.)

2. 0800B/23rd. 4. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. 5. A.J. 30° 00' N.
12° 00' W. X. 34° 38' N. 08° 16' W. thence
Standard S.L. route A.Q., A.L., A.M., A.N., A.O.,
A.P. 6. ROSELYS, ST. NECTAN, REIGHTON WYKE,
VISENDA.

(F.O.Gibraltar 240052, 240053B to Admty.)

P.56
(USURPER)
information.

Tug JAUNTY sailed to Cape St. Vincent.
(F.O.Gibraltar 240117B to P.56 (USURPER).)
Expect to pass Tarifa 241800B.
(P.56) USURPER 240852B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

/TUMULT...

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic - Contd.

TUMULT. Your 240131B (N.T. in W.R.) S.P. 02175 (80) not held. My P.C. and S. are 038° 30' 010° 24' W. 330° 13 knots. Weather report 69 72 17 13. (TUMULT 240800B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

Following has been read from TUMULT. Am being shadowed by one A/C in position 40.55 N. 13.05 W. (Gibraltar W/T 242120B to Plymouth.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001B/24th. S.L. 131.
 FOWEY (E) 033° 43' 010° 01' to R/V M.K.S.15 at 1200B/25th in 035° 30' 009° 59' thence 322° 6½.
 2. G.U.S.8A (U.S.) Cdr. Task Force 69 031° 10' 016° 28' through 031° 01' 017° 01' thence 233° 9.
 3. X.K.9, BICESTER (E) 040° 02' 015° 01' 000° 11½.
 4. ALCANTARA 043° 08' 018° 51' 354° 13½.
 5. SS. MARIPOSA 037° 58' 016° 28' through 037° 50' 016° 04' thence 120° 19.
 6. Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 040° 37' 012° 01' through 040° 01' 012° 01' and 036° 01' 009° 01' thence Gibraltar, 14.
 7. W.S.31, K.M.F.17, UGANDA, MENDIP 038° 25' 011° 57' through 036° 31' 010° 01' and approx. 036° 05' (?007°) 54' where K.M.F.17 parts company to proceed through strait W.S.31 through 216° 12½.
 8. O.T.6, C.T.G.21.5 020° 18' 020° 25' through 024° 01' 019° 55' thence 007° 13.7.
 9. O.S.50, K.M.S.17, 38th E.G., ENCHANTRESS, 045° 01' 014° 10' 182° 6½.
 10. Group "G" NARVIK 046° 13' 013° 43' through 044° 58' 013° 41' thence 178° 10.

(F.O.Gibraltar 241053B.)

Situation at 242003B.

U.S. S/Ms BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH on patrol in area 20 miles either side of line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W.

(F.O.Gibraltar 241127B.)

Situation 1959B/24th.

S.L. 131, FOWEY (E) 033° 43' 010° 01' R/V M.K.S.15 at 1200B/25th thence 287° 6½.
 2. M.K.S.15, F.F.S. ROSELYS 035° 38' 008° 57' to R/V S.L. 131 in 035° 30' 009° 59' at 1200B/25th 7½. Altering to R/V VISENDA two trawlers two merchant ships return Gibraltar 9.
 3. SS. MARIPOSA 037° 58' 016° 28' through 037° 50' 016° 04' thence 120° 19.
 4. Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 040° 31' 012° 01' through 040° 01' 012° 01' and 036° 01' 009° 01' thence to Gibraltar 14.
 5. FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE sailing 0800B/25th through 035° 47' 006° 25' thence to R/V W.S.31 in approx. 036° 05' 007° 54' 15 knots.
 6. (?LORD NUFFIELD) sailing 1100/25th through Q.K.H. (?87) thence to Cape St.Vincent 9.
 7. W.S.31, K.M.F.17, UGANDA, MENDIP, 038° 25' 011° 57' through 036° 31' 010° 01' and approx. 036° 05' 007° 54' where K.M.F.17 parts company to proceed through straits. W.S.31 proceeds 216° 12½.
 8. AVONVALE sailed 1800/24th through Q.K.A.87 thence 268° to join S.L.131 11½ knots.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 241131B.)

/Convoys...

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Convoys FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE R/V in position Q.
W.S.31 036° 05' 007° 54' at 1730B/25th (?approx.)
K.M.F.17. 2. W.S.31 is not to part company from K.M.F.17
until destroyers from Gibraltar have joined.
3. ARROW, AMAZON are to be detached as requisite
to arrive Casablanca for fuel during daylight

25th June. Commorseafront is requested to sail them to join
W.S.31 with DESPATCH on completion of fuelling.

4. ARROW is to land special bag of mail at Casablanca for
onward transmission to Gibraltar.

5. K.M.F.17 route from position (M.E.) to A. 035° 47' 006° 25'
through Q.K.A.87 to B. 036° 01' 005° 21' onward route will be
signalled.

6. P.V. are to be streamed before crossing 007° W. and recovered
as convenient after passing Europa Point.

7. W.S.31 after Gibraltar destroyers have joined pass through C.
position M.L. 034° 59' 008° 52' to M.F.

8. WITHERINGTON and LEDBURY are to continue with W.S.31 until
AMAZON and ARROW rejoin when they are to proceed to Gibraltar
refuelling at Casablanca if necessary.

(F.O.Gibraltar 241137B to Escort W.S.31 and K.M.F.17 for Cdre.
Commorseafron (R) Admty. C. in C.Med. F.O.C.W.Af.)

Axis BORDSEE, SPERBER sailed 2235/23rd.
Shipping. (H.M.Consul Bilbao 241200 to M.E.W.)

BALTIC. B.N.A.Madrid's unnumbered signal 23rd June (N.T. in
W.D.) about departure of BALTIC from Bilbao for
Lisbon. BALTIC must enter Lisbon as prize as laid
down in A.M. 092317 February. She must take

Pilot and anchor off ALCANTARA for visit by Port M.O. before
proceeding to shell oil installation wharf. In view of
prevalent northerly winds off Portugal she should be able to
make R/V off Lisbon under sail if short of fuel.

(B.N.A.Lisbon 241213 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) B.N.A.Madrid,
Admty.)

My 241213 and B.N.A.Madrid's 241049 (N.T. in W.D.) BALTIC
should preferably enter Lisbon after 2000B or at night so that
visit may attract little attention.

(B.N.A.Lisbon 241626B to F.O.Gibraltar (R) B.N.A.Madrid,
Admty.)

Your 241213 and B.N.A.Madrid's 241207 (N.T. in W.D.) Present
information too indefinite to intercept and no vessel
available for establishing patrol off Lisbon.

(F.O.Gibraltar 241838B to B.N.A.Lisbon (R) Admty. B.N.A.Madrid.)

French Intend to sail DJEBEL AURES, SIDI BRAHIM
Refugees escorted by QUANTOCK and DUMONT D'URVILLE at
at Setubal. 0500B/26th to Setubal.

2. On embarking French Refugees, convoy proceeds
coastwise to St. Vincent thence direct to
position X. 34° 05' N. 08° 01' W. S.O.A. 10 knots.

3. DUMONT D'URVILLE, DJEBEL AURES and SIDI BRAHIM enter
Casablanca and QUANTOCK returns to Gibraltar from position X.

4. Codeword "Foolscap"

(F.O.Gibraltar 241233B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty. C.M.S.F.F.
Adm. Afrique.)

/Add...

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Refugees
at Setubal.
(Contd.)Add ANTHONY to escorts in my 241231 (N.T. in W.R.)
Your 241329 not to all addressees refers.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241749B to C. in C.Med. B. (R)
Admty. C.M.S.F.F. Adm. Afrique.)Movements
Gibraltar.Arrived SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE, L.S.I.
(S) PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCESS
ASTRID, PRINCESS J.CHARLOTTE R.F.A. PRESTOL,
SS. EMPIRE DAY.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241247 to Admty.)Arrivals LORD NUFFIELD from Villa Real. FOXHOUND, BULLDOG
from escorting SS. EMPIRE MIGHT. ANNAMITE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ
from Casablanca. Departures SCOTTISH escort duties East. T.E.
23 with FLY, MUTINE for Algiers. PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE
LEOPOLD, PRINCESS J.CHARLOTTE, PRINCESS ASTRID for Oran.
SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC.
(F.O.Gibraltar 242114B to Admty. C. in C.Med.)

BOREAS.

Your 211202 (escorts of convoy X.K.9) para 4.
It is not advisable for BOREAS to fuel at Lisbon.
(D.O.D.(H) 241251B to F.O.Gibraltar, (R) C. in
C.Med. C. in C.W.A. C. in C.Plymouth, BOREAS.)Convoys
M.K.S.15,
S.L.131.On M.K.S.15 joining S.L.131 FORTOL, and
THORSHOVDI are to be detached for Gibraltar
escorted by VISENDA, HORNPIPE, REIGHTON WYKE.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241253B to Escorts of S.L.131,
escort of M.K.S.15 for Cdre. (R) Commorseafront
Admty. C. in C.Med.)Convoy
K.M.S.16
EASTGATE.Admiralty 232133. Request you will reply.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241504B to C. in C.Med. (R)
Admty. Com. Algiers, C. in C.Levant.)

TORBAY.

Intend to sail TORBAY p.m. June 26th for Algiers
passing through P. 180° Cape Calaburras 5 miles
at 0315/27th Q. 180° Cape de Garter*5 miles
at 0500/28th and unless otherwise ordered by
Capt. S.8 R 135° Cape Palos 5 miles at 0400/29th.
Capt. S.8 is requested to assume operational control at 0500/28th.
S.O.A. 10 knots 104 miles per day time zone minus 2.
3. Communications. Gibraltar broadcast west of Greenwich
meridian Algiers broadcast east of Greenwich. Shifting to read
M.S. routines.
4. TORBAY not ready for patrol as tube not calibrated.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241521B to C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8, (R) TORBAY,
V.A.Malta, N.O.I.C. Oran, N.O.I.C. Algiers, Force H. R.A.H.
8th S/M Flotilla.) * Note: Alternative BOUGIE.

/AVONVALE...

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AVONVALE sailed 1800B/24th to overtake and join S.L.131 in position K. 035° 42' 010° 49' at 1800B/25th.
2. Owing to endurance AVONVALE will be part of convoy.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241653B to S.E.Convoy S.L.131, pass to Cdre. (R) Admty. C. in C.Med. C. in C.W.A. C. in C.Nore, C. in C.Plymouth.)
Sailed AVONVALE to overtake and join M.K.S.15 241921.
(F.O.Gibraltar 242012B to Admty. C. in C.W.A. C. in C.Med.)

T.E.23. Intend sailing T.E.23 consisting of PRINCESS J. CHARLOTTE, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCESS ASTRID, PRINCE CHARLES, EMPIRE DAY at 2000B June 24th escorted by SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, FLY, MUTINE.
2. Route 16,50,86,109,17,39,100,14 letter (P.A.) to (P.H.)
S.O.A. 11, codeword "School".
3. Four L.S.I. detach in position 109 for Oran.
4. SHIPPIGAN, (?TADOUSSAC) detach in position 109 and return Gibraltar with all convenient despatch by reverse route.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241701B to Comnob Oran. N.O.I.C. Algiers, (R) C. in C.Med. Admty. Comlan crabnaw, Comnavnaw, Comamphornaw.)

LORD NUFFIELD. My 222036B (222236 intended). Arrived H.M.Tug LORD NUFFIELD from vicinity of Villa Real with 89 Poles and 3 French.
(F.O.Gibraltar 241841B to Admty. (R) C. in C.Med. B.N.A.Lisbon.)

Convoy X.K.9. "Simony" is being shadowed by 2 A/C in position 40.37 N. 14.54 W.
(BATTLER 242030Z to Gibraltar W/T.)
My 2030. One F.W. shot down by fighter am still being shadowed by one.
(BATTLER 242130Z to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
You were probably reported by enemy A/C at 2220B.
(D.D.I.C. 242255B to Escorts of X.K.9, (R) C. in C.Plymouth, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, H.Q.C.C. C. in C.W.A.)

P.56 Arrived a.m. S/M P.56 (USURPER.)
(USURPER.) (F.O.Gibraltar 242046B to Admty.)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.Operation
"Player".

(1st S.L. 240135 to C. in C.E.F., C. in C.E.F.,
240426Z to N.O.I.C. Durban, C. in C.E.F.,
240741Z to N.O.I.C. Durban, Cdre. Durban,
241021B to SUFFOLK, N.O.I.C. Durban 241321Z
to Admty., N.O.I.C. Durban 241534Z to Admty.,
C. in C.E.F. 241851Z to SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK
222042Z to C. in C.E.F., C. in C. S.A. 242256Z
to C. in C. E.F., RELENTLESS 242239Z to C. in
C.E.F.) See East Indies.

Shipping
Reference
Positions.

A.M. 221916 para. 2. Ports are Dakar and Lagos.
(F.O.C. W.A., 240344Z to Admty.)

Convoy
C.D.24.

(1) Sailing telegram.
(2) 1000Z/24th.
(3) Port Elizabeth 1200Z/26th East London 0600Z/
27th Durban a.m. 29th.
(4) $7\frac{3}{4}$ knots. (5) Coastal passing through
position (A) (7034°) $53'$ South $020^{\circ} 00'$ East.
(6) ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, SPHENE, A.S. STANDERTON.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown, 241021Z to Admty.)

GEORGES
LEYGUES.

Intend to sail GEORGES LEYGUES 1900Z/24 for
Philadelphia.
(2) S. of A. 18 knots, E.T.A. Delaware River
1700Z/2nd July. Routed from Pointe Des Almadies
through position (H) 14° N. 23° W. (J) 14° N.
 27° W. (K) 23° N. 45° W. (L) 32° N. 63° W. (M) 38° N. 74° W. to
Philadelphia.
(3) In event of GEORGES LEYGUES requiring fuel at Bermuda E.T.A.
will be made to S.B.N.O. W.At. six hours before arrival.
(Comar Dakar, 241038Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty., Cominch, N.S.H.Q.
Cinclant, B.A.D., S.B.N.O.W.At.)
Sailed 1900Z GEORGES LEYGUES. My 241038 refers.
(Comar Dakar, 241914Z to F.O.C.W.Af. etc.)

O.S.49.

Arrivals 1139Z/23rd KEPPEL, BURZA, ORCHIS,
LOBELIA, NARCISSUS, ACONIT, INKPEN, SNOWDROP,
F.F.S. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with O.S.49.
(Freetown, 241055Z to Admty.)

S.T.70.

Departures 0720Z/23rd. BRIDGEWATER, PETUNIA,
BUTSER, PICT, BOADICEA, DUNCTON with S.T.70.
(S.O.I. Freetown, 241059Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) Admty., B.N.O. Lagos.)

CILICIA.

Departure 1152Z/23rd. CILICIA on ocean patrol.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 241111Z to Admty., (R) Com.
Fleet 4, Comar Dakar.)

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions. Situation 2001Z/24th June.
 DUNKERY escorting about 019° 19' 016° 50' to
 Dakar 7½.
 MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY screening LADY DENISON-
 PENDER about 017° 15' 024° 35'.
 Com. Task Group 21.5 with O.T. 018° 20' 021° 21' to 018° 15'
 020° 40' thence 007° 13½.
 French S/M CALAIS Class 011° 39' 017° 16' to 011° 05' 017° 24'
 thence 128° 8½
 MILFORD, COWSLIP, CLARKIA, WOODRUFF escorting 008° 30' 013° 40'
 to 008° 30' 015° 40' thence 254° 11.
 (F.O.C.W.Af. 241250Z.)

Convoy S.T.70. Convoy S.T.70 my 232029 refers. The following
 ships ex. O.S.49 also joined S.T.70 for
 Takoradi (list)
 (N.C.S.O. Freetown, 241458Z to Admty.)

ARGENTIA. U.S.A.T. ARGENTIA sailed 24th June for Casablanca.
 E.T.A. 12th July. Requirements.
 (D.S.T.O. Durban, 241537Z to Com. N.A.S.F.,
 Casablanca.)

L.S.9. E.T.A. L.S.9 1600Z/25th.
 (WOLVERINE, 241550Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.,
 Capt. D.)

U/B. Campaign Your 301228 March. Para. 1 - Concur.
 in South X 2. Para. 2 and 3. Six destroyers are not
 African available but 9 frigates are being allocated to
 Waters. 3. These ships will be fully trained and have
 full modern A/S equipments.
 4. Further reinforcements cannot be promised at
 present.
 5. Commander Howard-Johnston, an A/S officer with Western
 Approaches experience will be sent to the Cape and subsequently
 to West Africa to assist and advise on the administration,
 training and operation of the A/S forces.
 6. Para. 5(b) and 5(c). See 221341 from C. in C.E.F.
 7. Para. 5(d). Assume S.A.A.F. authorities are taking action.
 8. Para. 5(e) and 5(f) are being dealt with by the Air Ministry.
 9. Para. 5(g). An experienced N.L.O. is not available but
 an officer is being trained at Coastal Command to undertake
 liaison duties with S.A.A.F. and will be appointed to the staff
 of C. in C.S.A. in due course.
 (A.C.N.S.(F) 241627B to C. in C.S.A., G. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.C.W.Af)

/Minesweeping...

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Minesweeping X off Dakar. My 220928. Amiral Afrique concurs.
3. Should Admiralty agree to sweepers being manned by French crews the three requested for Dakar could be considered as part of the twelve requested from Allied sources.
(Comar Dakar, 241632Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Force X. C. in C. Levant's 091909 and C. in C.E.F.'s 230925. Request you will signal your intentions for oiling and watering RAMILLIES, REVENGE, RESOLUTION and ships of Force X. on their passage through your stations.
2. If you require Admiralty to make any special arrangements these should be communicated as soon as possible.
(D.O.D.(F) 241736B to C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.W.A.)

A/S Survey Board. + Arrived Dakar 1530 allied A/S Survey Board.
(American Mission Dakar, 241752Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

Mining and areas dangerous due to mines. My 211919 para. 1. Further mine exploded by B.Y.M.S. my 241734 not to Admiralty also refers.
(Comar Dakar, 241821Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.)

Movements Takoradi. Arrival M.L.296. Sailed 1800Z/24th M.L.287
Accra 0600Z/25th.
(N.O.i/c Takoradi, 241843Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

Information re ships joining O.S.Convoy. X Great uncertainty and risk to ships being delayed or proceeding to incorrect destination or with insufficient bunkers is being caused by the lack of pre-information as to ships joining O.S. convoys from Gibraltar and Casablanca. Request that convoy sailing telegrams comprising items 10, 11, 12 and 14 as laid down in Mercantile Convoy instructions A.R.88 may in future be sent to F.O.C.W.Af. in respect of these ships and that this information be passed to Commodore of Convoys.
Fuel and water requirements for ships sailing to Takoradi.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 241943Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron, (R) C. in C. Med., Admty.)

VENEZIA sunk. Reported that Swedish ship VENEZIA torpedoed and sunk about 250 miles from Rio de Janeiro. Survivors approaching this port. Details follow.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 242012Z to Admty., (R) C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.W.A., B.A.D. Asst. B.N.S.O. Recife.)

/My...

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sunk.
(Contd.)

My 242012 ship torpedoed 2100Z approx. June 21st
025° 50' S. 038° 38' W. Entire Crew picked up
by KAIPARA 23rd and landed here tonight 24th.
Enemy not sighted but presumed by Master to be
U-Boat.
(B.N.S.O. Rio De Janeiro, 242142Z to Admty.)

QUERCY,
French
internees.

Free French Authorities have received a message
from Governor Brazzaville about QUERCY being
sent to Pointe Noire and Douala on 1st and 4th
July respectively to collect about 150 French
ex-internees who have been opted for transfer to
N. Africa. 2. Since the Governor's signal was
sent en clair F.F. Authorities request you will suggest to
Comar Dakar advisability of altering above dates.
3. Request you will keep admiralty informed of this movement
(D.O.D.(F), 242105B to F.O.C.W.Af.(R) C.in C. Med.)

NEBRASKA.

Freetown, 1800/24th, NEBRASKA, Montevideo,
11th July, Knots (A) 11, (B) 11½, Days 24.
Fuel oil. Escorted by MILFORD, COWSLIP, CLARKIA
and WOODRUFF.
(Freetown, 242159Z to Admty.)

MILFORD, COWSLIP, CLARKIA and WOODRUFF sailed at 1800Z/24th
escorting NEBRASKA routed (a) 008° 30' N. 015° 40' W. (b) 007°
50' N. 017° 55' W. (c) Equator 033° 01' W. (d) 010° 01' S.
033° 59' W. (e) 012° 59' S. 037° 03' W. thence Bahia expected
time of arrival 1300Z/2nd July. S. of A. 11 knots.
(2) NEBRASKA will proceed independently to Montevideo from
position (e). (5) Comsolantfor is requested to sail ships from
Pernambuco as necessary to escort floating dock.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 242211Z to Comsolantfor, BATTLER, Admty., B.A.D.
ASTURIAS.)

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Movements, Arrivals FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, French
Algiers. S/M CASABIANCA, U.S.S. MCLANAHAN, BAROVA,
PRODIGAL, U.S.S. NICHOLSON. Sailed LA SETOISE.
Arrived and sailed BROCKLESBY.
(Cdre. Algeria, 240028B)

Convoy K.M.F.17 sailed from U.K. 19th June
K.M.F.17. comprising: BRITANNIC, SAMARIA, TAMAROA, LARGS
BAY, U.S. CRISTOBAL, U.S. SANTA ROSA, U.S.
J.W. MCANDREW, SILVERTEAK, carrying 18027 troops
equipment and supplies for Gibraltar and
Mediterranean.
(D. of S.T. 240216B)

SPORTSMAN. Enemy report a submarine off Cape Mele at
2030/23rd.
(Capt. (S) 8, 240458B to P.229 (SPORTSMAN)).

Movements, June 23rd arrivals L.S.T.'s 414, 415, 405,
Alexandria. ABDIEL, EASTON, CROOME, MAURITIUS, WOLBOROUGH,
BASQUE, FORBIN, LA FORTUNE, ROMEO, M.L.101Z.
Departures nil.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 240530C)

Air (2) Night 21/22: 4 Beafighters on R/C attacked
Reports. and blew up one motor vessel. Barges and
destroyers also attacked, results not observed.
1 Beaufighter destroyed and 2 damaged.
(3) 25 Wellingtons of Strategic Air Force
dropped 53 tons of bombs and 600,000 leaflets on Falerno
(Salerno?). Marshalling yards well covered, started many fires.
(N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv. No.T.O.O.)
Opsum 57. 22/23 June. 5 Wells. mined entrance to Olbia
(Terranova) Pausania Harbour. 15 Wells. diversion bombing
Olbia town and harbour. 3 returned early. Remainder bombed
objective. Burst in area of military installations centre of
town near railway station and southern edge of landing ground.
3 large fires 1 explosion in town leaflets dropped. 9 tons
between 2146Z and 2216Z hours.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 241002Z)

Northwest African Air Forces Opsum 123?. N.A. strategic
A.F.22/23rd June. 30 Wellingtons, including 5 Mining 5
Illuminating, Olbia 3 bombers returned early. 9 mines laid
in harbour area from 250 to 300 feet. My Opsum 122 21/22nd
June following ?Amtfml1 details. 30 Wellingtons including 2
Illuminating operated against Salerno. 1 returned early.
(?1) bombed Torre Annunziata, remainder attacked objective.
23rd June no operations. 20/21st June additional 3 Wellingtons
anti shipping sweeps Tyrrhenian Sea. 1 Torpedo Wellington
attacked escorted merchant vessel 4 Thousand 5 hundred tons off
Lido Di Roma. Results unobserved another Wellington dropped
4 x 250 bombs on Ustica Island. 23 June. 3 Torpedo Beaufighters

attacked/...

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Air Reports. (Contd.) attacked 2 escorted tankers sighted by 1 of 2 R/C Marauders (B.26) North of Trapani. 1 Tanker blew up and sank. 1 Beaufighter hit by flak and dived into sea. Another attacked by 3 Me.109s and crash landed at base crew safe. 4 torpedo Beaufighters on shipping sweep attacked 2 mast schooner between Corsica and Italy. No results seen. (N.W.A.A.F. A.W.H.Q. 241731B)

Opsum No.4623/24th June. R/C Taranto no change major Naval units. Brindisi B class CONDOTTIERI Cruiser and 10 Vessels totalling approx. 52000 tons departed. 4 Beaufighters escorted incoming shipping. 7 other Spitfires were airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. (R.A.F. Malta, 242353Z)

P.A.42. Amend E.T.A. of convoy P.A.42 to read 1500 G.M.T. (?CARNATIC, 240824 to N.O.I.C. Aden.)

Enemy shipping reports. Position course and speed of one small merchant vessel, one destroyer and one aeroplane 42.22 N. 06.16 E. 158° eight knots, based on a fix within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of 0900. (A/C C/S CZSB via Algiers, 240953B) My 0953. Enemy previously reported are one merchant vessel of 2,000 tons and one destroyer. (A/C C/S CZSB via Alex. 240958B)

P.C. and S. at 0945B of one tanker of 8,000 tons and three small craft 42.50 N. 10.05 E, 090° 8 knots. P.C. and S. 0955 of one tanker of 600 tons and two E-boats, 43.20 N. 10.00 E. 070° 8 knots. (A/C C/S CZSN, 241015B)

CARA, MULL. (corrupt group). Intend sailing CARA escorted by MULL at 0800B/25th to Sousse. Route via Q.K.B. 94, 93, 128 and 79 speed $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. 0600B/26th. Fighter protection "Eggcup" 3. (F.O.I.S. 240926B to (Corrupt group), INCHKEITH (R) Admty, F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 242 Group MULL)

Convoy G.T.X.3. Algiers section sailed as in my 251429B plus BAROVA, total 11 ships. Inward section arrived 4 ships. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 241024B to F.O's. I.C. and N.O's I.C. French North Africa (except N.O.I.C. Casablanca) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty, Connav, F.O. 2nd in Command Force "H" Capt. (S) 8))

Malta Convoy. Arrivals. BEAUFORT, EXMOOR, KANARIS with transport GAROET, Tankers ERINNA, BRITISH SOLDIER. (V.A. Malta, 241042B, D.S.T.O.Malta, 241130)

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P.R.U. Battleships IMPERO, CAVOUR. Two cruiser hulls.
Trieste, Two T/Bs fitting out, probably launched since
June 21. May 20. Five tankers 470' - 510'.
Liners STOCKHOLM, REX, H/S PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA.
M/V's etc.
(D.D.I.C., 241047B to C. in C. Med. C. in C.
Levant, V.A. Malta, V.A. Gib. S.O. Force H.
R.A. Force H. C.S.12, C.S.15)

X.T.G.2. Intend to sail 2 ships. MAMMY to Gibraltar
for U.K. FORT ANNE to Gibraltar. Request
Commodore allots Pendant Number.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 241216B)

TRIDENT. Capt. (S) 10th 192002 from position 035° 53'
021° 54' pass through 035° 36' 022° 56' at
0530C/26th thence on course degrees 66 through
Antikithera Channel diving to 250 feet between
023° 12' and 023° 33' E. Thence patrol South Eastern Aegean
East of line running 000° from Cape St. John (Crete) to
Anaphi to land thence to Cape Doro (Euboca) and South latitude
038°. OSIRIS will be operating in your area until midnight
29th/30th, RORQUAL passing through Kaso Strait bound
Northern Aegean dawn 28th accompanied by P.359 (TAURUS) dawn
2nd. S/MS are not to be attacked unless in company with
surface escort.
(Capt. (S), 241229C to TRIDENT, (R) 1st S/M.F., C. in C. Med.
Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10, C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta)

DJEBEL In view of disclosure by station purporting to
AURES, be B.B.C. at 1915/23rd on 33.67 metres of
SIDI forthcoming evacuation of French refugees from
BRAHIM. Setubal, F.O.I.C. Gib. is requested to reinforce
escort of DJEBEL AURES and SIDI BRAHIM.
(C. in C. Med. 241329B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)
See (B.N.A. Lisbon, 251535 to C. in C. Med.)
North Atlantic.

Convoy Amend destination of RESTIVE towing DERWENT
X.T.G.2. to Gib. N.O.I.C. Bone's 230849 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 241400B to DELHI, N.O.I.C. Bone,
Ships escorting Convoy X.T.G.2.)

Convoy (1) Sailing telegram (Ships, list etc.)
M.K.S.61. (2) 1030C/24. (3) sailed together.
(4) Seven knots to Benghazi then 8 knots.
(5) As in C. in C. Levant's 220121C.
(6) HURWORTH, EASTON, HURSLEY, CROOME, JUMNA,
HYACINTH, GAWLER, LISMORE, RAIDER, H.M.S. ADRIAS
French ships BASQUE, FORBIN, LAE FORTUNE.
(R.A. Alexandria, 241402C, 241658 to F.O.I.C.
N.O.'s I.C. French North Africa (Except N.O.I.C.
Casablanca), S.O. Force "H" Capt. (S) 8th S/M.
Flotilla (R) Admty etc.)

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Port Said.24th June Arrivals, CAIRNS, CUMBRAE. Departures
CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, ISLAY, KONDOURIOTIS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 241538C)P.224
(SICKLE)Leave patrol after dark 25th and proceed through
zone (J) so as to pass 038° 35' 01° 01' at
0030/28th thence through 038° 02' 003° 32'
at 2330/30th to R/V with escort Algiers in
036° 57' 003° 07' at 0602/1st July.
(Capt. (S) 8, 241746B to P.224 (SICKLE) (R)
C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, 8th S.F.)Mediterranean
sailings.Your 191818B. Bigot Most Secret. Para.1 Noted.
K.M.S. Convoy sailing from U.K. about 8th August
will be designated K.M.S. 23. Para. 3a Concur.
Para. 4 G.T.X.4. Presume 5 through Mediterranean
ships are those held back from K.M.S.17.
A.M.231001 May refers. It is intended to sail
these in K.M.S.20 together with 3 additional ships for India
if these can be accepted. Request immediate confirmation.
Para. 5. Concur but request in addition confirmation of
sailing dates of M.K.S.17 and G.U.S.10. (2) It is assumed
that once through sailings have recommenced the Eastern
Terminal for all U.G.S/G.U.S. and K.M.S./M.K.S. convoys will
be Alexandria and G.T.X/X.T.G. convoys will be discontinued.
(3) Escort matters are being dealt with by separate signal.
(D.T.D. 241756B to C. in C. Med.)

SEVERN.

Intend sailing SEVERN at 1900/27th. through 038°
21' 003° 29' at 0200/28th. 039° 18' 007° 40'
at 1100/29th thence to patrol west of Sardinia
East of 007° 40' E. between latitudes 039° N.
and 041° N.
(Capt. (S) 8, 241822B to C. in C. Med. (R)
N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gib. 8th S.F.)DUQUESNE
and 3
French
Destroyers.French Cruiser DUQUESNE due Suez 25th June.
My 231627 refers. The three destroyers of
Force X sailed Alexandria 24th June with M.K.S.
16 for Casablanca.
(C. in C. Levant, 241832C)L.C.F.13,
L.C.T.395.L.C.F.13 bombed on June 12 off Pantellaria and
now total wreck. L.C.T. 395 grounded off
Pantellaria on 18 June now total wreck.
(2) No serious casualties. Written reports
follow.
(C. in C. Med. 241840B to Admty (R) C.C.O)Axis Ship
Istanbul.My 211136C. Report B.2. FIRUZ expected
arrived Istanbul in transit from Black Sea

to /...

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Axis ship to Aegean next 24 hours.
Istanbul. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 241910 to C. in C. Levant,
(Contd.) S.O.(I) Levant, (R) S.1, S.10, D.N.I.)

Messina Navigating Officer of hospital ship KONSTANZ
Shipping. reports that Messina Shipping evacuates harbour
at night and anchors in 038° 13.8' N. 015° 35'
E. German Chart Captured in Pantellaria has
a pencil cross in the above position with a
course steering 072° through the Messina Straits.
(2) 201 Naval Co-op. Group Middle East requests Air Authorities
be informed.
(S.O.(I) Levant, 241934C to S.O.(I) Malta, S.O.(I) Med.
(R) D.N.I.)

Movements, Arrival ISIS M.T.B. 242, 226, 89. Departure
Bone. ALBACORE. Arrived and sailed POLRUAN, BRIXHAM.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 242002B)

S/M's Intend sailing S/Ms as follows for patrol between
patrols. Corsica and Italy. (1) P.247 (SARACEN) at 1800/
27th through 038° 23' 005° 44' at 2230/28th
038° 40' 009° 47' at 1500/30th thence course
North to patrol east coast Sardinia for 2 days
thence northward. (2) DOLFIJN (P.47) at 200(?) 27th through
038° 00' (?005°) 00' at 2230/28th 038° 30' 010° 00' at 145(?)
1st thence course 028°. (3) P.225 (SIMOOM) at ?1800/25th
through 038° 23' 005° 44' at 2230/29th 038° 40' 010° 00' at
1900/1st July thence 016°. (4) P.312 TRESPASSER at 2000/28th
through 038° 00' 005° 00' at 1530/29th 038° 30' 010° 00' at
0001/2nd July thence 020°. (5) P.217 SYBYL at 2000/28th through
038° 09' 003° 30' at 0530/29th 042° 42' 008° 30' at 2300/2nd
July thence round Cape Corse to patrol area.
(Capt. (S) 8, 242004B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Arrivals WESTRAY, DELTA (U.S.), S.C.695, 508,
Bizerta. 506, 977, 526, 534, 497, MAYRANT, BENSON.
Departure M.T.B.89, P.C.550, Y.M.S.20, MAYRANT,
BENSON.
(S.O.I.S., 242014B)

Movements, LA SETOISE, PENN, PANTHER? Group Missing,
Oran. PATHFINDER arrived today Departures SERAPHIN,
S.C.1029.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 242041 to Admty)

Movements, Arrivals, BARMOND, ENSAY, ST. KILDA, L.S.T.12.
Algiers. Departures, WILTON, JULIET, CAVA, CORIOLANUS,
BAROVA, USAC 64.9 U.S. Y.M.S.78 H.D.M.L.1211
PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, RETRIEVER, M.L.258, 558
KING SOL. Arrived and departed LIDDESDALE,
VENOMOUS, WISHART, QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX,
BROCKLESBY, U.S.S. ROWAN, U.S.S. NICHOLSON.
(Com. Algeria, 242114B to Admty)

Movements /...

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Tripoli.Arrived M.L.1158, M.L.1083, M.L.1038.
Sailed FALK, INCHCOLM, M.L.1143, M.L.1164,
L.C.T. 413, 303, 332, 333, 421, 311, 364, 372, 355,
379, 321, 422, 377, 390.
(N.O.I.C. Tripoli, 242114B)Movements,
Haifa.24th June. Arrival RORQUAL, M.L.385, 386
departure BURRA M.L.11, 59.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 242124C)Situation
Report
No.112.

(1) During Air Raid on Bizerta at 0410/8 PETARD and R.F.A. AGATHA were slightly damaged by near miss. No serious casualties. PETARD has been repaired at Bizerta and damage to AGATHA does not impair efficiency. In subsequent raids in early mornings of 19th June, 20th and 21st June no naval damage or casualties were sustained. Discharge to shore installations at carriers has commenced. Deep water berth at No one Jetty Ferryville will shortly be available.

(2) WILTON carried out promising attack on U-Boat which was sighted on the surface at 0442/21 in position 151° Alboran Island 19 miles. (3) During the nights 21/22 and 22/23 June coastal craft from Malta carried out patrols off Empedocle. (4) During the night 23/24th June coastal craft from Malta operated off the South Coast of Sicily and those from Bizerta carried out sweep in Cape St. Marco area. (5) U.S. L.S.T. 333 and 387 were torpedoed off Dellys at 2140/22. L.S.T. 333 was beached and L.S.T. 387 towed into Dellys. (6) My 221950 para. 12 detailed report from UNITED as follows:
At 1236/14 in 37.54 N. 15.42 E. obtained two hits on 5,000 ton Eastbound merchant vessel which was seen to sink by aircraft. Accurate counter attack by escorting destroyer. At 1513/20 in 37.40 N. 16.02 E obtained 3 hits on modern 7,000 ton 15 knot liner Eastbound and unescorted. Ship was seen to sink one hour later. (7) Polish Submarine DZIK reports at 1940/17 in 38.40 N. 15.16 E. sank with torpedoes 4,000 ton Northbound passenger and cargo ship.
(C. in C. Med. 242129B to Admty)

Movements,
Malta.Arrivals GLOXINIA L.S.T.'s 403, 401, 303, L.C.T.'s
322, 615. M.T.B.'s 635, 637 M.G.B. 663,
UNISON, UPROAR, Departures UNRUFFLED, UNSEEN,
UNRIVALLED. M.T.B.'s 65, 95.
(V.A. Malta, 242241B)

RORQUAL.

Your 241842 not to all addressees, RORQUAL passes through following positions.

(a) 033° 01' 034° 34' at 2100/25th.
(b) 033° 12½' 033° 12' at 0430/26th.
(c) 034° 04' 027° 10' at 1630/27th. (d) 035° 23' 026° 33' at 0530/28th zone minus 3 proceeding on the surface diving daylight 26th speed of advance 11½ knots on surface and 125 miles per 24 hours diving by day.
(Capt. (S) 1, 242243C to C. in C. Levant, (R) Cdre. (D) Cdr. Eastern Med. S.I. C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10)

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Movements. Arrival 22nd GLOXINIA departure 23rd GLOXINIA
Sousse. Arrival 24th CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 242305B)

Malta A.1560/24th June C.S.R. Malta.
Air (A) Air part 1 offensive night 23/24th June.
Report. 1 Wellington armed shipping search day 24th. 27
Spitfires offensive sweep 12 Spitfire bombers
escorted by 19 Fighter Spitfires bombed factory
at Pazzallo hits in target area.
Part 2 enemy air activity day 24th. Little enemy air
activity. 0900 3 Spitfires intercepted and destroyed 1 ME
210 near Sicily 4 Beaufighters shipping escort.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 242307Z)

Movements, Arrived and left MARYBOROUGH. Sailed
Tobruk. ROCKWOOD, MAPLE, M.L.359.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 242351C)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

SUSSEX Departure 0104Z/24th SUSSEX.
(N.O.i/c Addu Atoll, 240107Z to Admty.)

Convoy Cochin portion arrived.
B.M.54. (N.C.S.O. Cochin, 240205Z to Admty.)

Operation X A.M. 231626B. Not to SUFFOLK. Admiralty
Player. appreciate possibility of U-Boats being supplied
by surface ship in vicinity of D/F of U-Boat
on 19th June in 31° S. 45° E.

2. A cruiser should be sent forthwith to search
Area with maximum possible air co-operation. SUFFOLK may be
used.

(1st S.L., 240135B to C. in C. E.F., C.in C. S.A., (R) SUFFOLK)
Admiralty 240135 June para. 2. Operation will be known as
operation "Player". (2) Object to search for and destroy enemy
surface supply ship possibly 8000 tons 11½ knots tanker
CHARLOTTE SCHLIEMANN. (3) N.O.i/c Durban is requested to
sail SUFFOLK as soon as possible to proceed to position Q 031°
00' S. 045° 00' E. at best speed. 4. On arrival at position
Q SUFFOLK to search in vicinity maintaining high speed.
5. C. in C. S.A. is requested to arrange for a continuous
square search round position Q with Catalina A/C from first
light on 25th June until dark on 26th June. Tutear detachment
may be used. 6. A/C are to locate and shadow supply ship but
are not to attack it. S/Ms sighted are to be (?attacked).
7. C. in C.S.A. is requested to provide best available A/S air
escort for SUFFOLK.
(C. in C.E.F. 240426Z to N.O.i/c Durban C. in C.S.A.(R) SUFFOLK,
Admty.)

With reference to para. 2 of my 240426Z other classifications
could possibly be ALSTERUFER or BRAKE. (2) Raider H may also
be operating in Indian Ocean.

(C. in C.E.F., 2407413Z to N.O.i/c Durban, SUFFOLK (R) C. in C.
S.A., Admty.)

Being in all respects ready for sea you are to slip as
soon as ready and proceed at best speed to comply with C. in C.
E.F. 240426. 2. RELENTLESS and NIZAM are being sailed ahead
of you when ready to co-operate My 240729 and my 240954 passed
to you refer. 3. Report while still on port wave your
estimated speed of advance and expected time of arrival at
position Q. 4. Two Catalina aircraft from Tulear will be
complying with para. (5) of C. in C.E.F. 240426. Air A/S escort
will be provided if possible and further signal will be made.
5. Keep continuous W/T watch on Group J and on aircraft H/F
666 kcs. by day and 3925 kcs. by night and R/T 2410 kcs.

(Durban, 241021B to SUFFOLK, (R) C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A.
RELENTLESS, NIZAM.)

Sailed SUFFOLK 1151Z/24th to comply with C. in C.E.F.
240426 S. of A. 28 knots. 2. Sailed RELENTLESS, NIZAM 0921Z
24th to co-operate. My 240729 (not to Admiralty) refers.
S. of A. 24 knots E.T.A. position (Q) 1600Z/25th.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 241321Z to Admty., C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F.)

/Amend...

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"Player"
(Contd.)Amend speed of advance to $26\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A.
position Q 1600Z/25th. My 241321 para. (1)
refers.(N.O.I.C. Durban, 241534Z to Admty., C. in C.
S.A., C. in C. E.F.)

Operation "Player". Appreciation of all
circumstances estimate enemy will have moved eastward by now.
(2) SUFFOLK with Destroyers in company if possible and spread
as necessary is to (A) Pass through position Q. (B) Arrive
position R. $030^{\circ} 40'$ South $047^{\circ} 18'$ East at 0400Z/26th June.
(C) During daylight 26th June search area to Northward of
line drawn 081° from position R for distance of 140 miles
returning through Area to southward of line. (3) C. in C.S.A.
is requested to arrange (A) 2 Catalinas to R/V with SUFFOLK
in position R at 0400Z/26th June (B) for 26th June above aircraft
carry out search of Area 60 miles each side of line in para. 2
(C) Extended to distance of 160 miles from position R.
(4) Further signal will be made concerning search for 27th in
case all searches on June prove blank.
(C. in C.E.F., 241855Z to SUFFOLK C. in C.S.A., RELENTLESS (R)
N.O.I.C. Durban, Admty., NIZAM Air H.Q. E.A. 246 Wing.)

Note: First part of this signal circulated under T.O.O. 241851.

Your 241855Z and 241920Z acknowledged. My S. of A. 20
knots.(SUFFOLK, 242204Z to C. in C.E.F.(R) C. in C.S.A., N.O.I.C.
Durban, RELENTLESS, NIZAM, Air H.Q. E.A., 246 Wing Admty.)Operation "Player". Am assuming mean speed of advance of
SUFFOLK from position R. is 20 knots. (2) Request confirmation
so that air patrol may be arranged accordingly. (3) Request
S. of A. be communicated to SUFFOLK.(C. in C.S.A. 242256Z to C. in C.E.F.(R) N.O.i/c Durban.)
See also South Atlantic.Your 241855Z and 241920Z received and understood. My
P.C. and S. at 2230Z. 24th $030^{\circ} 15'$ S. $036^{\circ} 59'$ E. $096^{\circ} 18.2$ kts
Weather report 91701033.(RELENTLESS, 242239Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) C. in C.S.A., SUFFOLK,
N.O.I.C. Durban.)

Movements.

Arrival 0420Z/24th HINDUSTAN.

(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 240435Z to Admty.)

APPLELEAF 24th June left Colombo.

(N.O.i/c Addu Atoll, 240627Z to Admty.)

Departure 0550Z/24th HINDUSTAN escorting APPLELEAF.

(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 240633Z to Admty.)

Left 1010Z KUMAON and KATHIAWAR, E.T.A. Bombay 0130Z/1st

July.

(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 241015Z to Com. R.I.N. C. in C.E.F.)

Left KUMAON and KATHIAWAR. Arrived CHALLENGER.

(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 241020Z to Admty.)

Departure 0440Z NETRAVATI with B.M.55 arrival 0730Z RANPURA
escorting. One ship.

(S.O.(I) Bombay, 241059Z to Admty.)

/STRATHMORE...

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STRATHAIRD.

Intend sailing STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD for Durban 29th June. Both ships will have on board approx. 250 service personnel, first named ship will also have 50 civilian passengers. (P.S.T.O. India, 240621Z to C. in C.E.F.(R) F.O. Ceylon, P.S.T.O., Capetown, D.S.T., D.S.T.O., Durban, D.S.T.O. Kilindini, N.C.S.O. Bombay.)

Bombay
Docking
facilities.

X Docking at Bombay of R.F.A's and H.M. ships carrying aviation spirit is handicapped by the inability of Burma Shell Company to take or reload their aviation spirit. Comrin's 13/6299 of 20th May to Director of Stores refers. 2. Bombay will become of increasing importance as a refitting port for Eastern Fleet ships. It seems essential that adequate arrangements should be made to receive and reload petrol from H.M. ships and R.F.A's prior to and after docking. (C. in C.E.F. 240913Z to Admty., (R) F.O.C.R.I.N., Comrin.)

India
Air
Report.

X A.302 24 June T.O.O. 240931/Z. 24th June Daily Opsum No. 466. 23rd June. One Beaufighter shipping Boronga Island area. Sampans attacked and damaged. 5 Hurricanes detailed shipping Combormere Bay area. Returned early due technical trouble after reaching target area.

No targets seen.
(H.Q.R.A.F. India, 241030Z.)

Troop and
Convoy
movements.

Para. 2 My 210604Z ISLAMI is withdrawn Para. 4 ASCANIUS and SALWEEN normal. Following additional (?transfer) has been arranged to B.A.45 3 personnel ships ISLAMI, ASCANIUS and EMPIRE WOODLARK ready to sail 12th July. Request escort be arranged. (P.S.T.O. India (Bombay), 241124Z to C. in C.E.F.)

SAN ERNESTO
torpedoed
night 15th -

Report rescue 23 survivors of torpedoed SAN ERNESTO at 0617Z/24. 001° 15' S. 077° 16 E. Following are names:-
Master SAN ERNESTO reports vessel torpedoed by S/M twice night 15th June 16th. 06° 18' S. 80° 20' and shelled throughout night. Vessel last observed following day when noted engine room gutted, all aft and midships accommodation also gutted vessel back broken at forward engine room bulkhead. 3. lifeboats only cleared vessel with all crew, one life boat charge master, second charge second mate Taylor and third charge third mate Young. Latter 2 lifeboats were not seen by master following day. (ALCOA POINTER, 241430Z to Admty.)

/BLACKMOOR,...

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BLACKMOOR,
CATTERICK,
FOXHOUND.

My 121646/April, My 111510 and 111426, none to all addressees.
2. BLACKMOOR is being relieved in West Africa and other reinforcements are shortly arriving there from U.K.
3. BLACKMOOR on relief and CATTERICK on completion of refit are to be sailed for the Mediterranean by the next convenient opportunity, to come under the command of C. in C. Med.
4. FOXHOUND will remain on the West African Station till she returns to U.K. for conversion to long legged escort vessel.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 241635B to C. in C.E.F., C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.i/c Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)

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- B.7. E.T.A. point of arrival 1300Z/24th. DUNCAN and 5 other escorts in company.
(B.7 240100Z to S.O. Present Afloat Argentina.
(R) Capt. D. Argentina.)
- CHASER. New York departed 23rd CHASER in Convoy H.X.245.
(N.S.H.Q. 240107Z to Admty.)
- ARROWHEAD defect. Ref. (?231 (731)Z) from CALDWELL. For SUDBURY read ARROWHEAD on arrival Halifax. ARROWHEAD defect passed to CALDWELL by V/S dawn SUDBURY. My position 042° 15' N. 062° 00' W. Weather report 3181, 2762.
(SUDBURY 240116Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) D. Halifax, CALDWELL.)
- Movements. St. Johns, N.F. June 23 1943, Arrivals TROIS RIVIERES ex B.W.33. Departures BUCTOUCHE, BARRIE, NIPIGON, QUESNEL to O.N.189.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 240207Z to Admty.)
San Pedro departed June 23 ENGADINE for San Diego.
(N.S.H.Q. 241315Z to Admty.)
Balboa 23rd June U.S.A.T. FRED C. JOHNSON.
(R.O. Cristobal 241654 to Admty.)
- N.S.H.Q. S/M Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/Ms. N. of 040° N.W. of 040° W. 1200Z/24th.
(N.S.H.Q. 241436Z.)
- S.C.134, H.X.244, U/B. Inconclusive D/F bearing on 28 groups enigma messages transmitted at 0726 indicate U-Boat in vicinity of 053° 30' N. 038° 00' W. may have made sighting report.
(N.S.H.Q. 240835Z to S.E. Convoy, S.C.134, S.E.C. H.X.244.)
- GLOIRE. Refer to this as Cominch 232151 addressed Comcaribseafon. Sail French Cruiser GLOIRE Trinidad New York when ready about June 29th. Advise the time of departure, S. of A. and route.
(Comnaveu 240928Z to Admty.)
This is 241640 from Cominch to Comcaribseafon begins:-
In order to comply with Comar Dakar request contained in his 231048, modify Cominch 232151 accordingly. Comar Dakar 231048 being passed to you for information. Give estimate of the date the ship will depart Trinidad for New York (Ends.)
(Comnaveu 242214Z to Admty.)
- Convoy G.Z.35. Arrived 23rd.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal 241025R to Admty.)

/U.G.S...

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U.G.S./G.U.S. Convoy passengers. Refer to Cominch 232226 addressed Cinclant. Seven ships in U.G.S.11 will carry about 340 troops each and ten ships will carry about 40 troops each War Department advises. In each future U.G.S. convoy similar numbers will be carried. Prisoners of war will be returned on Able Kings in G.U.S. convoys as spaces are available and occasionally troop ships carrying prisoners may be included in these convoys. War Department has been advised of risk involved in transporting passengers in cargo convoys. B.A.D. informed. (Comnavcu 241104 to Admty.)

U.N.O. Convoys. X For Searail. 1. Following is tentative programme of sailings to North Africa. All are scheduled to sail from Hampton Roads.

(A) Convoy.	(B) Ship.	(C) Sailing Date.
U.N.O.3.	MARIPOSA.	18th June.
U.N.O.4.	EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.	7th July.
U.N.O.5.	ANDES.	12th July.
U.N.O.6.	EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND.	30th July.
U.N.O.7.	ANDES.	6th August.
U.N.O.8.	PASTEUR.	11th August.
U.N.O.9.	ANDES.	29th August.
U.N.O.10.	WEST POINT	early Sept.
U.N.O.11.	PASTEUR.	3rd September.
U.N.O.12.	ANDES.	25th September
U.N.O.13.	WEST POINT.	late September
U.N.O.14.	WEST POINT.	mid October
U.N.O.15.	WEST POINT.	early November

2. Agreed.
(B.A.S. Washington 241215Q to W.O.)

PHOEBE, CHASER. Following is repetition of my 220120Z (Begins). From N.S.H.Q. New York. Departed June 20 PHOEBE for Norfolk. New York, arrived June 21 CHASER from Norfolk. (Ends.) (Ottawa C.C.O.241235Z to Admty. B.A.D. Halifax, C.C.O. St. Johns, N.F. C.C.O.)

A.T.52 (QUEEN MARY). A.T.52 departs position J. at 0130Z/25 speed 26.7 kts. Routed (J) 39.01 N. 70.03 W. (K) 38.59 N. 63.45 W. (L) 39.25 N. 54.55 W. (M) 41.30 N. 44.59 W. (N) 45.21 N. 35.02 W. (O) 50.50 N. 26.30 W. Request continuous air cover from 69.00 W. to Eastward limit of aircraft. (C. in C. N.A. 241443Z to A.O.C. in S.W. Pac. (R) F.O.N.F. Admty. Cominch, N.S.H.Q.) Departed Ambrose 1759Z for Clyde.E.T.A. Clyde Boom 2200Z/29th S. of A. 26.7. (P.D. New York 242038Z to Cominch C. & R.)

Aircraft Crew. My 232223 (Re U.S. Ship reports she is proceeding to pick up crew of British Kingfisher plane). Aircraft now identified as American. (B.A.D.241501Z to Admty.(R)F.O.I.C.Gib. F.O.C.W.A. S.B.N.O. W.At.) /COLDSTREAMER...

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COLDSTREAMER, COLDSTREAMER and HESPERIA expected time of arrival
HESPERIA. St. John's, N.F. 0900Z P.C. and S. 046° 53' N. 047°
48' W. 281° 11 knots. Ice reports several large
growlers sighted in this position.
(COLDSTREAMER 241512Z to F.O.N.F. C. in C. W.A.)

Dispositions. Section South West. S.H.88 A. EYEBRIGHT 045° 47'
059° 54' 230° 10 altering to (?240°) in 045° 23' N.
060° 33' W. S.H.88 RED DEER 044° 23' 062° 41'
239° 8. en route Halifax. B.X.59 GEORGETOWN,
SASKATOON, DUNVEGAN, Halifax Approaches in bound. F.H.61A TRAIL,
E.T.A. Halifax light-vessel 2100Z/24. RENARD vicinity 043° 47'
063° 50' on route Halifax. O.N.188 W.9. 040° 23' 065° 26' 233°
9 altering to 272° in 039° 28' N. H.X.245 W. 2 039° 44' 069° 31'
089° altering to 061° in 068° 00' W. F.H.62 COWICHAN departs
St. Johns N.F. 2300Z/24th to position 044° 02' 066° 46' (?thence)
161° 8 knots altering to 098° in 042° 59' N. and to 051° in 065°
14' W. OAKVILLE escorting one Merchant Ship due Halifax Light
Vessel 2100Z/24th inbound. Hospital ship LADY NELSON (?076°) 48'
059° 47' 323° 13.5 to position 044° 00' 063° 00' en route Halifax.
SS. GEORGE WASHINGTON (?044°) 15' 060° 58' 240° 15 altering to
265° in 063° 05' W. QUEBEC, ALGOMA, ALBERNI, 045° 10' 061° 00'
en route Halifax. A.T.51 043° 50' 063° 17' 180° 19.5 altering to
090° in 043° 00' N. and to 099° in 060° 01' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 241530Z.)

STRIKER. Cominch originator has given to C.E.S.F. action.
Sail STRIKER Norfolk to New York when ready 27th
for inclusion in H.X.246.
(R.D.O. Washington 241558Z to N.S.H.Q. Admty.
C. in C. C.N.A. C. in C. W.A.C. F.O.N.F.)

U/B. S/M sighted by fishing trawler in 044° 08' N. 061°
20' W. at 1700Z/24th.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 241705Z to G.B.7A.)
My 241705 amend longitude to read 060° 33' W.
Trawler reports S/M proceeding on surface in
Easterly direction.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 242145Z to G.B.7A.)

Convoy. Comtask 21.5's 232047 (Restricted distribution,
not recd. in W.D.) presume you will reply and
that convoy destination is Gibraltar.
(D.T.D. 241714B to Connav (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.
N.O.I.C. Dakar, Commorseafron.)

S/M. (Cominch 241716Z.)
Estimate.

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B.7. Argentia 24th. Arrival of B.7 consisting of DUNCAN, VIDETTE, Tay, LOOSESTRIFE, SNOWFLAKE and SUNFLOWER at 1350 (?X.K.B.S) Ex O.N.S.10. (Capt.D. Argentia 241825Z to Admty.)

Tankers,
Oil stocks
for U.K.

X Understood from B.A.D. that an additional 12 fast tankers can be made available for U.K. imports and will be ready to sail from New York in mid July. 2. As you are aware the U.K. oil stocks are not being rebuilt from the dangerous level to which they have fallen at a rate sufficient to reach the necessary target figure by 1st April, 1944, and if this is not done the United Nations will be severely handicapped in the execution of future operations from this country. 3. Whilst we are most anxious to accept this offer of additional tankers the limiting factor in the ability of the United Nations to make up the deficit in U.K. oil reserves is that of Escorts. It is understood that in view of the escort commitments for Transatlantic troop convoys you are unable to provide escorts for additional tankers convoys. The only group amongst our escort and support groups which has the necessary speed and endurance is the one now operating offensively in the Bay and which has just killed U-Boats. We should not feel justified in diverting this group from its present duty. 4. It appears that without unjustifiable sacrifices elsewhere we cannot make the best use of available fast tankers so long as it is insisted that all should be escorted, regardless of the scale of U-Boat threat likely to be encountered. The following proposals are therefore put forward as a temporary means of meeting the present situation:- (a) The present UC/CU convoy to be increased to at least 20 repetition 20 ships, commencing with U.C.3, and the cycle to be closed to the minimum possible, omitting the leg to New York. (b) The balance of tankers available to be sailed independently from New York to the U.K., or when this is unacceptable, to sail in H.X. convoy until reaching Iceland/U.K. air cover and then to proceed independently to destination according to the U-Boat situation at the time. 5. As regards (a), it is suggested that in view of the speed of this convoy and the size of the escort the proposed increase of 20 ships would not materially increase the risk. As regards (b), it is suggested that the reduced U-Boat activity in the Northern area justifies the risk of independent sailing. (1st S.L. 241949B to (R) B.A.D. C. in C.W.A.) As amended 251318B.

M/Vs.
independent
sailing.

X My 131544 Feb. suggest for your consideration that during present quiet phase in northern latitudes all British and Norwegian controlled ships of 15 knots and over should revert to independent sailing as in M.A.R.I. Section 1 para. 6A. Norwegian Shipping Mission London agrees. (D.T.D. 242040B to Connav. (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.)

/Straggler's...

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Straggler's Report No.6. 2 arrived Sydney from S.C.134. 2 arrived Halifax from H.X.244 All 3 lost convoy due to fog. 3 arrived St.John's, N.F. from H.X.244. Both lost convoy due to fog. HUBERT H. BANCROFT (U.S.) 21st cracked hull plate. (Midship N.C.S.O. Montreal 242101Z to Admty.)

? CASANOVA. Your 010946 March to N.S.H.Q. only. Admiralty asking for any further news of CANANOVA (?CASANOVA). (N.S.H.Q. 242118Z to S.O. (I) Jamaica (R) Admty.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. All times. (A) Plane attacks S/M course 270.59 N. 26.18 W. 1420/24. Liberator attacks S/M course 090 58.15 N. 25.15 W. 1430/24. (C) Steamship MORMACDOVE sights S/M 25.13 N. 58.08 W. 0026/24. (D) Fishing Trawler sights S/M 44.08 N. 61.20 W. 1700/24. (Cominch 242150Z to Admty.)

Movements, Bermuda. Bermuda arrival. French minesweepers COMMANDANT DELAGE and LA GRACIEUSE. (S.B.N.O. W.At. 242207P to Admty. (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. M.W.D. Commorseafron.)

Route for British ships from Atlantic for India. Reference Cominch C. and R. 171331 is your 211730 May still in effect. (N.S.H.Q. 242218Z to Admty.)

K.14. Netherlands S/M K.14 leaving New London for U.K. departs Point Judith 2200Z/25. References Cominch 182246 and my 242059. Advance 12 knots to point L. 0800Z/26 then 105 miles per day to longitude 66.17 at 0200Z/28. Thereafter 10 knots. M.0635Z/29. N. 1810Z/30. O. 0415Z/2 July. Ref. B.A.D. 212145, will shift wireless watch at point O instead of long. 35, unless otherwise directed. (Adcomd Comsublant 242357 to Comnavu, C.T.F.24, Cominch, (R) C. in C. Lant, F.O.N.F., C. in C. C.N.A., Admty, N.S.H.Q. F.O.S., C. in C. W.A. K.14 and B.A.D.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.70. SS. sighted by native Lomluns Island Santa Cruz a.m. 23rd. One also (?) Undine Bay Efate 1645M/23. U.S.S. O'BANNON reports Task Unit attacked by SS. 0655M/23, position 11.35 S. 162.08 E. Two AK (?) sinking. U.S.S. TREVOR unsuccessfully attacked West

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No.70.
(Contd.)

of Salvo night 20th. Thirty D.B. and T.B. screened by 32 F night 21st, bombed and machine gunned aerodrome at Munda hitting runway revetments Black positions. One explosive fire started. Three Wildcats destroyed. Type 97 Q.A.K.R. 20 miles off Florida Island. Evening 20th 4 Liberators bombed Kieta and Kahila results unobserved. Five Marus Buin 21st.
(C.W.R. Wellington 240002Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty. etc.)

Digest
serial
No.520
June 23rd.

At mid-day 17 Liberators attacked Makassar dropping bombs on wharf area and incendiaries over town. Hit claimed on probable cruiser and merchantman alongside wharf. Much shipping observed in harbour including 4 light cruisers, 1 destroyer, 2 tankers, 4 merchant ships. 1 transport type aircraft airborne over target also 1 fighter which crashed into Liberator destroying both aircraft.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 240750Z.)

Movements.

Arrivals Brisbane 23rd. U.S.S. COUCAL, Townsville 23rd U.S.S. MIZAR.
(A.C.N.B. 241209Z to Admty.)
Arrivals Darwin 23rd INVERELL Townsville 23rd U.S. Des. MUGFORD, CORNEL, Sydney 23rd VENDETTA, WARRNAMBOOL.
(A.C.N.B. 241234Z.)

Kiwi No.71.

Suva Fiji entrance Sono Buoys detected unidentified propellor beats 10 minutes after 1824M/23rd also light sighted South Suva shining direction Mbengga 1855M. U.S.S. STARLING investigated nil results. Naivaka and Yassawa posts North Fiji sighted flare position Bligh water North Vitklsivu. S/M sighted 1740M/24th between Tongariki and Valja Island North Waate. Forty minutes later probably same S/M seen North Buninga Island. Maybe same one seen Undine Bay 1645M/23rd. Comlon Island S/M sighted again 0845M/24th 7 (corrupt groups) refers. ALUDRA sank and DEIMOS settling fast at 1033M/23rd, result of S/M attack South San Cristobal. Japanese and unfriendly natives forced coastwatchers to abandon equipment withdraw into interior Bougainville Island. Enemy air strength New Britain now 145 fighters, 101 Bombers, 29 recce 22nd.
(C.W.R. Wellington 242354Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.
Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 241317B, 241318B.)

25.6.1943.
Friday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORTS.Home Commands.

1. BERMUDA returned to Plymouth today from the Mediterranean.

Operation
VP-Y.

X 2. M.T.B's 619 and 623 returned to Lerwick this afternoon. They were unable to carry out the operation owing to sighting by enemy aircraft and extreme visibility.

Force R.

X 3. The assembly and subsequent training of an amphibious assault force in Rosyth Command is under consideration.

X 4. A case of suspected sabotage caused some damage to DANAE (Eastern Fleet) at the Tyne today.

X 5. SHROPSHIRE was officially transferred to the Australian Navy at 1100 today.

6. 272 Fortresses were despatched this morning, to attack targets at Hamburg and Bremen. Owing to cloud, the aircraft were unable to locate their primary targets and dropped about 319 tons of bombs on N.W. Germany.

South Atlantic.

7. The American tanker EAGLE (6003 tons) was torpedoed at 0405Z today in about 2307 S. 41.53 W. (about 90 miles East of Rio de Janeiro) She arrived at Rio at 1900Z today.

A Brazilian aircraft attacked with depth charges a U-Boat at 1350Z today in approx. 23.26 S. 42.25 W. The result is not known.

Mines off
Dakar.

X 8. Three mines have now been exploded in the approaches to Dakar, the third being 12 miles distant from the other two. It is thought that the mining off the port may be on a larger scale than at first believed, as explosions were seen on 11 and 17 June, though Admiral Collinet failed to inform F.O.C. West Africa. The latter considers that no valuable ships such as fast tankers should approach Dakar or Bathurst until the situation is clearer and swept channels established (See 26 June.)

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Mediterranean.

9. 6 Wellingtons bombed Olbia docks and railway sidings last night. Torpedo Beaufighters today attacked a 6000 ton escorted merchant ship south-west of Lido di Roma, Italy, no hits were seen, but the vessel was left smoking. One of the two escort vessels was damaged by cannon fire and the escorting H.E.115 was shot down. 136 U.S. Fortresses of N.W.A.A.F. Advanced were despatched today to attack Messina. No details are reported.

East Indies.

10. Eight U.S. Mitchells attacked shipping in the Irrawaddy today.

America and West Indies.

11. The new escort carrier CHASER left New York today in Convoy H.X.245 for U.K. Sixty ships sailed from New York, 26 from Halifax and 3 from Newfoundland, total 89.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

UNTIRING. My 231145 June. / UNTIRING will not be available before 6th July. Further signal will be made. (S.3. 251001B to F.O.S.) / re delay of PROTEOUS and UNTIRING.

American Amphibious Training base at Appledore.

X A letter has now been received from Admiral Stark requesting facilities to establish an amphibious training base at Appledore. 2. The total scale of the naval commitment is not known but the first requirement is to provide berthing, accommodation and maintenance facilities for 6 L.C.T., 12 L.C.M. and 48 L.C.V. (P) together with Naval staff and crews of approx 125 Officers and 1,000 men.

It is expected that 50 Officers and 500 men will arrive in the U.K. on 24th July, together with some of the craft, and the remainder by early August. 3. Reference to A.L. M.051589/42 of 7th October shows that this requirement will absorb all arrangements at present being made at Appledore. You are accordingly requested to signal whether you are in agreement with the experimental establishment being transferred elsewhere and existing accommodation being vacated in due course including PRESIDENT WARFIELD in favour of American requirements.

4. If you are not in agreement with vacating Appledore request you will state what is the minimum accommodation and other facilities required to be reserved for your use. (D. of P. 251221B to C.C.O.)

Your 1866/Ply. 0202 of 9th June and A.M. 251221 to C.C.O. On the assumption that approval will in due course be granted to the establishment of an amphibious training base at Appledore and subject to C.C.Os. concurrence in vacating all accommodation at Appledore. It is requested you will confirm that arrangements can be made to accommodate the advance party of 50 Officers and 500 men together with some portion of their craft by 24th July. 2. As it is necessary to define the extent to which repair facilities berthing and accommodation in Appledore, should be reserved for British naval purposes, you are requested to forward a report stating the British Naval requirements which still remain to be met in this port when it is vacated by the Combined Operations Experimental Establishment and is occupied as an American training base.

(D. of P. 251222B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Amphibious Assault Force in Rosyth Commands.

X The assembly and subsequent training of an amphibious assault force in your Command is now under consideration. 2. This force will consist of the following units:-

8 L.S.I. (L)	11 L.C.F. (L)
1 L.S.H.	9 L.C.G. (M)
24 L.S.T. (2)	96 L.C.P. (L)
36 L.C.T. (3)	36 L.C.I. (L)
120 L.C.T. (4)	119 L.C.A.
24 L.C.T. (5)	30 L.C.A. (Special)
12 L.C.T. (R)	32 L.C.S. (M)

It is anticipated that a nucleus of the landing craft will start to assemble about 16th Oct. and 3 L.S.I. (L) by 1st Nov. 50% of the flotillas of landing craft should have arrived by 16th Dec. and the remainder by about 1st Feb. The full number of L.S.I. (L) will arrive by 1st Feb. and all the remaining landing ships by 1st March. 3. Principal requirements. 4. You are requested to

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Amphibious Assault Force in Rosyth Command. (Contd.) examine these requirements in consultation with C. in C. Portsmouth who is the Naval Commander designate and C.C.O. and forward your proposals with regard to meeting the naval aspects of them. You should give consideration to the establishment of a semi-mobile landing craft maintenance base, the equipment and personnel for which will be provided by the Admiralty, and the development of Bo'ness as a second landing craft maintenance base to be equipped and manned by a semi-mobile unit. Details of these semi-mobile units will be forwarded by letter. 5. You should consult with D. of D. with regard to the provision of the necessary repair facilities. The basis of calculation should be an assumption that at all times approx. 10% of the landing craft will require repair attention and 20% maintenance attention, thus providing a 70% availability for the force. 6. As this matter is still under consideration a preliminary report should be forwarded on the naval aspects at an early date. Separate instructions are being issued on the procedure for selecting the assault ranges referred to.
(D. of P. 251453B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Movements.

L.S.T.406. BANFF. Your 231907 sailed L.S.T.406 and BANFF. (Cdre. (D) W.A. 250125B to C. in C. W.A.)

ECLIPSE. Proceed to Gibraltar. (C. in C. Plymouth 250725B to ECLIPSE (R) C. in C. Med. Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. W.A. CHARYBDIS, SCYLLA.) My 250725B/June. Passing through position U. 045° 01' N. 013° 10' W. V. 040° 01' N. 013° 10' W. thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. (C. in C. Plymouth 251207B to ECLIPSE.)

BERMUDA. Cancel para. 2 of my 241013. (2) On arrival 2 boilers may be cleaned concurrently and 24 hours leave each watch may be given. (3) On completion first 2 boilers ship will be required to be at 4 hours notice or less according to operational situation. (C. in C. Plymouth 251229B to BERMUDA.)

S/M movements. Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/26 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 251649B, 260022B, 260754B.)

S/M movements. Sailed TANTALUS, THRASHER escorted by ALECTO in accordance with Capt. (S) 12th 241,735. Code word "Eager." (N.O.I.C. Greenock 251654B.)

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BERMUDA.

Arrived BERMUDA.
(C. in C.Plymouth 251845B.)

L.C.T.626.

1. On completion of refit, L.C.T.626 of the 26th Flotilla of L.C.T. (4) should be sailed to Plymouth. 2. C. in C.Plymouth is requested to sail this L.C.T. to Gibraltar in the convoy of

M.F.Vs. on 13th July. My 211825 refers.
(D.O.D.(H) 252032B.)GODETIA,
PIMPERNEL.Intend sailing GODETIA and PIMPERNEL 0900B/26th in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 251959 not to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven S.O.A. 12 knots, E.T.A. position C. 0900B/28th codeword "Coupling".
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 252209B.)Operations.Coastal Force
Patrols.Your 241537B Neutral returned with defect.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 250304B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
Your 241537B "Recruit" arrived 250529 "Recruit" 1 250515. * re patrols 24th June.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 250534B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight 25/26th June to be carried out by S.G.B. GREY WOLF, GREY OWL, GREY FOX from 0001B to 0400B on lat. 50° 25' N. between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W. 2. M.L. 346, 464 patrol searched channel between F. and E.A. 5 Buoys. 3. GOATHLAND, LA COMBATTANTE immediate notice at Yarmouth. 4. M.L. 208, 303, 269 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W. 5. St. Catherines Light to be shown for 5 minutes after each hour from midnight to 0405B.

6. Communications. Portsmouth M.L. Patrol. Portland M.L. Patrol.
7. GOATHLAND, LA COMBATTANTE acknowledge(C. in C.Portsmouth 251209B, 251701B to N.O.I.C. Newhaven, S.O.1st S.G.B.F. S.O.18th M.G.B.F. D.1 X.D.O.East. (R) Admty. C. in C.Plymouth, V.A.Dover, F.O.I.C. Portland, R.A.F.Tangmere and for 841 Sqdn. GOATHLAND, LA COMBATTANTE.)
Patrols 25th June. 1. M.G.Bs. 323, 334, 332 and 331 are to carry out anti E-Boat patrol 3 miles 360° A.B.D. 180° from position 200° Start 11 miles. Attention is drawn to Q.Z.X. 1012 and 1022, which may be crossed in close pursuit of enemy.
2. Leave Plymouth passing gate 2200B leave patrol for Plymouth 0430B. 3. Communications.(C. in C.Plymouth 251501B to M.G.Bs. 323 334, 332, 331, DEFIANCE, (R) F.O.I.C.Falmouth, N.O.I.C.Dartmouth, F.O.I.C. Portland, Admty. C. in C.Portsmouth, 10 Group.)
Dover dispositions for night of 25th/26th June. M.Ls. 255 and 203 at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. S.2 and S.1 at Bullock Bank. E.T.D. 2315, E.T.R. 0415/26. M.G.Bs. 114 and 118 from Ramsgate at "V" buoy E.T.D. 2315, E.T.R. 0445/26.

(V.A.Dover 251831B.)

My 251501B. Sailed.

(C. in C.Plymouth 252235B.)

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".My 242313B. Expect one Halifax about 0625.
Call sign Y8ZK.
(C. in C.Plymouth 250325B to WILD GOOSE, (R) Admty. C. in C.W.A. E.G.2.)
Report position with regard to A. Fuel. B. Depth charges.
(C. in C.Plymouth 251135B to S.O.E.G.2, etc.)

Your 251135B (A) all ships (?have) 45% fuel (B) all ships over 65 depth charges remaining. Anticipate can remain on patrol for about 4 more days.

(S.O.E.G.2 251305B to C. in C.Plymouth, etc.)

/My...

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"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug."
(Contd.)

My 251919B (Former Hush Most Secret) not to all addressees. B.5 Group consisting HAVELOCK (S.O) VOLUNTEER, VIMY, VISCOUNT, GODETIA, PIMPERNEL and BERRY is to proceed to carrying out anti U-Boat patrol in Bay of Biscay working in conjunction with second escort group and aircraft of Coastal Command. 2. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail destroyers and Frigate referred to at 0900B 26 for position 045° 30' N. 012° 01' W. pass position:-
A. 054° 15' N. 010° 40' W. B. 050° 01' 012° 31'.
C. 049° 01' 012° 31'. 3. N.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail GODETIA and PIMPERNEL at 0900B tomorrow Saturday to R/V with remainder in position C at 0900B/28 routed through Q.Z.S.315. 4. B.5 group is to come under the order of C. in C. Plymouth after R/V in position C. 5. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to issue necessary instructions. A.O.C. in C.C.C. 122257B is being passed to all ships. 6. ARCHER, LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE are to remain at Greenock until further orders. (C. in C. W.A. 251959B to N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Liverpool (R) Group 15, E.G.2, E.G.B.5 Captain (D) Liverpool Group 19, Captain (D) Greenock, Admiralty, ARCHER, HAVELOCK, GODETIA, LIMBOURNE, H.Q.C.C. C. in C. Plymouth.)

Search for
enemy
ship.Scapa arrivals MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA.
(A.C.O.S. 250551.)

CHARYBDIS.

Your primary object from 1200B/25th is to cover X.K.9 and secondary object to cover 2nd escort Group.

(C. in C. Plymouth 251027B to CHARYBDIS (R) E.G.2. Escorts X.K.9. SCYLLA, Escorts K.M.S.18A. Escorts O.S.50. IROQUOIS, Admiralty, C. in C.W.A. ECLIPSE, ORKAN.)

Operation
VP-Y.X My 241542B. M.T.B's. 619 and 623 returned Lerwick 1330B today Friday. 2. Unable to get in owing to sighting by enemy aircraft and extreme visibility.
(A.C.O.S. 251515B.)S/M
patrols.

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/26th and movements for following 24 hours. Paras. (A) (B) (C) (D) and (E) as in my 231634. Para (F) as in my 241629. (G) 56° 38' N. 07° 10' W. for Scapa calling for about one hour at Port H.H.Z.

E.T.A. Port H.H.Z. 2000/26th. (H) TRUSTY escorted by CUTTY SARK vicinity 53° 30'. (J) STUBBORN (P.238) on patrol in area bounded by latitudes 47° 20' N. and 46° 00' N. and longitudes 04° 30' W. and 05° 30' W. (L) K.15 50. N. 35 W. probably on surface through 52.02 N. 30.01 W. and 54.10 N. 24.45 W. speed 10 knots. (M) SEADOG (P.216) leaves Lerwick 2300/26 probably on surface through 62.01 N. 00.38 W. then to North-Eastwards. (W.D. Note of A.M.260126B F.O. (S) 261637B and 261816B.)

/Allied...

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Iceland Air Report. U/B sunk 24 June second U/B attacked. A/S sweep and escort to O.N.S.11 by L.H.120 from 1127/24 to 2020/24 left 34 M.V.S. several E.V.S. in M.N.E.J. 0350 270 7. At 1628/24 in 58.15 N. 24.25 W. H.120 sighted fully surfaced U.B.5 miles from A/C on course 090/8 and attacked with 4 X.250 lb Torpex D.Cs. Mk.XI Pistol Mk.XVI from 50 feet setting 25 ft. spacing 100 ft. Only 2 D.Cs. dropped owing damage by A.A. fire. Coming in to attack Capt. F/Lt. Fraser opened up with nose cannon and U.B. opened fire with 37 M.M. after gun and with cannon gun in C/T hitting A/C and damaging hydraulics and bomb door creep which caused the other two D.Cs. to hang up. Capt. made second run to attack with 600 lb. D.C. but owing damage inflicted D.C. did not release. Very considerable disturbance with oil and air bubbles and bow rose out of water H.O.49 x 6 ft. then U.B. disappeared stern first leaving 15 survivors in water some clinging to long cylindrical object. A/C remained 20 mins. in vicinity. Flight Engineer suffered minor shrapnel injury in neck. A/C landed safely base despite hydraulic damage. Petrol leak also sustained so A/C returned early. The explosions straddled just aft of C/T. A/S sweep by I.G.K.84 from 1605/24 to 1756/24 all A/C returned early owing weather. At 1607/24 G.84 sighted U.B. on surface in 59.00 N. 26.18 W. 270.14. A/C attacked but D.Cs. failed to release so A/C circled again and attacked with two 325 lb Torpex nose spoiler Mk.25 set 25 ft. manual release 65 ft. U.B. fully surfaced on attack. D.Cs. dropped short of and astern of U.B. by 50 ft. At 1619/24 U.B. commenced to submerge and A/C made final attack dropping 1 x 600 lb. D.C. A/C remained approx. 2 hours 40 mins. in vicinity and some wood seen and possibly one body. Gunfire exchanged.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Iceland 250253B.)

Iceland. A.C.203 25th June. My A.C/99 (199 25th June) programme. (1) All sorties returned to base weather in area. (2) Three sorties returned to base weather in area.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Iceland 251245B.)

Southern Chain, Request Southern Chain from 2300/25th June to 0500 26th June.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 251250B to C.O. C.C.H.Q.)

Bomber Command Report. Covering period 1200/24 to 1200/25. Day 24th June. 5 Whitleys of 91 Group carried out anti-submarine patrols. 2 of the A/C sighted wakes of periscopes, and 1 A/C attacked but without observed results. Night 24/25th June. (3) 2/4 (sic) Stirlings of 3 Group laid mines successfully. For details see summary of Ops.No.633
(H.Q.B.C. 251300B.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.A-P
"Butterfly"
bombs.

X The enemy has in a recent raid at night on this country used large numbers of small anti-personnel "Butterfly" bombs in conjunction with incendiaries probably with the intention of hampering fire fighting operations. If these bombs have been used, careful search after a raid is necessary to ensure discovery of U.X.Bs. Attention is called to C.A.F.O.1115/43.
(D. of L.D. 252253B to Cs. in C.etc.)

Mining.Sweep by
GWEAL etc.

My 241505B SLAVE XI sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 250508.)
Your 241308B. Intend to sail GWEAL (S.O) PORCHER DOCKET and ULVA at 0430B/25 sweeping Q.Z.S.416 to Plymouth. 2. Codeword SLAVE XI E.T.A. 1200B/25.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 241505B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Q.Z.X.1022. Sail in company with PROSPECT and M.L.229 at 0600/27 to lay Dans, remainder of flotilla to sail 0730 and R/V with you for commencing clearance of Q.Z.X.1022.
(C. in C. Plymouth 251632 to GWEAL.)

Sheerness.

My 231258B/6. Details of one ground mine detonated 1159B/23 by ARCTIC HUNTER in 027° North Foreland Light. 12.4 miles, laid possibly night of 4/5th June 1943. No damage.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 250955B.)
My 230950B/6. Details of one ground mine detonated 0846B/23 by M.M.S.182,44. S.A. and L.L. in 050° Tongue Sand Tower. 6.75 miles, laid possibly night of 4/5th June 1943. No damage.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 251002B.)

Operation
Q.V.(4).

Carry out following operation tonight Friday.
1. Q.U. (4) with all available boats of 21st M.T.B. Flotilla. 2. Mines A.S.Y.B. 219 P.D.M.3 between 2 and 4 remainder between 6 and 10.
(C. in C. Nore 251033B to BEEHIVE (R) F.O.I.C. Harwich, F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, V.A. Dover, Capt. C.F. MANTIS, Admty.)

Sweep
by
HOUND.

Have swept a further 6 cables today Friday negative result. Anchoring at Torbay for the night intend proceeding at 0600B tomorrow Saturday to resume operations.
(HOUND 252123B.)

Enemy Intelligence.Merchant
Ship
and 2 E.Vs.

P.C.S. 1 medium vessel 5,000 tons 2 escort vessels
40.57 12.05 course 280° speed 10 knots.
(A/C 555 251425B to 45 U.)

/U/Bs...

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats.Biscay
Area.SS. Wake 100 yards long sighted by Beaufighter
at 0653 in 47.00 N. 07.45 W. from N.H.Y. to N.J.C.
(Comfairwing 15 251415Z to C.L.S.F.F.)Casualties & Defects.

STARLING.

Ref. my 242221B. P.C. & S. of STARLING and KITE
at 2100B/24th June 045° 24' N. 011° 56' W. 00°
12 knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth 250125B to PYTCHLEY.)

SS. BENEDICT.

Arrived SS. BENEDICT assisted by GROWLER.
(F.O.I.C.N.I. 250650B.)

DANAE.

X On moving port main engine to-day Friday portions
of a drill and another tool were found in port
gear case. Extent of damage to gears not yet
ascertained. Port main engine last used on 22nd
June. It appears probable that these tools have been deliberately
introduced between 22nd and to-day Friday 25th. No person
suspected. Full written report will follow.
(E.R.3384, 251040B.)

Sunk
Head
Fort.

/ C.O. Sunk Head Fort reports that demolition work
by COLCHESTER on wreck of JOSEFINA THORDEN is
causing him considerable disquiet for safety of
Fort 300 lb. charges 12 in number fired yesterday
and today Friday appeared to have greater effect
as each one fired. Have suspended operations on
this wreck pending expert decision as to possibility of damage
if dispersal is continued. W.D.O. can give no definite inform-
ation how clear wreck is as cutter fitted with depth sounding
gear is unserviceable but considers it clear to 28 feet.
COLCHESTER will work meanwhile on wreck dynamo.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 251700B.)

M.T.B.233.

Harwich 25th June departure H.M.R.T. KENIA to
assistance M.T.B.233, damaged in collision.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 250719B.)

H.D.M.L.1243.

Returned from convoy with following defects:-
(3) Vessel needs slipping and thorough overhaul.
(4) Request port may be allocated where repairs
can be carried out. (5) Vessel can probably proceed
on one engine.
(SKIRMISHER II 251105B to Admty.)

H.M.D.MARY J.
MASSON.Arrived Fraserburgh 1815B/25 with defective furnace
door. Repairs have been taken in hand.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 251910B.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- X.K.9. Ref. A.M.240031B not to last 4 addressees. After repetition after receipt of information that operation has been completed IROQUOIS and ORKAN are to join convoy X.K.9 and act as extra escort.
(2) Estimated position X.K. 9 at 0800B/25th 042° 01' N. 015° 01' W. course 000° 11½ knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 250137B to IROQUOIS, ORKAN (R) Admty, SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS, C. in C. W.A. BATTLER, Escorts X.K.9.)
Your 250137B has been received corrupt but am proceeding to join X.K.9. Request confirmation.
(ORKAN, 250923B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Your 250923 Confirmed. Estimated P. C. and S. X.K.9 at 0800B/25th, 042° 01' N. 015° 01' W. 000° 11½.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 25153B to ORKAN)
- Convoy W.S.32. Following are amendments to Convoy W.S.32. Statement dated 15.6. (a) W.S.32 Proper: Delete HIGHLAND PRINCESS, ORION and VOLENDAM. Also MALOJA for W.Africa/M.E. Substitute MALOJA for India. (b) W.S.32 (North African Portion): Delete ANTENOR. Add HIGHLAND PRINCESS and VOLENDAM.
(2) ANTENOR is to be prepared as a reserve only for W.S.32 (North African portion)
(D. of S.T.250212B)
- A.T.51. Convoy A.T.51 comprising PASTEUR is due Liverpool (PASTEUR) 1/7 with approx. 4,000 personnel on board. Details will be signalled later. (2) Approx. 2250 personnel including 1,000 German P.O.W. will embark p.m. 4/7 and a.m. 5/7. (3) Vessel is required to sail again as convoy T.A. 51 p.m. 5/7.
(D. of S.T. 250213B)
- VOLENDAM (D.S.42.) VOLENDAM is required to be ready to sail from Clyde on 6/7 as convoy D.S.42. (2) Approx. 1200 personnel will embark at Tail of the Bank on 5/7 and 6/7.
(D. of S.T. 250214B)
- Examination at Barrow. x As from 0001B/26, examination at Barrow of Vessels bound from U.K. ports, and not calling at intermediate ports in Eire, is waived, subject to their arrival at Barrow having been notified in advance through the Naval Authority at the ports of departure, and to recognition by the examination battery at Fort Helpford. Vessels entering are to exhibit their signal letters by flags during daylight and are to make them by flashing lamp during hours of darkness.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 251302B)
- O.N.190. At 251300Z proceeding from Moville to join O.N.190. (AGASSIZ, 251310Z)

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- O.N.190,
(Contd.) Sailed 5th E.G. to overtake O.N.190.
TWEED, CALGARY, PORT ARTHUR at 2100. NENE at
2305.
(Cdre. (D) W.A. 252305B)
- K.M.S.18B. Comdre. (D) W.A. 241754. It is hoped that
spare parts will be received on board a.m./26th.
Ship is to be sailed to overtake K.M.S.18 B on
completion of repairs but in any case not later
than 2000/26th. If parts are not received arrangements will
be made to transport them in an escort of K.M.F.18.
(C. in C. W.A. 251440B)
- K.M.F.19. Request KRAKOWIAK be sailed as additional
escort to Gibraltar for K.M.F.19. (2) C. in C
Plymouth pass A.M.231720 to KRAKOWIAK.
(D.O.D.(H) 251450B to C. in C. Plymouth,
C. in C. W.A.)
- Admiralty 231720. (1) (A) SCIMITAR is to arrive Bar L.V. as
arranged by N.O.I.C. Liverpool and escort ORMONDE FRANCONIA to
Clyde. (B) SCIMITAR to Londonderry on completion part 2 A/S
escort. (A) From Clyde. WANDERER S.O., INCONSTANT, WRESTLER,
BANN, PLYM. (B) to join from Liverpool at Oversay R/V SWALE.
(3) Request you will sail ship accordingly.
(C. in C. W.A. 251549B to N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Liverpool,
Cdre. (D) W.A.)
- W.S.31. Following troop transports sailed from U.K.19.6
in Convoy W.S.31 with troops and supplies for
West Africa and India. RANGITIKI, STRATHEDEN,
U.S. ERICSSON, U.S. GOETHALS. (3) Following
commercial freightships also sailed in Convoy W.S.31: CITY OF
LINCOLN, CLAN MACAULAY, CLAN MACARTHER. (4) STAFFORDSHIRE,
ARAWA, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, HIGHLAND MONARCH and STIRLING CASTLE
will join Convoy W.S.31 from West African ports as arranged by
F.O.C.W.Af. for India. D.S.T.O. West Africa is requested to
signal details of personnel on board and sea speed on sailing.
(9) Commodore of Convoy is Commodore Sir A.T. Davies, K.B.E.,
R.N.R. in STRATHEDEN, Vice Commodore Captain E.W. Robinson in
RANGITIKI. (10) Addressees pass to S.T.O's and Military
Authorities concerned.
(D. of S.T. 251625B)
- K.M.S.19. Sailed convoy in accordance with my 231008B *
June codeword "Numeral".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 251634, 251828B)
* Re sailing of K.M.S.19 escorted by DART.
The following ships in convoy K.M.S.19 sailed at 251647B June.
EMPIRE ARCHER, EMPIRE FLORIZEL, EMPIRE PERDITA, ?AELBERT CUYP,
FORT FORK, MIDDLESEX TRADER, LAMBROOK, DEFENDER, EMPIRE FARMER,
OCEAN VIKING, EMPIRE FALSTAFF, JERSEY HART, FORT PENNA, OCEAN

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(Contd.)

VENGEANCE, FORT WALSH, FORTH BANK, FORT HOWE, PACIFIC EXPORTER, HARLESDEN, EMPIRE NEWTON, CITY OF DELHI, JOHN BAKKE, OCEAN VIRTUE, EMPIRE GRANGE, FORT GRAHAME, FRANSVAN MEISIS, EMPIRE NERISSA, CHERTSEY, FORT CHARNISSAY, FORT VALE, CAPE HOWE, COXWOLD, LOCHEE, ATLANTIC COAST, JADE, CITY OF NEWCASTLE.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 251715B)

Sailed BLUEBELL at 1720B/25th CAMELLIA delayed with engine defect. Estimate these will be completed by noon 26th June intend sailing her to overtake as soon as ready.
(N.O.I.C.Liverpool, 252126B)

O.N.191,
192.

O.N.191. It is at present estimated that there will be approx. 50 presenters for O.N.191 and probably more than 80 for O.N.192. 2. In order to reduce disparity in numbers it may be desirable to postpone O.N.191 up to 2 days. Request your concurrence.
(D. T. D. 251643B to C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A.)

K.M.F.18.

A.M.221653/June. Route for K.M.F.18 as follows:-
R/V in position. T.R.270°. Oversay 6 miles at 0730B/June.29th. Through T.S.55° N. 10° W. T.T.51° N. 16° W. T.U.45° 16° W. T.V.45° N. 15° W. T.W. 36° N. 10° W. 2. Speed is to be adjusted to pass Europa Point at 0530/July 5th. 3. Stragglers Route A.49° N. 17° W. B. 45° N. 17° W. C. 40° N. 16° W. D.36° N. 10° W. (4) (a) Ships which straggle before crossing 49° N. and are unable to rejoin the convoy are to return to U.K. by reverse of outward route. (b) Ships stragglings S. of 49° N. proceed to Gib. (c) Ships which straggle after passing Europa point proceed to Algiers.
(D.O.D. (H) 252122B.)

Staggered
Zigzag.

Your 222213. No objection.
(C. in C. H.F. 252359B to Admty.)

O.S.
50 K.M.S.17.
FOLKESTONE,
SS. DORNOCH.

S.O. Escort Group³⁸ reports P.C. and S. at 2000B 041 degs. 13' N. 014 degs. 22' W. (X) 170 degs. 9 knots 043 degs. 02' N. 014 degs. 31' W. SS. DORNOCH straggler from 24th June speed 6 knots T.O.O. 251529Z/6th. Ends. 2. Proceed along stragglers route and if met escort DORNOCH to Gibraltar or as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gib.
(C. in C. W.A. 252340B to FOLKESTONE, F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty. S.O. E.G. 38, C. in C. Med.)

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- S.L.131. S.L.131 reports THORSHOVDI joined at 241945.
(F.O.Gibraltar 250034 to C.T.F.69.)
- Gibraltar A.I.54 or 34? June 24th.
Air Report. Daily Opsum No. 235 23/24 June.
Convoy S.L.131 Lisbon section from 1934B/23 until
2034B off Cape St. Vincent was attacked by 3
F.W. 200 from low level and 5000 feet 2 Huds.
on escort to convoy attacked E/A. Smoke seen to come from
inner engine of one F.W.200 some damage to 1 Hud. and pilot
slightly injured. Five bomb splashes seen near convoy. No
hits observed.
(H.Q.R.A.F.Gibraltar 250105B.)
A.I.53 June 24th. Opsum operational Summary No. 235 for
24 hours ended 1800 hours June 24.
Detailed description of attack on S.L.131 by F.W. A/C given
by our own A/C. U-Boats sighted at 1000/24 V.M.B.F.1050 course
290° by A/C in transit U.K. Ras El Ma. U-Boat sighted aft
1219/24 V.H.P.E. 1057 by Well. in transit U.K. Ras El Ma.
(I) E/A activity Nil.
(A.H.Q.Gibraltar 242330Z.)
- U/B. By D/F on 5100 k/cs at 0059Z probable U-Boat
estimated within 150 miles of 36° 30' N. 31°
00' W.
(D.D.I.C. 250522B to F.O.Gibraltar.)
- TUMULT,
TYRIAN,
OFFA. Return Gibraltar acknowledge forthwith.
(F.O.Gibraltar 250714 to TUMULT, TYRIAN, OFFA,
(R) Admty.)
- W.S.31. Sailed FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE to join
W.S.31.
(F.O.Gibraltar 250908B to Admty. R.A.W.A.F.)
- Dispositions. Situation 2001B/25th.
U.S.Hospital ship SEMINOLE 039° 30' 045° 50'
086° 14.
(F.O.Gibraltar 251011B.)
Situation 1959B/25th.
Submarines BARB, HAKE and BLACKFISH on patrol in area 20 miles
either side of line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W.
2. G.U.S.8A, C.T.F.69, 029° 51' 020° 53' 252° 9.
(F.O.Gibraltar 251039B.)
Situation 2002B/25th.
O.T.6 (O.R.P.ORKAN) 21.5 022° 32' 020° 05' through 024° 01'
019° 55' thence 006° 13.7.
2. O.S.50/K.M.S.17, ENCHANTRESS, 041° 56' 014° 11' through 040°
01' 014° 15' thence 139° 7.
3. K.M.S.18A, WELLINGTON 045° 04' 014° 10' 181° 6½.

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Dispositions. 4. Convoy "G" NARVIK 042° 30' 013° 40' through
(Contd.) 040° 05' 036° 30' thence 142° 10.
5. W.S.31, FOXHOUND, 035° 28' 008° 27' through
034° 59' 008° 52' thence 207° 12½.
6. S.L.131, FOWEY (E) 035° 44' 010° 58' through
036° 01' 012° 01' thence 321° 6½.
(F.O.Gibraltar 251106B.)

ECLIPSE.

Proceed through A. all positions are N. and W.
unless otherwise indicated.

045° 00' 014° 30' B. 040° 01' 014° 40' C. 036°
15' 010° 29' D. 035° 47' 006° 25' and Q.K.A.87
to Gibraltar.

(F.O.Gibraltar 251236B to ECLIPSE, (R) Admty.
C. in C.Plymouth, C. in C.W.A. A.O.C. in C.C.C.
C. in C.Med.)

C. in C.Plymouth 251207. Cancel my 251236 onward route from V.
through W. 036° 35' 010° 01' W. X. 035° 47' 006° 25' W. and
Q.K.A.87 to Gib.

(F.O.Gib. 251624B to ECLIPSE, (R) C. in C.Med. Admty. C. in C.
Plymouth, A.O.C. in C.C.C. C. in C.W.A. CHARYBDIS, SCYLLA.)

HERBANIA.

Auxiliary sailing vessel HERBANIA sailing
tonight 25th for Fuertventura, part of cargo
provisions marked with a key and letters D.A.
believed to be for Germans at Jandia.

(H.M.Consul Las Palmas 251310 to Admty. (R)
S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

Note: Passed to F.O.S. H.Q.C.C. C. in C.W.A.
and C. in C.Plymouth.)

T.A.49.

Request route (presumably 241700Z. F.O.I.C.
Liverpool's 241800 refers.

(F.O.Gibraltar 251522 to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C.
Liverpool.)

Your 251522. Route for T.A.49 was repeated to you in my 211817
thus. Through position L. 270° Oversay 6 miles. M. 56.58 N.
16.00 W. N. 57.30 N. 25.01 W. O. 57.28 N. 34.59 W. P. 52.55
N. 39.30 W. Q. 42.00 N. 43.56 W. R. 39.04 N. 49.02 W. S.
37.56 N. 59.10 W. T. 38.00 N. 70.05 W.

Thence by standard approach route to New York.

(D.O.D.(H) 252303B to F.O.Gibraltar (R) F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Enemy Air
attack,
(SHETLAND
and
VOLTURNO
sunk 23rd
June.)

Sagres reports convoy of 4 merchant ships, 2
escort vessels attacked by 2 enemy aircraft
north of Cape St. Vincent 231925. One ship
bombed and hit. Crew abandoned ship which sank
0915 next day 3 miles westward of Cape St.
Vincent.

2. 2 enemy aircraft appeared 232025 from south
west and scored direct hit on larger part of
another merchant ship which sank in 5 minutes.

Another bomb fell among boats and rafts from
first ship blowing them into the air.

3. Enemy aircraft 4 engine probably Kuriers. 4. Portuguese
AZAVIA collected 2 empty life-boats.

(R.O.Portimao 251531B to B.N.A.Lisbon, (R) Admty. for D.N.I.
S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

/DJEBEL...

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DJEBEL AURES, Broadcast mentioned in your 241329 probably
SIDI BRAHIM. came from Fort George Station and information
did not originate officially from here. In
any case these embarkations are widely known
throughout Spain and Portugal. Strong air
escort in daylight hours is essential in view of recent
successful air attacks off the coast particularly if trains
were delayed and ships have to sail midday tide 28th.
Gibraltar will be informed by most immediate telegram of
progress of operations.
(B.N.A.Lisbon 251535B to C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
Admty. B.N.A.Madrid.)

MANXMAN. Your 241203. Arrangements have been made for
MANXMAN to be taken in hand by Messrs. Hawthorn
Leslie Hebburn-on-Tyne.
(D.D.O.D.(M) 251610B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
MANXMAN, R.A.(M) C. in C.Rosyth, F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

Movements Arrived VISENDA, BADSWORTH in tow FRISKY ex
Gibraltar. M.K.S.15.
(F.O.Gibraltar 251746B to Admty. etc.)
Departures LORD NUFFIELD escort duties Lisbon,
F.S.ANNAMITE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, L.C.T.316,18,
L.S.T.421, L.C.I.(L) 279 with T.E.24.)
(F.O.Gibraltar 252014B.)

Movements ARROW, AMAZON arrived from W.S.31, 1730A today.
Casablanca. (Commorseafroon 251915Z.)
AMAZON, ARROW arrived for? W.S.31 ex P.Cs. 473
and 475 sailed for Gibraltar with C.G.41.
(Commorseafroon 252107Z.)

MARIPOSA. Arrived today 1800A.
(Commorseafroon 251920Z to P.D.New York.)

ARROW. F.O.I.C. W.Af. 251119.
On completion of fuelling request you will sail
ARROW for Gibraltar.
2. Cancel para. 4 of my 241137. 3. Cancel my
241231.
(F.O.C.Gib. 251926B to Cmdr. U.S.Sea Frontier,
Morocco, ARROW.)

Convoy T.E.24 sailed for Algiers CARTHAGE, LE TRAIT,
T.E.24. EXPORT (for Bizerta) SELLINGE (for Sousse).
(?F.O.Gibraltar 251930B to N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

TUMULT. E.T.A. 0700B Saturday.
(TUMULT 252301B to F.O.C.Gibraltar (R) S.O.
Force H. Capt. D.24 D.F.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic.Mines,
Dakar.

Three mines have been exploded in approaches to Dakar. Third one 12 miles distant from other two. This information reached me after dispersal of FORT NIAGARA and ESSO PHILADELPHIA from O.T.6. In view of uncertainty of mining

situation in Dakar, Bathurst areas have diverted these ships to Freetown.

(Freetown W/T, 250135Z to Admty., (R) Cominch C. and R.)

Note: No originator indicated, Freetown W/T have been asked to furnish.

My 211919 para. 4 amend position (A) and (B) as follows.
(A) 270° 7.2 miles from Mamelles Light. (B) 270° 2.8 miles from Mamelles Light.

(Comar Dakar, 251144Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. Connav., N.O.I.C. Bathurst, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med.)

Ref. Comar Dakar's 211919 not to S.O.(I) Freetown (1) Presume new instructions for entry into Dakar are being issued by Q.L.A. message. (2) It is observed that Q.L.A. 151 which leads through dangerous area described in Q.L.A. 185 is still in force.

(D.M.S. 251213B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) S.O.(I) Freetown.)

Your 231344. Re stationing at Bathurst of B.Y.M.S.

Concur.

(A.C.N.S.(F) 251216B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) C. in C. Med.)

Comar Dakar 211919 and 241821. Request information by signal (1) whether mines were swept by Oropesa or LL/S.A. Sweeps. (2) any information or opinion as to type of mine. A.G.M.37A may refer.

(D.M.S. 251549B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) Comar Dakar.)

My 250135. B.M.N.W. Dakar has just learnt that on 11th June and again on 17th June columns of water accompanied by hydrophone action were seen in position near that in which SANTA MARIA was mined and where two further mines have been detonated. Though this was known to Admiral Collinet he did not inform him or me chiefly because he considered that he could do nothing about it due to lack of suitable Sweepers in his command, this suggests that mining vicinity of Dakar may be on a bigger scale than first (?) (Group missing) suspected. I have not closed S.E. Port to French Coastal Shipping but consider that no valuable ships such as fast tankers should approach Dakar or Bathurst until situation is clearer and swept channels established. Oil fuel stocks at Dakar are satisfactory and R.T.F. informs that six months supply of petrol at normal consumption is now stock there.

(F.O.C.W.Af. 251660Z to Admty.)

Convoy
D.C.32.

(1) Sailing telegram.

(2) 0600Z/25th. (3) 8 knots. (5) Coastal reference 61 to 68 Saldanha Bay S.K. (6) NIGELLA, LADY ROSEMARY, CAPE WARWICK, LE TIGRE, BLAAUWBERG. Convoy callsign YTD.

(N.C.S.O. Durban, 250728Z to Admty.)

/B.Y.M.S. ...

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B.Y.M.S. Sailed B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7, 8 to Diego Suarez. My 241324 not to Admiralty refers. (2) S. of A. 8 knots, E.T.A. a.m. 3rd July. (3) Shift to W/T group V at 0245Z 1st July. (4) Signal letters B.Q.W.G., B.Q.W.J., B.Q.W.J., B.Q.W.K., B.Q.W.L. respectively. (5) Hold S.P.02360 series. (Simonstown, 250921Z to Admty)

Force X. C.S. Durban prefers additional 3 days to meet possible defects and maintain sailing date. Sailing of RESOLUTION, REVENGE and LORRAINE. Your 230925 para. 4 refers. (C. in C. S.A. 250925B to C. in C. E.F.(R) Admty, C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A.)

W.S.31, escorts. Your 241231 and 241137. Intend only FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, AMAZON to provide escort of W.S.31 to Freetown. Request you will recall ARROW without relief since EL BIAR does not now R/V. My 151722 refers. (F.O.C. W. Af. 251119Z to F.O.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. M.F. Admty, FOXHOUND, Cdre. Mor. Sea Fron. ARROW.)

EAGLE torpedoed. American Tanker EAGLE torpedoed at 0530Z/25th in approx. 022° 48' S. 041° 43' W. ship still afloat and endeavouring to make Rio De Janiero. (B.N.S.O. Rio De Janiero, 251255Z to Admty, (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.W.A. B.A.D., A.S.B.N.S. O. Recife.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/25th. DUNKERY escorting 019° 24' 016° 51' to Dakar 7. MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY with LADY DENISON-PENDER about 017° 32' 024° 18' 040° One. C.T.G. 21.5 with O.T.6 023° 01' 020° 01' 006° 13.7. CALAIS 009° 40' 015° 00' to Konakri 8½. French Cruiser GEORGES LEYGUES 014° 00' 025° 03' to 014° 00' 027° 00' thence 300° 18. O.R.P. BURZA, SNOWDROP, CROCUS 009° 33' 015° 35' 338° 13. (R.A.W.Af. 251320Z)

VENEZIA sunk 21/6. VENEZIA sunk by U-Boat 25° 50' S. 38° 38' W. about 2100Z/21. One other U-Boat estimated at present off Brazilian Coast between Victoria and Rocas. (D.D.I.C. 251420B to F.O.C.W.A.F)

Convoy W.S.30. Sailing Telegram. (2) 1500Z/25th 4 12 knots. (5) (Route) to Bombay. Aden section from position (M) to (R) (Route) to Aden. Kilindini section will be detached in 006° 54' SANTA BARBARA in position (L) thence as in my series number 940 Aden section in position (M) (6) NORMAN, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM.

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W.S.30.

(15) W.M.D.1 to 9 codeword "Redbreast", "Chop"
020° S. 28th June 010° N. 0300Z/5th July Q.C.A.
210 Q.C.B.184.
(N.C.S.O. Durban, 251543Z to Admty, C. in C. E.F.
etc.)

EMPIRE ACE,
EMPIRE
DENNIS,
EMPIRE
OBERON.

Request you will sail tugs EMPIRE ACE and EMPIRE
DENNIS to Gibraltar in convoy S.L.132 and report
state of EMPIRE OBERON.
(D.T.D. 252205B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) C. in C. Med.
F.O.C.Gibraltar.)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. Addressed: Following read. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 41° 45' N., 08° 22' E. (A/C GPLN (via Alexandria W/T) 250045B). Following read. P.C. and S. F. of 1 small enemy merchant vessel and 1 escort vessel 41.45 N. 08.22 E. 350° 8 knots. (A/C GPLN via Alexandria W/T, 250105B).

Repatriation Ships. Italian repatriation ships VULCANIA and SATURNIA arrived 0618Z/25 June. (N.C.S.O. Aden L, 250645Z to KKKK, A.I.G.88).

Movements Alexandria. June 24th, Alexandria. Arrivals ORION, SOUTHERN SEA, SOUTHERN ISLE, PROTEA, MAGNET, ST. MINVEN, M.L. 349, 357. Departures. ORION, DUQUESNE, ANTWERP, HURWORTH, ADRIAS, EASTON, HURSLEY, CROOME, JUMNA, GAWLER, LISMORE, RAIDER, HYACINTH, BASQUEYN, IRRBIN, *LE FORTUNE, L.S.Ts. 323, 364, 374, 368, 404, 405, 407, 409, 411, 414, 415, 416, 147, 425, PINDOS, ROMAE, M.L. 1028. (R.A. Alexandria, 250742C). * As received,

Air reports. Opsum 58. 23/24 June no offensive operations. June 24, 54 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Sedes Aerodrome Salonika 5 returned early remainder bombed objective (details of damage). At 1012Z hours 2 Wellingtons 3 Hudsons 5 Baltimores (A.30) 2 Bisleys A/S R/C 3 Beaufighters 32 Hurricanes shipping protection following delayed details June 23, 8 Baltimores (A.30) 6 Bisleys 1 Beaufort 2 Swordfish 1 Walrus A/S 16 Beaufighters 34 Hurricanes shipping protection. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 250956Z).
Part 1. Offensive. Night 24/25 June Albacores shipping search 1 Albacore bombed E-boat base at Augusta.
Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 24/25 June nil. Day 25th June negligible enemy air activity.
Part 3. R/C. Night 24/25 June nil. Day 25th June 5 Spitfire Photo R/C Rome, Naples and Taranto areas Toe of Italy harbours and aerodromes of eastern southern and western Sicily 5 Spitfires special photo R/C 1 Baltimore shipping search. (A.H.Q. Malta, 251110).
N.W.A.A.F. Opsum. 124. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. 23/24 June. 9 Wellingtons attacked Catania marshalling yards and industrial areas. 24 June. 40 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 48 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Chilivani. Large flat topped vessel strafed off Olbia. 26 U.S. Mitchells escort 41 U.S. Lightnings Golfo Aranci. 5 fighters returned early. 216 x 500 from 8000 to 10000 feet. Hits on 2 Merchant vessels of which 1 set afire. Jetty and shore installations well covered. Dense smoke from town area. 2 masted sailing vessel set afire off Cape Spartivento by Warhawks. 100 foot vessel left smoking in Gulf of Cagliari.
N.W.A. Coastal A.F. Details of A/S and defensive patrols. (N.A.A.F. Advanced 251846B).

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- FIRUZ. My 241910C FIRUZ passed Istanbul for Aegean 0715 G.M.T. E.T.A. Cape Hellas 23 hours G.M.T. June 25 Unusual for Axis vessels to enter Aegean at night Presume vessel will wait inside Dardanelles till daylight.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 251035C to Commander in Chief Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, (R) S.l., S.10, D.N.I.)
- Convoy G.T.X. 3. G.T.X.3 arrived MATTHEW MAURY, ALMENARA, CORVUS. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 251035B to A.I.G.259).
- PALADIN After armature binding of starboard dynamo has parted. No further damage apparent. Request dockyard assistance on arrival.
(PALADIN 251039B to N.O.I.C. Malta, (R) F.O.I.S. S.O. 14th D.F.)
- P.224 (SICKLE) information. A visit if practicable by day to vicinity position 163° focal Point 68 miles may prove profitable.
(Capt. (S) 8, 251120B to P.224 (SICKLE)).
Your may have been sighted off Bastia at 0300 today.
(Capt. (S) 8, 251710B to P.224 (SICKLE))
- CAIRNS, RORQUAL. Following is repetition of my 250940 (N.T. in W.R.) (begins) D E D Malta, CAIRNS, Comla, RORQUAL Capt. (S) 1 from N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, my 241931 and 241331.
Diving exercises are cancelled. Carry out surface exercises at your discretion. CAIRNS proceed with all despatch to hunt enemy submarine in 031° 35' N., 034° 10' E. RORQUAL to report intentions (ends).
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 251123C to RORQUAL).
My 242243. Friendly aircraft may be searching for U-boat in your vicinity do not dive during daylight tomorrow at not less than 100 feet. You may proceed on surface during daylight 27th diving in position (C) at 2000C until dark thence proceed to pass through (D) at 0430C/28th.
(Capt. (S) 1, 251857C to RORQUAL, (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, Capt. Coastal Force Eastern Med., V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10, Commodore (D) 1st Sub. Flotilla.)
Departure RORQUAL, CAIRNS.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 252157C).
- PARTHIAN Proceed with despatch to patrol approach to Sunda Bay. If nothing is sighted by 0800C/26th proceed in accordance with my 231753 last para. (not received).
2. Area south of a line joining (A) 030° Cape Drepano 4 miles (B) 000° Cape Stavros 2 miles may be mined.
(Capt. (S) 1, 251133C to PARTHIAN (R) TRIDENT).

/Naval...

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Stores for
Malta.

Request information whether the Interim Policy outlined in Troopers 87725 of 8 June applies also to the supply of naval stores for Malta. (C. in C. Levant, 251201C to Admty).

French
detainees.

From information in London and Algiers detainees referred to in your 221210 to C. in C. Med., repeated Admiralty and Admiralty's 220004 not to C. in C. Levant are of following categories. (Details). (C. in C. Med., 251214B to C. in C. Levant).

U/B

Am over enemy S/M in 32.14 N., 34.01 E. Sub has dived. (A/C FFML 251226Z).

BRILLIANT

Your 221408 and A.M. 192029 May. Owing to further delays BRILLIANT is only now completing her refit.

2. She is expected to be ready to leave U.K. on completion of work up about the end of July. (A.C.N.S. (F) 251329B to C. in C. Med).

Patrol
report,
UNSHAKEN.UNSHAKEN reports at 1236/22 in 347° Murro Di Porco 6.5 miles fired two torpedoes at 2500 ton schooner. Both hit, schooner blown to pieces.
2. At 1656/22 in 37° 03' 15" 22' E. fired four torpedoes at 5,000 ton M/V escorted by three destroyers. Accurate counter attack causing superficial damage to bridge followed. Target believed to have entered Syracuse, result of torpedo fire unknown.
3. At 1416/23 in 37° 10' 15" 19' E. fired two torpedoes at northbound 3000 ton M/V escorted by two destroyers. One hit, vessel believed sunk. (S.10, 251337B).Enemy
Shipping
reports.P.C. and S. of one enemy merchant vessel and one destroyer is 42.33 N. 05.57 E. 290° 8 knots. (A/C C/S AQBT 251340B).
My 1340. Enemy previously reported are 3 merchant ships of 5000 tons and 1 destroyer. A/C C/S AQBT 251345B).

Enemy previously reported are one medium vessel of 5000 tons and one destroyer.

(A/C HUST 251345B).

P.C. and S. one medium vessel 5000 tons 2 escort vessels 40.57 12.05 course 280° speed 10 knots.

(C.S. 55S 251425B to C.S. 45U).

At 1235B/25 P.R.U. A/C sighted 3 medium M/Vs 3 escort vessels, 5 miles off Italian coast between Levanto and Rio Maggiere (Spezia area) course S.E.

(D.D.I.C., 251640B to C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, Capt. S.8., Capt. S.10).

/Convoy...

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- Convoy X.T.G.2 My 231621B sailed less WALTER JENNINGS and AISNE plus ROLLUS for Algiers. (F.O.I.S., 251433B).
- SEVERN SEVERN sailing 2 hours early advance all times in 591, 241, 822, by 2 hours and extend patrol area to East of 007° E. between lat. 039° N. and 041° 20' N. (Capt. (S) 8, 251602B to C. in C. Med., (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 8th S/M F.)
- Convoy "Whipcord". Intend "Whipcord" pass 10 miles North of Ankle 0732 26 through Spine 1814 26 10 miles (?North) East of Knee 0042 27 through Breast to Hand 1420 27 thence in accordance with N.O.I.C. Tobruk's 241325 (N.T. in W.R.) Speed 8½ knots. All times B. (ROCKWOOD, 251724B).
- UNSPARING Leave patrol through 042° 01' 006° 10' at 1500/28 038° 02' 003° 17' at 2220/1st July thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 56' 003° 01' at 0605/2nd July. (Capt. (S) 8, 251740B to UNSPARING (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Gib. N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S.F., F.S. PERLE.)
- Movements, Port Said. 25th June Port Said arrivals ORION, DUQUESNE, PINDOS, ROMEO, H.M.M.L. 1028, H.M. Tug ST. MONANCE, A.F.D.27 departures ORION, DUQUESNE. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 251759C).
- R/C Brindisi, Taranto. P.R.U. Visual 1525 Brindisi 1 cruiser. 1525 Taranto 2 battleships, 1 cruiser. (V.A. Malta, 251800B).
- Convoy X.T.G.1. AM.081905B para. 2 nominal list and destinations of ships sailed from Alexandria in convoy X.T.G.1 not yet received. This information is urgently required and is to be signalled without delay. (D.T.D., 251806B to N.C.S.O. Alexandria.)
- CLAN CAMERON. CLAN CAMERON ex K.M.S.16 delayed at Gibraltar through engine defects expects to complete repairs 28th June. 2. War Office request ship may be sailed at earliest opportunity as she is carrying urgent War supplies for Malta. 3. Request information as to when it will be possible to sail her. (D.T.D., 251916B to C. in C. Med).

/Zig-Zagging...

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

Zig-Zagging X It is noted that MEDAR (Article II) contains
by slow instructions that all convoys and merchant ships
convoys. will zig-zag in the Mediterranean except between
longitudes 9° 30' and 13° E.
2. These instructions are contrary to those in
I.C.O.C.34 which are based on experience and
thorough investigation of question. It is generally agreed that
convoys of under 11 knots should not repetition not zig-zag.
3. Request you will amend Medar accordingly.
(D.T.D., 251939B to C. in C. Med).

Movements Arrived L.C.Ts. 570, 557, 583 sailed KLO,
FAVOURITE L.C.I.(L) 262.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 252010B to Admty., (R) C. in
C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Malta, N.O.I.C. Alex.)

Convoy C. in C. Med's 231637 and 240909.
G.U.S.9. Route as follows. AA. 34.58 N. 09.05 W.
AB. 37.15 N., 14.59 W. AC. 40.01 N., 23.02 W.
AD. 41.00 N., 31.00 W. AE 41.32 N., 40.04 W.
AF. 40.59 N., 50.03 W. AG. 40.06 N. 59.05 W.

AH. 38.03 N., 70.10 W.
Stragglers Route L.34.59 N., 09.01 W. M. 37.14 N., 15.00 W.
N. 40.40 N., 22.30 W. O. 41.50 N., 31.15 W. P. 42.11 N., 40.23 W
Q. 41.48 N., 49.28 W. R. 40.42 N., 58.20 W. S. 39.12 N., 67.15 W
T. 38.03 N., 70.10 W.
(D.O.D. (H), 252010B to C. in C. Med).

Movements, Arrivals POLRUAN, CLACTON Dutch FLORES, KIKELRVE.
Algiers. 258 U.S. Tug HOPI S/M SERAPH (P.219) S.C.1029.
Departures - LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, STROMA,
FARNDAL, M.L.565, M.T.Bs. 290, 289, 288, 295, 297
U.S.S. JEFFERS, HERNDON, SHABRICK M.F.V.s 33, 42,
65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 25, 54, 59, 60, 34, 69.
French S/M ~~PERLE~~ PERLE.
Arrived and departed ADVENTURE, QUEEN OLGA.
(Cdre. Algeria 252023B).

Movements, The U.S.S. BRISTOL departed. There were no
Oran. arrivals.
(Comnob Oran, 252051B).

SS. EMPIRE Your 122120 June Item (3). It is probably that
MORN, SS. EMPIRE MORN will be ready for towage from
H.M.S. Casablanca to U.K. about 25th July and that in
DERWENT. view of vessel's condition two tugs will be
required.
2. Request your views therefore as to tug
EMPIRE LARCH towing H.M.S. DERWENT or next
available tow in place of HUDSON and SCHELDE thus
freeing latter tugs for EMPIRE MORN.
(D. of S.T., 252102B to C. in C. Med).

/Movements...

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Mediterranean.

Movements
Bizerta.

Arrival ALBACORE (24th) QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, LARGS, LIDDESDALE, PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, NICHOLSON, H.D.M.L. 1163.

Departure PALADIN, QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, LARGS, LIDDESDALE, PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, ALBACORE, RHYLL, STORNOWAY, FELIXSTOWE, MULL.
(S.O.I.S. Algiers, 252204B).

U/B

Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 40.43 N. 12.16 E. Probably a submarine.
(A/C C/S BSCA 252310B).

Movements,
Bone.

Arrived M.T.Bs. 290, 289, 288, 295, 297, KING SOL. Arrived and left WISHART, VENOMOUS, BROCKLESBY, OAKLEY, JULIET, CORIOLANUS, F.D. 649, Y.M.S.78 9 (?19) 27, VINONIA VIDELIA, OUTPORT, QUERCIA, BAROVA, L.S.Ts.320, 426, 429, 322, 430, 199, 8 (?12) 161, 419, 65, 9, 160, 324, 361, 363, 402, 304, 302, STELLA CARINA, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, ORIANA.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 252324B).

P.R.U. Spezia,
1230B/25.

2 Littorios, Cruisers BOLZANO and GORIZIA, latter in dock. Two D class Condottieri cruisers, One "Regolo" class cruiser. Old Cruiser TARANTO Three "Contretorpilleurs" 7 destroyers, 6 T/Bs 4 escort vessels, 7 M.A.S. 7 U-boats.
Liner MARCO POLO, 1 liner 410', 4 M/Vs, 280' -

500' Two tankers 450' - 520'.

Odero Terni Shipbuilding yards. Two U-boats 220' 2 M/Vs.

400' - 500'. Shipping sighted between Levanto and Rio Maggiore, Co. S.E. seen to comprise 1 Aviere Dr. and 2 liners 340' - 425'.

(D.D.I.C., 252336B).

Movements,
Malta.

Arrived INCHOLM^c with fourth and fifth L.C.T. Flotilla towing four Z Lighters and M.Ls. 1164 and 1143 M.T.Bs. 65 and 95.

2. Submarine UNSHAKEN, sailed GLOXINIA and KONSTANZ with L.S.Ts. 401, 403, 303, and 427 M.T.Bs. 62 and 72.

(V.A. Malta, 252349B).

Movements
Benghazi.

Arrivals 24th June L.C.T.308, 313, 317, 318, 324, 325, 341, 354, and 361 H.M.S. HENRIETTA MOLLER M.L. 1252 arrivals 25th June, L.C.T.385 420, departure M.L.1252.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 252358C).

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M E S S A G E

No T. O. O. /25th June
IN

From A. F. H. Q. Algiers.

Date 25.6.43
Time 2025

Cipher

Addressed War Office. Repeated USFOR, C. in C. Middle East, B.A.S. Washington, C. in C. India, C. in C. Persia/Iraq, L.H.Q. Melbourne, C.G.S. South Africa, G.O.C. in C. East Africa.

Pass to H.M. Ambassador Madrid for U.S. Ambassador Madrid. Resident Minister Achimota. Britmilat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak. C.G.S. New Zealand for Puttick.

North Africa Situation Report.

4772 cipher 25 June. 134311.

Cite FIGCT Signed Eisenhower.

Linrep 58. Summary of operations 21st to 23rd June.

1. Ground. Pantellaria. Prisoners have now been evacuated from the Island where our AA units and fighter aircraft have successfully countered enemy air raids. In raid on harbour 19 June AA defences destroyed five enemy aircraft and probably destroyed further three.

2. Naval. On night 19/20 June coastal craft closed to within 500 yards of Marsala (SW Sicily) and patrolled off Favignana and Marittimo without incident. Following night similar craft operated off Sciacca (SW Sicily). Our submarines, in addition to sinking a medium sized merchant vessel and a 7,000 ton armed merchant cruiser report following successes. 14 June. Two hits on 5000 ton merchant vessel North of Messina. 15 June. Sinking one thousand two hundred ton auxiliary and obtaining one hit on a destroyer NW of Messina. One of these submarines on 13 June bombarded the wireless station on Salina (Aeolian Islands) scoring hits on wireless mast and buildings.

3. Air. Targets in the Naples area have been heavily attacked. During night 20/21 June 20 Wellingtons dropped 40 tons of bombs on marshalling yards in the city and following day 57 B.17s Fortresses successfully attacked the Royal Arsenal. Same day two other groups of B.17s raided nearby Cancellero air depot further to Southeast, marshalling yards at Salerno and Battipaglia were each attacked by 36 B.25s (Mitchells) on 21 June. Salerno was again raided the same night, when 25 Wellingtons dropped 53 tons of bombs on marshalling yards and 600,000 leaflets in the target area. On night 22/23 June 30 Wellingtons successfully bombed Olbia in North Sardinia.

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4. Political. The problem of the French High Command which for 10 days had constituted the major obstacle in the negotiations has been solved by a compromise solution. Gen. Giraud retains the High Command of forces in North and West Africa, while Gen. De Gaulle remains as C. in C. of his own forces in other theatres. The problem of reorganization in structure and personnel of French forces is to be effected by a staff comprising three Chiefs of Staff (Land Air and Sea) representing Gen. Giraud and equivalent representation from Gen. De Gaulle's H. Q. Both Commanders sit on this "Permanent War Committee", no chairman being designated. Once more an attempt at equilibrium between two factions may be noted.

T. O. O. Nil.

Advance copies sent Duty Capt., D. O. D. (F), D. D. I. C.

Received in War Registry at 1650/28.

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1st S.L. (2)
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V. C. N. S.
A. C. N. S. (A) (2)
A. C. N. S. (F) (2)
A. C. N. S. (W)
U. W. R.
D. O. D. (F) (2)
D. O. D. (H) (2)
D. D. I. C. (2)
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D. C. (2)
Hd. of M. (2)
D. N. I. (4)
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M E S S A G E

IN

252250B/June

From Govnr. & C. in C. Malta.

Date 25.6.43.
Recd. 0330

Cipher Telegram

Addressed C. in C. Middle East. Repeated The War, Office.

G/2310/R Cipher 23 June.

Malta Sit. Rep.

133823. Situation report for week ending 19 Jun. 43.

Part one.

One Enemy Air. Seven day alerts for small numbers enemy fighters on recee approx. 100 Spitfire sorties on interception enemy evaded contacts.

Two Own Air. By day offensive sweeps Sicily continued approx 300 Spitfire sorties few contacts. 3 M.E. 109 destroyed 2 M.E. 202 damaged 3 Spitfires missing. Approx. 150 Spitfire sorties escorting Liberators bombing Sicilian targets. 1 MC 202 destroyed 1 ME 109 probable 1 FW 190 damaged 3 Spitfires missing. Spitbombers attacked Comiso airfield. Nightly Mosquito intruder patrols Sicily, South Italy.

Three. Naval. Action patrolling Sicilian coast by MTBs continued.

Four. Convoy. MW30 less petrol ships completed discharge 18 Jun. 15148 tons. Petrol ships unloading outside Grand Harbour. GTX 2 arrived 14 Jun. two vessels with personnel and stores unloading completed 18 Jun. MW 31 arrived 17 June two tankers two M/Vs two personnel ships half discharged.

C.6. (Telegrams).

T.O.O. 252250B

/Distribution over.

Air Ministry Circulation.

To:- M.O.5. (for action).

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5th S.L.	D.C.I.G.S. (Co-ord).
V.C.F.S.	D.M.O.
A.C.F.S.(F)	D.D.M.O.(O)(H)
A.C.F.S.(A)(2)	M.Q.1.4.5.7.
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D.A./S.W.	S.T.2.
	C.A.S. Air Ministry.
	A.M.C.S. Air Ministry.
	C.N.S. Admiralty.
	Head of War. Reg. Admiralty.
	Col. Rolleston Colonial Office.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

East Indies.

Operation "Player" X Your 242256 (?confirmed). SUFFOLK informed by my 250201Z.
(C. in C.E.F. 250203Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) N.O.I.C. Durban).

Operation "Player". Should search on June prove (?incomplete) it is considered that enemy may be further to the southward or westward of area already searched.

Following action is to be taken:

(2) Surface forces are to carry out ?proposed sweep to the southward to position (S) 039 degs. 30' 049 degs. 00' E. and then to sweep to the northward toward position (Q).

Portion of both sweeps south of 037 degs. 30' S. to be carried out during the daylight 28th.

(3) If weather conditions permit destroyers are to be given sufficient fuel after dark on 26th. to enable them to complete daylight sweep on the 28th. Am then to be detached RELENTLESS to Tulear and NIZAM to Durban. If fuelling is impracticable to destroyers are to be detached as above at prudent limit of endurance. (4) Air Forces. C. in C.S.A.S. is requested to continue daylight Catalina air search of area outlined for 26th by 2 aircraft on both 27th and 28th. This area will be referred to as relief "A".

(C. in C.E.F. 252000Z to SUFFOLK, C. in C.S.A. (R) RELENTLESS, NIZAM, Admty. N.O.I.C. Durban, Air H.Q.E. Af. 246 Wing).

Operation "Player". If search on 26th June draws blank intend to continue search of same vicinity as follows.

(A) Daily Air Search by two Catalinas. (B) NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE to relieve SUFFOLK about 1st July.

(C) Use TULEAR as additional ?fuelling base. (D) (?RESOLUTION) evidentially RELENTLESS intended) to rejoin striking force after fuelling. NIZAM to rejoin South Atlantic escort force.

(C. in C.E.F. 252012Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A. SUFFOLK, Air H.Q. Eastern Area, R.A. Eastern Fleet).

Overdue Shipping. HALLBJORG due Aden 17th from Vizagapatam not arrived.
(F.O. Ceylon 250258Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F. F.O.C.R.I.N. N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, Cdre. i/c Aden).

S.O.A.S.C.(1) Functions and responsibilities.
(F.L.O. India 250540Z, F.O. Ceylon 251203Z).

Estimated dispositions main units Japanese Fleets. Home Waters. First and possibly second battle squadrons. Heavy cruisers MYOKO, HIGURO, MOGAMI, CHIKUMA, TONE and possibly MAYA. Light cruisers AGANO and KISO. Aircraft carriers ZUIKAKU, SHOKAKU, ZUICHO, HITAKA and HOSHO. Submarines part of Sixth Fleet. Northern Waters. Heavy cruiser NACHI. Light cruiser TAMO^A and twenty second cruiser squadron consisting of AKAGI, ASAKA^{MARU} and AWATA MARU^A. Destroyers Tenth Flotilla. Submarines part of Sixth Fleet mandated area.

/Third...

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Estimated
dispositions
main units
Japanese
Fleet.
(Contd.).

Third battle squadron. Heavy cruisers ATAGO, TAKAO, KUMANO and SUZUYA. Aircraft carriers RYUNO and HAYATAKA. Converted aircraft carriers OTAKA, UNYO, CHUYO. Air Fleet twenty first and twenty second air wings. Destroyers 7th 15th 16th 17th and 31st flotillas. The second high seas escort force and submarines part of Sixth Fleet.

New Britain - Solomons Area. Heavy cruiser CHOKAI. Light cruiser JINTSU and NAGARA. Air Fleet 24th 25th and 26th air wing. Destroyers 29th Flotilla. Submarines part of Sixth Fleet. Malaya and East Indies Area. Heavy cruiser ASHIGARA. Light cruisers KINU, KUMA, KASHII, OI and KITASAMI. Air Fleet 23rd air wing. Destroyers fifth thirteenth 22nd and 32nd Flotillas. Number one High Seas Escort Force and about seven submarines of Sixth Fleet. Following damaged AOBA now at Truk. (C. in C.E.F. 250715Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Ceylon, A.C.N.B. N.Z.N.B. B.A.D. F.O.C.R.I.N. F.L.O. Delhi, F.O.Ceylon, C.S. F.O.S.R. Com.(D).

Durban
Approach
routes.

F.O.N.I.C.146. Approach routes to Durban have been laid down as follows:-

- (1) From 033 degs. S. 036 degs. E. direct.
- (2) From 031 degs. S. 038 degs. E. direct.
- (3) As in (2) but via 117 degs. Cape St. Lucia. 6 miles.
- (4) From 028 degs. S. 038 degs. E. to 117 degs. Cape St. Lucia 6 miles.
- (5) From 036 degs. S. 038 degs. E. to 117 degs. Cape St. Lucia 6 miles.
- (6) From 022 degs. S. 038 degs. E. to 117 degs. Cape St. Lucia 6 miles.

The route is closed to coast from the position off Cape St. Lucia.

(2) N.C.S.O's. will be informed which route is in force and ships are to be routed accordingly.

For Security reasons Masters are not repetition not to be informed that these positions are on established approach route, and, nothing in the route given to Masters is to imply that such established route as being used.

(2) In the case of approach route 6 ships from Persian Gulf and India and Ceylon are to be diversely routed between South Madagascar and latitude 028 degs. South to a position on approach route 200 miles or more from Cape St. Lucia.

(4) From receipt of this signal approach route 6 ZZ in force.

(C. in C.E.F. 250759Z to N.O.I.C. Cochin, N.O.I.C. Madras, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, F.O.C.R.I.N. N.O.I.C. Calcutta, Com.R.I.N. N.O.I.C. Kathiawar Coast N.O.I.C. Karachi, N.O.I.C. Tamatave, N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, N.Os.i/c Mauritius, Seychelles, Addu Atoll, Diego Garcia, Shattel Arab, Bahrein, Bandar Shapur, Hormuz, F.O. East Africa, S.N.O. Persian Gulf (R) Admiralty, Cdre. i/c Durban, Cdre. Aden N.O.I.C. Chittagong, C. in C. Ceylon).

/India...

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India Air Report. A.305 25 June 250905Z. Daily Opsum No.467.
24 June. 1 A/C attacked Sampans and barges near Kapu.
(A.H.Q. India 250913Z to Air Min.).

Troop and convoy movements. Ocean escort will be provided.
(2). P.S.T.O. India's 241124 / refers.
(3). Admiralty pass to D. of S.T.
(C. in C.E.F. 250945Z).
/ Most Secret Distribution.

Convoy B.M.54 $\frac{1}{2}$. Colombo portion arrived 0300Z.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 250945Z to Admty.).

HILDESAY Left HILDESAY 1115Z/25th in accordance with R.A.W.A.F. 230651Z. E.T.A. Kilindini 0800C/1st.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles 251120Z to C. in C.E.F. R.A.W.A.F. (R) Admty. F.O. Ceylon).

Flying Boats Indian Ocean. Provision of bases marine craft, control staffs.
(Air Min. 251535Z to A.O.C. 222 Group).
See Lion Copy.

Oiling at sea. Your ref. 738/E.F.355/5 dated 11th April 1943.
(2) Regretted not possible to fit an R.F.A. Oiler with a complete U.S.N. Oiling at Sea equipment owing to shortage of requisite stores and increase in personnel which would be required in Oiler to operate the American gear.
(3) While appreciating the desire to practice H.M. Ships in the U.S.N. Oiling at Sea technique it is considered that this can only be satisfactorily achieved by trials with a U.S. oiler.
(4) The present rate of fuelling at sea by the trough method could be increased by the use of two pipe lines.
(5) Proposed that trials should be carried out in the EASEDALE, of oiling at Sea by trough method using existing 48 feet derricks and winch with a double line of 5" British rubber hose secured to a single wire jackstay.
(6) Armoured sections of hose should be kept in way of trough and unarmoured at inboard and outboard end of the hose unit. An improvised trough should be used to carry the two hoses.
(7) Requested that a report on these trials may be forwarded in due course.
(8) There is no immediate prospect of provision of fast Tankers from our building programme. The Americans, however, have agreed to consider assignment of sufficient fast and medium speed Tankers for temporary duty with British Task Forces concerned in any planned operations in Indian Ocean. The possibility of obtaining a U.S.N. Tanker in sufficient time, prior to such operations, to enable H.M. Ships to practice fuelling is being investigated.
(4th S.L. 252026B to C. in C.E.F.).

SECRET

Team E. 1.
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M E S S A G E

251525Z/June. IN.

From Air Ministry Whitehall.

Date. 26.6.43.

Read. 1750.

Cypher.

Flying Boats, provision of bases etc.

To, A.O.C. 222 Group, Repeated. A.H.Q. East Africa.
A.H.Q. India. H.Q. R.A.F. Middle East.

IMPORTANT.

AX. 192. 26th June. 17330/15.

Reference East Africa Signal. A.192. 15 June.

1. We agree in addition to S.A.A.F. facilities for Ventura Squadrons the following facilities are desirable in South Africa. Durban Major maintenance and permanent base for 2 flying boat squadrons. St. Lucia semi-permanent base for operating 2 flying boat squadrons. Langebaan (Saldanha) Semi-permanent base for operating 1 Flying boat squadron. Advanced base facilities for operating 2 Wellington G.R. Squadrons which would be permanently based in East Africa. Middle East signal A. 241 dated 19th June repeated first addressee only refers.
2. We agree to the 8 Amphibians of No. 321 Squadron remaining in South Africa until replaced by 5th S.A.A.F. Ventura Squadron now forming in West London area.
3. We agree to a centralised control staff headed by a R.A.F. Air Commodore with mixed staff R.A.F. and S.A.A.F. Officers being included in C.A.A.F. Coastal area H.Q. at Capetown. Staff would be directly under G.O.C. Coastal Defences and would receive strategical operational directives from A.O.C. 222 Group. It would work in co-operation with C. in C. South Atlantic and would be divorced from A.H.Q. East Africa. Your recommendations on composition of this staff are required.
4. Advanced operational section of A.H.Q. East Africa would be no longer necessary.
5. We agree that Marine Craft should be established on a flying boat base and not Squadron basis. Supply of Marine craft and the shipping facilities are acute. You should therefore signal minimum scale requirements for (a) Main bases. (b) Advanced bases in order of priority.
6. We agree that all main flying boat bases should be established with full scale operation and intelligence control staffs and these should be combined with Naval operations rooms. This will depend upon the manpower situation.

7. We have already agreed Jiwani is unsuitable for flying boats. Your recommendations on its use by G.R. Landplanes are required.

8. Only Captains of flying boats sent to Indian Ocean will be fully trained. Second pilots will not have completed O.T.U. or Captain's courses. We agree in principle to formation of flying boat O.T.U. in Indian Ocean and suggest this should be at St. Lucia. South Africans might be agreeable to assist in manpower problem. O.T.U. would also be under supervision of British Air Liaison Mission.

9. Your detailed recommendations on paras. 1, 3, and 8 are required before we make an official request to South African authorities.

251525Z.

1st Lord.
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Air Ministry circulation.

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War Diary.25.6.1943.
Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies.ATHENE,
ENGADINE.

This is Cominch's 241903 to Cincpac.
"Release ATHENE and ENGADINE when unloaded after next arrival South Pacific Area, and direct them to report to the Admty for duty. Sail them separately to Panama direct, thence for onward routing to U.K. probably via Hampton Roads, in accordance with instructions which will be issued later. This is at Admty's request. Cincpac's 110105 (N.T. in W.R.) refers. (Comnaveu, 250027Z to Admty)

Movements.

St. Johns, N.F. 24th. Arrivals SNOWBERRY ex Halifax. Departures. GEORGIAN to W.B.26. WOODSTOCK to J.H.57 BUXTON to J.H.58 ROSTHERN to O.N.189.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 250029Z)
Arrivals TRAIL ex F.H.61 A. GEORGETOWN, SASKATOON, DUNVEGAN ex B.X.59. OAKVILLE from O.N. (as received), screening GYLFE, VILLE DE QUEBEC, ALBERNI, ALGOMA from Hamilton Inlet. RENARD from Digby. RED DEER ex S.H.88.
(C. Halifax, 251215Z to Admty)
San Francisco 23rd JAMES B. FRANCIS (U.S.A.T.) for Bora Bora.
(N.S.H.Q., 252146Z to Admty)

QUEEN
MARY.

New York sailed 24th 1906Z QUEEN MARY.
(N.S.H.Q., 250226Z to D. of S.T.)
Departure CALDWELL, DUNVEGAN, OAKVILLE escorting H.X.245 BATTLEFORD for Pictou N.S.
(C. Halifax, 252320Z to Admty)

Convoy
B.X.59

Arrived 2102Z/24th.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 251210Z to Admty)

CLYDE.

Your 231735 Independent surface passage can be accepted it being understood that CLYDE would be instantly ready to dive in an emergency.
(F.O.S. 251219B to B.A.D. (R) Admty, CLYDE)

Admiralty
Daily
Convoy
Summary.

Request report whether this is satisfactory and if Cominch C. and R. may in future be omitted from relative individual convoy messages.
(D.T.D. 251228B to Connav, (R) N.S.H.Q.)

U.S.S/M
Estimate.

(Cominch, 251404Z)

A.P.C's
51, 65, 72.

U.S.A. Cdr. East Sea Fron. sailing British A.P.C.51 and 72 Greek A.P.C.65 when ready about 29th June in next N.K. Convoy for onward routing in Trade Convoy by Cdr. Gulf Sea Frontier and you to Trinidad via Guantanamo. N.O.B. Trinidad

sailed /...

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America and West Indies.

A.P.C.'s
51,65,72.
(Contd.)

sailed in T.B. Convoy for Recife. Ultimate destination is Gibraltar via Freetown for which onward routing from Recife will be issued later. A.P.C.51 and 72 manned by British merchant marines and flying Red Ensign. A.P.C.65 manned by Greek Naval Crew and flying Greek Ensign. Economical speed 9 knots. Estimated endurance 2300 Miles. Vessels have merchant Service books only. (Cominch, 251420Z to C.E.S.F.)

Escorts
for H.M.S.
QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

Your 231234P approved.
(D.O.D.(H), 251437B to S.B.N.O. W.At. (R) B.A.D.)

Convoy
O.T.6.

Destination O.T.6 is Gib. unless further notified by Admiralty.
(Cominch C. & R. 251450Z to C.T.G.21.5 (R) Admty. Commorroccansea Frontier, F.O.I.C. Gib.)

PASTEUR.

C. in C. C.N.A's 221801 early five hours.
(N.C.S.O.Halifax, 241455Z to Admty (R) Connav, N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A., Cinclant.)
Note: Message received via W.A. at request of Admiralty. Not previously received by Admiralty.

Landing
Craft
Gear
Depot.

The spare gear sub-depots for landing craft in the Western Mediterranean has now been established at Bougie. (2) Spares and special stores for landingcraft when despatched direct to Western Mediterranean should be consigned L.C.M.S.O. Bougie via Algiers or direct as most convenient. (3) Duplicate of shipping documents should be

sent L.C.M.S.O. Staines.
(Hd. of M.II, 251502B to B.A.D.)
As amended 262152B.

Task
Group
21.4. reconst-
itution.

X Cinclant's 242357 addressed to Comtaskgroup 21.4 for action and to Comdeslant, C.E.S.F., C.C.S.F., Commaveu etc. for information, informs as follows: Task Group 21.4 reconstituted upon arrival New York as BABBITT, LEARY, SCHENCK Lieutenant Commander Eastabrook in SCHENCK. ELLIS detached. T.G.21.4 conduct training for about two days as directed by Commander Destroyers upon completion assigned availability. Cominch hereby requested advise sailing date of Convoy C.T.7 and Task Group 21.4 to arrive New York prior noon of sailing date. Escort convoy O.T.7 to Gibraltar and North African Ports via Aruba. Return New York via Aruba escorting Convoy T.O.7 when directed by Commorseafron. Routes and "Chops" procedure same as on last trip.
(Commaveu, 251541Z to Admty)

SNOWBERRY /...

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25.6.1945.
Friday.

War Diary.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies - Contd.

SNOWBERRY. SNOWBERRY arrived with urgent defect requiring at least 48 hours to complete. In view of uncertainty of ST. CROIX joining C.5 in time intend sailing SNOWBERRY with this group to H.X. 245 to remain until ARVIDA joins thence detaching to join E.G.5.
(F.O.N.F. 211617Z to C. in C. C.N.W.At. (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A., Admty, A.C.I.C., Cmdre. (D) W.A., S.O. Escort Group 5.)

"Monster" A reply is requested to A.M.151858.
Sailings. (D.O.D.(H), 251646Z to Cominch)

Tankers, Oil Stocks for U.K. Your 241949. Comnaveu in his 241636 addressed to V.C.N.O. has stated. (1) That if C.U. Convoys exceed 20 Tankers of T.2 Type and draft and if their arrival coincides with an unusually great number of tankers in H.X. and S.C. Convoys there will probably be congestion in west coast ports in U.K. (2) That rate of import is greater than distribution channels can cater for. (3) That on account of 2 above some H.X. and S.C. Tankers will have to be diverted to east coast. (4) It has already been arranged for 4 tankers in H.X.244 to go to east coast. If these statements are not repeat not correct it would be well if Comnaveu could qualify or cancel his signal as otherwise it might prejudice your 241949.

(C.A.B. 251653Z to Admty)
Your 241949 C.U/U.C. convoys will be increased to maximum of 24 Tankers. Do not consider it advisable to risk independent sailings of Tankers in North Atlantic because of extreme seriousness of loss of any fast Tankers which may be sunk. Suggest possibility that fast escort group in Bay of Bascay might be replaced with a slow one so that fast group could escort Tanker Convoy.
(Cominch, 252221Z to Admty (R) Cinc. W.A. Cinclant.,BA.D.)

A.T.51, A.T.52 routes. Suggest for consideration route of A.T.51 be amended to clear track of A.T.52.
(Cominch C. and R, 251702 to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. Admty.)
Reference Cominch 251702. As both convoys are "Chop" to you within next 24 hours request you take action as necessary.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 251922Z to Admty (R) Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

K.14. Upon departing New London Netherlands Submarine K.14 will hold Q.Z. messages H.1031, S.415, Y.400, L.52 and Q.Z.561, W.J.A.185 and Q.J. messages A.213, C.140, H.43. Holds Sub. Rocket signals Comet Mark 1. Does not have underwater sound transmitter and cannot make submerged identification letter by sound. Also lacks all colours except Yellow, underwater smoke signals. Shifting radio watch at 020415Z July, longitude 045°. Ref. my 250039 not to Cinclant.
(Adcomb Comsublant, 251713 to Comnaveu, Comtaskfor 24 and Cominch).

Convoy /...

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America and West Indies - Contd.

- Convoy O.N.188. Boston section arrived 251653Z.
(U.S.P.D.Boston, 251806Z to Connav etc.)
- B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. 47, 37, 48 departed "Boston Gate" in company 14150/25th en route Halifax via 42.23 N. 70.42 W. 42.31 N. 70.28 W. 42.36 N. 67.44 W. 42.41 N. 65.08 W. 44.06 N. 63.16 W. thence to destination via swept channel. Speed 10 knots.
(C.T.G.02.1, 251822Z to C.E.S.F.)
- M/V's Independent sailings. Agreeable to your 242040B (Proposal that British and Norwegian Ships should revert to independent sailing.)
(Cominch C. and R. 251901Z to Admty)
- BURGESS Sail BURGESS Boston to Bermuda direct when ready 26th. Advise time of departure, route and S. of A.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 251915Z to C.E.S.F. (R) N.O.B. Bermuda, Com. 1st N. Dist. Boston, C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admty, N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O. W.A.)
- Convoy H.H.X.245. Sailing telegram part 2 (26 ships, list etc.)
(N.C.S.O.Halifax, 251945Z to Admty)
- A/S weapons etc. Points from 21st Meeting A.U. Committee.
(a) Importance of accelerating development of aircraft A/S weapons to compete with U-Boat better armed against aircraft. (b) Consider intensifying air attacks on U-Boat bases during next few weeks. (c) Since American Authorities insisted on fast tankers being convoyed in limited numbers the improvement of oil situation depended on escorts which could only be provided at expense of offensive against U-Boats. (d) Noted improvement in rate of fitting of smoke eliminators.
(A.C.N.S.(Y.T), 252049B to B.A.D. (R) A.O.C. in C.C.C.)
- Sub. Attack and Sighting Summary. All times Z. Para. A. VENEZIA torpedoed sunk 25.50 S. 38.38 W. 212130 EAGLE torpedoed 22.10 S. 40.50 W. 250643. Brazilian aircraft attacked sub. area 22.30 S. 41.20 W. 251450.
Para. D. R.A.F. B.24 has made contact 25 N. 73.16 W. 241654.
(Cominch, 252059Z to Admty)
- B.Y.M.S. Sailing B.Y.M.S. 38, 51, 171, 172 when ready about 28th 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 of 1700 to 1800 miles at 9 knots using 30 American gallons fuel per hour. Total tank capacity 5700 gallons. Approval granted to carry 1200 gallons. Approval

granted /...

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America and West Indies.

B.Y.M.S.
(Contd.) granted to 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.
(Cominch, 252107Z to C.E.S.F.)

Tankers in C.U/U.C. Convoys. X Maximum number of tankers which may be included in C.U/U.C. convoys changing to 24 effective with C.U.3.
(Cominch, 252225Z to Cinclant (R) Admty, Com. Carib, Sea Fron. C.A.F.A.C. Comnavu, C. in C. W.A., B.A.D.)

MANSFIELD. MANSFIELD date joining Western Local Escort Force 24th.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 242339Z to N.S.H.Q.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Movements. U.S. transport MAETSUYCKER arrived Brisbane 25th June U.S. Transport ANHUI departed Falls River 24th due Quintero 27th.
(A.C.N.B. 251356Z to Admty)

U.S. Transport MAUI departed Brisbane 25th June due San Francisco 12th July.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 251357Z to Admty)

Digest Serial No. 521 June 24th. Some aircraft activity reported Lae Aerodrome at midday. (2) 17 Mitchells in two waves bombed villages at mouth Francisco River near Salamaua morning causing large fires. Aerodrome area also strafed. One enemy aircraft departed airfield afternoon. (6) Two small ships observed northeast Flores Island afternoon 23rd.

(7) Photos Makassar taken during Liberator strike 23rd refer Digest 520 para. 1, show 2 each NATORI and KUMA Class Cruisers, 4 merchantmen including 1 of 2,000 tons and 3 of 700. Direct hit confirmed 1 NATORI Class Cruiser and evidence of damage to one KUMA class.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 250644Z)

Zig-zagging. Your 192318 and 222034. Request confirmation that when merchant ships are using this particular Zig-zag article 50 of B.R. 637 volume one does not apply.
(A.C.N.B. 251004Z to Admty)

Dispositions /...

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Australia and New Zealand.- Contd.

Dispositions. Arrivals Darwin 24th CASTLEMAINE.
Milne Bay 23rd BENALLA, BUNBURY 24th U.S.(D)
DRAYTON U.S. (D) FLUSSER.
Townsville 23rd U.S.(D) BAGLEY 24th U.S. Patrol
Gunboat TULSA, BOWEN. Brisbane 23rd GOOULBURN. Exmouth Gulf
24th U.S.S. ISABEL. Departures MILLINGIMBI 24th LATROBE for
Thursday Island Milne Bay 23rd. PIRIE for Townsville 24th.
BENALLA on (? survey) duty. BUNBURY, NAGGA for Townsville
Exmouth Gulf 24th. U.S.S. ISABEL for Freemantle Townsville 24th.
SWAN for Port Moresby Freemantle 23rd. U.S.S. OTUS, TJERK HID-
DES for Sydney. MOYOLA on escort duty.
(A.C.N.B. 251827Z to Admty)

CHEVREUIL. F.S. CHEVREUIL leaving Numea 27th on convoy escort
under orders of Comsoupac.
(CHEVREUIL, 252303 to Admty for F.N.F.L)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 251406B, 251423B)

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26.6.1943.
Saturday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".

- X 1. HAVELOCK (S.O.) VOLUNTEER, VIMY, VISCOUNT, GODETIA, PIMPERNEL and BERRY of B.5 Group, sailed from the Clyde and Mersey this morning to carry out anti U-Boat patrol in the Bay of Biscay in conjunction with the 2nd Escort Group and aircraft of Coastal Command. SCYLLA returned to Plymouth this afternoon from covering E.G.2.
- X 2. The 6 U.S. S/Ms. of U.S.S/M. Squadron 50, are to return to the U.S. The arrangements are given in an Admiralty message to F.O.S. today.
- X 3. The assembly and subsequent training of an American manned amphibious assault force in the Milford Haven area is under consideration. Its assembly should be completed by 1st February.
- X 4. 29 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night off Biscay Ports.
5. VIVACIOUS picked up 10 survivors of fishing vessel CRYSTAL which was mined and sunk in approx. 25° 180 Buoy 12 miles at 1030 today. There were no casualties.

North Atlantic.

6. The hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND arrived at Gib. today from the U.K.

South Atlantic.Dakar and
Bathurst
closed.

- X 7. Dakar and Bathurst were today closed to shipping other than local coastal traffic until the situation regarding the extent of the minefield is more clear.

26.6.1943.
Saturday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.Operational
H.Q. of
C. in C.
Med.

X 8. C. in C. Med. is setting up an operational headquarters in Malta at the beginning of July. The main Administration Office will remain in Algiers to deal with the control and routing of through convoys and local movements in the Western Mediterranean basin, and routine administrative matters not involving questions of policy. C. in C. personally will proceed to Malta on 3 July. *[Arrived 5th July - page 139]*

X 9. C. in C. Levant reports that the shortage of A/S patrol craft on his station is acute, and he asks for 4 H.D. M.Ls. to replace those handed over to Force G.

10. CROOME and HURSLEY were in collision at 0300 today whilst escorting K.M.S.16. Both ships were damaged and returned to Alexandria for repairs.

Light
Coastal
Craft
operations.

X 11. M.G.Bs. 643 and 644 with M.T.B.651 left Bizerta to shoot up Marsala during last night. At about 0112 today, when 2½ miles W. of Marsala M.G.B.643 detonated a mine close on the quarter and was damaged. Shortly afterwards M.G.B.644 had her stern blown off by a mine and had to be sunk by our own forces. There were some casualties. The operation was abandoned. Other M.T.Bs. on a sweep to Sardinia last night remained near Cape Carbonara until first light, but saw nothing.

X 12. 9 heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked Messina harbour last night. 16 Wellingtons bombed Bari oil refinery.

X 13. Convoy G.T.X.3 was attacked by F.W. fighter bombers off Cape Bon Peninsula at 1700 and 1740 today, and again between 2110 and 2155, some torpedoes being reported in the latter attacks. No damage to the convoy was reported, but two of the enemy were shot down by gunfire in the first attack.

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Saturday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

Air
attack
on
Mandalay
docks.

- X 14. U.S.A.A.F. reports 8 U.S. B.25s. dropped 7 tons of bombs on buildings and boats at Mandalay Docks.

America & West Indies.

X 15. It has been decided to raise and train a special unit of 40 all ranks expert swimmers on the lines of similar units being used by the Italians and Japanese. The U.S. authorities are being asked to provide accommodation and facilities for training with the U.S. Marine Corps at San Diego.

X 16. The totals of mines found off Halifax are now: - destroyed 50, recovered 3, probably self sunk 2.

Australia & New Zealand.

17. SS. HENRY M. RICE was attacked by a S/M. in 20.02 S. 178.11 E. at 2355M today. U.S.S. CONSTANT and DASH were despatched to search the area with aircraft assistance.

18. U.S.S. THORION was unsuccessfully attacked by 4 twin-engined bombers whilst on passage from Guadalcanal to Espiritu Santo today.

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Saturday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

American
manned
amphibious
assault
Force in
Milford Haven
area.

X The assembly and subsequent training of an American manned amphibious assault force in the Milford Haven area is under consideration.
(2) This force will probably consist of the following units:-
6 A.K.A. (Assault loaded M/T ships).
1 L.S.H. 53 L.S.T.(2), 48 L.C.M.(3), 36 L.C.V (P).

It is expected that this force will start to assemble on 1st December and complete on 1st February.

(3) As all craft in this force are ship borne it is not anticipated that it will be necessary to establish a maintenance base in the area. Arrangements will, however, require to be made for repair of these craft by civil yards in the area.

(4) For the same reason it is not anticipated that any considerable amount of accommodation for Naval personnel will be required ashore.

(5) Following requirements exist:-

(6) American Officers will visit the area concerned as necessary. You are requested to give them every facility and in due course to forward a report giving your proposals as to how the Naval requirements can be met. In the preparation of this report you should refer direct to C. in C. Portsmouth who is the Naval Commander Designate and C.C.O. for information with regard to the details of these requirements.

(D. of P 261045B to C. in C.W.A.).

Further to my 261953 project of Surf Training School at Appledore in para.4. (B) of my No. A.L.B. 1134/43 of 14 March and my A.L.B. 1134/43 of 14 June latter not to C. in C, Plymouth is abandoned. Request second letter above be considered cancelled.

(C.C.O. 261938B to Admty.).

X Most Secret distribution.

Amphibious
Assault
Force in
Rosyth
Command.

Your 251453. At first sight your para. four proposals for Bo'ness appear to entail risk of local congestion that would adversely affect work of STOPFORD which directly or indirectly serves all forces. Request this wider aspect may be fully gone into with local C.O. Authorities. (C.C.O. 261235B to Admty.).

American
Amphibious
Training
Base at
Appledore.

X Your 251224 All, C.O. Naval accommodation at Appledore as in paragraph one sub-para. one (a) (c) and (d) of A.L.M. 051589/42 dated 7th October, 1942 can be surrendered.

(2) Accommodation is sub-para. one (b) namely for naval personnel of Experimental and Development Flotilla, is required to be retained for this purpose, together with accommodation for about four officers and 20 men of Boom Commando, grand total ten Officer and 60 men.

(3) All berthing can be surrendered except for 6 major and twelve minor landing craft of X and D Flotilla.

/ (4)....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

American
Amphibious
Training
Base at
Appledore.
(Contd.).

(4) U.S. Naval authorities agree to C.C.O. retaining accommodation and berthing as in paras. (2) and (3) above at least until October when they will if necessary raise the question again.

(5) Above deals with purely naval C.O. aspect only. There is also however question of whether sufficient sheltered beaches exist for U.S. Army amphibious training to proceed concurrently with work of C.O.X.E. and certain military units engaged in vehicle wading trials and similar work at Appledore, on days when weather prohibits use of outside beaches. Propose this question be referred to E.T.O.U.S.A. and War Office for settlement with C.C.O.

(C.C.O. 261953B to Admt.).

✓ Re surrender of Appledore base to U.S. Navy.

Return of
U.S.S/Ms.
to U.S.A.

✓ Information has been received from Comnaveu that Cominch accepts the offer to return U.S. Submarines and suggests the following for consideration:-

(a) SHAD and HERRING to sail about 1st July for New London.

(b) HADDO to sail about 10th July for New London.

(c) HAKE, BARB and BLACKFISH to leave patrol direct for New London mid July.

(d) All 6 submarines to patrol en route as ordered by Admt. and on arrival in U.S. to report to C. in C. Lant. for duty in Atlantic Fleet.

(e) BEAVER, with spares, equipment and personnel, to sail in Convoy for U.S. after departure of submarines at a date to be decided later.

Admiralty concurs. Request you will arrange accordingly keeping Comnaveu informed of your intentions.

(D.O.D.(H) 262008B to F.O.S.).

Movements.

SHIKARI

Not met. My position 060 degs. 08' 009 degs. 58' am commencing sweep to N.W. S. of A. 11 knots. Weather report 58 62 27 62.
(SHIKARI 260130B to BLACKFLY).

A.F.D.XXI.
ROTHER

My 241601 (sailing ROTHER to R/V with A.F.D.XXI) sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 260203B).

S/M
movements.

Intend to sail P.216 (SEADOG) escorted by M/L 252 for Lunna Voe at 1300B/26th June (route).

(2) A.C.O.S. is requested to arrange fighter protection S. of A. 10 knots help message on port wave.

(3) Communication.

(S.O. S/Ms. Lerwick 260907B).

/My...

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Movements.

S/M movements. (Contd.). My 260907B+ sailed. On arrival escort returns to Lerwick by reverse route. (S.O: S/Ms. Lerwick 261429B). + Most Secret distribution. Intend sailing TRUANT escorted by ALECTO at 1800B/27 for Clyde. S. of A. 11 knots.

(2) Fighter protection arranged codeword "Glass". Help messages on 1740 kc/s.

(3) Communication. (A.C.O.S. 261525B). Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/27 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 261536B, 261909B, 262131B).

GODETIA PIMPERNEL Sailed GODETIA and PIMPERNEL in accordance with my 252209/ amended by my 260012 neither to all addressees. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 261045B). / Re: Sailing of 2 Corvettes Codeword "Funnel".

NORFOLK CUMBERLAND KENT BERWICK. Intend following movements. p.m. 1st July. NORFOLK leaving Scapa for Hvalfiord northabout Iceland arriving 4th July. 3rd July. CUMBERLAND leaving Hvalfiord for Scapa arriving 5th July. CUMBERLAND will then be sailed to arrive Tyne 7th July for refit. 11th July KENT leaving Scapa for Hvalfiord arriving 13th July. 13th July. BERWICK leaving Hvalfiord for Scapa. (C. in C.H.F. 261156).

SCYLLA Arrived. (C. in C. Plymouth 261403).

OXFORDSHIRE AMARAPOORA Hospital ships OXFORDSHIRE and AMARAPOORA on passage to North Africa will be sailed 100 miles stern of K.M.F.18 and K.M.F.19 respectively. These ships will follow the normal practice for Hospital ships and be illuminated and broadcast their positions. (2) Hospital ships will maintain the normal B.A.M.S. organisation Attention is called to Admiralty Fleet Orders Series "S", S/I/43, para.12. (4th S.L. 261600B). (2) OXFORDSHIRE is to be sailed to Gibraltar for further orders destination North Africa. (5) Route: Pass through position K 270 degs. Oversay 6 miles at 291530B/ June, thence through L 55 degs. North 10 degs. West, M. 51 degs. North 16 degs. West, N. 45 degs. North, 16 degs. West, O 40 degs. North 15 degs. West, P.36 degs. North 10 degs. West, thence to Gibraltar. (6) S. of A. of convoy 12½ knots but speed of ships must be adjusted to arrive Gibraltar 051130B/July. (4th S.L. 261803B).

/ (2) AMARAPOORA...

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Movements.

OXFORDSHIRE (2) AMARAPOORA is to be sailed to Gibraltar for
AMARAPOORA. further orders destination North Africa.
(Contd.). (5) Route: pass through position Q.270 degs.
Oversay 6 miles at 021600B/July.
Thence through R 55 degs. North 10 degs. West,
S 51 degs. North 16 degs. West, T 45 degs. North
16 degs. West, U 40 degs. North 15 degs. West, V. 36 degs. N. 10
degs. W. thence to Gibraltar.
(6) S. of A. of Convoy 12½ knots but speed of ships must be
adjusted to arrive Gibraltar 081200B/July.
(4th S.L. 261804B).

Water (1) The following converted trawlers equipped
carriers for as water carriers are urgently required for
Mediterranean service in the Mediterranean:-
ARACARI, CEVIC, SLEBACH, CYELSE and GOOSANDER all
completing 30th June.
(4) Ships to sail to Gibraltar on 4th July or as
soon as possible after arrival at Falmouth by route to be arranged
by C. in C. Plymouth.
A.M. 011835/June (not to all addressees) para.3 is amended
accordingly.
(5) Escort will be provided by (a) B.Y.M.S. Nos. 31, 68, 187,
209, 186 completing Portsmouth 3rd July (b) M.M.S. No. 10 from
Plymouth and (c) H.M.S. DORNOCH from Alcoa.
(6) C. in C's. Portsmouth, Rosyth and Plymouth are requested to
sail escorts to Falmouth for this duty.
(7) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to arrange sailing of convoy.
(D.O.D.(H) 261807B).

Operations.

U/B attack X "Gearbox" reports Captain Ullring and 14 men, while
on "Gearbox" operating against enemy meteorological station in
proposed S/M Signehaven (79 degs. 16' North 11 degs. 32' East),
patrol S. were attacked by U-Boat on 23rd June. One man
of Bear Is. killed and motor boat lost.
(2) Gearbox does not wish to send remaining
motorboat, as U-Boats may be in vicinity, and
requests a ship to embark party, who have provisions
for about a week from 25th June.
(3) Request you will sail a submarine, as soon as practicable, to
embark Captain Ullring and party and take them to Barentsburg.
(4) It is suggested, subject to the remarks of G. in C, H.F. that
the submarine should subsequently carry out an A/S patrol South
of Bear Island.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 260126B to F.O.(S), (R) C. in C.H.F. H.Q.C.C.
A.C.I.(C) A.C.O.S.).
Admiralty's 260126/ para.4. Concur.
(C. in C.H.F. 261001B).
✓ S/m after embarking Capt. Ullring and party to patrol South
of Bear Island.

/Your...

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Operations.

U/B attack on "Gearbox" Proposed S/M patrol S. of Bear Is. (Contd.).

Your 260126+ para.4. SEADOG (P.216) has no Radar. In view of this and absence of any dark period in latitude of Bear Island do not consider A/S patrol in that vicinity justified. Intend she shall reinforce the present Greenland Sea patrol on completion of operation.

(F.O.(S) 261637B to Admty.).

+ re S/M to be sent to embark Capt. Ullring and party and then to carry out A/S patrol South of Bear Island. Cancelled by 261816B.

Cancel my 261637B/ not transmitted to other addressees. (F.O.S. 261816B).

✓ Most Secret.

Your 260126+ para.4. Concur. (F.O.S. 261839B to Admty.).

+ Most Secret circulation.

SEADOG. F.O.S. 260102B requests you will sail P.216 (SEADOG) from Lerwick at 2300B/26th June through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 6 miles thence by route Pink and (P) 069 degs. 02' 008 degs. 52' East, (Q) 075 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' East (R) 078 degs. 0' 010 degs. 01' East to operate in accordance with F.O.(S) 260139B. F.O.(S) signal not to all addressees. (Capt. S.9 260935B to S.O. S/Ms Lerwick.)

Coastal Force Patrol tonight Saturday no. 5 WORCESTER, 6 Patrols. WHITSHED, 7 COTSWOLD, 8 MALLARD. (C. in C.Nore 260953B.)

1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight 26th/27th June to be carried out by M.G.Bs. 611,613,615 from 0001 to 0400 on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 15' W. and 01 degs. 00' W.
2. M.Ls. 464, 124, patrol searched channel between F. and E.A.5 buoy.
3. GLAISDALE immediate notice at Yarmouth.
4. M.G.Bs. 8 and 13 from Portland patrolling 50 degs. 20' N. between 01 degs. 55' W. and 02 degs. 25' W. If weather unsuitable M.Ls. 269,245, 182 will replace them.
5. St. Catherine's Light is to show for 5 minutes after each hour from midnight to 0405.
6. Communications.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 261241B.)

Patrol 26th June.

1. Force A.M.T.Bs. 94,91. M.G.Bs. 80,112 are to patrol on lat. 49 degs. 19' N. between 2 degs. 20' W. and 2 degs. 35' W. with the object of destroying enemy shipping.
2. Execution. Leave Dartmouth 2130B. Spend on passage 25 knots pass through position Z. 49 degs. 20' N. 3 degs. 00' W. return route through position Z. Fighter escort will accompany Force from first light 27th when force is to be within 40 miles of own coast.
3. Constant watch 2500 k/cs collective call sign 3 JKV codeword "Bailey."

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Force
Patrols.
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4. Force B.M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 329, 330 are to carry out anti E-boat patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from position 200° start 11 miles. Q.Z.X.1012 and 1022 may be crossed in close pursuit of the enemy.
5. Leave Dartmouth 2230B for patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth.
6. Constant watch 2300 k/cs. Collective call sign 3 FEJ codeword "Obstacle".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261535B).

Dover dispositions for night of 26/27 June.

M.Ls. 140 and 293 at Bullock Bank. M.A/S.Bs. 32 and 24 from Ramsgate. At V buoy. E.T.D.2315. E.T.R.1415/27.

(V.A. Dover, 261646B).

Your 261535B. "Bailey" sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 262135B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Your 261535B.* "Obstacle" sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 262233B to C. in C. Plymouth).

*Re M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 329, 330 on anti E-boat patrol.
Codeword "Obstacle".

Operations X Sailed HAVELOCK (S.O.), VOLUNTEER, VIMY, "Musketry" VISCOUNT and BERRY to comply with C. in C. W.A.'s and "Seaslug". 251959B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 261004B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, (R) N.O.I.C. Liverpool, Admty. E.G.2. GODETIA, Capt. (D) Greenock, Capt. (D) Liverpool, A.O.C.15 Group C.C., A.O.C. 19 Group CC).

We congratulate you and your ships on your "left and right" on 24th June, 1943.

(1st S.L., 261109B to S.O.E.G.2).

My 241549B not to B.5 Group pending further sightings and if not in contact with any U-boats at present resume north south patrol in vicinity 045° 30' N., 012° 00' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 261641B to 2nd Escort Group. (R) CHARYBDIS, H.Q.C.C. Group 19, Group B.5 C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty).

Biscay S/M X Following temporary area is established in Bay Patrol area. of Biscay for submarines on anti U-boat patrol. Area enclosed by line joining 047° 32' 005° 25' 047° 39' 004° 30' 044° 32' 002° 46' 044° 12' 005° 25'.

2. Area is sub divided into 5 patrol zones numbered North to South J one to J five inclusive. Zones are separated by 15 mile strips. Division between zone and strip is by line drawn 080° from following positions on long. of 005° 25' 046° 56' 046° 41' 046° 11' 045° 56' 045° 37' 045° 22' 044° 58' 044° 43'.
(F.O.(S), 261312B).

SEA NYMPH.

My 221726 not to Capt. (S) 5. P.223 (SEA NYMPH) is patrolling in zone J.3. My 261312*refers.
(F.O.S. 261313B to Capt. (S) 3).
*Re sailing of S/Ms P.239 and P.223.

/ULA...

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- ULA P.66 (ULA) is to be recalled from patrol to arrive Lerwick 30th June.
(F.O.(S), 261314B to Capt. (S) 9).
P.66 (ULA) to leave patrol at 1600/28th through position A. 062° 05' N. 001° 10' E. B. 061° 20' N. 000° 01' W. to Lerwick diving as much as possible North of 062° N.
(Capt. (S) 9, 261821B to Subs. operating North of 51° N. S.O. Subs. Lerwick, (R) F.O.S., A.C.O.S. H.Q.C.C., C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth).
- RUBIS My 181501 not to Capt. (S) 3. Cancel para. 3. (j) and substitute; on completion of lay F.S. RUBIS is to patrol in area J.5 my 261312 not to C. in C. Portsmouth refers.
(F.O.(S), 261316B to Capt. (S) 5)
- LE CURIE. Request you will sail P.67 (~~SE~~ CURIE) on 30th June for Lerwick and patrol.
(F.O.(S), 261317B to Capt. (S) 3).
- TRUSTY Arrived TRUSTY escorted by CUTTY SARK.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 261336B).
- S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/27th and movements for following 24 hours.
(A) STUBBORN (P.238) patrolling in area between lat. 46° N., and 47° 20' N., and long. 04° 30' W. and 05° 30' W.
(B) UNIVERSAL (P.57) 44° 50' N., 06° 30' W. diving by day through 44° 20' N., 06° 30' W. then steering 270° daily advance 85 miles.
(C) K.15 approx. 52° N., 30° W. to 54° N., 25° W. probably on surface 10 knots.
(D) SEADOG (P.216) approx. 62° 01' N., 000° 38' W. probably on surface at 10 knots to 69° 02' N., 08° 52' E.
(F) U.S.S. BARB vicinity 43° 30' N., 22° 45' W.
(G) U.S.S. HAKE vicinity 41° 59' N., 21° 29' W.
(H) U.S.S. BLACKFISH vicinity 40° 35' N., 20° 30' W.
(J) O.15 vicinity 64° 22' N., 01° 30' W.
(K) H. Nor. M. S/M ULA (P.66) vicinity 62° 52' N., 02° 31' E. (F.O.(S) 261536B, 261909B, 262131B).
- CHARYBDIS. My 251027B*not to all addressees. After X.K. 9 reaches 050° N., your primary object is to cover K.M.S.18 B until it reaches 043° N. and then cover S.L. 131 to P.L.E. and then return to Plymouth passing through position (G) 049° 20' N., 010° 40' W. and (F) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles.
(2) S.O. Escort K.M.S.18 B is TEVIOT.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261729B to CHARYBDIS (R) Escorts X.K.9, Escorts K.M.S.18 B., Escorts S.L. 131, 2 E.G., SCYLLA, IROQUOIS, ORKAN, C. in C. W.A., Admty). *CHARYBDIS to cover X.K. 9.

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Saturday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Operations.Bomber
Command
Report.

Day 25th June. A/S Patrols. 5 Witleys of 91 Group completed patrols without making any sightings.
Minelaying. 33 A/C took off and 29 A/C successfully laid their mines. 1 Lancaster of 3 Group is missing.
(H.Q.B.C., 261440B).

Mining.

Harwich.

Ground Mine report my 261158B.*
(a) 1015B/26. (b) S.A/LL "Q" Formation M.M./S 188, 187. (d) M.M/S. 187, 51° 48.4' N., 1° 19' E. 128°. (f) On pulse, blue to port.
(h) Not known (i) Nil.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 261546B).
*Re ground mine detonated.

Sweep of
Q. Z. 416.

Intend at 0600 tomorrow **Sunday** 27th June GWEAL, PROSPECT and M.L. 229 to lay Datum Dans on Northern edge of Q.Z.X.1022. At 0730 DOCHET, PORCHER, ULVA, FINESSE, LOCH PARK to R/V GWEAL and commence clearance sweep.
(GWEAL, 261615).

CRYSTAL
sunk.

Have picked up 10 survivors of fishing vessel CRYSTAL mined and sunk in approx 025° 180 Buoy 12 miles at 1030B/26. Ship sailed from Grimsby. No casualties or injured. Intend landing survivors at Immingham.
(VIVACIOUS, 262107B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Sweep by
HOUND.

Completed a further width 3 cables today Saturday negative result. A large part of the day was spent in laying and fixing further datum for Dan Buoys which was necessary as we have now reached Northernmost end of unswept part of Q.Z.X.10 31. Anchored Torbay for the night. Intend sailing 0600B tomorrow **Sunday** to resume operations.
(HOUND 262219B).

Enemy Intelligence.3 T.Bs. off
St. Malo.

Air R/C reports 3 torpedo boats lying off Saint Malo at 1255 26th June.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261644B).

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U-boats.

U/B near
H.X.244.

D/F bearings at 2327Z/25 on 4963 k/cs indicate
U-boat in your general vicinity.

(D.D.I.C., 260218B to Escorts H.X.244, 40th
E.G., C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C., A.C.I.C.,
Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

Admty. 260218B*nothing heard.

(C.3., 260352Z)

* D/F bearings indicate U-boat in vicinity.

U/B
destroyed.

Request you will convey our congratulations to
Liberator H. of 120 Squadron on the destruction
of a U-boat on 24th June, 1943.

(1st S.L. 261110B to A.M.)

U/B near
K.15.

Inconclusive D/F bearings on 12380 k/cs at
1010Z indicate U-boat possibly in your general
vicinity.

(D.D.I.C., 261310B to K.15).

U/B report.

Am over enemy S/M in 47.45 N., 11.11 W. Enemy
S/M course was 090° speed 9 knots.

(A/C 547 Sqdn. 261512B).

U/B
attacked.

By BAYNTUN and escorts of O.N.S.11 see B.4 262105
Z in Shipping and Convoys.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- UNTAMED. My 251800B June lift and transfer successfully made. P.58 now at 16 fathoms inside boom in position 270° Davaar Light House 0.4 miles where full shelter will permit uninterrupted work. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 261055B.)
- FIELDGATE. My 251737B* B.D.V. FIELDGATE returned with broken H.P. valve gear. Delay of 14 days probable. Further signal will be made after examination. (F.O.I.C. London, 261104B.)
* Re sailing of H.M. Drifter FIELDGATE from London to Tilbury thence to Sheerness.
- FISHGUARD. Arrived with A/S defects. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 261230B.)
Sailed. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 261846B.)
- UNICORN. UNICORN Job. No. E.R.3006 berthed on arrival 26th June for defects to be completed midnight 9th/10th July. Ready for sea 12th July. (N.O.I.C.N.I., 261517B.)
- ALECTO. Capt. (S) 12 241735B# 4 hours boiler defect. Intend to remain HHZ 4 hours for repairs. E.T.A. Scapa 1200B/27th. Request TRUANT may R/V outside gate for return passage. (ALECTO, 261522.) *Intended sailing of S/Ms THRASHER, TANTALUS, escorted by ALECTO.
- PORCUPINE. 1. Intend sailing CYCLAMEN escorting AIMWELL towing stern half of PORCUPINE at 0500/27, E.T.A. Needles 1000/27th, speed 7 knots.
2. Routed standard route.
3. Codeword "Match".
4. Request air protection be arranged. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 261527B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Your 251451B* "Fisher" arrived at 2027. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 262043B.)
* Intended sailing of CYCLAMEN escorting AIMWELL towing stern half of PORCUPINE (codeword "Fisher").
- DANAE. Ref. E.R.3384* message 251040B+ June to D.N.I. Admiralty. Port gear case lifted and damage to gears ascertained. Estimated that work involved in effecting necessary repairs will complete including closing gear case on 7th July, 1943. Further signal will be made if it is found this date cannot be kept. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 261705B.)
* DANAE. †Re damage caused to port engine gears by tools left in gear case.

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STARLING,
PYTCHLEY. Arrived PYTCHLEY.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261744B.)
Arrived STARLING.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261944B.)

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H.X. 244. D/F bearings indicate U/B near convoy.
See U-Boats.

H.X.244. Destinations of escorts.
(C. in C. W.A., 261555B.)
Your 260910Z. F.J. LUCKENBACH, EMMA BAKKE,
INVARAN, ATENAS, EDAM, REINHOLT, EL OCEANO,
TAI SHAN, PALEMBANG, CEFULA, TOLTEC, O.M. BERNUTH, SALACIA
detached at 1600Z in 055° 36' N. 024° 40' W. MEDINA detached to
Reykjavik. Weather report 9180 0742.
(C.3, 261730Z to C. in C. W.A.)

K.M.S. 19. Sailed FISHGUARD, CLARE, LOTUS, POPPY, DIANELLA,
STARWORT for K.M.S.19.
For information DART has been supplied with
following Mediterranean tables.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 260516B.)

Sailed CAMELLIA in accordance with my 231527, my 252126
June also refers.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 261104B.)
Admiralty's 261152B. Admiralty's 252122B not received
before sailing. Does this concern me. My P.C.S. 054° 04' N.
005° 00' W. 340°, 14 knots.
(CAMELLIA, 261530B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N. 191, Admiralty's 251643B. O.N.192 has 8 escorts and
O.N. 192. it is also intended that E.G.40 will form support
group consider that with present U/B situation
O.N. convoys of up to 90 ships are acceptable and
that O.N.191 should sail on date scheduled thus
saving 100 ship days.
(C. in C. W.A., 261050Z to Admty.)

QUEEN MARY. From position (M) steer for new (R) 43° N. 33° W.
new (S) 48° N. 24° W., new (T) 54° N. 18° W.,
new (U) 55.30 N. 08.10 W.
(D.O.D.(H), 261240B to A.T.52.)

FELIX
ROUSSEL. C.B. 22751* sailed 1405/26.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 261410.)
* FELIX ROUSSEL.

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K.M.F. 18. Intend sailing K.M.F.18 escorted by COLOMBO, PHEASANT, CRANE, CHANTICLEER, WHIMBREL and CYGNET passing Clyde Boom 2130B/28th June to R/V with TEST and TRENT in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0730B/29th June, codeword "Parallel".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 261534B.)
Ref. phone conversation today. COLOMBO must leave convoy 045° 57' N. 016° 00' W. time 011900B. S.O.(V) is signalling similar intention.
(COLOMBO, 262255B to Admty.)

ILE DE My 221955. Ship will not sail until 1st July.
FRANCE (D.O.D.(H), 261617B to C. in C. W.A.)
(T.A. 50A.)

Tankers Owing to restricted accommodation at the Merville
for Merville. anchorage and the difficulty of fitting oiling
at sea trials into programmes of exercises,
tankers fitted with oiling at sea equipment are
to be sailed to Merville only in the following
circumstances.

3. If in doubt whether circumstances justify sailing of any particular tanker to Merville, Trade Division, Admiralty should first be consulted.
(D.T.D., 261628B.)

P.S. 27, Cancelled.
S.P. 27. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 261708B.)

X.K. 9. IROQUOIS and ORKAN are to part company with X.K.9 at daylight 27th & proceed to Plymouth passing through position 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 261715B to IROQUOIS, ORKAN, (R) Escorts X.K.9, CHARYBDIS, C. in C. W.A., BATTLER, Admty.)
On completion of duty destination of escorts as follows.
(D.O.D.(H), 261941B.)

K.M.F. 19. A.M. 231720 June.
Route for convoy as follows:-
1. R/V in position B.M. 270° Oversay 6 miles at 020800B July. Through B.N. 55° N. 10° W., B.O. 51° N. 16° W., B.P. 45° N. 16° W., B.Q. 40° N. 15° W., B.S. 36° N. 10° W.
2. Speed is to be adjusted to pass Europa Point at 080400 July.
3. Stragglers route F 49° N. 17° W., G 45° N. 17° W., H 40° N. 16° W., J 36° N. 10° W.
4. (a) Ships which straggle before crossing 49° N. and are unable to rejoin convoy are to return to U.K. by reverse of outward route.
(b) Ships straggling south of 49° N. proceed to Gibraltar.
(c) Ships which straggle after passing Europa Point proceed to Algiers.
(D.O.D.(H), 261805B.)

/H.X.245 ...

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- H.X. 245,
ARVIDA. Intend to sail ARVIDA at 0900Z/28th June to join H.X.245 (C. in C. W.A. 191034*) refers. (2) ARVIDA proceeding to position BF on convoy route thence toward BE. S. of A. 12 knots. (A.C.I.C., 261825B to C. in C. W.A., (R) Connav, Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., H.Q.C.C., C. in C. C.N.A., Cdre. (D) W.A., Cdr. (D) Argentia, Sec. H.X.245.)
* Re A.C.I.C. requested to sail ARVIDA.
- ORION. 25485 arrived 1930 June 26th. (P.S.T.O. N.W. Ports, 262025.)
25485 - ORION.
- O.N.S. 11. At 1900Z/26th in 055° 55' N. 036° 14' W. BAYNTUN carried out 3 depth charge attacks on A/S contact, following R.D.F. contact and possible sighting in low visibility. HIGHLANDER unable to confirm during 2 hours search. BAYNTUN (group missed) ?(further) ?(hour) (? N.P.)
M/F D/F bearing on 341 k/cs heard by convoy bearing 319° about 2000Z: possibly supplying other U-Boats (German). Weather report 0945 8932.
(B.4, 262105Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- K.M.S. 18B. C. in C. W.A's 251440B. Sailed ERNE to overtake K.M.S. 18B.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 262200B.)

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AMAZON, W.S.31. Am proceeding with DESPATCH to join in 031° 49' N. 010° 44' W. at 1500A today, Saturday. (AMAZON, 260600A to Escort W.S.31 (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)

ARROW, AMAZON. Sailed 0600A today ARROW for Gibraltar, AMAZON to rejoin W.S.31. (C.M.S.F. 260717 to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C. Med., Admty, Escorts W.S.31)

Movements, Gibraltar. Arrived UGANDA, GUARDIAN ex K.M.F.17. (F.O. Gibraltar, 260741B)
Arrivals TUMULT, TYRIAN from West SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC ex T.E.23 ADVENTURE from Algiers.
Departures TORBAY for Algiers ANTHONY, QUANTOCK, F.S. DUMONT DURVILLE escort duties WEST UGANDA for Algiers. (F.O. Gibraltar, 262116B)
Arrived HORNPIPE, REIGHTON WYKE, R.F.A. FORTOL with Gibraltar section S.L.131. (F.O. Gib. 262132B)

Convoy K.M.S.17. K.M.S.17. Intend to sail: for Algiers (List) For Algiers and Oran, DUMFRIES. For Algiers and Philippeville, DALCROSS. For Philippeville, MARGADORNOCK. For Philippeville and Bone, STAD MAASLUIS. For Bone, PENTRIDGEHILL, EVVIVA. For Bone and Philippeville, NORFOLK. For Bizerta, SOCONY VACUUM (T) NEA. For Malta, CLAN CAMERON. For Alexandria, EASTGATE. For Bougie, CROMARTY. Agreed M.W.T.R. and S.T.O. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261101 or 261015B to Flag or N.Cs.I.C. North Africa Ports, (R) Admty, M. of W.T. etc.)

REIGHTON WYKE. E.T.A. 262130B. REIGHTON WYKE and two merchant ships in company. (HORNPIPE, 261100B to F.O. Gibraltar)

Axis Shipping. Arrival 26th JACQUELINE, RECEJA, SYDNEY, DREPANUM, MARIBEL. (Bilbao, 261055 to Admty)

Dispositions. Situation 2001B/26th June.
LORD NUFFIELD 038° 28' 009° 22' to R/V 2 merchant ships off Lisbon at 2200B/26th and escort coastwise to Cape St. Vincent thence direct Gibraltar
8. (2) QUANTOCK amend DUMONT DURVILLE 2 merchant ships 036° 54' 007° 50' coastwise 10 to Setubal where merchant ships enter and escort patrol outside territorial waters. (3) O.S.50 K.M.S.17 ENCHANTRESS 038° 30' 012° 32' 139° 8. (4) Convoy G. NARVIK 038° 40' 012° 08' through 036° 30' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 10. (5) ECLIPSE 040° 33' 013° 10' through 040° 01' 013° 10' and 036° 35' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 15. (6) DIDO 040° 40' 012° 30' southbound 23. (7) BOREAS 038° 40' N. 013° 20' through 036° 50' (?011°) 30' to Gibraltar 14. (F.O.Gibraltar, 261125B)

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Dispositions (Contd.) Add new para. (8) to my 261125 O.S.50 G. ARROW sails 270800B through Q.K.A.87 and 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 249° 7½. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261551B)

Situation 1959B/26th. W.S.31 FOXHOUND 031° 05' 011° 17' through 029° 02' 012° 30' thence 229° 12½. (2) O.T.6 C.T.C.21.5 028° 33' 019° 18' through 029° 45' 019° 10' thence 058° 14. (3) O.S.50 K.M.S.17 ENCHANTRESS 038° 30' 012° 32' 139° 8. (4) K.M.S.18A WELLINGTON 041° 50' 014° 15' through 040° 30' 014° 15' thence 143°. (5) Convoy G NARVIK 038° 40', 012° 08' through 036° 30', 010° 01' thence to Gibraltar 10. (6) S.L.131 FOWEY 037° 16', 013° 18' (?321)° 6. (7) ECLIPSE 040° 33' 013° 10' through 040° 01' 013° 10' and 036° 35' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 15. (8) FOLKESTONE (approximate) 045° 42' 013° 52' to overtake O.S.50 K.M.S.17, 12. (9) DIDO 040° 40' 012° 30' Southbound 23. (10) BOREAS 038° 40' N. 013° 20' W. through 036° 50', 011° 30' to Gibraltar 14. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261127B)

Situation at 262002B. O.T.6, C.T.G.21.5 028° 33' 019° 18' through 029° 45' 019° 10' thence 058° 14. (2) U.S. Hospital Ship SEMINOLE 039° 56' 038° 40' through 040° 01' 037° 30' thence 091° 14. (3) U.S. S/Ms BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH, on patrol in area 20 miles either side of line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W. (4) U.G.S.10 FJF (?61) 024° 37' 026° 56' 054° 9. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261129)

New para. (5) add to my 261129. G.U.S.8A, (U.S.) Cdr. Task Force 69, 026° 12' 022° 11' 234° 9½. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261553B)

U/B reported by B.B.C. sunk by gunfire.

X My 171112A May (N.T. in W.R.) B.B.C. broadcast on their European Service at 0800/26th that a British ship was torpedoed and abandoned but some men remained on board sinking the submarine by gunfire when she came to the surface adding the British ship has now reached Lisbon. This is tantamount to saying she was acting as Q ship. Fear there may be repercussions here. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon, 261130B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty, F.O.C.N.A.)

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Arrival Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261250B to N.O.I.C. Avonmouth, (R) Admty, C. in C. Med.)

U/B mine-carrying capacity.

X Survivors from U-Boat that mined Straits of Gibraltar February last state that she could carry 66 mines. (D.D.I.C. 261301B to V.A. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med.)

DORNOCH.

DORNOCH has been ordered to proceed to Gibraltar. (F.O. Gibraltar, 261323B to Escorts of K.M.S.17 for Cdre. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.)

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ECLIPSE. (Corrupt Group) Sunday E.T.A. 0900B.
(ECLIPSE, 261547B to F.O. Gibraltar)

SEGUNDA, Your 111211 Approved.
EFIGINIA. (Head of M.I, 261623B to F.O. Gibraltar)

DJEBEL My 251555 I raised question Portugues air patrol
AURES, to prevent (corrupt group) of territorial waters.
SIDI Ministry of Marine replied cannot maintain
BRAHIM, efficient patrol due to lack of aircraft. They
Embarkations are convinced Axis Agents report by telephone
from movements of convoys past salient features of
Spain and coast but cannot obtain evidence to prove it.
Portugal. They consider in view of poor visibility often
prevailing on this coast in summer German aircraft
would have greater difficulty in locating convoys
if the latter kept well off the land.
This probably prompted by desire to avoid incidents suggest
worth trying.
(B.N.A.Lisbon, 261715B to F.O.C.N.A. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.)

Convoy Arrived.
C.G.41 (F.O. Gibraltar, 261757B to C.M.S.F.F.)

MARIPOSA. Intend sailing MARIPOSA estimated time departure
271400A unescorted. Routed through Q.K.A.102
thence. (Route) Thence Boston S. of A.19.
First "Chop" 010° W. 271900Z second "Chop" 047° W.
July 1st 2100Z Radio shift 020° W. 290200Z E.T.A. first ocean
point (P 271900Z standard communication. Codeword "Dominion"
associated call 129.
(U.S.C.M.S.F. 261814 to Cominch C. and R. (R) Admty etc.)
Cominch informs destination MARIPOSA Boston request
reconsideration Point Victor.
(C.M.S.F. 261958 to Admty (R) Cominch C. and R.)

GEORGES My 241048 (241038 intended) para. 3.
LEYGUES. Fr. Cr. GEORGES LEYGUES reports necessary to
refuel Bermuda. E.T.A. 1500Z/1st July.
(Comar, Dakar, 261914Z to S.B.N.O. W.At. (R)
Cinclant, Admty, F.O.C.W.Af., N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.
Fr. Cr. GEORGES LEYGUES, Cominch.)

Axis Departures Cartagena Spanish steamer CARANZA June
Shipping. 23rd CONAME June 25th both to Port Vendres and
(?AWURDAN) to Barcelona, all with cargo for Germany.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 261852B to 8th S/M Flotilla
(R) Capt.(S) 8, S.O.(I) Med.)

Convoy Intend to sail T.E. 25 consisting of ALVAAIZERE
T.E.25. and RECHOU escorted by LAUREL BURKE and RETURNO at
1400B June 27 for Oran routed through 16.8 13.86
109 lettered O to S. S. of A. 5 knots.
Codeword "School".
(F.O. Gib, 261857B to Com. N.O.B.Oran, (R) C. in C.
Med. Admty, Comnavamaw)

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K.M.F.17.Arrival SILVERTEAK.
(F.O.Gibraltar, 261923 to Admty.)

ADVENTURE.

Intend to sail ADVENTURE for U.K. at 0800B/27th
routed through. (Route)
S. of A. 18 knots. Codeword "Bonbon".
(F.O. Gibraltar, 262305 to Admty (R) C. in C.
Plymouth, C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C., C. in C. Med.
F.O.S.)South Atlantic.

W.S.30B.

Convoy W.S. 30B sailed for Bombay 25th June.
E.T.A. 9th July. Personnel on board for India.
(a) CUBA. (b) NIEUW HOLLAND (details)
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 260747Z to S.S.T.O. Bombay (R)
P.S.T.O. India, D. of S.T. P.S.T.O. Capetown,
C. in C. E.F.)EAGLE
torpedoed
25th June.My 251255. Ship arrived Rio de Janeiro 1900Z
25th. First torpedo struck forefoot at 0405Z/25th
when in approx. (amended) 023° 07' S. 041° 53' W.
Enemy abandoned attack after second torpedo
missed astern at 0407Z and was not seen.
U-Boat attacked with depth charges by Brazilian
aircraft 1350Z/25th in approx. position 023° 26' S. 042° W.
Result unknown.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 261009Z to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.,
F.O.C. W.Af., B.A.D. Washington)Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/26th June. DUNKERY escorting
016° 49' 016° (?38') coastwise to Dakar 7.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY with Motor A/S Boat No.4
about 017° 52' 024° 02' 040° 1.
F.S. GEORGES LEYGUES 016° 42' 031° 47' 300° 18.
O.R.P. BURZA, SNOWDROP, CROCUS escorting 009° 08' 014° (41') to
Freetown 13.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 261053Z)Situation at 2001Z/26th June. ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN,
SPHENE, STANDERTON with C.D.24 (3 ships) 033° 50', 027° 01'
Coastal to Durban 8.
NIGELLA, LE TIGRE, LADY ROSEMARY, CAPE WARWICK, BLAUNBERG with
D.C.32 (9 ships) 033° 45', 027° 18' coastal to Capetown 8. 025.
QUIBERON 033° 40', 031° 50' to Durban 18.
B.Y.M.S.5, 6, 7 and 8, 026° 20', 034° 35' to 021° 59', 038° 01' 8.
NORMAN, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM with W.S. 30 (7 ships) 025° 15',
035° 25' to 022° 01', 037° 59' 12.
FALMOUTH, GENISTA 023° 15' 036° 58' to Durban 11.

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Dispositions. PRIMULA 022° 55', 037° 20' to Durban 8.
(Contd.) SUFFOLK, RELENTLESS, NIZAM South of Madagascar
on operations.
(C. in C. S.A. 261215B)

Weekly State 29th May. Following is repetition of my 302024Z May (received undecypherable) addressed F.O.C.W.A.F. Admiralty C. in C. Med. from Comar Dakar. Cruisers GLOIRE Dakar GEORGES LEYGUES Casablanca. A.M.C. QUERCY PARAMARIBO. Escort ships LA GRANDIERE, D'UMONT DURVILLE Dakar. Calais Dakar area. ASPIRANT BRUN, CONAKRY, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY, VICTORIA Casablanca area. Submarines CENTAURE, ARGO Dakar. (Dakar C.C.O. 261115Z to Freetown, C.C.O., Admiralty.)

U/B activity, Convoy proposals. In the event of increased U-Boat activity in the West Africa Area, convoy between (a) Freetown and Bahia and (b) Freetown-Pointe Noire must be envisaged. It is proposed that (b) should alternate with S.T/T.S. convoys.
(2) The volume of traffic is estimated at 35 ships per convoy for (a) and 20 ships per convoy for (b), both on a 20-day cycle. It is considered that Two Escort Groups would be required for east convoy and the proposed operational strength of each group is five. (3) Shipping between Cape and West Africa will be considerably reduced when Mediterranean is fully open and for this reason it is not proposed to extend the Pointe Noire convoy to Capetown. Southbound shipping would disperse off Pointe Noire and Northbound shipping would assemble there. (4) Request your remarks which should also include your views on numbers required for local escort forces and on the maintenance and repair facilities required for the increased escort strength proposed.
(D.O.D.(F), 261206B to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

QUERCY. Your 251216 not to Admiralty. Consider it most desirable QUERCY should be escorted. Request you sail her a.m. 30th to join 12½ knots convoy W.S.31 off Dakar to Freetown. Details of R/V will be given later. If you can accept delay she will sail again in this convoy from Freetown arriving Pointe Noire on 13th July. I will endeavour to provide surface escort on voyage Pointe Noire Duala Dakar out in any case this later arrival at Pointe Noire will enable me to arrange good air escort. (F.O.C.W.Af. 261226Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty)

Movements. Arrival 0632Z/25th 1945. CORINTHIAN, CROCUS, (?ORFSAY), TURCOMAN, Free French Ship COMDT. DETROYAT with T.S.45. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 261227Z)

Convoy L.S.9. Arrivals 1330Z/25 June. WOLVERINE, RAPID, WITCH with L.S.9. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 261228Z to R.N.O. Lagos)

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troops
Transport.

X General Eisenhower has agreed to French request to transfer about 17,800 troops from Dakar to Casablanca at earliest opportunity. D. of S.T. presumes that B.M.S.M. is raising matter in Washington and American proposals have not yet been received, but it appears that U.S. troopships ARGENTINA, H.F. ALEXANDER, and SLOTERDIJK could lift about 9,200 as first flight if escort could be provided. D. of S.T.'s 212355 to B.A.D. and M.W.T.R. Mediterranean only refers. (2) Assuming U.S. request is received to divert into Dakar these three ships returning from W.S. 30, request your views on earliest date on which escort could be provided thence to Casablanca. (D.O.D.(F), 261235B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) B.A.D., C. in C. S.A.)

Dakar
minefield.

X Dakar and Bathurst are closed to shipping other than local Coastal traffic until situation regarding extent of minefield is more clear. (D.T.D. 261311B to Connav, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron, (R) F.O.C. W.Af., B.A.D.)

Force X.

X Your 241736 following is anticipated programme for Force X. 28 July sail Durban. Six destroyers as escort. 30 July arrive Capetown. 2nd August sail Capetown six destroyers as escort 4th August arrive Walvis Bay for fuel and water. 6 August sail Walvis Bay. 6 destroyers as escort 10th August Force X R/V with W.S.32 in vicinity of Pointe Noire and exchange escorts. (2) Details of fuelling arrangements at Pointe Noire for escorts will be made later. (3) It is hoped to include CATTERICK as through escort. (4) M.W.T.R. are endeavouring to arrange tankers for fuel and water at Walvis Bay. (C.in C. S.A. 261410B to Admty, F.O.C.W.Af.)

Stragglers
Rept. No.3.

Following is repetition of N.C.S.O. Freetown's 241501 June begins addressed Admiralty from N.C.S.O. Freetown. Freetown stragglers report number 3, HOPE STAR, T.S. 44 machinery defects. T.O.O. 241501. Message ends. (Freetown, C.C.O., 261517Z to Admty)

Force X.

Your 241736. Following proposals are based on the assumption that (A) tanker of not less than 12,000 tons capacity can be made available completed to full stowage, (B) Fuel stocks at Pointe Noire are up to full stowage directly before and after this commitment (C) water in REVENGE and RESOLUTION is sufficient for 12 days 2 of which are in harbour. (D) RAMILLIES has water for 15 days (E) Endurance of LORRAINE is equal to that of RESOLUTION. Propose tankers be sent to Congo River.

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Force X.
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REVENGE, RESOLUTION, LORRAINE and 4 South Atlantic destroyers to sail from Cape to Congo and refuel. RAMILLIES to sail with W.S.32 and to refuel in Congo River. South Atlantic destroyers to form onward escort for W.S.32 and destroyers E.W.S.32 to escort REVENGE, RESOLUTION and LORRAINE to Freetown. By making W.S.32 carry out Dogleg while RAMILLIES fuels this all can be achieved with minimum of 4 destroyers screening W.S.32 and two screening ships in the Congo, while remaining 2 fuel. If assumption (C) or (D) is incorrect it appears necessary for battleships to water at Walvis Bay or Congo. Special off station provision will have to be made in case of latter. This programme should allow Northward passage to be made at 15 knots advance. Cruisers to be sailed in 2 groups unescorted. One group to fuel Pointe Noire and other Takoradi. Not desired to send cruisers into Lagos owing to ship handling difficulties at which I presume they are not now proficient.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 261627Z to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

FINN. Swedish FINN sailing under instructions of and carrying supplies exclusively for international Red Cross sailing June 25th for Gibraltar by normal route due approximately July 23rd ship clearly painted with Red Cross, Swedish Flag and C. International and has instructions to report by H/F W/T her noon G.M.T. position daily.
(B.R.L.O. Buenos Aires, 261728Z to Admty, B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro)

B.Y.M.S. Sailed 1600Z B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 13, 20, 28 in accordance with F.O.C.W.Af's 191336 by standard French coastal route. (2) Shift to Gibraltar broadcast 0800Z/30 June. E.T.A. Casablanca 0700Z/3 July.
(Comar Dakar, 261738Z to F.O.C.W.Af. etc.)

Mines
Dakar. My 250135 not to C. in C. Med. or Comar Dakar. In order not to delay ESSO PHILADELPHIA, propose to discharge at Freetown and sail as directed by you. FORT NIAGARA cannot be discharged. Intend to hold at Freetown and sail to Dakar as soon as safe approach route has been established. Request early approval.
(F.O.C. W.Af. 261811Z to Admty (R) Cominch C. and R. Comar Dakar, C. in C. Med.)

NEW
NORTHLAND. If situation permits intend to sail CROCUS and DESTIENNE D'ORVES at 1000Z/28th escorting NEW NORTHLAND to Bathurst. Route. thence Bathurst speed of advance $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots E.T.A. 0800Z/30.
(2) Approach route is to be searched by B.Y.M.S. 17 and 18 being sailed to you. My 261051 (N.T. in W.R.) to Comar Dakar refers. (3) Sail NEW NORTHLAND to Freetown as soon as ready escorted by CROCUS and DESTIENNE D'ORVES.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 261800Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst, (R) Comar Dakar, CROCUS, Admty.)
Cancelled - see F.O.C.W.Af. 271143C)

Minesweeping /...

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Minesweep-
ing Dakar.

Your 251549. Mines swept by L.L/S.A. sweep.
Thought to be type O. Comar Dakar is requested
to forward any further details.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 261823Z to Admty (R) Comar Dakar)

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Malta Air Report. 2 Albacores with bombs on search for enemy shipping off East Coast of Sicily made no sighting on return journey 1 Albacore attacked E-Boat Base at Augusta dropping 4 x 250 lb. and 2 x 40 lb. bombs causing a yellow flash in target area. To cover this Albacore strike. 4 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Eastern and Western Sicily. 1 Mosquito is missing. 25th June, 11 Spitfire Bombers escorted by 12 fighter Spitfires bombed Comiso aerodrome scoring hits on Eastern dispersal area as diversion for bombers of North-west African Air Force attacking Messina. (A.H.Q. Malta, 260105Z.)

Enemy M/V. P.C. and S. of one medium sized merchant vessel 40.48 N. 12.35 E., course 000°, speed 10 knots. (A/C BSCN, 260130B.)

X.T.G.2. My 230849B. Following sailed. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 260330B.)

N.A.A.F. Adv. Air Report. 1. A 100 foot boat in Gulf of Cagliari was left smoking and a 2 masted sailing vessel near Cap Spartivento was left burning.
4. 36 B.25s escorted by 36 P.38s dropped 216 x 5 hundred pound bombs on Golfo Aranci. 2 motor vessels were hit, 1 set on fire, wharf installations well covered, many fires started. 1 enemy aircraft reported shot down.
6. 9 Wellingtons on night 23rd/24th June dropped 15 x 4000, 10 x 1000, 16 x 250 and 6 x 30 pound incendiary bombs on Catania marshalling yards and industrial area. Most bombs fell in target area and 8 fires were observed. (N.A.A.F. H.Q. Adv., No T.O.O., Recd. 0340Z.)

Force X destroyers. French destroyers have been detached vide my 251945C. Should arrive (corrupt group) 0900C today Saturday. (Capt. (D) 22, 260646C to N.O.I.C. Tobruk.)

Movements, Alexandria. June 25th arrivals COUNDOURIOTIS, M.L.356. Departures M.T.B.260. (R.A. Alexandria, 260651C.)

G.T.X. 3. My 241914B. Sailed. (F.O.I.S., 260816B.)

Operational H.Q. of C. in C. Med. X C. in C. Med. is setting up an operational headquarters in Malta at the beginning of July, the main Administration Office remaining in Algiers. The function of the Algiers Headquarters will be:- (A) The control and routing of

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Operational H.Q. of C. in C. Med. (Contd.)

X through convoys and local movements in the Western Basin. (B) Routine administrative matter not involving questions of policy. 2. Routeing of signals. 3. Signals will be originated by C. in C. Med. both from Algiers and Malta. Those from Algiers will be shown as from "C. in C. Mediterranean A". 4. C. in Cs. S.Ps. 5. All correspondence for C. in C. is to continue to Algiers except that of a personal character and that affecting the operations immediately in hand or in training. In the case of the latter a copy should also be sent to C. in C. at Algiers. Reports of proceeding of current operations and correspondence from S.O. and ships at Malta should be sent to the C. in C. at Malta. 6. C. in C. Levant recypher and pass to Levant Station. Admiralty recypher and pass to C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Londonderry, C. in C.W.A. F.O.C.W.A. / (C. in C. Med. 260900B.) / Passing action being taken by W.R. P.8326

2 Enemy M/Vs. P.C.S. of 2 small enemy merchant vessels, 2 destroyers and 2 planes, 38.50 N. 15.35 E. 180° 8 knots. (A/C ANYM, 260937B.)

Newtel No. 15. Situation review week ending incl. 25th June. 4. Sfax approx. 1,000 personnel embarked for Tripoli. Tripoli. Average daily discharge 1,800 tons excl. 6,000 tons bulk aviation spirit, 4,400 tons backloaded. 2,000 personnel disembarked 5,700 personnel embarked and 460 cases evacuated by hospital ship. Benghazi. Total 6,780 tons discharged in four days only incl. 3,240 tons bulk aviation spirit. Malta. Over period 29th May to 7th June 20,500 tons bulk heavy oil and 19,600 tons general stores discharged. Air freight. 5,724 lbs. from Cairo and 122 personnel. Bulk storage Tripoli. Tankage for 5,000 tons Naval fuel oil and additional 1,800 tons aviation spirit completed. Total aviation spirit storage capacity now 14,900 tons. (C. in C.M.E. 260950C.)

M.E. Opsum 59 24/25 June. A.660 June 25th. 6 Wellingtons bombed Olbia docks and railway sidings. June 25th 2 Wellingtons, 7 Hudsons, 1 Walrus, 2 Bisleys, 1 Baltimore (A.30) 3 Swordfish anti S/M. Italian S/M sighted on surface off Gaza and attacked by Hudson with 1 depth charge after submerging. Results unknown. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 261034Z.)

FIRUZ. My 251035C. FIRUZ entered Aegean 06 hours ?G.M.T. June 26th escorted by three destroyers, one seaplane. Course West, North of Lemnos. (S.O. (I) Istanbul 261059C.)

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Forces K.
& M.

Amend my 131853 / para. (B) delete QUALITY, JERVIS, from 4th Flotilla. Amend 24th D.F. to read TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN, PIORUN, OFFA. Add 14 D.F. JERVIS, PANTHER, PATHFINDER, PENN, PALIDIN, PETARD. In 8th D.F. for IMPULSIVE read ECLIPSE. (C. in C. Med. 261105B to C. in C. Levant.) / Ships to comprise Forces K. & M.

WESTRAY,
BREAM.

Sail 0900B/27th as escort to GUYANDOT (as received) WINIFRED L. SMITH and CEVENNES to unload. Route via Q.K.B.94 and 93, 128, 97. Speed 6 knots. Fighter protection "Lilac" 3. (2) Escort to return Bizerta immediately. (F.O.I.S. 261158B to WESTRAY, BREAM (R) 242 Group, C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Tunis, Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. Connav.)

Enemy
Cruiser.

Following read. One enemy cruiser in 42.00 N. 09° 50' E. at 261206B. Course 350° speed 20 knots. (A/C A.N.Y.G. 261220B.)

Staggered
zigzag.

Your 222213 / concur. (S.O. Force H. 261230 to Admty. C. in C. Med.) / Re deletion in S.P.02200 of article 144 (E).

ADVENTURE.

Your 120046. No further trips required at present. Suggest that this opportunity should be taken to refit ADVENTURE. (C. in C. Med. 261232B to Admty.)

C.O.P.P.
parties.

A.M.101656 and V.A. Malta 161526. Following are intended movements of C.O.P.P. parties to meet requirements of Indian Theatre:- A. C.O.P.P.3 and 4 personnel without equipment to return U.K. arriving not later than 15th July to reform and re-equip for service in India. B. C.O.P.P.7 with equipment from Mediterranean to arrive India by 1st Sept. C. C.O.P.P. 5 and 6 to remain in Med. 2. Request confirmation that para. 1A can be complied with. 3. Request you will arrange to comply with para 1B. (D. of P. 261343B to C. in C. Med.)

BATHURST,
CARNATIC.

Arrivals BATHURST and CARNATIC in company. (Com. Aden 261359Z.)

B.Y.M.S.
and
water
carriers.

Your 241826 Para. 1. B.Y.M.S. will be ready to leave Portsmouth 3rd July. 2. 5 Water carriers will be ready to leave U.K. approx. 4th July. Your 031717/June and A.M. 011835/June para. 3 neither to F.O.C. West Africa, refer. 3. Intend B.Y.M.S. provide escort for the water carriers, the convoy to sail 4th July or as soon after as practicable. (D.M.S. 261445B. to C. in C. Med.)

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N.W.A.A.F. report. 25th June. 3 Torpedo Beaufighters anti-shipping sweep Tyrrhenian Sea attacked 6,000 ton merchant vessel sighted South West Lido di Roma with 2 escort vessels and H.E.115. No hits seen, but vessel left smoking. 1 escort vessel damaged by cannon fire. H.E.115 shot down. 1 Beaufighter damaged. 4 U.S. Airacobras searched for survivors of S.M.79 without result. (H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 261511B.) W.D. Note. Corrupt portions are repeated in H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. No.T.O.O/28. Recd. 1422B.

R/C Taranto Brindisi. Taranto 1315 2 battleships (one) possibly 2 cruisers. Brindisi 1325 1 cruiser left since 251525. Visuals only. (V.A. Malta 261559B.)

TORBAY. Onward routeing through 135°. Cape Palos 5 miles at 0400/29th 038° 10' 002° 37' at 2215/30th thence to R/V P.224 (SICKLE) and escort Algiers in 036° 57' 003° 07' at 0602/1st July. Position N. and E. (Capt. (S) 8 261606B to H.M.S. TORBAY. (R) C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gib. N.O.I.C. Oran, N.O.I.C. Algiers, S. (8) F.S. PERLE.)

Movements, Port Said. Following is a repetition of my 222117* begins Admiralty, C. in C. Levant (R) F.O.R.S.C.A. R.A. Alexandria, from N.O.I.C. Port Said 22nd June. Port Said arrivals WOLBOROUGH, GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, WOOLANGONG, MAURITIUS. Departures R.F.A. OHETI, H.M.S. ROMEO, WOLBOROUGH, M/L 1012, MAURITIUS ends. (Port Said C.C.O. 261609C.)*Previously received undecypherable.

U/B estimate. U-Boats (German) estimated 4 operating evenly disposed between Alboran and Algiers and within 25 miles of coast. U-Boat (Italian) in the Gulf of Sirte, 1 within 60 miles S.E. of Malta, 1 between 004° and 008° E. and within 30 miles of coast. (C. in C. Med. 261747B to F.O.C. Gib. S.O. Force H. F.O.I.S., N.O.I.C. Bougie, N.O.I.C. Algiers. C.S.12, N. Com. N.O.B. Oran, Escorts K.M.F.17, X.T.G.2 (R) Admty.)

KRAKOWIAK, THEMISTOCLES. Your 251450.* KRAKOWIAK is required to complete escort Group S. at Algiers by 4th July request she may be sailed independently when ready. (2) Request I may be informed when THEMISTOCLES may be expected. (3) Admty. recypher and pass to R.A.V. (C. in C. Med. 261803B to Admty.)*KRAKOWIAK to be sailed as additional escort for K.M.F.19.

/CASABIANCA...

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CASABIANCA, Intend to sail CASABIANCA at 1900/28th for patrol
PERLE, between latitude 041 degs. 45' N. and 043 degs. 10'
SIBYL. and longitude 008 degs. 00' E. and 009 degs. 24' E.
routed through 041 degs. 20' 007 degs. 00' at
0030/1st July and 041 degs. 45' 008 degs. 00' at
0500/1st. (2) My 242004 not to F.S. PERLE, P.217
SIBYL from 038 degs. 09' 003 degs. 30' at 0530/29th is re-routed
through 043 degs. 10' 008 degs. 00' at 2300/2nd thence through
043 degs. 25' 009 degs. 24' to East Coast Corsica.
(Capt.(S) 8, 261840B to C. in C. Med. (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers,
F.O.I.C. Gib. 8th S/M.F. PERLE (F.S.)).

Malta Your 251201C interim policy of continuing to
maintenance maintain Malta from Mid-East applies to Naval
Stores.
(Admty. 261847B to C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C.
Med. V.A. Malta, A.S. Alexandria).

N.A.A.F. Rear To: Eaker and Brereton. From: Spaatz.
report. 1. No report from Coastal Air Force received today.
2. Between the hours of 0730 and 0830, 126 B.17s.
took off to attack Messina. They dropped 1746
X 300 pound, 38 X 2000 pound, and 38 X 1000 pound
bombs on marshalling yards, warehouse area, industrial area. All
areas well covered, many fires started. Formations met intense
flak over target which damaged 42 aircraft and seriously wounding
2 crew members. Enemy aircraft was encountered by all formations,
who destroyed 18, probably destroyed and damaged 2.2 B-17 crew
members were killed and 1 B-17 crash landed at Bizerta.
(N.A.A.F. Rear 261920).

German Your 1001/22nd (N.T. in W.R.) figures correspond
Tankers exactly with German tanker KARIBISCHES MEER last
heard of in Baltic 1940. Suggest false papers.
Description bridge amidships two masts counter
stern straight stem.
(C. in C. Levant 261932C to S.O.(I) Istanbul
(R) Admty.).

Enemy At 1935. One auxiliary vessel 2500 one minelayer
reports. three aircraft position 40.27 N. 07.47 E. course
100 speed nil.
(A/C B.V.R.Z. 261945B).
Position of one destroyer at 1811 was 39.53 N.
08.11 E. course 090 degs. speed 12 knots.
(A/C B.V.R.Z. 261946B).

LILY TIDALAND and LILY in tow, proceeding at slow speed,
TIDALAND. one propeller (?fouled).
(LISMORE 262040C to C. in C. Levant).

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Oran. SHUBRICK, H.M.S. PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCESS JOSEPHINE
CHARLOTTE, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCESS ASTRID,
ADVENTURE and FARNDALDE arrived today. U.S.S.
JEFFERS, HERNDON, SHUBRICK, VULCAN and TARAZED
and H.M.S. PRINCE CHARLES, ADVENTURE and FARNDALDE departed.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 262041B)

Movements, Arrivals RONALDSHAY, STROMA, H.D.M.L.1221, 1123,
Bone. 1121, departure KING SOL.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 262043B)

CROOME, Regret to report CROOME and HURSLEY were damaged
HURSLEY, in collision at 0300C/26th while escorting convoy
damaged. (?) K.M.S. 16. Ships returned to Alex(?) 26th
(?) June for repairs. Details will be signalled
after examination.
(C. in C. Levant, 262056C)

Shortage of A/S patrol craft on Levant Station. X The shortage of A/S patrol craft on Levant
station is acute. For example only one H.D.M.L.
can at present be allocated to Alexandria and
owing to heavy runs due to lack of numbers
nearly half are out of action. Can 4 H.D.M.L.
be spared to replace those handed over to
Force G. Para.3 of Admty. 081702 March (Hush
Most Secret distribution) refers.
(C. in C. Levant, 262108C to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Bizerta arrivals HUNDA, QUEEN OLGA, BRISTOL,
Bizerta. ROTHESAY, H.D.M.L.1236, S.C. 549, Y.M.S.78.
Departure HENGIST, BRISTOL, NICHOLSON, H.D.M.L.
740, 63.
(S.O.I.S. Bizerta 262122B)

Movements, 26th June Port Said arrivals L.C.I.(L) B.Y.131,
Port Said. 266, 277 E.N. departures PINDOS, GERALDTON,
A.F.D.27 WOOLONGONG, ROMEO, COMBRAE, M/L 1122
R.F.A. CHANGTE.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 262123C)

Enemy Report. Position of 3 enemy vessels of unknown type
43.38 N. 09.48 E. course 140° speed unknown.
(A/C F.D.D.H. 262210Z)

Amendment to Signal Manual. ✓ Your 222213 refers. Concur with C. in C.
Med's proposal.
(C. in C. Levant, 262238 to Admty)

Movements, Arrival L.C.T. 603, 850, 537 MAPLE M.L.359,
Benghazi. VULCAN arrived and left DELPHINIUM, LA MOQUEUSE,
departure HENRIETTA MOLLER, ZINGARELLA.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 262252)

Movements, Arrived and left M.T.B.260. Arrived BASQUE,
Tobruk. FORBIN, FORTUNE.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 262315C)

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CLAN CAMERON. A.M. 251916 not to all. Request you will sail CLAN CAMERON escorted by HOLCOMBE, FLY and MUTINE at 0600B/30th. (2) Route to Malta at best speed estimated as 13 knots. E.T.A. 1600B July 3rd. (3) Code word Hemingway L.V.T. Priority 3. (4) FLY is to detach at 0800B/July 2nd and proceed to Bone. (5) V.A. Malta is requested to sail HOLCOMBE on arrival to arrive Bizerta by July 6th. (C. in C. Med. 262315B to F.O.C. Gibraltar.)

Movements, Arrivals and departures PRINCESS BEATRIX, Malta. QUEEN ?EMMA (?LIDDESDALE) PUCKERIDGE. Arrivals LARGS, CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON, PALADIN, MISOA, L.S.Ts. 410 62/420 423. M.T.B.62 returned, engine defects. Departures NUBIAN, INCHCOLM, L.S.Ts. 372, 364, 379, 390, 311, 333, 314, 377, 413, 355. M.Ls. 1164, 1143. (C.C.O. Malta 262345.)

Movements, Arrived and left NUBIAN. Sailed L.S.T.362 25th Tripoli. L.C.T.570, 557, 582 M.L.1,158, 1,083, 1,038. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 262359B.)

Malta Opsum 25/26 June. Air Messina 1 M/V 4/5000 tons sunk in Harbour since Report. 25 June. (R.A.F. Malta 262359).

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U/B. By D/F in 8520 k/cs at 2121Z/26th position of Italian believed S/M was 009° S. 081° E. unreliable fix. (C. in C. E.F., 260119 to S. & A. E.I.S., (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., 246 Wing.)

BRITISH VENTURE sunk. BRITISH VENTURE torpedoed and sunk in position 025° 19' N. 057° 52' E. 240600Z June. Survivors number unknown picked up by VARELA. (S.O.(I) Colombo, 260515Z to Admty.) Reference E.F.716 H/71/27 512 12. (A) BRITISH VENTURE. (B) 017° 13' N. 058° 02' E., 0500Z/24th. approx. information. (C) U-Boat presumed. (D) Torpedoed caught fire sank 3 hours later. (E) One possible two. (F) 19 men in raft. Boats burned out. (G) No. (H) No. (I) information generally vague as of upperdeck officers only Chief Officer not on watch survived. One engineer in wheelhouse (testifies?). No wheel or engine orders passed. Therefore presumably nothing spotted. (N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 260533Z to Admty., C. in C. E.F., S.O.(I) Colombo, (R) S.N.O. Persian Gulf, N.C.S.O. Abadan.)

MAURETANIA. 1. MAURETANIA sailed a.m./26th, E.T.A. Suez 0600Z/3rd July. Requirements. Personnel transhipped from STRATHMORE (details). (S.S.T.O. Ceylon, 260554Z to P.S.T.O.M.E.) 03 26 MAURETANIA Suez 3rd July to position (H) 20 knots thence 21 knots. (Route), thence Red Sea Route 9 days. "Chop" 29th June. (Colombo, 261007Z to Admty.)

Operation "Player". Catalinas in conjunction with surface forces searched area A during daylight 26th. Nothing sighted. 2. Weather conditions in area, sea calm, weather fair, visibility 15 to 20 miles. (C. in C. E.F., 260751Z to Admty., C. in C. S.A., A.H.Q.E.A., C.S.4, 246 Wing.)

Convoy B.P. 85. Sailing telegram. (2) 1030Z/26th. (3) Estimated time crossing 062° 1630Z/29th June. (3A) E.T.A. position (E) 2330Z/30th June. (3B) E.T.A. west of Quoins 0930Z/1st? July. (4) 9 knots. (Route). (6) BENGAL, ORISSA. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 261041Z to Admty.)

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Convoy Arrivals 0445Z TAMWORTH, BALUCHISTAN with P.B.45.
P.B. 45, Departure 1050Z ORISSA, BENGAL with B.P.85.
B.P. 85. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 261117Z to Admty.)

KENYA. Arrival KENYA at 1225Z/26th.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 261250Z.)

Movement (1) CANTON left Kilindini June 25th to R/V
Summary W.S.30. ROTHERHAM, QUICKMATCH, NORMAN left
No. 75 Durban 25th escorting W.S.30, after R/V QUICKMATCH,
June 26th. ROTHERHAM, NORMAN returning Durban. CANTON
escort W.S.30 to 007° S. to R/V ALAUNIA on July
1st. CANTON escort 2 ships to Kilindini due
July 2nd. ALAUNIA escort convoy to Bombay due
9th July.
(2) DURBAN left Aden 22nd due Kilindini 27th.
(C. in C. E.F., 261300Z to E.F. 306 Y.)

Chinese X Chinese Government wish to send four or five
Officers, Officers (probably 3 Army, 1 Naval and possibly
Inspection 1 Air Force) to inspect fortifications in India,
of forti- Mideast, North Africa, Malta, Gibraltar and
fications. Britain.
2. Admiralty agree in principle and consider it
desirable in view of proganda value that Naval
Authorities should co-operate as far as possible
in arrangements, which would be made in the first place by War
Office.
3. Request you will consult local Military Authorities and
remark.
(Approved by A.C.N.S.(F), 261822B to C. in C. E.F., C. in C.
Levant, C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.I.C. Malta, (R)
F.O.C.R.I.N., S.N.O.P.G., F.O.R.S.C.A.)

Movements. Departure BHADRAVATI for Bedi Bunder.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 262251Z.)
Arrival IRRAWADI escorting CAPE ST. FRANCIS.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 262355Z to Admty.)

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L.S.Ts. Flag (manned by Greek crews) / It is not clear whether you intend L.S.Ts. now being manned in this country by Greek crews to wear the Greek or White Ensign. In this connection we are informed unofficially by the Navy Department that the State Department have pointed out that under Lend Lease laws Britain is not permitted to transfer any equipment obtained through Lend Lease to another power and that if it is intended to man these vessels with Greek crews it will be essential for them to sail under the British Flag.

(B.A.D. 260109Z to Admty.)

My 260109. Please hold my 260109 in abeyance pending further enquiries from Navy Department.
(B.A.D. 261717Z to Admty.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 25th.
Arrivals DEVERON, VANQUISHER, POTENTILLA, VERVAIN, KINGCUP, ROSE, ACANTHUS, HERPERIA, COLDSTREAMER ex O.N.189. LADY MADELEINE, NORTHERN SKY ex O.N.S.10. KITCHENER ex Halifax.
Departures ESQUIMALT escorting J.N.32 to Botwood FORT WILLIAM to Sydney.

(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 260155Z.)

1. St. Johns N.F. 3. 1230Z/25th. 4. Rescue tug HESPERIA? ex O.N.J.189.

(St. Johns N.F. 261216Z.)

Arrivals CALDWELL, ARROWHEAD, BROCKVILLE from O.N.188. (C.Halifax 241236Z.)

Trinidad departures 26th H.M.M.S. 99,100,101,104,108. (S.B.N.O.Trinidad 261302Z.)

EAGLE torpedoed. 252053 Connav serials 19 to 25. EAGLE torp. 250643 22.10 S. 40.50 W. intends return to Rio. (Connav No TO.O recd. 0250/26th to Commaveu.) See (B.N.S.O.Rio de Janeiro 261009Z to Admty.) South Atlantic.

Secret equipment. Your 112237. We will attempt to forward the list requested at the earliest possible date. 2. In the absence of any knowledge concerning the use for which such a list is designed, your para. 3 does not contain sufficient information to enable us to determine the type of list required. 3. Request you signal more detailed requirements as soon as possible. Some indication of the purpose in view would be of assistance in compiling a list suitable to your requirements. (A.C.N.S.(W) 260258B to B.A.D.)

BOGUE. This is Cominch's 252215 addressed Admty. and (R) C. in C.Lant, Comdeslant, Comairlant. "In view of continued U-Boat activity on African convoy routes, and the quiet situation in the North Atlantic, consider BOGUE, which with four vessels of Cortdiv 1 will be ready for operations by July 12, can best be employed on the former routes for the present. If you concur I intend to sail the BOGUE group with convoy U.G.S.12 July 12 from Hampton Roads".
(Commaveu 260534Z to Admty.)

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Movements	Ship.	Position.	Course	Speed.
Summary 1800	CILICIA	05° N. 24° W.	Patrol	Blank
G.M.T.26th.	T.A.49	48° 31' N. 24° W.	234°	19½
	(D.O.D.(F) 260830Z to Opanav (R) Comnav.)			

Convoy S.C.133. Average speed 7.9 knots. Arrived off
Oversay at 1100Z June 18th.
(D.T.D. 261124B to Opanav, N.S.H.Q.)

Mines Halifax. Your 251045B. Following is repetition of my
210036Z (Begins):-
My 200023. Mine bag Sunday 20th. Nil. No
change in totals. Further reports will not be
made unless situation changes.
(Halifax C.C.O. 261205Z to Admty.)
My 231242. Mine bag Friday 25th l. Cut "Oropesa" in position
44.17 - 63.29.40 surfaced and sunk gunfire. Totals mines
destroyed 50, recovered 3, probably self sunk 2 to date.
(C.Halifax 261517 to Admty. etc.)

WEST POINT. WEST POINT arrived Boston 1426Z/24th.
(Cominch 261214 to Admty. N.S.H.Q. Commorseafon,
V.A.Gibraltar.)

Convoy O.N.191. Your 251643 concur sailing O.N.191 up to two
days late.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 261250Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A.
N.S.H.Q. Connav, N.C.S.Os. Mersey, Clyde, Milford
Haven, Aultbea, Belfast.)

NIGERIA. Your 231709. If NIGERIA is carrying passengers
or stores she should be routed to Clyde.
(D.O.D.(H) 261305B to B.A.D. (R) NIGERIA.)

Convoy U.C.3. Curacao section arrived 261100Z.
(C.A.F.A.C. 261358 to Admty. etc.)

BURGESS Comply Cominch 251915.
(C.E.S.F. 261407 to C.T.G.02.1 (R) C. in C.Lant,
Admty. N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O.W.At. S.B.N.O.W.At.
pass to N.O.B.Bermuda for info.)
BURGES departs Boston Gate 1830Q June 26 en route Bermuda via
all positions North and West H. 42.07 70.15 I. 40.01 69.01
J. 32.40 64.09 K. 32.18 64.09 L. 32.18 64.29 thence via
swept channel to destination. Speed 16 knots. E.T.A. position
L. 1800 June 28.
(C.T.G.02.1 261710Z to C.E.S.F. (R) S.B.N.O. N.O.B. (?Bermuda)
N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C.Atlantic Fleet, C. in C.U.S.Fleet,
N.O.B. Newport.)

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N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's estimate of S/Ms north of 040°
S/M estimate. N. west of 040° W. 1200Z/26th.
(N.S.H.Q. 261437Z.)

Dispositions. Section south west H.X.245 W.2, 042° 50' 060° 05'
089° 9.5 altering to 066° in 059° 10' W.
CALDWELL, DUNVEGAN, OAKVILLE vicinity 043° 20'
062° 00' 12 knots en route Halifax.

J.H.57, WOODSTOCK 044° 43' 061° 55' 239° 9 knots en route Halifax
O.N.S.10, W.5, 043° 38' 058° 57' 248° 7 altering to 273° in
059° 31' W. 258° in 068° 00' W.

H.S.93, SASKATOON, KENORA depart position 044° 08' 063° 16' at
2000Z/26th steering 067° 7.5 altering to 345° in 045° 24' N.
059° 59' W.

W.6 depart position 044° 08' 063° 16' 2030Z/26th steering 147°
12 knots to join O.N.189 in 041° 47' N. 061° 12' W.

CUCKMERE depart position 044° 08' 063° 16' 2200Z/26th steering
063° 15 knots altering to 065° in 044° 28' N. (062°) 19' W.
to 000° in 045° 02' N. 060° (44'?) W. thence through Gut of
Canso to Pictou, N.S.

BURNHAM vicinity 044° 07' 063° 02' 17 knots en route Halifax.

ST. CROIX depart position 044° 08' 063° 16' 0330Z/27th
steering 072° ? 18 altering to 078° in 062° 00' W.

B.Y.M.S. 47,37,48, 042° 42' 065° 14' 088° 10 altering to 045°
in 065° 08' W. direct? for Halifax in 044° 08' N. 063° 16' W.

IRISH ELM 039° 43' 066° 35' 180° 8 knots.

YARROWONGA, FORMOSA, Swedish relief ships 040° 30' 066° 35' 000°
13 knots.

K.14 Netherlands S/M unescorted 040° 30' 068° 44' 090° expected
time of arrival 040° 30' N. 066° 17' W. at 0200Z/28th. S.O.A.
105 miles per day.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 261540Z.)

U.S. S.M (Cominch 261546Z.)
Estimate.

U/B. S/M reported sighted by escort in 051° 12' N.
049° 08' W. at 1110Z/26th.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 261550Z to G.B.7A.)

T.A.49. Canadian Army Movement Control have information
destination of T.A.49 will now be Norfolk.
Request very early confirmation in view of large
numbers of personnel for Canada for whom special
trains have to be arranged.
(N.S.H.Q. 261551Z to Admty.)
Your 261551. Confirmed this diversion will be made.
(B.A.D. 262033Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty. C. in C.C.N.A.)

Convoy Admiralty 151838 and 251646 arrival dates
arrival satisfactory except T.A.50A due New York 8th July
dates. conflicts sailing H.X.247 same day.
(Cominch C. & R. 261552Z to Admty.)

/Admiralty...

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Admiralty Admiralty 251228 affirmative. Summary is
Daily convoy excellent and much appreciated.
summary. (Cominch C. & R. 261554Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

K.14. Paraphrase of Adcomb Comsublant's 250039 which
Admiralty is requested to pass to C. in C.W.A.
Submarine notice - all times are Z.

A. Netherlands S/M K.14 departed Point Judith
22 hours June 25, speed 12 knots on surface, submerging as
necessary via Narragansett Channel to L. (40.30 N. 69.35 W.)
at 0800 hours 26th.

B. Then submerging by day, speed 2.5 knots, and proceeding on
surface during darkness, speed 10 knots. Daily advance 105
miles.

C. Proceeding on course 090 to Longitude 66.17 W. at 0200 June 28.

D. Thereafter proceeding at 10 knots on surface, diving at
discretion and will pass through the following points at the
times indicated:

Point.	Lat.	Long.	Time.	Date.
"M"	40.30	60.01	0635	29th
"N"	42.30	52.30	1810	30th.
"O"	44.01	45.00	0415	July 2nd.

E. K.14 was handed a paraphrase of this message and the
following received copies of the original of this message:
Comeastseafon, Cominch, Comdt. 1st Nav. Dist., C.T.F.24,
Comdt. 3rd Nav. Dist., N.O.B. Argentina, C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D.
and N.S.H.Q.

F. K.14 is painted gray, has deck gun forward of conning tower
and has new cutter on bow.

G. Total bombing and attack restrictions are requested 50 miles
ahead and 100 miles behind and 15 miles each side of predicted
position.

H. Change of operational control will occur at 0415 July 2nd -
onward routeing to be ordered by F.O.(S).
(Connaveu 261609Z to Admty. F.O.S.)

H.X.245. H.X.245, C. in C.C.N.A. 171848. After Homp
convoy now numbers 88 with 4 present at St.
Johns N.F. Experience shows probability of
several returns therefore intend to allow the
four from St. Johns N.F. to sail.
(N.S.H.Q. 261615Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A.
F.O.N.F. C. in C.C.N.A. Connaveu.)

Convoy Cominch's 252108 addressed to C. in C.Lant,
O.T.7. Comdeslant, Comdesron 31, C.E.S.F. P.D.N.Y.
C.A.F.A.C. Connaveu, Com. 3, C.T.G. 21.4, C. in
C.Med. C.C.S.F. Connavnaw, C.M.M.S.F. and
Admiralty informs as follows:-

Sailing from New York 7 July.
(Connaveu 261633Z to Admty.)

/Tankers...

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Tankers, Oil stocks, for U.K. Your 251653Z. Comnavu 241636 which has not been seen here was despatched without previous consultation with Admiralty or M.O.W.T.

2. Although correct in fact it may create an entirely false impression.
3. M. of W.T. are fully prepared to accept 24 large tankers in C.U. convoys whatever the composition of cargoes, but with C.U.3 special arrangements are being made to enable discharge of a majority of black oil cargoes.
4. Nothing should be allowed to raise doubts on ability to handle 24 large tankers simultaneously in U.K.
5. Please refer to Limit Bilge 3112 and 3121. (D.T.D. 261641B to B.A.D.)

Swimmers. Following from Chiefs of Staff C.O.S.(W) 666.

1. It has been decided to raise and train a special unit of 40 all ranks expert swimmers on the lines of similar units being used by the Italians and Japanese.
2. Request you will approach U.S. Naval Authorities to provide accommodation and facilities for 8 officers and 32 other ranks with U.S. Marine Corps at San Diego. (Britman Washington 261700Z to Air Min.)

SEARCHER. Sail SEARCHER Norfolk to New York when ready about 28th June for inclusion in H.X.246 if practicable. Vessel must embark engine spares at New York prior sailing. If unable to sail with convoy but ready within 24 hours of convoy sailing SEARCHER may be sailed to overtake. Ship urgently required U.K. (Cominch 261738Z to C.E.S.F. (R) Com. 5, C.T.F.24, C. in C. Lant, Admty. C. in C.W.A. S.B.N.O.W.At. C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q.)

Escort for LORD KELVIN. Cominch 171306Z Admiralty 220025B. C. in C.C.N.A. anticipates escort will be available about 27th June. Request Western Union Telegraph Company be informed and instructed to complete arrangements for final date with C. in C.C.N.A. (N.S.H.Q. 241743Z to Cominch (R) Admty. C. in C.C.N.A. Cinclant, Com.3rd Naval Dist. New York.)

Your 241743. Intend sailing C.S.LORD KELVIN to St. Johns N.F. with appropriate H.S. and B.W. convoys to await arrival TRILLIUM who will escort cable ship to effect repairs HEARTS CONTENT, VALENCIA, TOUR BAL vide B.A.D.Washington's 041837.

2. TRILLIUM arrives St. Johns approx. 9th July F.O.N.F. will sail cable ship escorted by TRILLIUM on arrival latter. (C. in C.C.N.A. 261842Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) N.O.I.C. Sydney, F.O.N.F. B.A.D. Cominch, Admty. C. in C.Lant, Com. 3, C. in C.W.A. A.C.I.C. D.Halifax.)

Convoy H.X.243. Average speed 9.61 knots. Arrived off Oversay 1600Z June 20th. (D.T.D. 261802B to Connnav, N.S.H.Q.)

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ARICKAREE "S" report. SSSS 38° 49' N. 69° 30' W. sighted submarine. (ARICKAREE 261842 to Admty.)

ORIBI. ORIBI departed Boston Gate at 1405Q/26 en route Bermuda via (route). thence via swept channel to destination. Speed 20 knots. (C.T.G.02.1 261845Z to C.E.S.F. (R) N.O.B. Newport, N.O.B. Bermuda, N.S.H.Q. Admty. Opanav, Cominch.)

H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE. 1. H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE.
2. 261930Z Cape Henry.
3. Passing K.271600Z speed 16.
5. Routed K.35.24 N. 70.01 W. L. 32.43 N. 64.31 W.
14. Held by QUEEN ELIZABETH, S.P.02193 (29).
02380 (34). 02436(25).
15. Guards 2840 k/cs until beginning of Searched Channel and when within 100 miles of Bermuda. 4410 from beginning of Searched Channel until within 100 miles of Bermuda.
16. Q.J.B.7. C.140. H.43 Escorts U.S.S. HARRISON, BLACKWOOD and DRURY. E.T.A. Bermuda 281200Z. QUEEN ELIZABETH requests Bermuda advise time of departure of aircraft. Desires to exercise Radar. Above is repetition of Port Director Norfolk 261340 action C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty. C. in C.C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. Cominch C. and R.
(Radio Washington 261905Z to Admty. C. in C. C.N.A.)

A.T.54. (QUEEN ELIZABETH.) About 1st July sail A.T.54 (QUEEN ELIZABETH) via (route). Cominch C. and R. originator. (Cominch C. and R. 262022Z to P.D.New York.)

FREDERICK DOUGLAS. FREDERICK DOUGLAS from H.X.245 proceeding Halifax with engine defect from junction at "Homp" DUNVEGAN detached to escort at 1730Z. (CALDWELL 262030Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q. Capt. D.Halifax, W.2. DUNVEGAN.)

Sub attack & sighting summary. All times Z. Para. C., OS2U, plane sights sub course south 36.20 N. 74.10 W. 252236. Surface craft sight sub 51.12 N. 49.08 W. 261110. Para. D. Panam plane sighted sub 47.17 N. 62.30 W. 261250. Y.P.27 sound contact 37.01 N. 75.40 W. 261833. S.C.1309 sound contact 11.03 N. 66.32 W. 252100.
(Cominch 262030Z to Admty.)

M.M.S. H.M.M.M.S. 99,100,101,104 and 108 departed Port of Spain 261200 route coastal via Serpents Mouth. Belem E.T.A. off Salinas Point 031000Z July, knots 9.
(?N.O.B. Trinidad 262032 to Cominch C. and R.)

/U-Boat...

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- U-Boat. Training aircraft report possible sighting of submarine in 043° 40' N. 062° 24' W. at 2055Z/26th. This coincides with previous estimate. (C. in C.C.N.A. 262140Z to G.B.7A.)
- Convoy O.N.188. Convoy O.N.188 42 ships arrived 26th. First arrival 1607Z. Last arrival 1948Z. All ships accounted for. (Navycom. Washington 262216Z to Cominch C. and R.)
- A.N.D. and Mark 29 mines. Your 232235Z. No verified attacks since March on N.D. ships with nets streamed. Two ships report believed catches but information so far received does not justify confirmation. Two N.D. vessels sunk and two damaged by torpedo attack when nets were not streamed. (Admty. 262225B to B.A.D.)
- BATTLEFORD. BATTLEFORD grounded about half mile off Pictou N.S. entrance at 1815Z today and refloated one and quarter hours later. Asdic dome and oscillator carried away, training unit damaged, made water in cable locker but under control. No spares available Pictou N.S. BATTLEFORD ordered to send written report of circumstances to Capt. D.Halifax. (SALISBURY 262230 to D.Halifax, (R) C. in C.C.N.A. SOREL, BATTLEFORD.)
- U-Boat. A.D.C. reports sighting possible submarine in approx. 047° 32' N. 057° 10' W. at 0930Z. (C. in C.C.N.A. 262304Z to G.B.7A.)
- STATE OF VIRGINIA. Arrival June 26th STATE OF VIRGINIA U.S.A.T. (B.R.O. Georgetown 262335Q to Admty.)

Australia & New Zealand.

- ATREUS, ELSEY arrangements. Ref. A.M. 131102A March, request arrangements are made for ATREUS and ELSEY to carry our repairs to the C.M. (L) field at Addu Atoll after the monsoon early in Sept. 1943 and on completion to return to the U.K.

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ATREUS, 2. ATREUS should be prepared to renew all C.M.
ALSEY loops at Addu Atoll.
arrangements. 3. If L. Mk.III mines are available in Australia
(Contd.) these should be used for all loops in less than
20 fathoms.
4. Where L. Mk.II mines are employed these should
be laid at 70 feet from the surface.
5. It is the intention for the C.M. Base ship HELVIG and C.M.
Layer DABCHICK to join Eastern Fleet about Sept. 1943.
(Admty. 262002B to A.C.N.B. C. in C.E.F. N.Z.N.B. (R) F.O.
Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll.)

Kiwi No. 72 R.N.Z.A.F. Hudson in 19° 55' S. 175° E. at 0922M/25
sighted surfaced S/M course 200. Four depth
charges dropped in wash oil slick formed 3
minutes after explosion nothing further observed.
Japanese convoy no details given 80 miles W.S.W. Buka Passage
1325M/25 course 145°.
(C.W.R.Wellington 260002Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.)

Movements. U.S.S. MIZAR departed Townsville 24th arrived
Cairns 25th.
(A.C.N.B. 260442Z.)
Arrivals Cairns 25th BOWEN Milne Bay 25th U.S.
destroyer CONYINGHAM. Departure Sydney 24th U.S. destroyer
tender DOBBIN, STUART, VENDETTA for Brisbane 25th U.S. convoy
"Advent" for 1 Cairns 25th KAPUNDA for Port Moresby.
(A.C.N.B. 261106Z to Admty.)
Arrival 24th June Townsville R.A.A.F. store ship GRABNAKA.
25th Fall River R.F.A. BISHOPDALE. 26th Brisbane R.A.F.A.
KURUMBA. Armament store issuing ship TAI(?)YANT. Dutch naval
store ship SOEDOE arrived and departed Cairns 25th due
Thursday Island 29th. U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN departed
Townsville 24th arrived BOWEN 25th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 261234Z to Admty.)

Digest serial Forenoon R/C Beaufort attacked 1 destroyer, 3
No. 522, 25th small cargo vessels of 1500 regtd. tons or less,
June. 65 miles south of Caapa Saint Geirgn (sic)
course 145° scoring a miss on 1 cargo ship.
+ 2. Forenoon photos Rabaul Harbour disclose 1
aircraft carrier probably converted type approx.
475 feet long, 2 heavy cruisers Mogamo class, 1 light cruiser
Bubari class, 13 destroyers including 1 indentified as Termtsukt
class, 5 submarines plus 130,000 tons merchant shipping possibly
including usual tenders. Additional 4 medium merchant vessels
sighted 20 miles north of Rabaul heading southeast also single
destroyer proceeding towards this convoy.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 260718Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 261335B, 261340B.)

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Sunday.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

- X 1. Between 1630 and 1758 today enemy coastal batteries at Gris Nez and Blanc Nez each fired 3 rounds, one of which caused considerable damage and some naval and other casualties at Dover.
- X 2. E-Boats were plotted in Lyme Bay and South - East of Portland during the early hours of today. Our surface forces were unable to intercept.
- X 3. Aircraft 201/P attacked an enemy submarine at 1240 today in 43. 32 N. 13. 20 W. and reports having damaged it severely. The Admiralty consider the U-Boat possibly damaged.

Mediterranean.

- X 4. R.F.A. Tanker ABBEYDALE (8299 tons) in Convoy X.T.92 was torpedoed by a U-Boat in 36.53 N. 01.55 E. at 1703 today, about 80 miles West of Algiers where she arrived safely. Greek S.S. MICHALIOS (3742 tons) was sunk by a U-Boat 3 miles off Latakia (Syria) at 1626 today, whilst proceeding unescorted from Mersin (Turkey) to Port Said. An Egyptian schooner was sunk by U-Boat at 1030 in approx. 33. 35 N. 34.40 E.
5. UNISGN reports that she blew up a 3000 ton escorted Merchant ship at 1908/14 off Augusta; there was a vast explosion. OSIRIS, on her first war patrol in the Dodecanese sank at 1414C today a 50 ton caique loaded with oil drums and crates off Tria Nisia.
6. Convoy K.M.S.16 arrived at Alexandria today, consisting of 31 Merchant ships for Alexandria, Port Said and beyond.
7. 21 out of 28 N.W.A.A.F. Wellingtons bombed Naples last night, Several small fires were caused in the dock area but smoke screen hampered observation of results.
- X R.A.F. Beaufighter bombers attacked a 6000 ton transport vessel north of Levkas today and obtained two hits amidships and several near misses.

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East Indies.

U/B off
Mozambique
Channel.

X 8. NORMAN escorting convoy W.S.30 attacked a Radar and A/S contact in 22.21 S. 38.07 E. (South entrance to Mozambique Channel) at 1914B today.

Operation
"Player".

X 9. R.A.E.F. in NEWCASTLE left Kilindini with RACEHORSE today to take part in this operation. They will fuel at Tulear on 30 June.

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Sunday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.EPPING,
LEXA.EPPING has been renamed LEXA.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 270959B to Admty)Frigates
for
Cape.Admiralty 051955 para 1 (five).
Propose following frigates be allocated to the
Cape. A. BANN, LAGON, PLYM, TEST, TEVIOT,
TRENT sailing Mid August.
B. DART, ITCHEN, NITH sailing end August.
(C. in C. W.A. 271031B to Admty)Flag of
S.O.A.C.The flag of Rear-Admiral G.L. Warren, S.O.
Assault ships and craft was hoisted at 0800 today
at Hazelwood, Eldon Street, Greenock.
(S.O.A.S.C. 271137B to Admty)American
Amphibious
Training
Base
at
Appledore.C.C.O's 261953B. It is considered that the
question raised in para. five is capable of local
solution and any difficulties which might arise
could be overcome by mutual arrangements.
(N.O.I.C. Appledore, 271600B to C. in C. Plymouth)Defence of U.K.

Liverpool.

Maunsell Towers. Fifth tower No.1 Fort
grounded in position p.m. 27th June.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 272014B)Movements.S/M
Movements.Capt. (S) 12. 241735 arrived and sailed
(THRASHER and TANTALUS). Amended E.T.A.
Scapa 1700B/27th.
(TITANIA, 270700B)Intend to sail SURF, SEA NYMPH, CUTTY SARK from
Holy Loch at 2230B/26 to 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles E.T.A.
1900/30th. (2) Thence S/Ms south.
(Capt. S. 3, 271031B)Positions of S/M's at 0800B/28 and movements for
following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 271626B)

Scapa arrivals THRASHER, TANTALUS, and ALECTO at 1802.

Scapa departure TRUANT, ALECTO at 2207.

(A.C.O.S. 272256)

ARCHER.

Sailed ARCHER, LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE for
exercise in Irish Sea.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 270908B)On conclusion exercise tomorrow ARCHER is to
detach LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE to proceed in company to
Plymouth.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 271004B to LIMBOURNE, ARCHER)

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- ARCHER. (A) 273° Chicken Rock. (B) 20 knots.
(Contd.) (C) 1400B/28.
Your 271004B refers.
(LIMBOURNE, 271915B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
- KRAKOWIAK. Cancel my 251450. (2) C. in C. Plymouth is
requested to route and sail KRAKOWIAK independently
to Gibraltar. (3) KRAKOWIAK is required at
Algiers by 4th July. (4) C. in C. Med. 261803
refers.
(D.O.D.(H), 271052B)
- ILLUSTRIOUS. F.O.C.T.'s 201529. It will be difficult to
provide a screen. Intend ILLUSTRIOUS remain
in Clyde for further flying exercises until
19th July to be at fleet notice from 12th July.
(C. in C. H.F. 271343B to F.O.C.T.)
- RAMILLIES. It is intended that RAMILLIES should sail from
U.K. about 19th July with W.S.52 for passage
to Freetown, Cape and Eastern Fleet.
(2) RAMILLIES is requested to report latest
endurance data with particular reference to speeds of 12 to 14
knots.
(D.O.D.(F), 271817B to C. in C. H.F. RAMILLIES)
- EMERALD. Your 182147 and A.M.231622. Additional
generating-sets are not immediately available.
The time required for fitting is estimated at
6/8 weeks. (2) This delay is not acceptable.
(3) EMERALD will be required to leave the Clyde on 1st July
with K.M.F.19. Request she be sailed from Scapa accordingly.
A.M.141730 refers.
(D.O.D.(F), 272026 to C. in C. H.F.)
- COLOMBO. Admiralty 131929B. COLOMBO will be detached
p.m. July 1st to arrive Gibraltar 1700/July 3rd.
(R.A.V. 272053B to C. in C. W.A.)
- IROQUOIS,
ORKAN. Arrived IROQUOIS, ORKAN.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 272331B)

Operations.

- Coastal Your 261535B. "Obstacle" arrived.
Force (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 270630B)
Patrols. Your 261535B. "Bailey" arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 270650B)

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.) (1) Force A. M.G.B's 323 and 334 are to patrol 5 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles. (2) Leave Plymouth passing gate 2230B. Leave patrol 0430B for Plymouth. (3) Codeword "Fisher". (4) Force B. M.G.B's 332 and 331 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° . Start 17 miles. (5) Leave Plymouth passing gate 2115B. Leave patrol 0430B for Plymouth. (6) Codeword "Gibson".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 271445B)

Anti E-Boat patrol tonight June 27/28th by S.G.B's GREY WOLF (S.O), GREY FOX and GREY OWL on latitude $50^{\circ} 25' N.$ between $00^{\circ} 40' W.$ and $1^{\circ} 25' W.$ from 0001 to 0400. (2) M.L's 309 and 124 patrol searched channel between F. and E.A. 5 buoys. (3) ALBRIGHTON, GLAISDALE at immediate notice at Yarmouth and Chasseur 15 at St. Helens. (4) M.L's 122 (S.O) 182, 245 from Portland Patrol $50^{\circ} 20' N.$ between $2^{\circ} 00' W.$ and $2^{\circ} 25' W.$ (6) Communications. Newhaven Force. Codeword "Jovial". Destroyers. Codeword "Advent". Portland M.L. Patrol. Codeword "Device".

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 271531B)

M.L's 257 and 293 at Bullock Bank.

M.L's 104, 102, 107 and M.T.B's 35 and 221 carrying out operation N.L.89. E.T.D. 2220, E.T.R. 0615/28 route via 'U' buoy each way. M.G.B's 114 and 108 from Ramsgate E.T.D. 2230 and M.T.B's 204, 240 and 231 from Dover E.T.D. 2315 patrolling at Berck buoy. Route via 'D' buoy each way. E.T.R. Dover 0615/28. E.T.A. Ramsgate 0700/28. M.G.B's S2 40 and S1 at 'V' buoy E.T.D. 2315 E.T.R. 0445/28.

(V.A. Dover, 271821B)

No patrols tonight.

(C. in C. Nore, 271919B)

SCYLLA Patrol ("Bailey") SCYLLA is to pass Gate at 0800B/28 and proceed to pass through position (F) $180^{\circ} 00' 10''$. (G) $049^{\circ} 20' N.$ $010^{\circ} 30' W.$ and thence to patrol on longitude $015^{\circ} 30' W$ between $047^{\circ} N.$ and $04^{\circ} N.$ (2) Primary object is to cover K.M.S.19 and S.L.131 and secondly to support second escort group and B.5 group against attack by surface-forces. (5) Codeword "Bailey".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 270945B to SCYLLA)

RUBIS. My 271347. From position (X) RUBIS proceed diving by day through position (L) $049^{\circ} N.$ $006^{\circ} W.$ (Y) $046^{\circ} N.$ $006^{\circ} W.$ to position (Z) $044^{\circ} 38' N.$ $002^{\circ} W.$ to carry out operation as in F.O.(S) 181501. (2) S. of A. 84 miles per day.
(Capt. (S) 5, 271345B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Intend to sail RUBIS escorted by Chaser No.351 at 0515/29 from Needles by standard convoy route leaving at D.3 buoy for position (X) 180° Lizard Head 10, E.T.A. position (X) 2300/29. (2) From position (X) RUBIS proceeds diving by day as in my 271345.

(Capt. (S) 5, 271347B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

F.O.S.181501 amended by F.O.S. 261316B. Intend to sail RUBIS for this operation at 0515/29 from Needles. Amend

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RUBIS para. 3 (B) of F.O.S.181501 to read 5th July
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(Capt. (S) 5, 271350B to F.O.S.)

S/M Positions of submarines at 0800B/28 and movements
Patrols. for following 24 hours. (A) STUBBORN as in
my 261536. (B) UNIVERSAL 44° 20' N. 07° 50' W.
dived by day through 44° 01' N. 10° 28' W,
thence course 180° to cross 43° N. at 2330/30.
(C) K.15, 54° N. 25° W. to 55° 35' N. 18° 10' W. probably on
surface, speed 10 knots. (D) SEADOG approx. 65° 33' N. 03°
58' E, probably on surface through 69° 02' N. 08° 52' E, speed
10 knots. (E) BARB, HAKE and BLACKFISH and O.15 as in my
261536. (F) ULA vicinity 62° 52' N. 02° 31' E. leaving patrol
1600/28 through 62° 05' N. 01° 10' E. and 61° 20' N. 00° 01' W.
to Lerwick, diving as much as possible while North of 62° N.
(F.O.S. 271626B to Admt)

Operations X C. in C. W.A.251959 and 260041.
"Musketry" (1) On reaching position (C) B.5 Group is to
and carry out North South patrol on longitude 011°
"Seaslug". 45' W. between 044° N. and 044° 40' N.
(2) B.5 Group is to act as anti U-Boat striking
Force in support primarily of Operation "Musketry"
and secondly of operation "Seaslug" and is to
proceed to attack U-Boats located by aircraft. If sighted
by enemy R/C whilst on patrol the patrol-line is to be moved.
(3) Area "Musketry" is now bounded North by latitude 048° N.
and on South by 043° 30' N. on West by longitude 012° W. and on
East by 009° 30' W. (4) Area Seaslug is now bounded on North
by latitude 047° 30' N. and on South by 043° N, on West by
longitude 014° W. and on East by 012° W. (5) 19 Group aircraft
will sweep "Musketry" area continually throughout the day and
"Seaslug" area will be swept by limited number of 15 group
aircraft. (6) Unless in contact with the enemy B.5 group is
not to proceed East of 009° 30' W. (7) If necessary B.5
group may be ordered to cover convoys against attack by surface-
craft. 4 NARVIK-class destroyers were in the Gironde and
at La Pallice on 26th June, Inward and Outward blockade runners
may be met. JU.88 A/C in formation may be met up to 012° W.
and F.W.200 A/C up to 022° W. (8) B.5 Group is to return Ply-
mouth at P.L.E. passing through position (S) 049° 11' N. 011°
57' W. (T) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles, and thence by Q.Z.S.410
and 409. (9) Communications. (A) All ships constant
Watch on broadcast BN. A guard is to be kept in the group
(and any part of it which may be detached) on 19 Group
reconnaissance wave from time of crossing 050° N. and on 2410
K/cs throughout. 2700 K/cs is to be used for inter ship R/T
communication if required by S.O. and not 2410 K/cs.
(B) On sighting U-Boat (German) A/C intending attack will trans-
mit group 465 followed by a numeral indicating number of
U-Boats. After attacking or if starting to shadow A/C
will report P.C.S. of enemy. Amplifying report will be made
in REKOA (A/C reporting code from 1st July). H.Q. 19 group
and C. in C. Plymouth will re broadcast all such signals on
19 Group R/C wave and broadcast B.N. respectively. (C) H.Q.19
Group will control homeing procedure detailing specific aircraft
to home by transmitting call sign and indicating frequency

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to be used. These signals will be transmitted on both waves as in (B). Homing will be continued until V/S contact has been established. Aircraft will not communicate on 2410 K/cs unless R/T silence is first broken by surface craft. Some aircraft may not be able to use 2410 K/cs.
(D) R/T call signs.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 271807B to B.5)

Bomber
Command
Operations.

Day 26th June. 5 Whitleys of 91 Group carried out A/S patrols. There were no sightings.
Night 26/27th. 3 Mosquitoes of 8 (P.F.) Group attacked Duisburg from 27500 ft. There was no opposition from the Defences. 4 Mosquitoes of 8 (P.F.) Group attacked Hamburg from 28500 ft. There was no opposition from the Defences. 14 A/C laid mines in their allotted areas.
(H.Q.B.C. 1140/27)

Mining.

S.N.222A.

Sailed SCOTT.
(TRELAWNEY, 270638B)

CRYSTAL.

VIVACIOUS 262107B. Request characteristics of explosion and any other details after interrogation of survivors.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 270800B to F.O.I.C. Humber)

Owers
and
Leman
Waters.

Your 251830. (N/T. in War Diary)
It is considered that the North Leman, Leman and Ower, North Ower, and North East Ower and South Ower should be serviced this summer and that the South Leman Buoy reported missing should be replaced.
Q.Z.X.792 should be previously swept as far as depth of water permits. The surveying officer on your staff marking position. T.H.V. should be swept out to buoys by Oropesa and L.L Sweepers and should be warned to keep in water of not less than 10 fathoms depth as far as practicable.
(C. in C. Nore, 271013B to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth)

S.N.74.
(Ice R/C)

Your 241002. Concur A.C.I.C. is requested to arrange accordingly.
(D.D.O.D.(M), 271235B to R.A.M.)

Portland.

DARTHENA reports 'P' type mine detonated in sweep position 105° Portland Bill 5.4 miles. Sweepers have returned to Portland.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 271608B)

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Dover. Routine sweeping carried out 26th/27th June, two red mines detonated in (1) 51° 23' 17" N. 01° 36' 10" E. (2) 51° 23' 51" N. 01° 38' 37" E. (V.A. Dover, 271859B)

Lyme Bay. (1) 9 cables from Northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1022 cleared. No mines encountered. (2) Intend at 0600 tomorrow, GWEAL, PROSPECT, DOCKET, PORCHER, ULVA, M.L.229, FINNESSE, LOCK PARK to continue clearance of Q.Z.F.1022. (GWEAL, 271928B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Completed a further 3 cables today, anchoring off Torbay for the night. Intend sailing 0600B tomorrow to resume operation, returning Dartmouth tomorrow night for fuel and provisions. (HOUND, 272026B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

N.L.89. My 271821B. Operation N.L.89 not carried out owing to weather. (V.A. Dover, 272343B to Admty)

Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boats. Enemy shipping plotted by Radar in Dover Strait from 0900/26 to 0900/27. Track E 27 D. Three small from Boulogne at 2335. Southbound at 10 knots faded off Etaples at 0035. Attacked by three Albacores of 841 Squadron under Swingate ground control. Pilots saw three or more E/R boats and one possibly trawler or small coaster. Results of attack unobserved. (V.A. Dover, 270943B)

E-Boats were plotted in Lyme Bay and south east of Portland between 0100 and 0400 on 27th June, in two groups. The western group did not approach nearer than 200° 20 miles from Portland: the eastern one approached the convoy W.P.360 but did not succeed in attacking. Interception by our forces was unsuccessful.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 271105B to Admty)

E.11 P.0008 - 0329. 2 E-Boats A.T.S. operating in Lyme Bay first detected 42 miles S.E. of Start Point, fading 22 miles N.W. of Guernsey.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 271111 to Admty)

E 88 X four craft speed 30 knots from 154° Cap Le Hague 23 miles at 0110, course North. To position 098° Portland Bill 6 and half miles, at 0220 altered course to South-west to position 170° Portland Bill 6 and a half miles, course south to position 6 and a half miles north-west of Cherbourg at 0432. Probably E-Boats.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 271246B)

Plymouth's 271105B. Eastern Group reached convoy route and stopped approximately 3 miles astern of W.P. convoy. Escort destroyer circling rear of convoy heard Hydrophone effects. E-Boats withdrew without being sighted. Headache reception in destroyers indicates that object of raid was more probably attack on convoy than mine-laying but latter possibility

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E-Boats. cannot be disregarded. Area referred to in
(Contd.) my 271123B has been proposed as a temporary
measure until sweep by 9th.M/S Flotilla starting
tomorrow has been carried out. Portsmouth
anti E-Boat patrols did not make contact.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 271643B to Admty)

BORDSEE, PRU/GIB/W1 (1/23 June) Bilbao. Three M.V.S.
SPERBER, 190/225/250 armed now identified as German
NORDFELS, BORDSEE, SPERBER, NORDFELS.
at Bilbao. (P.R.U. SSS, 271015Z)

GRAF Examination of photographs taken on 23rd June
ZEPPELIN. show GRAF ZEPPELIN berthed close to bank 2 miles
East of Stettin in 53° 25' 06" N. 14° 37' 36" E.
There are no buildings or wharves in the
immediate vicinity. This position was not
covered by R/C on 22nd May.
(D.D.I.C. 271758B)

U-Boats.

U-Boats X IROQUOIS carried out 3 attacks on suspected
in U-Boat (German) in 049° 30' N. 008° 00' W.
Biscay between 0300 and 0600/24th.
Area. (IROQUOIS 271201B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Am over enemy S/M in 43.32 N. 13.20 W.
(A/C 201 Squadron, Duty P, 271236 to 19 Group)
Have attacked enemy with depth-charges.
(A/C 201 Sqdn. Duty P. 271240 to 19 Group)

On reading report of K.X.10 it appears that your hunt resulted
in probable destruction of a U-Boat. Warmest congratulations.
(C. in C. W.A. 271245B to TEST, HYDERABAD)
Am over enemy submarine in 50° 16' N. 07° 54' W.
(A/C. 547 Sqdn. Duty K. 271257 to 19 Group)
Enemy has been severely damaged by air attack.
(A/C 201 Sqdn, Duty P. 271259B to 19 Group)
Am over enemy submarine.
(A/C 547 Sqdn. Duty K No T. O.O. to 19 Group, Recd. 1309/27)
My 1257 only one sub.
(A/C. 547 Sqdn. Duty K, 271430B to 19 Group)
Submarine has dived in 43° 38' N. 13° 28' W.
Am returning to base.
(A/C 201 Sqdn. Duty P. 271430B to 19 Group)
Aircraft P/201 (?Your) 271236. S/M dived at 1430/27 in
043° 38' N. 013° 28' W. If not in contact with enemy proceed
to hunt.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 271505B to E.G.2)
Your 271450. Aircraft's 271257 referred to 1 S/M only
which was attacked by aircraft. Result of attack unknown.
Aircraft's 271259 was from a different sighting and does not
refer to 271257.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 271633B to IROQUOIS)

Casualties and Defects.

ANDES.

As ANDES now requires drydocking and repairs,
cancel /...

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cancel para. 2 of my 182201B.
(D.S.T. 270116B)

PORCUPINE.

My 261527B. "Match" sailed at 0507.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 270515B)
Your 270513B. Arrived.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 271015B to F.O.I.C. Portland)

RICHMOND.

My 261543B/6. Ship's sailing has been delayed
by leaky oil-fuel heater.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 271230B)

UNTAMED.

My 192015B. First lift in present sheltered
position at 0300B today gained 7 feet and owing
to slope of bottom it is not anticipated that
this rate of gain will be exceeded. On this
basis it is anticipated that pressure-hull will be awash and
evacuation can commence on July 5th allowing necessary time for
positioning of second lift-craft and movement to final position.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 271414B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

GRENVILLE.

GRENVILLE proceed passing Switha 2200B/27 to
arrive Rosyth 0900B/28 for removal of Bofors gun
for repairs.
(R.A.F. 271530B to GRENVILLE)

CRANE.

CRANE unseaworthy due to small leak above water-
line. Repairs can be made good locally.
Anticipate will be ready for sailing a.m. 29th.
(N.O.I.C. Holyhead, 271539B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool)

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- CALIFORNIA. CALIFORNIA is required to be ready to sail from Clyde 7th July.
2. Approximately 1000 personnel will embark on 6th July.
(D.S.T., 270110B.)
- QUEEN MARY. My 241918B. Convoy A.T.52 now due Clyde p.m./29 June.
2. Following total 15,024 personnel will disembark 30th June. Details.
3. Embarkation and sailing dates in paras. 3 and 4 may be advanced by twenty-four hours.
(D.S.T., 270106B.)
- X.K. 9. (1) On passing 008° W. ships are to proceed independently to destination.
(C. in C. W.A., 271020B to BATTLER.)
- Convoy Escort Code. B.A.D. Washington's 252231 June (See America and West Indies). No objection is seen to renaming this publication "Convoy Escort Code".
(C. in C. W.A., 271102B to Admty.)
- K.M.F. 19. Intend sailing ORMONDE and FRANCONIA escorted by SCIMITAR 0900B/29th to Clyde in accordance with C. in C. W.A.'s 251549B, E.T.A. Boom 2100B/29th.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 271130B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
- OXFORDSHIRE. Intend sailing Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 0500B/28th Gibraltar. Route.
(N.O.I.C. Avonmouth, 271147B.)
- O.N. 191. My 251643. The proposal to postpone O.N.191 will not be proceeded with. Convoy will sail 1st July as arranged.
(D.T.D., 271522B to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.)
Your 271520. As O.N.191 will probably be re-routed request you will sail SHIKARI with PLEIADES for O.N.191 and DEARNE for U.K. so as to be in 056° 40' N. 015° 00' W. at 1200Z/3.
(C. in C. W.A., 271929B to A.C.I.C.)
- K.M.S. 18B. Your 271(7212)B. My P.C.S. at 2000 will be 050° 56' N. 012° (758') W., 204°, 16 knots.
(ERNE, 271730B to C. in C. W.A.)
- A.T. 51. From position E steer for new position J 49° N. 24° W., thence to G.
(PASTEUR)
(D.QD.(H), 271754B to A.T. 51.)

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Movements
Casablanca.

Following is a re-encypherment of my 262011Z (Begins). Departures ARROW for Gib. AMAZON to rejoin W.S.31. WITHERINGTON, ASBURY arrived from W.S.31.
(C.M.S.F.F., 270344 to C. in C. Med., (R) Comnavnaw, F.O.C. Gib. Admty. Cominch).

ADVENTURE

My 262305 sailed.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 270817B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., C. in C. W.A.)

Convoy
O.S.50 G.

O.S.50 G sailed as in my 221533B plus BAIFRA for West Africa. FORT LACLARONGE, MADRAS CITY erase FORT FAIRFORD now for Dakar. BARON HERRIES for Takoradi.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 270907 to F.O.C.W.Af).

Sailed convoy O.S. 50 G. escorted by ARROW, SOUTHERN GEM, COLUMBINE, VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE and OASIS in tow. COLUMBINE, SOUTHERN GEM Q.L.A.186.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 271033B to Admty).

A/S Survey
Board.

X Allied A/S Survey Board including Admirals Kaufman and Mansfield left by air 0658Z/27. E.T.A. Marakesh 1530Z/27.
(B.N.L.O. Dakar, 270948Z to Admty. Commorseafron, Cominch, B.A.D., F.O.C.W.Af).

Dispositions.

- Situation 1958B/27. LORD NUFFIELD, 1 trawler
1 Merchant ship 036° 55' 007° 51' to Gib. 8.
2. O.S.50, K.M.S.17, ENCHANTRESS, 036° 07' 009° 46' through 035° 28' 008° 35' thence 206° 8.
3. O.S.50 (G) ARROW, 035° 34' 007° 03' to R/V O.S.50/K.M.S.17 in 035° 01' 008° 52' at 1200B/28th where K.M.S.17 part company for Y escorted by ARROW and 2 trawlers 7½.
4. O.S.50 Casablanca Section, three P.Cs. sail Casablanca 023034/28th to R/V O.S.50 in 034° 32' 009° 08' at 1600B/28th 8½ knots. Escort return with two M.S.7.
5. ANTHONY, QUANTOCK, DUMONT D'URVILLE patrol territorial waters off Setubal.
6. Convoy G Narvik 036° 12' 008° 27' to Gibraltar, 10.
7. O.T.6 Cdr. Task Grp. 21.5 031° 44' 015° 28' through 033° 10' 012° 45' thence 061° 13½.
8. BOREAS 036° 03' 007° 43' to Gibraltar 14.
9. K.M.S.18 A WELLINGTON (E) 038° 04' 011° 50' through 036° 20' 010° 10' to Gibraltar 8½.
10. ADVENTURE 036° 03' 009° 36' through 036° 15' 012° 20', 039° 01' 014° 40' thence 001° 18.
11. SS. MARIPOSA 033° 58' 009° 40' through 033° 58' 009° 57' and 037° 18' 017° 01' thence 300° 19.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271046B).

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Dispositions. Situation at 272002B.
(contd). W.S.31 (group missed) 027° 18' 014° 47' through
026° 01' 016° 22' thence 211° 12½.
(amended see 271716B).
2. O.T.6 C.T.G.21.5 031° 44' 015° 28' through
033° 10' 012° 45' thence 061° 13½.
3. S.L.131 FOWEY (E) 040° 01' 016° 01' 001° 7¼.
4. K.M.S. 18 A. WELLINGTON (E) 038° 04' 011° 050° through 036°
20' 010° 10' to Gibraltar 8½.
5. ADVENTURE 036° 03' 009° 36' through 036° 15' 012° 20' 039°
01' 014° 40' thence 001° 18.
6. SS. MARIPOSA 033° 58' 009° 40' through 033° 58' 009° 57'
and 037° 18' 017° 01' thence 300° 19.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271122B). Note: Missing Group called for.
Amend position and speed in para. 1 my 271122 to read (E)
026° 45' 015° 29' 13½.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271716B).

LORD NUFFIELD. Have lost company with PORTAFERRY in thick fog during night.
(2) Weather report 370° 9 knots.
(LORD NUFFIELD, 271101 to F.O.I.C. Gib).

ECLIPSE Arrival.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271103B to Admty).

P.57 Cross 043° 01' N., at 2330B/30 then pass following
(UNIVERSAL). positions at times stated:
(X) 038° 50' N., 010° 01' W. at 2340 July 3rd.
(W) 036° 51' 009° 13' 0510/5th (V) 036° 37'
007° 24' 0600/6th. (U) 035° 53' 006° 15' 1310/6th.
(T) 035° 49' 006° 06' 30" 1400/6th. thence by Q.K.A. 87 to
Gibraltar. S. of A. diving by day 83 miles per day. After
passing position (V) proceed on surface at your discretion but
do not cross meridian 007° W. before 0700/6th. Submerged bombing
restrictions have been arranged until 0600/6th 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. Read H.S. and G.S. routines after 2330/30th.
All times zone minus 2.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271232B to P.57 (UNIVERSAL) (R) F.O.S.,
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 3).

BOREAS My P.C. and S. 036° 21' N., 008° 53' W. 103°
14'. E.T.A. 0600B/28th. Following urgent
defects. Weather report.
(BOREAS, 271700B).

Convoy Sailed as in my 261857B .
T.E.25. (F.O. Gibraltar, 271710B to Comnob Oran).

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Arrival.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 271736B to Admty).French
refugees
at Setubal.My 231624 only one ship arrived and SIDI BRAHIM
now sighted off Setubal in tow.
Intend to hold both ships until night tide
tomorrow Monday in hope repairs can be effected
in 24 hours.
(B.N.A. Lisbon, 271830B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar
(R) C. in C. Med., Admty).Movements
Gibraltar.Arrived ARROW ex W.S.31.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 261834B to Admty).
Arrival WITHERINGTON, LEDBURY ex W.S.31.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 272010 to Admty. C. in C. Med).
Arrival - SCOTTISH escort duties Hornillo.
Departures French S/M ORPHEE French L'ALCYON for Oran. M.Ls.
173, 174 escort duties Melilla. LAUREL BURKE return with T.E.
25 for Oran. DIDO for Algiers.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 272307B).

MARIPOSA

MARIPOSA sailed 1830A/27th. Amend "Chops"
as follows 1st "Chop" 10 West 280030Z. 2nd "Chop"
47 W. July 2nd 0130Z. Radio shift 20 W. 290630Z.
E.T.A. position P.280030Z. Also holds Q.J.A.
21.6. Cargo details later.
(C.M.S.F., 271917 to Connav (R) Admty. etc).

U/B

Following received addressed: Cominch Admty.
Commoroccanseafon, From C.T.F.61.
Plane sights sub. 271715Z 25° 30' N. 25° 50' W.
KEARNY, BAINBRIDGE searching.
(Radio Washington, 271918Z to Admty).Enemy
nationals
smuggled
to Spain.H.M. Embassy Madrid has evidence that since
suspension of Spain/Canary Isles Air Service last
November Axis has occasionally smuggled enemy
nationals and correspondence to Spain in Spanish
ships.2. Sometimes these enemy nationals are provided
with Spanish papers and travel openly as
passengers sometimes they travel as stowaways concealed by
members of crew.3. Madrid has instructed H.M. Consuls in Canary Isles to
endeavour to obtain advance information of any prospective
cases and to report to Madrid repeating to you. In that event
desirable to intercept ship before reaching Cadiz and send in to
Gibraltar for search if local conditions permit.
(D.E.W.D., 271946B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) B.N.A. Madrid).Movements
Casablanca.LEDBURY, WITHERINGTON left for and P.C.473, 475
arrived from Gibraltar.
(Commorseafon, 272110 to C. in C. Med).

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Air report.

Sightings and attacks. Hudson H/48 on escort to British coastal convoy at 0737/27 2 miles south of Cape St. Vincent sighted F.W.200 approaching on course 170 out of cloud at 200 ft. Portuguese AA. opened fire on E/A which then opened fire at Hudson which took violent evasive action. Rear gunner gave short burst at ?200 yards. E/A turned north up Portuguese coast. Hudson pursued firing 2 pairs RPS at 30 second interval at 1000 yards range. All undershot and fell in sea. Also short burst from front guns. E/A disappeared into cloud close to Portuguese coast. No hits seen on E/A. At 0743 CVLU0802 sighted F.W.200 1500 yards to starboard and turned to attack but lost E/A in cloud. Beaufighter D/48 on escort to French Coastal convoy at 0825/27 GV4U1000 at 1000 ft. sighted F.W.200 at (?970 or 900) ft. 4 miles distant on northerly course but E/A disappeared in cloud when Beaufighter was 1 mile away.
(A.C.H.Q., Gibraltar, 272355Z).

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South Atlantic.

Survivors of REGENT LION. Your 181810 May 4 Survivors ex REGENT LION not on board MOOLTAN on arrival U.K.
(2) Request names of men concerned and verification that they were embarked on MOOLTAN. If not, on what vessel are they coming here.
(D. of S.T. 270255B to D.S.T.O. W.A.).

W.30A Convoy W.30A comprising SIBAJAK ANN freightship GENERAL SLEISCHER sailed 25th for Aden pending time arrival 7th July. Personnel on board SIBAJAK for Middle East (details).
(D.S.T.O. Durban 260753Z to D.S.T.O. Aden).

KHEDIVE ISMAIL Durban 1500Z/27th. KHEDIVE ISMAIL escorted by FREESIA and SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA F.S. to Tamatave 3rd July knots 11.(Route). "Chop" 045 degs. E. 30th.
(Durban 270911Z to Admty.).

N.C.S.O. Durban 270911. FREESIA will be detached in position H.O.W.E. and return to Durban through position 117 degs. Cape St. Lucia light 6 miles.

(2) SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA F.S. shift to W/T group N.U. repeat N.U. at 1500Z/30th.

(N.O.I.C. Durban 271341Z to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Tamatave).

St. Atlantic Escort Force. Delete RACEHORSE, RAIDER in my G.645 (191653 May) 19th May. Add QUIBERON.
(C. in C.S.A. 271106B to S.A. Station 6629).

NEW NORTHLAND Cancel my 261800+ owing to quarantine difficulties with NEW NORTHLAND.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 271143C to N.O.I.C. Bathurst (R) Commar Dakar, Admiralty, CROCUS-.
+ Most Secret Distribution.

Dispositions Situation at 2000Z/27th June.
C.N.26 unescorted group 9 ships 026 degs. 50' 014 degs. 25' to 022 degs. 55' 014 degs. 9.
VIRGINIA ST. LOMAN, NORTHERN DUKE, ST. ZENO with N.C.18 (10 ships) 030 degs. 10' 015 degs. 20' to Capetown 8.
(C. in C.S.A. 271149B). 026 Sit. 2000Z/27th
June. NIGELLA, LE TIGRE, LADY ROSEMARY, CAPE WARWICK, BLAUWBERG with D.C. 32 (9 ships) 034 degs. 20' 022 degs. 05' coastal to Capetown 9 knots.
ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, SPHENE, STANDERTON with C.D.24 (4 ships) 031 degs. 20' 030 degs. 05' coastal to Durban 8 knots.
SUFFOLK, RLENTLESS, NIZAM on operations south of Madagascar.
F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA, FREESIA escorting KHEDIVE ISMAIL 029 degs. 05' 031 degs. 55' to St. Lucia 10 knots.

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Dispositions (Contd.). FALMOUTH, GENISTA 027 degs. 50' 033 degs. 15' to Durban 13 knots.
NORTHERN CHIEF 026 degs. 45' 034 degs. 10' to Durban 11 knots.
B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7, and 8 023 degs. 40' 036 degs. 40' to 022 degs. 00' 038 degs. 00' 8 knots.
NORMAN, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM with W.S. 30 (7 ships) 021 degs. 50' 038 degs. 05' to 016 degs. 25' 041 degs. 25' 12 knots.
CANTON in Mozambique Channel to R/V W.S.30 in 020 degs. 00' 039 degs. 14' at 0600Z/28th June.
(C. in C.S.A. 271202B).
Situation at 2001Z/27th.
E.S. GEORGES LEYGUES 020 degs. 20' 038 degs. 18' 300 degs. 18.
B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 13, 20, 28, 017 degs. 20' 016 degs. 20' coastwise to North 8½.
MORRIS DANCE, LADY DENISON, PENDER, COPINSAY, SNAPDRAGON, U.S.S. DIXIE, 023 degs. 47' 040 degs. 54'.
M.L. 305 009 degs. 57' 015 degs. 40' to 011 degs. 01' 017 degs. 18' 358 degs. to 011 degs. 43' 017 degs. 20' thence (?Port Natal) 13½.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 271301Z).

Movements DURBAN arrived. Left NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 271151 to Admty.).
Arrival BOADICEA. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 271745Z).

Convoy Group "A" dispersed at 0600Z/27th in position X.
C.N.26 (C. in C.N.A. 271219B to Admty.).

Weekly state Freetown DESPATCH (?CORFU) KEPPEL, ORCHIS,
West African NARCISSUS, LOBELIA, ACONIT, WOLVERINE, WITCH,
Station 26th. (?RAPID) ARMERIA, TAMARISK, CORINTHIAN, BUTTERMERE,
WASTWATER D'ESTIENNE, D'ORVES, CDT. DETROYAT.
Freetown area CROCUS, BURMA, SNOWDROP, COWSLIP,
WOODRUFF, CLARKIA, MILFORD.
Takoradi area BELLWORT, BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA.
Mid ocean patrol CILICIA, BOMA, BURDOCK.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 271639Z).

W.S.30 Attacked R.D.F. and A/S contact in 022 degs.
U/B attacked 21' South 038 degs. 07' E. at 1914B. Contact not regained after first attack. Am rejoining convoy. (NORMAN 271820Z to C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F.).
My 271820. In view of strong presumption of presence of S/M consider destroyers should remain with convoy until clear of Comoro Island. Fuel remaining at 2000B NORMAN 324, QUICKMATCH 478 (?ROTHERHAM) 459. Can fuel be obtained at Tulear. Weather report 8370, 2331.
(NORMAN 271935Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F.).

Movements Arrivals 27th BRIDGEWATER, PETUNIA, BELLWORT, DUNCTON, BUTSER.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 271907Z).

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K.M.F.17 K.M.F.17 E.T.A. Algiers 1300B with group V
destroyers less VICEROY.
(Capt. (D) 21, 270722A to C. in C. Med).

WESTRAY,
BREAM. My 261158 sailed.
(F.O.I.S. 270848B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
Connav, C. in C. Med).

M.E. Air
Report. A.662 27th. Daily Opsum 60.
25/26 June. 19 Wellingtons Bari Oil refinery 2
returned early 1 bombed off target. Remainder
bombed. Burst in centre of refinery 12 fires
including 1 large at refinery extension. 2 vivid
flashes and 1 explosion followed by dense black smoke. 2
Liberators 8 Halifaxes Messina Harbour. 1 Halifax returned
remainder bombed fires started in town west of Harbour and
southwest of main railway station and on eastern arm of harbour
near S.I.A.P. oil tanks and naval barracks. Haze prevented
observation of further results. Following delayed details -
25 June - 1 Hudson 3 Bisleys 8 Baltimores (A.30) 1 Walrus A/S.
Submarine sighted by Bisley 65 miles southwest of Haifa and
attacked with 1 depth charge after submerging. Results unknown.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 270934Z)

Convoy My 251633 sailed.
T.E.24. (Comnob Oran, 270950B to Admty. etc).

Enemy Unit. Following read. Air H.Q. Malta, P.C. and S. of
1 cruiser 2 aeroplanes 39° 12' N., 15° 27' E.
000° 20 knots.
(A/C B.V.R. Duty X via Alex. 271012B to Air H.Q.
Malta).

OSIRIS Leave patrol p.m./29th to pass through the
following position A. 035° 12' 026° 58' 29th.
B. 034° 36' 030° 15' at 0250/1st thence direct
to arrive Beirut at 0500/2nd proceeding on
the surface during daylight 1st. Estimated S. of
A. 10 knots on the surface and 110 miles every 24 hours when
diving by day.
(Capt. (S) 1, 271039C to OSIRIS (R) C. in C. Levant, Cdre. (D),
Com. Coastal Force, Eastern Med).

ADVENTURE Your 261232 (ADVENTURE refit). Concur.
(A.C.N.S. (H) 271145B to C. in C. Med., (R)
C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
C. in C. Plymouth, R.A.M., N.O.I.C. Milford
Haven, A.S. Devonport, ADVENTURE)

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(1) SICKLE east of Sardinia passing 038° 35' 010° 01' at 0030/28th thence 268° diving by day 2½ surface by night 9 knots.
 (2) SPORTSMAN in Gulf of Genoa.
 (3) 8th Sub. Flotilla movement summary at 1959B 27th.
 (Capt. (S) 8, 271150B to S. and A. in Area G.C.
 (R) C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1).

TRIDENT,
OSIRIS
information.

Valuable troop convoy ?is bound Rhodes from Piraeus. TRIDENT proceed on the surface at C.O's discretion to patrol vicinity of Kandeliusa. OSIRIS endeavour to intercept at your discretion suggest to southward of Piskopi.
 (Capt. (S) 1, 271158C to TRIDENT, OSIRIS).

Enemy Units.

Following read: Position course and speed of 2 enemy destroyers at 1208 42° 12' N., 9° 40' E. 200° - 150° 12 - 15 knots.
 (A/C BVN Duty F via Alex, 271215 to Air H.Q. Malta).

Following read P.C. and S. of one enemy vessel (class unknown) at 1220 42° 55' N., 10° 00' E. 190° 10 kts.

(A/C BVR Duty F Alex, 271226 to Air H.Q. Malta).

P.C. and S. of 1 cruiser 40.19 N., 12.51 E. 290°, 20 knots. One plane in same position.

(A/C GJLT via Algiers, 271358B call sign 55S).

P.C.S. at 1352, 1 cruiser 2 destroyers. Two medium merchant vessels, two aeroplanes. 40° 50' N., 7° 35' E. 045° 10 knots.

(A/C ANL Duty F, via Alexandria, 271403 to Air H.Q. Malta).

Lights in
captured
Ports.

In connection with opening of captured ports in Home Waters for night traffic, it is intended to provide temporary navigational lighting on the assumption that harbour lighting will have been destroyed. Lights will be of acetylene flashing type. Supports will have to be

improvised locally. Is a stock of these lights required in the Mediterranean; if so, it is requested you will state the number required.

(D. of P., 271334B to C. in C. Med).

Convoy
X.T.G. 2.

Algiers section sailed as in my 241216 and 251752. Five ships. 2½ hours early.
 (Com. Algeria, 271421B to Admty. etc).

P.R.U.

27th P.R.U. visuals Taranto 1145, 2 battleships 1 cruiser. Brindisi 1130, 1 cruiser.
 (N.O.I.C. Malta, 271441B to C. in C. Med., etc).
 My 271441. Photographs now show Regolo class cruiser has left Taranto since 261315.
 (V.A. Malta, 272124B to C. in C. Med., etc).

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N.W.A.A.F. N.W.A.S.A.F. 25/26 June. 33 Wellingtons including
Opsum. No. 2 flare dropping Bari oil refinery 2 returned
126. early. 42 tons from 8000 to 18000 feet. Many
fires in target area. 275000 leaflets dropped.
(N.A.A.F., Adv. H.Q., 271632B).

K.M.F.17. Arrived 7 ships.
(Com. Algeria., 271829B to Admty. etc).

S.N.O.Ts. Request briefly your views on necessity for
S.N.O.Ts. in amphibious operations under
following headings:- (A) Assault convoy.
(1) Red Ensign L.S.I. (2) Other merchant ships.
(B) Follow-up convoys.
2. In cases where you consider S.N.O.Ts. necessary request
brief proposal for basis of reduction since present scale
cannot be maintained.
(D. of P. 271829B to C. in C. Med).

Situation (1) During the night 24/25 June coastal craft
Report No. from Bizerta carried out offensive sweep between
113. Marsala and Mazzara.
(2) M.G.Bs. 643 and 644 with M.T.B. 651 proceeded
from Bizerta to shoot up Marsala during night
25/26 June at about 0112/26 when 2½ miles West
of Marsala M.G.B. 643 detonated a mine close on the quarter and
was slightly damaged. Shortly afterwards M.G.B. 644 was mined
aft and stern blown off. She had to be sunk by our own forces.
Casualties one officer one rating missing two ratings seriously
and three slightly injured. Operation was abandoned, no
re-action from shore except red rocket. Other M.T.Bs. on sweep
to Sardinia during the same night remained in the vicinity of
Cape Carbonara until first light but saw nothing.
(3) Convoy G.T.X.3 was attacked by F.W. fighter bombers off
Cape Bon Peninsula at 1700 and 1740/26th June about 8 aircraft
in first attack of which two were shot down by gunfire and one
prisoner taken. The second attack was made by about 12 A/C.
Convoy was again attacked between 2110/26 and 2155/26 some
torpedoes were reported in these raids. No damage reported
from any attacks.
(4) UNISON reports at 1908/14 off Augusta torpedoed 3,000 ton
Merchant vessel which blew up with vast explosion shaking UNISON.
Ineffective counter attack was made by escort of two T.B.Ds. 5
UNSHAKEN reports at 1236/22 in position 347° Murro di Porco 6.5
miles torpedoed 250 ton schooner which blew up. At 1656/22
in 37.03 N., 15.22 E. fired four torpedoes at 5,000 ton
Merchant vessel escorted by 3 destroyers. Accurate counter
attack which caused superficial damage to bridge followed.
Result of attack unobserved target believed to have entered
Syracuse. At 1416/23 in position 37.10 N. 15.19 E. attacked
3,000 ton northbound Merchant vessel. One hit was obtained
and vessel believed sunk.
(C. in C. Med., 271842B to Admty etc).

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Movements Sfax.	Arrivals: ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, CALPE, departure CALPE. (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 271909B).
Movements Tripoli.	Arrived and sailed ROCKWOOD arrived FALK, M.Ls. 1164, 1143, 1252. (S.N.O. Tripoli, 271940B).
Movements Oran.	Arrivals today. FARNDALE. Departures today Y.M.S.3, 4, 18, 36, 16, 43, 55, 58, 63, 82, 83. S.C.1029, 1030, 1043, 1044 L.S.T.306, 384, 391, 392, 393. (Comnob Oran, 272057B).
Movements Port Said.	27th June Port Said arrivals WOLBOROUGH H.M. M.L. 349 COCKCHAFER, SCARAB, BRITTAN, R.F.A. ENNERDALE Departures L.C.I.(L)s 131, 266, 277, WOLBOROUGH, COCKCHAFER, SCARAB. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 272109C).
Movements Haifa.	27th arrivals G.S. IERAX, CAIRNS, CUMBRAE, BURRA, M.Ls. 384, 348. Departures 28th G.S. IERAX, CUMBRAE, BURRA. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 272126C).
Movements Bizerta.	Departures WESTRAY HUNDA H.D.M.L.12 30 M.G.B.646 BREAM, ROTHESAY. (F.O.I.C. 272132B).
U/B number of mines carried.	Following received from Admiralty. Survivors from U-boat that mined Straits of Gibraltar last February state that she could carry 66 mines. (C. in C. Med., 272140B to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty).
Movements Bone.	Arrivals M.T.Bs. 309, 345, 315, M.G.B.646. Departures H.D.M.Ls. 1221, (?12)34, 1165, 12(?39) CIRCE, STROMA. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 272245B).
Movements Malta.	Arrivals NUBIAN, L.C.Ts. 445, 416, 375, 329, 387, 356, 307, H.D.M.Ls. 1158, 1038, 1083 departures LAFOREY, LOOKOUT, TARTAR, BEAUFORT, EXMOOR, CONVOLVULUS, PENTSTEMON, KANARIS, M.Vs. SUIYANG GAROET, RANCHER, FISHPOOL ROBERT MAERSK. Tanker BRITISH SOLDIER M.T.Bs. 635, 637, 640, 95, 65, 77, arrival and departures L.S.Ts. 422, 362. (V.A. Malta, 272309B).

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Movements Arrivals MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, BRECON, BRISSENDEN,
Algiers. BLANKNEY, HAMBLEDON, PRINCE CHARLES, WHADDON,
EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE, DELHI, U.S.S. VULCAN,
TARAZED JEFFERS, HERNDON, SHUBRIC, SANTA ROSA,
CHRISTOBEL, MACANDREWS.
Departures FLY, MUTINE, L.S.T.162 12, U.S.S. SMEADY, SUSTAIN,
REDWING (?HOPEWING) L.S.Ts. 337, 381, 345, 346, 313, 382, 371,
380, 400, 308, 311, 312, 344, 370, 338, P.C. 624, 627, 625, 621
S.Cs. 690, 692, 693, 694, 691, 676. Y.T.156, 161, 186, 197.
Arrived and departed WOOLSTON, WALLACE, ATHERSTONE, UGANDA.
(Com. Algeria, 272318B).

Malta Air Opsum. No.49 26/27 June.
Report. To cover bombing of Sciacca by Wellingtons of
N.A.A.F.3 Intruder Mosquitoes made patrols
over Eastern and Western Sicily and north of
Pantellaria. 1 Wellington maintained anti-
submarine patrol over outgoing shipping.
Brindisi 6 inch cruiser LUIGI CADORNA returned since 27 June
also complete turnover of merchant shipping.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 272330Z).

Convoy Following is repetition of my 271105 (begins)
M.K.F.17. Com. Algeria.
Request you will sail convoy M.K.F.17 at 2000B
June.
(2) S. of A. 12½ knots. Route through 100, 89,
44, 52, 73, 28, 16 lettered K to Q to Gibraltar.
(3) E.T.A. 0500B June 30. (4) First two letters
of W/T call sign 6 G. (5) Codeword "Harper" 110
priority 3 day 2 night. (6) Escorts BLANKNEY,
WALLACE, WOOLSTON, VICEROY, HAMBLEDON (ends).
(C. in C. Med., 272351 to Comnob Oran, F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, Admty. F.O.H.)

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KARAPARA. Karachi departure KARAPARA (Hospital ship)
1011Z/26th Aden 2nd July for Suez.
(Karachi, 270344Z to Admty.)

SALSETTE
administration
proposals.

I do not consider that it is a satisfactory arrangement for F.O. Ceylon to be the administrative authority for SALSETTE with its attendant combined operations problems which frequently involve Army and R.I.N.

2. Delays and difficulties will almost certainly arise due to distance and there are bound to be questions to be settled as between R.N. and R.I.N. which will require to be referred by me back to F.O.C.R.I.N. for agreement.
3. F.O.Ceylon has no staff officer with combined operations experience and is not kept in the picture with the planning or material sides of combined operations in India.
4. Fact that it was F.L.O. India and not F.O.Ceylon who was most suitable authority to survey SALSETTE organisation recently bears out above.
5. I suggest two possible alternatives, (a) F.L.O. India to fly his flag at Bombay with H.Q. at Delhi and be administrative authority for all R.N. ships and establishments in India. This alternative will improve administration of R.N. personnel other than combined operations which is also subject to difficulties due to distance. It should also simplify administration of personnel in coastal craft in service with R.I.N. (b) C.O. SALSETTE to be of rank of Commodore and to administer SALSETTE and R.N. Combined Operations organisation (other than planning) directly under C. in C.E.F. with authority to communicate direct with such higher authorities outside R.N. as may be necessary.
6. It is understood that neither Naval Force Commander or the Naval Officer attached to D.C.O.(India) will be available for these administrative duties.
7. Admty. pass to Adml. Somerville.
(F.O. Ceylon, 270441Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty., F.L.O. Delhi.)

Convoy
B.M.55.

Cochin portion arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Cochin, 270455Z to Admty.)

A/S patrols
off harbours.

For R.I.N. Liaison officer, please see Director of Local Defence Division and let me know Admiralty policy regarding maintenance of A/S patrol outside harbour.

(A) Are such patrols still maintained?
(B) What types? (C) What is minimum (?speed) essential for this work.

2. Should like DL DD advice regarding utility of such requisitioned ship as are still used for patrol outside Indian ports.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 270510Z to Admty.)

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Eastern Fleet disposition signal No. 62. (A) No change (C) SUSSEX escorting South Indian Ocean SUFFOLK in South Indian Ocean. (D) KENYA at Trincomalee CAPETOWN at Colombo DURBAN at Kilindini NEWCASTLE in South Indian Ocean. Others no change. (E) UNIT exercises off Kilindini. (D.C. in C. E.F., 270629 to C. in C. E.F. etc).

SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA, COMMANDANT DUBOC. On relief by F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA the F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC is to be sailed to Aden and Levant. (2) The date of sailing is to be expedited. Request you will arrange for duties in my (?140) (?211) 220 to be carried out by F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA or another (?Ocean) Escort and report arrangements made. (3) The (?Allotted) (?Coastal Area) of the 2 ships can be (?extended to) either Tamatave or Diego Suarez at discretion. (4) Your 260816 (N.T. in W.R.) refers. (C. in C. E.F., 270802Z to N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez (R) F.O.E.A.Z. C. in C. Levant).

"Chop" line, S.W. Pacific. Fully concur with alteration to "Chop" line proposed in Cominch C and R. 182050. (C. in C. E.F., 270823 to Admty. (R) Cominch C. and R).

Operation "Player". Intention. Surface Forces. (A) To sail C.S.4 in NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE for Tulear to commence search of area A daylight 2nd July. (B) On completion daylight search 28th June SUFFOLK, and RELENTLESS to proceed to arrive position T daylight 30th June and search in vicinity to prudent limit of endurance thence Mauritius for fuel. (C) NIZAM to be detached to return Durban after dark 28th June. 2. Air Forces. To continue daylight search of area A. (C. in C. E.F., 270920Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A., SUFFOLK, LISMORE, RACEHORSE, NIZAM, F.O.C. 4th C.S., N.O.I.C. Durban, Air H.Q. E.A. 246 Wing). Operation "Player". My 270920Z position T 030° 00' S. 059° 00' E. (C. in C. E.F., 270924Z to N.O.I.C. Durban, Admty. SUFFOLK, C.S.4, C. in C. S.A., RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS Air H.Q., E.Af. 246 wing). R.A.E.F. leaves Kilindini in NEWCASTLE for operation 27th. (C. in C. E.F., 270930 to RESOLUTION, KENYA, SUSSEX, SUFFOLK, FROBISHER, (R) Admty. C.S.4). DURBAN arrived. Left NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE. (C. in C. E.F., 271151 to Admty. (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Aden, N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez).

/India...

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India Air
Report.

27th June Daily Opsum. No. 469.
Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. reports 9 U.S. Mitchells
B.25 shipping Irrawaddy. 1 A/C returned early
due engine trouble. 8 A/C dropped 7 tons on
buildings and medium boats at Mandalay Docks.
Bursts seen near buildings. 2 hits on boats.
(A.H.Q. India, 270945Z to Air Min).

Convoy
K.R.5.

Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 271034Z to Admty).

Movements

Colombo arrivals 27th. 0645Z, CARTHAGE, CAPETOWN,
NEPAL, HINDUSTAN, WILLEM VAN DER ZAN.
Departures 1200Z SCOUT.
(F.O. Ceylon, 271326Z).

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T.A. 49. Your 261551. T.A. 49 is routed to New York and Admiralty has no information of change of destination.

(EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND)
(D.O.D.(H), 270055B to N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy T.A.49 comprising EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND sailed from U.K. 24th June for New York.

2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by the War Office to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa.
(D.S.T., 270101B to B.A.D., B.M.W.T. New York, (R) N.S.H.Q.)

"S" Report. Following received from Lands End Radio. Admiral Plymouth. Important. Intercept 0345 DEWSL received on 8280 k/cs at 0227 G.M.T. SSSS de KCKQ (WHZP undecypherable) 38,49 N. 69.30 W. Submarine on surface 261842X. Nothing heard since QUMW remainder was read.
(C. in C. Plymouth, T.O.R. 270347 to Admty.)

Convoy Re-encypherment my 222016.
H.X. 245. 1. Sailing telegram. Part 1.
2. Position BB at 0200Z/24th.
3, 5, 8. Routes and R/V as per Admiralty 162051
Connav 181510 and 181518, C. in C. C.N.A. 191405
except all times 4 hours later. Homp 1800Z/26th.
6. TASK Unit W.2. SAINT CLAIR S.O., H.M.C.S. MIDLAND, MULGRAVE, TRANSCONA.
(P.D. New York, 270436Z to Admty.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 26th arrivals - MALPEQUE, KING HAAKON VII ex B.W.34. ESQUIMALT ex J.N.32.
Departures - MANASQUAN.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 270515Z.)
New York arrived 26th ROXBOROUGH E.T.G. escorting O.N.188.
(N.S.H.Q., 270532Z.)
H.M. Motor Launches 422 and 423 arrived from Kingston 26th.
(San Juan, P.R., 270912Q.)
Arrival WOODSTOCK ex J.H.57. Departure ST. CROIX to St. Johns N.F. Departure BRANTFORD, COWICHAN, LACHINE escorting H.O.N.189.
(C. Halifax, 271330Z.)
Arrival CALDWELL, DUNVEGAN and OAKVILLE from H.H.X.245.
(C. Halifax, 271331Z.)
Balboa 26th U.S.A.T. W.W. ATTERBURY.
(U.S.R.O. Cristobal, 271345.)
Departure MELVILLE to O.N.S.10. GEORGETOWN, SHAWINIGAN, BRANTFORD, BROCKVILLE escorting S.C.135.
(C. Halifax, 272050.)

MARIPOSA. MARIPOSA. Commorseafron 261958. Presume you will take necessary action after "Chop".
(Admty., 270850Z to Cominch (C. and R.), (R) Commorseafron.)

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T.A. 50. Your 261552. Sailing of ILE DE FRANCE will be
(ILE DE delayed 24 hours.
FRANCE) (D.O.D.(H), 271413Z to Cominch C. & R.)

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's estimate of submarines North
S/M Estimate. of 040° N., West of 040° W. 1200Z/27th.
(N.S.H.Q., 271448Z.)

U.S. S/M (Cominch, 271513Z.)
Estimate.

Route for Your 242218. Matter is under review and
British further signal will be made.
Ships from (D.T.D., 271523B to N.S.H.Q.)
Atlantic
for India.

A.T. 52. My 281106 May, para. 4. Port Director, New York,
(QUEEN MARY) has sailed A.T.52 (QUEEN MARY) so as to arrive
Clyde 24 hours earlier than date requested in
A.M. 201201 June, para. 1.
2. It is hoped to complete embarkation of K.M.F.
19 by p.m./29th June. If it is continued on 30th June it
will be impracticable to disembark QUEEN at same time.
3. W.O. have had to postpone movement of 20 train loads of
troops, which had been arranged to take place on 30th June in
Clyde area in order to clear railways for special trains
required for QUEEN.
4. If U.S. Authorities are unable to adhere to programme dates
in future, request you will ask them to give as much notice as
possible, so that planned movements this end may be disturbed
as little as possible.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 271530B to B.A.D.)

Dispositions. Section South-west.
H.S.93, SASKATOON, KENORA, 045° 36' 059° 43'
041° 7.5 altering to 328° in 046° 01' N. and to
272° in 046° 30' N.
O.N.189, W.6, 041° 33' 061° 50', 247° altering to 272° in 039°
30' W. TONGARIRO, PAPANUK detach from O.N.189 proceeding
South, W.1 less BARRIE escorting Halifax portion O.N.189 042°
15' 061° 37' en route Halifax.
S.C.135, W.3, departed position 044° 05' 062° 31' at 2359Z/27th
thence 064°, 7.5.
X.B.60, W.5, 043° 36' 062° 32' 258° 7, altering to 270° in
064° 18' W.
Halifax portion O.N.S.10, LINCOLN, MELVILLE, 043° 36' 062° 32'
en route Halifax.
BUXTON and INGONISH escorting 16 merchant ships departed Halifax
Light Vessel 2359Z/27th to join X.B.60 in 043° 20' N. (? 064°
18' W.

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Dispositions. SALISBURY 044° 33' 062° 30' en route Halifax, 18.
(Contd.) Netherlands S/M K.14 unescorted 040° 30' 066°
48' 090° E.T.A. 066° 17' W. 0200/28th thence
S. of A. 10 knots.
CLYDE VALLEY 041° 00' 064° 10' 009° 6 bound
for Halifax.

HONESTY depart (? Sydney C.B.) 2100Z/27th en route Halifax, 12.
MONTGOMERY vicinity 043° 20' N. 062° 00' W. to join O.N.189.
Cable ship CYRUS FIELD escorted by TRAIL departs Halifax Light
Vessel 2300Z/27th steering 269° altering to 226° in 064° 08' W.
to 207° in 043° 11' N. thence carrying out cable repair in 040°
36' N. 067° 03' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 271545Z.)

H.M.S. QUEEN Norfolk departed 1930/26th H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH,
ELIZABETH. PHOEBE, BLACKWOOD and DRURY all for Bermuda.
(N.S.H.Q., 271546Z to Admty.)

Dispositions. Following is recyphered version of my 271615.
(Begins). Section North-west.
CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO, UNGAVA, PORT HOPE
047° 55' 060° 41', 301°, 10 altering to 267°
in 049° 28' W. UNGAVA, PORT HOPE detaching in position 048°
32' N. 062° 12' W. for Gaspe.
WESTMOUNT patrols Port Aux Basque approach.
SS. NORTHBROOK 049° 38' 066° 38', 7.5 en route Quebec. (Ends.)
(C. in C. C.N.A., 271616Z.)

STRIKER, STRIKER and SEARCHER expected departure 1730Z/27th
SEARCHER. Routed New York via X.M. thence 37.19 N. 74.12
W., 39.52 N. 72.59 W. thence to Z. S. of A. 15
knots. Holds major issue of publications.
E.T.A. point Z 1330Z/28th Q.J.C.140, H.43.
(Radio Washington, 271610Z to Admty. and C. in C.
C.N.A. for information.)

Convoy (1) Sailing telegram. (3 ships, list).
W.H.X.245. (2) 1600Z/27th. (3) 1200Z/28th in 044° 57' N.
051° 13' W. (4) 10 knots. (5) and (8) As in
Admiralty's 162051. (6) SNOWBERRY.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 271632Z, 271633Z to
Admty.)

Unidentified Unidentified merchant ship flying British
ship. merchant flag sighted by U.S. Navy plane in
position 45.17 N. 39.45 W., 260°, 15 knots at
0630Z. Ship was approx. 12,000 tons painted
white well armed. Would not identify herself
on request by aircraft.
(F.O.N.F., 271726Z to C. in C. C.N.A., (R)
N.S.H.Q.)

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Unidentified ship. (Contd.) F.O.N.F.'s 271726 passed to you. No information regarding this ship available at Halifax.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 272145Z to Connav, (R) Admty., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q.)
Unidentified merchant ship approx. 12,000 tons painted white well armed sighted by aircraft at 0630Z in position 045° 17' N. 039° 45' W., course 260°, speed 15 knots.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 272328Z to Ships at Sea in Area (D), (R) F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., Cominch (C. and R.), C.E.S.F. S.B.N.O.W.At., Admty.)

ORIBI. Boston departed 1405Q June 26th ORIBI en route Bermuda.
(N.S.H.Q., 271727Z to Admty., (R) B.A.D., C. in C. C.N.A., S.B.N.O.W.At., Capt. (D) 17, R.A.D. H.F., C. in C. W.A.)

O.N. 189 ST. ALBANS. O.N.189 not (? met). Am proceeding to overtake. My P.C. and S. 041° 50' N. 060° 52' W., 245°, 20 knots. Weather report.
(ST. ALBANS, 271830Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

STRIKER. This is re-encipherment of P.D. Norfolk 271542 action C.E.S.F., Com.4, P.D. New York.
"Re my 271336. STRIKER departed Cape Henry 1423Z".
(Radio Washington, 272008Z to Admty., C. in C. C.N.A.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
(A) Plane sights sub. 25.30 N. 25.50 W. 1715/27.
(B) BAYNTUN attacks sound contact 55.55 N. 36.14 W. 1900/26.
(C) SS. ARICKAREE sights surfaced sub. 38.49 N. 69.30 W. 1842/26.
(D) C.G. AMAROK attacks periscope and sound contacts 59.38 N. 50.43 W. 2100/26.
A.D.C. reports sub. sighted area 47.32 N. 57.10 W. 0030/26.
(Cominch, 272040Z to Admty.)

SEARCHER. This is a re-encipherment of P.D. Norfolk's 271833 to C.E.S.F., Com.4, P.D. New York.
Re my 271336 SEARCHER departed Cape Henry 1818Z.
(Radio Washington, 272045Z to Admty., C. in C. C.N.A.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrivals B.Y.M.S. 37, 47, 48 from Boston.
(C. Halifax, 272100Z to Admty.)

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GLOIRE. This is 271925 from N.O.B. Trinidad addressed Comnavau, Cominch, Vice C.N.O., B.A.D., C.C.S.F., (R) Cinclant, C.E.S.F., N.Y.D. New York. GLOIRE French Cruiser arrived Base D 27th June sailing 2100/27th for Ille de Salut through point 11.02 N. 60.15 W. thence direct. S. of A. 18 knots, E.T.A. 1000/29th June. Scheduled depart Ille de Salut evening 30th June arriving Base D 2nd July. Refer Cominch 241640 estimate ship will depart 4th July Base D for New York. E.T.A. 9th July. (All times Z).
(Comnavau, 272139 to Admty.)
Trinidad arrival and departure June 27th - French Cruiser GLOIRE.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 272202Z to S.B.N.O.W.At.)

Convoy U.G.S.11. This is en-encipherment of Port Director Norfolk's 271506 action Cominch C. and R., V.A. Gibraltar, C.F.S.W. 2 and Cdre. info, C.E.S.F., N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty., N.O.B. Oran, C. in C. Med., Comnavnav, N.S.H.Q., Comnorocceanseafon.

Sailing telegram part 1.

1. U?G.S.11. 2. 1318Z/27 1?
 3. Passing position (B) 0400Z/29. S. of A. 9 knots.
 4. "Chop" 0100Z/9 July, Shift radio watch 2300Z/9.
 5. (Route). R/V position C on? route with L.C.I.268 IV 1200Z/30 June.
 6. T.F.62 U.S.S. HOBBY SENIOR, MCCOOK, TURNER, FRANKFORD, GILLESPIE, WYFFELS, KALK, TIDE, EVARTS, LE FANTASQUE, ENOREE. Task Unit 21.12 U.S.S. CORE.
- Total of 61 ships when A.C.V. and A.V.O. are in columns 6 and 8 respectively.
(Radio Washington, 272310Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Support Group, use of term. Your 111447. In view of the points raised by Navy Department it is proposed to adhere to the term "Support Group".
2. Request you will seek agreement on the following lines:-
(a) All Groups to retain their present Group numbers.
(b) The term "Support Group" to be used to designate any group employed or about to be employed in supporting, as opposed to providing close escort to, a convoy. Such a Support Group may be composed of a part of a Group or one, or more, Groups and may be joined by one, or more, Escort Carriers or other units.
(c) Support Groups to be identified by double letters.
(d) The forming or disbanding of a Support Group to be promulgated by General Signal.
(1st S.L., 272335B to B.A.D., (R) C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.)

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Kiwi 72. U.S. cargo ship HENRY M. RICE attacked by submarine 20° 02' S. 178.11 E. at 2355M/26. U.S.S. CONSTANT and DASH despatched to search area with aircraft assistance. U.S.S. THORION unsuccessfully attacked by four twin-engined bombers while on passage Guadalcanal to Espiritu Santo. 25 S.B.Ds, 24 T.B.Fs., 32 Wildcats dropped 36½ tons bombs on enemy positions Lambeti Ylaqtatao (near Munda) 26th. 8 Mitchells, 6 T.B.Fs., 24 Corsairs attacked Japanese occupied village on Ganongga Island 23rd. 18 S.B.Ds., 12 T.B.F., 24 Wildcats attacked Rekata Bay area 23rd June with 12 tons bomb load. Two D.D. TFDEE (as decoded) AK one unidentified vessel sighted Buin area a.m./24th. 13 Liberators raided Kahili and further seven attacked Buka with fragmentation clusters 25th. (C.W.R. Wellington, 270002Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty., etc.)

Digest Afternoon photos Henfoei aerodrome show six
Serial fighters, one probably unserviceable medium bomber.
No. 523, Nil shipping visible Koepang anchorage.
June 26th. 3. Single 1,000 ton cargo ship escorted by 1
destroyer sighted afternoon 60 miles south-west
Buka Passage course 130°. Bombs near missed
merchantman which stopped for 5 minutes. Both
ships also machine-gunned.
4. Before dawn 3 Liberators, 7 Fortresses attacked Vunakanau
aerodrome and waterfront, Rabaul Harbour but results generally
unobserved. Another Liberator unable to locate target bombed
Lae. One enemy night fighter attempted interception. 2
Fortresses missing.
5. Twenty Mitchells bombed and strafed Lae aerodrome and
vicinity at noon. 21 barges seen in neighbourhood but photos
show nil serviceable aircraft on drome.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A., 270842Z.)

Movements. Arrivals Brisbane 25th MORESBY, BENDIGO, ECHUCA,
COLAC. 26th VENDETTA, STUART, U.S.(D) Tender
DOBBIN. Townsville 25th H.M.A.S. PIRIE. Port
Stephens 26th WESTRALIA. Fremantle 26th U.S.S.
ISABEL. Departures Brisbane 25th COLAC for Townsville MORESBY,
BENDIGO, ECHUCA for Sydney N.S.W. Sydney N.S.W. 25th WESTRALIA
for Port Stephens. 26th FREMANTLE, U.S.S. KAILUAUO Brisbane.
(A.C.N.B., 271501Z to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 271327B, 271338B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. SCYLLA sailed from Plymouth this morning to support convoys and groups operating against U-Boats in the approaches to the Bay of Biscay.
2. Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE sailed from Avonmouth this morning for Gibraltar.
3. 145 out of 192 Fortresses attacked the submarine locks and basins at St. Nazaire this evening. Photographs show concentration of burst in the Southern and Eastern port area. All flying from Iceland (C) was cancelled today on account of the weather.
4. R.A.(M) sailed this morning from Port 2A in AGAMEMNON with MENESTHEUS, PORT QUEBEC, CASTLETON, LANCASTER, NEWARK and ST. MARY's to carry out mine-laying operation S.N.222A. GLASGOW will provide cover (sailed from Scapa p.m./28)
5. 13 R-type Mines were detonated by Sweepers to-day and one was cut and sunk off Portland; and 3 suspected P-type Mines were detonated by Sweepers and 2 sunk off the Eddystone.
6. R.A.F. laid 149 mines off Biscay ports and Frisian Islands last night.
7. The Troop Convoy K.M.F.18 left the Clyde at 2224B today for Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

Operation
S.N.222A.

Mines off
Portland
and
Eddystone.

K.M.F.18.

North Atlantic.

8. C. in C. Med. reports that attacks by Axis aircraft on the Lisbon-Gibraltar traffic are reaching serious dimensions. The attacks appear to take place quite impartially whether ships are inside or outside territorial waters. He proposes that the Portuguese should be told that if they are unable to provide fighters to prevent the Axis operating with impunity over their coasts and territorial waters we shall have to press to be allowed to base fighters in Portuguese territory for the purpose.

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

Force H.

X 9. R.A. Force H in WARSPITE with VALIANT, FORMIDABLE, OFFA, FAULKNOR, FURY, ECHO, INGLEFIELD, ECLIPSE, INTREPID, ILEX and PIORUN sailed from Gibraltar at 1752B today.

South Atlantic.

U/B's off
Rio de
Janeiro.

10. SS. CHARLES WILLSON PEALE (U.S. 7176 tons), Walvis Bay 11 June for Rio de Janeiro) reported being attacked with torpedo in 23.40 S. 42.50 W. at 0118 G.M.T. today. The ship arrived undamaged at Rio de Janeiro today. The individual testimony of the crew is very conflicting. U.S. A.L.WALKER, reported a torpedo attack in the same position at about 0525. The Brazilian minesweeper CANANEA attacked a U-Boat with depth charges at 1630Z today in 23.36 S. 42.40 W. and reports that it was possibly damaged.

11. C. in C. S.A. sends today his appreciation of the U-Boat situation off South East Africa. In view of the lack of success between Durban and Capetown and increasingly unfavourable weather conditions in southern latitude, he considers it possible that U-Boats may concentrate in southern Mozambique, and he makes proposals to C. in C. E.F. accordingly. As much traffic as possible is to be routed or diverted to Capetown, Port Elizabeth and East London. The reply of C. in C. Eastern Fleet was made on 29 June.

Mediterranean.

X 12. Many movements of transports, landing ships and craft, and hospital ships are taking place in the Mediterranean.

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Mediterranean. Contd.

Air
Operations.

X 13. 63 Wellingtons of the N.W.A. Strategic Air Force were despatched to attack San Giovanni last night. 122½ tons of bombs were dropped, starting fires in the town, marshalling yards and railway sidings. 22 Wellingtons attacked Messina. Today, 109 Fortresses of N.W.A. Strategic Air Force were despatched to attack Leghorn, 311 tons of bombs were dropped. Many fires and explosions were seen, and a ship in the harbour was set on fire.

East Indies.

U/B at
Muscat,
and
Cochin.

X 14. SS DAH PU (Norwegian 1974 tons) was sunk in Muscat harbour at 0805 (0405Z) local time today. It is believed that she was torpedoed, (c.f. 24th June). S.N.O. Persian Gulf is holding outbound ships for convoy from Hormuz for the present, and air patrol has been arranged along the inward shipping route off the Oman coast. N.O.I.C. Cochin reports that a submarine was seen by coast watcher at 0200Z today off the coast at 11.04 N. 75.51 E.

Convoy
assembly
port.

X 15. After the departure of P.B.47 sailing on 6 July Khasab Bay will be finally abandoned as a convoy assembly anchorage and ships for convoy are to be sent to Bandar Abbas.

Australia and New Zealand.

X 16. 9 enemy bombers escorted by 9 fighters attacked the Darwin area this morning. Only slight material damage was caused and there were no casualties.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.BEAGLE,
BRILLIANT.

Subject to completion of work up and if necessary boiler cleaning BEAGLE and BRILLIANT are required for W.S.32 which leaves Clyde 19th July.

2. BEAGLE and BRILLIANT are joining F.O.C.W.Af. and F.O.C. Gibraltar respectively.
(D.O.D.(H), 281232B to R.A.D.H.F.)

1st and
13th M.L.
Flotillas.

A.M. 051524 March. It is desired to give the 1st M.L. Flotilla a change of employment for about three months.

2. The 13th M.L. Flotilla now based at Portsmouth are to change rounds with the 1st M.L. Flotilla now based at Yarmouth.

3. C. in C. Nore and C. in C. Portsmouth are requested to arrange details of this change-round with each other.

4. In view of the above the 2nd M.L. Flotilla will be required to remain at Lowesoft for about another three months.
(D.D.O.D.(C), 281925B.)

Flag of
Vice-Admiral
Sir Henry
Moore.

(1) The Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Moore has been hoisted in ANSON.

(2) The Broad Pennant of Commodore Second Battle Squadron has been struck.

(3) Cancel H.F. message 36Z 10th May.
(C. in C. H.F., 282101B to H.F.)

WARSTAR,
CHILTERN.

C. in C. Nore's 231656. WARSTAR has been allocated to relieve CHILTERN in North Russia and will be sailed in the first convenient convoy.

2. In the meantime she is allocated to the Scapa pool for duty as ordered by A.C.O.S.

3. C. in C. Nore is requested to sail her for Scapa as convenient.

(D.O.D.(H), 282149B to C. in C. Nore.)

Movements.

BRITOMART.

BRITOMART sailed for Molotovsk to R/V with second group of ice-breakers and Soviet escort proceeding to Kara Strait p.m. today.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 280904B.)

BELFAST.

Request you will sail BELFAST for Scapa 30th June.

(C. in C. H.F., 281005B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

A.F.D.21.

Arrived A.F.D., Tug MARAUDER and escort KINGSTON TURQUOISE and KINGSTON TOPAZ.
(F.O.I.C.N.I., 281018 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

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KRAKOWIAK. Admiralty 271052. Intend sailing KRAKOWIAK at 1800B/28 for Gibraltar.
(2) Route.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281035B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
1. My 281035B sailed. 2, E.T.A. 0400Z/2.
3. S.O.A. 15 knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281815B and 282157B.)

S/M Movements. Intend sailing TRUSTY, LE CURIE and SCIMITAR from Holy Loch at 2330B/29 to 180° Barra Head 10 miles, E.T.A. 2200B/30th.
2. Thence TRUSTY, LE CURIE, K.15, SCIMITAR to Scapa, E.T.A. 1900B/1st July. TRUSTY, K.15 to await onward escort to Newcastle and Dundee as arranged by Capt. (S) 9.
3. Thence LE CURIE, SCIMITAR to Lerwick, E.T.A. 0600B/2nd. Speed throughout 10 knots.
(Capt. (S) 3, 281049B.)
SURF leaves Scilly Isles at 1900B/30th diving by day by route "Rose" to 043° N., E.T.A. 0100/7th July, 92 miles a day. Thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
(Capt. (S) 3, 281143B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)
Sailing SARDONYX from Lough Foyle at 1600B/29th to R/V with UNBENDING off Larne at 2100B/29th. Ships proceed thence in company speed 9 knots by standard routes to Plymouth arriving 2100B/July 1st.
(Cdre. (D) W.A., 281704B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Positions of S/MS at 0800B/29 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S), 281802B, 282211B, 291746B, 292307.)
Sailed SURF, SEA NYMPH escorted by CUTTY SARK in accordance with Capt. (S) 3's 271031B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 282254B.)

SHROPSHIRE. Intend sailing SHROPSHIRE from Southend for Scapa at 1100 July 1st.
WORCESTER will act as escort while on passage.
(C. in C. Nore, 281152B to C. in C. H.F.)

LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE. Arrived LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281437B.)

ADVENTURE. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 262305B.
From position (PO) pass through positions (PP) (? 049°) 16' N. 012° 10' W. (PQ) 180° Bishop 10. (PR) 180° Lizard Head 3, thence by Q.Z.S.410 and 409 to Plymouth.
2. You are not to be East of 005° W. during dark hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281523B to ADVENTURE.)
Onward route from (PO) through (PP) 48.03 N. 14.20 W. (PQ) 49.30 N. 09.58 W. (PR) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles thence by Q.Z.S.409 and 410 to Plymouth.
(D.O.D.(H), 281836B to ADVENTURE.)

/Cancel ...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

ADVENTURE. Cancel A.M. 281836B.
(Contd.) (D.O.D.(H), 290010B to ADVENTURE.)

ARCHER. ARCHER returned to Clyde from exercises.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 281546B.)

Operations.

Dover shelled on 27th June. Between 1630 and 1758 yesterday enemy coastal batteries at Gris Nez and Blanc Nez each fired three rounds of which five fell in the South Foreland Area. The other fell in Dover causing considerable damage to house property and telephone communications.

Naval Casualties:- One Wren rating killed and one Wren rating wounded. Three ratings wounded. Other casualties about ten killed and eighteen wounded. (V.A. Dover, 280027B to Admt.)

SCYLLA. My 270945. Sailed.
(Patrol (C. in C. Plymouth, 280821B.)
"Bailey")

Operations "Musketry" & "Seaslug". Intend to leave patrol at 1500B today after passing position reported A/Cs 280700B. Thence Plymouth for fuel.
(E.G.2, 281105B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Coastal Force Patrols. 1. Tonight anti E-Boat patrol by M.G.Bs 611 (S.O.), 613, M.T.Bs 247, 251 on latitude 50° 25' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W. from 0001 to 0400.
2. M.Ls 309, 572, 205 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 Buoys.
3. BLEASDALE at immediate notice at Yarmouth and Chasseur 13 at St. Helens.
4. M.Ls. 122 (S.O.), 233, 303 from Portland, patrol 50° 20' N. between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W.
6. Communications. Newhaven Force: codeword "Jovial". BLEASDALE, codeword "Advent".

Portland M.L. patrol, codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 281234B and 281814B.)
1. Force A. M.G.Bs 80, 112 and 75 are to patrol on latitude 49° 51' N. between 2° W. and 2° 15' W. Attention is drawn to Q.Z.X.774 which may be crossed in close pursuit of enemy.
2. Leave Dartmouth 2230B, speed of passage 25 knots. Leave patrol 0400B for Dartmouth.
3. Codeword "Gibson".
4. Force B. M.G.Bs 329 and 330 are to patrol 5 miles 125° and 305° from 107° Start 17 miles.

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5. Leave Dartmouth 2230B. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth.

6. Codeword "Harris".

7. Force C. M.G.Bs 316 and 326 are to patrol 3 miles 360° and 180° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.

8. Leave Dartmouth 2115B for patrol. Leave patrol 0430B for Dartmouth.

9. Codeword "Limited".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 281545B.)
M.Ls 275 and 141 at Bullock Bank.

M.T.Bs 35, 221, 231 and M.G.Bs S.2, 40 and S.1 at No. 4 Buoy, E.T.D. 2315, E.T.R. 0315/29.

M.T.Bs 204, 235 and 240 from Dover, E.T.D. 2300 and M.G.Bs. 117, 116 and 188 from Ramsgate, E.T.D. 2300 at 'V' Buoy, E.T.R. Dover 0400/29. E.T.R. Ramsgate 0400/29th.
(V.A. Dover, 281843B.)
Your 281545B. "Limited" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 282124B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Your 281545B. "Gibson" sailed 2230. "Harris" sailed 2235.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 282244B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Denmark Strait Patrol.

X Propose BERWICK and METEOR sail to establish patrol "White" and intercept NORFOLK. Request latter be ordered not to cross meridian of 020° 00' W. before 1200Z/3rd. C. in C. H.F. 261156B refers.
(2) On completion of exercise propose above ships maintain patrol "White" till 6th July, when BERWICK and METEOR proceed to Akureyri and NORFOLK to Hvalfjord.
(3) BERWICK and METEOR return to Hvalfjord 9th July.
(BERWICK, 281245B to C.S.1.)

S/M Patrols.

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/29th and movements for following 24 hours.

(a) K.15, 55° 25' N. 18° 10' W., probably on surface through 56° 20' N. 11° 25' W.

(b) BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH and O.15 as in my 261536.

(c) SEADOG very approx. 69° 12' N. 08° 58' E. to 75° N. 10° E. probably on surface speed 10 knots.

(g) RUBIS escorted by Chasseur 11 vicinity Portland Bill due 180° Lizard Head 10 miles at 2300/29th, thence unescorted dived by day through 49° N., 06° W. and 46° N. 06° W.

(h) STUBBORN as in my 261536.

(j) UNIVERSAL 44° 01' N. 09° 50' W., dived by day through 44° 00' N. 10° 30' W., thence course South, due to cross 43° N. at 2330/30th.
(F.O.(S), 281802B to Admty.)

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S.N. 222A. X Expect escort by Fortress aircraft from 1900B/
28th until 0300B/29th.

(C. in C. W.A., 280111B to R.A.M.)

S.O. M/L sailed in AGAMEMNON with MENESTHEUS,

PORT QUEBEC, CASTLETON, LANCASTER, NEWARK, ST. MARYS in
company.

(TRELAWNEY, 280636B to Admty.)

Scapa departure GLASGOW.

(A.C.O.S., 281400B to R.A.M.)

Lyme Bay. C. in C. Nore's 271823B. Request LOYALTY be
sailed to Dartmouth.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 281120 to C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

Admiralty 221307, C. in C. Plymouth's 231403 and C. in C.
Portsmouth's 232004.

2. It is considered advantages of exchanging 4th and 9th M.S.F.
are sufficient to justify exchange.

3. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail 9th M.S.F. to
Milford Haven on completion of top overhaul of BANGOR which
should be undertaken as soon as possible.

4. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail 4th M.S.F. to
Portsmouth concurrently. S.O. should remain at Milford Haven
until arrival of 9th M.S.F. to turn over operation.

(A.C.N.S.H., 281153B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

Your 271840B. Arrived. (HOUND).

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 282024B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Have swept a further two laps today, negative result.

One mine was observed to self-detonate some 10 miles from
sweepers and a very approximate position would be in the unswept
part of Q.Z.X.1031.

(HOUND, 282101B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Norwegian
minefields.

X Norwegian minfields Vikten to Vega.

Swedish notices to Mariners of June 25th copies
Berlin notice of following area declared mined.
details.

(N.A. Stockholm, 281137 to Admty.)

Bayonne
minefields.

X France (? mine)fields Bayonne.

Swedish notices to Mariners of 25th June copies
Berlin notice following area declared mined.

Mines are laid in following areas west of Contis
Lighthouse: North boundary 44° 09.3' N. South
boundary 44° 00' N. East boundary, coast. West boundary, line
joining 44° 09.3' N. 01° 25.3' W. and 44° 00' N. and 01° 27.5' W.
(N.A. Stockholm, 281139 to Admty.)

Off
Portland.

Area west of line through 50° 26.4' N. 02° 24.5' W.
and 50° 30.8' N. 02° 14.3' W. swept. 13 R type
mines detonated. One cut. Cut mine had cork
floats attached. Mine sunk. One R type sinker
recovered.

(TENBY, 281815B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

/Clearance ...

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Clearance of Q.Z.X. 1022. Para. 1. 2 miles from northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1022 cleared today. Mines encountered today as follows:
No.1 1147 suspected P type detonated in 103° Eddystone 11.4 miles.
No.2 - 1350 P type mine found in ULVA's sweep when hauling, sunk by gunfire in 101° Eddystone 44 miles.
No.3 - 1529 suspected P type detonated in 104° Eddystone 12.5 miles.
No.4 - 1541 suspected P type detonated in 103° Eddystone 13.8 miles.
No.5 - 1541 P type cut and sunk in 103° Eddystone 13.8 miles. 2 complete sinkers believed P type recovered.
Para. 2. Intend at 0600 tomorrow, GWEAL, PROSPECT, DOCKET, PORCHER, ULVA, M.L.229, FINESS, LOCH PARK to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1022.
(GWEAL, 281926B.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats in North Atlantic. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 50° 38' N. (? longitude).
(A/C 172 Sqdn. Duty 'Q', 280048 to 19 Group.)
Attack abandoned at 280048.
(A/C 172 Sqdn. Duty 'Q', 280055 to 19 Group.)
Poor D/F bearings at 2241Z indicate U/B possibly in your general vicinity.
(D.D.I.C., 280341B to Escorts H.X.244, 244F, S.C.134, E.G.40.)
Admiralty 280341B. Nothing heard.
(C.3, 280726Z to Admty.)

U-Boats in Biscay Area. About 6 U-Boats on passage to and from Bay of Biscay estimated within 150 miles of 43° 30' N. 14° 01' W. at 1200Z/28.
(D.D.I.C., 280930B.)

Technical.

RAMILLIES endurance. Your 271817B. Latest endurance data 4,200 miles at 12 knots, 4000 miles at 14 knots, using 12 boilers with maximum 16 knots.
(RAMILLIES, 281725B to Admty.)

Casualties and Defects.

GRENVILLE. Your 271530B. Arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 280825B to R.A.D.)

Dinghy. Have lost touch with dinghy.
(A/C YZMH, 280830B to 19 Group.)

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- EMERALD. Proceed to Clyde passing Hoxa Gate at 1900B/28 to arrive 1500B/29th.
(C. in C. H.F., 281001B to EMERALD.)
Scapa departure EMERALD at 1900.
(A.C.O.S., 281954B.)
- MARGUERITE. M/B MARGUERITE at Lossiemouth has engine defect. Anticipate sailing June 30th.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 281131B to A.C.O.S.)
- LYDIA LONG. Cromarty departure LYDIA LONG, E.T.A. Buckie 2030B. No W/T or signals carried.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 281150B.)
- FIELDGATE. My 261104B. Damage not extensive. Anticipate FIELDGATE will complete late p.m./1st July for trial underway 2nd July.
(F.O.I.C. London, 281358B to Admty.)
- M.G.B.113. It is understood that Polish M.G.B.113 under repair at Teddington is almost complete except for damage to wing petrol tanks port and starboard. I am informed that replacement tanks are unobtainable. Propose she commission and operate without them.
(WASP, 281436B to V.A. Dover.)
WASP's 281436. This proposal is concurred in.
(V.A. Dover, 281807B to Admty.)
- Unknown Ship. S O S 170° class 1.
(Portrush Radio, 281802Z to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
(C. in C. Plymouth, 282109B.)
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 282251, 282347.)
(North Foreland Radio, 282317B, 282349B.)
(Valentia Radio, 282320.)
- ACHILLES. X My 232037B. From preliminary investigations it appears almost certain that the explosion in ACHILLES was the result of leakage of propagas into fuel tank A.9.
2. Enquiries are being continued with a view to establishing the circumstances in which leakage of gas took place and was ignited.
 3. It is not anticipated that this report will be ready for some days.
 4. In the meantime the following orders have been issued as precautionary measures.
(A.S. Portsmouth, 281955B to Admty.)

/LA

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LA
MELPOMENE. Following received from F.O.I.C. Glasgow. Begins. Since the arrival of LA MELPOMENE in the Clyde on March 10th to operate with CARDIFF this ship has been constantly in hand for engine room repairs. Port main engine is now reported out of action due to nozzle valve still being defective. It is anticipated a further 14 days will be required to effect repairs. Request instructions as to the future of this ship. T.O.O. 251215. Ends.
LA MELPOMENE is of no use to C. in C. W.A. (C. in C. W.A., 282054B to Admty.)

Shipping and Convoys.

S.L. 131,
M.K.S. 15. Expect escort of Liberator aircraft 1145B/28th to 1815B/28th; 1815B to 2325B/28th. (C. in C. W.A., 280120B to Escorts S.L.131 and M.K.S.15.)

OXFORDSHIRE. Sailed Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 0610B/28. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1130B/5th July. (N.O.I.C. Avonmouth, 280613B.)

O.N.S. 12.
Trial of
D/C gear. SCOTTISH AMERICAN sailing in O.N.S.12 is fitted with new equipment for transfer of depth charges. It is most desirable that trial of this equipment be carried out with escorts on passage. Request summary of trial be reported by signal repeated to Admiralty. (C. in C. W.A., 280820Z to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

K.M.F. 19. Leave Lough Foyle at 1800B/28 and proceed at 15 knots arriving Bar Light Vessel Liverpool 0900/9th. F.O.I.C. Liverpool 271130B refers. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 281022B to SCIMITAR.)
A.M. 231720 and 261805. EMERALD on passage to the Eastern Fleet via the Cape will provide ocean escort for K.M.F.19 from U.K. to the latitude of Gibraltar.
2. She should part company in position B.S. to fuel at Casablanca. (D.O.D.(F), 281526B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

W.P. 362
and W.P.
Convoys. In view of temporary interference with Q.Z.S.413 F.O.I.C. Cardiff and F.O.I.C. Milford Haven are requested to sail W.P.362 and future W.P. convoys until further orders, at 0500B on odd dates to enable them to anchor in Weymouth Bay before dark on the second day. (C. in C. Plymouth, 281041B.)

H.X. 245. Sailed ARVIDA at 0903Z/28th. My 261825 refers. (A.C.I.C., 281144B to C.5.)

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- A.T. 52. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 1900Z/29.
(QUEEN MARY) (A.T.52, 281602Z to Admty.)
My 270106B, para. 2. Personnel will now disembark 30th June and a.m./1st July.
2. Para. 3. Embarkation and sailing date given in para. 3 and 4 of my 241918B will be adhered to. Number of personnel to embark now increased to 4,500 including 2,000 German P.O.W.
(D.S.T., 282241B.)
- T.A. 50A. My 221955 and 261617.
(ILE DE 1. Route as follows:- Through position (R) 270°
FRANCE) Oversay 6' at 020200B July. Thence through (S)
55.30 N. 14.01 W. (T) 51.05 N. 22.58 W. (U)
43.02 N. 27.59 W. (V) 40.00 N. 45.50 W. (W)
38.10 N. 60.15 W. (X) 38.04 N. 69.57 W.
(D.O.D.(H), 281950B and 291324B to C. in C. W.A.)
My 150217B, para. 2. Sailing date of convoy T.A.50A delayed by 24 hours. Embarkation programme will however be adhered to.
(D.S.T., 282209B.)
- O.N. and Commodores of O.N. and O.N.S. convoy are to
O.N.S. be told that if weather and U-Boat situation
Convoys. permit Masters of tankers are to be instructed to pump out water ballast to the point of safety when convoy is approximately 150 miles off New or Cape Cod.
2. Masters should be warned accordingly.
(D.T.D., 281954B to C. in C. W.A.)
- H.X. 244. Your 281634. All 4 ships detached and proceeding independently.
(C.3, 282000A to C. in C. W.A.)
Request you sail KIRKELLA to meet H.X.244 escorted by SKEENA, E.T.A. position (A) 1400B/29th.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 282110B to Cdre. (D) W.A.)
- Channel Following is forecast of sailing dates for
Convoys. Channel convoys for July 1943.
(C. in C. Nore, 282121B.)
- East Coast A large number of ocean going ships for East Coast
Convoys. ports are due shortly and may be expected to proceed in the following convoys:-
(a) W.N.48: 14 ships including two tankers for Scapa.
(b) F.S.57: 12 ships, viz. 2 for Tyne, 3 for Humber, and 7, including two tankers, for London.
(c) W.N.49: 32 ships, including one tanker for Invergordon and one tanker and one other ship for Firth of Forth.

/(d) ...

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(d) F.S.58: 29 ships, viz. 2 for Tyne, 8 including one tanker for Humber, 1 for Boston and 18 including one tanker for London. 2. It is proposed that F.S.58 should run as a fast and F.S.59 as a slow, adjusting the C.W. convoy if necessary.
(D.T.D., 282150B.)

K.M.F.18.

Sailed convoy in accordance with my 261534B June.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 282224B.)

A.M. 221653B June. Routed as in A.M. 261350B June.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 282226B.)

O.N. 191.

My 241254. Following tankers are to sail as escort oilers in O.N. 191: HOPEMOUNT, BRITISH VALOUR, BRITISH CHIVALRY.
(D.T.D., 282242B.)

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Convoy
O.S.50.

Casablanca Section sailed as in my 261424.
(C.M.S.F., 280635Z to F.O. Gibraltar.)

Dispositions.

Situation 281958.
S.S. MARIPOSA 037° 35' 017° 47' through 040° 01' 024° 01' thence 279° 19.
(2) U.G.S.10, C.T.F.61 (E) 027° 03' 023° 07'
054° 8. (3) U.S. S/Ms BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH on patrol in
area 20 miles either side line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040°
North 020° W. (4) Hospital Ship SEMINOLE 039° 34' 024° 09'
through 038° 50' 018° 21' thence 106° 14. (5) H.M. R.T.
WEASEL 025° 02' 032° 55' 067° 10.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 281103B)

Enemy
nationals
smuggled
to Spain.

X Your 271946. Reply has been received from M.F.A.
to Embassy's note 787 of June 9th.
Reply states instructions have been given to
Compania Transmediterranea whose vessels carry
service to Canary Islands to take necessary
measures so as to avoid incidents of this nature.
(A.N.A. Madrid, 281339B to Admty., (R) Gibraltar.)

DJEBEL
AURES,
SIDI BRAHIM,
French
refugees
at Setubal.

My 271830 Embarkation completed. Both ships will
sail at high water tonight.
(B.N.A. Lisbon, 281553B to N.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in
C. Med., Admty.)

Force H.

X Sailed R.A.H. in WARSPITE with VALIANT, FORMIDABLE,
OFFA, FAULKNER, FURY, ECHO, INGLEFIELD, ECLIPSE,
INTREPID, ILEX, O.R.P. PIORUN.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 281752B to Admty., C. in C. Med.
Algiers, (R) F.O.H.)

Axis
shipping.

Arrivals 27th: MARIBEL, PAX CHRISTI, GLYCINE.
Departures 26th: OLGA, WATERWEG. Departure 28th 8.
(H.M. Consul Bilbao, 281815 to Admty., (R) S.O.I.
Gibraltar.)

Movements
Gibraltar.

Arrivals BOREAS ex X.K.9. LORD NUFFIELD escort
duties Lisbon. Departures HOLCOMBE, VICEROY to
join K.M.S. 17. Harbour defence M.Ls. 1253, 1254
for Jijelli. Harbour Defence M.Ls. 1258, 1297,
1242, 1246, 1271, 1270, 1301, 1247, 1224, 1257,
1272 for Bone.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 281905B)

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North Atlantic.

Escorts of Convoy K.M.S.18A.	Ships escorting Convoy K.M.S.18A E.T.A. 1100B/29th Request Dockyard assistance for repairs urgent engine room to NESS. Requirements. (S.O. Escort Group 42, 282017Z to F.O. Gibraltar.)
Movements Algiers.	Arrivals PRINCESS BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, LIDDESDALE, PUCKERIDGE, WHITING, FOX, FOXTROT, MUTINE, L.S.T. 421 DIDO French escorts ANNAMITE, ADMIRAL MOUCHEZ. Departures MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, BLANKNEY, WALLACE, WOOLSTON, HAMBLEDON.
Submarines French Submarine (Com. Algeria, 282404B (sic.))	SIMOOM (P.225) TRESPASSER (P.312) SIBYL (P.217) CASABIANCA.

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CHARLES WILLSON PEALE. "S" Report. Following has been read:- Position 23.40 S. 42.50 W. Torpedo attack. (A.L. WALKER (U.S.) No. T.O.O. Recd. 280323.) Following received addressed Adml Portsmouth from Niton Radio. Intercept 0141 G.M.Ts. 500 kc/s SSS D.E. Z.S.C. SSS CHARLES WILLSON PEALE position 23° 40' S. 42° 50' W. at 0118 G.M.T. torpedo attack T.O.R. Simonstown W/T 0128 G.M.T. (Ends.) (C. in C. Portsmouth 280341 to Admty.) Following received from Tiree Radio 160° 2 class distress CHARLES WILLSON PEALE. (Port Patrick Radio 280140Z to N.O.I.C. (R) Admty.) Ref. S/M attack distress message from CHARLES WILLSON PEALE in H. 023° 40' S. 042° 50' W. vessel now arrived Rio de Janeiro. Master reports 3 torpedoes fired at her at 0015Z, 0118Z and 0210Z/28th all missing. Individual testimony of crew very conflicting. Brazilian Minesweeper CANANEA attacked U-Boat with depth charges at 1630Z/28th in H. 023° 36' S. 042° 40' W. Possible damage. Action continuing with surface and air forces. (B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 282041Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. F.O.C. W.Af. B.A.D.)

KHEDIVE ISMAIL. KHEDIVE ISMAIL sails 27th for Tamatave E.T.A. 0800Z/3rd June (July intended) personnel on board. (A) for Madagascar. (B) for Kilindini. Requirements. (D.S.T.O. Durban 280708Z to S.T.O. Tamatave (R) S.T.O. Diego Suarez, D. of S.T. C. in C. E.F. N.O.I.C. Capetown, D.S.T.O. Kilindini.)

DUNKERY. E.T.A. 1100/28th. Request permission to enter. (DUNKERY 280715Z to Comar Dakar.)

Dispositions. Situation 2001Z/28th. FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, AMAZON, BLAIRMORE, with W.S. 31 021° 49' 019° 00' 180°. 13½ MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY with LADY DENISON-PENDER 018° 25' 023° 30' 040° 1. B.Y.M.S. 11, 12, 13 (20?) 28 021° 25' 017° 17' coastwise to North 8½. KEPPEL, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, F.F.S. ACONIT, F.F.S. LOBELIA, TAMARISK, YESTOR with S.L. 132 008° 34' 013° 46' to 009° 25' 016° 53' thence 335° (?7) FANDANGO 008° 50' 014° 16' to 011° (47'?) 017° (47'?) thence 329° 7. M.Ls. 261, 281, 263, 285, 008° 50' 014° 47' to 009° 17' 016° 25' to 008° 17' 016° 25' thence 335° 10. B.Y.M.S. 46 008° 46' 013° 53' 304° 10. (F.O.C.W.Af. 280927Z.)

Situation 281959? Z 28th June. CILICIA on patrol about 004° 50' 022° 01' 14. PICT off Monrovia M.L. 265 off Port Bouet M.L. 10, 78, 287 M.L. 106? M.L. 1041, 1006, 1160 off Cotonou. BRIDGEWATER, PETUNIA (?escorting) 005° 28' 002° (?05') E. to Lagos 9½. BELLWORT 005° 20' 002° 05' E. 146° 12. BURDOCK off Boma to Takoradi 12. ETHIOPIAN 000° 31' S. 003° 52' E. to Takoradi 9. (R.A.W.Af. 281108Z.)

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Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/28th June. NIGELIA, LE TIGRE, (Contd.) LADY ROSEMARY, CAPE WARWICK, BLAUWBERG with D.C.32 (9 ships) approaching Cape Point to Capetown 9. NIZAM about 037° 045' to Durban SUFFOLK, RELENTLESS, about 035° 45' 050° 45' to Panama 030° 059' QUADRANT, REDOUBT escorting H.F. ALEXANDER and SLOTEDIJK 030° 35' 022° 15' to 031° 20' 033° 22' 15. NORTHERN CHIEF escorting HELLAS 029° 05' 031° 35' to Durban 7. F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA, FREESIA escorting KHEDIV ISMAIL 026° 50' 036° 15' to? 026° 038' 11 B.Y.M.S.5,6,7,8, 021° 10' 038° 40' to 014° 46' 043° 56' 8. CANTON, NORMAN, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM with W.S.30 (7 ships) 017° 30' 040° 35' to 016° 25' 041° 25' 12. NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE about 015° 30' 043° to Tular. (C. in C. S.A. 281117B.)

Saldanha Bay Boom Vessels. Request reply to my 031153 concerning additional boom vessel for Saldanha Bay. (C. in C. S.A. 280944 to Admty.)

Damage to pipe line davit of oiler. N.O.I.C. Falkland Islands (Port Stanley) 231951 is being passed to you. Admiralty letter N.L.8399/43 of 17th May refers. (C. in C. S.A. 280947B to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Falkland Islands (Port Stanley)).

S.L.132, Escorts. Intend to sail KEPPEL (S.O) ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, ACONIT, LOBELIA, TAMARISK, NESTOR escorting S.L.132 at 1400Z/28 June. 2. Convoy consists of 36 ships for U.K. Tugs. EMPIRE DENNIS and EMPIRE ACE for Gibraltar. 3. Route J.X.0925N. 16.53 W. J.Y. 11.49 18.00 J.Z.14.45 17.49 thence by standard route positions from J.A. to J.K. Estimated speed made good 7 knots. 4. Comar Dakar is requested to sail CANADA, MEDIE II, ALSACE for Casablanca CAP CANTIN for U.K. to R/V in 14.23 N. 1751 W. at 1500Z/1. 5. YESTOR will be detached as necessary to arrive Dakar before dark first. 6. Escorts shift to Mediterranean W/T organisation at 2200Z/5. Commorseafron is requested to issue instructions for detaching ships for Casablanca. 8. F.O.C. Gibraltar is requested to issue instructions for detaching EMPIRE DENNIS and for R/V of S.L.132 and M.K.S.16. (F.O.C.W.Af. 281037 to Comar Dakar, F.O.C. Gib. Commorseafron, C. in C. W.A. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Bathurst, S.O.B.3.)

SANTA MARIA. Your 2504062. Originated by W.R. Following is repetition of 201932 (Begins). F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) Admty. Connav from Comar Dakar, SANTA MARIA reached harbour in tow 1845. Damage forward serious. Report probable cause and disposal of C.Bs. will follow. (End.) (B.N.L.O. Dakar 281045Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrival 1512Z/27th ST. WISTAN. (S.O. (I) Freetown 281055Z.) Arrival 28th REDBANK. (N.L.O. Walvis Bay 281418B.)

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GLOIRE. GLOIRE arrived Port of Spain 27 sailing same day. (Comar Dakar 281147Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Trinidad.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrivals 0815Z/23rd June 1943. H.M. B.Y.M.S. Nos. 22, 24, 45, 46. (S.O.I. Freetown 281230Z to A.S.O. (1) Recife.)

Appreciation of U/B. Situation. Routeing. A.M. 25 1423. Appreciation of U-Boat situation. In view of (A) lack of success between Durban and Capetown and (B) increasingly unfavourable weather conditions in Southern latitudes, consider possible that U-Boats may concentrate in Southern Mozambique. 2. Propose (A) approach route number one repeated one to Durban be brought into force for Southbound traffic now, and for Northbound traffic with convoy D.N.51. (B) All South and Northbound traffic be routed East of Madagascar except traffic between Beira and Union Ports which should be reduced to a minimum and be routed. (1) Slow traffic coastal to Lourenco Marques for convoy and (2) Fast through traffic close W. of Madagascar (C) As much traffic as possible be routed or diverted to Capetown, Port Elizabeth, and East London. Such traffic to be routed in accordance with Meiri Section 2A (Amendment number 8) para 2 (B). (C. in C. S.A. 281302B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. Cdre. Durban.)

Opening of Mediterranean future volume of shipping Eastwards of Cape. X Without knowledge of Coastal Movements it is difficult to assess the true effect of the opening of the Mediterranean on the total volume of Shipping proceeding between Cape ports and Middle East, India and Persian Gulf. 2. Request therefore you will furnish details on lines of para. 1 of your 301228Z March of (a) Total volume of Traffic for each of 3 months April, May, June, distinguishing if possible between (a) local traffic and (b) shipping plying between U.K. or U.S. and Middle East Indies and Persian Gulf (c) Remainder. 3. On the assumption that shipping under 2 (b) will be largely eliminated as result of Mediterranean opening a reasonably accurate forecast of future volume of shipping eastwards of Cape should result. (D.T.D. 281532B to C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F.)

Weekly state 26th June. Cruisers. GEORGES LEYGUES on passage Dakar to New York. GLOIRE on passage Dakar to Trinidad. 2. A.M.C. QUERCY Dakar. 3. Escort ships. ASPIRANT BRUN Dakar LA GRANDIE E. DUMONT D'URVILLE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY, VICTORIA, CASABLANCA, CALAIS, CONAKRY. 4. Submarine CENTAURE Dakar ARGO Freetown. (Comar Dakar 281636Z.)

Approaches to Freetown. "Dog" routes. A.M. 281831B see A. & W.I.

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W.S.32,
K.M.F.20.

Convoy W.S.32, consisting of about 5 personnel ships, is due to leave U.K. on 19th July with troops for M.E. and India. Convoy will be joined in West Africa by 4 personnel ships for India and one personnel ship for M.E. 2. Convoy K.M.F.20, consisting of about 6 personnel ships for North Africa, will leave U.K. in company with W.S.32. 3. Ocean escort for W.S.32 will be RAMILLIES.
(D.O.D. (F) 281943B to F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C. Med. F.O. Gib.
C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F. C. in C. Levant, F.O.C.R.I.N.)

Convoy
S.L.132.

Sailing telegram. 1. S.L.132 241400/28th.
4. Knots $7\frac{1}{2}$. 5. (Route). 6. KEPPEL (30) ORCHIS,
NARCISSUS, ACONITE, LOBELIA, TAMARISK. Codeword
"Child".
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 282019Z to Admty.)

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Convoy O.S.50 mines Dakar. Your 261814+ 6 other ships also for Dakar in O.S.50. They cannot if held in North Africa. If safe channel has not been established by time that convoy reaches Dakar suggest you divert them elsewhere. / As received.
(C. in C. Med. 280018 to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Comorseafron, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Comar Dakar.).
+ Mines in approaches to Dakar.

KING SOL ABBEYDALE survivors. Lost contact at 2300 have dropped 17 depth charges. Have 54 survivors ABBEYDALE. Continuing search request instructions.
(KING SOL 280045B to C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers, (R) ACTIVE).

Ships in tow. In view of S.N.O. Trip. 271416+ and LISMORE 271742- and subsequent movement of other escort of M.K.S.16, intend to cancel my 271807+ and to leave LISMORE to complete tow to Tripoli.
(Capt.(D) 22 280057C to C. in C. Levant).
+ No trace of formers in W.R.

Situation Report No. 39. Convoy M.K.S.16 sailed Alexandria 24th June H.M.S. ANTWERP 2 tankers and 2 merchant ships for Malta 3 tankers 6 merchant ships and 15 L.S.Ts. for Tripoli (Libya) 3 merchant ships Benghazi and one merchant ship for U.K. 2 L.S.T. pontoons in tow of merchant ships have each broken in hook, Progress slow. CROOME and HURSLEY damaged in collision my 262058+ refers. K.M.S.16 arrived Alex. 27th June 31 merchant ships 9 for Alex. remainder Port Said and beyond.
(2) Levant: H.M.S. CAIRNS and 4 M.L. carried out hunt U-Boat (Italian) attacked by Hudson A/C at 0555/25 in 031 degs. 35' North 034 degs. 10' East U-Boats (Italian) opened fire on A/C before diving.
(3) Small schooner sunk by gunfire from U-Boat at 1200/26 position not known but to N.W. Beirut.
(4) Greek S.S. MICHALIOS (3742 tons) sunk by U-Boat 3 miles off Latakia 1626/27 vessel unescorted on passage Mersin to Port Said.
(5) ABDIEL completed movements of 2000 troops into D and 6800 out on 22nd June.
(6) Red Sea. LAOMEDAN at Massawa reports fire in coal bunker burnt intermittently for 10 days and now extinguished.
(7) Force X less destroyers working up at Suez. Last flight of personnel reinforcement (761) due Suez in SONTAY 28th June. The 3 French destroyers which sailed Alex. 24th June for Casablanca now at Tobruk. They will be sailed to overtake M.K.S.16 on completion of repairs in company base Q.U.E.
(8) 209 Russian Internees ex North Africa also in SONTAY.
(9) ORION at Suez carrying out bombardment practices.
(10) A.F.D. No. 27 due Alexandria 28th June from Massawa.
(11) My 222006 June para.1. ZINGARELLA towed off and is being towed to Alexandria badly damaged.
(C. in C. Levant 280130C).
/ ? T.O.O. intended 262056C.

/Enemy...

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Enemy Units. Following read: One medium sized enemy merchant vessel distance 13 miles from position 41 degs. 40' N. 9 degs. 40' E. course 220 degs. speed 6 knots.
(A/C C.X.K.H. via Alexandria W/T 280230).

Following has been read: One medium sized enemy merchant vessel in 41 degs. 40' 9 degs. 40' E. course 200 degs. 12 knots.
(A/C 55S via Malta W/T 280305B).

Following read from Malta: My 1023 (?0305 intended). Enemy previously reported are 1 small merchant vessel and one medium merchant vessel.
(A/C G.P.L.H. 281045B to Call Sign 45U).

Following read: Position of two medium merchant vessels and 2 enemy destroyers 42 degs. 05' N. 9 degs. 41' E. on course 000 degs. speed 10 knots.
(A/C B.Y.R.B. 280930B to A.H.Q. Malta).

My 0918 (?0930 intended) position of 2 large enemy vessels and 2 enemy destroyers now, is 42 degs. 16' N. 9 degs. 48' E. (based on a fix at 1000 on a terrestrial object) course 350 degs. speed 12 knots.).
(A/C B.Y.R.B. 281050B to A.H.Q. Malta).

P.C. and S of 2 enemy merchant vessels:- 38 degs. 51' N. 13 degs. 49' E. course 200 degs. speed 12 knots.
(A/C 281023B to Air H.Q. Malta).

Following read (via Alexandria). Position of one medium sized merchant vessel and one escort vessel 42 degs. 48' N. 10 degs. 01' E. course 090 degs. speed 8 knots at 0932B.
(A/C 281050 to Air H.Q. Malta).

Movements Alexandria June 27th Alex. arrival LIMBEO (?), IPSWICH, M.L. 1123, VETCH, L.C.I.131, ALDENHAM, L.C.I.266, BOXSBURG, L.C.I.277, PRIMULA, DULVERTON, SUTLEJ, SHOREHAM, departure G.S. KONDOURIOTIS, H.S.L. 2518.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria 280644C).

S/M movements. (1) P.46 (UNRUFFLED) P.45 (UNRIVALLED) and P.51 (UNSEEN) north of Malta between 013 degs. 40' and 015 degs. 20'.
(2) 10th S.F. Summary at 2000/28th.
(Capt.(S) 10, 280705B).

Hospital ships. Following is a repetition of my 271317 (originally received undecypherable) attention is drawn to fact that hospital ships and carriers sailing under Geneva Convention are liable to search by the enemy and should not therefore carry any orders of an operational nature. Request all S.N.O.L.S. may be informed accordingly. C. in C. Med. is issuing necessary orders for arrival of these ships at the beaches. Admiralty recypher and pass to R.A.(V).
(D.N.C.X.F. 280905C).

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Convoys F.O.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail K.M.S.17
K.M.S.17, at 1200/30.
K.M.S.18A. (2) S. of A. 8 knots.
(3) Details of route to Malta.
(4) Sections joins and detaches with local escort
as follows Oran (?eastbound) 1600/July 1st.
Algiers 036 degs. 63' North 003 degs. 00' East 1600/July 2nd
Bougie 036 degs. 58' 005 degs. 11' 0400/July 3rd. R. 037 degs.
13' 007 degs. 00' 1600/July 3rd. Bone 037 degs. 15' 007 degs.
40' 2000/July 3rd. Bizerta Q.K.B. 94 1000/July 4th. Tunis Q.K.B.
97 1300/July 4th. Sousse 035 degs. 58' 011 degs. 02' 0230/July
5th. Malta E.T.A. 0500/July 6th. All times B.
(6) Escorts as in my 211815 and 271645 escorts bound for Sfax
detach in 025 degs. 04' North 011 degs. 57' East and proceed to
destination.
(8) Fighter priority 3 days 2 nights. Codeword "Untrue" V.I.S.
Escort when detached to Sfax RUMFORD P.F.P.903.
(C. in C. Med. 281133B).
As U.G.S. 10 cannot arrive Gibraltar by July 1st request
you will sail K.M.S. 17 a.m./30th in accordance with my 281133
not to Commorseafron provided K.M.S.17 is not delayed K.M.S.18A
should be sailed in company.
(C. in C. Med. 281135B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

R.A.F. 26/27 June no offensive operations June 27 49
Air B.24's Hassani and Eleusis aerodromes near Athens.
Report. Three returned early 22 bombed Hassani. 24
bombed Eleusis. Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping
sweep West Coast Greece one transport vessel
6000 tons attacked North of Levkas. Two hits
amidships several near misses. Smoke seen rising from amidships.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 281202Z).

Movements (1) P.47 (DOLFIJN) 037 degs. 55' 004 degs. 54'
of S/Ms. through 038 degs. 00' 005 degs. 00' thence 083
degs. 6 knots.
(2) P.247 (SARACEN) 038 degs. 20' 005 degs. 38'
through 038 degs. 23' 005 degs. 44' thence 086
degs. 9 knots.
(3) SEVERN 038 degs. 45' 005 degs. 17' 174 degs. 14 knots.
(4) P.229 (SPORTSMAN) in Gulf Genoa.
(5) P.224 (SICKLE) 038 degs. 27' 008 degs. 27' 264 degs. 9 knots.
(6) 8th S/M Flot. movements summary at 1959B/28th all S/Ms.
diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated.
(Capt.(S) 8. 281210B).

N.W.A.A.F. M.S. 14432. A.V. 203E. 28th June.
report. Northwest African Air Forces Opsum 127 M.W.A.S.A.F.
26/27 June. 30 Wellingtons Naples 2 returned early
one jettisoned, 1 missing, 2 bombed Torre
Annunziata 3 bombed Korenza Marsala and Mavara
Del Vallo respectively. Remainder attacked objective total
3 X 4,000, 25 X 1,000. 120 X 500, 14 X 250, 64 X 30 bombs.
Several small fires dock area smoke screen hampered observation
results. 27 June no operations. 26/27 14 Hudsons 4 Albacores

/4 Beaufighters...

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N.W.A.A.F. report. (Contd.). 4 Beaufighters anti-submarine patrols and convoy escorts. 4 Beaufighters intercepted enemy aircraft attacking large convoy off Cape Bon. 2 H.E. 111's 2 C.A.N.T. 1007's destroyed. (H.Q. N.A.A.F. Adv.).

Convoy M.K.S.16 G.U.S.9. Pass to Cmdre. and Escorts. M.K.S. 16 - G.U.S. 9 intend to sail following. (N.O.I.C. Bone 281223B).

Russian N.A. Capt. Rodionov, Russian Naval Attache to Turkey, is to visit the Levant on 5th July. (2) In the past Russian visitors who have remained in back areas have reported adversely on our war efforts. Intend therefore that Rodionov should embark in MAURITIUS. (C. in C. Levant 281240C).

R/C Taranto Brindisi. Taranto 1010. 2 battleships. Brindisi ?10 ?35. One cruiser visuals. (V.A. Malta 281312B).

Explosive cargoes in R.F.As. Your 241947 May and Admiralty 082052 explosives should not repeat not be carried as cargo in R.F.As. save in exceptional circumstances and only then in properly constructed magazines. Investigation of stowage arrangements practicable and actually effected in OLIGARCH only recently completed. Time did not permit of constructions of proper magazines, and shipment was allowed solely in view of existing conditions and urgency. Presence on board of these stores also involves risk to other ships being fuelled and restricts movements of oiler. Request cargo detailed in Admiralty 082052 may be removed as soon as operational necessity permits. Similar action should be taken as regards any similar cargo loaded in CEDARDALE. (4th S.L. 281318B to C. in C. Med.).

1st S/M Flotilla. First Submarine Flotilla 28 June. (A) Refitting. TROOPER. Repairing damage KATSONIS, MATROZOS, NEREUS, NEBOJSCA. (B) Operational. OSIRIS, PARTHIAN, TRIDENT, RORQUAL on patrol in Aegean. TACTICIAN Malta. (C) A/S training PAPANCOLIS at Alexandria. (C. in C. Levant 281344C to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. S.1, S.8, S.10).

German mines at Bizerta. Your 221914A May and recent reports of similar enemy measures elsewhere have been considered in relation to composition of port parties sent, and with special regard to divers.

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German
mines at
Bizerta.
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2. It is understood that you have at your disposal approximately 25 expert shallow water divers; your 011430/5 refers.

3. In case you consider these resources inadequate 18 similar officers and men could be sent, but only at expense of other operations. No service divers available, but up to 24 ratings trained in sweeping and tending could be sent.

4. Request you will report whether any such assistance is required.
(Admty. 281403B to C. in C. Med.).

Convoy
M.K.F.17A.

Sail convoy (?M) K.F.17A at 0600B June 30th.

2. S. of A. 12½ knots.

3. Details of route to Gibraltar.

4. Algiers section joins in 036 degs. 53' North 003 degs. 10' East at 2100B/30th. Oran in 92 at

at 1300B/July 1st both with local escort Gibraltar E.T.A. 0700B/July 2nd.

6. Codeword "Rockfield H.J.U." priority 3 days 2 nights.

7. Escort MENDIP, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, BLENCATHRA.

(C. in C. Med. 281421B to N.O.I.C. Philipville).

N.W.A.A.F.
report
26 June.

Ref. No. J.8189 26 June.

Amend above mentioned message as indicated:-

Delete all between 7th line "Violent explosions" and 4th corrupt portion. Insert as follows -

Violent explosions town area 25 June. 4 Missions totalling 136 U.S. Fortresses Messina 6 returned

early 1 crash landed Bizerta 2 missing 38 X 2,000 38 X 1, 000 1746 X 300 from 22,400 to 25,000 feet marshalling yards. Northern harbour arm? town and warehouse areas well covered fires on commercial quay. 12 other large fires northern area flak battery silenced. Last mission unable to assess damage owing to smoke and dust. All formations heavily engaged by enemy fighters 8 M.E. 109s. 2 R.E. 20001s. 1 M.E.210 1 M.C. 202,7 unidentified aircraft destroyed 2 M.E. 109s, 5 unidentified aircraft probably destroyed 1 M.C. 202, 1 unidentified aircraft damaged. Of 2 missing bombers 1 shot down over target by flak or enemy fighters 42 other bombers damaged by flak. N.W. African Tactical A.F. 22 June (additional) 33 U.S. Warhawks 18 U.S. Mustangs cover Pantellaria. 1 U.S. Mustang crashed in sea off Kelibia 4 U.S. Spitfires reced Pantellaria Harbour.

(No T.O.O. Recd. 1422B).

(Received in W.R. 2103/28).

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convoys.

Following from C. in C. Levant with reference to A.M. 241756 (BIGOT Most Secret distribution).

Begins:- Terminus for eastbound convoys should be Port Said. Westbound convoys will assemble and sail Alexandria. Ends. Amend my 251724 accordingly. (C. in C. Med. 281458B to Admty.).

Movements
Port Said.

28th June Port Said arrivals TROOPER, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, MIAOULES, SAKTOURIS, R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA, Departures PANTHER, BELVOIR, SAKTOURIS. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 281631C).

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Entry of Neutral ships to N.W. African Ports. Your 311824B. 48 hours prior to notice of entry is required except in distress. No fishing allowed 6 miles from the coast and 15 miles from any port except by neutrals now based in Morocco. (2) These rules have been presented to French Authorities at Rabat for notification of neutral Consuls on the Atlantic Seaboard. Suggest Portuguese Authorities await formal notification if this has not already been received. (C. in C. Med. 281644B).

Air attacks on Lisbon-Gibraltar route. Attacks by Axis aircraft on the Lisbon - Gibraltar traffic is reaching serious dimensions. See F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 241843. Attacks appear to take place quite impartially whether ships are inside or outside territorial waters. Presume energetic action is in hand with Portuguese Government to protest against abuse of territorial waters. It is for consideration whether the Portuguese should be told that if they are unable to provide fighters to prevent the Axis operating with impunity over their coasts and territorial waters we shall have to press to be allowed to base fighters in Portuguese territory for the purpose. (2) Attention is also invited to S.O.I. Gibraltar's letter R.S. 242/20/4 to D.N.I. describing infringements of neutrality during attacks on shipping off Cape St. Vincent on 14th June. (C. in C. Med. 281650B to Admty.).

Enemy Units. 5 Landing Craft position 42.49 N. 10.05 E. course 250 degs. speed 5 knots. (A/C A.N.L.W. 281720B/June).

KINGSLAND WILLOWDALE My 271007B sailed less AISNE. (F.O.I.S. 281722B).

SERAPH SHAKESPEARE SAFARI. Intend sailing P.219 (SERAPH) at 2000/30th through 038 degs. 13' 004 degs. 42' at 1700/1st 038 degs. 13' 011 degs. 17' at 1700/4th position "Ded" at 2300/4th and P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) at 1800/1st through 038 degs. 13' 004 degs. 42' at 0800/2nd. 038 degs. 13' 011 degs. 17' at 0800/5th position

P at 1500/5th.
(2) P.211 (SAFARI) will leave Bizerta p.m. 4th so as to pass position P at 0001/6th.
(3) Thence all three submarines proceed as ordered by Captain (S) 10 to patrol area as laid down in paragraph (1) 191410 not to all addressees.
(4) Arrangements for sailing P.211 (SAFARI) are being made direct with F.O.I.C. Bizerta.
(5) Captain (S)10 acknowledge.
(Capt.(S) 8 281724B to C. in C. Med. Capt.(S) 10, (R) V.A. Malta, 8th S/M F.).

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TAURUS P.339 (TAURUS) leaving end of Beirut swept channel 2045C/29th routed on surface at $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots through (A) 033 degs. 58' 027 degs. 24' at 0735C/1st thence diving by day through (B) 035 degs. 23' 026 degs. 33' to patrol Northern Aegean North of 038 degs.
(Capt.(S) 1, 281726C to C. in C. Levant, (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10, Cmdr. Coastal Force Eastern Med. Cdre. (D) 1st S. Flotilla).

Convoy (1) G.T.X. (L) 3.
G.T.X.3. (2) 1700B/28th. (3) Sailing together. (4) $7\frac{1}{2}$
(5) As in C. in C. Levant 252221. (6) WISHART, VENOMOUS, BEAUFORT, KANARIS, (U3), ROCKWOOD, EXMOOR, CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON, BREAM, STELLA

CARINA.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 281729B).
G.T.X.3. Request repetition. Your 231429B not yet received in Admiralty. Your 241024B. refers.
(Admty. 281758B to Cdre. Algiers).

Convoy Names of ships and quantities of fuel etc. in
U.G.S.11. cargo.
(A.N.P.B. 281800).

Enemy P.C. and S. of one destroyer 43.28 N. 09.53 E.
reports. 180 degs. 15 knots.
(A/C A.N.L.W. 281815B).
P.C.S. of one small merchant vessel 42.55 N.
09.42 E. 090 degs. six knots.
(A/C A.N.L.W. 281817B).

M.K.S.16 Bizerta joiners.
G.U.S.9. (F.O.I.S. 281832B).

Convoy U.G.S.10. Destinations as follows:
U.G.S.10. For Casablanca - WILLIAM H (?CYRIL), DAVID G. FARRAGUT, HOUSTON, VOLUNTEER, HAYM SOLOMON, SCHOONER (?O) SCHEMLTZER, WILLIAM (?D) MOSELEY, CARILLO, JOSEPH HE(?WS), JOEL C HARRIS, SAM ASHE,

DEL NORTE.
For Gibraltar for orders: JOHN H EATON, BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON, T.B. ROBERTSON, ZACHARY TAYLOR, GIDEON WELLES, K.S. WOOLSEY, LELAND STANFORD, THOMAS SUMNER.
For Oran refit: MUHLENBERG, GEORGE BANCROFT, ALEX LILLINGTON, GEORGE DAVIS, FRANCIS MARION, JOHN TRUMBULL, LINCOLN STEFFENS, WINFIELD SCOTT, THOMAS BICKETT, JAMES WOODROW, ALEX GERHARD, GEORGE LAMU, SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, W MULHOLLAND, THADDEUS, KOSC (?IU) SCO, LHASA JACKSON, JONATHAN WORTH.
For Algiers: STEPHEN FOSTER, JAMES RILEY, (?FORT AUGUSTUS), FORT KOOTENAY.

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Convoy For Bougie: ANDREW MOORE (for orders).
 U.G.S.10. For Bone: RICHARD GATLING, STANRIDGE.
 (Contd.). For Bizerta: JOHN P. POE, MARK TWAIN.
 Tanker destinations follow.
 For Casablanca: WILLIAM PENN (discharge).
 For Gibraltar: BEACON (discharge) ATHOLL DUCHESS,
 ATLANTIC and BRITISH COURAGE (All for Orders).
 For Oran: EMPIRE VISCOUNT and EMPIRE JET (both discharge) CHESTER
 O SWAIN (for orders).
 For Algiers: PUMPER, ANTICLINE and ECLIPSE (all discharge)
 EMPIRE SALVAGE (orders).
 For Bizerta: HERBERT PRATT, HENRY DUNDAS, EMPIRE GOLDEN, GULF
 COAST, BRITISH GLORY (All discharge).
 (C. in C. Med. 281845B to C.T.F.61 (R) Cdr. Morseafon, F.Os.
 I/C and N.Os.I/C French N. Africa, (except N.O.I/C Casablanca)
 F.O.I/C Gibraltar, Admiralty, Connav, R.A.(H)).

EMPIRE Concur with your 252102B. /
 MORN (C. in C. Med. 281847B to Admty.).
 / Re tugs to tow EMPIRE MORN.

Movements Bizerta arrivals (?ACUTE) CADMUS, STORNOWAY,
 Bizerta. BUDE, CIRCE, STROMA, H.D.M.L.1234, 1239, 1165,
 1221. M.T.B. 89, 309, 316. M.G.B.662, 657, 659,
 660. P.T. 212, 217, S.C.666, HUNDA, WESTRAY.
 Departures S.C.666, S.C.543, STROMA, H.D.M.L.1234,
 1239, 1239, 1165, WESTRAY, HUNDA, CIRCE, P.T.210, 214, 218.
 (S.O.I.S. 282033B to C. in C. Med.).

Movements Arrived and sailed WISHART, VENOMOUS, BEAUFORT,
 Tripoli. STELLA CARINA, BREAM, PENTSTEMON, CONVULVULUS,
 M.T.B.260. Arrived CALPE, OAKLEY, WILTON, HENGIST,
 PRIANA, L.S.T.422, 362, MARYBOROUGH, KLO,
 FAVOURITE. Sailed L.C.T.446.
 (S.N.O. Tripolitania 282112B).

Movements Sailed FORTUNE, FORBIN, BASQUE.
 Tobruk (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 282115C).

Movements Today's arrivals. French ships ORPHEE, PROTEA,
 Oran. ALCYON.
 Departures. U.S.S. RHIND, MAYRANT, ORDONAU, X,
 TRIPPE, ROWON, WAINWRIGHT. H.M.S. PRINCE LEOPOLD,
 PRINCESS CHARLOTTE, PRINCESS ASTRID, U.S.A.T.
 SHAWNEE, MEXICO, EVANGELINE, BORINQUEN.
 (Com.N.O.B. Oran 282119).

Convoy Sailed 282100B in accordance with C. in C. Med's.
 M.K.F.17. 271105 as amended by 280957. Three ships only.
 SAMARIA for onward routing to U.K. J.W. MCANDREW

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Convoy (U.S) for U.S.A., BRITANNIC (Commodore Crabbe
M.K.F.17. R.N.R. and staff) for West Africa. Commodore Grant
(Contd.). R.N.R and staff in BRITANNIC for passage to Gib.
(Cdre. Algeria 282119B).

P.46 Intend arriving North West Channel 0830B/29th.
(UNRUFFLED) repetition 29th. Operation successfully completed.
(P.46 282131B to Capt.(S) 10, V.A. Malta, (R)
S/Ms on patrol).

C.O.P.P. X (1) Para.1.A.of your 261343 not to V.A.M. Personnel
parties. of parties C.O.P.P. 3 and 4 will be embarked in
ships of convoy M.K.F.18 expected to arrive U.K.
21st July.
(2) Earlier arrival not possible due to operational
commitment as beach markers.
(3) V.A.M. is requested to arrange embarkation.
(C. in C. Med. 282251B to Admty. (R) V.A.M. C.C.O.).

Italian If possible it is desired to use troopships
P.O.W. for included in convoys M.K.F.18 and 19 to lift
U.K. maximum numbers of Italian P.O.W. to U.K.
(2) Can this be arranged please. If so at what
port or ports would you propose to embark P.O.W.
and what delay in arrival in U.K. would be
involved.
(3) Agreed.
(D. of S.T. 282254B to P.S.T.O. Med.). Reply 022353 July.

U/B Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 39.54 N. 10.10 E.
(A/C H.T.A.F. 282255B).

K.M.F.17A K.M.F.17A. Sailed at 2200B. Otherwise in
accordance with C. in C. Med's. 261720 amended by
271305.
(Com. Algeria 282257 to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
C. in C. Med. Connav, N.O.I.C. Philippeville).

Malta X Arrived Convoy consisting of Transports EMPIRE LASS,
Movements of MORAY COAST, DEVON COAST, EMPIRE BAIRN, EMPIRE
Transports and DAMSEL, EMPIRE THACKERY, BEACONSFIELD, BAROVA VIDAMA
Landing Craft. VICDELICIA, OUTPOST, EMPIRE GAT, EMPIRE SPINNEY,
JOHN PAGE, B.Y.M.S.19, 26, 27 escorted by
BROCKLESBY, WHEATLAND, LAMERTON, LAFOREY, LOOKOUT,
TARTAR with L.S.Ts. 199, 8, 9, 11, 65, 160, 161, 324
419, L.C.Ts. 614, 535, 536, 580 and 399 M.T.Bs. 635, 637, and
95, 65, 77, Hospital ship TALAMBA H.M. Ship GLOXINIA with L.S.Ts.
427, 303, 403 Tanker SOUTH AMERICA escorted by ROCKWOOD M.T.B.76
and UGANDA. Departures AURORA, L.C.Ts. 356, 387, 329, 554, 556,
307, 445, 416, 375.
(V.A. Malta 282302B 291152B).

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SEVERN
SARACEN
DOLFIJN.

Departures submarines SEVERN, SARACEN (P.247)
DOLFIJN (P.47) Admiralty pass to B.D.Z.
(Com. Algeria 282324B).

Enemy
report.

P.C. and S of one small M/V one unknown 39.45 N.
10.10 E. 010 degs. 8 knots.
(A/C H.T.A.F. 282345B).

Movements
Bone.

Departures M.T.B.89, 309, 316, M.G.B. 662, 657,
659, 660. Arrivals P.T. 210, 214, 218 FLUELLEN.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 282359B).

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KENYA. Departure KENYA for Colombo at 0500Z/28th.
(N.O.I/c Trincomalee, 280507Z to Admty.)

U/Boat. N.O.I.C. Cochin reports S/M seen by coast
watcher near Parap (corrupt group) angadi (011° 04'
N. 075° 51') at 0200Z/28th. Report not assessed.
(Com. R.I.N. 280532Z to F.O. Ceylon, (R) C. in C.
E.F., N.O.I.C. Cochin, F.O.C.R.I.N.)

DAH PU torpedoes and sunk. X DAH PU sunk in Muscat Harbour 0405Z ? 28th.
Immediate air action taken locally.
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 280643Z to C. in C.E.F.(R)
N.O.I.C. Hormuz.)
DAH PU sunk Muscat Harbour 0805 hours local time.
Master believes she was torpedoed. Half hull
still above water.
(Political Resident Muscat, 280650Z to Admty., C. in C.E.F. etc.)
DAH PU sunk in Muscat Harbour (?by) torpedo 0405Z/28th June.
2. Am holding out-bound ships for convoy from Hormuz for the
present.
3. P.B. 46 sails 29th June with special air escort.
4. N.C.S.O. Hormuz amend routeing signal where applicable.
5. Air patrol arranged along inward shipping route Oman Coast.
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 280652Z to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.,
A.C.N.B., Cdre. R.I.N., F.O. Ceylon, F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty.,
N.O.I.C. Karachi, Cdre. i/c Aden, (R) N.O.I.C. Hormuz.)
Ref. A.M. A.F. Muscat Harbour.
(Adml. Colombo, 280656 G.M.T. To Admty.) W.D. Note, A.F. =
Position is dangerous on account of U/Boat.
DAH PU sunk by enemy U/Boat in Muscat Harbour at 0405Z/28th.
(C. in C.E.F., 280855Z to Ships and Authorities E.I. Station
(R) Admty., C. in C.S.A., 246 Wing.)
DAH PU as already reported damaged and believed hit by
torpedo in Muscat Harbour at 0805 hours was owned by Norwegian
Government. All confidential documents were thrown overboard
with sinker by myself. Master reports one torpedo only fired hit
ship cutting it almost in two abaft bridge deck in number three
hatch. Ship was at anchor. Master believes and it seems
obvious S/M was in Muscat Harbour when it fired torpedo but I can
find no one who saw a trace of it at any time or who saw torpedo
track. Bright sun light at the time of attack. DAH PU is
now stern under water and seems likely to remain afloat until
this evening. Am salvaging guns and other valuables.
Casualties not yet fully ascertained but there do not seem to
have been many.
(Political Resident, Muscat, 280945Z to Admty., S.N.O. Persian
Gulf, Political Resident Persian Gulf, C. in C.E.F., S.O.(I)
Basra and Karachi.)

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Operation "Player".
 * Situation report 280001C.
 (i) Air search of area being continued during daylight 27th June. No sighting.
 (ii) Surface forces sweeping to southward toward position S. No report.
 (iii) NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE sailed Kilindini p.m. 27th to arrive Tulear for fuel 1400C/30th.
 (iv) Weather conditions area A 27th. Moderate swell wind north east 15 knots. Visibility 1-2 miles except in showers.
 (C. in C. E.F. 280825Z to Admty., C. in C.S.A., Air H.Q.E.Af., C.S.4., 246 Wing.)

N.C.P.35,
 N.C.P.117. For R.I.N.L.O. Have names given in my 180605
 (Re Renaming of N.C.P. 35 HJLHET and N.C.P.117 SHOLAPUR) May been approved.
 (F.O.C.R.I.N. 280842Z to Admty.)

DIPAVATI. Arrival.
 (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 281026)

TROMP,
 NIEUW
 AMSTERDAM. Netherlands light cruiser TROMP with NIEUW
 AMSTERDAM left Position L 0745Z/28th. TROMP
 reports earliest E.T.A. Freemantle with present
 endurance 1400Z/1st July. F.O.C. Western
 Australia's 232356Z refers.
 (? SUSSEX 281114Z to A.I.G.128 etc.)

Transports. Position 28th June.
 (D.S.T.O. Bombay, 281133Z to D. of S.T.(R)
 P.S.T.O.I.)

Movements. (?Colombo) departure 28th (corrupt group)
 0930Z WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN D.S. 1245Z BALTA.
 (N.O.i/c Colombo, 281400Z)
 Arrivals BHADRAVATI, BEDIBUNDER 1400Z.
 (N.O.I.C. Kathiawar Coast, 281445Z)

EMERALD. EMERALD will leave U.K. to join Eastern Fleet
 on 1st July with K.M.F.19. She will be detached
 to fuel at Casablanca arriving about 6th July and
 is to proceed thence independently.
 2. Commorseafon is requested to sail her for Freetown when
 fuelled.
 (D.O.D.(F), 281525B to C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.W.Af.,
 F.O.i/c Gibraltar, Commorseafon, (R) C. in C.Med., EMERALD.)

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Troops
for
India.

Your 55596/C.O.S. (N.T. in W.D.) of 15th June.
Position as stated confirmed.
2. Arrangements are being made to send from
U.K. category C. personnel for 2 brigade groups,
thus completing you to a total of four brigade
groups of both categories, A. and C.
(D. of P. 281724B to Arminia.)

SALSETTE.

I concur with F.O. Ceylon's 251203 that S.O.A.S.C.
must come under C.O. SALSETTE. I do not
understand where the difficulty lies. See para.
3, of my 111943.
(C. in E.F., 281726B to F.O. Ceylon, F.L.O.
Delhi, D/C in C.E.F. (R) Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N.)

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Movements. Norfolk arrived 27th CHELSEA and LEAMINGTON.
Norfolk departed ST. AGNES due New York a.m./28th.
Norfolk departed STRIKER and SEARCHER due New York 28th June both for duty with H.X. convoy.
(N.S.H.Q., 280028Z).
Kingston departure U.S.S.C., 1270 for Panama E.T.A.0100R/30.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 280643Q).
Kingston arrival U.S.A.T. STATE OF MARYLAND U.S.S. TURQUOISE
U.S. P.C.1198.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 281051Q).
Arrival 26th and departure 27th for High Seas U.S.A.T.
BRIGADIER GENERAL H. RETHERS.
(B.R.L.O. Aruba, 281141Q).
Arrived LINCOLN ex O.N.S.10 SALISBURY from Pictou (N.S.)
departure TRAIL escorting CYRUSFIELD to cable ground.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax, 281216Z).
Arrivals June 28 Cable ship CAMBRIA (British).
(Maranhao, 281346Z).
Arrivals 27th U.S.A.T. BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 281428Z).
Arrival (corrupt group) T.W. DRENAN U.S.A.T.
(B.R.O. Georgetown, 281530Q).
Bermuda arrival BURGESS.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 281933P).
San Francisco 25th MONTEREY (U.S.)A.T., for Brisbane.
(N.S.H.Q., 282046Z).
Arrival ST. CROIX from sea.
(C.Halifax, 282132Z).

Unidentified My 272105. Further details of ship as follows.
Merchant Superstructure forward with one funnel
Ship. just abaft it. Two shallow wells and two islands aft. Numerous masts in two rows.
Request information if ship can be identified.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 280152Z to Admty. (R)
N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F. Cominch C. & R).
Your 272145 three possibilities all estimated positions
for 270630Z SYDNEY STAR 45.15 N., 35.00 W. 253 PORT PHILLIP
44.45 N., 34.20 W. 255 VASALAND (S.W.D.) 50.00 N., 42.15 W. 190
last ship 2709 tons.
(Cominch C. and R. 280244Z to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) Admty.
C. in C. W.A., F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q.)
272328Z. Ship is probably SYDNEY STAR.
(D.O.D. (H), 280721B to C. in C. C.N.A., Connav, F.O.N.F.,
(R) Ships at Sea in Area D. C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.,
Cominch C. and R., C.E.S.F., S.B.N.O.W.At).

Spanish X Spaniards request permission to send two oil-
fishing. burning vessels to fish for cod in Newfoundland
Newfoundland. and Greenland waters, sailing early July.
Vessels will carry enough fuel for return voyage
and Spaniards offer to comply with our conditions.

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2. Spanish fishing in the Bay of Biscay has had to be severely restricted owing to our anti-U-boat operations and as Portuguese are allowed to fish in Newfoundland waters we propose, subject to your views, to grant permission on following conditions (details).

3. Request your views and report whether you wish to impose any special conditions concerning routing or fishing areas. Portuguese at present sail by most direct route and their fishing areas are not expressly defined. (Head of M.(I) 280955B to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) N.S.H.Q., Cominch, C. in C. W.A., N.A. Madrid).

ORIBI

Bermuda arrival 27th June ORIBI. (S.B.N.O.W.At., 281036P to Admty).

U/B

Following has been read:- Am over enemy submarine in position 51.30 N., 43.40 W. (Newfoundland C.C.O., 281044 to Admty. A.C.I.C. Liverpool C.C.O.)

Following has been read. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. Course 080° speed 4 knots.

(Newfoundland C.C.O. 281055 to Admty. A.C.I.C., C. in C. W.A.)

Hospital Ships interpretation of Geneva Convention.

X Following is repetition of J.S.M.972 dated 9th June begins:

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 practised 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.

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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 end of 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 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. Ends.
Following reply has been made (C.O.S.(W) 650) dated 20th June:- Begins. Reference J.S.M.972.

1. We fully concur that:-

(a) it is in Allied interests that immunity of Hospital Ships from attack should be maintained.

(b) U.S. and British interpretation of the Conventions must be consistent, especially as U.S. and British Forces are operating together in the same areas.

2. We doubt, however, wisdom of addressing a comprehensive note of the kind proposed to all three Axis Powers, because we feel it most important not to:- (a) appear to be replacing or supplementing the Conventions with another code of our own making. (b) encourage the Axis to concert their policies on this or any kindred subject, e.g. shooting bomber crews. Moreover we have already made several of the points in notes addressed to the Italian and German Governments.

3. Accordingly, we prefer the present practice of stating interpretations of the Conventions when lodging or answering protests concerning particular incidents. We propose, therefore, that any communication to enemy by either Government which involves a new application of the Conventions or important considerations of policy concerning Hospital Ships, should, whenever possible, be referred in draft to the other. It is also essential that when a protest concerning the same incident is addressed to both Governments, as Japanese state their recent protest to have been, there should be consultation before a reply is made.

4. U.S. Interpretations (a) and (b).

We agree that this is essential if a Hospital Ship is to ensure freedom from attack (vide Article 5 of 10th Hague Convention) and that if markings are not adequately illuminated at the time of an attack, no complaint can be entertained. It should be clear, however, that there is nothing illegal in a Hospital Ship darkening ship, though it does so at its own risk. A ship lying in port, passing through defensive minefields, or accompanying a fleet, obviously cannot carry illuminations.

(c) We have had no experience of this difficulty and do not, at first sight, see why a Hospital Ship should be absolutely prohibited from taking a deceptive course. We agree that

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manoeuvring is generally unwise, because it may confuse submarines and air forces and result in attack. But in special circumstances deceptive alteration of course by a Hospital Ship may be necessary to avoid compromising an operation. (d) This represents our general practice inserting Air Force in (ii) and with the addition that we permit carriage of invalid wives or families of Service personnel. We prefer (v) to read "regular medical supplies and equipment for transportation" and (vi) "No other passenger materials or stores may be carried".

(e) We agree, provided it is clear that a Hospital Ship does not, by accepting escort, render itself a legitimate object of attack. Escorted Hospital ships must not, in our view, be deliberately attacked, though they must accept the risk of accidental attack consequent upon their being in company with ships which are the legitimate object of an attack (Article 4).

5. We have also had occasion to emphasise:- (a) Importance of adequate deck markings for recognition from the air; (b) that Hospital Ships in the vicinity of Military objectives must accept risk of damage incidental to any attack upon the Military Objective. The majority of attacks upon Hospital ships in the Mediterranean have occurred accidentally during air-raids on Ports.

6. Authority is given to British Hospital ships in the Mediterranean area, only, to broadcast their position at regular intervals, and this is generally done. No agreement on this subject has been made with enemy Governments, but Italians have adopted the same procedure.

7. We possess a considerable volume of evidence of abuse of Hospital ships by Italians through carriage of unwounded service personnel and war materials. Italians have replied to our protest suggesting that neutral commissioners should be placed on all Hospital ships in the Mediterranean. We are not disposed to agree to neutral commissioners for reasons of security. We shall pursue our protests further, but our policy is to avoid reprisals which may lead to the Axis abandoning the Convention. In European theatres the advantage to be derived from the privileged position of Hospital ships now lies heavily with United Nations. Our own reports concerning abuses by Japanese are not wholly reliable but, if their evidence justifies it, we presume U.S. Government will protest in concert with Australian Government.

8. In connection with CENTAUR incident, A.C.N.B. reports that suggestion has been made that abandonment of special markings for Hospital ships in favour of camouflage, should be considered. CENTAUR incident is the only Japanese attack of which we have heard and may conceivably have been the act of an irresponsible commander. Unless there is other evidence available we feel strongly that it would be better to wait until further incidents have occurred or the Japanese show an unmistakable intention to attack our Hospital ships. We fully concur with U.S. Chiefs of Staff that any reprisals taken against the Japanese should not be extended to Germany or Italy unless the latter show solidarity with Japan.

9. We are referring J.S.M.972 and this telegram to Dominion and Dutch authorities for their information and comment. Ends. (Head of M.I. 281134B to N.S.H.Q., A.C.N.B., N.Z.N.B., C. in C. S.A. (Pass to High Commissioner)).

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QUEEN
ELIZABETH,
PHOEBE,
BLACKWOOD,
DRURY. Bermuda arrival H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE,
BLACKWOOD and DRURY.
(S.B.N.O.W.At., 281236P to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.,
B.A.D., C. in C. W.A.)

G.U.S.8 Convoy G.U.S.8 arrived New York 2100Z June 27.
25 ships arrived. SS. SAMUEL JOHNSTON put in
Cape May.
(P.D. New York, 281414 to Cominch C. and R).

N.S.H.Q.
S/M
Estimate. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/M North of 040°
N. West of 040° W. 1200Z/28th.
(N.S.H.Q., 281414Z).

U/B attacked,
weekly
summary. Your 1059B/22 ?July. Following promising attacks
reported Week ending 2400Z/27. U.S.S. MONAGHAN
made two attacks North Pacific Area 21 and 22 June
Photographs taken by plane 24 June show wrecked
enemy submarine partly out of water believed to
be one attacked 22 June. Results of 21 June
attack not known. Considered promising. C.N.J.S.M. and B.A.D.
have by hand.
(Cominch, 281530Z to Admty).

Tankers,
Oil Stocks
for U.K. A.M. 261641B. Para. 2. refers only to Comnavu's
statement regarding the diversion of certain
H.X. and S.C. tankers to East Coast.
(D.T.D., 281603B to B.A.D.)

BOGUE Your 252215 (circulated under T.O.O. 260534)
Entirely agree that this is the best employment
for BOGUE and her Group whilst the situation
remains as it is.
(1st S.L. 281716Z to Cominch (R) Comnavu,
F.O.C.T., C. in C. W.A.)

Proposed
discontinuing
maintenance
reserves of
minesweeping
gear at
Bermuda. Your 221655. Proposals contained in S.B.N.O.
Western Atlantic's 121004 are concurred in.
(D.M.S., 281750B to Com Supt. Bermuda).

H.X. 245,
Depth
charges. H.X. 245. Port Directors. 232116. Request
confirmation that ORVILLE HARDEN carries 60 depth
charges in improvised stowage available to
escorts.
(D.T.D., 281805B to B.R.L.O. New York (R)
B.A.D., C. in C. W.A.)

/Approaches...

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Approaches to Freetown. Request that merchant ships sailing from South American East Coast ports for Freetown may be "Dog" routes. routed in accordance with the following system.

2. Alternative approach routes to Freetown known as "Dog" routes are established.

(A) Northern "Dog" route. First position 10° North, 20° W. second position 10° N. 16° W.

(B) Central "Dog" Route. First position Equator 12° West, second position 5° N. 10° W.

(C) Southern "Dog" route. First position Equator 5° W., second position 5° N., 5° W.

3. Routes from second positions given in para. 2 in each case to be as close to the coast as safe navigation permits.

4. Numbered routes from one to twenty one at 5 mile intervals to be established to cover 50 miles either side of basic "Dog" route in 2 above. Number one to be the Northern or Western route.

5. U.S.R.Os. at South American ports to issue a set of "Dog" routes in addition to the ordinary route to each ship bound to Freetown. Codewords to be selected at random from the names of Dogs, a different set being used for each ship, and to be included in the route signal, thus "Dog" routes, Northern Terrier two, Central Spaniel eleven, Southern Whippet sixteen.

6. Masters to be warned to expect diversion by this method after crossing 10° S. latitude by B.A.M.S. message from F.O.C.W.A.F. e.g. Follow Terrier route.
(D.T.D., 281831B to Connav).

HERSCHELL My 222153. HERSCHELL delayed pending arrival balance complement from ASBURY.

2. Anticipate ship will proceed now with S.C. 136.

(C. in C. C.N.A., 281906Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.T.M., F.O.N.F.)

ACADIA Departing New York 2030Z 28th at Ambrose. U.S.A.H.S. ACADIA W U X I Gibraltar for onward routing to Oran E.T.A. Gibraltar 0930Z July 7th speed 17.5 knots. Ocean route positions and letter designations (details). No "Chop" given. Running with lights. No position reports. Unarmed.

(P.D. New York, 282010Z to Action to Cominch C. and R. (R) F.O.C. W.Af., Admty. N.S.H.Q., Cinclant, Comoroceanseafon, C. in C. Med., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C.E.S.F., N.O.B. Oran, Comnav).

EYEBRIGHT At 2000Z/28th June sail EYEBRIGHT to Baltimore through (Route). speed 12 knots E.T.A. 1000Z/1st July.

2. On arrival arrangements have been made for ship to be taken in hand for annual refit vide B.A.R.M's 11(?)22)12 and N.S.H.Q's 142144.

(C. in C. C.N.A., 282032Z to Commandant 5th Naval District Norfolk).

/M.M.S...

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Monday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies - Contd.

- M.M.S. H.M.M.M.S. 99, 100, 101, 104, and 108 departed Port of Spain 261200 route coastal via Serpents Mouth and Belem E.T.A. off Salinas Point 1000Z/3 July, knots 9.
(N.O.B. Washington, 262041 to Cominch C. and R).
- ALCOMA, ALBERNI, VILLE DE QUEBEC. Departure ALCOMA, ALBERNI, VILLE DE QUEBEC for special IOOSE (as received) number one.
(C. Halifax, 282133Z to Admty. Connav, N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Com. D. Argentina, N.O.I.C. Sydney).
- AQUITANIA. AQUITANIA my 212309 vessel expected leave drydock June 30. Anticipate date of readiness July 8.
(B.M.W.T. New York, 282141Z to D. of S.T., (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)
- CAPETOWN CASTLE. Sailing telegram. CAPETOWN CASTLE Mersey July 7th (Route) knots A.17. B.18.5. Carrying 882 passengers including 252 U.S. Service Personnel and 100 bags Navy Mail. "Chop" 1800Z July 2nd.
(P.D. New York, 282212Z to Cominch C. and R).
- Ships of 15 knots and over to revert to independent sailing. Your 242040. Cominch (C. and R) now awaiting confirmatory signal from Admty. before they promulgate instructions to Port Directors.
(B.A.D., 282221Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.)
- A.T.52 (QUEEN MARY). Your 271530. The general reasons bearing on this discrepancy in times were set out in my 292243 May.
2. Your 281106 May, complained that A.T.46 arrived at 1230B on 2nd June instead of p.m. 1st June. A.T.46 left Ambrose at 1930Z on 27th May and so took 5 days, 15 hours. A.T.52 left Ambrose at 1900Z/24th June and was given such a route that she is due to arrive Clyde 0001B/30th June, giving a passage of five days three hours, and arrival 12 hours early on your requirement of p.m./30th June.
3. If A.T.52 had sailed on the 25th June she would have left Ambrose at 2000Z and so, even allowing this very fast passage, she would not have arrived Clyde until 0100B/1st July, and this time would have been made later by any diversion. It is noted that on her last Eastbound passage, QUEEN MARY took 5 days 9 hours, which would have given an arrival in this case of 0700B 1st July, and that the Eastbound passage times of QUEEN's have been as long as 5 days 16 hours.
4. The sailing date must be fixed a considerable period beforehand so that embarkation arrangements can be made. The route cannot be decided until shortly before sailing and is even then liable to alteration. It was for these reasons and bearing in mind the complaint in your 281106 May about the late arrival of the first QUEEN of the series, that the earlier sailing date was arranged.

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A.T. 52
(QUEEN MARY).
(contd).

5. Proposed that in future in cases such as this, where it is not possible to comply exactly with your requirements, a signal will be made giving the two possible E.T.As. for your choice. The alternative of a reduction of speed or increase in zig-zag to delay arrival is presumably unacceptable.
(B.A. D., 282335Z to Admty). Reply: 030952 July.

Sub. attack
and sighting
summary.

All times Z.

A. Steamship CHARLES WILSON PEALE torpedo miss 23.40 S. 42.50 W. 280015.
C. My 272040 cancel sighting 38.49 N. 69.30 W. 261842. Plane sights sub. 51.30 N. 43.40 W. 281025 U.S.S. ADMIRAL sound contact 34.16 N. 74.41 W. 260715.
D. P.B.M. Radar contact 37.22 N. 73.46 W. 271930. Aircraft sights sub. wake course 345 46.50 N. 62.25 W. 272327. R.C.A.F. planes sight sub. on surface 47.28 N. 62.58 W. and 43.40 N. 62.24 W. 26 June.
(Cominch, 282337 to Admty).

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.74. Heavy seas high tides further damaged CONAKI. My 68 refers. Hudson made forced landing sea 27th 64 miles Northwest Viti Levu thence proceeding by long range patrol A/C sighted CL two DD approaching Nauru from North a.m., 26. Russel Islands attacked early 25 again 26. No damage no casualties. 12 Mitchells with Warhawk escort bombed Vila afternoon. 25 small fires started, three unidentified ships sighted North Ooma Island southwest course 0815 M 27. 18 Liberators dropped 360 fragmentation clusters Baljale Island before dawn 26. Another five bombed Boporamu Faisi area same time. CA with DD sighted 06.03 S. 155.50 E. 0320 M 27 course 140 10 knots. 1000 ton AK with DD afternoon 26, 60 miles southwest Buka course 130 both machine-gunned unsuccessfully bombed. SS sighted by R/C A/C 4.08 S. 162.50 E. 1150 M. 27.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 280040Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty. etc).

Digest
Serial No.
524 June 27th.

Early morning very large cargo ship arrived Tenau near Koepang.

3. Photos Lautem (Eastern Timor) show one small ship and 9 barges.

4. At dawn flat topped vessel sighted 160 miles N.W. of Kavieng course Northwest. Probably converted aircraft carrier type ship photographed Rabaul Harbour 25th June.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand.

Digest
Serial No. 5. Three destroyers observed 60 miles southeast
524 June 27th. Cape Saint George course south midday.
(contd). 6. Five small ships at Hansa Bay morning.
9. One medium merchantman seen Silver Sound near
Kavieng night 26/27.
10. Southbound submarine off Cape Orford evening
26th and another same night 27th.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 280822Z).

Movements. U.S. Transport ANYUI arrived Townsville 28th June.
U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN departed Bowen 27
due Cairns 28th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 281021).
U.S. Transport WILLARD A. HOLBROOK departed Brisbane 28th
due San Francisco 14th July.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 281026Z).
Departure Brisbane 26th U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN for Townsville
(A.C.N.B., 281028Z).
Arrival Thursday Island 26th LATROBE 27th KATOOMBA.
Departure Townsville 26th U.S.D. MUGFORD U.S. HELM on escort
duty 27th U.S. destroyers HENLEY, BAGLEY on escort duty.
(A.C.N.B., 281108Z).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 281335B, 281355B).

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29.6.1943.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Enemy
Convoy
attacked.

X 1. Radar at 2220 yesterday reported one large and two medium vessels, escorted by 8 small craft, leaving Boulogne northwards at 10 knots. Surface forces were unable to operate, on account of the weather. Aircraft attacked with cannon fire and bombs, but no details of damage are given. Our coastal artillery engaged between 2315 and 0010, firing 14 rounds of 15" and 38 of 9.2". The result is not known, but the enemy convoy became disorganised. Enemy shore batteries replied and some civilian casualties were caused in Dover and Ramsgate, and damage in several places on the coast.

Operations
"Musketry"
& "Seaslug".

X 2. The "Musketry" area has been extended to include the area bounded by lat. 50° N. and 48° N. and long. 8° W. and 12° W. LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE sailed from Plymouth today to carry out A/S patrol in the northern part of this area.

3. 9 R (moored) type mines were detonated off Portland Bill today. 4 P (moored) type mines were found in Bigbury Bay.

North Atlantic.

4. Convoy K.M.S.17 arrived at Gibraltar today from U.K.

SS. BALTIC
seized.

5. The German M.V. BALTIC, previously engaged in the iron ore traffic between Bilbao and Bayonne arrived at Gibraltar today under armed guard from the French DUMONT DURVILLE, having been captured by subterfuge by a Frenchman with 3 Spanish accomplices, acting as British agents, in Las Arenas Roads.

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29.6.1943.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

- X 6. The Eastern Fleet destroyers at the Cape are to be relieved by mid-August, by frigates sailing from U.K.
- U/B S.E. of Madagascar. X 7. A D/F at 2012Z today in the locality of 28° 04' S. 57° 03' E. may indicate that some or all of the U-Boats recently operating off the South African coast may now be operating against shipping routes passing south-east of Madagascar and may mostly be between the southern part of Madagascar and the position of this D/F.

Mediterranean.

- Maintenance of landing ships and craft. / 8. The C. in C. Allied Forces pointed out today to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that as operations develop the maintenance of landing ships and craft in the Mediterranean will become increasingly important. Without provisions for maintenance these vessels will become a wasting asset. Shore facilities are inadequate and even if established, cannot be moved readily to meet strategic developments. The only answer is to provide mobile repair facilities. The U.S. requirements appear to have been met by provision already made. The British estimate that the landing force of some 350 ships now in or shortly to be in the Mediterranean requires 2 L.S.T. repair ships, and General Eisenhower asks for these to be provided for the British Navy by the U.S.
9. A.F.D.27 arrived at Alexandria today from the East Indies Station.
- X 10. Last night, R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the ferry terminus at Reggio di Calabria, starting fires.
45 Wellingtons of N.W.A. Strategic Air Force attacked Messina.

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Tuesday.

War Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

11. ADOLPH ROBERT, sailing vessel, 80 G.T., Newfoundland Registry, was destroyed by an internal explosion in Grand Bank Harbour today.

Australia and New Zealand.

Diversion
of shipping
in Pacific.

X 12. The Commander, 10th (U.S.) Fleet today established seven diverting authorities with corresponding areas of responsibility, to control merchant shipping whether in convoy or sailing independently, in the Pacific.

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29.6.1943.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Fourth A/S Trawler for abroad. My 140104. Request you will prepare one additional A/S Trawler to leave Liverpool on 15th Aug. (D.A/S.W., 291411B to C. in C. W.A.)

Frigates for Cape. X Your 271031 June. Frigates are required at Cape to relieve Eastern Fleet destroyers by Mid-August or as soon after as can be arranged.

2. RAMILLIES will sail with W.S.32 from U.K. on 19th July to Cape.

3. Request you will adjust allocation to (a) make 3 Frigates available to provide through escort for RAMILLIES; (b) sail one Frigate additional as early as possible thereafter. It is suggested that this may be possible with O.S.53 on 8th August. (c) sail remaining 5 as soon as released from forthcoming duties in Mediterranean.

4. Request your proposals. (A.C.N.S. H., 291838B to C. in C. W.A.)

Movements.

CHARYBDIS E.T.A.1645/30. Position 46.14. (CHARYBDIS, 291000 to C. in C. Plymouth).

S/M Movements. P.67 sailed 29th June for Lerwick and working up of patrol. (Capt. S.3., 291013B). Intend sailing P.556 escorted by Z.5 from Rothesay at 1700B/2nd routed via Sound of Islay and Mull to Tobermory, E.T.A. 1100B/3rd. Cdre. WESTERN ISLES is requested to sail P.555 escorted by Z.5 for Rothesay on arrival. (Capt. S.7., 291605B). Positions of S/Ms at 0800/30 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S., 291714, 300726/B, 301158, 301226B). R/V LOCH MONTEITH and P.66 in 001° Duncansby Head 4 miles at 1900B/July 1st thence as in Capt. (S) 3 281049 paras. II and III. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 292229B to SCIMITAR) Intend sailing ULA escorted by LOCH MONTEITH 0700B July 1st to 001° Duncansby Head 4 miles to R/V TRUSTY and K.15 routed through 089° Sumburgh Head 5 miles and 090° Fair Isle 6 miles, E.T.A. 1900B/1st, thence LOCH MONTEITH and 3 S/M to Dundee by searched channel, E.T.A. 1300B/2nd. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 292225B to A.C.O.S.)

E.G.2 Adjust speed to arrive Plymouth, 0800B/30th. (C. in C. Plymouth, 291307B to E.G.2).

DIOMEDE Admty. Bath 212259. Anticipated date of completion of DIOMEDE working-up is 21st July. (C. in C. H.F., 291855B to Admty.)

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ADVENTURE P.C.S. 048° 15' N., 012° 50' W. 022° 19 knots.
E.T.A. Gate 1745B/30. Vice Admiral Dorling on board.
(ADVENTURE 292129B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Operations.

RUBIS Sailed RUBIS escorted by CHASSEUR 11.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 290616B).

Coastal Force Patrols. Your 281545B. Arrived "Harris" 0516 "Gibson" 0551, "Limited" 0641.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 290728B to C. in C. Plymouth)
1. Anti E-boat patrol tonight by S.G.B. GREY WOLF (S.O.), M.G.B. 615, M.T.B. 249 from 0001B to 0400B on lat. 50° 25' N., between 00° 15' W. and 01° 00' W.
2. M.Ls. 346 (S.O.), 572, 297 patrol searched channel between F and E.A. 5 buoys.
3. GOATHLAND and PYTCHLEY immediate notice at Yarmouth.
4. M.Ls. 208 (S.O.) 303, 233 from Portland patrol 50° 20' N. between 01° 45' W. and 02° 25' W.
6. Communications. Newhaven force: Codeword "Advent".
Portland patrol: Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 291320B).
M.G.Bs. S.2, S.1. at Bullock Bank E.T.D. 2245 E.T.R. 0515/30.
M.G.Bs. 114, 108 at V Buoy, E.T.D. Ramsgate 2300 E.T.R. 0445/30.
M.Ls. 140, 137 at Bullock Bank.
(V.A. Dover, 291712B).

Biscay A/S Patrol. ARCHER is temporarily to join B.1 escort group.
E.G.B.1. B. one Escort Group consists of ARCHER, S.O., HURRICANE, ROCKINGHAM, MONKSHOOD, DAHLIA, MEADOWSWEET, BORAGE will be required to sail for Bay of Biscay anti-submarine patrol a.m. 2nd July.
3. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ARCHER to arrive Merville p.m./1st July to join remainder of Group.
(C. in C. W.A., 291045B to ARCHER, B.1)

Enemy Convoy shelled. ^{?2} At 220/28th, Radar reported one large vessel and two medium escorted by eight small craft leaving Boulogne northwards at 10 knots. Surface forces were unable to operate owing to weather. Four Coastal Batteries in action. Bomphoons with Typhoon escorts were despatched to attack between Gris Nez and Boulogne. Bomphoons did not sight target and Typhoons of 609 Squadron, who sighted convoy, attacked with cannon fire claiming hits on some of the smaller vessels. Two Albatrosses of 841 Squadron attacked with bombs off Gravelines, one aircraft claiming to have straddled the larger vessel. Our coastal artillery engaged between 2315 and 0010, firing fourteen rounds of 15" and 38 of 9.2". Result is not known but enemy convoy became disorganised. Enemy shore batteries replied between 2327 and 0037 with about 45 rounds which fell in the Dover, Folkestone, South Foreland, Deal, Ramsgate, and Margate areas. No naval casualties but four civilians killed in Dover, two in Ramsgate so far reported.

/Dover...

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.

Enemy
Convoy
shelled.
Coastal
Batteries
in action.
(contd).

Dover. Five shells in vicinity of post office causing following damage:- W.R.N.S. Quarters, Effingham Crescent destroyed. Minor damage in other naval property. Extensive damage to post office. Civilian telephone exchange destroyed but main frames and test-room undamaged. Emergency civilian exchange in operation. Some damage to civilian property.

Folkestone. Two out of five shells fell in the town. Slight damage to Pavilion Hotel. No

casualties reported.

Ramsgate. About five shells causing damage to gas works and civilian property.

Deal. Two shells causing slight damage to naval property.

Marget. One shell reported to have destroyed a factory.

(V.A. Dover, 291151B to Admtly).

S/M Patrols. Patrol in zone J.2 as from 0800/1st. My 261312 Route "Blood". refers.

(2) Following are estimated positions of own S/MS at 0800/1st.

(a) RUBIS 047° 25' on route GOLD as far as 046° N., thence 116° to Macassar Strait laying

off French coast 84 miles per day.

(b) SEA NYMPH 048° 32' on route "Gold" as far as 046° N., thence patrol zone J.3 94 miles per day.

(c) SURF 048° 32' on route "Rose" for Gibraltar 94 miles per day. (F.O.S., 291201B to STUBBORN).

My 201533 para. 1 (b). During anti U-boat patrol in Bay of Biscay it may be necessary to use a third route for S/MS. Subject to concurrence of C. in C. Plymouth and H.Q.C.C. intend temporarily to institute route "Blood" on long. 007° W. between 049° N., and 045° N. with corresponding bombing restrictions. F.S.A.6 appendix 1 refers. Terminal points on lat. 049° N. position T, Terminal point on lat. 045° N. position U. (F.O.S., 291204B to Admtly).

Positions of submarines at 0800/30 and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B.

(A) BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH, O.15, and STUBBORN as in my 261536.

(G) SEA NYMPH and SURF, escorted by CUTTY SARK vicinity Trevoze Head, due 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles 1900/30th, thence unescorted dived by day. (1) SEA NYMPH through 49° N., 06° W. thence to southward. (2) SURF through 49° 01' N., 06° 28' W, West thence to southward. Daily advance of both submarines 92 miles.

(H) RUBIS 48° 50' N., 06° 00' W, dived by day to southward, daily advance 84 miles.

(J) UNIVERSAL 43° 35' N., 10° 30' W, dived by day to southward passing 43° N., at 2330/30th.

(K) SEADOG very approx. 73° 10' N., 09° 40' E. probably on surface, through 75° N. 10° E, thence course North speed 10 knots.

(F.O.S., 291714 to Admtly).

/Operation...

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29.6.1943.
Tuesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - Contd.

Operation "Musketry". X Proceed to search for U-boat reported by aircraft in 049° 03' N., 009° 22' W, course 290° If not in contact at dark rejoin, speed 10 knots.

(E.G.2, 291213A to WREN, KITE).

(1) LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE are to pass gate at 2000B/29 and proceed by Q.Z.S. 409 and 410 to position (Z) 049° N., 009° W. and thence carry out A/S patrol on lat. 049° N., between 009° W. and 012° W. until further orders.

(3) My 271807B para. 3. "Musketry" area has been extended to include area bounded by lat. 50° N., and 48° N., and long. 8° W. and 12° W.

(5) Codeword "Talbot".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 291815B to LIMBORNE, WENSLEYDALE).
Abandon search at your discretion.

Make your own E.T.A. to C. in C. Plymouth.

(E.G.2, 292000B to KITE, WREN).

My 291815. Sailed LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 292137B to Admty).

Denmark
Straits
Patrol.

Proceed Hvalfiord passing Hoxa Gate at 2200B/1st.

(2) Route through position (A) 062° 28' 005° 55' W. (B) 069° 32' 013° 20'. S.O.A. 18 knots weather permitting.

(3) W/T message of about 50 groups each prefixed immediate and addressed C. in C. H.F. repeated

Admiralty and C.S.1 are to be transmitted on any ships shore wave on crossing lat. 066° N. 067° 30' N, and when in vicinity position (B). After passing position (B) proceed location ice edge and thence southwestward so as to take part in exercise proposed in BERWICK 281245. My 291450 also refers.

(C. in C. H.F., 291435B to NORFOLK).

Your 281245 approved except (A) NORFOLK will not leave Scapa until 2200B/1st. My 291435 refers. (B) On completion the exercise all ships are to return Hvalfiord and complete with fuel.

(C. in C. H.F., 291450B to BERWICK).

Exercises.

C.F. Craft
exercise off
Harwich.

It is intended to carry out exercise with all available destroyers of 16th D.F. and approx. 60 C/F craft between 3A and 4 buoys at about midday on July 7th alternate date July 9th. It is desired that a cinematograph photographic record be made of the action to be exercised which will

last 25 mins. at most. It is considered that this will be of great value to all concerned and of instructive use to Coastal Command. Request information if this can be arranged.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 291754B to Admty).

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29.6.1943.
Tuesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Bomber
Command
operations.

Night 27/28th June. 12 Lancasters of 1 Group and 14 Stirlings of 3 Group laid mines in their allotted areas.
On night 28/29th 4 Mosquitoes of Pathfinders attacked Hamburg.
(H.Q.B.C., 291245B).

Enemy Air Activity.ALBERT
attacked.

Faeroes Fish Carrier ALBERT has reported attack 4-engine enemy aircraft in $064^{\circ} 00' N.$, $008^{\circ} 36' W.$ 6 bombs dropped, all misses, also machine gun fire. Superficial damage to vessel and Skipper slightly wounded. Vessel replied with 708 PAC Rockets and machine gun. No hit observed on aircraft.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 291508 to A.C.O.S.)

Mining.Operation
S.N.222 A.

My 220904B. Escorting Fortress left at 0300B today. When can further air escort be expected. C. in C. W.A., 280111B refers.
(R.A.M., 290452B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Harwich

1 ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1212 today in $51^{\circ} 52.3' N.$, $01^{\circ} 31' E.$
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 291309 and 291614B).

Off Eddystone. 1. Three miles from northern edge of Q.Z.X.1022 cleared today. Mines encountered as follows:-
No. 1. 1125 suspected "P" type detonated in 107° Eddystone 9.9 miles.

No. 2. 1126 "P" type cut in sweep and exploded in 107° Eddystone 9.9 miles.

No. 3. 1212 "P" type found in sweep when hauling and recovered by M.L.229.

No. 4. 1405 "P" type cut and sunk in 109° Eddystone 10.3 miles.
2. Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, PROSPECT, PORCHER, DOCKET, ULVA, M.L.229, FINESSE, and LOCH PARK to continue clearance of Q.Z.X. 1822 (1022?).
(GWEAL 291927 to C. in C. Plymouth).

Q.Z.X.1033

All west of a line from $50^{\circ} 25.3' N.$, $02^{\circ} 24.5' W.$ to $50^{\circ} 30.7' N.$, $02^{\circ} 12.7' W.$ swept. Nine R type mines detonated. One cut mine not sunk. Intend leaving harbour 0545 tomorrow to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1033. If clearance is completed tomorrow intend returning to Portsmouth.
(TENBY, 291930B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

St. Nazaire X Photographs at 1710B/28th June show St. Nazaire during bombing attack with concentration of bursts in Southern and Eastern Port area. No active Naval shipping visible, showing decrease of one possibly two U-boats since 1215B same day. Tankers T.21 and T.2 remain only merchant vessels of note present.
(R.A.F. Medmenham, 291645B to Admty).

Enemy Convoy. Enemy 1 large merchant vessel and 3 escort vessels position 62.08 N., 05.00 E. course 340° speed 10 knots.
(A/C 404 Sqdn. 291945 to 18 Group).

U-boat.

U-boats in Biscay Area. Am over enemy S/M.
(A/C 10 O.T.U. Duty D. No T.O.O. to 19 Group, Recd. 1249/29).
Enemy submarine previously reported was in position 49° 03' N., 09° 22' W., course 290° speed 10 knots.
(A/C Duty D., 291234B to 19 Group).
Enemy S/M reported by aircraft in 049° 03' N., and 009° 22' W, course 290° speed 10 knots.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 291303B to KRAKOWIAK).
Have attacked enemy with depth-charges. Speed 8 knots.
(A/C 10 O.T.U., 291325B to 19 Group).

Technical.

Mannsell Towers. Your 251700B. Mr. Maunsell is of opinion that no structural damage would be caused to a Fort by a 300 pound charge exploding in the water outside a range of 500 feet from the structure.
(C. in C. Nore, 292326B to F.O.I.C. Harwich).

Casualties & Defects.

Unknown ships. (C. in C. Portsmouth 290050B).
(Humber Radio, 290118).
(Port Patrick Radio 290622Z, 291854B, 292333).
(C. in C. Plymouth 291132)
(Tiree D/F Station, No T.O.O. Recd. 292353).

LYDIA LONG LYDIA LONG arrived Buckie 1930B/28.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 290955B).

LANDGUARD. My 270922B. Sailing of LANDGUARD delayed by defects.
(F.O.I.C. N.I., 291015B to Cdre. D. W.A.)

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Casualties & Defects. - Contd.

ADVENTURE A.M. 271145. It is not intended that ADVENTURE shall carry out a general refit, but shall only be taken in hand for making good the defects referred to in A.M. 120046.
(A.C.N.S. H., 291213B to C. in C. Plymouth).

STAFFA,
UNST. Your 281159. Both ships should be ready for service in all respects by 4th Aug. Only such work as can be completed in the time should be undertaken in the following order of priority.
1. Complete fitting for tropical service.
2. Fitting of additional Oerlikons as laid down in A.L.
M.M.S. 0227/42.
3. Alteration of D/C M/S layout (A.F.O.4038/42).
4. Fitting of R.D.F.
Request that Admiralty may be informed of items that will be undertaking.
(D.M.S., 291417B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

WOODPECKER E.T.A.0800B/30th. WOODPECKER requires dockyard assistance for repairs to rudder and generator.
(E.G.2, 291515B to C. in C. Plymouth).

EMERALD Arrived Clyde EMERALD.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 291608B to A.C.O.S.)

WILD GOOSE My 291515. WILD GOOSE also requires Dockyard assistance with main feed pumps.
(E.G.2, 291716Z to C. in C. Plymouth).

RAMILLIES Admty. 271817. Result of recent Tilt Test shows it to be essential liners should be fitted to both port 4 inch mountings before ship leaves England. Propose RAMILLIES should be sailed for Clyde on 12th July so this work can be completed before July 19th.
(RAMILLIES, 291745 to C. in C. H.F.)

UNTAMED My 192015B. 2nd lifting craft now secured in position. Present draught 10 fathoms. Salvage company anticipate mooring S/M clear of harbour entrance tomorrow. Operations proceeding as anticipated.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 292017B).

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Shipping & Convoys.

- K.M.F.18. TEST and TRENT sailed for K.M.F.18.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 290505B).
- H.X.245 It is intended that 5th E.G. should transfer to H.X.245 on 1st July and cover to 32° W. Thence returning independently to St. Johns. Report forthwith whether fuel situation permits.
(C. in C. W.A., 290828Z to E.G.5).
Your 290828Z. Fuel situation permits.
(E.G.5, 291055Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- K.M.F.19. My 271130B. Codeword "Junction" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 290852B to N.O.I.C.Greenock).
Intend to sail convoy escorted by EMERALD, WANDERER, INCONSTANT, WRESTLER, BANN, and PLYM passing Clyde Boom 2200B/1st July to R/V with SWALE in position BM at 0800B/2nd thence in accordance with A.M. 261805.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 291038B to Admty).
- H.X.244 Sailed KIRKELLA to meet H.X. 244.
(Cdre. D.W.A., 290920B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).
Clyde ships are to proceed to destinations independently at their best speed.
(C. in C. W.A., 291102B to KIRKELLA).
- F.S.58, Admiralty 282150B para. 2 is concurred in.
F.S.59. (C. in C. Nore, 291524B to C. in C. Rosyth).
- T.A.50 A. Intend sailing ILE DE FRANCE pass Clyde Boom 1630B/1st July to calibrate subsequently complying with A.M. 281950B June. S.O.A. 18 knots. "Chop" date 6th July. E.T.A. New York 2000Z/9th.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 291654B).
- AMARAPOORA Your 261804. Ship can only make 11½ knots. Request instructions.
(N.C.S.O. Swansea, 291736B to Admty).
Speed of AMARAPOORA declared to be 11½ knots only. She is being sailed in accordance with A.M. 291815 June.
(D.O.D. H., 291927B to R.A.V.)
- T.A.51 SS. PASTEUR will be ready to leave Liverpool on 5th July.
2. F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail ship to Halifax by route which will be signalled by Admiralty.
3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange air protection.
(D.O.D. H., 291750B).

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T.A. 52

QUEEN MARY will be ready to leave Clyde p.m./4th July.

2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship to New York by route which will be signalled by Admty.

3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange air protection.

(D.O.D. H., 291755B).

D.S. 42

SS. VOLENDAM is allocated for Convoy D.S. 42 leaving Clyde p.m./6th July.

(D.O.D. H., 291800B to C. in C. W.A.)

T.A. Convoys.

In future F.O.N.F. is to be included in the address of pre-sailing and sailing signals of all T.A. convoys.

(D.O.D. H., 291941B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool, Greenock).

A.T. 52

QUEEN MARY arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 292028B).

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Convoy O.T.6. Casablanca section O.T.6 (? arrived) 29th. (C.M.S.F. 290809 to C.A.F.A.C.)

Convoy Foolscep. Convoy Foolscep E.T.A Position (X) 0600B/30th. My 241253 not to Anthony refers. (2) Cdr. Moroccan Sea Front; pass to Amiral Afrique. (F.O. Gibraltar, 290954B to C.M.S.F.(R) ANTHONY, Admty., C. in C. Med. Admiral Afrique.)

Dispositions. Situation 2002B/29th. Hospital Ship LEINSTER 036° 04', 007° 40' to Gibraltar 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. (2) Four Hospital Carriers 036° 37' 008° 17' to Gibraltar 13. (3) Two Merchant Ships ANTHONY, QUANTOCK, DUMONT D'URVILLE. 035° 34' 008° 31' to 034° 05' 008° 01' 9., where ANTHONY and H.M.S. QUANTOCK part company for Gibraltar remainder proceed Casablanca. (4) Portuguese Destroyer VOUGA departs Lisbon 1000B/30th for exercise in Cezimba Area. (5) U.C.42, 2 P.C.s 035° 50' 006° 30' to Gibraltar 11.5. (6) GLORIEUX escorted by L'ACYON passes Europa Point 0900B/30th routed through 035° 45' 006° 30' 034° 24' 007° 10' 034° 05' 008° 06' thence by Q.K.A. 102 to Casablanca 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots on surface. (F.O. Gibraltar, 291012B.)

Situation 2001B/29th.
U.S.S. BARB, U.S.S. HAKE, U.S.S. BLACKFISH on patrol in area 20 miles either side line joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W.
2. H.M. Rescue Tug WEAZEL 026° 34' 028° 52' 067° 10.
3. U.G.S. 10, C.T.F.61, 028° 54' 020° 07' 054° 8.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 291016B)

Movements, Gibraltar. Arrival NARVIK, YORK CITY M.M.S. 34, 50, 185. M.Ls. 567, 577, 188, 226, 228, 231. H.D. Motor Launches 1283, 1284, 1278, 1305. M.G.B.661. (F.O. Gibraltar, 291037.)

Arrivals K.M.S. 17 ROBERTS, ABERCROMBIE escorted by ABERDEEN, FOLKSTONE, HOLCOMBE, VICEROY, ARROW, VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE, and R.F.A. ORANGELEAF.
K.M.S. 18A escorted by WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, EXE, NESS, LOWESTOFT and L.S.Ts. 305, 319, 365, 321, 424, 301, 366.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 291653)

ADVENTURE. Request onward route from position P.O. My 262305. (F.O. Gibraltar, 291046B to Admty., (R) C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med. (Malta), F.O.S., C. in C.W. A. H.Q.C.C., ADVENTURE.)

Your 291046.
Action has been taken by C. in C. Plymouth.
(D.O.D.(H), 292131B to F.O.Gibraltar, C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Information required by F.O.C. W.A. re O.S. Convoys. Reply F.O.C.W.Af. 241943Z (re bunker requirements, water etc.) (F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, 291431.)

SAYONARA. With known commitments anticipate SAYONARA, my 261537 refers, can be completed by end July if dock is available about mid July for 12 days. No. 4 dock not suitable. (F.O. Gibraltar, 291440B to C. in C.Med. (R) Admty.)

Stragglers Report No.2. Your 041340 May. Report Number 2. Straggler arrived ex K.M.S.17 DORNOCH engine trouble. F.O. Gibraltar, 291445 to Admty.)

Convoy K.M.S.17. Arrived. (F.O. Gibraltar, 291453 to Admty.)

BALTIC interception. German Motor Vessel BALTIC previously engaged in iron ore traffic Bilbao to Bayonne arrived Gibraltar A.M. to-day under armed guard from French ship DUMONT D'URVILLE with cargo 315 tons iron ore.

(2) Frenchman named Lorre with three Spanish accomplices boarded ship by subterfuge in Las Arenas Roads and obtained control of her at point of revolver. Crew consisting of Spanish Master and seven other Spaniards were retained on board under arrest.

(3) Off Setubal, BALTIC, then short of fuel and provisions contacted French ship DUMONT D'URVILLE. Latter supplied requirements, placed armed guard on board and sent her to Gibraltar.

(4) N.A. Madrid is requested to confirm that Lorre and party were acting as British agents and state the full terms offered to them.

(5) Intend to repatriate Spanish crew.

(6) Propose to send Lorre and party to U.K. Request Admiralty approval (F.O. Gibraltar, 291643 to Admty., C. in C. Med. N.A. Madrid.)

GIL EANES. My 281246. Position of GIL EANES at 0001 G.M.T. 50th will be 055° 35' N. 043° 30' W. (N.A. Lisbon, 291739B to Admty.)

U/B attacked by A/C. Am over enemy submarine in 36.03 N. 03.44 W. submarine was sighted on surface and observed to submerge on course 300° speed 6 knots. (A/C 48 Sqdn. P. 291750.)

/Have...

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attacked
by A/C.Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C 48 Sqdn. P. 291800)Spanish
fishing
Newfoundland.Following is repetition of Admty. 280955B
to C. in C. C.N.A. (see America and West Indies.)
(D.N.I., 291901B to N.A. Lisbon.)

SAMARIA.

D. of S.Ts. 270258 and P.S.T.O. Med.'s 271955
Request SAMARIA be sailed to U.K. in M.K.F.18
unless there is previous suitable escorted
opportunity.
(D.O.D.(F) 291935B to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.
Med. P.S.T.O. Med.)Movements
Casablanca.P.Cs. 472 and 471 left Casablanca for Gib. today.
SOUTHERN GEM arrived from O.S.50 for repairs.
(C.M.S.F.F., 292000).Convoy
C.G.42.Arrived.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 292200 to C.M.S.F.F.)Convoy
X.T.G.2.X.T.G.2 arrived less FARAILLE plus SOMERVILLE
RUFUS W. PECKHAM.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 292310B to N.O. I.C. North
Africa Ports (R) Connav, F.O.R.S.C.A., Admty.,
C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Malta.)Movements,
Gibraltar.
X.T.G.2.Arrivals M.Ls. 174, 173 escort duties MELILLA,
ATHERSTONE, ACTIVE, FLY, PENN, PANTHER, PATHFINDER
DERWENT Tug RESTIVE with X.T.G.2., U.S.P.Cs.
472, 471 with C.G.42.
Departures PENN, PANTHER, PATHFINDER for Mers El
Kebir.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 292333B.)Gibraltar
Opsum 240.Sightings and attacks. Hudson P.48 O.N. escort
to C/V O.T.6 at 1740/29 sighted U/Boat 10 miles
distant C.O. 330/12 kts. and attacked at 1745/29
(?HTKL 0313 or HLYL 0313) from 30° on port
quarter releasing 4 D/cs 30 secs. after
disappearance of U/Boat only 2 explosions seen fired 50 ft. to
port of swirl another 50-100 ahead of swirl no results seen (I)
E/A activity nil. Read all times B.
(A.C.H.Q. Gibraltar, 292337B.)

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Lagos.Arrivals 209643 BRIDGEWATER and PETUNIA.
Departures 209643 PETUNIA.
(N.O.i/c Lagos, 290355)U/B
mining
Straits
of
Gibraltar.X Ref. C. in C. Med.'s 272140B, the U-Boat which
mined Straits of Gibraltar was of 1600 ton type.
(D.D.I.C. 290921B to F.O.C. W.Af., (R) C. in C.
Med.)

H.D.M.Ls.

C.G.S. Pretoria has now confirmed Union Government
will purchase maintain operate and man 28 72 feet
H.D.M.Ls. for A/S protection in Union Ports.

March refer.

Your 181333 January my 051913 Feb. and my 221303

for Walvis Bay.

(2) Total of 28 H.D.M.Ls. includes six vessels
My 281737 May and your 061816 June refer.(3) In view of man power position in S.A. and probable difficulty
S.A.N.F. will have in manning H.D.M.Ls. do not propose to ask
Union Government to man Fairmile M.Ls. referred to in your
022045 Feb. Para. 4 of my 051913 Feb. your 182101 and my
221302 March refer. Remaining four boats of 49th M.L.F. will
be manned from local R.N. resources but no further commitments
can be undertaken. (4) High Commissioner informed.
(5) Date 118th Flotilla is taken over by S.A.N.F. will be
signalled.

(C. in C.S.A. 291025B to Admty.)

Dispositions.

Situation at 2002Z/29th June. CILICIA on
patrol about 005° 02' 021° 58' 14.PICT off Monrovia M.Ls. 289, 256, 007° 20' 013°
20' to Monrovia ll. M.L. 265 off Tabu.

M.L. 10(778) M.L. 287 off Accra.

M.L. 296 off Port Bouet.

M.Ls. 1041, 1006, 1160 off Kotonu.

BELLWORT escorting 001° 20'

004° 47' E. to Equator 005° 40' E. thence 133° 12.

ETHIOPIAN

002° 02' 001° 06' E. to Takoradi 9.

(F.O.C.W.Af., 291036Z.)

Situation at 2000Z/29th June.

H.M.S. QUADRANT, H.M.S. REDOUBT escorting H.F. ALEXANDER and

SLOTERDIJK 035° 20' 032° 30' to 038° 00' 032° 04' 13½ knots.

NIZAM about 033° 25' 037° 00' to Durban.

FREESIA 027° 15' 035°

20' to St. Lucia 12 knots.

F.S. SAVORGNAN de BRAZZA escorting KHEDIVE ISMAIL 026° 15'
040° 50' to 026° 30' 045° 00' 11 knots.NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE about 020° 00' 043° 00' to Tulear B.Y.M.S. 5,
6, 7 and 8 018° 30' 040° 45' to 014° 46' 043° 56' 8 knots.

(C. in C.S.A., 291140B.)

CILICIA.

Your 300730B (originated by W.R.) F.O.C.W.Afs.

291635Z. Following is repetition of F.O.C.W.A.'s

290929 (Begins) CILICIA from F.O.C.W.Af. and

1931/28. U-Boat is bound North West. Keep near

the N.E. or S.W. Limit of your area whichever is the nearer.

(Freetown C.C.O., 301041Z to Admty.)

/My...

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- CILICIA.
(Contd.) My 290929. Shift all boundary points of Patrol Areas 150 miles to South West at 2000Z/30th. If you are at North East end of your Patrol do not move South until this time.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 291635Z to CILICIA (R) Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet.)
- Movements. Departure 1110Z/28th June 1943. FANDANGO.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 291142Z)
- S.L.142 Departures. 1513Z/28 June. KEPPEL, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, TAMARISK, YESTOR, F.F.S.ACONIT., LOBELIA with S.L.132.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 291145 to Admty.)
- BACTRIA. Expected time of sailing M.Ls. 1072 and 1141 escorting SS. BACTRIA, 1930/29th. Routed from Gambia middle buoy through positions (M)(N) and (O). Expected time of sailing Dakar 0730/30th. If no other escorts available request Comar Dakar retain M.Ls. to escort BACTRIA on return to Bathurst.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 291241Z to Comar Dakar (R) F.O.C.W.A. Admty.)
- W.S.32 Your 261235. Assuming that W.S.32 escorts transfer of troops from Dakar to Casablanca. require relief in Casablanca area on 25th July, escorts can be made available leaving Dakar on 19th July. Escort not available earlier. Anticipate similar opportunity for second flight with escorts on passage to join W.S.33.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 291311Z to Admty., (R) B.A.D. C.in C.S.A., M.W.T.R. Med.)
- INGLEFIELD, S.L.132. No (?oiler) available for fuelling (?INGLEFIELD) at sea. Detach escorts as necessary to fuel at Casablanca.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 291313Z to S.O.B.3.(R) Comorseafront Escorts S.L.132.)
- Oil Stocks. On 15th July it is estimated stocks of fuel oil remaining in tons will be as follows: Bathurst 4400; Freetown Naval 13,000, Commercial 10,000; Takoradi 4,000; Lagos 4,000; Point Noire 5,000. My 211300 June refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 291543Z to Admty.)
- REDSHANK. Sailed REDSHANK (? Capetown) E.T.A. 1600B/3rd July. (?519 or 629).
(N.L.O. Walvis Bay, 291601B to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty., A.S. Simonstown.)

/Dakar...

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Dakar
dangerous
area,
enemy
minelaying.

Cancel my 201951, 211919 and 152244 not to all addressees. Following area considered dangerous owing to enemy minelaying. Waters lying within rectangle bounded by meridians 17° 38' W. and 17° 26' W. and parallels 14° 15' N. and 14° 45' N. Following Northern Channel has been and is being swept through this area (for?) all types of mines but is not yet considered completely safe (A)

270° 7.7 miles from Moselles Light. (B) 270° 2.8 miles from Mamelles Light. (C) 215° 016 miles from Southern Point of Madeleine Island. (D) 180° 0.6 miles from Cape Manuel. (E) 120° 015 miles from Southern Point of Goree Island thence to gate which lies six miles North East of Southern position Goree Island. 3. Following Southern Channel also established clear of known dangerous area but has not yet been swept. (M) 180° 28 miles from Goree Island. (N) 230° 3.5 miles from Pobingue Church 14° 33.2 minutes N. 17° 06.8 mins. W. (O) 195° 3 miles from Bargny Gouddou 14° 41.7 ' N. 17° 14.2' W. thence to gate position M. is optional for ships from S.E. 4. Identification ships approaching by Northern Channel must identify themselves to Mamelles signal station and to examination vessel if challenged. Ships approaching by Southern Channel to examination vessel South East of Goree Island. 5. Information regarding width of channel and system of buoying will be promulgated later. 6. Connav please pass to Port Director New York.

(Comar Dakar, 291717Z to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) Admty., N.O.I.C., Bathurst Cominch Commorseafron, F.O.I.C. Gib., C. in C. Med. Coldec.)
See Admty, 021920 July.

Admiral Auboyneau. Itinerary (Bathurst, Casablanca, Algiers) (F.O.C.W.Af., 291756Z.)

M.L.1078. Arrived 29th.
(N.O.i/c Takoradi, 291801Z to F.S. PRESIDENT HOUDOUCE, Admty., R.N.O.Lagos.)

FINN Your 261728 I.R.C.C. are required to give 6 days notice of sailing of safe conduct ships in order to allow time for promulgation. As your 261728 stated that vessel had sailed above rule does not appear to have been observed. Request you will report date on which notice of sailing was given.
(Head of M.(i) 291818B to B.R.L.O., Buenos Aires.)

GLOIRE. French cruiser GLOIRE arrived Ile Du Salut (French Guiana) 11002/29.
(Comar Dakar, 291842Z to F.O.C.W.A.F., F.O.I.C. Trinidad, S.B.N.O.W.A.T. Admty., Cominch, (R) B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

/CHARLES...

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CHARLES
WILLSON
PEALE.
"S" Report.

My 282041 second para. action abandoned nightfall
Brazil Minesweeper CANANEA reports dropping 4
depth charges and series of large bubbles seen
5 minutes later. Contact not regained. All
other R/C reports from area negative.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 291915Z to Admty.,
(R) C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.W.Af., B.A.D.)

U/B
attacked.

My 271820 (attacked R.D.F. and A/S contact)
Contact on type 285 showed interference of
continuous wave form over full width scan of
same height as ground wave. Echo was clear and
steady and sharp directional.
(NORMAN 291945Z to C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F.(R)
Admty.)

Troop
movements.

Ref. my 241920 to Lagos and Takoradi only.
(N.T. in W.R.) Following is amended itinerary
for forthcoming move. DUCHESS OF YORK, E.T.A.
Freetown 10th July, E.T.D. Freetown 11th July,
E.T.A. Lagos 15th July, E.T.D. 19th July.

Embarks 4018 personnel for BRITANNIC at Freetown, E.T.A. 23rd
July, E.T.A. 30th July, E.T.A. Lagos 3rd August, embarks own
complement of 4018, E.T.D. Lagos 8th August to R/V with W.S.32.
LARGS BAY E.T.A. 23rd July, E.T.D. 30th July, E.T.A. Lagos 3rd
August embarks 1725. LARGS BAY E.T.D. Lagos 8th August for
R/V with W.S.32. CALIFORNIA Freetown E.T.A. 19th July, E.T.D.
30th July, Lagos E.T.A. 3rd August embarks, W.A. Labour Corps,
E.T.D. 8th August to R/V with W.S.32. THYSVILLE, Lagos E.T.D.
23rd July with 805 for TAMAROA at Takoradi. E.T.A. 25th, E.T.D.
27th, E.T.A. Lagos 29th E.T.D. 31st July with 1034 for TAMAROA
at Takoradi, E.T.A. Takoradi 2nd August.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 292137Z to S.S.T.O. Lagos, S.S.T.O. Takoradi (R)
D. of S.T., R.N.O. Lagos, F.O.C.W.A.) Reply D.S.T. 031819.

Force X.

Programme in C. in C.S.A. 261410 is considered
preferable to that in my 261627 if endurance of
battleships will allow passage from Walvis Bay to
Freetown via Pointe Noire area without fuelling.

It is not anticipated that more than four destroyers from West
African Force will be available for onward escort from Pointe
Noire.

(F.O.C.W.Af., 292347Z to Admty.(R) C. in C.S.A.)

F.O.C.W.Af.'s 261627 which has been passed to C. in C.E.F.
Concur generally subject to confirmation from F.O. Force X. that
cruisers can berth at Pointe Noire. 2. Assumptions A. and B.
This can be arranged on receipts of C. in C.S.A. and C. in C.E.F.
concurrence with F.O.C. W.Af.'s proposals. C. No. C. in C.E.F.
230925 para. 11 refers. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to confirm
that water can be provided at Congo, which is preferred to
Walvis Bay. C. in C. E.F. is requested to inform F.O.C.W.Af.
estimated quantities required per ship. D. Latest endurance
date for RAMILLIES 4,200 miles at 12 knots, 4,000 miles at 14
knots, both with steam for 16 knots. E. Yes. C. in C. Levant's 171121
refers. 3. Ref. Assumption B. C. in C. S.A. is requested to confirm
composition of cruiser groups of Force X and E.T.A. Pointe Noire and
Takoradi. 4. Early reply is requested.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 292350B to F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.F.)

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One
Small
M.V. My 2345B Enemy has altered course to 270°
approx.
(A/C, H.T.A.F. 290100B)

OXFORDSHIRE,
AMARAPOORA. My 261600 (See Home Command). It is intended
that these hospital ships should only broadcast
their positions within the Mediterranean in
accordance with Station Orders.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 290118B to R.A.(V))

SS. FINN. B.R.L.O. Buenos Aires reports that Swedish FINN
sailing under instructions of and carrying supplies
exclusively for International Red Cross sailed
June 25th for Marseilles by normal route arriving
Gibraltar approx. July 23rd. Ship clearly painted with Red Cross
Swedish Flag and C. International and has instructions to report
by H/F and W/T her noon G.M.T. position daily.
Vessel should not be molested.
(Head of M.I., 290231B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

One
Escorted
M.V. P.C. and S. of enemy 1 merchant vessel 2500 tons
1 M.T.B., 1 aeroplane, UHMP 2818 (undecipherable)
? 40.28 N. 13.18 E. course 010° speed 7 knots.
(A/C, G.K.K.Q. 290540)

Movements,
Alexandria. June 28th. Arrivals WOLBOROUGH, COCKCHAFFER,
SCARAB. Departure ROMEO.
(R.A. Alexandria, 290629C)

10th S/F. (1) Movements Summary 2000/29. (2) UNRIVALLED,
UNSEEN North of Malta between 013° 40' and 015°
20'.
(Capt. (S) 10, 290715)

G.T.X.3. G.T.X.3 Arrivals OLOGARCH, EMPIRE MIGHT, SOMERSET
COAST, BRISK, BUST, EGRET, BRITISH SOLDIER,
SUIYANG I, GAROET, RANCHER, ROBERT MAERSK,
FISHPOOL. Non arrival SHICKSHINNEY.
(S.N.O.Tripolitania, 290902B)

Enemy
reports. One enemy destroyer, five small merchant vessels
and three JU.88s in 42.55 N. 09.57 E. course 160°
speed 10 knots.
(A/C, G.Q.C.D. 290930B)
My 0930 Position of enemy - 1 destroyer, 2 trans-
port barges (?2 SNEBE 3) 2 medium vessels, 3 JU.88 42.55 N.
09.57 E. course and speed one destroyer 160° 10 knots one (?medium
vessel) 270° 6 knots.
(A/C. G.Q.C.D. 290940)

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S/M Operations. Acknowledged your 281724. Request confirmation that S/M's will carry all necessary orders for conduct of their operations. (Capt. (S) 10, 290935 to Capt. (S) 8)

T.E.24. Arrived. (Comm. Algeria, 291045B)

8th S/F Movement Summary. At 1959/29th. (1) TRESPASSER 037° 39' 005° 07' 083° 9 knots. (2) SIMOOM 038° 21' 005° 39' through 038° 23' 005° 44' thence 086° 9 knots. (3) P.47 038° 10' 006° 56' 083° 6 knots. (4) SARACEN through 038° 40' 009° 47' thence 000° to patrol East Sardinia 9 knots. (5) SEVERN (6) SPORTSMAN, GULF OF GENOA. (7) All S/Ms diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated. (8) SICKLE 038° 17' 006° 15' 264° 9 knots. (Capt. (S) 8, 291156B)

Movements, Algiers. Following is a repetition of my 262317. Arrivals FLY, MUTINE, M.M.T. 65 M.L.444 departed M.L.283 U.S. S.C.1029 Ends. (Com. Algiers, 291247)

TALAMBA. TALAMBA left for Tripoli. E.T.A. 1230C/30th has following accommodation 462 cots 100 deck beds 15 isolation beds no requirements agreed. (D.S.T.O. Malta, 291300 to D. of S.T. D.S.T.O. Trip Base. (R) P.S.T.O. M.E. Mid East Mov. 16 Area, H.Q. Area.)

Convoy Codewords. (1) Following from R.A.(V). Amend C.U.D.Appendix Four Para. 36 and D.U.F. Appendix Two Para.17 as follows - delete Convoy Codewords for use in Mediterranean. (2) Original Codewords will remain in force throughout. (3) Amend A.M. 231746/June not to S.O. Group 42 accordingly. (4) S.O's of escorts pass to Commodores of Convoys K.M.S.18A and 18B and K.M.S.19. (D.O.D.(H), 291355B to S.O.Group B. S.O. Group 42, S.O. Group D. (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C., R.A.(V)) Request to cancel this (C. in C. Med. 021012B)

R/C Brindisi, Taranto. 29th June, P.R.U. Visual 1045 Brindisi, 1 Cruiser 1100 Taranto, 2 Battleships. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 291437B)

OSIRIS. OSIRIS due to arrive Beirut 0500C/2nd July. Mean course from 0250 1st is (?099°). Speed 10 knots. (Capt. (S), 291517C to Naval and Air Authorities East of Alexandria, N.O.I.C. Tripoli (R) C. in C's Levant, Med. V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 8 Capt. (S) 10)

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N.W.A.A.F. 27/28th June. 63 Wellingtons San Giovanni
Opsum 128. 3 returned early, 1 missing, 2 attacked Acciarello
and Railway near Sciacca respectively 2 fires,
1 explosion. Remainder bombed objective
5 x 4000, 44 x 1000, 355 x 500, 24 x 250 HE.
11 x 30 inc. and leaflets from 4000/10,000 feet. Fires started
in town, Marshalling Yards and Railway sidings.
28th June. 109 U.S. Fortresses (B.17) Leghorn. 12 returned
early. 575 x 500 and 784 x 300 from 21000/24500 ft. Many
fires and explosions observed. Ship in Harbour set on fire.
End Part 1 Part 2 follows.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 291518B)
Part 2. 1 Bomber shot down by flak, 10 others damaged.
25 to 30. Reference Opsum 127 following amended details
28 Wellingtons operated against Naples 26/27th June. 1 jetti-
soned, 1 missing, 5 bombed alternative targets as previously
reported. 21 attacked Naples. 764 or 14 further Wellingtons
operated against Sciacca, 1 jettisoned, 1 missing. 4 x 1000,
70 x 500, 14 x 250 HE. on airfield and town 1 Wellington
attacked by JU.88. Enemy aircraft destroyed by return fire.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 291703B)

X.T.G.2. My 281825 add ANTIETAM.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 291525)

Intelligence Following from Turkish diplomat courier just
Italy. returned B.3 (A) Middle June evacuees sleeping
in streets Rome. Police attempt to clear
resulted in anti Fascist outbursts.
(B) Civilian population Sicily Sardinia largely
evacuated. (C) Rumour of revolts in north west Italy were
current. (D) Source observed train load German naval personnel
bound Italy at Vienna station 23rd June and was informed by
Turkish Consul there this traffic was not exceptional.
Source delicate please treat as most secret.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 291542C)

TEMPETE, French Admiralty now request TEMPETE, GAZELLE
GAZELLE, and COMMANDANT BORY may return together from
C.BORY. Bermuda to Casablanca with next U.G.S. convoy
after 13th July. (3) Cancel request in my
121645 May not to all concerned returning
independantly when ready.
(C. in C. Med. Matla, 291610B to S.B.N.O. W.A.T.)
Note: GAZELLE and BORY to return without waiting
for TEMPETE.

M.K.S.16, (2) 1525B/29th. (4) 7½. (5) As in C. in C.
G.U.S.9. Med. 231637B. (6) OAKLEY, WILTON, CALPE,
(7) 2 ships only. (8) Commodore Owen in
SS. HOPERANGE for Gibraltar SS BRISK for
Oran in company.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 291700B)

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- K.M.S.17. C. in C. Eastern Fleet, F.O.C. Gibraltar, pass to Cdre. and Escort K.M.S.17 intend to sail Oran section as follows for Bizerta. As additional escort: GAVOTTE, BONITO, WHITEING, MULLET, GRAYLING all for Sfax.
(N.O.I.C. Oran, 291701B to Admty etc.)
- Maintenance and Landing Ships and Craft. For Combined Chiefs of Staff. Sgd. Eisenhower.
(1) As operations develop, maintenance of landing ships and craft in this theatre will become a matter of increasing importance. Moreover ability to transfer them subsequently to other theatres will largely depend on maintenance facilities. (2) Unless some provision can be made for this the ships and craft now on service are bound to be a wasting asset.
(3) Shore facilities are not adequate and even if established, cannot be moved readily to meet the strategic developments. The only answer is to provide mobile repair facilities.
(4) Most practical way of doing this would be to equip some L.S.T. now completing in U.S. as repair ships. British estimate that the landing force of some 350 ships now in or shortly to be in Mediterranean require 2 L.S.T. repair ships. U.S. requirements appear to have been met by provision already made. (5) Can arrangements be made to equip these 2 vessels for this service as soon as possible for service with British Navy? Details of equipment required will be forwarded immediately. (6) Could emphasize that this would result in greater overall economy by keeping vessels in operation and in particular would result in more vessels being kept fit for subsequent operations in other theatres of operation.
(Freedom, Algiers 291706B)
- M.F.A. BLAIRESK Non-commissioned M.F.A. BLAIRESK sailed U.K. for Algiers in O.S.50/K.M.S.17. Vessel has on board irreplaceable cargo of 179 miles of electric cable for A/S Fixed Defences and has been given special position in convoy.
(D. of S.T. 291753B to C. in C. Med.)
- K.M.S.16. Request arrival telegram of K.M.S. 16.
(D.T.D.291832B to N.O.I.C. Port Said)
- G.T.X.3. Your 251109B did EGRET sail?
(D.T.D. 291835B to N.O.I.C. Tunis)
- Movements, Bone. Arrivals M.M.S. 58, S.C.(?666). Departures M.T.B. 315, 313, Arrived and sailed WESTRAY and MUNDA.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 291905B)

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TEST BANK,
SOMERVILLE
etc. X.T.G.2. Your 241105B. Request confirmation
these ships sailed.
(D.T.D. 291920B to N.O.I.C. Philippeville)

Malta,
movements
of Transports
and L.C's. Your 282502B. Request all sailings, arrivals
and intended movements be proceeded by their convoy
name and number.
N.C.S.I.41 refers.
(D.T.D. 291946B to V.A. Malta)

Philippeville
Movements. Arrived MENDIP, BRECON, BLENCATHRA and BRISSENDON.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 292002B)

Algiers,
Movements. Arrivals PRINCE LEOPOLD M.L's 554, 555, 556, 560
561, 564, 566, 559, 562, 567, KING SOL (U.S.P.C.)
543, departures SHEPPEY U.S.S. HOPI arrived and
departed PRINCESS ASTRID, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE,
SHAWNEE, MEXICO, ORINQUEA, EVANGELINE, WAINWRIGHT,
MAYRANT, TRIPPE, RHINE, ROWAN, ORDRONAU.
(Com. Algeria, 292012B)

Replenishing
of
Malta. Your 251818B/June pending maintenance of supply
route from West becoming effective consider
Cosup System must continue to be used for
replenishing Malta. Naval store stocks will be
based on 4 months requirements plus 12 months
reserves.
(4th S.L.292026B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements,
Oran. Todays arrivals U.S.S. KNIGHT, LAUB, H.M.S. LAUREL,
BURKE, RETURNO. Departures U.S.S. WILKES,
NICHOLSON, BUCK, ROE, BRISTOL, SWANSON, EDISON,
BIRMINGHAM, BROOKLYN, H.M.S. VINDICTIVE, TYNDALE,
HAYDYN, French ship LE GLORIEUX, L'ALCYON, U.S.S.
DAVISON, EARLE, TILLMAN.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 292049B)

TRIDENT,
RORQUAL. If either of you were in Leros area at 1756C/29th
you were probably sighted.
(Capt. (S), 292104C to TRIDENT, RORQUAL.)

Movements,
Bizerta. Bizerta arrival ALBACORE, ESPIEGLE, CIRCE, RHYL,
ROTHESAY, FELIXSTOWE, M.L.565 H.D. M.L.12,
994 S.C.69 00. Departure H.D.M.L.12 21,
M.T.B. 89, M.G.B. 662, 657, 659, 660, S.C. 666.
(S.O.I.S. 292128B)

Movements,
Port Said. 29th June Port Said arrivals ROMEO, CAIRNS,
GERALDTON, WOOLONGONG, SOEMBA, ORION, ARPHA,
BURRA, R.F.A. KHETI, GRAF VAN VLAANDEREN.

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Departures TETCOTT, MIAOULES, ROMEO, R.F.A.
ENNERDALE, WOOLONGONG, GERALDTON, CAIRNS, BURRA,
R.F.A. WAR KRISHNA, SOEMBA, L.C.T. 117, ORION.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 292133C)

Movements,
Tripoli.

RAIDER, JUMNA, HYACINTH, GAWLER sailed.
Arrived LISMORE, L.S.T. 364, 415, 413, 411, 416,
323, 409, 417, 407, 414, 404, 405, 435, 368,
L.C.T. 308, 317, 318, 324, 325, 341, 354, 361,
385, 300, 301, 380. French ships BASQUE, FORBIN,
LA FORTUNE. Sailed CALPE, OAKLEY, WILTON.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 292205B)

Movements,
Malta.

Arrivals UNRUFFLED and UNITED. H.M.T. MULL.
Arrivals and departures L.S.T. 403.
Departures WHITEHAVEN, CROMARTY, HYPHE, RYE,
SANTA, SAHRA, ROMNEY M.L's 134, 135 LAMERTON,
BROCKLESBY, WHEATLAND, GLOXINIA, LAFOREY, LOYAL,
LOOKOUT, L.S.T's 8, 9, 11, 62, 65, 160, 161, 199, 303, 324,
401, 403, 410, 420, 423, 427, 428. EMPIRE BAIRN H/S TALAMBRA.
(V.A. Malta, 292259)
Arrivals M.T.B. 260. Departures M.T.B. 640, M.G.B. 658.
(V.A. Malta, 292336B)

Enemy
Report.

P.C.S. of 3 unknown vessels is 40.55 N. 10.22 E.
180° 10 knots.
(A/C. G.Q.Z.F. 292345B)

Malta
Air
Report.

Opsum No.51 28/29 June. 3 attacks on Comiso
Aerodrome.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 292353)

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East Indies.

Convoy M.B.39. Sailing telegram. (2) 0930Z/28. (4) 10 knots.
(5) (Route) (6) M.N.M.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 290438Z, 290442Z to Admty)

D.S.O.23. Estimated position submarine at 1200Z/30
D.S.O. 23 leaving patrol is expected to pass
through position Q. 005° 48' 092° 58' at 2100Z/2nd
July thence to Colombo through position.
R. 004° 54' 087° 10' S. 004° 55' 085° 20' T. 004° 56' 080° 01'
U. 005° 42' 079° 16. S. of A. 10 knots.
(Capt. (S) 4, 290508Z to F.O. Ceylon)

Operation "Player". Situation report 290001C June.
(1) Air search of area A continued during
daylight 28th June. Nothing sighted. (2) SUFFOLK
RELENTLESS and NIZAM completed daylight sweep
breadth 616 position S. No report.
(3) SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS approx. position 036° S. 050° E.
proceeding toward position T. (4) NIZAM approx. position
(?037°) south 046° E proceeding to Durban. (5) NEWCASTLE and
RACEHORSE from Kilindini expected to arrive Tulear 301400C June.
(6) Weather condition area A sea moderate visibility 15 - 20
wind north east 20 knots.
(C. in C. E.F. 290744 to Admty, C. in C. S.A., C.S.4, Air H.Q.
E.Af. 246 Wing.)

Operation "Player". In view of continued lack of sighting
report from Catalinas in area A or from SUFFOLK's search near
position S, my amended intention is as follows surface forces.
(A) SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS to continue searching in vicinity of
position T until P.L.E. thence Port Louis for fuel.
(B) C.S.4 NEWCASTLE with RACEHORSE after refuelling at Tulear to
proceed to search to the Northward of position S as soon as
possible continuing until P.L.E. thence Tulear for fuel. Air Force
(C) Continuing daylight search of area A.
(C. in C. E.F. 290827Z to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A. SUFFOLK,
C.S.4, N.O.I.C. Durban, R.A.F. H.Q. E.Af. 246 Wing.)
If you can remain in vicinity of position T for a further
day with RELENTLESS in company and reach Port Louis with not less
than 10% fuel remaining you should do so. Your 281403 refers.
(2) Failing this you should refuel RELENTLESS to enable her to
remain in area as long as possibly both ships to reach Port Louis
with not less than 10% fuel remaining. Operation "Player".
(C. in C. E.F. 292050Z to SUFFOLK, (R) RELENTLESS, C.S.4,
Admty.)

Convoy P.B.46. Sailing Telegram. (2) 0800Z/29th.
(4) 7½ knots. (5) A.A. ? 024° 26' 058° 14'.
.B.B. ?019° 54' 060° 30'. C.C. (023°?) 07'
064° 00'. D.D. 023° 28' 065° 36'.
E.E. 020° 45' 067° 50'. F.F. 018° 10' 069° 30'.
(6) BOMBAY, KONKAN.
(N.C.S.O. Hornuz, 290840Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

AGRA. Arrival AGRA.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 290851Z)

Appreciation /...

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Appreciation of U/B Situation. Routing of M/V's. In addition to the reasons given in your 281302 it is possible that news of the present routing may have reached the enemy particularly if NORMAN's contact on 27th June was in fact a U-Boat. (2) Proposal to clear the Periodic congestion in the Mozambique Channel caused by dispersal of D.N. Groups on present Approach Channels is heartily concurred in. (3) On the other hand failing good evidence of U-Boats dispositions it is considered undesirable to create fresh congestion South of Madagascar by routing all ships East of that Island. (4) Further, it is considered necessary to keep the Area South of Madagascar as clear as possible until the conclusion of Operation "Player". (5) Your para. 1 (A) concur in adoption of Approach route Number One on completion of "Player". (6) As regards your (B) consider the abnormal routing East and West of Madagascar in accordance with MEIRI. Two (A) should be resumed. Since you are unable to provide Air cover for more than one Approach route is thought better to spread the traffic over the available Area in accordance with M.E.I.R.I. Two (A) even from Beira rather than route it as proposed by you. (7) Concur in your para. (C). (C. in C. E.F. 290856Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty, Comin Durb.) Re routing of traffic consequent upon probable changes in U-Boat dispositions.

KHEDIVE, ISMAIL. (1) Concur in use of KHEDIVE ISMAIL. (2) D. of S.T.'s 250219B para. 1 refers. (C. in C. E.F. 270900Z to D. of S.T.(R) D.S.T.O. Kilindini, G.O.C. in C. E.A., S.T.O. Diego Suarez, P.S.T.O. M.E.)

STRATHAIRD, STRATHMORE. Transports (1) STRATHAIRD (11) STRATHMORE sailed yours 29th with following (Military and other personnel). Requirements. E.T.A. 10th July. (D.S.T.O. Bombay, 291014Z to D.S.T.O. Bombay, (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown, P.S.T.O.I., D.S.T.O. Kilindini, D.S.T.)

KENYA. Colombo Arrivals 29th 0425 KENYA. (F.O.Ceylon, 291128Z)

ALAUNIA. ALAUNIA left. (F.O. E.Af. 291156Z)

Fast Towing Aircraft. Request following information. (1) For what purpose Defiant aircraft mentioned in A.M.171601* June are being provided. (2) How soon Defiant target towing aircraft may be expected for FRF Port Reitz as Skuas are unserviceable. My 280710Z + refers. Fast towing aircraft are urgently required for the Eastern Fleet. (R.A.N.A.S.I.O, 291235Z to Admty)

* Most Secret Distribution. As received. + Transfer of aircraft for repairs.

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America & West Indies.

Movements. St.Johns, N.F. 28th. Departures KOOTENAY, OTTAWA, WETASKIWIN, DIANTHUS, KITCHENER to H.X.245 HAMILTON, KAMSACK, THE PAS, BLAIRMORE, TRURO, to O.N.S.11. ESQUIMALT escorting J.N.33. (N.O.I.C. St.Johns, N.F. 290147Z.)
Kingston departure U.S.S. TURQUOISE, U.S. YAG 16 for Santiago E.T.A. 0700Q/30th. (N.O.I.C. Kingston 290740Q.)
Arrival BARRIE from O.N.189. (C. Halifax 291254Z.)
Balboa 29th 2200 hours U.S.A.T. W.W. ATTERBURY San Francisco. (R.O. Cristobal 292344.)

BUXTON. P.C. and S. 0130Z/29th 041° 11' N. 066° 20' W. 220° 16 alter in 067° W. ?to 264° E.T.A. 0030Z/30th additional defect?number three boiler tube leaking. Weather report. (BUXTON 291052Z to C.E.S.F.)

Assessment of attacks on U/Bs. Your 132250 (A.M.872A) para 2. (C) U.S.Authorities request confirmation that attacks by U.S.forces and by forces other than British operating in Australian waters under American control will not be assessed by A.C.N.B. (B.A.D. 290219Z to Admty.)

ACADIA. U.S.A.H.S. ACADIA departed Ambrose 2245Z/28th. (P.D.New York 290230Z to Cominch C. & R.)

1st E.G. S.C.135. Request you will sail 1st Escort Group as requisite to overtake and support S.C.135 from 045° West. (C. in C.W.A. 290826Z to F.O.N.F.)
E.G.1. BITER, PELICAN, WEAR, JED, SPEY. Sailing Argentia 1600Z/30th to arrive 048° 08' N. 045° 00' W. at 0800Z July 2nd to provide cover for S.C.135. (C.C.N.F. 291333Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed.
Summary	CILICIA	04° N. 24° W.	Patrol	Blank.
1800 G.M.T.	(D.O.D. (F)	290833Z to Opnav	(R) Commaveu.)	
29th.				

CANANOVA. Ottawa's 242118. CANANOVA sailed Jacksonville 22/6 due Jobos 28/6. (S.O.I. Jamaica 291019Q to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty.)

SNOWBERRY. Request SNOWBERRY remain with C.5 Group until ARVIDA joins and then be order to join E.G.5. (F.O.N.F. 291129Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty.)

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America & West Indies.

IMPERIAL
VALLEY,
ADHERENT.

Following for C.C.R.T. H.M.R.T. ADHERENT.
Sailed 290738 to assistance SS. IMPERIAL VALLEY,
broken down in 51.10 N. 41.05 W.
(F.O.N.F. 291335Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C.
C.N.A.)

N.S.H.Q.
S/M
Estimate.

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/Ms. N. of 040° N.W.
of 040° W. 1200Z/29th.
(N.S.H.Q. 291357Z.)

BAYFIELD.

BAYFIELD ready to sail Wednesday 7th July.
Intend she proceed Halifax unless you signify
otherwise.
(B.A.M.R. Washington 291408Z to C. in C. C.N.A.
(R) N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.At. Admty. Cominch,
BAYFIELD.)

GLOIRE.

Operation almost completed E.T.A. 1800Z/30th.
S. of A. 27 knots.
(F.C. GLOIRE 291420Z to N.O.B. Trinidad, N.O.I.C.
Port of Spain.)

Y.M.S.

Times Q. H.M.S. Y.M.S. 211, 30, 70, 71, departed
Throggs Neck repeat Throggs Neck New York 0713
E.T.A. Boston June 30. Speed advance 10 via
Long Island Sound, Cape Cod Canal.
(C.T.G. 02. 2 291432, 291742 to C.T.G. 02. 1.)

BOGUE.

This is my 251033Z to Cominch. "Admiralty
requests information as to where and when of
BOGUE's assignments and to be kept informed of
BOGUE's movements to assist Admiralty in making
its A/S dispositions and forward estimate of S/M
movements. Admiralty particularly interested to
know when BOGUE leaves convoy for patrols or
sweeps. Believe Admiralty would appreciate similar information
regarding other carrier groups in the Atlantic."
(Comnaveu 291513 to Admty.)

CAPETOWN,
CASTLE.

CAPETOWN CASTLE departed Ambrose 1300Z/June 29th
E.T.A. Mersey July 7th.
(P.D. New York 291519Z to Cominch C. & R.)

/Dispositions...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

Dispositions. Section East. H.X.245 C.5 047° 55' 045° 12' 033° 10. Escort Group W.2 047° 00' 049° 15' en route St. John's. H.M.R.T. ADHERENT, STRATFORD 048° 25' 020° 50' proceeding towards 054° 06' N. 041° 05' W. Escort Group W.4 046° 24' 046° 25' 105° 12' to join O.N.S.11 in 045° 55' 043° 23'. S.C.135 W.3 045° 53' 054° 54' 089° 7.5. W.S.C.135 TEXADA, FLINT, NORTHERN SKY, LADY MADELEINE 047° 09' 052° 30' 174° 10' to join S.C.135. Netherlands S/M K.14 unescorted 041° 12' 057° 24' (?297° 206° or 071°) 10 altering to 074° in 052° 30' W. (corrupt group) 33 Esquimalt due Botwood p.m. 29th. M.L. 0.52 departed St. Johns, N.F. 2030/29th en route St. Pierre. (C. in C. C.N.A. 291525Z.)

Section South West. U.S. C.G. K.A.W. 042° 58' 065° 01' 088° 11 altering to 063° in 063° 30' W. I.U.S. 3 U.S. Destroyers, HAMILTON, HOGAN, HOWARD CORRY 042° 12' 061° 45' 240° 14 altering to 259° in 040° 30' N. S.H.89 SASKATOON, KENORA 044° 20' 062° 54' 240° 8. EYEBRIGHT 041° 09' 065° 38' 185° 12 altering to 251° in 040° 36' N. CYRUS FIELD, TRAIL carrying out cable repairs in 040° 36' 067° 03'. X.B. 60 W.5 042° 32' 070° 08' 233° 7.5 altering to 180° in 070° 19' W. O.N.189 W.6 039° 35' 071° 42' 271° 10 altering to New York in 072° 25' W. IRISH FIR 043° 12' 066° 30' 000° 7. SYDNEY STAR 043° 00' 064° 54' 270° 16.5 altering for St. John N.B. in 043° 07' N. 065° 10' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 291555Z.)

My 291555Z add F.H.63 in tow sailing St. John N.B. at 0100Z/30 to position 043° 59' 066° 48' thence 150° alter to 085° in 066° 01' W. Swedish ships AKKA, MONGABARRA, 042° 55' 066° 30' 000° 13. Amend SYDNEY STAR to read altering for St. John N.B. in 043° 07' N. 065° 10' W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 292115Z.)

Convoy W.S.C.135. Sailing telegram. (2) 1800Z/29th. (3) 1100Z/30th in 045° 58' N. 052° 06' W. (4) 7½. (5) As in Admiralty's 162051. (6) LADY MADELEINE, NORTHERN SKY, TEXADA, FLINT. (N.C.S.O. St. John's, N.F. 291631Z to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. request for loan to R.C.N. B.Y.M.S. have proved of great value during minesweeping Operations off Halifax. 2. It is requested that 11 B.Y.M.S. complete with spare gear may be loaned to R.C.N. until close of navigation in Gulf of St. Lawrence. 3. If concurred in it is proposed 4 now in Halifax be retained with addition of 7 due shortly from Charleston and

Boston. 4. Proposed allocation would be Halifax 4, St. Johns, N.B. 2, Sydney 3, St. John's, N.F. 2. (N.S.H.Q. 291638Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. C.N.A.)

Convoy H.X.246. 1. Sailing Telegram. Part 1. 2. Position FF A.M. 2030Z. 3. 58. Routes and R/V as per C. in C. C.N.A. 261459 June. HOMP 1200Z July 3. 6 Task Unit 3. ROXBOROUGH. S.O. NANAIMO. SUDBURY, BURLINGTON. (P.D. New York 291714Z to Admty.)

/Independent....

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America & West Indies - Contd.

Independent Sailings.

A.M.242040 and Connav's 251901 not to N.S.H.Q. request you will sail all British and Norwegian controlled ships of 15 knots and over independently. 2. Cancel A.M. 131544 February. (D.T.D. 291718B to Connav. N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D.)

Floating Dock.

Lorsa 10377. Ref. Lorsa 9095. The order has been given to proceed with the construction of this dock at such time as not to interfere with the construction of important ships of the American shipbuilding programme. Shortage of steel does not permit of its being constructed under a higher priority and we will inform you as soon as a tentative date for its completion is known.

(B.A.D. 291745Z to Admty.)

C.C.S.244/1 Part 12 (B). We are informed by the Navy Dept. that an investigation has been made, and there is no suitable dock available nor will one become available in time to tow it to the area so as to arrive by the date required. (2) Time does not permit to construct such a dock and have it arrive in the area by the date needed. The present shortage of steel would complicate the situation even if time were available.

(B.A.D.291833Z to Admty.)

REIGH COUNT.

S.C.133 REIGH COUNT my 061947 R.O.P.LEAMINGTON S.O.E. states unknown ship was CHAGRES P.T.S.33 who reported no damage. (N.C.S.O. Halifax 291746Z.)

U.S. S/M. Estimate.

(Cominch 291752Z.)

Secret Equipment.

Your 260258 Army staff inform me object of secret list is to provide reference list of weapons installations etc. which may or may not be mentioned in the press. 2. The list as at present constituted is in 3 parts A. A2. and B. (A) List A describes equipment now or shortly to be in the hands of troops which may be photographed and described in the press subject to the limitations stated. (B) List A.2 describes equipment now or shortly to be in the hands of troops which may not be described or photographed in the press. (C) List B describes equipment still in the experimental stage which may on no account be mentioned or described in the press. List B is a most secret document.

3. As stated in my 112237 there are certain most secret equipments particularly those under development that should not be included in any list. 4. Since this idea originated from the W.O. suggest any other information required could be obtained from the Chief Military Advisor, Lieut. Col. C.M.H. Wape at the W.O.

(B.A.D. 291831Z to Admty.)

K.14, WASHINGTON EXPRESS.

It would appear the K.14 and WASHINGTON EXPRESS will pass very close to each other on July 1st. (C. in C. C.N.A.291937Z to Admty.(R) Cominch, F.O. (S) N.S.H.Q.)

/M/Vs...

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies - Contd.

- M/Vs. to India Ocean routeing. Request that all British controlled ships of 15 knots or over bound from U.S.A. East Coast ports to Indian Ocean may be referred to Admiralty for desired routeing.
(D.T.D. 291940B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D.)
- S/M attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para. A. GEORGES LEYGUES attacks S/M on surface 26.43 N. 50.58 W. 290900. Para C. U.S.S. MAYO attacks sound contact 23.53 N. 29.44 W. 290430. Brazilian CANANEA attacks sound contact 23.36 S. 42.49 W. 281630.
(Cominch 292046Z to Admty.)
- STRATFORD, ADHERENT. Return to St. Johns, N.F.
(F.O.N.F. 292047Z to STRATFORD, ADHERENT (R) Admty. C. in C. C.N.A. NORTHERN GEM, B.4., Connav, N.S.H.Q. C. in C. W.A.)
- H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. Following received from N.O.B. Bermuda for onward transmission. Cominch (R) Cinclant. S.B.N.O.W.A. etc. from N.O.B. Bermuda. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE, ORIBI, BLACKWOOD, DRURY, BENTINCK, BAZELY, departing Bermuda 1330Z/30th through positions:-
(N) 36.10 N. 58.45 W. (O) 40.15 N. 51.10 W.
(P) 44.42 N. 40.30 W. (Q) 46.50 N. 32.10 W.
(R) 48.10 N. 25.50 W. (S) 49.30 N. 16.30 W. (T) 49.55 N. 09.35 W. thence destination Plymouth, England. S. of A. 15.7. E.T.A. 1000/8. T.O.O. 292237. (Ends.)
(Bermuda C.C.O. 292120P to Admty. N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A.)
- X.B.60, LINCOLN. X.B.60 E.T.A. 4 ships W.P. Boston escorted by LINCOLN at Boston light vessel 0400Z/30th. Boiler hours. Defects.
(LINCOLN 292130Z to Cmdt. 1 Navdist. Boston, B.R.L.O. Boston.)
- L.C.I.L. 276. Departing Bermuda 0900Z/30 to join U.G.S.11 at lat. 32.45 long. 64.01 at 1200Z/30 planes assisting in R/V. (Communication).
(Bermuda C.C.O. 292139P.)
- U/B. Possibly S/M reported at 1910Z in position 46° 52' N. 55° 22' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 292146Z to G.B.7A.)
- Fleet Tenders. Intended that first three Fleet tenders now on passage to Recife in convoy should make the passage from Recife to Freetown in company with B.Y.M.S. 21 and 23 which are present repairing at Trinidad en route Recife and Freetown.
2. There will be no more B.Y.M.S. passing through Recife on this route until late September but fleet tenders should arrive Recife as follows. (A) Five in first half of August.
(B) Then at a rate of about 5 a month. 3. It is not considered /that...

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Fleet that these very small vessels armed only with
Tenders Oerlikons should make this passage unattended.
etc. Request you will inform me whether it will be
possible to provide one vessel to escort each
group of about five Fleet tenders as they collect
at Recife. This would only be required whilst
there are no B.Y.M.S. on this passage.
(B.A.D. 292211Z to F.O.C. W.A. (R) Admty.)

U.S. This is 292127 from Cominch addressed Admiralty
Dispositions. (R) Comnavu. Serial 80. Change my 221722.
Pacific. CONCORD Mobile Independence PRINCE WILLIAM
at sea. Atlantic. MILWAUKEE in New York. OMAHA,
CINCINNATI, MEMPHIS, CORE, BELLEA, WOOD at sea.
(Comnavu 292326Z to Admty.)

Desdiv 14 This is 291529 from C. in C. Lant, addressed
reconstructed. Com Task Group 21.6. Desdiv 14 less H.P. JONES
hereby reconstituted from Task Group 21.6.
BROOME SIMPSON SIMS, Comdr. Duvall in MADISON.
Escort convoy C.U.3 ready sail Curacao about
July 10 to U.K. When directed by C.T.U. 21.9.3 return Curacao
or Aruba escorting Convoy U.C.4. Routes and "Chops" as before.
Commencing with C.U.3 maximum number of tankers which may be
included in CU/UC Convoys is 24.
(Comnavu 292356 to Admty.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.75. R/C A/C from Funafuti 26th ?saw possible landing
strip Onotoa Island. Gilbert Group. 15 Dauntless,
13 Avengers, 24 Wildcats attacked A/A emplacements
Munda 26th. 20 tons dropped. Vila also attacked
by 12 Dauntlesses, 12 Avengers, possible fuel dump hit. Three DD
seen approaching Vila 0200/28 at 1030 further DD arrived. At
preceit Blackett Strait night 27th. 5 ships filled with Japanese
passed through Kia Strait OAD (as received) AK Santa Isabel course
N.O. 400?M 28th. Seven Liberators attacked Kahili 27th five
attacked Ballale one attacked Munda two Avengers bombed Rekata
Bay hit A/A gun position.
(C.W.R. Wellington 290045Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty. etc.)

Digest Five A/S vessels sighted 47 miles S.W. by West
Serial No. Buka passage night 27th. (5) 9 enemy bombers
525. escorted by 9 fighters attacked Darwin Area morning
June 28th. 28th causing only slight material damage and no
casualties. One Squadron Spitfires intercepted
shooting down two fighters probably destroying two
bombers two fighters. One spitfire missing in combat.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 290730Z.)

/Movements...

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Australia & New Zealand - Contd.

Movements. Dutch Naval Store Ship SOEDOE arrival and departed Thursday Island 28th June due Merauke 29th
Hired transport DUNTROON departed Townsville 27th due Port Moresby 1st July. U.S. transports
HENRY T. GIBBONS NOORDAM departed Port Moresby 28th due Townsville 30th U.S. transport VAN DE LIJN arrived Cairns 28th.
(C.S.W. P.S.F. 291213Z.)
Departure Bunbury 28th U.S.S. GOLD STAR for Melbourne.
Arrival Townsville 28th U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN.
(A.C.N.B. 292350.)

Control of Merchant Shipping in Pacific.

X To control merchant shipping whether in convoy or sailing independently in the Pacific, diverting authorities with corresponding areas of responsibility are hereby established as follows:-
(A) Commander N.W. Sea Frontier - Pacific N. of 42° N. (B) Commander Western Sea Frontier W. along 4" parallel to 146° W. S. on 146th meridian to 17° 30' N. thence by Rhumbline to 156° no minutes W. at the Equator East on Equator to longitude 110° W. from this point A Rhumbline 045° to Coast of Mexico. (C) Commander Panamas E.P. Frontier S.E. Pacific from South Pole N. in 130° no minutes W. to Equator thence East on Equator to longitude 110° W. from this point A Rhumbline 145° to Coast of Mexico. (D) Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier/Central Pacific bounded on the North by 42° N. and the South by the Equator and on the East by line connecting 42° N. 146° W. 17° 30' N. 146° W. and Equator 156° W. (E) Commander South Pacific/South Pacific South of Equator to 28° S. and bounded W. and E. by 159° E. and 130° W. (F) Commander New Zealand Sea Frontier (1st Naval Member New Zealand Naval Board) /South Pacific South of 28° S. and bounded on W. and E. by 19° E. and 130° W. (G) Commander S.W. Pacific Sea Frontiers S.W. Pacific bounded by Equator 159° E. and 100° E. It is directed that diverting authorities establish plots of merchant vessel movements and assume control of independents and convoys when they enter area as determined by "Chop" date change over to occur at 1200 G.T.C. on "Chop" date which is given in route message or sailing telegram M.A.C.R.I. will be amended. Reporting centers pass to Routeing Officers your area. Admiralty pass to C. in C. E.F. for information.
(Com. 10th Fleet 291957 to Admty. for information.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 291408B, 291410B.)

/Weekly...

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
Summary.

My 221059 July. 1. 2nd Escort Group consisting of five sloops (STARLING S.O.) have been on offensive anti U-Boat patrol in approaches to Bay of Biscay. On 24/6 this group sank a U-Boat with depth charges and by ramming at 0830. Contact was then gained on second U-Boat which was sunk at 1750, vast quantities of oil and wreckage coming to surface. STARLING was damaged in first attack and S.O. transferred to WILD GOOSE.

2. At 1630/24 Liberator H/120 proceeding to convoy O.N.S.11 attacked a U-Boat with depth charges in 58° 15' N. 25° 15' W. U-Boat sank leaving about 15 of crew in the water.

3. At 1237/27 Sunderland P/201 attacked a U-Boat seen diving in 43° 32' N. 13° 20' W. U-Boat surfaced after first attack and was again attacked while on surface. U-Boat possibly damaged and remained on surface until contact lost in low visibility.

4. Bay area 21st to 28th June 14 sightings and 7 attacks by aircraft of which 8 and 3 respectively were by aircraft proceeding to escort convoys.
(D.A/S.W. 291845B to Cominch.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

A/S
offensive
in Bay.

1. It is thought extremely probable that damaged U-Boats and others are passing through the area between 43° N. 12° W. and 42° N. 10° W. A.C.H.Q. Gibraltar and the American A/S air forces at Casablanca are being asked to carry out a cross over patrol in this area whenever their resources permit. At 2137B today STUBBORN, on patrol, reported 2 U-Boats and 5 minesweepers in 47.11 N. 04.40 W., steering 270° at 11 knots.

2. BERMUDA sailed from Plymouth this evening, to provide cover for K.M.F.18. CHARYBDIS arrived from providing cover in the Bay of Biscay.

X 3. At 1826 Wellington 547/N Coastal Command attacked a U-Boat 143 miles S.W. of Bishops Rock and reports probable hits. Black objects and oil were seen on the water after the attack.

X 4. Minelaying off Start Point by E-Boats last night is suspected. Our patrols failed to intercept the enemy.

North Atlantic.

Fire at
Gibraltar.

X 5. A fire occurred this afternoon on Coaling Island, involving the loss of some oil and petrol. The fire was extinguished after an hour and a half. The net layer GUARDIAN, who was alongside, sustained minor damage not affecting seagoing efficiency. There was very little damage to property. Sabotage is suspected.

6. Hospital ship LEINSTER arrived at Gibraltar today from the U.K.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Air
Operations.

7. 62 Wellingtons of the N.W. Africa Strategic Air Force attacked shore installations at Messina last night. 40 U.S. Fortresses escorted by 36 U.S. Lightnings attacked Palermo today. N.W.A. Coastal Air Force today in operations ranging from the north coast of Sicily to Leghorn left schooners sinking.

Air attack
on Bone.

8. At 0408 today 40 enemy aircraft attacked Bone. Very little damage was caused.

East Indies.

Operation
"Player".

9. Operation "Player" was terminated at 2351Z today, NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE returned to Kilindini, SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS fuelled at Port Louis, after which SUFFOLK proceeded to Kilindini and RELENTLESS rejoined the S.A. Escort Force.

10. Hurricanes today attacked river craft in the Yenangyaung River, setting on fire an oil barge and damaging other craft.

America and West Indies.

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

11. QUEEN ELIZABETH (Eastern Fleet) having completed refit sailed from Bermuda today for Plymouth with 6 destroyers.

STRIKER,
SEARCHER.

12. The new escort carriers STRIKER and SEARCHER sailed from New York in Convoy H.X. 246 today.

/BUXTON ...

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BUXTON
damaged.

13. The destroyer BUXTON (lent to R.C.N. by R.N.) reported this morning that she had collided with a U.S. submarine in New York Harbour and that two of her oil tanks were pierced.

Australia and New Zealand.

14. The U.S. DANIEL BOONE (Balboa for Fremantle) reported a merchant ship raider today in position believed to be 30.16 S. 100.10 E.

Allied
offensive
in Solomon
Is.

X 15. Allied forces landed at dawn on Rendova Island (New Georgia group) and within eight hours the occupation of the island was virtually complete.

Two U.S. destroyers bombarded Vila as a diversion and aircraft attacked Vila Airfield to support the landing. A small enemy vessel was probably sunk. The transport McCAWLEY was hit during an attack by 24 torpedo bombers this afternoon and was subsequently sunk by an enemy submarine: there were no casualties. Many enemy aircraft were destroyed.

A U.S. cruiser and destroyer Task Group shelled Ballale, Shortland, Faisi, Poporang and Alu Islands (South of Bougainville I., Solomons).

U.S. destroyer GWINN was damaged by Munda (New Georgia) shore battery and later grounded. She was later reported making good speed after temporary repairs.

Kiriwina (Tobriand I.) and Woodlark Island were also occupied by Allied forces today.

U.S. Marines landed at the southern end of New Georgia, to attack Viru harbour (see 1st July). Ten Bostons attacked enemy installations at Nassau Bay (Huon Gulf, north side of New Guinea) yesterday afternoon. At about midnight Allied troops landed in this area and made contact with the enemy after dawn today.

A Fortress attacked 3 small merchantmen 17 miles west by south of Cape Gloucester (05.27 S. 148.26 E., New Britain) this morning, leaving one sinking and another apparently damaged and deserted.

/H.Q. ...

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SITUATION REPORT.

Australia and New Zealand - Contd.

Allied
offensive
in Solomon,
Is.
(Contd.)

H.Q.S.W.P.A. report the destruction today of 101 enemy aircraft, apparently all in the Rendova area: 17 Allied fighters were lost but 7 pilots are safe.

X 16. 21 medium bombers escorted by 21 fighters bombed the Darwin area today, destroying some aircraft. Spitfires intercepted and there were losses on both sides.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Frigates My 271031 and Admt. 291838.
for Cape. (1) Propose TAY, KALE, DERG escort RAMILLIES.
(2) At least one frigate will be available to sail with O.S.53.
(3) In view of urgency of the requirement it seems desirable to consider allocating certain new construction frigates in place of frigates returning from Mediterranean.
(4) Intend therefore to propose a revised list of the remaining six frigates immediately dates of readiness of new construction are known.
(C. in C.W.A. 301247B to Admt.).

American (P.140) Your 251222B. Particulars and proposals.
amphibious (C. in C. Plymouth 302140).
training
base at
Appledore.

Movements.

S/M Sailed TRUSTY, LE CURIE, escorted by SCIMITAR
movements. in accordance with S.3's 281049.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 300034B).
Intend to sail H.28 for Portsmouth in C.W.190 tomorrow.
N.O.I.C. Ramsgate is requested to sail an M.L. for Sheerness a.m. tomorrow to act as close escort.
(C. in C. Nore 301500B to C. in C. Portsmouth).
Intend sailing submarine X.7 escorted by M.L. 235 at 2000/2nd speed $4\frac{1}{2}$ knots and submarine X 5 and submarine X 6 in tow of SYRTIS and ALECTO respectively at 1600/3rd, speed 9 knots from Kames Bay to Loch Dunvegan.
(2) All ships routed via swept channels 250 degs. Oversay 5 miles Tیره passage Oigh Sgeir to Loch Dunvegan.
(3) Tow will be slipped and X type submarines will proceed independently Loch Dunvegan to Port H.H.Z. SYRTIS escorted by ALECTO will proceed to Lerwick as ordered by Capt.(S) 3.
(Capt.S.12 301645B).
H.28 and M.L. 202 as close escort are to leave Sheerness as necessary p.m. tomorrow and R/V with C.W.190 in the vicinity of J. buoy at 1900B for passage in convoy to Portsmouth.
(2) M.L.202 is to take station astern of starboard column of convoy with H.M.S. H.28 astern of escort.
(C. in C. Nore 301710B).
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/1st, and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 301742B).
Capt.S.9. is requested to sail SATYR to arrive Holy Loch 7th July.
(F.O.S. 302132B).

BERMUDA (1) BERMUDA is to pass Gate at 1745B/30th and to proceed passing through position F. 180 degs. Bishop Rock 10 G. 049 degs. 20' N. 010 degs. 30' W.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

BERMUDA to position A 045 degs. N. 015 degs. W. and thence
(Contd.). cover K.M.F.18 to 043 degs. N.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301341B to BERMUDA).
(1) Sailed BERMUDA in accordance with my 301341B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301815B to Admty.).

Coastal Cancel A.M. 272028/June.
Craft (1) Coastal Craft Group H consisting of 6 M.Ls.,
Group H. 2 H.D.M.L. and 1 M.G.B. are to be sailed from
Milford Haven on 13th July for Gibraltar.
(2) They will not now R/V with M.F.Vs. from
Plymouth and C. in C.W.A. is requested to provide
separate escort of two vessels.
(3) F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail convoy routed in
accordance with A.M. 172035/February direct to Gibraltar when
weather appears suitable.
(4) It is anticipated that a further Group J of Coastal Craft
will be ready to leave Milford Haven at the end of July.
(D.O.D.(H) 301449B).

ADVENTURE Arrived ADVENTURE.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301803B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

CHARYBDIS Arrived CHARYBDIS.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301805B).

Operations.

Operation "Musketry" X My P.C.S. 049 degs. 19' N. 010 degs. 13' W.
081 degs. 18 knots. WREN in company. E.T.A.
Plymouth 301400B.
(KITE 300059B to C. in C. Plymouth E.G.2.).
Proceed forthwith to R/V with Escort Group B.5
at Southern end of their patrol.
(C. in C. Plymouth 300145B to SCYLLA).
C. in C. Plymouth's 300145. E.T.A. 1630B/30.
(SCYLLA 300613B to B.5.).
Arrived WOODPECKER, WILDGOOSE.
(C. in C. Plymouth 300857B).
My 291045B. Cdre. (D) W.A. is requested to sail B One Escort
group at 0900B/2nd July through position A. 054 degs. 15' N.
010 degs. 40' W. to (B) 050 degs. N. 12 degs. W. thence as
ordered by C. in C. Plymouth.
(2) ARCHER is to report if it is found that operating with B.
One which has only two fast ships is unsatisfactory in which
case C. in C. Plymouth is requested to arrange for ARCHER to
transfer to B. Five Group.
(3) B. One Group is to come under orders of C. in C. Plymouth on
crossing 050 degs. N.
(C. in C.W.A. 301155B to ARCHER), and 012221B to Cdre.
D.W.A.).

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Operation "Musketry" (Contd.). Arrived WREN, KITE. (C. in C. Plymouth 301533B). As B one and B.5 Escort Groups are required for other commitments in the near future it is requested they may be ordered to Londonderry and Liverpool respectively on completion of present patrols topping up with fuel en-route if necessary. (2) It is anticipated that first Escort Group will be available for Bay patrol about 3rd week in July. (C. in C. W.A. 302308B to C. in C. Plymouth).

S/M Patrols. STUBBORN proceeds forthwith to patrol eastern half of zone J,4. Cancel para. one of my 291201. (F.O.S. 301036B to S/Ms.). (1) Request you will recall O.15 to arrive Lerwick 3rd July. (2) CURIE is to be sailed for patrol line E.E. (F.O.S. 301038B to Capt.S.9.). F.O.(S) 301038. Request you will sail LE CURIE from Lerwick at 1400B/2nd through 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 10 miles thence direct to patrol line E.E. (Capt.(S) 9, 301441B to S.O. S/M Lerwick). Admiralty's 262008. Intend following programme for return of submarines of Squadron 50 to U.S.A. (A) HAKE to leave patrol p.m. 1st July for New London proceeding dived by day through H.A. 42 degs. 01', 26 degs. 59' W. at 0001B/4th. H.D. 40 degs. 58' 40 degs. 02' W. at 0001B/10, thence on surface to "Chop" position. H.F. 39 degs. N. 50 degs. W. at 0001B/12, thence as ordered by Cominch. (B) BARB to leave patrol p.m. 3rd July, dived by day through B.B. 40 degs. 01' 29 degs. 02' at 0800/7 B.E. 34 degs. 02' 35 degs. 59' at 0400/12, to "Chop". B.H. 34 degs. 03' 50 degs. 02' at 0400/19 thence on surface as ordered by Cominch. (C) BLACKFISH to leave patrol p.m. 5th July dived by day through F.B. 38 degs. N. 27 degs. W. at 0800/9 B.F. at 0800/16 "Chop" in position B.H. at 0800/21, thence on surface as ordered by Cominch. (D) SHAD and HERRING to leave Roseneath 5th July followed by HADDO on 10th July for New London on approximately direct route diving by day between longitudes 25 degs. and 40 degs. (F) Cominch is requested to arrange bombing restrictions with U.S. ships operating aircraft in vicinity of submarines. (F.O.S. 301511B to Cominch, Admty.). HAKE leaves patrol p.m. 1st July and proceed diving by day through: H.A. 042 degs. 01' 026 degs. 59' at 0001B/4. H.B. 041 degs. 42' 031 degs. 20' H.C. 041 degs. 27' 035 degs. 45'. H.D. 040 degs. 58', 040 degs. 02' at 0001B/10 thence on the surface to H.E. 040 degs. 01' 045 degs. 00' to "Chop" H.F. 039 degs. N. 050 degs. " at 0001B/12 thence to New London as ordered by C. in C.U.S. Fleet. (F.O.S. 301518B to HAKE).

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S/M From position O proceed on surface through
patrols. position.
(Contd.). K.P. 045 degs. 40' 039 degs. 00'.
K.Q. 047 degs. 20' 033 degs. 35'.
K.R. 049 degs. 40' 028 degs. 01'.
K S. 051 degs. 03' 022 degs. 50'.
K.T. 053 degs. 18' 017 degs. 42'. K.U. 055 degs. 34' 012 degs.
10', thence R/V with escort arranged by Capt. (S) 3 in position,
K.V. 180 degs. Barra Head 8 miles 0400B/9.
(F.O.S. 301548B to K.14).
Positions of submarines at 0800B/1st July and movements for
following 24 hours. All times zone B.
(E) SEA NYMPH 48 degs. 38' N., 06 degs. 01' W, dived by day,
course 180 degs, daily advance 92 miles.
(F) SURF 48 degs. 38' N., 06 degs. 30' W, dived by day, course
180 degs, daily advance 92, miles.
(G) RUBIS 47 degs. 30' N. 06 degs. 01' West, dived by day
through 46 degs. 01' N. 06 degs. 01' W. then to S.E. daily
advance 84 miles.
(H) SEADOG very approx. 77 degs. 10' N. 09 degs. 58' E. probably
on surface at 10 knots through 78 degs. 01' N. 10 degs. 01' E.
then course East.
(J) STUBBORN on patrol approx. 45 degs. 25' N. 03 degs. 45' W.
(K) BARB vicinity 43 degs. 35' N. 22 degs. 38' W.
(L) BLACKFISH vicinity 40 degs. 20' N. 20 degs. 25' W.
(M) HAKE vicinity 41 degs. 55' N. 21 degs. 25' W. leaving patrol
p.m. 1st July diving by day to pass through 42 degs. 02' N. 26
degs. 58' W. at 0001/4.
(N) O.15 vicinity 63 degs. 40' N. 01 degs. 15' W. diving by day
while North of 62 degs. 01' N. to Lerwick making about 80 miles
by 0800/2nd July.
(F.O.S. 301742B to Admty.).
Capt.(S) 3 is requested to sail SYRTIS on 3rd July for
Lerwick and Anti U-Boat patrol North of Shetlands.
(F.O.S. 302131B to Capt.S.3.).
Capt.(S) 3 is requested to sail TUNA, TRUCULENT, and SATYR
for Anti-U-Boat patrol in Bay of Biscay on 7th July.
(F.O.S. 302132B).

S/M Your 291204. This headquarters has no
Route objection.
"Blood". (H.Q.C.C. 301045B to F.O.S.).
Your 291204B. Concur.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301655B to F.O.S.).

Coastal (1) Tonight anti E-Boat patrol by M.G.Bs. 611,
Force (S.O.) 613, and S.G.B. GREY WOLF from 0001B-0400B
Patrols. on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 40'
W. and 01 degs. 25' W.
(2) Searched channel patrol between F and E A 5
buoys by M.Ls. 572 and 309.
(3) LA COMBATTANTE immediate notice at Yarmouth and CHASSEUR 15
at St. Helens.

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.).

(4) M.Ls. 208 (S.O:) 247, 245 from Portland patrol 50 degs. 20' N. between 02 degs. 00' W. and 02 degs. 25' W.

(6) Communications. Newhaven Force. Code word "Jovial" Destroyer Codeword "Advent".
Portland patrol: Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 301222B).

(1) Force A.M.G.Bs. 112 and 75 are to patrol 4 miles 300 degs. and 120 degs. from 100 degs. Start 15 miles.

(2) Codeword "Gibson".

(3) Force B.M.G.Bs. 316, 329, 326 and 330 are to patrol 4 miles 360 degs. and 180 degs. from 195 degs. Start 10 miles.

(4) Codeword "Fisher".

(5) Forces A and B are to leave Dartmouth as requisite to reach patrol line by 2330B and leave patrol for Dartmouth 0430B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301409B).
M.Ls. 257 and 203 at Bullock Bank.
(V.A. Dover 301750B).
Your 301409B. "Fisher" sailed less M.G.B. 326.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 302240B to C. in C. Plymouth).
Your 301409B. M.G.B. 330 returned defective.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 302306B to C. in C. Plymouth).
Your 301409B "Gibson" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 302307B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Operation "S.F." X R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to sail 3 destroyers for Skaale Fiord arriving p.m. 3rd July and complete with fuel.
(2) On arrival C. in C. Rosyth is requested to assume operational control.
(C. in C.H.F. 301708).

Enemy Air Activity.

ALBERT Your 301016. My 291508. Time and date of attack 1800B/26th June.
(F.O.I.C. Faeroes 301118B to A.C.O.S.).

Mining.

Off Start. Mine-laying off Start Point by E-Boats during night 29th/30th suspected.
(C. in C. Plymouth 301344B) See Enemy Intelligence.

Harwich. 1 Ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1243 today in 51 degs. 51' 57" N. 01 degs. 30' 18" E.
Details.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 301348B and 301759B).

Off Needles on 28th June. My 281804B. 2 Mines detonated by Sweepers. One at 1322/28 in 207 degs. Needles Light $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and one at 1518/28 in 215 degs. Needles Light 5.6 miles. Details.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 301542 to Admty).

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Mining. - Contd.

Lyme Bay. Have carried out 4 laps of Q.Z.S. 416 in H formation between Dart Buoy and 180 degs. Start Point 4 miles with negative result. Intend sailing at 0700 tomorrow to commence clearance of area given in your 301140B. (HOUND 301612B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Q.X.1033 Clearance of Q.Z.X. 1033 completed. No more mines found. Check sweep commenced. Intend to sail at 0545 tomorrow, to continue search completing at approximately 1200, then returning to Portsmouth. (TENBY 301835B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boats * On night 29th/30th E-Boats were plotted approaching Start Point from S.E. between Q.Z.X. 1012 and Q.Z.X. 1013 at 00053. Their track reached 090 degs. Start Point 3½ and then turned to south, disappearing at 0158 on south easterly course. Interception by our patrol was unsuccessful. Mine laying is suspected. (C. in C. Plymouth 301344B to Admty.).

PRINZ EUGEN * (1) Reported from Gdynia that PRINZ EUGEN whose 2 Destroyers. complement was reduced by 600 earlier in the year is now used for navigational training and makes a short cruise every week. Graded C.2.

(2) Two WILHELM HEIDKAMP - class destroyers escorting 11,000 tons transport passed through Great Belt Northbound June 16. Graded B.2.

(3) Kiel. No heavy ships were observed from Holtenua June 27th. Graded A.2.

(N.A. Stockholm 301556).

Comment. Para.1. Confirm report already received that PRINZ EUGEN is at present being used for training purposes. It is believed that some of her crew were relieved in order to undergo U-Boat instruction.

Para.2. These two destroyers were probably those which within the last three days have been reported proceeding northwards along the Norwegian Coast.

Enemy Convoy. 2 U-Boats and 5 M/Vs. in 47 degs. 11' N. 04 degs. 40' W. course 270 degs. 11 knots. (STUBBORN 302137B to F.O.S. (R) C. in C. Plymouth).

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. Enemy Submarine attacked by aircraft in 044 degs. 19' N. 009 degs. 51' W. at 0730B/30, course 090 degs. speed 12 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 300833B to HAVELOCK).

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U-Boats reported or attacked in Biscay Area. (Contd.).

Am over enemy submarine. (A/C 10 Sq. Duty T. 301055B to 19 Group).
Am over enemy S/M in 44 degs. 53' N. 08 degs. 21' W. course 060 degs. speed 12 knots. (A/C 10 Sq. Duty T. 301119B to 19 Group).
Have attacked enemy with depth charges. (A/C 10 Sq. Duty T. 301125B to 19 Group).
U-Boat reported by A/C in 44 degs. 53' N. 8 degs. 21' W. course 060 degs. Speed 12 knots, at 1119B. Two Sunderlands co-operating. (C. in C. Plymouth 301129 to B.5. (R) SCYLLA).
Am over one enemy S/M. (A/C 5447 Sq. Duty N. 301645 to 19 Group).
Am over one enemy S/M in 48 degs. 47' N. 09 degs. 44' N. (A/C 547 Sq. Duty N. 301650B to 19 Group).
Have attacked enemy with depth-charges. Result of attack hits probable. (A/C 547 Sq. Duty N. 301826B to 19 Group).
2 U-Boats and 5 M/Ss. P.C.S. 047 degs. 11' 004 degs. 40' 270 degs. 11'. (STUBBORN 302137B to F.O.S. (R) C. in C. Plymouth).

U-Boats in North Atlantic. Aircraft reports two submarines heading S.S.E. at 1140 G.M.T. 30th in 54 degs. 40' N. 15 degs. W. (T.A.C. Prestwick 301222Z).

Technical.

Radar interference Today Wednesday between 1430 and 1510 three boats operating off Portland carrying out Radar exercise with type 291 report considerable interference which appeared to be some form of radio report counter measure. Interference lasted 15 seconds, 1 minute and 1½ minutes respectively. This was observed by Radar Officer who has not previously experienced any such interference in Portland area. (B.E.E. 301807 to Admty.).

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- GWEAL.** My 291927B. GWEAL main engine defects.
(GWEAL, 300035B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- Dinghy.** Following from Niton Radio. S.O.S.3 Airmen
in dinghy position 38° 11' N. 03° 08' E. Ends.
0127/30.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 300135 to Admty)
- UNTAMED.** N.O.I.C. Campbeltown's 292017B. (A) Intend to
conduct operations on following lines subject
to Salvage work proceeding satisfactorily.
Day 1. L.C.T. and WHITE BEAR proceed from Holy
Loch to Campbeltown. Day 2 and 3. Evacuation Identification
etc. Day 4. Pump out UNTAMED and ventilate etc. Day 5.
Complete pumping out of UNTAMED. Day 6. Inspection of
UNTAMED at Campbeltown. B.N.O.I.C. Campbeltown is requested
to signal to Authorities addressed the date of day one as soon
as this can be forecast. Provisionally this is 4th July.
(Capt. S.3, 301135B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)
My 192015B. Draught 18 (?10)B today 8 fathoms.
Movements from harbour entrance not yet completed. Operation
progressing satisfactorily.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 300916B)
- AVONVALE.** AVONVALE (damaged) escorted by RENONCULE to
Plymouth are to be detached from M.K.S.15 in
vicinity of latitude 50° N. (2) C. in C.
Plymouth is requested to arrange onward passages
of AVONVALE to Chatham and of RENONCULE to Greenock.
(D.O.D.(H), 301304 to Escorts M.K.S.15 and S.L.131)
A.M.301304B. When detached pass through following
positions. (A) 049° 50' N. 010° 00' W. (B) 180° Bishop Rock
10 miles. (C) 180° The Lizard 3 miles, thence by Q.Z.S.410
409. (2) You are not to be East of 005° W. during dark hours.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 301853B to AVONVALE, RENONCULE)
- METEOR.** METEOR docked Hvalfiord today to examine leakage
in number 4 oil-fuel tank.
(BERWICK, 301326B to C. in C. H.F.)
- ACHILLES.** Yard message 232037 June. Request that para.2
be amended to read: - (2) It appears from the
nature of the structural damage that the
explosion occurred in oil fuel tank A.9 on the
starboard side below the platform deck between stations 77 and
87 and vented through No. 2 L.P. room 2nd Wireless Office and
Cold and Cool rooms.
(Dockyard, Portsmouth, 301445 to Admty, Bath.)
- UNTAMED.** My 192015B. Draught 1800B today 8 fathoms.
Movement from harbour entrance not yet completed.
Operation progressing satisfactorily.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 301916B to C. in C.
Rosyth.)

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Shipping and Convoys.

- AMSTERDAM. Your 261617 B. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Kirkwall, 300737B to N.O.I.C. Invergordon)
- E.G.5. If convoy not threatened 5th Escort Group is to part company with O.N.190 a.m. tomorrow and proceed to join H.X.245. (2) Estimated P.C.S. of H.X.245 at 2000B/30, 050° 45' N. 041° 50' W. 050° 9½ knots.
(C. in C. W.A. 300824Z to E.G.5)
- H.X.244. My 1719/31st January 1942. THOMAS LYNCH for Southampton carries valuable general cargo. Request you will arrange special protection. Category III.
(D.T.D. 301153B to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth, F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)
- AMARAPOORA. Intend sailing Hospital ship AMARAPOORA 020800B, July Gibraltar. Standard route to Tuskar Rock, thence as in Admiralty's 291815B. Speed 11½ knots. E.T.A. 081200B.
(N.C.S.O. Swansea, 301229B to Admty)
- PLEIADES,
DEARNE. Intend to sail PLEIADES and DEARNE escorted by SHIKARI at 1030Z/1st, to R/V with O.N.191 in 056° 40' N. 015° 00' W. at 1200Z/3rd.
(2) After PLEIADES has joined convoy SHIKARI escorts DEARNE to Barrahead, thence SHIKARI to Londonderry and DEARNE to Loch Ewe independently.
(A.C.I.C. 301236B to C. in C. W.A.)
- MONT VISO. A.M. 231340. (1) U.S.S. MONT VISO speed 6½/7 knots is to be sailed to Gibraltar in company with MOORFLY. (2) Ship will be ready to leave Port Talbot a.m. 2nd July, and F.O.I.C. Cardiff is requested to sail MONT VISO to Falmouth as early as possible arranging necessary escort with C. in C. Plymouth.
(D.O.D.(H), 301438B)
- Safe-
conduct
Ships. Following were positions 2200/29th of Gothenburg Traffic ships and Greek Relief vessels. Details.
(N.A. Stockholm, 301543 to Admty)
- A.T.51
(PASTEUR) A.T.51 arrived.
(N.O.I.C.Liverpool, 301915Z)

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Gibraltar A.175 30 June. Daily Opsum 240 28/29 June.
Air Report. Hud. P.48 on escort to C/V O.T.6 at 1740/29
sighted U/Boat 10 miles distant C.O.330/12 or
330/14 kts. and attacked at 1745B/29 HTYL 0316
or HTYL 0313 from 30° on Port Quarter releasing
4 D/Cs 30 secs. after disappearance of U/Boat only two
explosions seen first 50 ft. to Port of Swirl another 50/100
ft. ahead of Swirl no results seen.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Gibraltar, 300145B.)

LEINSTER. Arrival Hospital ship LEINSTER.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 300555B to N.C.S.O. Clyde.)

Convoy Sailed ship as in your 262315B.
T.E.26 (F.O. Gibraltar, 300630B to C. in C. Med.)
CLAN CAMERON.

ANTHONY. E.T.A. with QUANTOCK in company 1430. My
P.C. and S. 034° 12' N. 007° 47' W. 036° 21½'.
Weather report.
(ANTHONY 300700B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
S.O. of Destroyers)

Convoy Arrived.
M.K.F.17. (F.O. Gibraltar, 300733B to Cdre. Algiers.)

SOUTHERN SOUTHERN GEM departed 300800 Sousse to overtake
GEM. O.S.50.
(C.M.S.F. 300837 to F.O. Gibraltar.)

DJEBEL AURES, DJEBEL AURES, SIDI BRAHIM escorted by DUMONT
SIDI BRAHIM. D'URVILLE arrived 300900.
(C.M.S.F.F. 300839 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C.in
C. Med., Admty.)

A/S Air AC173 30 June. Whenever your convoy commitments
Patrol. permit it would be of great value to the Bay A/S
effort if aircraft could carry out a cross over
patrol between 43° N. 12° W. and 42° N. 10° W.
Will you ask the American A/S air forces at
Casablanca to assist in this patrol whenever their resources
permit. It is more than probable that damaged U/Boats and
others are passing through this area on their return journey.
(H.Q.C.C. 301012B to A.C.H.Q. Gibraltar, (R) 19 Group, Admty.,
Air Min., (D.O.N.C.))

KRAKOWIAK. Onward route from (D) through (E) 040° 00' 011° 30'
W. (F) 037° 00' 010° 00' (G) 035° 50' 006° 26'
thence Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 301029B to KRAKOWIAK (R) Admty.,
C. in C. Plymouth.)

/Dispositions...

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North Atlantic.

- Dispositions. Situation 1959B/30th. U.S. Hospital Ship SEMINOLE 037° 02' 010° 32' through 036° 40' 009° 01' thence Gibraltar 14.
2. Convoy "H" ILFRACOMBE 037° 12' 010° 20' through 036° 40' 010° 02' to Gibraltar 7.
 3. G.C.18, P.C.472 sailing 0700B/1st through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 216° 8.
 4. K.M.S.18 TEVIOT (E) 038° 30' 013° 04' through 036° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 8½.
 5. Portuguese Destroyer VOUGA exercising Cezimbra Area.
 6. French S/M LE GLORIEUX, French Destroyer L'ALCYON Class sails Gibraltar 2100B/30th through 035° 45' 006° 30' 034° 24' 007° 10' and 034° 05' 008° 06' thence Casablanca 16½.
 7. Four escorts 4 merchant ships sail Gibraltar 1200B/1st through Q.K.A.87 to Cape St. Mary's thence coastwise to Lisbon. (F.O. Gibraltar, 301039B)
- Situation 2001B/30th. P.57 (UNIVERSAL) crossing 043° 01' 010° 30' at 2330B/30th 175° 7/2 diving by day.
2. O.S.50 ENCHANTRESS 028° 53' 012° 40' 229° 7½.
 3. U.G.S.10 Cdr. T.F.61 030° 43' 017° 12' through 031° 15' 016° 20' thence 068° 8.
 4. U.S. Hospital Ship SEMINOLE 037° 02' 010° 32' through 036° 40' 009° 01' thence Gibraltar 7.
 5. Convoy (J) ILFRACOMBE 037° 12' 010° 20' through 036° 40' 010° 02' to Gibraltar 7.
 6. K.M.S.18B TEVIOT (E) 038° 30' 013° 04' through 036° 01' 010° 01' thence Gibraltar 8½.
 7. Five B.Y.M.S. 027° 07' 014° 07' through 027° 23' 013° 48' 028° 10' 013° 24' 028° 52' 012° 30' thence 064° 8½.
 8. Three U.S. Destroyers 032° 50' 012° 42' to rendezvous U.G.S.10 at 1900B/20 knots and escort three Merchant ships to Gibraltar.
 9. K.M.S.19 DART 044° 32' 015° 58' 174° 7½.
 10. O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK 042° 01' 011° 30' through 040° 01' 011° 30' and 037° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 15. (F.O. Gibraltar 301113B.)
- Situation 2005B/30th. U.S. Submarine BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH on patrol in area 20 miles either side lines joining 044° N. 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W.
2. H.M.R.T. WEASEL 028° 06' 024° 50' through 029° 01' 022° 20' thence 063° 10. (F.O. Gibraltar, 301147B .)

Spanish fishing Newfoundland. Your 281048 no reference made to request of Spaniards to send 2 coal burning fishing vessels. Request I may be informed if this is being considered. Please see my R/214/43 May 27th. (N.A. Madrid, 301130B to Admty.) See N.S.H.Q. 302036Z to Admty., (America and West Indies.) Reply: Admty. 020024B.

Convoy K.M.S.17. Sailing telegram. (Ships, list)
(2) (corrupt group) 350B. (4) 8 knots.
(5) As in C. in C. Med. 281133B.
(6) WITHERINGTON, P.S. SLAZAK, CLEVELAND, LEDBURY, VISENDA, KING SOL, HORNPIPE, REIGHTON WYKE, PRODUCT, M.L.580. (7) 13 columns 455, 555, 544, 553 4.
(15) 7 M. (As received. Possible alternative "Harmful".)
(F.O. Gibraltar, 301333 B., 301335B, to F.& N.O. i/c French North Africa.)

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Convoy X.K.10 consists of HILDE, MERS EL KEBIR and BADSWORTH towed by FRISKY. Intend sailing at 1800B July 1st, for U.K. escorted by NARVIR and YORK CITY routed through 35° 47' N. 06° 25' W. 36° 35' N. 10° 01' W. 40° 20' N. 14° 30' W. 45° 01' N. 14° 59' W. lettered E. to H. thence as ordered by C. in C.W.A. S. of A. 6 knots codeword "Detest". (F.O. Gibraltar, 301525B to Admty.)

E.G.38 My P. C. & S. 028° 20' N. 013° 23' W. (X) 228° 84' 029° 36' N. 012° 14' W. (X). Weather Report (S.O. E.G.38 301543Z to F.O.I.C., Gib. (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.C. West Africa.)

Fire on Coaling Island, GUARDIAN minor damage. About 1355 today Wednesday fire occurred on Coaling Island involving loss of about 25,000 gallons petrol 10,000 gallons lubricating oil and 20,000 gallons kerosene.
2. Fire was rapidly got under control and finally extinguished about 1530.
3. GUARDIAN who was alongside sustained minor damage not affecting sea-going efficiency very little damage to property.
4. Strong suspicion of sabotage. Matter still under investigation.
(F.O.I.C. Gib.301730 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

G.U.S.9. G.U.S.9. Intend sailing EXAMINER, IMPERIAL. Transport ROGER MOORE. Agreed M.W.T.R. and S.T.O. (F.O. Gibraltar, 301737B to Commob Oran, Comm. Algiers, C.M.S.F.F.)

Movements, Gibraltar. Arrivals: BLANKNEY, WALLACE, WOOLSTON, HAMBLEDON with M.K.F.17. ANTHONY QUANTOCK from Casablanca. F.S. L'ALCYON, F.S. LE GLORIEUX from Oran. Departures: HOLCOMBE FLY escorting one M/V to Malta Q.K.88 Q.K.B.144 Q.B. 115 Q.B.C. 747. K.M.S. 17, 18A with CLEVELAND ROBERTS. M.M.S. 85 116 L.S.T. 305, 365, 366, 319, 301, 424, 321, 159 for Algiers. HORNPIPE for Bougie. PRODUCT, ABERCROMBIE for Tunis. M.M.S. 34, 50, 185 H.D.M.L.1283, 1284, 1278 H.M.T. NIMBLE, JAUNTY for Malta. REIGHTON WYKE, KING SOL, VISENDA, H.D.M.L. 1281 for Sfax, Q.K.88 Q.K.B. 152 missing 151 Q.B. 115, Q.B.C.750. (F.O. Gibraltar, 301942B.)

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U/B. 1 S/M submerged 110 Z.Z.15. S.L.132 P.C. and S.
S.L.132. 009° 40' N. 016° 49' W. 326° 7½ knots. (2) KEPPEL
and ACONITE hunting.
(S.O. Escort Group B.3. 300100Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R)
C. in C. W.A. Admty. S.E.C. S.L.132, S.E.C. W.S.31.)

Admiral My 291756. Programme delayed Admiral Amboyneau
Amboyneau's sick. Further signal will be made.
itinerary. (F.O.C. W. Af. 301121Z.)
My 291756. Programme delayed 24 hours throughout
except depart Freetown 1130 arrive Yundum 1400.
My 301121 refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 301811Z.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/30th. NIGELLA, KINGSTON,
TURQUOISE to Capetown after night firing. QUADRANT,
REDOUBT escorting H.F.K.K. ALEX 037° 10' 028° 30'
to 035° 020° 16. NIZAM about 031° 27' 033° 43' to
Durban F.S. SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA escorting KHEDIVE ISMAIL 026°
25' 045° 40' to 025° 30' 047° 40' 11. NORMAN, QUICKMATCH,
ROTHERHAM 019° 55' 042° 40' to Takoradi 20. (Corrupt Group)
B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7 and 8 016° 042° 42' to 014° 46' 043° 56' 8.
(C. in C. S.A. 301145B.)

Re-opening / B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire informs me Portuguese Air
Portuguese Line is being re-opened between Mossamedes Luanda
Air Line Pointe Noire and French Naval Authority Pointe
Mossamedes Pointe Noire has protested to local Civil Authority.
Luanda, Consider that it is undesirable on security grounds
Pointe particularly in view of possible establishment
Noire. Pointe Noire as convoy assembly Port.
(2) Report through Military from Leopoldville
states. (A) Belgian Authorities stipulated these
aircraft shall not fly over Banana. (B) The air
line is already running twice weekly. (B) is confirmed by R.A.F.
Officer just returned from Pointe Noire.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 301303Z to Admty. (R) Resmin.) *Reply: Admty 10125215.*

STRATHMORE, Estimated that STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD could
STRATHAIRD. embark personnel at Durban for India and be ready
to sail by 14th July. A/S escort can be arranged.
Request I may be informed whether ocean escort
will be available. P.S.T.O. Bombay 291009
(N.T. in W.R.) not to all addressees refers.
(C. in C. S.A. 301326B to C. in C. E.F. (R)
Com.i/c. Durban, F.O.C.R.I.N. P.S.T.O.I. F.O.
Ceylon, Admty. for D. of S.T.)

MEAD. "A" and "D" H.D.A's Capetown now working correctly
and boiler clean and minor defects carried out and
work on D.G. range completed. Sailing A. 1st July
for Durban for repairs to loop system and laying
H.D.Ns. (as received.)
(MEAD 301415B to Admty. (D.A/S.W)).

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SS. HIGHLAND BRIGADE, defects. Following received from Master HIGHLAND BRIGADE begins:- Running time of valves expired. Request time possibly ten days for overhaul. Subject to easy steaming might complete voyage as nothing vital immediately. Ends.
(D.S.T.O. W.A. 301620Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

Force X. Your 292350. No water available ? Congo from local resources. EMPIRE CADET capacity 600 tons now at Lagos could be made available. D. of S.T. 251517 refers.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 301623Z.)/Re PASS OF MELFORT should be retained.

Monrovia. Departure 1715Z/29. H.M. M/Ls. 289 and 256 for Monrovia relieving PICT.
(S.O. (1) Freetown 301625Z.)

Appreciation of U/B situation. Routeing of M/Vs. Your 300814. Confirmed that No.1 approach route will be brought into force on Saturday 3rd July. (2) Suggest southbound traffic through Mozambique which would reach outer end of number 6 not later than 4th July be allowed to continue on that route. (3) Normal routeing in accordance with Meiri section 2A will be resumed with convoy S.Y.G. N.51 subject to developments in U-Boat situation.
(C. in C. S.A. 301725B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. Com. Durban.)

QUERCY. Sailed French Auxiliary Cruiser QUERCY 2215Z/29th for Tunis, joined convoy W.S.31 at 0800Z/30th.
(Comar Dakar 301748Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty. Connav.)

SS. FINN. Your 291818 Embassy received I.R. C.C. notification on 18th June and telegraphed British Red Cross on 23rd June that ship would sail on 25th June.
(B.R.L.O. Buenos Aires 301748Z to Admty.)

EXE, NESS. Troop movements. Your 301058. (N.T. in W.R.) In order that troop movements already planned may be carried out frigates are urgently required. Request you will sail EXE and NESS with as little delay as possible. Agree to remainder being used as you suggest providing delay is not more than a week.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 301757Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med.)

/Force X...

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Force X. / F.O.C. W.Af. 261627. My 261410 and A.M. 292350. If fuel and water can be arranged it is proposed that whole of Force X including cruisers should replenish at Congo River. 2. On assumption that Force would top up at Walvis Bay enquiries were made from M.W.T.R. for two small tankers for this purpose. Reply not yet received. If Congo River plan is adopted larger quantities will be required and Admiralty is requested to arrange accordingly. 3. A.M. 292350 para 3. Composition of Groups as in C. in C. Levant's 091909 para C. If whole Force replenishes at Congo it would appear unnecessary for Cruisers to fuel at either Pointe Noire or Takoradi. 4. A/S Screen of 7 destroyers is considered adequate for Force X to proceed in company as far as Congo. Thereafter Cruisers could proceed independently as arranged by F.O.C.W.Af.
(C. in C. S.A. 301815B to Admt. F.O.C. W.Af. C. in C. E.F.)

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- N.W.A.A.F. report. June 29 part three. N.W.A. Strategic Air Force night 27/28 June 63 Wellingtons attacked San Giovanni dropping 122½ tons of bombs. Fires started in town marshalling yards and R R sidings. 423,000 leaflets were scattered. Day 28th June. B.25s escorted by 40 P.38s attacked Alghero/Fertilla and Olbia Airdromes and Mills landing ground. 109 B.17s dropped 311 tons bombs on Leghorn causing many fires and explosions and setting one ship in harbour on fire. 24 P.38s and 44 P.40s escorted B.26 bombing Decimomannu. (No T.O.O. Recd. 0420).
- Movements, Alexandria. June 29 arrivals A.F.D.27 BELVOIR, SAKTOURIS, ST. MONANCE, HURSLEY, CROOME, DELPHINIUM, LA MOQUEUSE, M.L. 361. Departures VETCH, SOUTHERN ISLES. My 280644 M.L. 1123 should read M.L. 1122. (R.A. Alexandria, 300622C, 301615C).
- M.K.F.17 A. M.K.F.17 A sailed in accordance with C. in C. Med., 281421B 91 CHRISTOBAL 92 SAULA ROSA. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 300625B).
- 10th S/M F. 10th S/M F. movement summary at 2000/30th nil. (Capt. (S) 10, 300720B).
- Air Attack on Reggio di Calabria. X During the night of June 28/29 heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked the ferry terminus at Reggio di Calabria, starting fires. (Mideast, 300800Z).
- G.T.X.3 Admiralty's 201835B EGRET sailed. (N.O.I.C. Tunis, 300801B).
- M.K.S.(L) 16. Arrivals. PRINCESS KATHLEEN, PACHECO, EMPIRE HARMONY, WELSH TRADER, EMPIRE CONRAD, MACOMA, ROMNEY, HOPE RANGE. (S.N.O. Tripoli, 300900B).
- Movements Malta. Arrived Groom three H.M. Ships BARFLAKE, STROMA and H.D.M.Ls. 1234, 1165, 1239. DARING, L.C.Is. 130 and 412. Trial M.T.B.640 and M.G.B.658. HEAGHT 657, 659, 660, 665. HURWORTH, EASTON and ADRIA escorting ANTWERP, CITY OF KEELUNG, PANAMA, FALKEJALL and BADAPUR, MUSHROOM three M.T.B.89. Sailed SWING, H.M.S. ROCKWOOD escorting S. America Hospital Ship MAINE. (V.A. Malta, 301910).
- R.A.F. Opsum 63. 28/29 June 2 Liberators (B.24) 8 Halifaxes Reggio di Calabria Aerodrome. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 300914Z).

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NEWFOUNDLAND

Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND arrived.
(Com. Algeria, 300922).

K.M.S.16.

Alexandria Section K.M.S.16 arrived 27th June less FISHPOOL plus SONTAY and KOLA.
(R.A. Alexandria, 301015C).

OSIRIS

My 271039 from position (B) proceed through position (C) 034° 15' 033° 06' at 1658/1st (D) 034° 33' 034° 35' at 0030/2nd to arrive Beirut searched channels at 0630/2nd. Position (D) is not to be passed before time ordered. If possible Walrus escort will be provided from dawn 2nd.
(Capt. (S) 1, 301027C to OSIRIS).

Convoy
O.T.6.

SEA KAY arrived.
(Comnob Oran, 301041B).

Black Sea.

2. The battleship KOMMUNA has been re-named SEVASTOPOL. Cruiser MOLOTOV still awaiting docking for repairs to stern.

3. S/M activity (a) On 22nd June enemy S/M reported off Batum (corrupt group) coast oilfield off Poti. Russian merchant vessel unsuccessfully attacked S/M near Lazarevskaya on June 23rd.

(b) Russian S/Ms sank 2 F-barges off Crimean coast June 21st and on June 25th torpedoed a German merchant vessel near Cape Midia, at Sissons later seen in tow.

4. R-boat activity in sea of Azov (a) on June 20th 7 enemy R-boats attacked coast near Yeeid, they were engaged by 3 Russian R-boats and shore batteries one enemy boat sunk and one damaged. Later Russian STORMOVIKS sank 3 and damaged 2. One Russian boat was damaged but reached harbour.

(b) 2 Russian R-boats engaged 6 enemy near Belomacbi Spityil-ransenheim and set another on fire.

5. (?Air). (a) Russian Naval aircraft have attacked enemy ports and aerodromes in Crimea Taman Peninsular and Azov coast.

(b) Enemy aircraft raided Posimmo dropping 200 bombs which mainly fell on outskirts of town. A.A. fire and fighters accounted for 6 enemy planes. 16 enemy bombers attacked Azov and Camp Yeisk subsequently causing damage and casualties in towns.
(N.L.O. Black Sea, 291115).

S/M
positions.

(1) TRESPASSER 038° 07' 007° 26' 083° 9 knots.
(2) SIMOOM 038° 30' 007° 49' through 038° 40' 010° 00' thence 016° 9 knots.
(3) DOLFIJN 038° 23' 008° 53' through 038° 30' 010° 00' thence 028° 6 knots.
(4) SIBYL 040° 16' 005° 22' 034° 9 knots.
(5) 8th S/M F. movements summary at 1959B 30th.
All submarines diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated.

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- (6) P.247 (SARACEN) south east Sardinia.
- (7) SEVERN west of Sardinia.
- (8) P.229 (SPORTSMAN) in Gulf Genoa.
- (9) PERLE north of 042° 00' between 006° 00' and 007° 33'.
- (10) CASABIANCA 040° 53' 006° 31' through 041° 45' 008° 00' to patrol north west of Corsica.
(Capt. (S) 8, 301206B).

SPORTSMAN

Leave patrol through 043° 10' 008° 00' at 0330/2nd
041° 23' 006° 57' at 0430/3rd. 038° 12' 003° 19'
at 2230/5th thence R/V escort Algiers in 036°
57' 003° 12' at 0605/6th July.
(2) When well clear your area report situation.
(Capt. (S) 8, 301220B to P.229, SPORTSMAN (R)
C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gib. N.O.I.C. Algiers,
(L.N.729) Casablanca (L.N.733) TERL F.S., 8th
S.F.)

Enemy report.

P.C. and S. at 1210 of 4 destroyers 43.08 N.
09.35 E. course 000° speed 30 knots.
(A/C ANEJ 301225).

P.C. and S. at 1140, of one medium M/V 3000 tons
one enemy war-boat 44.15 N., 08.55 E. 090° 8 knots.
(A/C ANHJ 301310B).

ACADIA

P.D. New York 282010 states that U.S.A.H.S. ACADIA
was supplied with latest Q Messages. These
ships should be given full details of route only
in accordance with H.B.01618 L (42) Chapter 6.
(C. in C. Med., 301227B to B.A.D. (R) Admty).

N.W.A.F.
Opsum No.
?129.

N.W.A. Strategic Air Force 27/28 June additional.
22 Wellingtons Messina, 3 missing remainder
bombed objective. 2 x 4000 27 x (2000 or 1000?)
6 x 500 from 7000 to 12000 feet. 28/29 June
additional. (44 or 35?) Wellingtons Messina. 1
returned early, 2 missing, remainder bombed
objective. 4 x 4000 33 x 1003 253 x 500 88 x 250 H.E.16 x 30
inc. and flares from 9500 to 13000 feet. Many bursts and 3
fires in marshalling yards. Leaflets over Northern Sicily.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 301355Z).

Convoy
X.T.G.Z.

Add to arrivals, TITUS.
(Comnob Oran, 301456B).

S.N.O.Ts.

Following from Admiralty begins:
Addressed C. in C. Med., from Admty. Request
briefly your views on necessity for S.N.O.Ts. in
amphibious operations under following headings:-
(A) Assault Convoy (1) Red ensign L.S.I. (2) Other Merchant ships
(B) Follow-up Convoy.
2. In cases where you consider S.N.O.Ts. necessary request

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- S.N.O.Ts.
(contd). brief proposal for basis of reduction since present scale cannot be maintained. T.O.O. 271820, 271829 intended. Ends.
2. Concur that a reduction is necessary. Request your remarks in due course how this can be achieved.
(C. in C. Med., 301505B to D.N.C.X.F., R.A. Force V, (R) Admty).
- U.S. S/MS on anti U-boat patrol in Atlantic. My 181817. These S/MS are being withdrawn to U.S.A. one at a time on 1st, 3rd and 5th July. Details of routes are being passed to F.O. Gibraltar in my 301511.
(F.O.S., 301516B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty).
- K.M.S.16. Convoy K.M.S.16 less Alexandria portion detached arrived 28th June.
(N.C.S.O. Port Said, 301516C).
- R/C Brindisi, Taranto. One C.R. entering, possibly one inside harbour Brindisi at 1340, two BB. Taranto at 1350 visuals.
(V.A. Malta, 301622B).
- K.M.S.17. Pass to Cmdre. and Escorts of K.M.S.17. My 291701 (N.T. in W.R.) Add. For Bougie - BJORKHAUG, for Bone - GOOD GULF (T), for Philippeville - BRAZIL (T) for Bizerta - BLUFF TIETAM (T).
(N.O.I.C. Oran, 301631B to SLAZAK).
- Movements, Port Said. 30th Port Said arrivals BULOLO, KEREN. Departures COUNDOURIOTIS, A.S.I.S. KHETI, H.M.M.L. 349.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 301637C).
- M/F 12. Proceed forthwith all available sweepers to search war channel between lat. 036° 55' N., and 036° 47' N.
(F.O.I.S., 301703B to M/F 12, (R) F.O. 2nd in Command Force H, 242 Group, C. in C. Med).
- Movements, Famagusta. Arrival 30th CESSNOCK, M.L.385 and 360.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta, 301739C).

/TORBAY...

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TORBAY Situation at 2001/30th.
P.224 (SICKLE) (1) 2 escorts ENSA and ST. KILDA will meet you at information. R/V 1 for each S/M.
(2) P.219 (SERAPH) leaving Algiers 1100/30th co. 42° 10 knots.
(3) P.211 (SAFARI) left Algiers 1100/30th escort to Bizerta.
(4) Fleet unit and screen left Algiers eastbound at 1600/30th 16½ knots.
(5) (a) Cable Ship and trawler escort working in the vicinity of 037° 43' 003° 45'. (b) VINDICTIVE and 2 destroyers 036° 53' 003° 24' to Bizerta 18 knots. (c) 2 landing craft and 2 destroyers 037° 09' 004° 25' to Bizerta 18 knots.
(d) Landing Craft convoy and one U.S. destroyer 036° 42' 005° 18' to Tunis 6 knots. (e) M.Ls. on patrol to east and west of Algiers.
(6) Small craft (?convoy) leaves Bougie 0001/1st for Bizerta 20 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 301804B to TORBAY, P.224 (SICKLE) (R) 8th S/M Flotilla).

NEWFOUNDLAND NEWFOUNDLAND sailed at 301830B routed through positions 51 and 25 to Bougie. S. of A. adjusted to arrive at ?daylight 1st July.
(Com. Algeria, 301831B).

Bombs found X 2 bombs have recently been found amongst cargo in SS. AURETTA in a Merchant ship at Massawa loaded at Port at Massawa. Sudan.
(2) Description.
(3) Above similar to Italian smoke gaseous oil and thermite incendiary bomb vide "EBD1 " No.24.
(C. in C. Levant, 301858C)

Assessments Ref: A.M. 091916 July 1942. All positions of attacks on N. and E. U/Bs. 441 1812 25th May ALDENHAM 032° 13' 024° 45.5' (?H) nil. 442 1718 30th April EASTON and ADRIAS 032° 10.5' 024° (?30) I nil. 443 1335 9th May M.L.359 and Hudson A/C of 459 Squadron 032° 22.5' 023° 52.5' H. Nil. 444 1439 16th June Hudson A/C of 459 Squadron 033° 00' 034° 00' A.U.97 German (?.) 445 (?09) 55 28th May 2 Beaufighters of 227 Squadron 034° 00' 022° 48' E. Nil.
(C. in C. Levant, 301908C).

Movements Arrived MENDIP, BRECON, BLENCATHRA and Philippeville. BRISSENDON.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 292002B).

Movements Arrivals: TANGO, RYSA CAYA, L.S.Ts. 402, 302, Sfax. 304, 363, 426, 430, 322, M.L.11 (?28). Departures TANGO RSSA, CAYA.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 302009B).

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Movements
Oran.

Arrived today. U.S.S. WILLES, NICHOLSON, BUCK, ROE, BRISTOL, SWANSONLN (as received) EDISON, BIRMINGHAM HN BROOKLYN, PENN, PATHFINDER, PANTHER, H.M.M.S. LAUREL, BURKE, RETURNO.
Departed today. H.M.T.FOULA (as received) ALVAIAZ ERE, RECIU, OSS NAORAGANSETT. (Comnob Oran, 302009B).

Movements
Haifa.

30th arrival CAIRNS departure CUMBRAE. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 302017C).
Departures MENDIP, BRECON, BLENCATHRA and BRISSENDEN. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 302045B).

Malta Air
Report.

A.l. 632 30th June. C.S.R. Malta.
(A) Air. Part 1 offensive night 29/30 June. Mosquitoes Intruder patrols southern Sicily.
Day 30th June. 36 Spitfires offensive sweeps southern Sicily.

Part 2. Enemy Air activity night 29/30 nil. Day 30th June. Nil. 8 Beaufighters shipping escort. (Malta, 302100Z to Air Min).

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals M.M.S.63, S/M TEMPLAR (P.316) U.S.S. ROPER, DECATUR, LEE.
Departures 31 M.L. Flotilla, 22 M.L. Flotilla, S/M SAFARI, (P.211), PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDESDALE, S/M SERAPH (P.219), U.S.S. TARAZED, MURPHEY, MADDOX, P.C.543.

Arrived and sailed R.A. H., in WARSPITE, VALIANT, FORMIDABLE, OFFA, FAULKOR, FURY, ECHO, ECLIPSE, INGLEFIELD, INTREPID, ILEX, PIORAN (Polish) VINDICTIVE, HAYDON, TYNEDALE Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND. (Algiers, 302104).

M.K.F.17.

M.K.F.17 A. Algiers Section. Sailed two ships, in accordance with C. in C. Med., 281421. LARGS BAY (Cdre. Com. Newman R.N.R. and three Convoy Signalmen) TAMAROA both for Gibraltar. (Com. Algeria, 302107B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Med., Connav).

Movements
Bizerta.

Arrivals WESTRAY, HUNDA, RAIDER, M.T.Bs. 313, 315, (29th) WAINWRIGHT, ORDRONAU, MAYRANT, TRIPPE, RYAND, (?RHIND intended) ROWAN.
Departure ALBACORE, (?CIRCE) ESPIEGLE, RHYL, STORNOWAY, ROTHESAY, 1 S.C.508, (?PENN) H.D.M.Ls. 1145, 1230, 1236, 1241, 1251 NA U.S. (?SE)T. (NARRAGANSETT intended). (S.O.I.S., 302148C).

/Situation...

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report No.
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1. During night 26th June - 27th June coastal craft from Bizerta carried out patrol off southwest Sardinia. At 0200 when south of Cape Sandalo an engine noise was heard to the north-west but interception was not obtained. At 0355 engines were again heard and motor torpedo boats report that shortly afterwards what appeared to be a submarine was sighted in position 270° Cape Sandalo five miles. At 0407 a mine exploded about one mile ahead of the submarine and a minute later another mine about half a mile ahead. The submarine then dived. No other incidents.
2. Area in vicinity of 34° 42' N., 1200 E. in which possible mines had been reported was searched on 27th June with negative results.
3. At 1703/27th R.F.A. ABBEYDALE was torpedoed in position 36.53 N., 01.55 E. whilst in convoy X.T.G.2. Ship was hit in No. 5 starboard tank, was taken in tow and has arrived Algiers using own engines in later stages no evidence that subsequent U-boat hunt was successful but ATHERSTONE held contact for four hours and carried out seven attacks and KING SOL for six hours and dropped 17 depth charges.
4. During the night 27 June - 28th June coastal craft from Malta patrolled off South coast of Sicily between longitudes 13° east and 14° east.
5. P.T. boats from Bizerta operated off Castellemare on nights 27th June - 28th June and 28th/29th June.
6. Patrol was carried out off the east coast of Sicily during night 29/30th June by coastal craft from Malta. The village of Marina D'Avola was shot up several hits being scored on buildings close to the shore. The only opposition was ineffective rifle fire. No shipping was sighted.
(C. in C. Med., 302210B).

N.A.A.F.
Air Report.

Ref. No. AV. 215. Opsum No. 129, N.W.A.A.F. Part 1.
N.W.A. Strategic A.F. 27/28 June additional. 22 Wellingtons Messina, 3 missing remainder bombed objective.
28/29 June Additional. 45 Wellingtons Messina. 1 returned early 2 missing, remainder bombed objective, many bursts and 3 fires in Marshalling yards.
28th June additional. 6 Bisleys, 1 Swordfish, 2 French Latacoeres
30 U.S. Spitfires anti-submarine patrols and convoy escort.
(N.A.A.F., Adv. H.Q., 302210B).

Malta Air
Report.

A.I.633 30th June, Opsum No. 52. 29/30 June.
2 Mosquitoes on Intruder patrols over Southern Sicilian air fields encountered heavy mist. 2 Wellingtons made A/S patrols for incoming shipping.
30th June, 36 Spits. made offensive sweeps over Southern Sicily, 1 Baltimore shipping search Gulf of Taranto, 1 Spitfire photo R/C Catania since 29th June, 3 F-boats arrived Messina, 1 Muniton carrier sunk but train ferry still active Taranto, 2 battleships present Brindisi B class 6 inch cruiser arriving approx. 13000 tons of shipping departed since 29th June. San Pancrazio airfield 27 Ju.88. Fifth Spit. photo R/C landed

/Constantine...

30.6.1943.
Wednesday.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Malta Air
Report.
(contd).

Constantine. 8 Beaufighters escorted incoming shipping. 16 Spits. airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta.
(R. A. F., Malta, 302230B).

Maintenance
of supply
route from
West.

A.M. 292026B. Correct last sentence to read Naval Store stocks will be based on 12 months requirements plus 4 months reserve.
(D. of S. 302313B to C. in C. Med).

S.C. 666.

Departure.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 302330B to Admty. etc).

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MESSAGE.

IN.

From A.F.H.Q. Algiers.

No T.O.O./30th June.

Date. 30.6.43.

Rec'd. 1305.

CYPHER.

Addressed. The War Office, Agwar. Repeated.
C.in.C. Middle East, Force 141.

Cite FHGBI signed Eisenhower.

From G.2. Additional details Lampedusa
as follows.

1. Garrison morale higher than Pantelleria.
Possibly due lesser weight bombs dropped.

2. Eleven out of thirty three guns
neutralised by splinters and debris. None
destroyed outright by bombs.

3. General organisation defences exactly
same as Pantelleria. Milmart controlled Dicat
and Fam with 3 CD btys, 3 DP 24. and one .MG ...
Raggruppamento, consisting 7-15 two mm 10-90 mm,
12-76 mm and 4-75 mm field guns. Static defence
forces consisted 3 MG companies manning system
pillboxes strong points and trenches along whole
coast line covered by continuous belt double
apron wire. In addition mobile counter attack
force in reserve. No (rpt no) dummy guns.

No T.O.O./30th.

Copies to: S of S. S.D.I.
 C.I.G.S. D.R.A.
 V.C.I.G.S. D.P.W.
 D.C.I.G.S. A.G.Stats
 A.C.I.G.S. D.Air
 A.G. Air Co-ord
 Q.M.G. D. Research
 V.Q.M.G. SA/AC
 D.M.O. C.C.O.
 D.D.M.O.(O) (H) Admiralty
 D.Plans (2) (War Reg)
 M.O.1.3.4. Air Min.
 D.M.I. (A.M.C.S.)
 D.D.M.I.(I) (P/W)
 M.I.3.3b.3.10.14.17.19.
 D.S.D. S of S. for
 Foreign Affairs
 F.O.(Mr. Cavendish Bentinck)
 Brig Jacob (W.C.O.)
 C.O.S.S.A.C. (Maj. Gen. White Foord)
 I.S.(O).

1st Lord	D of P.(3)
1st S.L.(2)	M.(2)
4th S.L.	I.P.(5)
5th S.L.	C.N.I.
V.C.N.S.	W.D.
A.C.N.S.(F)	D.N.I.(5)
A.C.N.S.(A) (2)	Kd. Blake
A.C.N.S.(W)	D.D.O.D.(M)
A.C.N.S.(UT) (2)	A.L.O.
D.A.W.T.	D.A.U.D.
U.W.R.	D.A/S.W.
O.D.(5)	
C.C.L.S.	
O.I.C.(3)	
Ops.(3)	

cc.

Leon E. I.
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MESSAGE

300326Z/June IN

From 222 Group.

Date 30.6.43.

Cypher

Recd. 1919B

Addressed: Air Ministry Whitehall. Repeated: Air H.Q.
East Africa, H.Q.R.A.F. Middle East, Air H.Q.
India.

Flying Boats, Indian Ocean

IMPORTANT

MS 14467. Part 1.

A.726 30th June Secret.

Recommendations requested para 9 your AX 192 25 June as follows.

Para.2. Your para 1 flying boat requirements now clearly? agreed advanced bases for Wellingtons require no special action as they can operate from any aerodrome accommodating S.A.A.F. Ventura Sqdns. (1) Probable locations would be St. Albans? and Lombazi?.

Para 3. Maintenance and Admin R.A.F. Units in South Africa to remain responsibility Balm?. Requirements for operational control staff. 1 Air Commodore 1 Group Captain 1 Wing Commander or S/Ldr. Admin? (Liaison with Balm) 1 Sqdn Leader training and tactics 4 Sqdn Leader Controllers 4 Flight Lieutenant Assistant Controllers who may be W.A.A.S. 1 Flight Lieutenant 2 Flying Officer Intelligence minimum posts to be filled initially by R.A.F. W.Y.Y.F.? Should have latest experience Coastal Command are Air Commodore S/L Tactics? 2 Controllers F/Lt. Intelligence provided that remainder can be satisfactorily found from S.A.A.F. Drew is acceptable in Higher Air Commodore or Group Captain Post.

Para 4. Your para 5 minimum scale requirements marine craft for (A) main bases accommodating 1 Sqdn. 1 Pinnace 2 Scaplane Tenders 4 marine tenders 3 refuellers 3 bomb crews? 3 dumb dinghies 1 fire fighting launch.

Part 2.

For two Sqdns. Main base add one scaplane tender two bomb scows three marine tenders two (Dubb - As received) dinghies one refueller.

(B) Advanced base of three flying boats one refueller one bomb scow one marine tender one power dinghy this should be doubled for six boats to ensure full operational effort. Add scaplane tender where bad sea or wind conditions. This applies to Seychelles Mauritius Tulcar Langebaan Pamiazi Addu Atoll. Order of Priority for advanced bases Seychelles Mauritius Tulcar Langebaan Masirah St. Lucim Male (Cqconada - As received) Bombay Pamiazi Cochin Dar Es Salaam Calcutta. Above recommendations not intended as final establishment which will be greater than these minimum requirements.

/5.....

5. Your Para 7. Jiwani can already accommodate six Amphibians or 8 Tollingt as on detachment basis. Consider this adequate.

6. Your Para.8. As modified by your AX.220? or AX.290 26 June. If latter gives final policy considerable part? flying training will be necessary in sqdns. In? operational boats before second pilots can be of any use.

300326Z

1st Lord
1st S.L.(2)
D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(A)
A.C.N.S.(F)
A.C.N.S.(W)
A.C.N.S.(UT)(2)
U.V.R.
D. of P.(3)
Ops.(3)
O.D.(5)
D.N.I.(5)
D.N.A.O.
D.N.V.T.
D.A.C.R.(2)
D.A.E.(2)
Air Br.
D. of L.D.(3)
D.A/S.W.
I.P.(3)
W.D.
D.T.S.D.
O.I.C.(3)
C.C.L.S.
A.L.O.
M.(2)

Received from Air Ministry
0020/1

Air Ministry Circulation.

Internal.

G.A.S.
V.C.A.S.
A.M.S.O.(2)
D.O.Ops.
D. of O.
D. of P.
D.G.E.
D.G.O.
O.F.
A.C.A.S.(Ops)
A.C.A.S.(P)
D. of Plans.
D. of Policy (Action)(2)
D.O.N.C.
D.W.O.
A.D.O.(A)
D.D.O.2.
Plans AS
F.5.B.
D.G.W.
W.3.
A.S.P.3.(2)
E.14.
S.9.(0)
A.I.2.B.
A.S.P.4.
A.M.C.S.(C) File

External

Admiralty (War Registry)(2)

d. In Sicily, Messina was the chief target. Here U.S. Wellingtons on night 28/29th June attacked the Ferry Terminus and Marshalling Yards while the following night 64 Wellingtons repeated the attack.

e. On 30th June, 72 B-25's, Mitchells raided Sciacca Airdrome. The same day small formations attacked airfields at Bocca Di Falco, Borizzo and Trapani.

4. Political

a. To emphasize the tendency toward appeasement in the political Military situation, General Bouscat has just been designated Air Commander in Chief for both Giraud and De Gaulle Military Forces.

b. The Military Committee has been completed by the nominations of Vice-Admiral Collinet for Naval Forces in North and West Africa, and Rear-Admiral Aubouneau for other territorial waters. Therefore, the permanent Military Committee is composed of Generals Giraud, De Gaulle, Juin, Laminat, Bouscat, Vice-Admiral Collinet and Rear-Admiral Aubouneau.

c. Special measures have been adopted to cover the absence of one of the co-presidents of the National Committee of Liberation which concerns the projected trip of General Giraud to the United States.

d. General Catroux as Governor General of Algeria, has been given full police and administrative powers.

e. M. Pierre Charles Counerie has been named to succeed M. Boisson as Governor General of French West Africa. Although he comes from the De Gaulle controlled Colony of the Cameroons, of the Committee he was the unanimous choice.

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Recd. in War Reg. a.m./4th July.

Advance Copy D.C., D.O.D.(F), D.D.I.C.

1st Lord.	D.D.I.C.(2).	D. of P.(Q)(2).
1st S.L.(2).	D. of P.(2).	S.O.F.(V)(4).
4th S.L.	D.C.(2).	D.G.D.
5th S.L.	Hd. of M.(2).	
V.C.N.S.	D.N.I.(4).	
A.C.N.S.(A)(2).	I.P.(2).	
A.C.N.S.(F)(2).	D.P.D.	
A.C.N.S.(W).	C.N.I.	
Sec.	W.D.	
P.A.S.(S).	Ad. Blake.	
U.W.R.	D.D.O.D.(M).	
D.O.D.(F)(2).	D.A./W.T.	
D.O.D.(H)(2).	D.D.O.D.(C).	

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East Indies.

Movements. Departure AMRITSAR escorting JAMES GUTHRIE.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 300156Z.)
Arrival 0240Z/30th June. SCOUT escorting
H.T. WINGSANG.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 300243Z.)
Departure 1218Z/30th SCOUT.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 301249Z.)

Flying Provision of bases, marine craft, control staffs.
Boats, (222 Group, 300326Z to Air Min.)
Indian See Lion Copy.
Ocean.

EASTERN Transport EASTERN PRINCE sailed 30th June, E.T.A.
PRINCE. Zanzibar 13th July. Embarked Polish refugees
(numbers).
(S.T.O. Karachi, 300401Z to Brit. Consul Beira.)

Operation SUFFOLK, RELENTLESS will remain in vicinity T
"Player". till 2000Z/1st July. Operation "Player" your
2050 refers, weather report.
(SUFFOLK, 300621Z to C. in C. E.F., (R) F.O.
4th C.S., Admty.)

Movements. Departure BERAR escorting SS. TANFIELD as far
as Colombo.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 300650Z.)

Force Following is a repetition of my part 1, T.O.O.
Commanders. 281525 and part 2 final of T.O.O. 281539.
Admty. 292012 (W.R. signal requesting
repetition) refers. (Begins): C. in C. E.F.,
(R) Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O. Ceylon; from

F.L.O. (I).
Para. I. F.O. Ceylon's 251203 June. I am still of opinion
that S.O.A.S.C. should have direct communication with D.G.S.R.,
F.O.C.R.I.N., D.C.O. India and Naval Force Commander. Were
he under SALSETTE this would not obtain.
2. Ref. para. 4 under reply, do not think this should present
undue difficulties.
3. Ref. para. 5 under reply, situation has changed since all
training is now vested in the Force Commanders I.E.F.
4. The essential here was to get some machinery going before
the arrival of the temporary Naval Force Commander, the time
factor being all important. With reference to para. 3 of F.O.
Ceylon's 270441 June for the present I recommend S.O.A.S.C.
works independently until arrival of Permanent Force Commander
or until Commodore Allen has had time personally to visit
Bombay.

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Force
Commanders.
(Contd.)

5. I regret misunderstanding referred to in F.O. Ceylon's para. 1 after discussions here during his recent visit I understood agreement regarding functions of BRAGANZA, SALSETTE S.O.A.S.C. was reached in principle.
6. Admty. pass to Admiral Somerville.
(F.L.O. India, 300849Z to C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O. Ceylon.)

Operation
"Player".

X Situation report 0001Z/30th June.
1. Surface forces (? and) SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS approaching position T to commence searching area at daylight 30th June. Will have to leave area p.m. tomorrow 1st July to fuel

at Port Louis. No report.

2. C.S.4 in NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE, E.T.A. Tulear 1400C/30th June for fuel.

3. SUSSEX returning from escort duty approx. position 023° S. 078° E. E.T.A. Port Louis a.m./3rd July for fuel.

4. NIZAM on passage to Durban.

(2) Air Force.

Air search of Area A continued during daylight 29th June. At 1118C/29th aircraft reported A.S.V. contact probable submarine in 031° 06' S. 050° 06' E. (? Amplifying) report not yet received. No sighting.

(3) Weather conditions.

1. Area A - Wind North, 20 knots, visibility 15 - 20 miles.

2. Position S - Moderate sea, long moderate swell, wind North-west up to force 6, average visibility 6 miles.

(C. in C. E.F., 300942Z to Admty., C. in C. S.A., C.S.4, Air H.Q. E.Af., 246 Wing.)

Unsuitable weather conditions in vicinity of position S coupled with D/F fixing of German U-Boat obtained at 2034Z/29th June (? prove) view that fuelling unlikely to be in progress in southern area. Continued lack of sighting reports from Area A make this area also improbable.

2. Intentions. Operation "Player". Surface forces.

1. SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS to continue search in vicinity of position T to p.m./1st July thence Port Louis for fuel.

2. NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE after fuelling Tulear to proceed towards position T to arrive daylight 3rd July.

3. Air Force (1) 2 long range Catalinas being sent to Mauritius to arrive 1st July and 2nd July respectively.

(2) 2 Catalinas from Tulear arrive Mauritius 1st July.

(3) Latter 2 Catalinas to carry out days search of area B 120 miles square centre on position T from days 2nd July.

(4) Days air search of area A to be continued with one Catalina.

(C. in C. E.F., 301321 to Admty., (R) C. in C. S.A., C.S.4, RACEHORSE, SUFFOLK, RELENTLESS, ARBUTUS, N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 246 Wing, Air H.Q.E.Af.)

My 240135. Operation "Player" may be discontinued.

(V.C.N.S., 302044B to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.)

/Operation ...

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Operation "Player". (Contd.) X Operation "Player" is terminated.
2. NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE return to Kilindini through Mozambique Channel.

3. SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS proceed to Port Louis to fuel SUFFOLK thence to Kilindini, RELENTLESS thence to Durban to rejoin S.A.

Escort Force.

4. C.S.4, SUFFOLK and RELENTLESS report E.T.As. in due course.
5. 246 Wing requested to arrange return of Hudsons detached from B.

6. C. in C. S.A. requested to arrange operational control of Mozambique detachment to be resumed by (A).O.S Capetown as from 0800Z July 1st.

(C. in C. E.F., 302351Z to C.S.4, SUFFOLK, 246 Wing, C. in C. S.A., (R) NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS, N.O.I.C. Durban, N.O.I.C. Mauritius, Admty., Air H.E.E.Af.)

Appreciation of U/B situation, Routeing of M/Vs. A.M. 291611 para. 2 and my 290856 para. 4 and 5. No objection adoption of approach route 1 from Saturday 3rd July. Request you will confirm.
2. Intend to divert southbound ships which could reach approach route 1 by daylight Saturday July 3rd accordingly.

3. My 290856 para. 6 request confirmation your intention to resume normal routeing vide M.E.I.R.A. IIA from Saturday 3rd July accordingly. Intend to take parallel action as regards southbound ships.

(C. in C. E.F., 300814 to C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Durban.)

DIPAVATI,
EASTERN
PRINCE.

DIPAVATI unable to keep speed owing heavy weather EASTERN PRINCE proceeding to R/V independently from sunset. C. in C. E.F.'s 290653 refers. DIPAVATI returning Karachi. (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 300946Z to KENYA, Admty., C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., F.O.I.C. Ceylon, S.O.(I) Bombay.)

Force X.

X Route for Force X from Aden.
(A) 012° 35' N. 051° 10' E. (B) 010° 40' N. 052° 05' E. (C) 003° 20' N. 049° 10' E. (D) 003° 20' S. 041° 55' E. thence Kilindini.

2 British destroyers will R/V at daylight on 12th July and provide A/S escort to Kilindini.

(2) Ships should arrive at the examination anchorage at quarter hour intervals in the following order:-

1. F.S. TOURVILLE. 2. F.S. DUGUAY-TROUIN. 3. F.S. LORRAINE.
4. F.S. DUQUESNE. 5. F.S. SUFFREN.

GEORGETOWN, F.S. LORRAINE to arrive at examination anchorage at 1125C/12th July.

(4) Pilots will board ship(s) while underway in examination anchorage.

/(5) Ships ...

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Force X. (Contd.) (5) Ships will be berthed as follows: F.S. DU-QUESNE and F.S. SUFFREN alongside starboard side to, remainder at single anchor.
 (6) My 280621 June refers.
 (C. in C. E.F., 301318Z to N.O.I.C. Aden, (R) F.O.E.Af., Admty., F.O.R.S.C.A.)

Disposition U.S. Pacific Fleet. Changes in disposition of U.S. Pacific Fleet. A.M. 231629 refers.
 CONCORD, MOBILE, INDEPENDENCE, PRINCE WILLIAM at sea.
 (D.O.D.(F), 301326B to C. in C. E.F.)

Ceylon Movement Summary Number 57 30th June. 1. AGRA arrived Bombay 29th June.
 2. AMRITSAR escorting one ship left Madras 30th June for Calcutta.
 3. BALTA arrived Trincomalee 30th June.
 4. BARODA escorting B.M.56 leaves Bombay 1st July for Colombo.
 5. BATHURST left Aden 28th June for Hormuz.
 6. BENGAL and ORISSA escorting B.P.85 left

Bombay 26th June for Khor Kuwait 1st July.
 7. BERAR escorting one ship leaves Calcutta 30th June for Colombo.
 8. BOMBAY and KONKAN escorting P.B.46 left Khasab Bay 29th June due Bombay 5th July.
 9. CARNATIC escorting A.P.35 left Aden 29th June for Khor Kuwait.
 10. CORNWALLIS escorting I.A. ship left Cochin 29th June due Bombay 2nd July.
 11. 6th May cancel reference 6 summary 56 of 23rd June.
 12. KUMAON and KATHIAWAR due Bombay 1st July from Seychelles.
 13. LAUNCESTON and PUNJAB escorting P.A.43 left Khor Kuwait 26th June due Aden 2nd July.
 14. ILAHOORE arrived Izag 24th June.
 15. NETRAVATI escorting one ship leaves Cochin 30th June for Bombay.
 16. POONA escorting one ship left Cochin 29th June due Colombo 1st July.
 17. RATNAGIRI left Karachi 27th June for Horn.
 18. SCOUT escorting one ship left Colombo 27th June due Addu Atoll 30th June.
 19. SHILLONG escorting one ship left Calcutta 27th June due Madras 1st July.
 20. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN escorting M.B.39 left Colombo 28th June due Bombay 2nd July.
 21. TOOWOOMBA arrived Khor Kuwait 15th June.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 301436 to Admty., etc.)

Raider Report. X Following has been read: Addressed Colombo from Diego Garcia. Merchant ship raider report from (KERI) DANIEL BOONE, position 30.16 S. (portion missed) 100 10 East (portion missed).
 (Colombo W/T, 301521Z to Admty.)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 29th. Arrivals FORT WILLIAM
Ex B.W.35. Departures TEXADA, FLINT, NORTHERN
SKY, LADY MADELEINE to S.C.135. STRATFORD,
ADHERENT to assist SS. IMPERIAL VALLEY.
M.L.052 to St. Pierre.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 300035Z)

Kingston arrival U.S.C.G. VIGILANT.
(N.O.I.C. Jamaica, 300600Q)
Arrival SASKATOON, KENORA, B.Y.M.S. 240 E.S.C. S.H.89.
(C. Halifax, 301244)
U.S.A.T. SCOTIA. Dutch Harbour E.T.A. 2nd July Coasta.
(Kodiak, 301729)
Argentia 30th. Departures 0700Z. DUNCAN, VIDETTE,
TAY, LOOSESTRIFE, SNOWFLAKE, SUNFLOWER to S.C.135. 1600Z
BITER, PELICAN, JED. WEAR, SPEY.
(Capt. (D) Argentia, 301801Z)

STRIKER, New York arrived 28 June STRIKER and SEARCHER
SEARCHER. from Norfolk.
(N.S.H.Q. 290250Z)

BUXTON damaged. Collided U.S. S/M while
damaged. leaving pier 10 Staten Island. Pierced number
in B.110 and 112 oil fuel tanks port side.
collision. Extent of damage unknown. Request survey.
Oil leaking harbour.
(BUXTON, 300847Z to C.E.S.F., C. in C. C.N.A.
Com. 3rd N.D. New York.)

QUEEN Departure Bermuda QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE, ORIBI,
ELIZABETH, BENTINCK, BLACKWOOD, DRURY and BAZELY in
Escorts. accordance with N.O.B. Bermuda, 292237.
(S.B.N.O. W.At. 301237P to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.,
B.A.D., C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. Plymouth,
C. in C. W.A.)

PURSUER. Norfolk arrived 28th June.
(N.S.H.Q. 301314Z to Admty)

N.S.H.Q. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa estimate of S/M North of
S/M 040° North West of 040° W. 1200Z June 30th
Estimate. (N.S.H.Q. 301424Z)

B.Y.M.S. RR Compliance Cominch 152237 about 1200Q
July 1st proceed New York via Macri Convoy.
Arrival report Comeastseafon onward routeing.
Do not operate at speed above 1,000 RPM.
(?Connav, 301511 to B.Y.M.S. 49, 50, 155.
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Dispositions /...

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Dispositions. Section East B.W.36, THREE RIVERS, SARNIA, 046° (08') 058° 39' 106° 7.5 altering to 082° in 045° 47' N. and to 083° in 054° 31' W.
ST. KENAN returning Sydney (C.B) ex escorting

B.W.36.

First escort group vicinity 046° 42' 054° 29' to join S.C.135 in 048° 08' N. 045° 00' W.

B (?7) 047° 21' 051° 29' to join S.C.135 in 046° 20' 046° 41'.

W.B.28, MALPEQUE, 047° 08' 052° 37' 188° 7.5.

D.S.K.14 unescorted 042° 31' 052° 25' 075° 10.

S.C.135 W.3 045° 57' 050° 40' (089°) 7.5 altering to 033° in 047° 00' W.

O.N.S.11, B4, W4, 045° 46' 044° 02' 253° 7 altering to 259° in 043° (00') W.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 301530Z)

Section South West.

H.X.246. W.9 departed 039° 51' N. 073° 01' W. 2200Z/30th steering 089° altering to 055° in (067°) 02' W. 10 knots.

B.X.60. W.5 departed 042° 23' N. 070° 42' W. 2100Z/30th steering 054° altering to 085° in 042° 31' N. 9 knots.

CYRUS FIELD, TRAIL effecting cable repairs in the vicinity of 040° 36' N. 067° 03' W.

F.H.63 INGONISH, QUESNEL 043° 19' 066° 18' 150° 7.5 altering to 085° in 042° 57' N. and to 052° in 065° 09' W. to 044° 05'

N. 063° 17' W. thence Halifax.

H.S. 93 A, CLAYOQUOT departs Halifax 2100Z/30th steering 065° from 044° 08' N. 063° 16' W. altering to 000° in 060° 44' W.

to 045° 24' N. 060° (044') W. thence to Pictou N.S. via Gutof Canso, Port Philip 040° 37' 061° 20' 264° 8.

(C. in C. C.N.A. 301600Z)

NIGERIA. NIGERIA expected to be ready to leave Charleston on Tuesday 6th July for Norfolk V.A. arriving 0900/7th July to leave for U.K. on Saturday 10th July on completion of working up practices in Chesapeake Bay. A.M.191407 refers.

(B.A.R.M. Washington, 301526Z to Admty, (R) C. in C. W.A., S.B.N.O. W.At. Area, Cominch, C. in C. The Nore, C. in C. H.F.

NIGERIA, A.S. Chatham, C.S.10.)

QUEEN My 292237 departed 1330Z/30th. E.T.A. "Chop"
ELIZABETH (corrupt group) longitude 047° 00' W. 0600Z/3rd.
and 5 Ends.
Destroyers. (Bermuda, C.C.O. 301543P)

A.T.54. Departure New York 1230 July 1st Ambrose Point
(SS. QUEEN 1330Z July 1st. SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH A.T.54.
ELIZABETH) Clyde. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 2200Z July 6th. S.of A.
26.3 knots. (Route). Dawn R/V at 0400Z
July 6th in 54.45 N. 15.03 W. V.56.30 11.58 W.
W.56.29.08.31 W. Thence in accordance instruc-
tions C. in C. W.A. Fighter protection codeword "Bellows"
with associated three number call sign 175. "Chop" 1330Z/3rd
July.
(P.D. New York, 301546 to Cominch C. & R (R) Admty. etc.)

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T.O. Convoys. T.O.6 affirmative in include examiner. Limit of T.O. convoys is 8 ships. (Cominch C. and R, 301552Z to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C.M.S.F. Admty)

Overdue Ships, arrival. S.O.(I) Jamaica's 291019. Request Admiralty may be informed of arrivals of overdue ships as Lloyds' agent states CANANOVA arrived Nassau 21st April from Puerto Rico. Your 0741Z/2nd March refers. (Admty, 301619B to N.S.H.Q.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 301625Z)

"Chop" Line. Your 182050 June. Concur in proposed amendment to "Chop" line between E.F. and S.W. Pacific areas. (A.C.N.S.(U.T), 301630Z to Cominch (C. and R), (R) C. in C. E.F.)

ADHERENT, IMPERIAL VALLEY. Following for C.G.R.T. my 291335. H.M.R.T. ADHERENT arrived St. Johns 301258 ex search for IMPERIAL VALLEY. IMPERIAL VALLEY proceeding under own steam. (F.O.N.F. 301645Z to Admty)

LADY NELSON. Hospital Ship LADY NELSON 13.5 sails Halifax 1600Z/July 3rd to Algiers. Intend routeing to 43 N. 60 W. thence Great circle to 36.N. 9 W. thence Gibraltar for Onward Routeing. Request your remarks. (C. in C. C.N.A. 301829Z to Cominch C. and R., Admty (R) C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

S.C.135, Depth Charges. S.C.135. Your 271802. Request confirmation whether MARGARITA, CHANDRIS and IOANNIS FRANGOS fitted with improvised stowage for 30 and 20 depth charges respectively are carrying depth charges available to escorts in this convoy. (D.T.D. 301903B to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) C. in C. W.A., B.A.D.)

Employment of French Units. XYour N.O.255/43 of 1st June. Concur generally in recommendations in C.P.S.67/1 (except submarines, which will be dealt with separately), and in particular in para. 10 which is an essential condition of taking these ships in hand. (2) We consider, however, that the possible employment in Far Eastern Theatre of MONTCALM, GLOIRE, GEORGES LEYGUES, EMILE BERTIN and BEARN (as aircraft transport) should not be excluded in view of their endurance. All French

Cruisers/...

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of French
Units.
(Contd.)Cruisers could well serve in Indian Ocean west
of 80° E. where they could relieve British
cruisers on escort work when the latter are
needed for operations further East.
(V.C.N.S. 301905B to B.A.D.)CAPETOWN
CASTLE.On arrival of vessel at New York actual numbers
of P.O.W. were found to differ from those given
in S.T.O. Capetown 220815 May and 311548 May.
This necessitated entire revision of arrangements
at time of disembarkation with consequent delays
and loss of security. (3) Request that in future correct
breakdown be obtained and signalled well in advance of arrival
of vessel.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 301937Z to D. of S.T.)Convoy
X.B.60.Boston section arrived 301725Z. Cape Cod Canal
Section arrived 301915Z.
(P.D. Boston, 301945 to Cominch etc.)

BAYNTUN.

P.C. and S. 2000Z/30th 045° 55' N. 046° 40' W.
258° 16 knots. E.T.A. Boston 1500Z/3rd July.
(BAYNTUN, 302012Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)Spanish
Fishing
Newfound-
land.X Your 280955B Concur. (2) Propose (A) Name to be
painted on ship's side. (B) Lights to be exhibited
in accordance with International Regulations for
preventing collisions at sea.
(N.S.H.Q. 302036Z to Admty (R) C. in C. C.N.A.,
Cominch, C. in C. W.A., N.A. Madrid.)

GLOIRE.

Arrival Trinidad 30th. French Cruiser GLOIRE.
(S.B.N.O.Trinidad, 30204Z to S.B.N.O.W.At.)Sub attack
and
sighting
summary.All times Z. Para. D.K.9 has made contact 35.21 N.
74.38 W. 301210. Sub reported 46.52 N. 55.22 W.
291910.
(Cominch, 302052Z to Admty)

ST. FRANCIS.

As soon as situation justifies request ST.FRANCIS
be ordered direct to Halifax for retubing.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 302134Z to C. in C. W.A. (R)
F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q., ITCHEN, ST. FRANCIS.)U/B's
attacked,
assessments.Your 290219Z. Confirmed that under para. 2(c)
of A.M.872A of 13th May attacks by U.S. forces
and by forces other than British operating in
Australian waters under American control will
not be assessed by A.C.N.B.
(D.A/S.W. 302142B to B.A.D.(R) A.C.N.B.)

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- O.N.188. Convoy O.N.188. 42 ships arrived June 26th. First arrival 1607Z. Last arrival 1948Z. All ships accounted for. (P.D. New York, 262216Z to CominchC. and R.)
- A.T.53. Convoy A.T.53. Request you will sail AQUITANIA (AQUITANIA). from New York when ready (about 8th July) to Clyde. (2) Cominch, C. & R. is requested to allot fighter protection codeword. (D.O.D.(H), 302231B to B.A.D.etc)
- Movements. Arrivals San Francisco 28th PRESIDENT POLK and RICHARD MARCH, HOE, Both U.S.A.T. Departure 28th BLOEMFONTEIN (U.S.A.T.) for San Diego. (N.S.H.Q. 302345Z to Admty)

Australia and New Zealand.

- Kiwi No.76. Enemy bomber reported Swablow Islands morning 29th course West. 13 Dauntlesses 9 Avengers attacked Munda morning 27th another force 12 Dauntlesses 7 Avengers bombed Vila. Only one A/A position left active Munda hits on runway dispersal Penst at Vila runway gun barracks hit. 23 Wildcats provided escort both forces. Lightnings machine gunned Rekara Bay area results not reported. Ship heard NW. course early morning 28th N. Vella Lavella. My 75 Ota Strait ships were Sampans. Photos Buin 27th show 2 auxiliaries several barges. Five A/S vessels sighted 47 miles S.W. Buk p.m. 27th. Two Marus Matchin Bay South of passage same date. (C.W.R. Wellington, 300002Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty etc.)
- Movements. Arrivals Brisbane 29th FREMANTLE, U.S.S. KAILUA, Milne Bay 28th, BENALLA Fremantle 29th U.S.S. CHANTICLEER. Departures Darwin 29th. CASTLE-MAINE, INVERELL for Thursday I. Townsville 29th (? GILMER or DRAYTON) U.S. Dr.SANDS for Milne Bay. (A.C.N.B. 300754Z)
- Arrivals 29 June Fremantle. Hospital ship MAUNGANUI, BOWEN, A.S.I.C. POYANG 30th Townsville U.S. Transport BOTH A.S.I.S. YUNNAN, departed Townsville 30th for Flinders Group U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN, departed Cairns 30th due Thursday Island 3 July thence Meruke U.S. Transport CREMER departed Townsville 28th due Brisbane 2nd July H/T TAROONA departed Townsville 29

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Australia and New Zealand.

Movements
(Contd.)

arrived Cairns 30th R.A.F.A. KURUMBA arrived
and departed Townsville 29th due Thursday Island
2nd July thence Darwin.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 301629Z)

Digest
serial
No.526
June 29th.

(2) One destroyer, 2 small merchant vessels sighted
55 miles South Cape St. George course 330° mid-
day 29th. (3) Morning photos reveal 1 patrol
craft, 3 small merchantmen, 6 coasters also usual
barge concentration at Wewak. (6) Delayed report
states 6 Bostons attacked enemy barge hideouts
Labu Lagoon with unobserved results afternoon 27th.
(7) Same day 27,000 ton merchantman, 2 auxiliaries observed at
Koepang.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A, 300940Z)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 301251B)

One about 250 miles W.N.W. of Freetown from
sighting 30th June. D/F at 2012Z/29 in
locality of 28° 04' S. 57° 03' E. may indicate
that some or all of the U-Boats recently
operating off South African coast may now be
operating against shipping routes passing
South-East of Madagascar and may mostly be
between the southern part of Madagascar and the
position of this D/F.
(D.D.I.C. 301252B)