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

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

- (a) Movements of H.M. Ships (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (23 February 1940).
- (b) Western Approaches (daily) Situation Reports (1 September 1943).
- (c) Dispositions and Movements (Foreign Stations) (1 September 1943).
- (d) Convoy Returns (Positions of convoys and composition of escorts, positions of independent ships and H.M. ships: from Combined Plot) (1 March 1941).
- (e) Daily Convoy Summary (Report made by Admiralty to Connav, giving arrivals and departures, with composition of convoy) (21 June 1943).
- (f) Air Staff Operational Summary (prepared by Air Ministry War Room) (1 July 1941, No.222)
- (g) Daily Operations Report for First Lord (prepared by Operations Division, Naval Staff) (13 September 1959).
- (h) List of abbreviations.
- (i) List of Convoy letters.

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SITUATION REPORT.

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Escorted
U/Bs
homeward
bound.

1. Two destroyers and 2 German U-Boats were sighted in 44.35 N. 08.45 W. (60 miles north-west of Cape Ortegá) on an easterly course proceeding at 10 knots at 0818B today. C. in C. Plymouth considered it probable that they would steer for position 45.02 N. 02.28 W. STUBBORN and SCYLLA proceeded to intercept. At 1340 a Liberator reported 2 destroyers, 3 submarines and 4 aircraft (presumably the same force) in 44.13 N. 07.15 W. (40 miles north-east of Cape Ortegá) steering eastward at 10 knots. The escorting Ju.88s drove off the Liberator. 4 Beaufighters were sent to SCYLLA.

K.M.F.19.

2. Troop convoy K.M.F.19 left the Clyde today for Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

3. Aircraft of Fighter Command, some armed with bombs, made successful attacks today on shipping off the Hook, 3 merchant ships and 4 minesweepers being damaged, one seriously.

Operation
S.N. 222A.

4. R.A.(M) returned to Port ZA this morning with PORT QUEBEC, CASTLETON and NEWARK in company. GLASGOW, MENESTHEUS and LANCASTER proceeded to Scapa.

South Atlantic.

5. Until further orders ships normally forming C.N. (Capetown north and west bound) and N.C. convoys are to be sailed independently unescorted.

6. The small Brazilian ship TUTOIA is reported to have been torpedoed and sunk at 0100Z today in 24.40 S. 47.05 W. (about 240 miles S.W. of Rio de Janeiro). Survivors landed on the coast of Brazil near Igape.

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Mediterranean.

X 7. R.F.A. OLIGARCH (6894 tons) in Convoy G.T.X. 3 was torpedoed at 0003C today in 32.57 N. 21.10 E. north of Apollonia (40 miles W. by N. of Derna) and is making for Tobruk under her own power with HYACINTH standing by.

8. ORION and ABDIEL are on passage to Malta with D.N.C.X.F. and 12th Army Staffs.

X 9. The Mediterranean will be closed to trade convoys until the beginning of August.

10. Coastal craft carried out an offensive sweep last night off Cape San Vito and an anti-E-Boat sweep east of Cape Bon and P.T. boats from Bone operated off the west coast of Sardinia.

X 11. German type S mines have been discovered clear of Famagusta swept channel.

12. Wellingtons attacked Cagliari last night. Fires were caused in the dock area. 4 Beaufighters on an anti-shipping sweep off the west coast of Greece obtained many cannon and machine gun hits on 2 dredgers in Levkas Channel.

East Indies.

13. 15 Hurricanes made successful attacks today on water transport in the Akyab - Ramree area, sinking or damaging more than 20 sampans.

Beaufighters attacked river craft between Sagaing and Yenangyaung, damaging 2 small steamers and many sampans.

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Australia and New Zealand.

Solomon
Islands.

14. Allied fighters shot down 22 enemy aircraft over Rendova this morning.

By this evening U.S. Marines captured Viru harbour at the southern end of New Georgia, where they landed yesterday.

U/B sunk.

15. G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. report that U.S. destroyer RADFORD sank a surfaced Japanese I class submarine by gunfire in Blanche Strait (between New Georgia and Rendova) this evening.

Russian
SS. NOGIN
seized.

16. The Navy Department, Washington, has received a Soviet report that the Russian SS. NOGIN has been seized by the Japanese en route from Petropavlovsk to Vladivostok.

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Policy.

DAUNTLESS. DAUNTLESS has been allocated for service as Training cruiser for C.W. candidates on completion of minimum refit and repairs.
(V.C.N.S. 011107B to C. in C. Nore.)

26th Trawler Group. A.M. 272214A March. The 26th M/S A/S Trawler group has joined the Plymouth Command. PROSPECT, DOCHET, and PORCHER, of this group have only been worked up in M/S operations which is understood to be Portland's main requirement. It is proposed, therefore, if you concur, to seek Admiralty's approval to retain GWEAL, SCALPAY, and ULVA, who are now fully trained in escort duties, and send the 26th Trawler group complete with LUNDY to Portland, and Portland to send NEAVE of the 22nd group to Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 011655B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

Movements.

S/M movements. My 292225B sailed. (ULA).
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 010719B.)
ALECTO and SYRTIS leaving Loch Dunvegan at 1600B/4th West of Orkneys to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1600/5.
(Capt. S.3. 011119B.)
My 301645. SYRTIS and ALECTO. E.T.A. and E.T.D. Loch Dunvegan 1600B/4th. Amend para 2 to read North of Oigh Sgeleir.
(Capt. S.12. 011445B.)
Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/2 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 011644, 020557B, 021356B.)
My 301645B. X-Type S/M may be encountered proceeding independently either on the surface or submerged in Minches between 058° 25' and 057° 15' from 1200B/4th.
(Capt. S.12. 011745B and 021050B.)
Sheerness. Departure at 1803B H.28 escorted by M.L.202 to join C.W.190.
(C. in C. Nore 011824B.)

BELFAST. Scapa arrival BELFAST.
(A.C.O.S. 011040B.)

LA MALOUINE. Corvette K.46 (LA MALOUINE) wrong reply received 49° 50' N. 08° 24' E. (sic).
(A/C 19 Group, Duty N. 011055B to 19 Group.)

GLASGOW. Scapa arrival at 010836B GLASGOW.
(A.C.O.S. 011057B.)

ONSLow, OBdurate, ORwell. Capt. D.17 in ONSLOW with OBdurate, ORwell proceed passing Switha 0600B/3rd. to comply with C. in C. H.F. 301708.
(R.A.D. 011102B to D.17.)

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Movements - Contd.

- SHROPSHIRE. Southbound July 1st Departure SHROPSHIRE escorted by WORCESTER. Speed on passage 18 knots to B.8 buoy, thence 23 knots. E.T.As. 1000B/2nd. (C. in C. Nore 01119B to C. in C. H.F.)
- Coastal Admiralty 301449. If sailing of Coastal Craft Group H. can be delayed till July 15th LA MALOUINE and BELDA will be available as escort. (C. in C. W.A. 01119B to Admty.)
- North Atlantic Dispositions of operational units in North Atlantic dispositions. Area Iceland (C):- BERWICK, CUMBERLAND, 1 Destroyer Area Scapa:- ALABAMA, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, LONDON, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, KENT, NORFOLK, SHEFFIELD, five U.S. destroyers ten destroyers. Area Clyde:- MALAYA, EMERALD. Area Plymouth:- CHARYBDIS, 2 destroyers. Area Gibraltar:- HOWE, KING GEORGE V, NELSON, RODNEY, VALIANT, WARSPITE, FORMIDABLE, AURORA, CARLISLE, DELHI, DIDO, NEWFOUNDLAND, PENELOPE, SIRIUS, UGANDA, 22 destroyers. Area Biscay:- SCYLLA, BERMUDA. (D.O.D.H. 011133B to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)
- Water Admiralty 231340B and 261807B June. Route in Carriers A.M. Q.Z.S. 347, 389, to (a) 270° Longships 4 for miles. (b) 050° 10' N. 005° W. thence as in Med. Admiralty 1935A/30th March. (C. in C. Plymouth 011237B to N.O.I.C.Falmouth.)
- ARCHER. Your 301155 and 302308. B.1. Group is not strong enough both to screen ARCHER and act as a killer-group. This, combined with the fact that B.5. must soon return to fuel and is then required for other duty, make it appear that the employment of ARCHER in the Bay area is not justified in present circumstances. 2. Request you will cancel ARCHER's sailing with B.1. Group. (V.C.N.S. 011358B to C. in C. W.A.) My 291045 para. 1 and my 301155. ARCHER is not to join and sail with escort group B.1. (C. in C. W.A. 011557B to Cdre. D. W.A.)
- CUMBERLAND, Request you will sail CUMBERLAND for Scapa to METEOR. arrive A.M. 5th July. (2) My 291450 para. (B) After refuelling sail METEOR for Scapa. (C. in C. H.F. 011641B to BERWICK.)
- QUEEN Bermuda C.C.Os. 292120 reports QUEEN ELIZABETH, ELIZABETH. PHOEBE, ORIBI, BLACKWOOD, DRURY, BENTINCK, BAZELY, PHEOBE. departing Bermuda 1330/30th June through positions (n) 36.10 N. 58.45 W. (o) 40.15 N. 51.10 W

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QUEEN (p) 44.42 N. 40.30 W. (q) 46.50 N. 32.10 W.
 ELIZABETH, (r) 48.10 N. 26.50 W. (s) 49.30 N. 16.30 W.
 PHOEBE. (t) 49.55 N. 02.35 W. ~~there~~ destination Plymouth.
 (Contd.) Speed of advance 15.7. E.T.A. 1000/8. Times Z.
 (D.O.D.H. 011743B.)

MOORFLY. Cancel A.M. 301438 June. Sail MOORFLY when ready.
 (D.O.D.H. 011810B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

JASON. JASON sailed 2000B in company U.S.S.R. RAZUMNI
 and light craft escorting Russian ship TBILISI to
 Dvina Bar, E.T.A. 0800B/3.
 (S.B.N.O. North Russia 012004B to S.B.N.O.
 Archangel.)

FURIOUS. Your 271242. Intend FURIOUS arrive Liverpool
 bar light vessel a.m. 16th July.
 (C. in C. H.F. 012256B to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Operations.

Operation "Musketry". X At 2127B/30th STUBBORN sighted 2 U-Boats and 5
 Route mine-sweepers, P.C.S. 047° 11' N. 004° 40' W.
 "Blood." 270° 11'.
 (F.O.S. 010439B to S/Ms.)
 Following received from STUBBORN begins:-
 S.3, 2 U-Boats and 5 Minesweepers P.C.S. 47° 11'
 04° 40' 270° 11'.
 T.O.O. 302127B. Ends.
 (F.O.S. 010447B to Admty.)
 2 U-Boats and 5 M/S reported in 047° 11' N. 004° 40' W.
 course 270° 11 knots at 2137/30th.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 010705B to LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE, B.5.
 (R) SCYLLA.)
 Following temporary route established in Bay of Biscay area.
 Route "Blood" from position (T) 049° N. 007° W. to (U) 045° N.
 007° W. with corresponding bombing restrictions, vide F.S.A. 6
 appendix one.
 (F.O.S. 010711B to S/Ms.)
 2(? destroyers) and 2 S/Ms. in position LDDX 2830 (intended
 to be 044° 28' N. 08° 30' W.) course 160° speed 20 knots.
 (A/C. 248 Sqdn. Duty R. 010818 to 19 Group.)
 Am proceeding to investigate A/C report 0818B with 4
 destroyers in company. P.C.S. 044° 20' N. 010° 55' W. 110° 25
 knots.
 (SCYLLA 011001B to Admty. C. in C. Plymouth.)
 2 Destroyers and 2 U-Boats sighted position 044° 28' N. 008°
 30' W. on Easterly course, speed 13 knots, at 0818B/1st.
 Enemy turned to course 160° on being sighted by our aircraft,
 latter course probably temporary. Liberator will arrive to
 shadow at 1400B/1st.
 (C. in C. Plymouth 011055B to SCYLLA, B.5.)
 (1) Information. 2 destroyers and 2 U-Boats (German)
 sighted 044° 28' N. 008° 30' W. on easterly course at 13 knots
 at 0818B/1st. (2) It is considered probable that they will

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Operation "Musketry". steer for 045° 02' N. 002° 28' W. (3) Request STUBBORN may be directed to intercept if possible.

Route (C. in C. Plymouth 011129B to F.O.S.)

"Blood". 2 Destroyers escorting 2 S/Ms. reported by aircraft at 0818/1st in 044° 35' N. 008° 45' W. on easterly course, speed about 10 knots, believed to be proceeding towards approx. 044° 28' N. 002° 33' W.

(Contd.) (2) STUBBORN proceed forthwith to patrol vicinity 044° 33' N. 003° 01' W. (F.O.S. 011132 to S/Ms.)

My 011055B. Amend position at 0818 to read 044° 35' N. 008° 45' W. course 120° speed 10 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 011149B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

My 01129B. A/C now reported in position at 0818 044° 35' N. 008° 45' W. course 120° speed 10 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 011159B to F.O.S.)

My 011149 and 011055. More likely course of enemy is 083°. (C. in C. Plymouth 011213B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

My 011055 has been repeated to C. in C. W.A. and F.O.I.C.

Gib. Call Sign of Liberator S.8.A.O. Homing is used will be on 333 kc/s. (C. in C. Plymouth 011215B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

2 Destroyers, 3 Submarines (?) 4 A/C position 44° 13' N. 07° 52' W. course 110° speed 10 knots. (A/C 53 Sqdn. Duty O. 011340 to 19 Group.)

Following is repetition of F.O.S. 011132. (C. in C. Plymouth 011343B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

My P.C.S. at 1400B. 044° 10' N. 009° 02' W. 080° 25 knots. HAVELOCK and VOLUNTEER in company. VIMY and VISCOUNT returning insufficient fuel to continue. Message passed by (? VIMY.) (SCYLLA 011400B to Admty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

Am attacked by Ju.88. (A/C 226 Sq. No. T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 1440/1st.)

My 011055. Liberator reports being attacked by Junkers 88 at 1400B, position unknown, but probably in your close vicinity. (C. in C. Plymouth 011413B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

Aircraft now report 2 Destroyers and 3 S/Ms in 44° 13' N. 07° 52' W. at 1340/1 course 110° 10 knots. Ships probably have fighter escort. (C. in C. Plymouth 011555B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

My 011555B. Longitude should read 07° 15' W. A better course 095°.

(C. in C. Plymouth 011721B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

You may engage enemy inside territorial waters, but avoid shooting into towns and villages. (1st S.L. 011725B to SCYLLA.)

Expect four Beaufighters about 2015B but no more R/C machines

Communications. (C. in C. Plymouth 011731B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

My 301341B. When K.M.F.18 reaches 043° N. BERMUDA is to proceed patrol between 045° N. and 047° N. on meridian of 015° W. (C. in C. Plymouth 011737B to BERMUDA.)

Am rejoining BERRY. Expect to arrive Southerly End of patrol 012359B. Thence course and speed 000° 11 knots. VISCOUNT in company. (VIMY 011817B to Admty. C. in C. Plymouth.)

If nothing sighted by last light withdraw to the westward.

2. Do not go beyond 019° W. (C. in C. Plymouth 012009B to SCYLLA, B.5.)

/My...

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Operation "Musketry" Route "Blood". (Contd.) My 012009. Correct para 2 to read:- Do not go East of 004° W. (C. in C. Plymouth 012051B to SCYLLA, B.5.) My 011132. Last report received at 1340 giving 2 destroyers and 3 U-Boats in 044° 13' N. 007° 15' W., Easterly course. (F.O.S. 012234B to S/Ms.)

Coastal Force Patrols. Your 301409B. "Gibson" arrived. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 010504B to C. in C. Plymouth.) Your 301409B. "Fisher" arrived. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 010528B to C. in C. Plymouth.) Force C. M.G.Bs. 316, 329, 326, and 330 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Start 15. Leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0430B. Codeword "Bobbin". (C. in C. Plymouth 011457B.)

1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight by HOLDERNESS, LA COMBATTANTE on latitude 50° 20' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W. On patrol by 0001 and leave patrol so as to pass F. buoy inwards at 0400. 2. M.L.346, 464 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. 3. M.G.B.611,615 half hours notice at Newhaven. 4. Chasseur 13 immediate notice at St. Helens. 5. M.L.247, 182, 245 from Portland patrolling on 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. 8. Communications. A. Destroyers, Code word "Artful". M.G.Bs. if at sea, Code word "Jovial". Portland M.L. Patrol, Code word "Device".

(C. in C. Portsmouth 011511B.)

Movement Dover Area tonight. Two M.Ls. at Bullockbank. Two S.G.B. operating off West Dyckbank routed via number one and number two buoys. E.T.D. Dover 0001/2nd, E.T.R. 0445/2nd. (Capt. S.5. 011946B to H.28.)

S/M Patrols. Following is a repetition of my 011521 addressed BARB begins:- Leave patrol p.m. 3rd July and proceed diving by day through:- B.A.041° 43' 025° 49'. B.B. 040° 01' 029° 02' at 0300/7th. B.C. 038° 03' 031° 20'. B.D. 036° 01' 033° 40' B.E. 034° 02' 035° 59' at 0400/12th. B.F. 034° 01' 040° 01' B.G. 034° 00' 044° 58' to chop. B.H. 034° 03' 050° 02' at 0400/19th July, thence New Mastheadlight as ordered by (U.S.) C. in C. U.S. Fleet. Ends. (2) Bombing restrictions are requested as arranged through A.O.C. in C. C.G. (F.O.S. 011534B to C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A. H.Q.C.C.)

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/2nd and movements for following 24 hours. (A) SEADOG in West Spitzbergen area. (B) O.15 approx. 62° 22' N. 00° 58' E. proceeding to Lerwick. Dived as much as possible when N. of 62° N. (C) CURIE (P.67) leaves Lerwick 1400/2 probably on surface to patrol vicinity 64° 21' N. 00° 55' E. proceeding dived as much as practicable when N. of 62° N. (H) SURF 47° 08' N. 06° 28' W. dived by day to southward, daily advance 92 miles. (J) SEA NYMPH 47° 09' N. 06° 00' W. dived by day course, 180° to about 46° N. thence to patrol in area bounded by following position 45° 56' 05° 24' 46° 09' 03° 40'

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S/M 45° 52' 03" 30' 45° 37' 05" 24'. (K) RUBIS
Patrols 46° N. 06° W. dived by day through 45° 47' N.
(Contd.). 03 degs. 01' W. and 45° 02' N. 02° 30' W.
(L) STUBBORN vicinity 44° 33' N. 03° 00' W.
(M) K.14 44° 05' N. 44° 30' W. probably on surface
through 45° 40' N. 39 degs. 01' W. speed 10 knots.
(N) BARB vicinity 43° 35' N. 22° 38' W. (O) HAKE 42° 01' N. 23°
30' W. dived by day through 42° 02' N. 26° 59' W. at 0001/4th.
(P) BLACKFISH vicinity 40° 20' N. 20° 25' W.
(F.O.S. 011644 to Admty.).

Denmark Scapa departure NORFOLK in accordance with
Strait C. in C.H.F. 291435B.
Patrol. (A.C.O.S. 012200B to BERWICK, METEOR).

Exercises.

Exercise M.G.Bs. and M.T.Bs. will carry out practise attacks
on SHROPSHIRE and WORCESTER between 52 and No.4
buoys. Torpedoes will not be fired. Smoke may be
used. They have orders to keep clear of SHROPSHIRE
who is to maintain her course and speed.
(C. in C. Nore 010945B and 011033B to SHROPSHIRE, WORCESTER).

Allied Air Activity.

804 My 271729/April. 804 Squadron is now to re-arm with
Sqdn. 10 I.E. Hellcat on 1st August. Flying and
maintenance personnel to be increased accordingly
on that date. Aircraft to be provided when
available.
(2) Request you say where re-arming should take place.
(5 S.L. 010038B to F.O. N.A.S.).

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. 1 (one) 4 engined enemy aircraft sighted 6 miles
North of Skalar 066° 20' N. 014° 45' W. flying
low, course east.
(A.C.I.C. 011247B).

Mining.

Lyme Bay Your 301140B. "Evidence" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 010744B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Thames My 291140B. One ground mine detonated by Sweeper
Estuary. at 1053B/29 in 054° Tongue Sand Tower 6.45 miles.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 010946B.)

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Experimental Minefield. Information has been received from Admiralty that an experimental minefield under constant observation has been laid in the area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:-
AA. 58° 21' N. 07° 00' W. BB. 58° 21' N. 07° 11' W.
CC. 58° 08' N. 07° 10' W. DD. 58° 08' N. 07° 20' W.
Air/sea firing is prohibited in this area until further orders.
(H.Q.C.C. 01115B to Groups.)

S.N.222A. F.O.M. arrived in AGAMEMNON with PORT QUEBEC, CASTLETON, NEWARK in company.
(TRELAWNEY 011130B.)
Scapa arrivals MENESTHEUS and LANCASTER.
(A.C.O.S. 011923B to R.A.M.)

Q.Z.X.1022. Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, PROSPECT, DOCHER, PORCHER, ULVA, FINESSE, LOCK PARK to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1022. Codeword "Occasion".
(GWEAL 011555B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Harwich. One ground mine detaonted by M.M.S. at 1550 in 51° 55.7' N. 01° 32.5' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 011621B and 011904B.)

Intelligence.

Two Enemy Destroyers. It is reported, graded B.2., that two NARVIK class destroyers passed Stadlandet, Northbound, at about 2200B/28th June and passed Bodo, Northbound, at about 1800B/30th June.
(D.D.I.C. 011450B to C. in C. H.F. V.A.2.)

Technical.

German Floating Flare. 1. The German Navy may be using a new type of luminous floating flare. 2. When the flare strikes the water, the lid of a container is blown off, allowing the escape of gas. 3. The gas is ignited by a time fuse, and burns with a very strong light. 4. When the gas is exhausted the apparatus sinks. 5. A smoke-screen producing variety of the same type exists.
(D.N.I. 011037B. A Message 190A B.1.)

Casualties & Defects.

Unknown Ship. Intercept 1013Z 515 kc/s 030° approx. D.E. unknown Station Auto S.O.S. A.A.A.A. strength 3 Type B. Followed by Call Sign G.T.S.T.
(Portpatrick Radio 011213 to N.O.I.C.Greenock.)

HELIER II. HELIER II escort to B.B.5 entered Milford Haven defects.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 011655B.)

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My 192015B. Operations progressing satisfactorily
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 011902B.)

AVONVALE.

Your 301853B. E.T.A. 2030B/2nd. RENONCULE in
company. Expect to pass position B at 1400B
tomorrow, speed $13\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(AVONVALE 012200B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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- P.S.1. P.S.1 sailed 0650.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 010725B)
- O.N.190. SAMSONIA escorted by FUSILIER has EMPIRE GALE
EMPIRE GALE. in tow, engine defects. They have been ordered
to St. Johns, Newfoundland by stragglers route to
048° 00' N. 048° (?40') W. thence direct. (?The)
defects will be made good 011700Z. Position at
010800Z 053° 20' N. 040° 55' W. 7 knots in tow, otherwise 9
knots. O.N.190 position course and speed 011200Z 052° 21' N
042° 22' W. 230° 9.8.
(C.1. 011207Z to C. in C. W.A.)
C. in C. Canadian N.W. Atlantic's 302134. If not threatened
detach ST. FRANCIS direct to Halifax on crossing 045° W.
(C. in C. W.A. 011616Z to ITCHEN)
- T.A.50A. Sailed convoy in accordance with my 291654B June.
(ILE DE (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 011618)
FRANCE)
- S.P.1. S.P.1 arrived.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 011630B)
- K.M.F.19. Sailed SWALE in accordance with my 291724B
June.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 011810 to F.O.I.C. Greenock)
Sailed convoy in accordance with my 291038B June.
Codeword "Whelp".
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 012258B to Admt, C. in C. W.A.)
Sailed convoy composed and escorted as in Admiralty
231720 and 281526 June. Route as in Admiralty 261805 June
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 012304B to C. in C. W.A.)
- Transfer of Many merchant ships are now carrying spare depth
Depth Charges at Sea. charges but transfer of escorts has taken place
only on very few occasions. (2) Success of an
operation may well depend on the ability to
replenish depth charges quickly, and this can
only be relied upon if both escorts and depth
charge carriers are experienced in the evolution.
(3) Whenever practicable, therefore, the transfer
of depth charges is to be exercised during passage by each
escort in the group and by each carrier in the convoy. A
brief summary of the exercises carried out is to be included in
the report of proceedings.
(C. in C. W.A. 011824B)
- TBILISI. RAZUMNI and light craft escorting Russian Ship
TBILISI to Dvina Bar, E.T.A. 0800B/3.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 012004B)
- SAN UBALDO. My 011643B. Sailed 2310/1.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 012341B)

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BALTIC X F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 291643, para. 5. When Spanish Government learn true facts they may be expected to make strong representations for return of BALTIC. (2) Spanish crew must not, be repatriated until we have put ourselves in best position to deal with any representations. Pending instructions they should be detained on excuse of further investigations. (3) BALTIC should be sailed forthwith to a French North African port, preferably with token French crew on board. As Spaniards do not recognise North African administration they will have difficulty in making effective representations. It may therefore, be decided to treat the ship as captured by French Sloop and afterwards taken into French jurisdiction. (4) It is also preferred, that Lorre and his party should go to North Africa for the present. (5) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's para. 4. N.A. Madrid is also requested to confirm that there is no evidence to implicate R.O. Bilbao. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to ascertain from Lorre and his companions whether they made any mention of contact with R.O. Bilbao during the voyage or at other times. (6) C. in C. Med. pass to Resident Minister, Algiers. (V.C.N.S. 010055B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.A. Madrid, C. in C. Med.)

Your 291950. Your para.(4) confirmed. (1) Man L (or?) re and 3 Spanish companions were acting British agents. Terms of remuneration will be communicated shortly.

(2) Para. 5. Submit extremely dangerous to repatriate Spanish crew as this would compromise Consulate Bilbao and other Spaniards. Submit detention warranted by having sailed under enemy flag and blockade running.

(A.B.N.A. Madrid, 011233B to F.O. Gibraltar (R) Admty (for D. N.I.))

Your 010055B. No instructions being received to the contrary, crew were repatriated p.m. yesterday. Prior to this being done Spanish Consul here was making enquiries about them. (2) Lorre and party have already been embarked NARVIK and YORK CITY for U.K. now sailing. (3) To enquiries from Spanish Consul General Governmor has informed him that as Lorre and party could show no proof of nationality it was obviously undesirable to retain them in the fortress and they had already been evacuated. (5) Governors 23935 of 1st July to F.O. Madrid refers. (6) BALTIC with French crew sails for Casablanca tonight Thursday.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011714B to Admty (R) C. in C. Med. B.N.A. Madrid)

DJEBEL Repetition.
AURES, (C.M.S.F. 010422Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
SIDI C. in C. Med. Admty.)
BRAHIM.

Movements, U.S. H.S. SEMINOLE arrived.
Gibraltar. (F.O Gibraltar, 010740B)

Convoy G.C.18 sailed as in my 291240 and 010008 less
G.C.18 FORT GIBALTAR.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 010831B to C.M.S.F.F.)

Dispositions /...

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Dispositions. Situation 022001B. P.57 (UNIVERSAL) 040° 22' 010° 10' 175° diving by day 7½. (2) X.K.10 NARVIK, YORK CITY, FRISKY towing BADSWORTH sailed Gibraltar my (group omitted) 00B/2nd through 035° 47' 006° 25' thence 285° 6. (3) 2 escorts 4 merchant ships 037° 42' 008° 50' coastwise to Tagus 8 knots where merchant ships proceed to Lisbon and escort returns direct to Gibraltar 12. (4) 3 U.S. destroyers 3 Aux. 034° 55' 008° 08' through Strait II. (5) U.G.S. 10 C.T.F. 61 033° 43' 009° 07' through 034° 01' 00° 03' where Casablanca Section is detached thence Gibraltar 8. (6) H.M.R.T. WEAZEL 034° 02' 010° 43' to Gibraltar 11. (7) 3 B.Y.M.S. 032° 17' 009° 55' through 032° 48' 009° 46' and 033° 39' 008° 54' to Casablanca 8½. (8) GC 19 ST. NECTAN 034° 12' 007° 53' to Casablanca 8. (9) R.S. 6 M.L. 035° 50' 006° 04' (?through) 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 225° 10. (10) R.S. 5 H.M.S. EXE 034° 25' 008° 08' through 033° 40' 009° 01' thence 216° 15. (11) 2 Swedish relief ships (?035°) 47' 007° 10' 266° 12. (12) 8 destroyers sail Gibraltar 1700B/2nd through 035° 45' 006° 30' to R/V U.G.S. 10 15 knots and escort through strait.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 011051B)

Situation 2002B/1st. U.S. S/M BARB, HAKE, BLACKFISH patrolling in area 20 miles either side of line joining 044° 023° W. and 040° N. 020° W.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011116B)

Situation 2001B/1st. Convoy H. ILFRACOMBE 036° 05' 007° 25' to Gibraltar 7. (2) G.C.18 P.C.472 035° 17' 006° 55' to Casablanca 8. (3) K.M.S.18 TEVIOT (E) 036° 06' 010° 07' through 036° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 8½. (4) Portuguese destroyer VOUGA exercising in Cezimbra area. (5) O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK 036° 42' 009° 05' to Gibraltar 15. (6) X.K.10 NARVIK, YORK CITY, FRISKY towing BADSWORTH sailed Gibraltar 1800B/1st through 035° 47' 006° 25' thence 285° 6. (7) 2 escorts 4 merchant ships 036° 03' 006° 28' to Cape St. Marys thence coastwise to Tagus 8. (8) 2 Swedish relief ships sailed 1800B/1st from Gibraltar through Q.K.A. 87 thence 266° 12. (9) 3 U.S. Destroyers 3 merchant ships approximately 033° 13' 011° 53' 061° 14.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011158B)

Situation 1959B/1st. O.S.50 ENCHANTRESS 026° 04' 016° 19' 229° 8½. (2) UNIVERSAL 041° 46' 010° 19' 175° 7/2 diving by day. (3) U.G.S. 10 Care. Task Force 61 032° 17' 013° 13' 068° 8. (4) 3 U.S. 3 merchant ships approximately 033° 13' 011° 53' 061° 14. (5) K.M.S. 18B TEVIOT (E) 036° 06' 010° 07' through 036° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 8½. (6) K.M.F.18 PHEASANT 046° 07' 016° 01' through 045° 01' 016° 01' thence 172° 12. COLOMBO detaching p.m. 1st arriving Gibraltar 1700B/3rd. (7) K.M.S.19 DART 041° 12' 15° 30' 173° 7½. (8) Tug WEAZEL (E) 032° 06' 015° 23' through 032° 12' 015° 10' thence 063° 11. (9) 5 B.Y.M.S. 029° 20' 011° 23' through 029° 34' 010° 52' 030° 40' 010° 16' and 031° 30' 010° (016') thence 019° 8½. (10) Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 047° 30' 016° 01' through 045° 01' 016° 01' thence 172° 12½.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011210B)

For (5) 3 read 3. B.Y.M.S. in para. 9 of my 011210. Add new para. 11 and 12 (11) 2 B.Y.M.S. 027° 53' 013° 35' through 028° 10' 013° 24' 29° 52' 012° 30' thence 063° 5. (12) EXE 1 (one) merchant ship sail Gibraltar 0800B/2nd through 035° 45' 006° 30' and 033° 40' 009° 01' thence 216° 15'.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 011536B)

Situation /...

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Dispositions (Contd.) Situation report for Area XA to my 011558B and 011538B add new para.11 and 12 GC 19 ST.NECTAN sailed Gib. 2130B/1st routed through Q.K.A.87 035° 45' 006° 30' 034° 05' 008° 03' to Casablanca 8. 4 M.L. sail Gibraltar 1600B/2nd through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence (?228°) 11. (F.O. Gib. 011828B)

Movements, Casablanca. LE GLORIEUX and L'ALCYON arrived Casablanca 011300A (C.M.S.F. 011245)

Convoy R.S.5. Intend sailing R.S. 5 consisting of BRITANNIC escorted by EXE at 0830B/1st July for Freetown routed through (Route). S. of A.15 knots. Codeword "Quirk". (Gibraltar, 011552B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) C.E. S.F. Comar Dakar, Admty)

U.G.S.10. Intend sailing VIGSNES for Sfax CORCREST for Algiers. (F.O.I.C. Gib, 011555B to N.O.I.C's North African Ports.)

Capt. (D) 21 in MENDIP, BRECON, BRISSENDEN, BLENCATHRA, WALLACE, WOOLSTON, HAMBLEDON and BLANKNEY R/V in position, AA. 034° 08' 007° 58' at 0800B July 3rd where Casablanca section and American escort are to part company and enter Casablanca. (2) Onward route from AA to N. 004° 45' 006° 30' through Q.K.A.87 to O. 036° 01' 005° 21'. P.036° 10' 003° 00' Q. 035° 56' 000° 50' thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. All positions north and west. E.T.A.(Q) 1330B/5th July. (3) L.S.T.165 is to be detached for Gibraltar on convoy passing Carnero. B.M.W.T. New York 221307 May to Admiralty and F.O.I.C. Gib. only refers. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 011740B)

Troop Movements. NESS defective. Your 301757* refers. (2) R.S. five consisting of BRITANNIC sails 0800B/2nd July escorted by EXE. (3) R.S. six consisting of SUMMERVILLE escorted by M.L.226, S.O. 188, 228, 231 sails 1600B/2. (4) R.S. seven consisting of LARGS BAY escorted by NESS sails 0800B/4th July. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 011800B). * Re sail EXE and NESS in order that troop movements may be carried out.

Movements, Gibraltar. Departures a.m. 30th. French submarine LE GLORIEUX French L'ALCYON for Casablanca. First U.S.P.C.'s 472. 471 with G.C.18. M.G.B. 661 for Algiers. TYRIAN for Mers el Kebir. FOLKESTONE, LOWESTOFT escort duties ?Nibon. ?Sbrlestone escort duties Hornello. ST. NECTAN for Casablanca. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 012206B to Admty, C. in C. Med. Cominch)

SS. BALTIC. G.C.19 sailed FORT GIBRALTAR and SS. BALTIC. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 012245B)

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Adm. /Admiral Collinet called urgently to Algiers.
Auboyneau's Cancel my 301811. Amend programme in my 291756
itinerary. as follows.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 011029Z to C. in C. Med., (R)
Admty. C.M.S.F., Comar Dakar, Resmin Accra.)

Group Group sailing 24 Lourenco Marques E.T.A. 130°
sailing. INHAKA 6 miles 0430Z July 3rd. 2 ships escorted
by ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN CHIEF.
B.P.R.C. DALHEM (Swedish) knots 9 for Buenos
Aires G.D.Y.F. DALFRAM for Alexandria knots 9.
E.T.A. Durban 4th July, S. of A. 8½ knots.
(Lourenco Marques, 011014B to Admty. etc).

Movements Departures first July BRIDGEWATER, E.T.A. 0900Z
Lagos. 2nd BOADICEA, E.T.A. 0800Z/2nd.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 011125Z).

Independent / Until further orders ships normally forming C.N.
sailings. and N.C. convoys are to be sailed independently
unescorted.
(2) F.O.C.W.A.F. is requested to continue
(?routing) ships ex O.S. convoy to Walvis Bay.
(C. in C. S.A., 011215B to N.C.S.O. Capetown
(R), N.O.I.C. Capetown, N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay,
Admty. F.O.C.W.A.F.)

BURDOCK Arrival Pointe Noire 1300Z July 1st BURDOCK.
Departure 1100Z/1st July routed through position
equator 005° 15' E. E.T.A. Takoradi 1100Z/4th.
(B.N.L.O., Pointe Noire, 011235A to F.O.C.W.Af.,
(R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Takoradi).

NARINGA Sailed 1st July for Karachi E.T.A. 19th July.
Numbers, etc. (D.S.T.O. Durban, 011444Z to
S.S.T.O. Karachi).

CENTAURE Intend to sail submarine CENTAURE escorted by
Air France one at 1600Z/5 for Freetown. Speed
made good 13 knots E.T.A. 0800Z/7.
2. Route.
3. Request total bombing restrictions 20 miles ahead and
astern and 10 either side of estimated position.
4. Should CENTAURE pass outside T.B.R. zone or become
separated from escort then P.C. and S. would be signalled ?
initially subsequent signals would be made if passing outside
modified T.B.R. zone.
5. CENTAURE proceeds on surface throughout passage but may
dive if attacked.
6. CENTAURE has no repeat flares.
(Comar Dakar, 011542Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty. Cominch, B.A.D.,
N.S.H.Q.)

/MAURETANIA...

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MAURETANIA In view of low endurance of ship and fact that C. in C. S.A. prefers she should call Capetown not Durban on voyage to U.K. it is requested that arrangements may be made for MAURETANIA to fuel at Diego Suarez. If you agree F.O.R.S.C.A. is requested to route ship accordingly when she leaves Suez about 5th July. (2) Ship will probably be routed from Cape via Freetown and in that case will take Freetown's fresh provision requirements. (3) My 021742*June. (P.S.T.O. Capetown, 011646B to C. in C. E.F.) *Re. fuel for MAURETANIA.

ORCADES' lifeboat. Brazilian ship FARRAPO picked up on 30th June in 007° 47' 30" South 034° 41' 30" W. a derelict lifeboat numbered 11 A Ex British Ship ORCADES and has off loaded it here. (R.O. Recife, 011725Z).

Italian repatriation ships. Search of Italian (?navy) (?VULCANIA), SATURNIA (?GUILIO) CESARE, DUILIO in accordance with para. 18 of your 101950 April*concluded at Port Elizabeth with negative result. (C. in C. S.A., 011755 to Admty). *Re possibility of mines attached to liners engaged on repatriation.

Duala, N.C.S. Organisation. N.C.S. Organisation at Duala will be moved to Matadi about second week in July 1943. A further signal will be made when N.C.S.O. Matadi is functioning. 2. From second July ships sailing from ports in West Africa and South Atlantic stations for Duala are to be given through route next Naval Service Port of Call. 3. Routeing signal from N.C.S.O. Duala should continue to be so addressed until 15th July after which date they should be made to N.C.S.O. Matadi and only reporting officer signals made to address of British Consul. (F.O.C.W.Af., 011829Z to All N.C.S.O. West Africa, C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty. B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro). Your (?050902)*May transfer of N.C.S. organisation from Duala to Matadi will take place about second week July 1943. My 011829Z July refers. (F.O.C.W.A., 012007Z to Admty). *No trace in W/R. re removal of N.C.S. organisation at Duala to Matadi.

Movements Takoradi. Arrivals first July PETUNIA. Departures 1st July SARABANDE, ACCRA screening and returning Takoradi. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 011906Z).

/Convoy...

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Convoy Sailing telegram. (2) 1530/1st July. (4) knots 9.
F.T.T.8. (5) A 005° N., 017° 51' W. toward B. 000° 06'
N., 024° 01' W. Ships disperse at dusk 4th July.
and proceed independently.

(6) BUTTERMERE, S.O., WASTWATER.

A separate signal will be made giving route after dispersal.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 012015Z to Admty. (R) C.C.S.A.)

DUILIO, Re routeing.
GIULIO CESARE. (Head of M.I. 012057B).

Approach Your 011052 and A.M. 281831 (N.T. of either in
Routes to W.D.) both June. Request you will say whether you
Freetown. consider there would be any advantage in extending
"Dog" Route system to shipping approaching
Freetown from other than South American ports.
(D.T.D., 012150B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R)
C. in C. S.A.)

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BEAUFORT My P.C. and S at 0315C 033 degs. 15' N. 021 degs. 10' E. 070 degs. 14 knots. Course 160 degs. 0415 250 degs. 0519. Searching for S/M. Request air assistance and Codeword.
(BEAUFORT 010320C to S.N.O. Cyrenaica (R) C. in C. Levant, S.O.(D) WISHART, R.A. Alexandria, S.N.O. C. N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh, N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 201 N.C. Group, 212 Group, 235, 245, 247 Wings. Fighter Sectors between Alexandria and Benghazi).

Enemy Reports. Following read: One enemy tanker and destroyer bearing 090 degs. Stilo 10 miles. Course 270 degs. Speed 5 knots.
(A/C C.J.J.C. via Alexandria W/T 010420).
P.C. and S. of 2 small Merchant vessels and one plane 66 degs. 15' N. 44 degs. 54' W. (as received) 010 degs. 5 knots.
(A/C H.U.C.E. via Alexandria 011219B to C/S 55 S).
My 1219. Enemy previously reported, 2 small merchant vessels of 2,000 tons and 1 plane, type unknown.
(A/C H.U.C.E. via Alexandria 011225B to 55 S.).

PARTHIAN (1) You have freedom of action in your area to take all comers.
(2) Leave patrol to pass through the following positions.
A. 035 degs. 52' 023 degs. 41' at dawn 4th. B. 035 degs. 36' 022 degs. 57' at dusk 4th. C. 035 degs. 36' 021 degs. 50' at 0315C/5th thence Malta as ordered by Capt.(S) 10th S.F.
Your are to proceed at not less 250 feet between 023 degs. 12' and 023 degs. 33' East.
(Capt.(S) 1 011057C to H.M.S. PARTHIAN (R) 1st S/M Flotilla, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10).

S.S. Ship was British AURETTA. My 301858 refers.
AURETTA bombs (C. in C. Levant, 010242C).
found at
Massawa.

R.F.A. Have detached HYACINTH in 035 degs. 05' North
OLIGARCH 022 degs. 00' east to stand by OLIGARCH. Ship was torpedoed at 0315C and hopes to make Tobruk speed 9 knots.
(JUMNA 010401Z to C. in C. Levant, (R) WISHART, S.N.O.C. N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 201 N.C. Group, 212 Group, 235 Wing, 245 Wing, 247 Wing. Fighter Sectors between Alexandria and Benghazi. All ships Auxiliary craft and above operating off the coast between Alexandria and 20 degs. E. Cdre. (D) N.O.I.C. Alexandria.).

/Following...

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R.F.A. OLIGARCH (Contd.)
 X Following is a repetition of C. in C. Levant's 011321 begins - Addressed C. in C. Mediterranean repeated R.A.H. V.A. Malta, D.N.C.X.F. S.O. Force H from C. in C. Levant.
 R.F.A. OLIGARCH was torpedoed north of Apollonia at 0315 today 1st July. Hope she will reach Tobruk by dark under own power.
 T.O.O. 011321 ends.
 (Malta C.C.O. 011746 to R.A. Force H.S.O. Force H. (R) (?word omitted) C.C.O.
 Message passed to Admiralty for information by Malta.

UNRULY SOKOL ULTOR
 P.49 (UNRULY) O.R.P. SOKOL and P.53 (ULTOR) leave Malta at 1830/1st 2130 1st and 0030 2nd for patrol North of Messina routed as follows 036 degs. 08' 014 degs. 22' 037 degs. 03' 011 degs. 49' 037 degs. 48' 011 degs. 54' thence rounding Aegadean Isle, P.49 (UNRULY) proceeding North of Stromboli O.R.P. SOKOL south of Stromboli and P. 53 (ULTOR) South of Vulcano.
 S/Ms dive by day speed 2 knots proceeding at 7 knots on surface by night estimated advance every 24 hours 85 miles. Request total bombing restrictions 15 miles either side of this route.
 (Capt.(S) 10 ?010730B to S. & A. in Area S.G.C. (R) C. in C. Levant, Admiralty, Capt.(S) 1).

K.M.S.17
 Pass to Commodore Bougie.
 Joiners 6 ships PROSPER, SCHIAFFINO Philippeville Texas Oil Co.+ (T) Philippeville JANINE Bone JOHN LAWRENCE Bizerta ORPHEUS Tunis H.M.M.S.33 Scusse. (N.O.I.C. Bougie 011030B).
 + As received TEXAS intended.
 K.M.S.17. Sailed as in my 291701+ and my 301631+ plus H.M.T. TRANSVAAL for Algiers.
 (Com. N.O.B. Oran 011411B).
 + No trace in War Registry.
 My 011411B less H.M.T. WHIT.
 (N.O.I.C. Oran 011737B).
 / Sailing K.M.S.17 plus H.M.T. TRANSVAAL.

Oil Fuel position,
 Present black oil position in this theatre is strong, but to be sure against losses it is intended to bring in tankers in U.G.S.11 and O.T.7.
 (2) Any surplus Black Tankers in ? U.G.S. 11 will be diverted to U.K.
 (3) If no losses occur it may be impossible to discharge Black Tankers to O.T.7. In this event it is requested that consideration be given to divert these tankers to U.K. (C. in C. Med., Algiers, 011030B to Admty.).

COLOMBO
 Request you will sail COLOMBO after fuelling to Algiers. Admiralty re-encypher and pass to R.A. Force V.
 (C. in C. Algiers, 011033B to F.O.C. Gibraltar).
 / Passing action being taken by War Registry.

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M.K.S.16

3 ships joining from Bougie.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie 011046B).

8th S.F.
movement
summary.

(1) At 2001B/1st July. All submarine diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated.
(2) TRESPASSER 038 degs. 28' 009 degs. 49' through 038 degs. 30' 010 degs. 00' thence 020 degs. 9 knots.
(3) SIMOON 038 degs. 32' 010 degs. 01' 016 degs. 9 knots.

9 knots.

(4) DOLFIJN 039 degs. 37' 010 degs. 15' 028 degs. 9 knots.
(5) SIBYL 041 degs. 43' 006 degs. 49' 034 degs. 9 knots.
(6) SARACEN East Sardinia. (7) SEVERN West Sardinia.
(8) SERAPH 038 degs. 13 degs. 004 degs. 52' 090 degs. 9 knots.
(9) SPORTSMAN through 043 degs. 10' 008 degs. 00' at 0330/2nd from Northward thence 203 degs. 9 knots.
(10) PERLE (F.S.) patrolling North of 042 degs. between 006 degs. 00' and 007 degs. 33'.
(11) L.N. (Corrupt group) West Corsica.
(Capt.(S) 8 011148B).

G. CESARE
DUILIO.

Arrived 1255Z/1st July.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 011259Z).

Landing
Craft
movements.

Arrival June 30th L.C.T. 307 (?386) 375, 387, (?356) 416, 445, 446, 554, 556, H.M.S. GAWLER. Sailed 1st July INCHOLM L.C.T. (?457) 413, 333, 372, (?311) 314, 355, 364, 377, 379, (?294).
(?N.O.I.C. Benghazi 011307C).

PERLE
CASABIANCA
SPORTSMAN
SIBYL.

After 0400/2nd F.S. PERLE'S area is extended into Gulf of Genoa keeping north of a line 232 degs. from Spezia.
(2) After 0100/4th F.S. CASABIANCA'S area is extended to north and eastward as far as a line running 232 degs. from Spezia. Southern limit of area east Corsica is 042 degs. 50' North.

(3) SPORTSMAN (P.229) passing 043 degs. 10' 008 degs. 00' at 0330/2nd thence Algiers and (P.217) SIBYL passing this position about 2300/2nd to operate east of Corsica south of 042 degs. 50' north.

(Capt.(S) 8 011438B to F.S. PERLE, F.S. CASABIANCA (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. (Malta) 8th S/M F.).

N.W.A.A.F.
Opsum 130..

N.W.A. Strategical Air Force. 28 June (additional) 24. U.S. Marauders escort 24 U.S. Lightnings and (?44) U.S. Warhawks Decimommanu Airfield.
29/30 June. 64 Wellingtons Messina. 1 returned early 1 bombed northwest Capemisan Marco and 1 road

South San Giovanni. Total 5 X 4000, 55 X 1000, 297 X 500, 70 X 250 H.E. 13 X 30 incendiary from 5000 to 12,000 feet. Bursts in marshalling yards and fire on Messina large fire South San Giovanni. 1 Wellington missing.

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N.W.A.A.F. 30 June. 72 U.S. Mitchells escort 60 U.S.
Opsum. Lightnings Sciacca Airfield.
130. End part 1 part 2 follows.
(Contd.). (H.Q.N.W.A.A.F.Adv. 011452B).
Part 2 my A.V.222 / dated 1st July 1943.
42 U.S. Fortresses escort 36 U.S. Lightnings
Palermo. 2 Bombers returned early 480 X 500 from 24300 to
26000 feet. Target well covered. Hits near Cuba Barracks and
oil storage. 36 U.S. Marauders escort 54 U.S. Lightnings
Borizzo airdrome. 8 Fighters returned early. 33 U.S. Marauders
escort 44 U.S. Warhawks Trapani Milo airdrome. 4 bombers returned
early. N.W.A. Tactical Coastal Air Force 29 June (additional).
Defensive Patrols 29/30 June. 4 Wellingtons anti-shipping
R/C East Sardinia attacked vessel with 6 X 250. Results not
observed.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 011826B.) / Part 1. 011452 N.W.A.A.F.Opsum.
30 June. 0408 hours 40 enemy aircraft attacked Bone 40 H.E.
incendiaries and flares dropped very little damage. 2 destroyed
1 probable by Beaufighters as reported. 1 H.E. 111 probably
by A/A.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 012212B).

C. in C. Med. My 260900. C. in C. Personally will proceed to
Malta in UGANDA p.m./3. Request personal signals
be routed accordingly.
(C. in C. Med. Algiers 011610B to Admty.).

M.K.S.16/
G.U.S.9. Pass to Comdre. Algiers joiners 6 ships.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 011644B).
Intend sailing the following 14 ships.
13 for U.S.A. one for Gibraltar for Casablanca.
(Com. N.O.N. Oran 011645B).

R/C P.R.U. 1 July Visuals. Brindisi 1410, 1 (one)
Brindisi Cruiser. Taranto 1420, 2 Battleships. Messina
Taranto 1520 no major units.
Messina. (V.A. Malta 011730B).

UNSPARING Your escort is trawler ENSAY.
(2) Cable ship and trawler working in 037 degs. 43'
north 003 degs. 45' east.
(3) 1 cruiser arriving Algiers 0600/2nd and 1
cruiser and 1 destroyer at 0730/2nd all from eastward.
(4) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) left Algiers 1800/1st course 42 degs.
(Capt.(S) 8 011814B to P.55 (UNSPARING)).

BEAUFORT Your 011328. (No record of receipt in W.R.) not
sufficient oil to reach destination. Intend
leaving VETCH at 0101C/2nd. Proceeding to Tobruk
(2 incomplete groups). E.T.A. 0700/2nd (3
incomplete groups). Following R.U.M.P. at best speed.
(BEAUFORT 011828C to C. in C. Levant).

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SERAPH Onward routeing from P through 037 degs. 09' 011
SHAKESPEARE degs. 35' and 036 degs. 40' 012 degs. 55' pass
SAFARI. latter position at following times. SERAPH 0030/6th
SHAKESPEARE 2230/6th, SAFARI 0130/7th. Thence
direct to areas. Expect set of half a knot to
South East. P. 49 (UNRULY) P.53 (ULTOR) ORP SOKOL
round Marittimo for North Messina patrol not later than 2000/4th.
Submerged bombing restrictions in area outside restricted area
MJAO 24 (diving by day?) have been asked for from 0300/5th
until 0300/7th.
{ Capt. S.10 011905 to P.219 (SERAPH) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE), P.211
{ (SAFARI) (R) C. in C. Med. Capt.(S) 8, 10th S.F. V.A. Malta).

Movements
of French
Troops.

General Eisenhower states that he has not agreed
to the move of French troops as stated in
A.M. 261235 June. He agreed to examination of the
question whenever this could be done without
interference with other moves of higher priority.
(C. in C. Med. 012001B to Admty. (R) C. in C.
W.A. M.W.T.R. Med. F.O.C.W.Af. B.A.D.).
Reply: Admty. 060258B.

Movements
Port Said.

1st July arrivals Port Said ABDIEL, PRINCE ALBERT,
WOLBOROUGH, CARLISLE, ULSTER MONARCH.
Departures H.M. M.L. 1256, 1296, ABDIEL, CARLISLE,
WOLBOROUGH.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 012006C).

Movements
Oran.

Today's departures were H.M.T. GAVOTTE, TRANSVAAL,
BONITO, GULLET and GRAYLING. There were no
arrivals.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran 012025B).

Movements
Algiers.

Arrivals PIROUETTE, M.L. 469, SICKLE (P.224),
TORBAY.
Departures DIDO, RUSKHOLM, French ANNAMITE, ADMIRAL
MOUCHEZ, SHAKESPEARE (P.221) U.S.S. STEADY, Y.M.S.
62, MUTINE.
(Com. Algeria 012026B).

Personnel
Movement.

(1) After departure from Suez of MAURETANIA the
following personnel will require shipment, for
South Africa and for U.K.
(3) It is proposed to embark as many as possible of
these in SIBAJAK ex Suez about 14th July.
(4) F.O.R.S.C.A. request advise whether escort will be available,
(5) In addition to above there are 1000 U.S.A. personnel for
U.S.A. who would also be embarked subject to confirmation being
received to Mideast's agreed signal M.O.V.1/73804 of 30th June.
(P.S.T.O. M.E. 012034C to D.S.T.).
Reply C. in C.E.F. 030935Z D.S.T. 051932B.

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Movements Arrivals. VINDICTIVE, SAFARI, ALBACORE, CADMUS,
Bizerta. CIRCE, ESPIEGLE, RHYL, STORNOWAY, ROTHESAY,
FELIXSTOWE, H.D.M.L. 1241, 1251, M.T.B.655, 665,
670, HAYDON, TYNEDALE, QUEEN EMMA, PRINCESS
BEATRIX, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDESDALE, P.C.(? U.Q).
Departures. TYNEDALE, QUEEN OLGA, RAIDER, HAYDON
B.Y.M.S.9, QUEEN EMMA, PRINCESS BEATRIX, LIDDESDALE, PUCKERIDGE,
M.L.565, RYAND, MAYRANT, CADMUS.
(F.O.I.S. 012046B).

Situation Convoy G.T.X.3. Tanker OLIGARCH torpedoed by
No.40 U-Boat at 0003C/1st July in 32 degs. 57' North,
21 degs. 10' East. HYACINTH with tanker due
Tobruk 2200 1st July.
(2) My 280130 June. French destroyers sailed
Tobruk 28th June to overtake M.K.S.16.
(3) German type S mines discovered clear of Famagusta swept
channel.
(4) Egyptian schooner sunk by U-Boat at 1030/27th June in
approx. 33 degs. 35' north, 34 degs. 40' East.
(5) ORION and ABDIEL on passage to Malta with D.N.C.X.F. and
12th Army Staffs.
(C. in C. Levant 012113C to Admt.).

Route for Swiss War Transport are repeatedly requesting
Swiss that Swiss traffic from Lisbon to Genoa should be
Ships. routed as follows:-
From Gibraltar along the Spanish coast to vicinity
Cape San Antonio, thence Cape San Sebastian, Iles
d'Hyeres, thence to position 12 miles south of
Genoa, thence to Genoa.
(2) Swiss state that Italians insist that in future a route is to
be followed which, after passing Cape San Antonio, goes further
north from the Balearics and Corsica, then the 10 miles north of
Cape Caballeria and Revallata Point prescribed in existing
routes. They therefore request that if route in para.1. cannot
be agreed, we should state what is the maximum distance north of
Cape Caballeria and Revallata Point which we can agree.
(3) It is regretted that this matter should be raised so
frequently, but in view of possibility that recent agreement to
Lisbon- Marseilles traffic sailing coastwise in Gulf of Lyons may
result in further considerable pressure from Swiss for a similar
concession in routeing of their ships, request you will state
whether any modification in routes to Genoa can be allowed.
(Hd. of M.I. 012153B to C. in C. Med. (Algiers).

ALFREDA U.G.S.8A. Request information whether any ship
in this convoy reported being in collision with
spanish Auxiliary sailing vessel ALFREDA or
unknown vessel while passing through straits of
Gibraltar about 012301/June.
(D.T.D. 012155B to Cdre. Algiers (R) N.O.B. Oran
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Algiers,).
Reply: No. (031727B).

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- G.T.X.3. Your 281729B/June. Request paras. 10, 11, 12 - C.B. 04024 (41) Art 88 refers. (D.T.D. 012212B to S.N.O. Tripolitania).
- U.G.S.10 Your 281845 June. Tanker BEACON not in convoy. BEACON Latest information ship returned New York for repairs. (D.T.D. 012246B to C. in C. Med.).
- R.A.F. (Repeats Malta C.S.R.).
Malta. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 012250Z).
Opsum No.53.
- Movements Arrivals M.Ls. 449, 140, 258, 256, 568, 444, 218,
Bone. 468, 494, 460, 557, 559. H.D.L/S 1242, 1247.
P.T.213, departures CLEOPATRA, D.C.66, P.Ts.210,
214, 218. M.T.Bs. 655, 665, 670. Arrived and
sailed. TYNEDALE. M.Ls. 555, 560, 566, 564, 562,
561, 554, H.D.L/S 1258, 1297, 1246, 1270, 1301, 1224, 1257, 1277.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 012306B).
- Malta Night 30th June/1st July.
C.S.R. 2 Torpedo Wellingtons on shipping search in
Gulf of Taranto attacked with torpedoes and
machine gunfire one M/V 3000 tons off Point Stilo
no results observed owing to intense A.A. from
escorting D/R.
- Day 1st July. 19 Spitfires Bombers escorted by 24 Fighter
Spitfires bombed Biscari Airfield.
Part 2 Enemy Air Activity. Night 30th June /1st July Nil.
Day 1st July. Negligible enemy air activity.
(R.A.F. Malta 012310B).
- Movements Departures Banker HURWORTH, EASTON and ADRIAS,
Malta. CURBED? UGANDA and TARTAR. Wilfred L.C.I. (L.17)
Spirit. LOYAL MULL escorting MISOA and L.C.T. 339
Swing M.T.Bs. 637, 640 and M.G.Bs. 657, 679
sailed. M.G.Bs. 657, 659 returned with defects.
Annexe PETARD, UNRULY and SOKOL. Arrivals H.M. Submarines UNSEEN.
MINERVA H.D.M.L.S. 1145, 1230 and 1236 sampled H.D.M.Ls. 1252.
Spirit, LAFOREY, LOOKOUT, LOYAL.
(V.A. Malta 012357B).
- Movements Arrived and left SOUTHERN ISLE, H.M.S. VETCH,
Tobruk. Motor Gunboat No.57, M.T.B. No.79, H.M.S. HYACINTH,
arrived M.L. No.355.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk 012357C).
- Movements Arrived and sailed H.M.S. ROCKWOOD arrived L.C.I.
Tripoli (L) 182, 256, 99, 106 L.C.T. 619, 620.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 012359B).

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Arrivals SHILLONG escorting KING YUAN.
(N.O.I.C. Madras, 010157Z.)
Arrival DIPAVATI.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 010316.)

B.M. 56.

Sailing telegram (4 ships).
2. 0130Z/1st July.
3. Expected time of passing Cochin 0700Z/4th July. 3a. E.T.A. Colombo 0530Z/6th July.
4. $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots. 5. (a) $018^{\circ} 12'$, $072^{\circ} 31'$. (b) 015° (?52'), $073^{\circ} 03'$. (c) $010^{\circ} 37'$, $075^{\circ} 20'$. (d) $007^{\circ} 34'$, $076^{\circ} 51'$ thence Colombo. 6. AGRA.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 010257Z, 010259Z to Admty.)

DIPAVATI,
CITY OF
ADELAIDE.

Intend sailing DIPAVATI 1st July escorting CITY OF ADELAIDE to 058° E. which allows time for other escort (? proceeding) now about 8th/9th. My 270518 to F.O.C.R.I.N. only refers. (N.O.I.C. Karachi, 010416 to Admty., F.O.C.R.I.N., S.O.(I) Bombay, F.O. Ceylon, C. in C. E.F., S.N.O. Persian Gulf.)

Departure H.M.I.S. DIPAVATI escorting CITY OF ADELAIDE to 058° E. E.T.A. 058° E. 0010Z/3rd July.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 011241Z.)

Approach
Route
No. 1.

F.O.N.I.C. (153) pass to N.C.S.Os with ref. F.O.N.I.C. 146 approach route No.1 is now in force.
2. Routeing in accordance with M.E.I.R.I. IIA is to be resumed forthwith.
(C. in C. E.F., 010645Z.)

Mozambique
Channel,
routeing
of M/Vs.

Para. 2 of your 301725 June (request that traffic through Mozambique reaching there not later than 4th be allowed to continue). Confirmed. (C. in C. E.F., 010827 to C. in C. S.A., (R) Admty., Cdre. 1/c Durban.)

Aircraft
Squadrons,
India
Ocean.

× Most unlikely China Bay will be available this year owing to construction of runway.
(2) R.A.F. reluctant to hand over Colombo racecourse immediately vide para. 6 your 032254 May. Last para. Cdre. N.A.S. Ceylon 160609 May and my 030718 June para. 3 refers (N.T. of either in W.R.)

(3) Consider F.A.A. Aerodrome requirements of Ceylon to accommodate disembarked squadrons vide paras. 3 and 6 in A.M. 241930 June cannot be met unless Colombo racecourse is handed over forthwith for development as Naval Air Station in view of para. (1) above and my 171019 Feb. para. 3.

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Aircraft Squadrons, India Ocean. (Contd.) (4) Request hastening action to hand over Colombo racecourse may be taken up with Air Min. (6) Admiralty pass to Admiral Somerville. (C. in C. E.F., 010832 to Admty., (R) R.A.N.A.S., Indian Ocean, F.O. Ceylon, Com. Chief Colombo, Cdre. N.A.S. Ceylon.)

CITY OF PARIS. Sailing empty a.m./2nd, E.T.A. Bombay p.m./5th to dock. (S.S.F.O. Ceylon, 010936Z.)

CARADOC. Employment as Gunnery Firing Ship. Your 301501 May and my 280717 April refers. (2) It is necessary to reduce complement by about 90 seamen and marines mostly lower naval ratings. (3) One half of cordite to be (? landed). Shells to remain on board. (4) Ship not to be regarded as an operational unit of Eastern Fleet but to be turned over to Operational Control of C. in C. S.A. and be administered by R.A.T.E. Durban. (5) Ship could be made ready for sea in all respects in about 4 days but (? would) require to work up afresh before she would be discharged for Operational work. (6) Request early approval. (C. in C. E.F., 010944Z to Admty.) Approved. (032102B.)

India Air Report. MS. 14636. A.340. 1st July, 010835Z. 1st July Daily Opsum No. 473. 30th June. 2 Beaufighters offensive R/C Myingyan/Yenangyaung. Damaged 25 river craft. Attacked possible landing stage Pakokku.

Enemy activity. None reported. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. Reports. 29th June. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Mandalay. 9 tons dropped. Damage to riverside buildings. (A.H.Q. India, 011005Z.)

Movements 12 1st ASCANIUS Bombay 5th July knots 11½, coastal 24 15 Ind. 8 H/F M/F 3 Operators. 01 2nd CITY OF PARIS Bombay 5th July knots 11½, coastal 24 25 Oneship 697 H/F M/F 3 Operators. 07 1st SAN RAFAEL Calcutta 7th July knots 8½, coastal 24 25 Ind. 8 H/F M/F LJSF 1 Operator. (Colombo, 011049Z.)

Aircraft. Following is state of delivery of aircraft on 1st July. A.M.'s 071928 May, 191318 May, and

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Aircraft. 211742 May refer.
(Contd.) (R.A.N.A.S. I.O., 011143Z to Admty.)

Force X. Propose to sail RESOLUTION and F. Battleship LORRAINE from Kilindini to pass breakwater at Durban at 1700B/20th July.
(2) Propose to sail cruisers of Force X to arrive Durban 0900B Fr. Cruisers DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE 19th July French Cruiser SUFFREN and French Cruiser DUGUAY-TROUIN 20th July.
(3) Are these times acceptable. My 230925 June and your 250925 June refer.
(C. in C. E.F., 011331 to C. in C. S.A., (R) N.O.I.C. Durban, Admty.)

Movements, Departure 0130Z AGRA with B.M.56. Arrivals
Bombay. 0330Z KATHIAWAR, KUMAON, 1130Z BHADRAVATI, 1340Z WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN with M.B.39.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 011349Z.)

Operation Acknowledged your 302351Z. Expect to arrive
"Player". (? in) NEWCASTLE, RACEHORSE in company at 0900C/
4th July. Shifting to group V at 2000Z/2nd.
Weather, position to nearest degree 2343.
(C.S.4, 011634Z to C. in C. E.F., (R) N.O.I.C. E.Af.)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 30th. Arrivals: ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE ex H.X.245. ADHERENT, STRATFORD ex assistance of SS. IMPERIAL VALLEY. Departures MALPEQUE to W.B.28. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 010020Z)

H.X.246, STRIKER, SEARCHER. New York departed 30th June, STRIKER and SEARCHER in convoy H.X.246 also ROXBOROUGH escorting H.X.246. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 010306Z)

A.P.Cs. 62 and 66. British A.P.Cs. 62 and 66 departed Boston Gate in company 0630Q July 1st en route New York via Cape Cod Canal and Long Island Sound. Speed 10 knots. (C.T.G. 02.1, 010315Z to C.E.S.F.)

ESQUIMALT. Left Lewis port 0800Z to R/V M/T LANGLEBROOK in 049° 31' 053° 43' at 1930Z speed 9. (ESQUIMALT, 010835Z to F.O.N.F.)

Atlantic Convoys routing. Request you will indicate when you consider Eastbound convoys will be able to pass North and West of Virgin Rocks. First position of fixed route will be adjusted as necessary. (D.T.D., 011026B to C. in C.C.N.A., (R) C. in C.W.A. Cominch C. & R., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.)

STRIKER, SEARCHER, H.X.246. My 291833 April para. 3. 1. STRIKER and SEARCHER sailed in convoy H.X.246 on June 30th. 2. STRIKER ferrying 10 Seamew 10 Tarpon 16 Martlet, 5, 10 Hellcat, 8 Corsair. 3. SEARCHER ferrying 4 Tarpon, 16 Hellcat and 5 Martlet 5. 4. All above A/C fully erected, drained down and engines exhibited. (B.A.D. 011351Z, 012109Z, Admty., (R) C. in C.W.A.)

Task Force 63 constituted. X Cinclant reports:-
Commander Raney Task Force 63 constituted as follows: Desdiv 57, BIBB, INGRAM, PIONEER, THREAT, PORTENT, ESCALANTE. J.D. EDWARDS and ESCALANTE will be ordered report Commander Raney at Base H. Comdesron 31 direct vessels named now at New York report Commander Raney. Task Force arrive Hampton Roads prior noon July 11th escort convoy U.G.S.12 scheduled sail Hampton Roads July 12th to Casablanca and North African ports. Use of ESCALANTE to fuel destroyers. Routes and Chops. Procedure for turning over ships bound for Mediterranean ports. Similar to that on your last trip. Return Hampton Roads escorting convoy G.U.S.11 when directed by Commorseafron. (Commaveu 011409Z to Admty.)

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Estimate.

(Cominch, 011412Z.)

SS. QUEEN
ELIZABETH.SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH departed Ambrose 1245Z July
1st for Clyde. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 2200Z July 6th
S. of A. 26.3 knots.
(P.D. New York, 011422Z to Cominch C. and R.)

"Monsters"

Request Monster Class independents. Sailing to
U.S. East Coast be given approach instruction
for New York Boston and Hampton Roads.
(Cominch C. and R. 011429Z to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q.,
C.E.S.F.)NORTHERN
GEM.My P.C. and S. at 1200 G.M.T. 1st 047° 38' 047°
20' 270° 9 IMPERIAL VALLEY in company.
(NORTHERN GEM 011543Z to F.O.N.F.)

PASTEUR

1. Formal application has been received from War Dept., for PASTEUR to be sailed as UNO 5 instead of A.T.55 for operational reasons of very high priority.
2. Have discussed with N.S.H.Q. Ottawa who are naturally averse to having their programme further upset. They have cabled Gen. McNaughton asking for his opinion.
3. Air Staff J.S.M. also doubtful whether delay to R.A.F. from Canada is acceptable and are cabling Air Ministry for advice.
4. Proposing AQUITANIA as best means of giving compensatory lift to Canadians.
(B.A.S. Washington 011600Q) Not approved (W.O.011720B).

POLYANTHUS

Ref C. in C. C.N.A. 201441 POLYANTHUS now
expected to be ready to sail p.m./3rd.
(B.A.R.M. Washington, 011622Z to Admty. (R)
S.B.N.O.W.A. Area, POLYANTHUS, Cominch,
Comcaseafon, C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F., C. in C.
W.A., N.S.H.Q., Comdr. 3rd Naval District).ADOLPH
ROBERT.Sailing vessel ADOLPH ROBERT, 80 tons gross Nfld.
Registry, total loss 29 June due to explosion
on board while in Grand Bank Harbour.
(N.S.H.Q., 011637Z to Admty. Cominch, C. and R).

A.T.54 A.

Convoy A.T.54 A expected ready to sail New York
(?16th) July for U.K. Composition as follows.
A.Ps. PARKER, E.B. ALEXANDER, SANTA ELENA,
HAWAIIAN SHIPPER, BARRY. A.C.V. U.S.S. BLOCK
ISLAND carrying non-operational U.S. Army aircraft. SEATRIN
TEXAS total 7 ships with possibility that one A.P. may be added.
All ships return U.S. when unloaded.
(Cominch, 011830Z).

/Pilots...

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Helldiver
Squadrons.

Your 121959 June para. 1. We do not repeat not want these pilots returned to United Kingdom where it will be necessary to acclimatise them and convert them to Barracuda. Barracuda dive bombing trials are better done by pilots accustomed to that type the dive bomber instructors returning here being used to advise as necessary.

2. Request you retain these ten pilots for the first two Helldiver Squadrons to be formed, employing them in the meanwhile for ferrying or other suitable flying duties.
(Admty. 011825B to B.A.D.)

B.Y.M.S.

B.Y.M.S.49, 50, 155, 156, Departed Charleston for New York 1400Q. Speed 10. M.A.C.R.I. Convoy.
(Cdr. Southern Group E.S.F.011939).

C.U./U.C.
Convoys,
numbers of
Ships.

Your 252221Z. Appreciate your concurrence to increase C.U./U.C. convoys to 24 ships.

(2) Suggest that any surplus fast tankers which cannot be included in C.U./U.C. convoy should be sailed with or to overtake an H.X. or O.N. convoy and remain with convoy through U-boat danger area, thereafter proceeding independently.

(3) Importance of maintaining our hardly-earned ascendancy over U-boats is such that we consider it essential to maintain for as long as we can a surface striking force to co-operate with air in Bay area. Moreover, groups at present so employed are being held at short notice for an operation which is pending and therefore are not available to proceed far afield.
(1st S.L., 012043B to Cominch (R) B.A.D., C. in C. W.A.)

Sub. attack
and sighting
summary.

All times Z. Para D. R.C.A.F. plane sights
sub. 47.41 N. 62.53 W. 301603. C.G.55032 sights
sub. 34.18 N. 76.22 W. 010120.
(Cominch, 012105Z to Admty).

POLYANTHUS
H.X.247.

Sail POLYANTHUS Baltimore to New York when ready about 5th July. Vessel to be additional escort for H.X.247 to St. Johns N.F.
(Cominch, 012124Z to Comeastseafon).

NIGERIA

Sail H.M.S. NIGERIA when ready about 6 July, Charleston to Norfolk for working up. Further orders will be issued later from Cominch. Advise time of departure route S. of A.
(Cominch, 012126Z Comeastseafon).

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America & West Indies. - Contd.

LURLINE San Francisco 27th LURLINE (U.S.A.T.) for
Brisbane.
(N.S.H.Q., 012142Z to Admty. etc).

Escort Programme.
Vessels. (Hd. of M.II, 012151B to B.A.D.) See Lion Copy.

P.224 Departure U.S.A.T. P.224 from Gros Islet
1000Z/2nd, Trinidad Granada 1900Z/2nd.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia, 012350 to Admty).

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.77. X Funafuti R/C aircraft sighted 8000 ton MARU
south extremity Nonouti Gilberts 28. 18
Dauntlesses 12, Avengers with 32 Wildcats
escorting bombed Rekata Bay afternoon 28
Coastwatcher reports gun position and ammunition dump destroyed.
Further force 18 Dauntlesses 12 Avengers escorted by 25 Wildcats
half hour later bombed Munda hit dumps guns barracks started
fires. Three enemy DD unsuccessfully attacked in Blakett
Strait 0130M/28. Vila Stanmore Kolombangara shelled from
2215M 29, results not known yet.
Estimated submarine position June 30 1 probably in the Fiji area
one possibly in New Hebrides area one probably south of
Solomons three indicated in Western Solomons area 2 - 4 New
Britain Papua area one southwest of Christmas Island.
(C.W.R. Wellington 010046Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty).

TROMP, Neths. Light Cruiser TROMP arrived Fremantle
NIEUW escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM.
AMSTERDAM. (N.O.I.C. W. Australia, 010345Z to C.S.W.P.S.F.)

Digest serial Occupation Kiriwina and Woodlark Islands,
No.527 June by Allied Forces reported completed 30th.
30th. (2) 10 Bostons bombed strafed enemy installations
Nassau Bay afternoon 29th. At approx. midnight
Allied troops landed this area and contacted
enemy after dawn 30th.
(3) 5 Liberators, 9 Fortresses night 29th - 30th, bombed
Vunakanau Aerodrome starting numerous fires and explosions one
fortress missing.
(4) Submarine observed passing Cape Orford Northbound midday
30th.
(5) Fortress attacked 3 small merchantmen 17 miles west by
south Cape Gloucester morning leaving one in sinking condition,
also leaving 1 other apparently damaged and deserted.

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Australia & New Zealand.

Digest (8) Twenty one medium bombers escorted by 21
serial No. fighters bombed Darwin area destroying 3 damaged
527 June 30th. grounded aircraft and wounding 3 personnel.
(Contd.) Spitfires intercepted shooting down 6 bombers, 2
fighters and damaging 7 bombers, 1 fighter. 6
Spitfires missing.

(9) Solomons area South Pacific Forces. U.S. Cruiser and
destroyer Task Group heavily shelled Ballale, Shortland, Faisi,
Poporang and Alu Islands early morning 30th while 2 more
destroyers bombarded Vila as diversion to dawn landing Rendova.
Damage inflicted unobserved due weather but 1 small enemy vessel
probably sunk. Occupation Rendova virtually completed within
8 hours. 75 Japs encountered whereof 35 killed. Transport
MCCAWLEY hit during afternoon strafe by 24 torpedo bombers and
subsequently sunk by enemy submarine without casualties. Many
enemy aircraft destroyed. U.S. Destroyer GWINN damaged by
Munda shore battery and later grounded. Supporting landing
16 Avengers, 12 Dauntless struck. Vila Airfield losing six
Dauntless.
(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 010958Z).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 011340B, 011350B).

Submarines Attacked.

U/B destroyed We congratulate ACTIVE and NESS on the destruc-
23rd May. tion of an Italian U-boat on 23rd May.
(1st S.L., 011216B to ACTIVE, NESS, (R) C. in C.
W.A., C. in C. Med., Cdre. (D) W.A.)

MOST SECRET

Lian A.W.1
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WARNING: This message must first be paraphrased if it is essential to communicate it to persons outside British or Allied Government Services.

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MOST SECRET

M E S S A G E

OUT

TO:- B.A.D.

DATE:- 1.7.43.

NAVAL CYPHER XF PLUG BY T/P

FROM:- Admiralty

Escort Vessels, programme

The following estimate of the extent to which present programme will meet our requirements in Escort vessels should be realised when considering the future standardisation of these vessels.

2. This estimate, in paragraph 3 below, is based on the following assumptions:

- (a) All vessels in existing programmes will be completed.
- (b) The U.K. will be assigned at least a further 100 vessels from U.S. construction over and above the 102 already assigned.
- (c) Casualties are incurred at the rate of 8% per annum from mid-1943 to mid-1945. Latter date being taken as approx. completion of present programmes.

	<u>Total strength at 1st June '43</u>	<u>Addition from new construction</u>		<u>Losses</u>		<u>Net estimated strength at end of present programmes</u>
		<u>Brit. Empire</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Casualties</u>	<u>Over Age</u>	
Brit.	477	450	200	118	87	922
U.S.	110	-	652	70	53	639

Note:- Fleet Minesweepers have not been included.

4. If all programmes are fulfilled the British Empire total strength shows a surplus of 197 and the U.S. a surplus of 49 over the requirements set out in C.C.S.80/2. The British total, however, is still 122 vessels short of our overall target figure of 1044 but is considered to be a sufficient compromise and in all probability the limit of our manning resources. It can therefore be assumed that future programmes after completion of the above will be required to provide for attrition only.

5. In view of the foregoing remarks it is considered that the efforts of the C.S.C. should be directed to include the following alternatives:-

- (a) Modification of existing types with a view to improving their operational capabilities without in any way retarding the rate of completion of present programmes which is still of paramount importance.

/(b) Standardisation

(b) Standardisation of future types when a high rate of production will no longer be the dictating factor in follow-on programmes and we can therefore concentrate on revising the staff requirements to produce the ideal ocean going escort vessels.

(c) The rapid introduction of alternative armament and equipment into existing types in the event of an early termination of the U-boat war in the West, before the completion of the present programmes. In this event we may find that our combined resources in A/S vessels are more than sufficient to meet the Japanese U-boat threat so that further production of escort vessels fitted primarily as A/S vessels would be a waste of effort. Alternatives we have in mind are A/A escorts, small monitors for bombarding purposes in support of Combined Operations, store carriers, troop carriers, fuel carriers.

6. Reference para. 5 (c) above we are already exploring the possibility of the application of these alternatives to U.K. construction..

012151B

for Hd. of M.II (929)

Approved by A.C.N.S.(W)

1st Lord	Hd. of M. (3)(A/S.W.964/43) & for Mr. Seal	
1st S.L.(2)	D.A/S.W.	N.A. 2nd S.L.
D.F.S.L.	D.A/U.D.	Hd. of C.W.
2nd S.L.	D.T.S.D.	Hd. of N.
3rd S.L.	D.G.D.	D.P.S.
Vice Controller	D.T.M.	E.A.P.
4th S.L.	D. of D.	Hd. of M.F.
V.C.N.S.	D.N.C.	D. of C.
A.C.N.S.(H)	D. of S.(2)	Dep. Cont.)
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	C.C.O.(2)	D.T.M.)
A.C.N.S.(A)(2)	D.A/S.M.	P.)
A.C.N.S.(W)	Admiral Usborne	D. of D.)
A.C.N.S.(U.T.)(2)	Admiral Blake (4)	D.N.C.)
Sec.	E. in C.	D.N.O.) Bath
P.A.S.(3)	D.S.D.	E. in C.)
P.A.S.(P.R.)	D. of L.D.(2)	D.A/S.M.)
D. of P.(2)	D.A.S.	D.S.D.)
D. of P.(Q)(2)	D.N.E.(C.O.)	D.A.S.)
U.W.R.	I.P.(2)	Hd. of M.F.)
D.O.D.(H)(2)	W.D.	D. of C.)
D.O.D.(F)(2)	Hd. of M.A.S.(4)	Hd. of S.W.R.)
D.D.O.D.(M)	P.(L)	
D.N.I.(4)	D.N.O.	
D.D.I.C.(2)	A.M.W.	
Duty Capt.(2)	D.M.W.D.	
D.M.S.		

MOST SECRET

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Friday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Operation "Corncrake". X 1. SEADOG is carrying out Operation "Corncrake" in west Spitzbergen waters.

Denmark Straits Patrol. X 2. BERWICK sailed from Hvalfjord at 2044B today for Denmark Straits patrol.

H.X. 245,
SS. EMPIRE
IBEX. 3. KOOTENAY at 0044Z today reported that SS. EMPIRE IBEX in H.X.245 had been holed and was sinking after collision with EMPIRE MACALPINE who was remaining with the convoy. NENE is standing by her in 53.30 N. 36.25 W. (about 720 miles N.E. of St. Johns N.F.) In view of the shortage of escorts KOOTENAY has asked to retain SNOWBERRY after the departure of E.G.5. IBEX was later abandoned but on a report by aircraft that she was still afloat NENE proceeded to search for her. However, the ship sank a.m./3rd in 53.36 N. 36.16 W.

Operation "Musketry". X 4. Group B.5 is returning to Plymouth with VOLUNTEER in company short of fuel. HAVELOCK reports that she sank or damaged a U-Boat in 45.09 N. 07.32 W. (about 80 miles north of Cape Ortegal) at 0310B today.

X 5. 6 moored mines were detonated off Start Point and 3 in Nympe Bank area. One ground mine was detonated off Harwich.

South Atlantic.

6. It was reported on 6th July that EMPIRE KOHINOOR (British, 5225 tons), Table Bay for Freetown and U.K., was torpedoed at 2320Z today in 06.20 N. 16.30 W. (about 240 miles S.W. of Freetown.)

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Mediterranean.

Maintenance
of Landing
Craft.

7. General Eisenhower, at the request of C. in C. Mediterranean, has asked Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington, for 2 L.S.T. mobile repair ships. C. in C. Med. intends to form 2 forward mobile bases each consisting of an L.S.T. suitably equipped and carrying a mobile land repair unit. The British Chiefs of Staff support General Eisenhower's request.

OSIRIS.

8. S/M OSIRIS is not now required for special operations and is to be sailed to Port Said for onward passage to join the Eastern Fleet on completion of a rest period.

Air
Operations.

9. 30 Wellingtons bombed Palermo last night, and 19 Wellingtons bombed Cagliari.

America and West Indies.

10. The U.S. tanker BLOODY MARSH (10,800 tons) was torpedoed at 0420Z today in 31.33 N. 78.57 W. and sank.

Australia and New Zealand.

Solomon
Is.

11. This afternoon, two Allied destroyers bombarded enemy positions at Wickham Anchorage, New Georgia. Forward Allied detachments landed on the mainland of New Georgia 6 to 8 miles north-east of Munda this afternoon.

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HUNTER When ready for service HUNTER is placed under the orders of C. in C. W.A. A.M.111911B refers. (D.O.D. H., 021238B).

Exercise Areas off Londonderry. Concur in proposals in Admiralty letter M.06110/43 of 29th June. It is noted that no mention is made of the re-arrangement of the areas requested in my 141114 June though this does not affect the points at issue. (Cmdre. (D).W.A., 021632B to C. in C. W.A.)

TALYBONT for Plymouth Command. A.M.071227B June para. 3. TALYBONT detailed. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021820B to Admty).

Movements.

METEOR, CUMBERLAND. My 301326B. METEOR date of completion 3rd July. Propose to sail her to Scapa direct in company with CUMBERLAND. Your 011603B refers. (BERWICK, 020130B to C. in C. H.F.) Approved to sail METEOR with CUMBERLAND. My 011641B refers. (C. in C. H.F., 021055B to BERWICK).

DIOMEDE Your 291855 and A.M. 212259. Request you will sail DIOMEDE to Rosyth for ballasting on completion of work-up about 21st July. (D.O.D. H., 020348B to C. in C. H.F.)

SHROPSHIRE Scapa arrivals SHROPSHIRE, WORCESTER. (A.C.O.S., 021142B).

S/M Movements. Cancel my 011445. My 301645 June, SYRTIS, ALECTO and M.L.235, E.T.A. and E.T.D. Loch Dunvegan 1600/4th July. (Capt. S.12, 021206B). My 291605 June. Sailed (P.556). (Capt. S.7., 021713B).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/3 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 021736B, 030812B, 031359).

Sailed X.7 escorted by M.L.235 in accordance with S.12 301645B June.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 022028B).

F.O.S. 301511B June. At 1100B/5th intend to sail SHAD and HERRING escorted by SCIMITAR from Roseneath for 180° Barra Head 7 miles speed 14 knots, E.T.A. 0030B.

2. Thence SCIMITAR as directed by C. in C. W.A., HERRING and SHAD as routed F.O.S.

(Comsubron 50 022115B and 030948B).

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Movements. - Contd.

MOORFLY,
CHARON,
PARRSBORO,
QUALICUM,
WEDGEPORT.

Intend sailing mooring-vessel MOORFLY, H.M.R.T. CHARON escorted by F.M/S. PARRSBORO, QUALICUM, WEDGEPORT at 1400/3rd, for Gibraltar routed as in C. in C. Plymouth's 011237 and Admiralty's 301935A March. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1200Z/13. Codeword "Gibson". C. in C. Med. is requested to signal onward route from position N. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 021212B to F.O.I.C. Gib). Cancelled by N.O.I.C. Falmouth 021716B. See Casualties.

CELANDINE

My 131313Z June para. 1 C. It is proposed to give CELANDINE 14 days work-up beginning July 11th and consequently she will not be sailed with O.N.192. Anticipate sailing her to meet C.3. in mid-Atlantic on east-bound trip. (C. in C. W.A., 021457Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

From position (T) pass through position (U) 180° Bishop 10. (V) 180° Lizard Head 3, thence by Q.Z.S.410 and 409. (2) Adjust speed to pass Gate at 1000B/8th July. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021701B to QUEEN ELIZABETH).

A.F.D.22,
A.F.D.19.

A.S. Rosyth's 011750. Request I may be informed when A.F.D.22 will arrive CORPACH in order that a refit programme may be arranged. I would recommend A.F.D.19 should remain at CORPACH until it is certain rapid replacement can be made. A.S. Rosyth suggests re berthing of A.F.D.19 should be carried out on 31st July. (N.O.I.C. Glasgow, 021819 to Admty).

Coastal
Craft
Group H.

My 301449. Amend 13th July to read 15th July. (D.O.D. H., 021906B to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

Operations.

Operation
"Musketry".
U-boat sunk
or damaged
by HAVELOCK.

× My 012234 para. (2). Correct to read 044° 55'. (F.O.S., 020559B to S/Ms). Intend detaching VIMY, VISCOUNT, PIMPERNEL, at 1500B/2nd to refuel at Plymouth. Remaining on patrol, GODETIA in company. Both ships have 60% fuel remaining. Weather and position 5370 2514, 44, 12. (BERRY, 021001 to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) SCYLLA, B.5).

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Operation "Musketry". D/F at 0708Z/2 indicates one or more U/Bs approx. 47° 00' N., 05° 30' W, probably westbound. U-boat sunk or damaged by HAVELOCK. (contd). (D.D.I.C., 021105B to S/Ms, C. in C. Plymouth). My 291815B. LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE are to leave patrol and proceed Plymouth so as to arrive 0600B/3rd. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021215B to LIMBOURNE, WENSLEYDALE). BERRY's 021001B para. 1. VIMY, VISCOUNT and PIMPERNEL proceeding Liverpool, refuelling if necessary at Falmouth or Milford Haven.

2. Route through position (U) 049° 20' N., 010° 45' W. (V) 180° Bishop Rock 10 (W) 270° Longships 4, thence Admiralty message Q.Z.S. 315, 333, 307, 297, and 301 and then in accordance with F.N.M.385 (T) 1943 and A.M. Q.Z.S. (3) SCYLLA is to continue supporting remainder of B.5 Group on A/S patrol until 2200B/3rd, unless fuel necessitates earlier return, then SCYLLA to Plymouth and remainder as in para. one. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021441B to SCYLLA, B.5). Am over enemy S/M. (A/C 224 Sq. Duty J No T.O.O. to 19 Group, Recd. 1617/2) U-boat previously reported on course 300°, speed 12 knots, was first sighted in position KBYE 4205 (043° 42' N., 009° 55' W. intended). (A/C 224 Sq. Duty J, 021550B to 19 Group). Nothing sighted. My P.C.S. at 1600B, 046° 30' N., 011° 50' W, 020° 18. HAVELOCK and VOLUNTEER in company. Owing to fuel shortage destroyers are now proceeding to Plymouth independently. My E.T.A. 1600B/3rd. (SCYLLA, 021604B to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) HAVELOCK). Over U/B. 2. U/B was on surface and seen to submerge. Have attacked U/B with depth-charges position KBMA 3755 (043° 37' N., 10° 05' W. intended). (A/C 224 Sq. Duty J, 021620B to 19 Group). Returning Plymouth VOLUNTEER in company, short of fuel. HAVELOCK sank or damaged a U-boat in 045° 09' N., 007° 32' W. at 0310B/2nd. Oil-patch 1200 by 300 yards. VOLUNTEER requires about one week in harbour engine room repair. My P.C.S. 046° 36' N., 011° 54' W, 12 knots. (B.5, 021620 to C. in C. Plymouth). Enemy S/M attacked at 1550B/2nd. P.C.S. 043° 42' N., 009° 55' W. 300° 12 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021622B to SCYLLA, B.5). My 021622B. Amend position to read - 43° 37' N., 10° 05' W. There are now 2 U-boats reported. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021641B to SCYLLA, B.5). Your 021441B. Have insufficient fuel to effect this support. Am proceeding in accordance with my 021604B. (SCYLLA, 021814B to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) B.5). (1) Area "Musketry" is bound on north by lat. 048° N., on south by 043° 30' N., on east by long. 009° 30' W, on west by 012° W. (2) Area "Seaslug" is bound on north by lat. 047° 30' N., on south by 043° N., on east by long. 012° W., on west by 014° W. (3) 19 Group aircraft will sweep "Musketry" area continually throughout day and "Seaslug" area will be swept by limited number of 15 group A/C. (4) 2nd Escort Group and B.1 Escort Group are to act as Anti - U-boat striking force in support primarily of operation

/"Musketry"....

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Operations.

Operation "Musketry". U-boat sunk or damaged by HAVELOCK. (contd).

"Musketry" and secondly of operation "Seaslug" and are to proceed to attack U-boats located by aircraft.

(5) B.1 group is to patrol in area "Musketry" north between lat. 047° N., and $045^{\circ} 15'$ N., and 2nd Escort Group is to patrol in area "Musketry" south between $045^{\circ} 15'$ N., and $043^{\circ} 30'$ N.

(6) The following R/V positions are established, all positions being on the meridian of 011° W.

(A) "Musketry" north (A) $046^{\circ} 50'$. (B) $046^{\circ} 15'$. (C) $045^{\circ} 40'$.
(B) "Musketry" south (X) $045^{\circ} 00'$. (Y) $044^{\circ} 25'$. (Z) $043^{\circ} 50'$.

(7) Each group is normally to be in the vicinity of one of the 3 R/V positions in its area at 0800B daily. 19 Group A/C which sight Escort Groups will endeavour to gain V/S contact with the S.N.O. The intended R/V position for the following days should be passed to A/C by V/S.

(8) When sightings are made by A/C 19 Group, having judged that a S/M is probably present and an Escort Group within 60 miles, will instruct the A/C to carry out Homing procedure. The Escort Group concurred on intercepting the Homing signal is proceeding to attack the enemy and all 19 Group A/C will be diverted to the S/M's position and co-operate with Escort Group.

(9) Unless in contact with enemy, Escort Group are not proceeding east of $009^{\circ} 30'$ W.

(10) Ju.88 in formation may be met up to 022° W. 4 Narvik destroyers are based on south Biscay Ports. 2 have recently been observed escorting inward-bound U-boat (German) from about 09° W.

(11) This para. follows as Secret Cypher Shore Secret Code Sea. (C. in C. Plymouth, 021845B to E.G.2, E.G.B.1 (R) SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS, BERMUDA).

1. 2nd Escort Group is to leave Plymouth passing Gate at 0930B/3rd and proceeding patrol in area "Musketry" South. My 021845B refers.

2. Route by Q.Z.S. 409, 410, thence through position (M) 180° Bishops 10. (N) 049° N., $010^{\circ} 30'$ W.

3. Codeword "Gibson".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021905B to E.G.2 (R) B.1. SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS, BERMUDA).
C. in C. W.A., 012221B. On arrival at position 050° N. 012° W. Group B.1 is to proceed to patrol in area "Musketry" north. My 021845B refers.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 021909B to B.1).
Squadron ? searching vicinity $043^{\circ} 37'$ $010^{\circ} 05'$ at 2300B today. GODETIA ? in company. Weather 9061 2516.
(BERRY 022030B to HAVELOCK).
Over U/B 02 ? 2 U/Bs intended 43.30 N., 10.15 W, $100^{\circ} 9$ knots.
(A/C 228 Sq. Duty S. 022115B to 19 Group).
2 U/Bs have dived, position 43.35 N., 10.00 W.
(A/C 228 Sq. Duty S., 022215B to 19 Group).
Your 021814 received and understood. Codeword "Bailey".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 022305B to SCYLLA).
My 021441B and your 021604 and 021620. Approved for HAVELOCK and VOLUNTEER to refuel at Plymouth before onward passage to Liverpool.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 022307B to SCYLLA, HAVELOCK)

/Coastal...

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- Coastal Force Patrols.
1. Tonight M.G.B. 611, 615, S.G.B. GREY WOLF carry out anti-E-boat patrol from 0001 to 0400 on latitude 50° 25' N., between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.
 2. M.L. 346, 464 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A. 5 buoys.
 3. GLAISDALE immediate notice Yarmouth and CHASSEUR 41 St. Helens.
 4. M.L. 123, 303, 182 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N., between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.
 6. Communications. (A) M.G.Bs. and S.G.Bs. Codeword "Jovial". (C) Destroyers: Codeword "Advent". (D) Portland M.Ls. Codeword "Match".
 - (C. in C. Portsmouth, 021230B).
 1. Force D. M.G.Bs. 80, 112, and 75 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Start 15.
 2. Codeword "Obstacle".
 3. Force E. M.Ls. 159, 118 and 304 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 100° Start 12.
 4. Codeword "Scent".
 5. Forces D and E are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0430B.
 - (C. in C. Plymouth, 021551B).
 - M.Ls. 275 and 137 at Bullock Bank. M.G.Bs. S.2 and S.1. at Bullock Bank, E.T.D. Dover 2245, E.T.R. 0445/3.
 - M.G.Bs. 117 and 116 at V buoy, E.T.D. Ramsgate 2315, E.T.R. 0445/3.
 - S.G.Bs. GREY OWL and GREY FOX operating off West Dyck Bank, E.T.D. 0001/3, route via Nos. 1 and 2 buoys.
 - M.Ls. 104, 102, 108, 107 and M.T.B.221 carrying out operation N.L.89, E.T.D. 2220, E.T.R. 0615/3. Route via Dumpton and U buoys each way.
 - (V.A. Dover, 021926B).
 - Your 021551B. "Scent" sailed. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 022204B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 - Your 021551B. "Obstacle" sailed, less M.G.B.75 defective. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 022207B to C. in C. Plymouth).
- S/M Patrols.
- My 011521. Pass B.F. and shift W/T watch at 0400B/14th.
(F.O.S., 021253B to BARB).
P.67 left Lerwick, 1510B/2nd July unescorted and on the surface at C.Os. discretion till 062° N. then dived as much as possible for patrol lines EE passing through position 090° Muckle Flugga 10 miles.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 021518B).
LE CURIE sailed for patrol 021515B.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 021631B to Admty).
Positions of Submarines at 0800B/3rd and movements for following 24 hours.
- (A) K.14 45° 40' N., 39° 01' W, probably on surface through 47° 20' N., 33° 35' W. speed 10 knots.
 - (B) BARB vicinity 43° 35' N., 22° 38' W. leaving patrol p.m./3rd diving by day to pass through 40° N., 29° W. at 0300/7th.
 - (C) HAKE approx. 42° N., 26° W, dived by day to pass through 42° N., 27° W. at 0001/4th, thence through 40° 58' N., 40° 02' W. at 0001/10th.

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S/M (D) BLACKFISH vicinity 40° 20' N., 20° 25' W.
 Patrols. (E) SEADOG in West Spitzbergen waters.
 (contd). (F) CURIE approx. 62° 08' N., 00° 02' E. dived as
 much as practicable to patrol vicinity 64° 21'
 N., 00° 55' E.
 (M) SURF 45° 40' N., 06° 28' W. dived by day
 through 44° 00' N., 06° 30' W. thence course West, daily advance
 92 miles.
 (N) SEA NYMPH on patrol in area as in my 011644.
 (O) RUBIS approx. 45° 54' N., 04° 00' W, dived by day through
 45° 50' N., 03° 01' W. and 45° 00' N., 02° 30' W. for Minelay
 in S.E. Corner of Bay of Biscay.
 (P) STUBBORN on patrol in area enclosed by 45° 22' N., 05° 25' W.
 45° 37' N., 03° 22' W, 45° 14' N., 03° 10' W. and 44° 58' N,
 05° 25' W.
 (F.O.S., 021736B to Admty).

Operation X On completion operation "Corncrake" proceed
 "Corncrake". through W. 076° N., 016° E. X. 074° 47' N., 017°
 (SEADOG). 30' E. Y. 073° 30' N., 017° 30' E. Z. 069° 01' N.
 008° 52' E. thence by route "Pink" to Lerwick.
 2. Proceed diving as much as practicable between
 lat. 076° and 073° during which time your object
 is U-boat. When on surface zig-zag broad or preferably keep
 under constant helm. Thence proceed on surface at C.O's
 discretion.
 3. On crossing lat. 072° report your P.C.S. and E.T.A. at
 Lerwick.
 (F.O.S., 021943B to SEADOG).

Denmark X Hvalfiord departure at 2044B BERWICK. Your
 Strait 291450 refers.
 Patrol. (A.C.I.C., 022116B to C. in C. H.F.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Jan Mayen. Following received from Jan Mayen. Aircraft
 observed at 0555Z North of Island, easterly
 course.
 (A.C.I.C., 021807B).

Mining.

Off Start X (?). Mines detonated, positions 050° 13' 32" N.
 Point. 003° 32' 23" W, 050° 13' 44" N., 003° 31' 42" W.
 050° 13' 48" N., 003° 31' 38" W.
 (HOUND, 021106B and 021426B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 Extended clearance to a line joining the following
 points. 050° 14' 15", 003° 30' 42", 050° 11' 00", 003° 34' 18"
 050° 07' 45", 003° 38' 09".
 1. Mine detonated in 050° 13' 33", 003° (31'?) 27".

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Off Start Point. (contd). 2. R-type mine cut in 050° 12' 58", 003° 32' 15", one sunk and exploded by rifle fire. Danlayers report these had cork floats as described in A.C.M.152A. Two sinkers recovered, similar to one recovered in Q.Z.X.1013. Total number of mines swept today

6. Anchored Start Bay for the night. Intend sailing at 0515B tomorrow to resume operations. (HOUND, 022041B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Harwich One Ground mine detonated by H.M.M.S. at 1150 today in 51° 48.5' N., 1° 19.2' E. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 021246 and 022157B).

St. George's Channel. Area swept to date enclosed by lines joining positions A. 051° 42' 54" N., 007° 49' 48" W. B. 051° 48' 00" N. 007° 25' 12" W. C. 051° 40' 00" N., 007° 25' 12" W. D. 051° 35' 00" N., 007° 49' 48" W. favourable weather conditions for first time since start of operation. 3 German type-O detonated in positions 051° 44' 03" N., 007° 41' 03" W. 051° 43' 51" N., 007° 40' 57" W. and 051° 43' 48" N., 007° 39' 42" W. respectively. Mines in H.S. one 214, cut 24, detonated 4, anticipated ready to sail a.m./5th. (M/S 4, 021719B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Off Eddystone. Para 1. Three miles nine cables from Northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1022 cleared today. Mines encountered today as follows:-
No. 1. 0823 suspected "P" type detonated 112° Eddystone 9.4.
No. 2. 0843 suspected "P" type detonated 109° Eddystone 11.7.
No. 3. 1157 "P" type cut and sunk exploding on hitting bottom 115° Eddystone 8.4.
No. 4. 1116 "P" type cut and sunk 115° Eddystone 9.2.
No. 5. 1421 suspected "P" type detonated 114° Eddystone 10.2. Two static cutters sunk.
Para. 2. Intend to 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, PROSPECT, PORCHER, DOCKET, ULVA, FINESSE, LOCH PARK, and M.L.229 to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1022. (GWEAL, 022102B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

Two enemy M/Vs. Two medium-sized enemy merchant vessels in position QNJW 0240, 63 N., 7 E. (sic) course 030° speed 8 knots. (A/C 18 Group 021059B to 18 Group).

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Biscay Area. Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
(A/C 172 Sq. Duty Q. T.O.R. 020149 to 19 Group).
Attack abandoned.
(A/C 172 Sq. Duty Q No T.O.O. to 19 Group).

North Atlantic. Captain of B.24 reports sighting at 020512Z position 54 N., 13.40 W. two fresh oil patches, one circular, one line, no wreckage visible from 9000 feet.
(T.A.C. Prestwick 021220B).
S/M conning tower sighted in 060° 10' N., 018° 52' W.
(SHIKARI, 021250B to C. in C. W.A.)
Am over enemy S/M.
(A/C 89 Sq. Duty S, 022120B to 19 Group).

Casualties & Defects.

VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER requires about one week in harbour for engine-room repair.
(B.5, 021620 to C. in C. Plymouth).

MOORFLY Cancel my 021212. MOORFLY L.P. engine out of alignment, estimated time for repair 4 to 5 days.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth, 021716B to C. in C. Plymouth).

UNTAMED S.3 301135B. It is confirmed day one will be Sunday 4th July.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 022137B to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

AVONVALE Arrived AVONVALE and (?VENOMOUS).
(C. in C. Plymouth, 022241B).

Shipping & Convoys.

H.X. 245. P.C.S. at 020001053° 45' 035° 43' 050°, 10.
EMPIRE IBEX E.G.5 and ARVIDA joined. SS. BONAIRE with
damaged. KITCHENER screening 65 miles astern proceed 10 knots. SS. IBEX holed and in sinking condition after collision with EMPIRE MACALPINE who is still operating and in convoy. NENE standing by 053° 30' 036° 25'. In view of shortage of escort request SNOWBERRY may remain with convoy after departure E.G.5. Weather 4861 2162.
(KOOTENAY 020044Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 020553Z. Closed EMPIRE IBEX at 2245/1 in 053° 30' 036° 20'. Master reported at 2305 that it was impossible to save ship. There was a hole 91 feet long in the port side through which water was pouring. Number 4 hold was flooded 34 feet, deep tank bulkhead had carried and engine room awash.

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H.X. 245.
EMPIRE IBEX,
damaged.
(contd).

Ship was totally abandoned in sinking condition by 0010 and crew taken on board PERTH. No casualties. Master has personal charge of all C.Bs. Proceeded to escort PERTH back to convoy speed 12.5 knots at 0010. Wreck had not sunk on departure. My position 230° ZZ 12. Weather 6882. 2471.

(NENE 020755Z to C. in C. W.A.)

A.C.I. 330 procedure B. Set watch on D/F frequency at 3925 k/cs at 1755B/2nd July and keep lookout for aircraft Liberator call sign BMWL 2.

(A.C.I.C., 021325B to Escorts H.X. 245).

My 020755Z. Aircraft reported wreck still afloat this morning. Intend investigating with possibility of salvaging enroute St. Johns N.F. Weather 7782 2552.

(NENE 021412Z to C. in C. W.A.)

S.L. 131
MANXMAN.

Inform Comdre. that destination of MANXMAN is Loch Ewe for onward routing to Tyne. MANXMAN in tow of BUSTLER will be sailing in a W.N. Convoy. (C. in C. W.A., 021105B to Escorts S.L. 131).

AMARAPOORA

Following is a repetition of my 020802B begins. My 301229B sailed. Ends. (N.C.S.O. Swansea 021255B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Monster Ships.

Approach instructions for New York, Boston, and Hampton Roads are to be included in route instruction of all Monster class ships sailing to North American eastern seaboard. (D.T.D., 021430B).

K.M.F. 19

BERMUDA is covering K.M.F. 19 after convoy reaches 050° N. Estimate K.M.F. 19 will reach 050° N. about 2359B/3rd.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 021949B to BERMUDA)
Cancelled by C. in C. Plymouth 031711B.
See Operations.

O.N.S. M.12.
PARA.

My 022028B and 022032B. PARA (Nor.) returned after collision. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven, 022156B).

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- Spanish Shipping Newfoundland. Your 301130. Foreign Office will be replying to Ambassador's telegram No. 1127 of 23rd June. Spanish request for permission to send coal burning fishing vessels is not agreed because presence of Spanish vessels in British ports for fuelling is not acceptable. Further oil-burners might be considered.
(Head of M.(I) 020024B to N.A. Madrid).
- R.S.5. R.S.5. sailed as in my 011552 (not to Connav) S.S. BRITANNIC.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 020832B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) C.M.S.F.F. Admty. Connav, Comar Dakar).
- KRAKOWIAK Arrival 020937B July.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 020937B to Admty.).
- M.K.F.17A M.K.F. 17A arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 020943 to Admty. C. in C. Med. Connav).
- G.U.S.9. My 301737~~4~~. Cancel EXAMINER add CALEB, STRONG, ANDREW FURUSETH, ALAN-A-DALE, RUFUS W. WECKHAM, WILLIAM S. CODY (Seven ships in all), agreed M.W.T.R. and S.T.O.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021012B to Com.N.O.B. Oran, Cdre. Algiers, C.M.S.S.F.).
/ Intended sailing EXAMINER IMPERIAL.
- Dispositions Situation at 021959B.
(?R.S.) 5 EXE 034 degs. 25' 008 degs. 02' through 033 degs. 40' 009 degs. 01' thence 216 degs. 15.
(2) S/M UNIVERSAL 040 degs. 22' 010 degs. 10' 175 degs. diving by day 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(3) K.M.F.18 PHEASANT 041 degs. 23' 015 degs. 16' through 040 degs. 01' 015 degs. 01' thence 136 degs 12.
(4) K.M.S.19 DART 038 degs. 15' 015 degs. 03' through 038 degs. 01' 015 degs. 01' thence 116 degs. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(5) WEAZEL 034 degs. 02' 010 degs. 43' to Gibraltar 11.
(6) 2 B.Y.M.S. 029 degs. 10' 011 degs. 50' through 029 degs. 34' 010 degs. 52' and 030 degs. 40' 010 degs. 16' thence 001 degs.5.
(7) Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 042 degs. 30' 015 degs. 28' through 040 degs. 01' 015 degs. 01' 136 degs. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O. Gibraltar 021047B).
Situation 022002B.
U.S. S/M BARB BLACKFISH patrolling area 20 miles either side of line joining 044 degs. North 23 degs. West and 040 degs. North 20 degs. West.
(2) U.S. S/M HAKE 042 degs. 00' North 024 degs. 15' West to 042 degs. 00' North 026 degs. 40' West dived by day 10/2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021055B, 021255).

/GIL EANES...

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- GIL
EANES. Position of GIL EANES was 056 degs. 40' North
047 degs. 35' West at 0001 G.M.T. 2nd. My
291739 refers.
(N.A. Lisbon 021135B to Admty.).
- T.O.6. Intend sailing OKLAHOMA (T) EXAMINER, SHELDON
CLARK (T). Request Pendant numbers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021158B to Cdre. Algiers,
Com. N.O.B. Oran, C.M.S.F.F.).
- S.S. BALTIC Your 022133. Request full report by signal and
amplification of your statement that repatriation
of crew would compromise Consulate, Bilbao, and
other Spaniards.
(Hd. of M.(I) 021325B to A.N.A. Madrid, (R)
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
Reply: 031515B.
- R.S.6. My 011800 not to Connav refers. R.S.6. sailed
S.S. SOMERVILLE.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021632 to F.O.C.W.A. (R)
C.M.S.F.F. C. in C. Med. Connav, Admty. Comar
Dakar).
- R.S.5.
R.S.6. Departures 0845 EXE escorting convoy R.S.5.
Q.L.A. 189, 1623, M.L. 226, 188, 228, 231,
escorting R.S.6. Q.L.A. 189.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021703B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R)
Admty. C. in C, Med.).
- X.K.10
BADSWORTH. Sailed X.K.10 BADSWORTH towed by FRISKY escorted
by NARVIK, YORK CITY.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021755 to Admty.).
X.K.10 HILDE, Phosphates, Belfast. H.M. Tug FRISKY
towing BADSWORTH. MERS EL KEBIR Phosphates, Belfast.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 021817B to Admty.).
- Axis
Shipping
Bilbao. Arrival 1st, THRIANTHA, SPES Spanish GALERNA.
Departure 1st LOUVETOT.
(Consul Bilbao 021805 to Admty.).
- Movements Arrivals. MENDIP, BRECON, BRISSENDON, BLENCATHRA
with M.K.F.17A. B.H.S.L. 25, 96, 25, 95, from
Casablanca. Departures M.L. 580, H.D. M.L. 1305,
for? Oran. MENDIP, BRECON, BRISSENDON, BLANKNEY,
WOOLSTON, WALLACE, HAMBLEDON, BLENCATHRA to join U.G.S.10.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 022014B to Admty. C. in C. Med.).
Arrival ILFRACOMBE L.C.T. 595, 606, 624, 587, L.C.I.(L)
245, M.F.V. 12, M.M.S.4, 32 Tug ABEILLE 4.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 022107B to Admty. C. in C. Med.).

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GORLESTON E.T.A. position A 1130/3 B S.S. COMB(?LESFORD) in company.
(GORLESTON 022041Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) WELLINGTON, Capt.(D) Gibraltar).

TAGUS Portuguese TAGUS 1092 g.t. speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots, usual marking on side, sailed 2045/2nd for Marseilles by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence coastwise with prisoners of war parcels. Not to be molested this voyage.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 022104B 022111B to S. and A etc.).

B.Y.M.S. Further to my 301930 (N.T. in W.R.). We shall put (corrupt group) (?Lourenco Marques) conclusion (as received) short of fuel. Request service of Naval tug to proceed Casablanca at earliest opportunity. E.T.A. Casablanca p.m. July 3rd. B.Q.X.L. (B.Y.M.S. 28) will remain with me).
(B.Y.M.S. 11 022130Z to Commorseafron (R) Admiral Africa, Casablanca).

Movements P.C.471 arrived with Casa breakoff G.C.18.
Casablanca. Departures B.R. H.S.L. 2595 and 2596 for Gibraltar.
(Commorseafron 022201 to C. in C. Med.).

South Atlantic.

C.D.25 Sailing telegram (12 ships, including H.M.S. MEAD and tug CROCODILE).
(2) 0730Z/2nd. (3) 101 p.m. 4th July, East London a.m. 5th Durban a.m. 7th.
(4) $7\frac{1}{2}$ E.E. (5) Coastal pass through position X 034 degs. 53' S. 020 00' East. (6) VIRGINIA, ST. ZENO, ST. LOMAN, ASTER, BLAUWBERG.
(15) P.J.D. 1 to 9 Codeword "Pasture" .184.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 020746Z to Admty. etc.).
My 020746. Tug CROCODILE put back engine trouble.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 021347Z).

CILICIA Movements summary at 1800 G.M.T. 2nd July.
CILICIA 04 degs. N. 24 degs W. on Patrol.
(D.O.D(F) 020822Z to Opnav (R) Commaveu).
Proceed to patrol in area A 02 degs. South 18 degs. West, B. 04 degs. South 16 degs. West C. 07 degs. South 19 degs. West. D 05 degs. South 21 degs. West.
(F.O.C.W.A. 021622Z to CILICIA (R) Admty. Cdr. 4 U.S. Fleet).

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W.S.31 Arrivals 1650Z/1st July. FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, AMAZON, BLACKMORE, RAPID with W.S.31. (S.O.(I) Freetown 021051Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements Departures 1600Z/1st July. BUTTERMERE, WASTWATER, Freetown. escorting. (S.O.(I) Freetown 021053Z to Com. 4th Fleet).

Dispositions Situation at 2000Z/2nd July.
REDSHANK off Table Bay to Simonstown 8½ knots
VIRGINIA, ASTER, ST. ZENO, ST. LOMAN, BLAUWBERG with C.D.25 (11 ships) 034 degs. 50' 019 degs.
30' Coastal to Durban 8 knots.
QUADRANT, REDOUBT escorting H.F. ALEXANDER about 035 degs. 20' 021 degs. 00' to Cape Point.
NIZAM, FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, WELLARD, STANDERTON with D.C. 33 (15 ships) 031 degs. 20' 030 degs. 15' coastal to Capetown 8 knots.
FALMOUTH escorting MATAROA 030 degs. 30' 032 degs. 05' to 031 degs 30' 033 degs. 22' 14 knots.
NORMAN, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM 028 degs. 50' 034 degs. 45' to Durban 21 knots.
ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN CHIEF with D.L.M. 6 (6 ships) 026 degs. 15' 034 degs. 30' to Cape Inhaga 8 knots.
VERBENA, GENISTA, DRANGEY with D.N.50 (5 ships) 026 degs. 10' 034 degs. 40' to 022 degs. 00' 038 degs. 00' 8 knots.
(C. in C.S.A. 021118B).

Situation 2001Z/2nd July. ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, (?VIOLET) ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS, SOUTHERN GEM with O.S.50 022 degs. 57' 018 degs. 01' 180 degs. 8½.
M.L. 1066, M.L. 1044, 018 degs. 01' 016 degs. 30' to Port Etienne 8.
M.L. 1005, COPINSAY with LADY DENISON PENDER 019 degs. 31' (?022 degs.) (corrupt group) 040 degs. One.
KEPPEL, (?ORCHIS), NARCISSUS, F.F.S. ACONIT, F.F.S. LOBELIA, TAMARISK with S.L. 132, 017 degs. 29' 017 degs. 50' 359 degs. 7½.
M.Ls. 209, 279, 009 degs. 31' 015 degs. 03' to Freetown 9.
P.S. BURZA, RAPID, WITCH escorting 008 degs. (?04') 013 degs. 54' to 007 degs. 39' 014 degs. 20' thence 125 degs. 14.
(F.O.C.W.A. 021155Z).

Troop Intend to sail RAPID (S.O.) BURZA and WITCH at
Convoy 1600/2nd July escorting HIGHLAND BRIGADE, HIGHLAND
No.1. MONARCH, ARAWA and STAFFORDSHIRE to Lagos Oxford
Route. Speed 14 knots. E.T.A. Lagos a.m./6th July.
(2) Further orders for Destroyers and arrangements
for ships joining W.S. 31 will be signalled.
(3) WITCH has no Asdic.
(F.O.C.W.A. 021145Z to R.N.O. Lagos (R) Admty.
N.O.I.C. Takoradi, RAPID).

(1) Coastal troop convoy No.1. (2) 1600 2nd? July.
(3) Knots 14. (4) HIGHLAND MONARCH, ARAWA, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, and
STAFFORDSHIRE, all Lagos 6th July. (5) All positions North and
West unless otherwise indicated K 007 degs. 39' 014 degs. 20'
M 003 degs. 35' 008 degs. 00' V 004 degs. ?10' 002 degs. 00' Y 005

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convoy
No.1.
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degs. 20' North 003 degs. 15' East.
(6) A 003 degs. 14' 005 degs. 00' B 003 degs. 32'
001 degs. 06' C 004 degs. 20' North 001 degs. 36'
East, D 005 degs. 20' North 003 degs. 15' East.
(7) to (10) Nil. (11) Z.V.D. convoy codeword
"Newman".
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 021943Z to Admty.).

Approaches
to Dakar.

Pass to N.C.S.Os. Cancel my 231725B.
(D.T.D. 021256B to C. in C.W.A.).

MATAROA

Durban 1500Z/2nd July MATAROA New York via
Bahia 18th July knots escorted 12½ then (A) 13
(B) 14 escorted to J 031 degs. 30' South 033 degs.
22' East. K. 038 degs. 00' 032 degs. 04' thence
L. 040 degs. 01' South 031 degs. 40' East. M. 045 degs. 10'
South 026 degs. 01' East. N. 045 degs. 10' South 009 degs. 50'
East O. 042 degs. 10' South 007 degs. 50' West. P. 036 degs.
50' South 021 degs. 05' West. Q 030 degs. 40' South 032 degs. 30'
R 018 degs. 01' South 032 degs. 40' S 013 degs. 50' South 037
degs. 10' Reference H.E. St. Pauls Rocks. De Montevideo.
(Durban 021400Z to Admty. Connav).

TUTOIA
(sunk 1/7).

Reported from Brazilian sources that Brazilian
ship TUTOIA torpedoed and sunk at 0100Z/July 1st
in position H. 024 degs. 40' South 047 degs. 05'
West. Survivors have landed at Cape Sao Jurea
near Iguape.
(B.N.S.O. Rio De Janeiro 021430Z to Admty.).

HIGHLAND
BRIGADE
defects.

Further to my 301620Z/June add the following:
Port forward generator out of commission, bedplate
broken due failure crank head bolts No.6. unit.
Do not think crankshaft is affected.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 021511Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown, (R)
D. S.T.).

Force X.

C. in C.S.A. 261410, 301815, F.O.C.W.A.F. 261627,
292347 and 301623. C. in C.E.F. 011343.
Arrangements in F.O.C.W.Af.'s 261627 are preferred
namely,
(a) Battleships to fuel at Congo.
(b) Cruisers to sail from Cape by Groups independently, Group A
to fuel at Takoradi, Group B at Pointe Noire.
(2) R.F.A. DINGLEDALE ex O.S.51 is available to F.O.C.W.Af. to
proceed to Congo or as relief for ECHODALE for the purpose.
(3) F.O.C.W.A. is requested to send EMPIRE CADET to Congo with
600 tons of water.
(D.O.D.(F)* 021528B to F.O.C.W. Africa, C. in C.S.A. (R) C. in C.
E.F.). * Approved V.C.N.S.

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South Atlantic. - Contd.

Overdue
shipping.

CAPE CANAVERAL Durban 9th June for Rio de Janeiro 27th not arrived.
ALCOA VOYAGER detached T.B. 16, 18th June for Montevideo 26th not arrived.
(A.B.N.S.O. Recife 021836Z to Admty. C. in C. U.S. Fleet (C and R), C. in C.S.A. N.S.H.Q. S.O. (I) Freetown, D.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro.).

Movements
Takoradi

Arrivals 2nd July BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, M/L 287.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 021914Z to R.A.W.Af. Admty. R.N.O. Lagos).

Dakar
dangerous
area.

O.S.50. FORT FAIRFORD not required Dakar, new destination Freetown for Orders.
(2) If remainder of Dakar ships cannot enter Harbour request you will indicate probable date of opening port so that ships may return there from Freetown to discharge cargoes urgently required.

Comar Dakar's 291717/June/refers.

(D.T.D. 021920B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Comar Dakar).

✶ Re: Areas dangerous owing to enemy minelaying. Reply Comar Dakar 031122Z.

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 42.03 N. 9.58 E. (A/C HUN/F 020124B.)
Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 43.22 N. 10.13 E. (A/C VAD/G, 020129B.)
P.C. and S. of one cruiser and one escort ship
43.28 N. 10.15 E., 015°, 20 knots.
(A/C AD 9, 020201B.)
My 0200B/2. P.C. and S. of one cruiser and one escort ship 43.17 N. 9.59 E., 200°, 20 knots.
(A/C VAD/G, 020230B.)
P.C. and S. of two destroyers 40.59 N. 10.54 E., 300°, 15 knots.
(A/C VAD/G, 020321B.)
One enemy destroyer and medium sized vessel in 39.40 N. 13.56 E., course 190°, speed 10 knots.
(A/C GLZ/P, 020650Z.)
One medium sized enemy merchant vessel, one destroyer and 2 Junkers aircraft in 41.55 N. 9.35 E., course 300°, speed 10 knots.
(A/C GQM/F, 020840B.)

EASTON, ADRIAS. Time permitting intend to carry out a night encounter exercise with EASTON and ADRIAS in vicinity of TK between 2130 and 2230 Friday July 2nd.
(Capt. (D) 22nd D.F., 020339C to C. in C. Levant, (R) N.O.I.C. Alexandria, Cdre. (D).)

SEVERN. Your 020150. Pass 039° 10' 007° 00' at 2215/2nd, 038° 20' 003° 35' at 0015/4th and R/V (? escort for Algiers) in 036° 58' 003° 09' at 0615/4th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 020620B to SEVERN, (R) C. in C. Med., (Malta), N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S/M Flot., CASABIANCA, PERLE (F.S.).)

Movements, Alexandria. July 1st Alexandria arrivals G.S. COUNDOURIOTIS. Departure ORION, ABDIEL, SCARAB, COCKCHAFER, L.C.I.(L) 131, 266, 277.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 020630C to Admty.)

M.K.S. 16: My 281832B sailed 1912B/1st less LAFAYETTE.
G.U.S. 9. (F.O.I.S., 020643B to Admty., etc.)

S/Ms. (1) UNRULY 036° 46' 012° 38'.
(? O.R.P. SOKOL) 036° 34', 013° 08'.
ULTOR 036° 24', 013° 38'.
All ships steering 294° to pass through 037° 03' 011° 48' thence 005°. Advance 85 miles every 24 hours.
(2) 10th S/F movement summary 2000/2nd.
(Capt. (S) 10, 020714B to A.I.G.412.)

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NEWFOUNDLAND. Arrived hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, O20745B to Admty., etc.)

Force H. X Request you will adjust course and speed to arrive 033° 00' N. 020° 00' E. at 1930/3rd July. Onward route through "Hail" 5 miles North "Tin" 0630/4 10 miles North. "Gamma" 10 miles North "Bend" 15 miles North, "Rock" 1915/4 to home 0450/5. S. of A. 15 knots. Codeword after passing 020° E. "Norfolk". All times Zone minus 3.

2. Shore based A/S defence will be provided from dusk 3rd until arrival Alexandria.
3. One flight of 3 sections of Hurricanes will be sent to answer help calls during daylight July 3rd and 4th. A second flight will be available in event of air attack.
4. No night fighter escort but shore G.C.I. Controlled Night Interception can be made in Benghazi and Alexandria areas.
5. Your 301126 refers.
6. Shift to Libya broadcast at 1930/3rd July. Decypher messages with DG FK.
(C. in C. Levant, O20846B to F.O. 2 i/c Force H, (R) R.A. Alexandria, S.N.O.C. Fighter sectors between Alexandria and Benghazi, C. in C. Med., S.N.O. Tripolitania, V.A. Malta, H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh, N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 201 Group, 212 Group, 235 Wing, 245 Wing, 247 Wing, Air H.Q. Air Defence Eastern Med.)

Movements, 1st July arrivals BURRA, GERALDTON, CUMBRAE, Beirut. WOOLONGONG. Departures BURRA, GERALDTON, WOOLONGONG, CUMBRAE, ISLAY, M.Ls. 350, 348, 384. (S.O.(I) Beirut, O20847C to Admty.)

T.O. 6. T.O. 6 intend sailing SEAKAY - request pendant. (Com. N.O.B. Oran, O20929B to Com. Algiers, (R) Admty., etc.)

OSIRIS OSIRIS first warfare patrol summary.
R. of P. 1414C/27th sank 50 tons caique loaded drum oil and crate off Tria Nisia.
0430C/28th damaged 25 tons caique south of Piskopi forced to dive by A/C.
29th June examined Ophrys, Kaso no craft seen.
Examined Arkassa, Scarpanto, no landing pier or naval depot seen as described in B.R.500.
(Capt. (S) 1, O20931C to C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10, (R) F.O.S.)

L.C.Ts. Several L.C.Ts. have arrived without many special deficiencies. fittings such as tank chains and lashings, hot covers, Cherub log leather and armoured hose.

/L.C.T. ...

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L.C.Ts. deficiencies. (Contd.) L.C.T.404 commissioned in December is a notable example.
(2) Request you will confirm that such deficiencies are realised at home and that in addition to supplying reserve stocks you are bringing craft up to initial establishment without further action on part of ships' officers on HAMILCAR.
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers), 020946B to Admty., (R) HAMILCAR.)

K.M.S.17. Arrived EMPIRE MOON, ARTEMUS WARD.
(Comnob. Oran, 021007B to Admty., etc.)

M.E. Air Report. Daily Opsum 65, 0904Z.
30th June/1st July. No offensive operations.
1st July. Two Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping (? sweep west coast Greece). 1 transport vessel 6000 tons previously attacked 27th June north of Levkas two bombs straddled vessel causing smoke. One schooner 120 tons south of Levkas. Cannon and machine gun attack. Results unobserved. Photographic R/C 30th June showed transport vessel listing to port and blocking Levkas Channel as result of attack 27th June.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 021009.)

Convoy Codewords. Request you will cancel A.M. 291350 (? 291355 intended). Codewords have been distributed to all air authorities and any further change is unacceptable.
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers), 021012B to Admty.)

Mine Recovery, Divers. Shallow water divers not considered justifiable for mine recovery only but there is and will be much work of all types for shallow water divers in Mediterranean theatre and any men who can be sent will be available for mine recovery as well.
A.M. 281403 refers.
(C. in C. Med., 021020B to Admty.)

TRIDENT. At your discretion attack all caiques over 15 tons and suitable shore targets dispersing your offensive widely over your area. X.C. Chart (? number) 1866 suggest inlet in position 036° 50'12", 025° 51'42".
(Capt. (S) 1, 021101C to TRIDENT.)

G.U.S.9. Pass to Cdre. G.U.S.9. EMPIRE AIRMAN sailed. Incon not held.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 021145B to Escorts of M.K.S.16, (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, Admty., etc.)

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S/M Dispositions. (1) TRESPASSER 039° 06', 010° 22', 020°.
SIMOOM 040° 05', 010° 18', 016°.
D.S. DOLFIJN 010° 48', 010° 53', 028°.
All to patrol East Corsica.
(2) SIBYL 043° 03' 007° 58' through 043° 10'
008° 00' and 043° 25' 009° 25' to East Corsica.
(3) SARACEN East Sardinia.
(4) SEVERN 039° 10' 007° 00' 252°.
(5) SHAKESPEARE 038° 13' 005° 21' 090°.
(6) SERAPH 038° 13' 007° 06' 090°.
(7) SPORTSMAN 042° 25' 007° 35' through 041° 23' 006° 57'
thence 222°.
(8) F.S. PERLE in Gulf of Genoa.
(9) CASABIANCA West of Corsica.
(10) 8th S.F. Movement Summary at 1958B/2nd. All S/Ms diving
by day 2½ knots, surfacing by night 9 knots except P.47 6
knots and SEVERN 14 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 021230B to S. & A., Area G.C.)

PARTHIAN. Onward routeing from 035° 36', 021° 50' at
0315C/5th to 036° 26', 015° 48' at 2000B/6th
thence through 036° 20', 014° 20' to R/V mine-
sweeper at end of north western channel at 0830B/
7th. Surface passage during daylight 5th July at your
discretion.
(Capt. (S) 10, 021235 to PARTHIAN, (R) 1st S/M.F., C. in C.
Med., V.A. Malta, C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10.)

S/M Intend sailing UPROAR, DZIK, UNBROKEN, UNSHAKEN
Movements. and TACTICIAN at 1830/2, 2130/2, 0030/3, 0630/3
and 2230/3 routed along mean course of 035° from
Cape Passero for patrol areas in Gulf of
Taranto to arrive July 6th. Daily advance 85
miles U class, 105 miles TACTICIAN.
(2) UNITED will be sailed as soon as C.O. or Spare C.O. is off
sick list and will take over TACTICIAN's area who will then
move to area in Adriatic South of 41° N.
(S.10, 021247 to C. in C. Med., (R) C. in C. Levant, Admty.,
(S) 1, (S) 8, V.A. Malta.)

8th S.F. My 011148 and my 012258 (not circulated as
Movement message concerned W.R. only). No longer concern
Summary. you.
(Capt. (S) 8, 021359B to S. & A., Area G.C.)

N.A.A.F. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 131. 30th June/1st July.
Report. 32 Wellingtons Cagliari 1 returned early. 4 x
4000, 23 x 1000, 178 x 500, 94 x 250 H.E.
including 12 x 500 long delay 80 x 30 incendiary
from (8,100 or 8,500 ?)/12,000 ft. 536,000
leaflets Southern Sardinia. 264,000 Cagliari.

/Large ...

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- N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) Large fire near railway station 3 or 4 small fires town area 2 or 3 small fires barracks. N.W.A. Coastal A.F. 30th June (additional) 2 Baltimores (A.30) R/C North-east Sardinia and North Italy. 2 Marauders (B.26) shipping R/C East Sardinia, Corsica, Genoa, Civitavecchia. Attacked and left in sinking condition fishing schooner 40 miles Leghorn. 3 torpedo Beaufighters shipping R/C North Sicily attacked with cannon fire and left in sinking condition 800 ton schooner South of Capri. Also attacked auxiliary vessel 3,000 tons and 1 escort vessel with 3 torpedoes. No results observed. Cannon strikes on superstructure. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q., 021437B.)
- OSIRIS to join E.F. OSIRIS not now required for special operations. She is to be sailed to Port Said for onward passage to join Eastern Fleet on completion of rest period. C. in C. Med. 262025 to C. in C. Levant only refers. C. in C. E.F. pass S.4. (C. in C. Levant, 021454C to (S) 1, (R) F.O.R.S.C.A., Admty., C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.F., F.O. (S), S.4.)
- Repatriations. Italian Repatriation ships GIULIO CESARE and DUILIO sailed 1505Z/2nd July. Knots 16. Massawa 4th July, routed in accordance with F.O.R.S.C.A's 101958 para. (c). E.T.A. position M 0400Z/4 July. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 021508Z to A.I.G.89.)
- P.R.U. Visuals 2nd July. 1245 Taranto - 2 Battleships. 1300 Brindisi - 1 Cruiser. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 021552B to C. in C. Med., etc.)
- Landing Craft Maintenance. Need for adequate mobile maintenance facilities for landing craft is increasingly evident. As time presses and it is evident that best source of supply is U.S.A., I have approached Gen. Eisenhower. He concurs and has sent message W.3740-5312 asking Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington, for 2 L.S.T. mobile repair ships. My intention is to form 2 forward mobile bases each consisting of an L.S.T. suitably equipped, but not so elaborately as to prevent her use as an L.S.T. in an emergency, and carrying a mobile land repair unit. Suggest these two ships if necessary be taken as part of any subsequent allocation of L.S.T. to R.N. Separate signal will be made outlining equipment required in these ships. (C. in C. Med. (via Algiers), 021615B to Admty., (R) B.A.D.)
- K.M.S.17. Pass to Cdre. Algiers section sailed as in my 291707 and 011126 less L.S.Ts 421 and 163 sailed to overtake escorted by CLACTON? and POLRUAN and less OCEAN COAST, 9 ships. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 021658B to S.E.C. K.M.S.17, V.A. Malta, etc.)

/Attacks ...

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- Attacks on Caiques. Ref. my standing orders, Caiques of under 20 tons should not be attacked. My 281825 and 021101 to TRIDENT refers.
(Capt. (S) 1, 021719C to 1st S/M.F.)
- Enemy Tanker. P.C. and S. of one enemy tanker KBGX 21 12 (43.21 N., longitude indecypherable, if GQ = 10° 12' E.), 020°, 8.
(A/C CJY/D, 021725B.)
- G.T.X. 3. List, etc. Total ships 5.
(N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 021845C to ALDENHAM, (R) Adnty., etc.)
- M.K.S. 16. Pass to N.C.S.O. M.K.S.16. Part II of sailing telegram should follow Part I immediately after sailing. My 012212 July (not to C. in C. Med.) G.T.X.3 refers.
(D.T.D., 021849B to S.N.O. Tripolitania.)
- French Refugees. X French propose that 5th evacuation of French refugees from Setubal to Casablanca should be for total of about 600 using DJEBEL AURES only. Target date suggested 12th July. Please confirm that this can be arranged. If so French can supply one escort vessel, L'ALCYON. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar please detail further British escorts.
(C. in C. Med., 021916B to B.N.A. Madrid, (R) B.N.A. Lisbon, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Adnty.)
- NEWFOUNDLAND. My 021044B (Not received in W.R.) NEWFOUNDLAND sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 021931B to Comnob. Oran, (R) P.S.T.O. Algiers, C.O.I.C. Bougie.)
- Movements, Bizerta. Arrivals U.S.S. BUCK, ROWE, NICHOLSON, BRISTOL, SWANSON, EDISON, P.C.545, S.C.979, P.T.210, 114, 118, M.T.B.268, 242, 226.
Departure M.T.B.651, 655, 665, 667, 670, KINTYRE.
(F.O.I.S., 021947B to C. in C. Med., etc.)
- Movements, Oran. Today's arrivals OFFA, Polish PIORUN.
Today's departures Y.M.S.37, 64, 226, U.S.S. WILKES, MADDOX, MURPHY, MT. BAKER, PENN, OFFA, PANTHER, PATHFINDER, TYRIAN, HOWE, KING GEORGE V, Polish PIORUN, FARNDALE.
(Comnob. Oran, 022001B to Adnty., etc.)

/Caiques ...

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- Caiques, Recognition. X Certain friendly caiques will use following recognition signals if attacked:-
 (1) Caiques under power will hoist foresail only.
 (2) Caiques under sail will immediately lower all sail except foresail.
 (3) At night a white light will be waved from (? bow).
 (Capt. (S) 1, 022014C to 1 S.F.)
- Vichy Aircraft. A.801, 2nd July.
 Your OX.613, 19th June.
 No objection to Vichy aircraft being treated as hostile under conditions outlined in your letter. (Med. Air Command, 022037B to Air Min. Whitehall)
- TRIDENT, TAURUS. If either of your were off Leros at 1758C today you were probably sighted.
 (Capt. (S) 1, 022112C to TRIDENT, P.339 (TAURUS).)
- M.F.Vs. Arrived M.F.V. numbers 33, 42, 54, 60, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72.
 (V.A. Malta, 022139 to Admty., etc.)
- Malta Air Report. A.I.650, 2nd July, C.S.R. Part 1 Offensive. Night 1st/2nd. 2 Mosquitoes intruder patrols Sicily. Day 2nd July. 97 Spitfires offensive sweeps Southern Sicily.
 Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 1st/2nd, Nil. Day 2nd July, negligible.
 (H.Q.R.A.F. Malta, 022250B.)
- Movements, Algiers. Arrivals UGANDA, TARTAR, CLEOPATRA, FARNDALE, HAYDON, TYNEDALE, submarine UNSPARING (P.55), M.G.B.661, ROBERTS, TRANSVAAL, L.S.Ts. 305 E. 365, 366, 319, 301, 424, 321, 159, M.M.S.85, 116, M.Ls. 567, 577.
 Departures WHITING, FLORES, KING SOL, CLACTON, POLRUAN, L.S.Ts. 163, 421, M.M.S.s 65, 81, 118, 184, HAARLEM. Arrived and sailed CLEVELAND.
 (Com. Algeria, 022256B to Admty., etc.)
- M.K.S.16. Pass to Cdre. and escorts. My 300845* and my 011046B† Sailed 3 ships S.O. Local Escort H.M. Trawler TWOSTEP.
 (N.O.I.C. Bougie, 022326B to Escorts of convoy M.K.S.16, (R) Admty., etc.)
 * No trace in War Registry.
 † Re M.K.S.16, 3 ships joining from Bougie.

/Enemy ...

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Enemy
Units.

P.C. and S. of 1 medium vessel and 1 destroyer
41.30 N. 10.39 E., 325°, 5 knots.
(A/C BUX/A, 022345Z.)

Italian
P.O.W.
for U.K.

Your 282254 para. 2.
Yes. Algiers and/or Oran. 24 hours delay one
port utilized. 48 hours delay two ports.
(P.S.T.O. Mediterranean, 022353B to D.S.T.)

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From: Algiers "G.T.P." are excepted from this rule: 2.7.43.
Recd: 1607Z

Addressed: Troopers. Repeated: Usfor, Mideast, Britman
Washington, Armindia Delhi, PAIC Landforces
Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria, Dechiefs Capetown
Force Nairobi.

Interior Addresses: Action: Troopers pass to H.M. Ambassador
Madrid, for U.S. Ambassador Madrid,
Resident Min. Achimota, Britmilat
Algeria for Marshal Chakmak, Defen-
der Wellington for Puttick.

From: Freedom.
Signed: Eisenhower.

Cite: FMGCT

AF/lsc.
LINREP 59.
Ref. No. 5984,
Summary of Operations 24 to 27 June

Algeria Situation Report.

1. Ground. Nothing to report.

2. Naval.

a. H.M. Destroyer WILTON reports carrying out a promising attack on a submarine in the Western Mediterranean on 21 June.

b. During nights 21/22, 22/23 June Coastal craft from Malta and Bizerta operated off the South Coast of Sicily. 2 nights later similar craft carried out a sweep between Marsala and Mazzara.

c. On night 25/26 June one MGB was mined off Marsala. There were some casualties and the craft was sunk by our own forces.

d. In an attack made on 1 of our convoys on 26 June by a large number of fighter bombers, 2 aircraft were shot down by our Naval escorts. No reports of damage to the convoy have so far been reported.

e. Our submarines report several successes. 1 sank a 3,000 ton vessel off Augusta (Sicily) on 14 June, while a second sank a 250 ton schooner and fired 4 torpedoes at a 5,000 ton vessel in Malta channel on 22nd June. Results of this latter attack were unobserved owing to accurate counter attack made by the destroyer escort. Same submarine claims a 3,000 ton vessel believed sunk in same area following day. A Polish submarine reports sinking a 4,000 ton vessel north of Messina on 17 June.

3. Air.

a. During the period heavy attacks have been made on railway communications and on other military targets in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

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- b. On the Italian mainland, Bari (Northeast of Brindisi) was raided by 22 Wellingtons during night 25/26 June, when 40 tons of bombs were dropped to good effect. The following night 30 Wellingtons attacked marshalling yards at Naples. Marshalling yards were also attacked in Sicily and Sardinia. In the former 10 Wellingtons dropped 20 tons of bombs on railway junctions and on nearby industrial areas at Catania during night 23/24 June.
- c. The following night a further 19 Wellingtons raided similar targets in Olbia.
- d. Heaviest attack of the period was made on 25 June on Messina, when a total of 135 B-17's Fortresses raided the harbour and communication centres. Great damage was done.
- e. In Sardinia 40 B-26's Marauders dropped 40 tons of bombs on 24 June on railway junctions at Chilivani, while the same day 36 B-25's Mitchells attacked the harbour at Golfo Aranci. During this raid 2 Merchant men were hit, 1 of which was set afire, and harbour installations were damaged.
- f. Among other operations, Beaufighters intercepted enemy aircraft attacking our convoy off Cap Bon on 27 June, and shot down 6 without loss.

4. Political.

- a. Since the compromise solution of the question of French High Command, the situation has settled considerably. The Permanent War Committee has not yet met formally, but preliminary informal conversations have been held and a general disposition is noted to settle specific problems in a spirit of cooperation.
- b. The question of renovation of army cadres remains difficult.
- c. The Committee for National Liberation has examined the problem of finding a successor for Governor Boisson of French West Africa, who appears to have maintained his decision to resign. He will nevertheless continue in office until such time as a successor has been designated, it is said.

020725B.

Advance Copy sent D.C. D.O.D.(F) & D.D.I.C.

1st Lord.
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)
D. of P.(2)
D.C.(2)
Hd. of M.(2)
D.N.I.(4)
I.P.(2)

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MESSAGE 022057B/July

IN

FROM: Algiers.

DATE: 3.7.43.

RECD: 2225Z.

Addressed: ETOUSA (Action).

Algeria Situation Report.

EDITED LITERAL TEXT

To : Troopers, Repeated USFOR, Mideast, BRITMAN, Washington, ARMINDIA, Delhi, PAIC, LANDFORCES Melbourne, DECHIEFS Pretoria, DECHIEF Capetown, Force Nairobi.

From : A.F.H.Q. Signed Eisenhower.

Cite : FHGCT.

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

Ref. No. 6880

LINREP 60.

June 28-30 Summary of Operations.

1. Ground. - Nothing to report.

2. Naval.

a. Our light coastal craft have been active throughout the period. On night 26/27th June Vessels of this type from Bizerta operated off S.W. Sardinia, and off N.W. Sicily on 2 following nights.

b. M.T.B.'s from Malta patrolled South and East Coasts of Sicily during nights 27/28th June and 29/30th June respectively. Latter Patrol fired on the village of Marina Dawala encountering only ineffective rifle fire in return.

3. Air.

a. Targets in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia were attacked.

b. On the mainland 66 Wellingtons on night 27/28 June bombed Marshalling yards at San Giovanni in the South, while the next day 109 B-17's went North to attack Loughorn Harbour where among other targets a Merchant Ship was attacked and set on fire.

c. The Sardinian Airfields of Alghero, Olbia, Milis and Decimannanu have each been raided once during the period by medium bombers, with an average of 30 Aircraft to each attack.

N.P.

/d. In Sicily

d. In Sicily, Messina was the chief target. Here U.S. Wellingtons on night 28/29th June attacked the Ferry Terminal and Marshalling Yards while the following night 64 Wellingtons repeated the attack.

e. On 30th June, 72 B-25's Mitchells raided Sciacca Airfield. 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, Larminat, 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 Courcier 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.

022057B

Recd. in War Reg. a.m./4th July.

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CORNWALLIS.

Arrival CORNWALLIS escorting 1 ship.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 020431 to Admty., etc.)

M.B. 39.

Convoy M.B. 39 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 020453Z to F.O. Ceylon, etc.)Movement
summary
No. 76
July 2nd.

1. RANPURA left Bombay June 30th escorting one transport due Kilindini about 7th July.
2. NEWCASTLE and RACEHORSE left Tulear June 30th due Kilindini July 4th.
3. CARTHAGE and NEPAL leave Colombo July 2nd escorting one transport. CARTHAGE escorts transport to Kilindini due about 11th July.

NEPAL is detached at 070° east and proceeds Seychelles for fuel thence Kilindini due July 9th. 4. NORMAN, ROTHERHAM, QUICK-MATCH left Tulear (July 2nd?) for Durban. 5. Y. 299 of June 30th is cancelled.

(C. in C.E.F., 020809Z to Eastern Fleet 310 Y., F.O.R.S.C.A., Admty.)

MAURETANIA.

1. Arrangements for fuelling will be made as in your 011646 para. 1.
 2. C. in C. E.F. will supply route from vicinity of Aden.
- (C. in C.E.F., 020824 to P.S.T.O. Capetown)

BALTA.

Departure BALTA 0820Z/2nd July.
(N.O.i/c Trincomalee, 020832Z to Admty.)

DEVON
CITY.

In view of A.M. 291336 June request estimated earliest date that DEVON CITY can be released from Ceylon without prejudice to work at Trincomalee.

(C. in C. E.F. 020834Z to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C., Trincomalee, B.D.O. Ceylon.)

B.Y.M.S.

Arrived B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7 and 8.
(N.O. i/c Diego Suarez, 020946 to C. in C.E.F.)

Movements,
Mauritius.

SUFFOLK, RELENTLESS arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 021001Z to Admty., etc.)

U/B.

Position of German U-Boat by D/F on 8470 kcs. at 1905Z/1 estimated within 100 miles of 20° S. 61° 30' E.
(D.D.I.C., 021041B, 021620B to C.O.I.S. Kilindini, C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A.)

/Air...

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Air Report. 2 July, Daily Opsum No.474. 30 June. 9 Hurricanes attacked huts Myebon (Akyab Area). 2 Beaufighters attacked River Craft Myingyan-Yenangyaung. River Steamer set on fire, oil barge and other craft damaged. 1 July. Light Vengeances escort 10 Hurricanes Akyab town. Over 3 tons dropped. Many hits on storage buildings. Huts in area also machine gunned. 6 Vengeance escort 9 Hurricanes, 6 Blenheims escort 12 Hurricanes detailed targets Akyab Island Vengeance dropped over 2 tons on hutments Mawnubyn and Khadinbaik. Blenheims dropped over 2 tons Khadinbaik and Yeganbyin areas. 1 Hurricane attacked Sampans Kalewa area. 22 Hurricanes detailed water transport Akyab-Ramree. 7 A/C returned due weather. 15 A/C made successful attacks. More than 20 Sampans sunk or damaged. 4 Beaufighters and 6 Hurricanes detailed river traffic Irrawaddy, Hurricanes returned due weather, 1 Beaufighter returned due technical trouble. Remaining 3 Beaufighters made many attacks on large and small river craft between Sagaing and Yenangyaung. 2 small steamers many Sampans damaged.
(A.H.Q. India 021215Z.)

Movements. Colombo arrivals 2nd July. 0130Z SCOUT.
Departures 1145Z CARTHAGE. 1145Z NEPAL.
(F.O. Ceylon 021600Z to Admty. etc.)

Flying Boat Bases. East Africa's A/192 15 June, para. 7. refers Mahe Island, Seychelles, not Male Island in Maldives.
(War Office 021750B to C. in C. India.)

Ceylon Defence Plan. Following for Chiefs of Staff. Present defence plan Ceylon DIO (42) 121 final date Sept.1942. now appears out of date in view information given in Sictel number 11 para. 1G. Request you issue new directive to C. in C. Ceylon to enable him decide how much of his resources now concentrated on defensive can be applied for offensive preparations.
(Armindia T.O.O. Nil. Recd. 2045Z/2.)

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New Ship Names. Lorsa 10465. Ref. Lorsa 10198. It is considered that as vessel will be of the "Smiler" class it would be more appropriate that they should be given similar names and that the "Ruler" Class names be cancelled. (2) In view of the fact that 33, 34, 35 and 36 are about to be delivered, the following names have been allocated in anticipation of Admiralty approval STINGER, UPRAIDER, SETTER, CHASTISER. (3) It is requested that remaining names may be signalled as soon as possible. (B.A.D. 020023 to Admty)

N.J.31. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 021130Z. (ESQUIMALT, 020108Z to F.O.N.F. etc.)

Movements, St. John's N.F. St. Johns N.F. July 1st. Arrivals M.L.063 ex St. Pierre. Departures STRATFORD escorting J.N.34 to Lewisgerte. (N.O.I.C.St. Johns, N.F. 020210Z to Admty)

ST. FRANCIS. My 011535Z. Section east, add ST. FRANCIS detaching from S.C.155 on crossing 045° 00' W. proceeding to Halifax. (C. in C. C.N.A. 020300Z to Admty.)

Movements, Cristobal. Balboa 1st July EXTAVIA. Balboa 30th June EMPIRE PINTAIL. (R.O.Cristobal, 020316 to Admty) 2nd July 12 hours. EMPIRE PINTAIL Savannah 6th. Speed, Route. (U.S.R.O.Cristobal, 020350 to Admty) 2 July 14 hours EMPIRE PINTAIL Savannah Georgia 6th July. (U.S.R.O.Cristobal, 021801 to Admty.)

Movements, New York. New York arrived July 1st MONTGOMERY, ST. ALBANS. (N.S.H.Q. 020346Z to Admty)

CLAYOQUOT. E.T.A. Sydney (C.B.) H.S. 93 A 1300Z. (CLAYOQUOT, 020707Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney (C.B) (R) C. in C. C.N.A., D. Halifax.)

U.S.A.T. Arrival 1st departure 2nd U.S. Army Transport P.224, Grenada 2nd, thence Trinidad 3rd. (B.R.O. Saint Lucia, 021041Q to Admty)

U.S.Units. working up. For information, following U.S. major units have worked up in Gulf of Paria during quarter ending June 30th. U.S. ships ESSEX, INDEPENDENCE, LEXINGTON, YORKTOWN, PRINCETON, BELLEAU WOOD all ships aircraft carriers, average duration of visit 18 days. (S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 021152Q to S.B.N.O.W.At. (R) Admty, B.A.D.)

Dispositions /...

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Dispositions. Amend my 020530 and 02033 (? N.T. in W.D.)
Section East ST. FRANCIS detached from O.N.190 on
crossing 045° 00' W. HIGHLANDER, 3 Corvettes
045° 56' 050° 10' 283° 13 knots to Argentina.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 021205Z to Admty)

My 021540Z ? (N.T. in W.D.) add MARIPOSA 040° 54' 051° 41'
268° 19 altering to 256° in 058° 03' W. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE,
ORIBI, BENTINCK, BLACKWOOD, DRURY, BAZELY 040° (730) 050° 42'
061° 16 knots.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 021615Z to Admty.)

My 021615 amend MARIPOSA altering to 287° in 040° 20'
058° 03'.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 021835Z to Admty)

Following is a recyphered version of my 022320 begins: My
021640Z (No trace of 1640 in W.R. ?021540 intended. Re: section
east O.N.190) add SS. MANO escorted by CLAYOQUOT depart Sydney
2000Z/2nd for Pugwash via Cape North 8½ knots.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 022320Z to Admty)

B.Y.M.S. Departures B.Y.M.S. 240 to Boston.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax N.S. 021222Z to Admty etc.)

P.554 Your 011656Z/7 (Re intention that P.554 be
refitted in U.S.A. N.T. in W.D.) affirmative
if Admiralty concurs. Intend sailing P.554 to
arrive Philadelphia early August. Defect list
being forwarded as soon as possible.
(F.O.N.F. 021301Z to B.A.M.R.)

U/B's. Situation at 1200Z/2nd July.
(N.S.H.Q. 021452Z to Admty etc.)
Estimated Positions.
(Cominch, 021510Z to Admty)

O.N.189. Convoy O.N.189. 35 ships arrived July 1.
First arrival 1304Z. Last arrival 1758Z.
In addition straggler G.E. PICKETT arrived 302310Z
June. TICONDEROGA diverted south to Curacao.
All ships accounted for.
(P.D. New York, 021538 to Cominch C. & R. (R)
C.E.S.F., N.S.H.Q. Admty.)

Convoys. This is Connav's 021346 addressed to appropriate
Commands concerned with Convoy movements.
Estimated 2000Z/2 P.C. and S.
A.T.54. 39.30 N. 56.51 W. 084° 26.3.

Altering in 50.30 W. to 071. U.G.S.11 34.19 N. 54.08 W. 079°
9.
(Commaveu, 021548 to Admty)

This is Cominch C. and R. 021439 addressed to appropriate
Commands concerned. Estimated P.C.S. at 2000Z/2:
NEBRASKA Convoy 13.01S. 37.02 270 11.
T.B.18 01.47 S. 39.37 115 6. G.U.S.8A(E) 21.10 N. 46.52 288
9.7. B.T.17 06.42 N. 55.29 314 10.
(Commaveu, 021636, 022036Z to Admty)

DRUMMONDVILLE /...:

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VILLE.

(Corrupt group) Weigh and proceed at 1700Z Friday 2nd July to Sydney (C.B.) coastwise via Cape North, carry out A/S sweep en route, S. of A. 12 knots, E.T.A. Sydney of C.B.0915Z/3rd July W/T watch (?on) 105 K/cs.
(SOREL, 021556Z to DRUMMONDVILLE (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A. (?Capt. i/c) Halifax, D. Halifax, S.N.O. Pictou N.S. (?N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B.)
W.R. Note. Message very corrupt.

A.P.Cs.

Upon arrival B.Y.M.S. 21, 23, British A.P.C.55, 59 and Greek A.P.C.71 at Recife sail onward to Freetown in company. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A. Should this procedure cause undue delay in departure of B.Y.M.S. inform originator. B.A.D. and (U.S.) Vice Chief of Naval Operations informed.
(Cominch, 021605Z to (U.S.) Cdr. 4th Fleet. (R) U.S., C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admty., F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, (U.S.) Cdr. C.S.F. U.S. N.O.B. Trinidad, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

T.U.
21.13,
Y.G.S.12.

This is Cinclant's 012356 addressed to A.C.V.9, BOGUE for action and Cominch, C.T.F.63 Comairforlant, Radio Algiers, Comdt. 5th Nav. Dist. Comnavu and Comcort Div. 1 for information. Talk Group 21.13, Captain Short, is hereby established. On July 12 U.G.S.12 is scheduled to depart for North Africa from Hampton Roads escorted by Task Force 63. In co-operation with Comtaskforce 63, Cdre. Raney, in BIBB, with whom you should confer, provide anti-U-Boat protection for U.G.S.12. On arrival North African Waters proceed to Casablanca if further orders not received from me. Further orders will then be forwarded Casablanca. Direct GREENE proceed to overtake you when ready. In order to provide room in convoy for escort Carrier, Com 5 is hereby requested to keep free of all ships, except the Column leader, one column adjacent to Convoy Commadore's column.
(Comnavu, 021606 to Admty.)

HONESTY.

Your 241618/5 (HONESTY etc. as additional escort to Clyde). Anticipate HONESTY will proceed to U.K. as additional escort H.X. 247.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 021613Z to Admty.)

MELROSE
ABBEY,
Personnel
transport.

Owing to allocation of LADY RODNEY for special service to Goose Bay Labrador until end of August transportation of personnel between Halifax and St. John's N.F. becoming increasingly difficult. 2. In order that whole programme of higher non-substantive training may not become upset urgently request that Rescue Ship MELROSE ABBEY due Halifax ? July 6 and estimated not required to sail until July 25 with H.X. 249 may be used for two round trips. Proper escort will be provided.
(N.S.H.Q., 021618Z to Admty., (R) C. in C.C.N.A., F.O.N.F., STADAGONA, CORNWALLIS.) Reply 031310.

/BLOODY...

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BLOODY MARSH, torpedoed. BLOODY MARSH (U.S.) torpedoed 2nd July 31.55 N. 78.58 W. (N.S.H.Q. 021620Z to Admty etc.)

Movements, Argentia. Argentia 2nd July. Arrivals 0600Z BRANTFORD 1600Z HIGHLANDER, WINCHELSEA, CLOVER, ASPHODEL and PENNYWORT. (Capt. (D) Argentia, 021620Z to Admty)

Greek L.S.T's. Lorsa 10466. My 261717 June. With reference to manning of fleet tenders and L.S.T. by Greeks, question has arisen as to status of vessels, having regard to Clause XII of draft charter party for Lend-Lease ships. These vessels have been assigned to U.K. and transfer to Greeks would require consent of U.S. In order that necessary action may be taken with U.S. Navy request (A) Whether vessels are to be transferred to and become part of Greek Navy, or (B) Whether they will remain British property but be manned by Greeks, and if so, whether they will be in charge of British Officers. (C) Whether they will fly Greek Flag. (B.A.D. 021639Z to Admty)

POTOMAC. POTOMAC (Pan.) overdue Barranquilla since June 25 from New Orleans. (N.S.H.Q. 021643Z to Admty, Cominch)

Dispositions. Following is a recyphered version of my 021640 (Begins) Section North West. B.S.50 BAFFIN 048° 14' 059° 32' 192° 8 to Sydney (C.B.) special river group C.Q.4 SWIFT CURRENT 048° 17' 061° 48' 117° 8 altering to 152° in 047° 56' 060° 46' S.Q.56 ST.KENAN, LORD MIDDLETON 049° 06' 063° 25' 298° 7 altering to 273° in 064° 52' W. and to 235° in 066° 29' W. 73 M.L.Flottilla 049° 19' 064° 02' sweeping ahead of S.Q.56 detaching to Gaspe at 0800Z/3rd. W.B. 28 MALPEQUE Sydney Approaches in bound MAHONE, MILLTOWN depart Sydney 2000Z/2nd en route Gaspe. THUNDER patrolling Port Basque Approaches (ends) (C. in C. C.N.A. 021649Z to Admty)

Following is a recyphered version of my 022212 (Begins My 021640Z (?021649Z). Add UNGAVA, PORTHOPE departed Gaspe 1600Z to position 049° 06' N. 063° 25' W. to sweep 7 miles astern S.Q.56 till full light 3rd July thence returning to Gaspe. DRUMMONDVILLE departed Pictou N.S. 1700Z/2nd to Sydney C.B. coastwise via Cape North 12 knots. (Ends.) (C. in C. C.N.A. 022220Z to Admty)

CLUNE PARK. CLUNE PARK aground San Pedro de Macoris. Further report awaited. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 021706Q to Admty etc.) Refloated (061013Q)

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PASTEUR. Your Q.M.222 of 1st July (1600/1).
C.M.H.Q. London and Air Ministry both strongly oppose proposal switch PASTEUR from A.T.55 to U.N.O.5 and state consequent delays to Canadian Army and Air Force personnel unacceptable. In these circumstances and in view of previous setbacks to Canadians and my agreement with C.G.S. cannot agree your proposal. Practicability of switching T.A. 55 to Halifax not confirmed by D. of S.T. but does not now arise.
(W.O.021720B to B.A.S. Washington, (R) C.G.S. Canada, for N.D.H.Q. and N.S.H.Q.)

H.H.X.246. Sailing telegram part 2.
Total 9 ships.
(N.C.S.O.Halifax N.S. 021837Z to Admty)

Convoy Routes. Your 011026/10th.
Consider Westbound convoys sailing after July 10th, and eastbound convoys sailing after July 16th. might be routed north of Virgin Rocks (?).
(C. in C. C.N.A. 021840Z to Admty)

BAYFIELD. My 291408 June. (Intended sailing of BAYFIELD to Halifax 7th July unless ordered otherwise).
Date is now Monday 5th July.
(B.A.M.R. 021904Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
Sail BAYFIELD when ready about 7th July Baltimore to Halifax. Advise time of departure route, S. of A. B.A.D., N.M. C.J.S. Washington and V.C. of N. Ops. informed.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 022135Z to Cdr. Eastern Sea Frontier, (R) C. in C. C.N.A. Admty. Comdt. 5th Naval District etc.)

Overdue Ships. A.M.301619 (Requesting Admiralty may be informed of arrivals of overdue ships), is passed to you observing that N.S.H.Q. receives no reports of movements of shipping under thousand (?) tons.
(N.S.H.Q. 021910Z to S.O.(I) Jamaica (R) Admty)

French Warships, Bermuda. x French destroyer TEMPETE and French minesweepers COMMANDANT BORY and GAZELLE expected ready at Bermuda 13th July. Include former ship in escort of U.G.S.12 to Casablanca. R/V off Bermuda will be designated by Port Director, Norfolk, in sailing telegram. Direct N.O.B. Bermuda issue orders to French ships reporting escort (corrupt group) for duty. This is at request of appropriate French authorities. B.A.D. and U.S. Vice Chief of Naval Operations informed. U.S. Commandant 5th Naval District Norfolk pass to U.S. Port Director, Norfolk.
(Cominch, 022102Z to Cinclant (R) Admty etc.)

NOGIN /...

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NOGIN Captured. Following from Navy Department Washington July 1st. (Begins) Soviets report NOGIN seized by Japs. en route from Petropavlovsk to Vladivostok (Ends). (N.S.H.Q. 022020Z to Admty)

Sub. All times Z.
Attack and Sighting Summary. (A) SS. BLOODY MARSH torpedoed 31.33 N. 78.57 W. 020420. Brazilian TUTOYA torpedoed sunk 24.40 S. 47.05 W. 010100. (C) SHIKARI sights sub. 60.10 N. 18.52 W. 021050. Plane sights sub. wake 10.45 S. 35.00 W. 021420. (Cominch, 022049Z to Admty for O.I.C.)

Shipping Casualties. Connav Serial 26 to 2 July. Your Serial 29. JOHN SEVIER Torp. sunk mid-April. (Connav, 022115 to Comnav)

STRATFORD. (Corrupt Group). Intend leaving Lewisport with N.J.(?32) at 031330Z. (STRATFORD, 022130Z to F.O.N.F.)

Maintenance of Landing Craft, Mediterranean. Following from Chiefs of Staff No. C.O.S.(W) 679. Ref. N.A.F. 248. Chiefs of Staff Support General Eisenhower's request for the equipping of 2 L.S.Ts for service with British Navy in Mediterranean. (Air Min. 022205Z to Britman Washington) Recd. in War Reg. at 1123/3 July.

BRAZIL. BRAZIL U.S.A.T. arrived San Francisco 30th June. (N.S.H.Q. 02230Z to Admty)

Australia and New Zealand.

Kiwi No.78. U.S. Marines landed southern end New Georgia objective Viru Harbour. SS contact six miles 160° from Tulagi Entrance 0311M/2 SS reported landing cargo Rekata Bay Santa Ysabel 1 July. One Gak one PE N.W. of Vella Lavella 1916M/1 July. Seven DD Buin area p.m. 29 June. (C.W.R. Wellington, 020114Z). W.D. Note. First part of this message repeats G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.010958Z.

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No. 528,
July 1st.

One Beaufort unsuccessfully attacked enemy submarine 83 miles West by South Treasury Island early afternoon. One hour later another Beaufort bombed submarine 124 miles West of Treasury Island scoring near misses.

(3) Small patrol craft observed (entering?) Lae Harbour morning. (4) Allied raiding party attacked by Japanese 29th Bobdubi area and 12 enemy killed. Following midday Allied Unit attacked enemy position vicinity Homiatum without success and again attacked next morning killing 14 enemy and wounding several. Allied losses 5 killed 7 wounded. Our attack this area proceeding satisfactorily. 6 Bostons attacked Duali area morning first July and shortly afterwards 17 Mitchells in two groups attacked enemy installations Salamaua vicinity. (8) 6 Beaufighters strafed Selaru aerodrome and vicinity morning 1st July, 1 small craft also strafed and sunk. (9) One heavy cruiser two destroyers sighted 260 miles south of Truk course 190° morning. (10) Solomons area South Pacific Forces. Morning 30th June R/C Liberator encountered Zeros 25 miles Southwest Bula and left two smoking. At noon same day another search Liberator attacked nine Sampans 80 miles East North East of Mussauktsl (as received) N.D. Course 190° leaving one burning another sinking. Afternoon 30th Jap. submarine discharged cargo Rekata Bay. Same time small cargo ship arrived Stanmore Plantation adjacent to Nvila and later proceeded across Kula Gulf to Baeroko. Next evening small cargo ship with escort vessel observed 30 miles Southeast Faisi course 120°. Further to para. 9. Digest number 527, Destroyer GWINN able to make good speed after temporary repairs. Before noon 30th our artillery was shelling Munda from North shore Rendova Island where situation satisfactory. Throughout day more than 110 enemy aircraft attacked our surface forces off Rendova. 101 enemy planes including Torpedo planes medium and dive bombers also fighters and floatplanes destroyed. 17 Allied fighters lost but 7 pilots safe. No further damage reported our forces. Same afternoon 25 Mitchells, 18 Dauntless and 18 Avengers raided Munda aerodrome. Next morning our fighter cover Rendova Island shot down 8 dive bombers and 14 Zeros. Viru harbour taken by evening 1st July apparently after hard fighting. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 020814 to Admty etc.)

Movements.

Arrival 30th June U.S. NASSAU, STUART 1st July GEELONG. Milne Bay, 1st July BOWEN. Sydney (N.S.W) 1st U.S. OTUS, TJERK HIDDIS. Fremantle 1st Netherlands Light Cruiser TROMP.

Departure Sydney (N.S.W.) 1st July DELORAINIE for Townsville, 30th June ROCKHAMPTON, MILDURA, GLENELG for Brisbane. Fremantle 1st July U.S. CHANTICLEER for Exmouth Gulf, ATREUS for Sydney (N.S.W.) Milne Bay 1st BOWEN for Port Moresby. Townsville 1st GYMPIE for Port Moresby. Delaware 2nd U.S. Sub. Tender SUMNER for Noumea. (?A.C.N.B. 021215Z to Admty. etc.)

Departure Sydney 1st U.S. ship VICTORIA, for Flinders Group.

(A.C.N.B. 021547 to Admty etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated Positions.
(D.D.I.C.021405B, 021420B)

Submarines Attacked.

By
LAGAN,
etc.
13/5.

We congratulate LAGAN on destruction of a U-Boat on 13th May, 1943 and also DRUMHELLER for her share in this success. (2) Air Ministry is requested to convey our congratulations to Sunderland M of 423 Squadron for its share in this sinking.

(D.A/U.D. Approved 1st S.L., 021211B to LAGAN, DRUMHELLER, Air Ministry)

By
Hudson
17/5.

The attack by Hudson J. of 269 Squadron on 17th May, 1943 has been assessed as Known Sunk. (2) Request you will convey our congratulations to those concerned with this success.

(D.A/U.D. Approved 1st S.L., 021212B to Air Min.)

By
TRUCULENT
4/6.

We congratulate TRUCULENT on the destruction of a U-Boat on June 4th, 1943.

(D.A/U.D., Approved 1st S.L. 022240B to TRUCULENT (P.315) (R) F.O.(S), A.C.O.S. Capt. (S) 3.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Force J.

- X 1. Force J is to come under the operational control of C. in C. Portsmouth on the 7th July.

Operations
"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".

- X 2. Operations against inward and outward bound U-boats in the Biscay area continued throughout today. WILD GOOSE, WOODPECKER, WREN and KITE of E.G.2 left Plymouth at 1211B for the South "Musketry" area: and at 1711B, BERMUDA was ordered to proceed to support BERRY and GODETIA of Escort Group B.1 against possible surface attack, remaining within 40 miles of them until dark tomorrow and then transferring her cover to E.G.2. CHARYBDIS is to leave Plymouth at 0900B tomorrow to afford further support to both these Groups. Numerous sightings of U-boats by our A/C in this area occurred during today and two inward bound U-boats were attacked by A/C at 0720B and are believed to have been damaged in 43.48 N. 08.48 W. Attacks were also made by a Liberator of 53 Squadron at 1438B in 44.50 N., 09.50 W. (90 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegal) and by A/C J/224 on a U-boat sighted at 1405B in 44.11 N., 08.45 W (40 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegal) when one hit with depth charge is reported. SURF is to remain near 45.10 N. 06.30 W. to intercept possible damaged U-boats. SCYLLA, LIMBOURNE, and WENSLEYDALE have returned to Plymouth.

3. and 4. transferred to 4.7.1943.

Operation
"Moorings".

- X 5. It is believed by H.Q.C.C. that an average of about 20 new U-boats pass through the Iceland/Faeroes Passage per month into the Atlantic and that this number has hitherto increased substantially during July to September. All available A/S aircraft in Iceland and of 18 Group are therefore now to be employed daily in sweeping this area with the help of U.S. Naval Forces from Reykjavik.

6. 5 moored mines were destroyed off Start Point today.

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North Atlantic.

Battleships. X 7. NELSON (F.O. Force H) RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, (R.A.A. H.F.) and 9 destroyers sailed from Gibraltar today for Mers-el-Kebir. KING GEORGE V and HOWE with 6 destroyers arrived at Gibraltar today from Mers-el-Kebir.

X 8. Commandant, Moroccan Sea Frontier, reported today that the French Navy tanker LOT, in convoy U.G.S.10, was struck by one magnetic torpedo at 1652 G.C.T. and sank in 3 minutes on 22nd June in 24.00 N. 43.20 W. Of 134 on board, 111 have arrived at Casablanca.

South Atlantic.

9. SS. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE (U.S.7176 tons), Santos to U.S.A. independently, was torpedoed by U-boat and sunk in 24.03 S. 45.11 W. (about 80 miles E. of Santos) at 1900Z today. A U-boat on the surface was unsuccessfully attacked by Brazilian aircraft at 2000Z today in about 24 S. 43 W.

Mediterranean.

10. The British Chiefs of Staff have asked General Eisenhower to ensure that no publicity is given to the arrival and movements of the Chiefs of Combined Operations in North Africa.

11. Coastal craft from Bizerta operated last night off Castellamare and those from Malta off Port Augusta.

G.T.X.3

12. 10 Merchant ships arrived at Alexandria from Gibraltar today.

L.S.T. lost.

13. Captain L.S.T. reports that L.S.T.429 has become a total loss by fire.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

14. Wellingtons of the N.W.A. Strategic Air Force bombed Olbia and Trapani last night.

Minelaying. X

15. RORQUAL reports having laid mines within a radius of one mile of 39.58 N. 23.20 E. and 39.16 N. 23.21 E. (approaches to Gulf of Salonika).

East Indies.

16. The French S/M BEVEZIERS, sunk in the attack on Diego Suarez on May 5, 1942, has been raised and taken into dry dock.

Australia & New Zealand.

X 17. Seven enemy ships, estimated to be 3 destroyer leaders and 4 destroyers, fired about 100 rounds at the Allied positions in the Northern part of Rendova Island during the early hours of today and then retired. The damaged caused, if any, is not reported. Two covering Allied surface units returned the fire. Subsequent air search of the Rendova area revealed no enemy shipping.

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Policy.

- Rosyth. The impending training of an amphibious
Codeword, force in Rosyth Command with its ancillary
"Doctor". arrangements has been allotted the codeword
 "Doctor" for use within the Rosyth Command only
 (C. in C. Rosyth, 031255B)
- PINTO. The M.V. PINTO has been requisitioned for duties
 as a Rescue Ship and will be fitted out in the
 Glasgow Area.
 (D.T.D. 031944B to C. in C. W.A.)
- Force "J". X As from 7 July, Force J is to come under the
 operational control of C. in C. Portsmouth.
 (D.O.D.(H), 031953B)
- Roseneath My 142124 June. Six L.C.A. four L.C.M.(1)
Force. and four L.C.P(S) for small, are to be added to
 Roseneath Force. (2) The L.C.A. are to be
 added three to No.596 flotilla, and one to each
 of Nos. 597, 598 and 599 flotillas. (3) The
L.C.M. are to be added to No.699 flotilla. All craft in this
flotilla are to be L.C.M.(1). (4) The L.C.P.(S) are to be
added to No.799 flotilla until it emerges more clearly which
ship is to carry them.
(C.C.O.032111B to Cdre., Roseneath).

Movements.

- ONSLOW, Sailed Capt.(D)17 in ONSLOW with OBDURATE,
OBDURATE, ORWELL for Skaalefiord, E.T.A. 1700B/3rd July.
ORWELL. (R.A.D. H.F. 030610B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)
 Faroes arrivals. ONSLOW, OBDURATE, ORWELL.
 (N.O.I.C. Faroes, 031806B)
- SCORPION. Proceed passing Switha 2200B/4th routed through
 058° 55' N. 007° 10' W. thence through
 Reykjanes passage and swept channels in force
 to Hvalfiord. (2) On arrival act under orders
BERWICK. (3) CUMBERLAND and METEOR sail from Hvalfiord for
Scapa p.m. 3rd July.
(R.A.D. H.F. 030956 to SCORPION)
 Sailed SCORPION for Hvalfiord. E.T.A. 1100B/5th.
 (R.A.D. 032155B to A.C.I.C.)
- S/M Request UPSTART may be sailed to arrive Holy
Movements. Loch a.m. 5th July. My 302315, TRUANT will
 be available p.m. 4th.
 (Capt. (S) 3, 031015B to PHILANTE)
 Intend sailing Q15 escorted by COLL for Dundee
1100B/4th routed: (A) 091° Sumburgh Head 5 miles. (B) 090°
Fair Isle 6 miles. (C) 058° 45' N. 002° 35' W, thence by
searched channel. E.T.A. 1400B/5th.
(S.O.S/M Lerwick, 031209B to A.C.O.S.)

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S/M
Movements.
(Contd.)

My 302132 para. 2. Cancel reference to TUNA and TRUCULENT.
(F.O.S. 031211B to Capt. (S) 3)
Intend sailing P.61 at 1300B/5th for Holy Loch escorted by M.L.254 to 32 buoy, E.T.A. 1000B/6th, thence by escort to be provided by A.C.O.S. to Scapa to await onward escort to Holy Loch to be provided by Capt. (S) 3. Speed 10 knots.
(Capt. S.6, 031215)

My 301548. Estimate you will pass position K.R. at 0800B/5. Thence amend route as follows.
K.A.053° 01' 022° 59'. K.B.056° 00' 015° 02' thence R/V escort arranged by Capt. (S) 3rd. in K.V. 180° Barra Head 8 miles at 2359/8.
(F.O.S. 031252 to K.14)

My 271254. Intend sailing SEA ROVER escorted by NORTHERN GIFT 1400B/5th northabout to Clyde, E.T.A. Cumbrae 1100B/6th.
(N.O.I.C. Barrow, 031320B)

Comsubron 50's 022115. After passing position X 180° Barra Head 7 miles at 0001B/8th Submarines are to proceed as follows. (2) SHAD through S.A. 56° 30' 10° 01'. S.B.56° 01' 16° 59'. S.C. 54° 30' 23° 30'. S.D.52° 50' 29° 30'. S.E.50° 45' 35° 01' to "Chop". S.F.48° 10' 40° 00' at 0800B/14th July. (3) HERRING through H.A.56° 55' 10° 01' thence through H.B. H.C. H.D. H.E. 50 miles North of corresponding positions given in para. 2 to "Chop". H.F.49° N. 40° W. at 0800B/14th July. (4) Submarines are to proceed on surface when East of longitude 29° 30' thence dived by day. S.O.A. 10 knots or 100 miles per 24 hours when dived by day. (5) Cominch is requested to arrange onward route and bombing restrictions from "Chop".
(F.O.S. 031514B)

Sailed X.5, X.6, in tow SYRTIS and ALECTO respectively in accordance with S.12's 301645 and S.3 011119B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 031614B)

Positions of S/M's at 0800B/4 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S. 031727, 031933B, 032341B, 041019)

Intend to sail H.28 escorted by CHASER 15 from Needles at 0515/7th July for Plymouth by standard route. E.T.A. Rame Head 2130. (3) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail vessel to R/V with SCIMITAR vide Capt. (S) 3 031155. (4) Thence SCIMITAR and H.28 proceed to Clyde.
(Capt. S.5, 031735B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

P.241 escorted by ALECTO both towing small craft sailed Clyde 1600B/3rd northbound. P.555 escorted by BLADE sailed Tobermory 1130B/3rd for Clyde.
(C. in C. W.A. 031750B to SHIKARI, MALLOW etc.)

My 251001B. UNTIRING (Category "B") available from p.m. 8th July for 7 days A/S training. Intend to sail her in accordance with your 191257B.
(Capt. (S) 3, 031845B to F.O.S.)

P.239 Resumes passage to Gibraltar forthwith, diving by day on route Rose, crossing 045° N. at 1600B/7th.
(F.O.S. 032347B to S/Ms.)

JASON.

Your 012004. JASON arrived 0930C.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 031024B to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

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PHOEBE. (1) Destination of PHOEBE in U.K. in Barrow.
(2) QUEEN ELIZABETH is to detach her in position R. 48.10 N. 25.50 W. (3) C. in C. W.A. is requested to provide onward route north of Ireland.
(D.O.D.(H), 031236B to QUEEN ELIZABETH)

SURPRISE. SURPRISE sailed 1430Z/3rd. E.T.A. New York 12th July.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey, 031630Z to Admty)

BRITOMART. BRITOMART arrived.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 031632B)

QUEEN ELIZABETH. Operational requirements fix the latest acceptable date for QUEEN ELIZABETH to sail from Plymouth at 28th August in order to allow her 6 weeks for working up before sailing for her next duty. (2) A.S. Devonport's 011410 indicates that the work on this ship can be carried out in 5 weeks. This would enable ship to sail about one week earlier and is most desirable if it can be achieved. (3) Request you will report date of completion and readiness to sail when known in order to comply with above requirements as far as possible.
(D.O.D.(H), 031857B to C. in C. Plymouth)

CUMBERLAND, METEOR. Hvalfiord departure 1835B CUMBERLAND and METEOR. C. in C. H.F. 011641 and 021055 refer. E.T.A. Scapa 0930B/5th.
(A.C.I.C. 031912B)

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug". Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
(A/C.172 Sqdn. Duty Z. No. T.O.O. to 19 Group, Recd. 030225)
Attack abandoned.
(A/C. 172 Sqdn. Duty Z. No. T.O.O. to 19 Group, Recd. 030227)
Arrived LIMBOURNE and WENSLEYDALE.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 030605 to Admty)

Am over 2 enemy S/M's position 43° 48' N. 08° 50' W.
(A/C. 103 Sqdn. Duty J. 030720B to 19 Group)
2 U/B's previously reported were on surface 065°.
(A/C 103 Sqdn. Duty J. 030735B to 19 Group)
Unknown vessel 43.36 N. 08.52 W. 090°, 03'.
(A/C, 103 Sqdn, Duty J. 030750B to 19 Group)
U/B has dived, position 43.46 N. 08.51 W. 0720.
(A/C 103 Sqdn Duty J. 030800B to 19 Group)
Enemy previously reported P.C.S. 043° 46' N. 008° 51' W, 270°, 7 knots.
(A/C. 103 Sqdn. 030816B to 19 Group)

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Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug". (Contd.)

Your 021325B. (?021441 intended). Intend refuelling VIMY and VISCOUNT at Milford Haven, E.T.A. 041700B, proceeding Liverpool on completion. PIMPERNEL proceed direct to Liverpool. (2) VISCOUNT and PIMPERNEL have main engine defects. Estimated time required to make good 48 hours and 8 hours respectively.

(3) My P.C.S. at 031200B were 048° 54' N. 011° 00' W. 019° 12 knots.
(VIMY, 031210B to C. in C. Plymouth)
My 021905B. Sailed less STARLING.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031211B to Admty)
Am over one enemy submarine. Submarine has dived.
Have lost touch with enemy submarine last seen in 44° 45' N. 10° 40' W.
(A/C. 53 Sqdn. Duty D. 031218 to 19 Group)
My 021845B Para. II D. For R.A.F. Call Sign N.5 H.N. and N.5 H.S. read N.5 Q.N. and N.5 Q.S. respectively.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031221B to E.G.2, E.G.B.1)
(SURF remains in vicinity 045° 10' N. 006° 30' W. until further directions. (2) Aircraft will carry out night search for 2 inward bound U-Boats believed damaged in 043° 48', 008° 48' at 0720B/3rd.
(F.O.S. 031234B to S/M's)
Aircraft sighted U-Boat in 044° 45' N. 010° 40' W. at 1218B.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031357B to BERRY)
Am over 3 enemy submarines.
(A/C. 423 Sqdn. Duty H. 031357 to 19 Group)
Am over 3 enemy submarines in 43° 43' N. 13° 35' W. When previously reported submarines were on course 180° speed 7 knots.
(A/C. 253 Sqdn. Duty H. 031400 to 19 Group)
Am over 3 Enemy Submarines in 43° 42' N. 13° 55' W.
(A/C. 423 Sqdn. Duty H, 031400 to 19 Group)
Am over enemy submarine in 44° 11' N. 08° 45' W.
(A/C, 224 Sqdn. Duty J. 031405 to 19 Group)
Lost touch with U-Boat last seen position 43° 43' N. 13° 28' W.
(A/C. 253 Sqdn. Duty H. 031430B to 19 Group)
Have attacked U-Boat with depth-charges. Estimate one hit.
(A/C. 224 Sqdn. Duty J. 031435B to 19 Group)
Am over enemy S/M in 44° 50' N. 09° 50' W. Enemy was on the surface, course 090°, speed 5 knots.
(A/C. 53 Sqdn. Duty D. 031438B to 19 Group)
My 1438. Have attacked U-Boat with depth-charges. Estimate 4 hits.
(A/C 53. Sqdn. Duty D. 031500 to 19 Group)
CHARYBDIS is to pass Gate at 0900B/4th and pass through position. R.180° Bishop Rock 10. S.049° 35' N. 011° 03' W. and thence patrol between latitude 043° 30' N. and 046° N. and longitude 012° W and 013° W. (2) Object is to support second Escort Group and B.1 Group against surface attack.
(3) Unless otherwise ordered CHARYBDIS to return to Plymouth by reverse route when fuel necessitates. (4) One Narvik-destroyer was at La Pallice and 3 probably in Gironde on 2nd July. (6) Codeword "Brasserie".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031627B to CHARYBDIS)

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Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug" (Contd.) Cancel my 021949B. (2) BERMUDA proceed forthwith to support BERRY and GODETIA against surface-attack. (3) BERRY and GODETIA now estimated vicinity 044° 00' N. 009° 30' W. and proceed at 2200B today in accordance with my 021441B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 031711B to BERMUDA) VOLUNTEER in company. E.T.A. 0730B/4th. My P.C.S. 049° 36' N. 008° 14' W. 085° 12 knots. (HAVELOCK, 031730B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Arrived SCYLLA.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 031745B)
Intend sweeping latitude 044° 50' between 011° 00' and 009° 45' from West. Estimate being at Eastern end 2200B/3rd and 0600B/4th. Para.3 your 031711B not understood. Weather 9070 2814.

(BERRY, 031931B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Your 031711B. My P.C.S. at 2001B, 048° 02' N. 015° 18' W. 120° 22 knots. On reaching position B.A. 046° 00' N. 009° 58' W. course will be altered to 170°. BERRY and GODETIA may be using 2700 R/T to effect contact. (2) (? Squadron of) Wellingtons dropped 2 depth charges in my wake at 0215 last night. Beacon will be on tonight. (3) Weather 9050 2700.

(BERMUDA 031933B to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) BERRY)

My 031711B. BERRY and GODETIA continue hunt till dark today. Inward-bound U-Boat attacked by aircraft at 1438B today in 044° 50' N. 009° 50' W. (2) At dark proceed westward and resume patrol in vicinity of position (X) 045° N. 011° W. at daylight/4th. (3) BERMUDA remain within 40 miles of BERRY and GODETIA until dark 4th when latter ships are to proceed to Liverpool as in my 021441B. (4) At daylight 5th BERMUDA transfer cover to Second Escort Group in area "Musketry" South, proceeding northward at dark 5th.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 032019B to BERRY, GODETIA, (R) BERMUDA, CHARYBDIS)

Following is estimate of positions of U-Boats in Bay of Biscay area at 1200Z/3. Positions are indefinite.

About 4 inward and 3 outward between latitudes 42° 30' and 44° 29' and longitudes 12° 01' and 14° 02'.

Three outward within 75 miles N.E. or S.W. of 45° 04', 10° 03'.
Three outward and one or two inward within 60 miles of 46° 28', 09° 27'.

Two inward withing 40 miles E. or W. of 44° 25' 08° 26'.

Several outward-bound East of longitude 04° 30'.

(D.D.I.C. 032039B to BERMUDA)

Decypher B.N. 360 (Admty, 032039), in which you should be included in the address.

(D.S.O. 032155B to GODETIA, BERRY)

My 031359. This submarine proceeding on route in para. (M) at about 0430B/4th. (SURF)

(F.O.S. 032341B to Admty)

Coastal Force Patrols.

Your 021551B. "Obstacle" arrived. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 030518B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Your 021551B. "Scent" arrived. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 030538B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Tonight S.G.B. GREY WOLF, M.G.B. 613, 615 carry out anti E-Boat patrol from 0001 to 0400 on latitude

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.) 50° 25' N between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W. (2) M.L.309, 572, 246 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. (3) BLEASDALE immediate notice Yarmouth and Chasseur 14 St. Helens. (4) M.L.208, 253, 303 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (6) Communications. (A) M.G.B's and S.G.B. Codeword "Jovial". (C) Destroyer: Codeword "Advent". (D) Portland M.L's Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 031158B)

(1) Force C. M.G.B.s 316, 329, 326, 330 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Prawle Point 8. (2) Codeword "Fisher".
(3) Force D. M.L.s 153, 163, 118 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 100° Start 12. (4) Codeword "Harris".
(5) Forces C. and D. are to leave Dartmouth to reach Patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0430B.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031553B)

Operation "Pineapple". Operation "Pineapple" (Provisional A.C.I. Article 134) issued on 6th May should be used as an alternative to operation "Raspberry" (Article 120) at the discretion of the Senior Officer. The instructions in the covering sheet to Provisional Article 134, that this is to replace "Raspberry" are cancelled.
(C. in C. W.A. 031230B to Ships)

Denmark Straits Patrol. Have abandoned search. ADALVIK's 031300B refers to BERWICK. A.C.I.C. pass to NORFOLK.
(BERWICK, 031340B to A.C.I.C.)

S/M Patrols. SATYR will proceed to Portsmouth for stand-off period on completion of forthcoming patrol in Bay of Biscay.
(F.O.S. 031724B)

Positions of Submarines at 0800B/4th and movements for following 24 hours. All times Zone B. (A) SEA NYMPH, STUBBORN, and BLACKFISH as in my 021736. (B) SEADOG very rough position 74° 58' N. 17° 20' E. dived as much as practicable when N. of 73° N. through 74° 47' N. 17° 30' E. 73° 30' N. 17° 30' E. and 69° 02' N. 08° 52' E. (C) CURIE approx. 63° 25' N. 00° 40' E. dived as much as practicable for 64° 20' N. 00° 59' E. (D) SURF waiting in vicinity 45° 10' N. 06° 30' W. (E) RUBIS approx. 45° 10' N. 02° 34' W. dived by day through 45° 00' N. 02° 30' W. to minelay in S.E. Corner of Bay of Biscay. (F) K.14, 47° 20' N. 33° 35' W. probably on surface through 49° 40' N. 28° 01' W. speed 10 knots. (G) HAKE approx. 41° 58' N. 28° 20' W. dived by day through 40° 58' N. 40° 02' W. at 0001/10th. (H) BARB approx. 42° 58' N. 23° 15' W. dived by day to pass through 40° N. 29° W. at 0300/7th.
(F.O.S. 031727 to Admty)

Leave patrol p.m. 5th July, and proceed diving by day through. F.A. 039° 20' 023° 40' at 0800B/6th. F.B. 038° 00' 027° 00'. F.C. 036° 45' 031° 20'. F.D. 035° 20' 035° 40'. B.F. 034° 00' 040° 01' at 0800B/10th. B.G. 034° 02' 044° 59' to "Chop". B.H. 034° 00' 050° 02' at 0800B/15th thence as ordered by Cominch.
(F.O.S. 032141B to BLACKFISH)

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BERWICK, Your 261156B June. Propose BERWICK should
 NORFOLK, sail Akureyi p.m. July 8th and remain until a.m.
 KENT. 12th, then sail direct for Scapa westabout.
 (2) Propose BERWICK, NORFOLK and KENT should
 carry out tactical exercises on Line X. C. (?E)
 and X.C.F. west of Q.Z.X. 950 on July 13th as
 arranged by BERWICK. (3) If approved BERWICK to signal his
 requirements to KENT before proceeding Akureyi.
 (C.S.1, 031217B to C. in C. H.F.)

Allied Air Activity.

Operation X A.912 3 July. Coastal Command operational
 "Moorings". instruction No.114. (1) Information. An
 average of about 20 new U-Boats per month pass
 through the Faeroes-Iceland Passage into the
 Atlantic. This number has hitherto increased
 substantially in the months July to September. During the
 last three months the majority of sightings have been between
 the area bounded by 64° 08' N. 13° 02' W. 62° 47' N. 09° 56' W.
 61° 20' N. 13° 03' W. and 62° 44' N. 16° 05' W. (2) Intention.
 To sight and attack every U-Boat passing through the above area.
 (3) Method. The area will be known as "Moorings".
 (4) All available A/S aircraft in Iceland and 18 Group including
 those made available under present arrangements by 15 Group are
 to be employed daily on operation "Moorings" except (a) Those
 detailed to meet minimum requirements of convoy cover as
 notified in "Stipple" signal. (b) When Admiralty notify that
 Fleet requirements are to take priority. (c) As in 7 below.
 (5) A.O.C. Iceland will arrange for participation of U.S. Naval
 Squadrons from Reykjavik. (6) Patrols will be co-ordinated
 by A.O.C.18. A.O.C. Iceland will inform 18 Group daily of
 aircraft available on following day. A.O.C.18 will notify
 timings and patrol zones with "Moorings" area. (7) In order to
 obviate useless flying H.Q.C.C. will cancel operation "Moorings"
 by signal "Stand off "Moorings" on (?date)", when Intelligence
 information warrants. (8) Probability area other than within
 "Moorings" will be passed for information as heretofore but will
 not be swept. (9) Sighting and amplifying reports will be made.
 On receipt of sighting report 18 Group will concentrate all
 "Moorings" aircraft to hunt to exhaustion. (10) From time to
 time destroyers will be available to co-operate in "Moorings"
 area. A.O.C. 18 will co-ordinate operations of air with surface
 forces the normal procedure laid down in C.C.M. of O.C. being
 employed. (11) Signal. For technical reasons all aircraft
 airborne in "Moorings" area will be controlled on 18 Groups
 frequencies 6000/3215 K/cs by A.O.C. 18. Aircraft of other groups
 will proceed to and from the "Moorings" area under their own
 group control. (12) A.O.C. will inform Iceland of signals
 arrangements for communication with destroyers as in Appendix I
 to 18 Group operation Order No.10.
 (H.Q.C.C. 031700Z to 18 Group Iceland)

A/C from Intend to operation aircraft showing Mark III
 ILLUSTRIOUS. I.F.F. between 0900 and 1900 on 6th and 8th July.
 Approximate line of operation will be 005° W.
 between 055° and 056° N.
 (ILLUSTRIOUS, 032358 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. 1 Aircraft probably Focke Wolff in 66° 4? N.
21° 58' W. flying South East.
(BERWICK, 031745B to Iceland W/T)
(A.C.I.C. 031959B to Admty)
One four-motor enemy aircraft sighted over Grimsey 066° 32' N.
018° 00' W. at 1828, course N.N.E.
(A.C.I.C. 031956B)

Mining.

MENESTHEUS, Scapa departures at 0725 for exercise at 1000
LANCASTER. thence to Z.A. MENESTHEUS, LANCASTER.
(A.C.O.S. 030943B to R.A.M.)
Arrived MENESTHEUS with LANCASTER in company.
(TRELAWNEY, 032046B)

Q.Z.X.1022. Your 022102B. Extend area of clearance 3 miles
from yesterday limit.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031240 to GWEAL)
Q.Z.X.1022 cleared today. No mines encountered
today. Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, PROSPECT, PORCHER, DOC-
HET, ULVA, FIR, FINESSE, LOCH PARK and M.L.229 to commence
clearance of Southern extension of Q.Z.X.1022 as in your 031240B.
(GWEAL, 031823B to C. in C. Plymouth)

M/S 4. Clearance operations are to be resumed to
northward of positions "A" and "B" of your
021719B.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 031328 to M/S 4)

U-BOATS.

U-Boat Fuel permitting proceed at best speed to hunt
in North U-Boat reported by A/C in 51° 50' N. 42° 07' W.
Atlantic. at 1940Z/2. Proceed to St. Johns at P.L.E. or
when ordered.
(C. in C. W.A. 032309Z to E.G.5)
My 032309Z. Aircraft attacked estimates three
hits. S/M was on surface on course 030°.
(C. in C. W.A. 032320Z to E.G.5)

U-Boats See Operations.
in Biscay
Area.

Casualties and Defects.

AVONVALE. A.M. 301304V June. Pass the Gate at 1045B/3
July and proceed to Portsmouth for O/R to Chatham.
(2) Route. (3) E.T.A. 2100/3.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 030941 to AVONVALE)
Your 030941. Arrived.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 032102B to C. in C. Plymouth)

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MIDDLETON. Proceed passing Switha 1600B/4th to Hull by normal route for refit.
(R.A.D. 031035B to MIDDLETON)

SABINE. Following from Admiralty begins. SABINE can be taken in hand for defects by the Humber Graving Dock 6, Immingham. Request SABINE be sailed. T.O.O.030039B ends. Request instructions.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 031205B to C. in C. Nore.)
Your 031205B. Tug IRISHMAN now on passage is being diverted to Harwich. Request you will arrange to sail SABINE in tow of IRISHMAN as requisite tomorrow.
(C. in C. Nore, 031459B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

FIELDGATE. My 011935B. Owing to defect in condensor FIELDGATE delayed two or three days.
(F.O.I.C. London, 031225B)

Shipping and Convoys.

A.T. 54. Convoy A.T. 54 is due Clyde p.m. 6/7.
(QUEEN (2) Total of approximately 15,000 personnel
ELIZABETH) will disembark 7/7. (3) Approximately 5,000
T.A. 54. personnel will embark at Tail of the Bank p.m. 9/7 and a.m. 10/7. (4) Convoy T.A. 54 should be ready to sail p.m. 10/7.
(D.S.T. 030216B)

DUCHESS OF YORK, CALIFORNIA. DUCHESS OF YORK is now required to be ready to sail from Clyde with CALIFORNIA on 7/7.
(3) Vessel will proceed to K.G.V. Glasgow p.m. 3/7 to disembark personnel at present on board and to discharge cargo to shed.
(4) Personnel originally intended to be embarked in CALIFORNIA will now be split between DUCHESS OF YORK and CALIFORNIA embarking Glasgow on 6/7.
(D.S.T. 030225B)
A.M. 232255/June. (1) Para. 1. Add SS. DUCHESS OF YORK Both ships will embark personnel. (2) C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail one destroyer to provide additional escort between 40° N. and 45° N. (3) Route to Freetown.
(D.O.D.(H), 031415B to C. in C. W.A.)

S.L. 131. Cmdre. requests permission for Mersey 12 knots ships 2 in number to proceed ahead of remainder from a position A. If approved MALLOU will be escort to Bar Light vessel.
(E.G. 37, 031058Z to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 031058Z. Detach the 2 ships of 12 knots for Mersey escorted by MALLOU from position A.
(C. in C. W.A. 031445B to Escorts S.L. 131)

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- H.X.245. My 021412Z. Wreck sighted at 0827 in 053° 36' 036° 16' and sank stern first at 0840. Sweep carried out in area. 4 rafts and some wreckage afloat. Proceeding in execution of your 020501Z para. (2) S.O.A.13 knots. (E.G.5, 031120Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- EMPIRE
IBEX.
Sunk.
- T.A.52. My 291755. Route as follows: Through Position (QUEEN A. 270° Oversay 6 miles at 050300B/July. MARY.) Thence through B.55°N. 16' W. C.52° N. 22° W. D.48° N. 26° W. E.44° N. 37° W. F.40° N. 51° W. G.39° N. 62° W. H.38° N. 70° W. Thence to New York. (D.O.D.(H), 031345B to C. in C. W.A.)
- R.U.80. Request information if MUI HOCK and FJALLFOSS have sufficient bunkers on board to proceed direct New York as it is intended to transfer these ships to O.N.S.12 if possible. (2) As it is intended to take similar action whenever opportunity occurs it is requested above information may be included in R.U. Convoy Sailing Telegrams. (D.T.D.031957B to A.C.I.C.) Your 031957. MUIHOCK has sufficient bunker. FJALLFOSS not sufficient. (A.C.I.C. 032317B to Adnty)
- K.M.S.M.20/ A.2140B/3. B. H.M.T. KINGSTON BERYL (Belfast) O.S.M.51. H.M.T. HELIER II (returns to Milford Haven). C.15 including 7 specials. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven, 032148B to Adnty) Convoy K.M.S.(M) 20. FORT FITZGERALD - Bone. OCEAN VIGIL M/F - Algiers, Bougie. MIRIAM - Lisbon. OCEAN VISCOUNT M/F R/T - Algiers. SAINT BERNARD - Bone, Philippeville. ZAAN (Du.) Philippeville. P.L.M.14 - Gibraltar F.O. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven, 032152B to C. in C. W.A.) Convoy O.S.M.51. Ships and destinations. Details. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven, 032156B to C. in C. W.A.)

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UNIVERSAL information. FOLKESTONE and LOWESTOFT sail from Lisbon 1100B/3rd course 180 degs. 12 knots. Portuguese destroyer sails from Lisbon July 3rd for Azores 18 knots. (F.O.S. 031042B to (P.57) UNIVERSAL).

Dispositions Situation 1958B/3rd.
FOLKESTONE, LOWESTOFT, 036 degs. 54' 008 degs. 50' to Gibraltar 12.
(2) Submarine DESCENT (?UNIVERSAL intended)
039 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' through 038 degs. 50' 010 degs. 01' at 2340/3rd thence 162 degs. 7/2.
(3) X.K.10 NARVIK 036 degs. 14' 008 degs. 21' through 036 degs. 35' 010 degs. 01' thence 317 degs. 6.
(4) K.M.F. 18, PHEASANT (E) 037 degs. 21' 011 degs. 40' through 036 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' thence 094 degs. 12.
(5) K.M.S. 19 DART (A) 037 degs. 06' 012 degs. 43' through 036 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' thence 094 degs. 7½.
(6) U.G.S. 10, MENDIP 035 degs. 25' 006 degs. 47' through Gibraltar Strait 8.
(7) R.S. 6 4 M.Ls. 033 degs. 21' 009 degs. 31' 225 degs. 10.
(8) Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 038 degs. 15' 012 degs. 48' through 036 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' to Gibraltar 12½.
(9) Two B.Y.M.S. 030 degs. 32' 010 degs. 20' through 030 degs. 40' 010 degs. 16' and 031 degs. 30' 010 degs. 16' thence 020 degs. 5.
(10) Portuguese Petrol Carrier DAO departed Lisbon today for Ponta Delgada 264 degs. 18.
(11) G.C.20 three U.S. Destroyers sailed 1800/3rd through 035 degs 50' 006 degs. 40' and 034 degs. 10' 008 degs. 03' to Casablanca 15½.
(F.O. Gibraltar 031054B).
Add new para. 12 to my 031054B.
NESS and One Merchant Ship sails from Gibraltar 0800B/4 through 035 degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' thence 226 degs. 13½.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031745B).
Situation at 032002B. (1) K.M.F. 18 PHEASANT (E) 037 degs. 21' 011 degs. 40' through 036 degs. 00' 010 degs. 01' thence 094 degs. 12. (5) R.S.5. EXE (?034 degs) 39' 012 degs. 22' through 026 degs. 46' 014 degs. 41' thence (?229 degs.) 15.
(6) 2 Swedish relief ships 035 degs. 26' 013 degs. 06' thence 266 degs. 12. (9) Portuguese Tanker SAM BRAZ sailed Lisbon 1st July for Aruba 238 degs. 12.
(10) Portuguese Destroyer DAO departs Lisbon 3rd for Ponta Delgada 264 degs. 18.
(F.O. Gibraltar 031108B).
Situation at 2006B/3rd. Hospital ship ACADIA 040 degs. 10' 031 degs. 01' through 040 degs. (?10') 028 degs. 07' thence 255 degs. 17½.
(2) U.S. S/M BARB in patrol zone approximately 043 degs. 20' 022 degs. 30' thence 236 degs. 10/2½.
(3) U.S. S/M BLACKFISH patrolling in area 20 miles either side line joining 044 degs. North 023 degs. West and 040 degs. North 020 degs. West.
(4) U.S. S/M HAKE 042 degs. 01' 026 degs. 36' through 042 degs. 01' 026 degs. 59' at 0001/4th thence 264 degs. 10/2½.
(F.O. Gibraltar 031152B).

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C.T.G.21.11 Comtask Group 21.11 arrived request orders, intend
T.F.61 return Task Force 61 escort G.U.S.9. departing
Casablanca 7th July.
(Commorseafron 031221Z to Cinclant (R) Cominch
etc.).

BALTIC Your 291950 para.4. (Presumably 291643 intended
(intercepted re German M/V BALTIC). I am informed no terms
29/6). were specified but party informed that substantial
reward would be given on arrival at British port.
(A.N.A. Madrid 031316B to N.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R)
Admty.).

Your 021325. For fullest report available please see
signals exchanged between you, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar and this office.
In addition submitted questionnaire to Bilbao (your 010101 para.
5 refers).

Following is a repetition my questionnaire to Bilbao begins:-
"Your telephone message query first. Crew being detained "For
further investigation".

- (2) Have true facts of disappearance and or news of arrivals
leaked out?
- (3) What are reactions of (A) authorities (B) German (C) other?
- (4) Can any suspicion be directed on Allies or (B) your contacts?
- (5) How many people know of your intervention and can they keep
their mouths shut?
- (6) Is affair being commented on.
- (7) Have (L) and his party been in direct contact with consul?"

Following is a repetition of Bilbao's reply (begins) -
"Your 011958 para.2. Yes. Commandant of (?Port) had information
before noon 1st July that vessel had arrived Gibraltar and that
crew had been sent Algeciras.

Para.3. It is yet too early to asses reaction. Para.4. Yes.
Para.5. No one other than those members of staff who
collaborated with me in such matters. Para.6. Yes, wide.
Para.7. Yes, in preliminary stages later contacts were made
elsewhere.

(2) Consequences may be serious if actual facts were disclosed
to crew during voyage since it is certain they will be
severely cross examined on arrival here ". (Ends).

Please see Governor Gibraltar's 23935 and 23936 addressed H.M.
Ambassador (R) Foreign Office. Also my minute June 25th to
B.N.A. Madrid.

(A.N.A. Madrid 031515B to D.N.I.).

Ref. para.2 of my 011714B to Admiralty.

Joseph Lorre and Pedro Eugenia Loza are on board NARVIK.
Isidoroo Villanue Va Aguirre and Luis Fernandez Renobales are
on board YORK CITY. Vessels named are escorts of convoy X.K. 10
to United Kingdom.

- (2) Request all necessary arrangements be made to meet them on
arrival U.K. They have no identification papers.
- (3) C.Os. of ships have instructions to report to S.O.(I) at port
of arrival if not met.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031927B to Admty. for D.N.I.).

Convoy (1) Sailing telegram 1800B/2nd.
X.K.10. (4) 6 knots. (5) E. 35.47 North 6.25 West.

/F.36.35 ...

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- Convoy X.K.10. F. 36.35 North 10.1 West. G. 40.20 North 14.30 West. H. 45.1 North 14.59 West. thence as ordered by C. in C.W.A. (6) NARVIK, YORK CITY. (F.O. Gibraltar 031328 to Admty.).
- G.C.20 Codeword "Mascot" consisting of SANTHIA, ROSE, CHRISTOBAL and J.W. MCANDREW sails for Casablanca, escorted by EBERLE, ERICSON, ENDICOTT at 1830B July routed through Q.K.A. 87, W. 35.50 6.40 F. 34 10 8 30 S. of A. 15½ knots. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031502B to Commorseafron).
- U.G.S.10 Casablanca section U.G.S. 10 arrived, details later. (Commorseafron 031525Z to P.D. New York).
- Red Cross traffic. International Red Cross have asked me if there is any objection to Bayonne as an alternative landing port for Red Cross parcels should Marseilles be unavailable. Germans have approved. Ships would have to unload with their own gear as there is no crane facility. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 031539B to Admty.).
- R.S.7. S.S. LARGS BAY escorted by NESS sails 0815B/4th July. (2) Route. S. of A. 13½ knots. (3) Codeword "Monster". (F.O. Gibraltar 031552 to F.O.C.W.A.).
- U/B D/F beating on 10310 kc/s at 1018Z indicate U/B within 75 miles of 37 degs. N. 24 degs. W. (D.D.I.C. 031601B to F.O.I.C. Gib.).
- COLOMBO Arrived. (F.O. Gibraltar 031605 to Admty.). COLOMBO has definite indications partially stripped port H.P. Turbine necessitating limit of speed now to 20 knots. (2) To rectify this would require eight days at Gibraltar. (3) Presume this not acceptable and intend sailing her to-night Saturday accepting risk of further damage (4) passed to R.A (V) as secret hand message. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031906 to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. R.A.(V)).
- M.K.S.16 Intend sailing (list, cargoes) 16 Ships. Request destinations. (F.O. Gibraltar 031633B to Admty.).

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LOT
sunk. X French Navy Tanker LOT in convoy U.G.S.10 struck by one magnetic torpedo at 1652 G.C.T. sank in 3 minutes June 22nd. Lat. 24.00 North Long. 43.20 West. Confidential papers sank with ship. Of total 134 aboard, 12 known dead, 11 missing, 111 safe in Casablanca.
(C.M.S.F.F. 031715Z to V.C.N.O. (D.N.I.) (R) Cominch, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. etc.).

WEASEL Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031750B to Admty.).

G.C.20 G.C.20 sailed as in my 031502B (N.T. in W.R.).
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031833B to C.M.S.F.F.).

USURPER Intend sailing P.56 (USURPER) p.m. July 5th for Algiers routed:
R. 180 degs. Cape Calaburras 5 miles at 0320/6th
P. 180 degs. Cape de Gata 5 miles at 1300/7th
Q. Unless otherwise ordered by Capt.(S) 8th 135 degs. Cape Palos 5 miles at 1700/8th.
(2) Capt.(S) 8th is requested to assume operational control at 1300/7th. S, of A. 7 knots, 83 miles per day.
Time zone minus 2. Communication Gibraltar broadcast west of Greenwich meridian, Algiers broadcast east of Greenwich shifting to read M.S. routine.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 031836B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

EASTGATE Request reply to A.M. 232133B June. Your 261101/
(K.M.S.16) June refers, but ship, did not sail.
(D.T.D. 031941B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.C.S.O. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).

Movements Today arrived T.F.61 less EBERLE, ERICSSON,
Casablanca. ENDICOTT.
T.G. 21.11 with U.G.S. 10. French SENTINELLE left Safi for Casa. P.C. 472, 474 arrived Safi, ST. NECTAN arrived Casa. from Gibraltar.
(Commorseafron 032235 to C. in C. Med. etc.).

U.G.S.10 Casablanca Section U.G.S.10 arrived (list), with U.S.S. LIVERMORE, KEARNEY, MCCORMICK, PARROTT, ADERIMACK of T.F. 61 & U.S.S. SANTEE, MACLEISH, BAINBRIDGE, OVERTON of T.G. 21.11 U.S.S. EBERLE, ENDICOTT, and ERICSSON, continued to Gibraltar on special mission.
(C.M.S.F. 032236B to P.D. New York).

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Movements
Gibraltar.

X Arrivals, KING GEORGE V, HOWE, PENN, PANTHER, PATHFINDER, OFFA, TYRIAN, PIORUN, from Mers el Kebir. GORLESTON Escort duties. (?AURORA, PETARD) from Malta.

Departures F.O.H. in NELSON, R.A.A. in INDOMITABLE, with RODNEY, PENN, PANTHER, TUMULT, TROUBRIDGE, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, QUEENBOROUGH, OFFA, O.R.P, PIORUN to Mers el Kebir. LADY HOGARTH Escort duties Melilla. RESTIVE to join K.M.S. 18B. WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN, SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC to R/V M.K.S. 16/G.U.S.9.
PENELOPE to Bone. COLOMBO to Algiers, O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK, VICEROY to Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 032310 to Admty. etc.).

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Escort X Capt. (D) 11th D/F returning to ROTHERHAM 7th July. Cmdr. (D) Durban will then become the administrative authority for FALMOUTH and corvettes. Amend G.645 (T.O.O.191652 June) first sentence to read "the following ships will constitute the South Atlantic escort force and will be administered, Destroyers by Capt. (D) 11th D/F in ROTHERHAM and remainder by Cmdr. (D) Durban." (C. in C. S.A. 030916Z to S.A.S.)

O.S.50. Intend detaching escorts to refuel as follows:-
 COLUMBINE and ANCHUSA escorting ships of 10 knots and over to arrive Dakar a.m. 5th July. Ships to be detached are MADRID CITY, CALGARY, FORT LAC LA RONGE, HOGGAR, ELORN, DAN-Y-BRYN. (2) Intend detaching COREOPSIS and VIOLET to arrive Bathurst p.m. 5th July. (3) If COREOPSIS or VIOLET is required to escort GODFREY B. HOLT, 10 knots to Bathurst, this ship cannot arrive before a.m. 6th July. (4) Further signal will be made if LEITH is required to fuel at Bathurst, depending on number of escorts with convoy at the time. P.C. and S. at 0800Z 021° 30' N. 018° 06' W. 192° 8½. Weather report. (S.O. E.G. 38 030930Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.)

BELLWORT. Arrival Boma p.m. 2nd July for docking. Estimated date of completion 12th. (B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire 030945 to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

STRATHAIRD, STRATHMORE. STRATHAIRD and STRATHMORE. In order to facilitate escort arrangements request these two ships may be given a R/V in 045° E. and instructed to proceed to Durban in company. (C. in C. S.A. 031117B. to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. Com. Durban.)

Movements, Recife. Recife July 3rd U.S.A.T. GATUN and EMPIRE ?GRANITE British. (R.O. Recife 031119 to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/3rd July. 032 Cape Howe ASTER, ST. ZENO, ST. LOMAN, BLAUWBERG with C.D.25 (10 ships) 034° 20' 023° 10' coastal to (corrupt group) 8 knots. FRITILLARY, NIZAM, HERTFORDSHIRE, STANDERTON with D.C.33 (14 ships) 033° 30' 027° 30' coastal to Capetown 8 knots. FALMOUTH escorting MATAROA 034° 50' 032° 45' to 038° 00' 032° 04' 12½ knots. ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN CHIEF, with L.M.D.24 (one ship) 028° 15' 032° 40' to Durban 9 knots. VERBENA, GENISTA, DRANGEY with P.N.50 (5 ships) 023° 40' 036° 40' to 022° 00' 038° 00' 8 knots. (C. in C. S.A. 031120B.)

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Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/3rd July. CORINTHIAN, ARMERIA, (Contd.)
COMMANDANT, DETROYAT, SNOWDROP, COMMANDANT
D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, ST. WISTAN, TURCOMAN, ORFASY
with S.T.71, 007° 30' 014° 06' 123° 10.
RAPID, O.R.P. BURZA, WITCH with C.T.C. 1
(?004°)54' 010° 05' to 003° 35' 008° 00' thence 084° 14.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, BUTSER, DUNCTON with T.S.46 about
004° 19' 003° 16' 265° 9. ETHIOPIAN about 005° 50' 010° 46' to
Freetown 9. BURDOCK 002° 18' 001° 57' East to Takoradi 14.5.
PICT M.L.289 and 256 off Marshall M.L.265 off Cap Palmas coast-
wise to Marshall M.L.296 off Port Bouet (? SARABANDE) off Accra
M.L.1006 and 1019 off Kotonu CILICIA about equator 022° W. 145° 14
(F.O.C.W.A. 031159Z.)

Dakar, Your 021256 not to Admty. and Admty. 021920.
dangerous Consider Dakar Northern Approach Channel will be
area. sufficiently safe for all shipping by the time
O.S.50 passes Dakar as (?2) only known local
escorts available for five ships joining and 11
ships leaving convoy off Dakar are AIR FRANCE III
M.L.1141 M.L.1072. Propose DUNKERY and PORTSDOWN to be used to
reinforce.
(Comar Dakar 031122Z to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Admty.)

Personnel Following ships sailed 2nd July E.T.A. Lagos
Movement, a.m. 6th July:- HIGHLAND BRIGADE, HIGHLAND MONARCH,
W.S.31. ARAWA, STAFFORDSHIRE. No fuel required. Water
required. (3) When ships sail to R/V with W.S.
31 signal immediately details personnel on board,
sea speeds, estimated maximum draft on arrival
South Africa. Total water and fuel on board. (4) Personnel
embarked, see my code 031132Z/July.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 031131Z, 031132Z to S.S.T.O. Lagos.)

Durban X C. in C. E.F.'s. 011331. The presence of 3
Congestion. battleships and 4 large cruisers together with W.S.
31, will tax the resources of this port but it can
be managed if you still intend to sail STRATHMORE
and STRATHAIRD before arrival of above. Request
confirmation of this latter point. Your 301326 refers.
2. Port authority requires RESOLUTION to pass the breakwater at
0700B and LORRAINE at 0730B/20th July in order to dock latter
(?without) previous berthing. C. in C. E.F. is requested to
arrange accordingly and signal draught of both ships on arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 031135B to C. in C. S.A. (R) C. in C. E.F.
Admty.)

C.T.C.1. Departure 1605Z/2nd July O.R.P. BURZA, RAPID, WITCH,
with C.T.C.1.
(S.O. (I) Freetown 031304Z to R.N.O. Lagos, Admty.
N.O.I.C. Takoradi.)

QUERCY. Arrival 1840Z/1st July. F.F/S. QUERCY.
(S.O. (I) Freetown 031409Z to Comar Dakar. (R)
Admty.)

/Tasso...

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Tasso Island. My 031720Z. (Sic N.T. in W.R.) I am examining desirability of asking that all work on Tasso Island should be stopped so as to allow essential Harbour works to be completed in reasonable time. BOURBONNAIS cannot be released for eighteen months even if present three years Tasso project goes forward unhindered. (F.O.C.W.A. 031415Z to Admty. (R) Cdre.i/c Freetown.)

Docking S. Africa. Docking situation in South African ports as at 30th June 1943. (C. in C. S.A. 031428 to Admty.)

U/B Activity, Escort Proposals. Your 261206 June. (re convoy routeing in the event of increased U-Boat activity in W. African Area.) It remains to be seen how present upkeep facilities can stand addition of Escort Group 42. I fear that still further additions to forces based here will overwhelm facilities. Personnel, machine and berths alongside are principal difficulties. (2) Direct result will be that general state of escort vessels will slowly deteriorate and the upkeep become patchwork and rarely a cure. This will lead to urgent demands for maintenance at Takoradi, Bahia and Pointe Noire with problems of spare parts and need for shore personnel etc. at these places. This problem already exists at Takoradi. (3) Beyond above increase in administrative staffs and training facilities in Freetown will be required. (4) I believe best solution is as follows. (A) Embrace all O.S. T.S. Bahia and Pointe Noire convoys and return convoys in one organisation. (B) All escort groups from above to work from home. (C) Only escort vessels to be based here would be for W.S. convoys coastal shipping etc. (5) Telegram follows giving convoy cycles etc. (F.O.C.W.A. 031629Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A. F.O.C.N.A.)

Following continuation of my 031629. Cycle for proposed home based escorts is as follows. Day one sail Liverpool day 19th arrive Freetown, boiler clean and exercise. Day 30 sail Freetown day 35 arrive Takoradi, day 36 sail Takoradi, day 42 arrive Freetown, day 44 sail Freetown, day 55 arrive Bahia, day 59 sail Bahia, day 70 arrive Freetown, boiler clean and exercise. Day 84 sail Freetown, day 95 arrive Pointe Noire, day 99 sail Pointe Noire, day 110 arrive Freetown and boiler clean. Day 119 sail Freetown, day 137 arrive Liverpool.

(F.O.C.W.A. 031814Z to Admty.)

An effective strength of seven groups is required to fill this cycle. The cycle can be adjusted for each group to boiler clean once at Bahia if this is considered preferable. Escort similar convoys if home based groups only carry out OS/SL as at present will require following groups. OS/SL 4. TS/S.T with alternate convoys to Pointe Noire 3. Freetown Bahia. 2. Total of 9 groups with 5 based on Freetown. Further signal follows.

(F.O.C.W.A. 031815Z to Admty.)

(Continued on pages 89 A $\frac{1}{2}$ and 90)

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MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET MESSAGE 031815Z July IN

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CORRECTION &
RECIRCULATION

Addressed Admiralty.

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031815Z

031816 July
Recd. 1337/5.

Following is continuation of my 031815.

Advantages claimed for home based escort groups are as follows. Economy in escorts. All ships in turn have refit and modernisation if applicable in United Kingdom. All ships have advantage of training facilities in United Kingdom. Freetown should be able to function efficiently as an intermediate repair port and an over-loaded refitting port when few items really get finished. Note there will still be sufficient escort vessels based in command fully to utilise present Freetown's refitting facilities. Spares at Freetown can be reduced thus economising in shipping space. Personnel reliefs can be

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made at home instead of at Freetown resulting in great saving of man hours during passage and while waiting for passage home after relief. Personnel will benefit very considerably by spell at home in good climate conditions every five months. Slight spell in foreign parts would be welcome. To H. O's. Ships visiting Bahia can provision on peacetime standard thus relieving drain on Freetown. Further signal follows.

031816

031817Z July
Recd. 1125/5.

Following is continuation of my 031816Z.

Pointe Noire as at present can only be used as a convoy assembly port on a very small scale. British naval liaison officer reports maximum capacity 6 ships of over 27 ft. and 4 ships of 20 to 27 ft. draught. Maximum water supply is 300 tons daily delivered by two 50 ton lighters. One tug of 250 horse power and one pilot are available for berthing. An anchorage approximately 1 mile square in 5 to 7 fathoms. Between port and Banc Songol could be covered by about 2 miles of net. Lower reaches of Congo River gives reasonably secure anchorage for a large number of ships but there are no facilities. Naval Control Service Organisation will be required at Pointe Noire. Before answering your para. 4 in detail request information whether you would consider above solution.

031817Z

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2nd S. L.	D. A/ U D.	D. P. S.
3rd S. L.	D. of P. (2)	D. A. / S. M.
Vice Contr.	D. of P. (Q) (2)	D. G. D.
4th S. L.	D. T. D. (4)	I. P. (2)
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A. C. N. S. (W)	D. N. I. (4)	C. C. R. T.
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(F.O.C.W.A. 031817Z to Admty.)

CORINTHIAN. Your 022135 and A.M. 221236 as amended by A.M. 241642 June. CORINTHIAN is to return to U.K. with S.L.133. Her movements are to be arranged accordingly.
(Admty. 031632B to F.O.C.W.A.)

CAPE CANAVERAL. My 021836 (Rijo) CAPE CANAVERAL arrived Rio de Janeiro 1st.
(A. B.N.S.O. Recife 031758 to Admty. etc.)

HIGHLAND BRIGADE. Your 301620Z/June. In view of importance of HIGHLAND BRIGADE proceeding in W.S.31 request Master be asked to make every endeavour to continue as far as Bombay before undertaking overhaul subject to vessel being able to maintain convoy speed.
(D. of S.T. 031810B to D.S.T.O. W.Af. (R) P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

French Dispositions. Weekly state 4th July. Cruisers GEORGES LEYGUES passage Dakar to Philadelphia. GLOIRE Trinidad. A.M.C. QUERCY Freetown. Escort ships LA GRANDIERE, DUMONT D'URVILLE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY, VICTORIA, Casablanca area:- CALAIS, ASPIRANT BRUN, Dakar. S/Ms. ARGO, Freetown, CENTAURE, Dakar.
(Comar Dakar, 031816Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Troop Movements. Your 292137Z. Regret that for operational reasons beyond our control DUCHESS OF YORK has been unable to sail. She will now leave U.K. 7/7 with CALIFORNIA arriving Freetown about 19/7. 2. LARGS BAY should arrive Freetown about 11/7. BRITTANIC will arrive 8/7. TAMAROA's arrival date is still uncertain but it is hoped that it will be shortly after 12/7. 3. Hope you can adjust your local programme accordingly.
(D.S.T. 031819B to D.S.T.O. W.A.)

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CROCUS
refit. Intend to sail CROCUS to U.K. with convoy S.L.133 for refit.
(F.O.C.W.A. 031846Z to Admty. (R) Capt. D. E.F.)

W.S.31. 1. Intend sailing convoy W.S.31 at 0830Z/5th July consisting of 9 ships escorted by DESPATCH, CORFU, FOXHOUND, WOLVERINE, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE.
2. Route. Estimated speed made good 12½ knots.
3. RANGITIKI will be dispersed at about 1900Z/6th to proceed independently to Plate. 4. N.O.I.C. Takoradi sailing ARMERIA to join escort in position E. at 0700Z/9th. CORFU, WOLVERINE will be detached to (?Takoradi) from position E. WOLVERINE after fuelling is to be sailed to re-join. 5. N.O.I.C. Lagos sailing WITCH to join escort in 004° 14' N. (?019°) 22' E. at 1700Z/9th. BULLDOG, BLACKMORE will arrive Lagos for fuel at daylight 10th. (6) N.O.I.C. Lagos sailing RAPID, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE escorting STAFFORDSHIRE, ARAWA, HIGHLAND MONARCH, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, to join in position G. at 1300Z/10th. FOXHOUND, WITCH and (?ARAWA or ARMERIA) then proceed Lagos. (7) DESPATCH will arrive Pointe Noire daylight (?13th) to refuel and rejoin. (8) C. in C. S.A. is requested to sail destroyer to (corrupt group) escort in 004° 20' S. 011° 07' E. at 0700Z/13th after fuelling at Pointe Noire. DESPATCH and RAPID continue to escort to Cape. BULLDOG and WOLVERINE proceeding Pointe Noire and BLACKMORE to Boma from R/V. (9) Escorts shift to area Q W/T organisation at 1200Z/14 July. (10) N.O.I.C. Lagos pass to RAPID.
(F.O.C.W.A. 031855Z to C. in C. S.A. etc.) Reply:- C. in C. S.A. 042303.

DOMINION
MONARCH. In order to make full use of her capacity from Cape to U.K. it is suggested that DOMINION MONARCH should be included in movement referred to in A.M. 021525.
2. DOMINION MONARCH should not require fuel or water between Capetown and Freetown.
(D.O.D. (F) 031920B to C. in C. S.A.)

AMAZON,
BURZA. AMAZON has experienced engine room temperatures of 146 and 150 corresponding to deck temperatures 74 and 82. Average shade temperature at Freetown is 80. These with engine room hatches open and resultant inefficient darkening. On arrival Freetown two E.R.A's were on sick list and remainder of engine room staff were on verge of collapse. Am convinced that ship was only steamed as result of very real effort. Consider ship unsuitable for service on this station. Propose to sail AMAZON for Gibraltar in about 10 days time when personnel has recovered. Request a relief may be provided and BURZA may be retained until then to allow present personnel commitments to proceed.
(F.O.C.W.A. 032010Z to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.) Reply: 061347B.

Movements,
Simonstown. Arrivals Simonstown QUADRANT, REDOUBT second July.
REDSHANK 3rd July.
(C. in C. S.A. 032353B to Admty. etc.)

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GEORGES
LEYGUES.

Has GEORGES LEYGUES arrived either Bermuda or Philadelphia? My 241038 and 261014 (N.T. in W.R.) refer.

(Comar Dakar 032359Z to Cominch, S.B.N. O. W.A.
(R) F.O.C. W.A.) Reply 071740.

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C.C.O. in N. Africa. X Following for General Eisenhower from British Chiefs of Staff. Would you please ensure that no publicity is given to the arrival and movements of the Chiefs of Combined Operations in North Africa? (Etousa, 030121Z to Freedom, Algiers).

Enemy Units. My 0005B, 2 destroyers, one large vessel, 3 unknown vessels bearing 240° distant 12 miles. (A/C VAN/S 030225B).

P.C. and S. of 2 medium vessels, one destroyer and 2 aeroplanes is 39.50 N. 8.19 E. 170° 8 knots. (A/C CJY/O 030745B).

Enemy previously reported are two medium merchant vessels one of 3500 tons and one of 3000 tons and two M.E. 110s.

(A/C CJY/O 030825).

Course and distance made good by enemy since 0745B.

315° 15.

(A/C CJY/O 031026B).

VULCANIA Italian Repatriation Ship VULCANIA 0645C July 3rd. Knots 14 from position M. E.T.A. Jibuti 0700C/5. Routed as C. in C. E.F., 140805 June from Levant Station to Port Elizabeth.

(N.C.S.O. Massawa, 030555Z to Admty).

Sailed from Massawa for Jibuti at 0348 G.M.T. 3rd July.

Noon position 3rd July 0900 G.M.T. 16.19 N., 30.17 E. course 353° speed 9 knots. E.T.A. Jibuti 0400 G.M.T. 5th July.

(S.B.N.O. VULCANIA, 030905Z to Admty).

Your 102058 April para. 7 B. S.B.N.O. VULCANIA has requested that names of repatriates from Massawa be communicated to you for onward transmission. This list comprises over 2,000 names. Approval is requested to forward this to you by air mail.

(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 030641Z to Admty). Approved. (041712B).

Movements Alexandria. July 2nd. Arrivals: CARLISLE, WOLBOROUGH, JUMNA, HYACINTH, EXMOOR, KANARIS. Departures: LA MOQUEUSE, EXMOOR, KANARIS. (R.A. Alexandria, 030654C to Admty).

10th S.F. Movements Summary 2000/3rd. (1) UNRULY P.49 037° 47' 011° 54' O.R.P. SOKOL 037° 19' 011° 52', ULTOR, P.53 037° 03', 011° 50' 037°. All submarines steering 004° to round Aegean Islands thence to north of Messina. (Capt. S.10., 030710B to S. and A. Area G.C.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals Friday July 2nd. "Kraal": PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDESDALE: "Datum", ORION, LOYAL, "Costume", CAVA, L.C.I.(L)s 6, 109, 111, 116, 161, 163, 176, 210, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 273, "Brown" M.L.565, "Scratch" M.T.Bs. 651, 655, 665, 667, 670. Departures. H.M. Submarines ULTOR, UPROAR, DZIK, "Gladstone", JERVIS, "Trial" M.Ls. 126, 121, 168, JOHN PAGE, FALKEFJELL, PANAMA, LOOKOUT. "Wilfred", L.C.T.s 572, 586, 615 "Adhesion", PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDESDALE. "Toilet" M.T.Bs. 75, 82, M.G.B.635. (V.A. Malta, 030745 to Admty. etc).

/Force X...

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- Force X. Suez 3rd July, departure F.S. DUQUESNE, TOURVILLE, and LORRAINE at 0530.
(F.O.R.S.C.A., 030856C to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty. etc).
- MAURETANIA Arrived 0610 G.M.T. 3rd July.
(N.C.S.O. Suez, 030907 to Admty).
- K.M.S.17. Algiers section arrived in accordance with F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 261101. Less JACINTH (diverted) ABBEYDALE (returned to Algiers ex X.T.G.2) and CORCREST (arriving with U.G.S.10) 15 ships.
(Com. Algeria, 030909 to Admty. etc).
- TRIDENT If you were off Kandaliusa at 2115/2nd you were probably sighted.
(Capt. S.l., 031004C to TRIDENT (R) P.339 (TAURUS)).
- 8th D.F., WISHART, VENOMOUS. Whilst in the Levant station 8th D/F WISHART and VENOMOUS are to be administered by Cdre. (D) Levant.
(C. in C. Levant, 031011C to Cdre. (D) (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., 8th D.F., WISHART, VENOMOUS)
- Middle East, Army Situation. Newtel No. 16. Review week ending 2nd July.
4. Adm. Tripoli. Average daily discharge 1190 tons. No bulk petrol. 1930 personnel disembarked 1700 embarked also 800 cases evacuated by Hospital ship. Convoy 4 vessels total 17470 tons stores plus 200 vehicles arrived 29th June.
No further convoys programmed to reach Tripoli until 22nd July. Maintenance commitment considerable but this contingency foreseen and already provided against except for POL which is being despatched from Benghazi. Operational requirements 10 Corps may require special shipment, but not yet firm. Benghazi. Total 5450 tons stores discharged. No bulk petrol. Ras el Ali. 340 tons POL discharged. Tobruk. 465 tons naval coal discharged. Malta. Over period 11 to 12 June, 23610 tons bulk heavy oil (?and) 22720 tons general stores discharged. Air freight. 21980 pounds and 90 personnel from Cairo.
(C. in C.M.E., 031025C to W.O.)
- K.M.S.17 CORVUS sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 031128B to Escorts K.M.S. 17 (R) N.O.I.C. Bizerta, Admty. etc).

/S/M...

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S/M
Movements. (1) SIBYL (P.217), SARACEN (P.247), SIMOOM (P.225)
TRESPASSER (P.312), and DOLFIJN (P.47) patrol
between Corsica and Italy.
(2) SHAKESPEARE (P.221) 038° 13' 007° 32' 90°.
(3) SERAPH (P.219), 038° 13' 009° 19' through 038°
13' 011° 17' and 038° 00' 011° 30' thence south eastwards.
(4) 8th S.F. movements summary at 2001B/3rd submarines on passage
diving by day 2½ knots surface by night 9 knots.
(5) F.S. PERLE and CASABIANCA in Gulf of Genoa.
(Capt. S.8., 031140B to S. and A. Area G.C.)
My 031140 add new para. (6) P.211 leave Bizerta 1800/4th
by Q.K.B. 94 and Q.K.B.93 to 037° 22' 009° 23' at 2130/4th thence
Northward St. Lucia 10 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 032032B).

M.E. Air
Report. A.675 3 July. Daily Opsum (1034Z), 66.
1/2 July, 4 Halifaxes Catania railway yards bursts
in area of railway station and in area of sulphur
refineries. 2 July 78 U.S. Liberators (B.24)
Lecce and Grottaglie aerodromes. 10 returned
early, 3 shot down over target. 45 bombed Lecce. 1 B.24
crashed into sea after bombing. 2 B.24s bombed Grottaglie
aerodrome, about 46 Me. 109s Mc. 202s and F.W.109s attacked the
2 formations. 11 enemy fighters destroyed 2 damaged 1 Me.109
pilot baled out. 2 Beaufighter bombers anti-shipping R/C Ionian
Sea. 1 schooner 90 tons in Kyllene Harbour cannon and machine
gun attack, many strikes observed. 2 near misses with bombs
on steel railway bridge south of Pyrgos.
Following delayed details July 1st. 4 Beaufighters anti-shipping
sweep west coast Greece. 2 dredgers roughly 250 tons and 125
tons attacked in Levkas Channel. 2 near misses with bombs on
larger vessel both attacked with cannon and machine gun fire
many hits. 1 Beaufighter is missing.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 031143Z).

SATURNIA, Today 3rd July - impossible to embark passengers
repatriations. owing to weather.
(S.B.N.O. SATURNIA, 031200Z to Eccellenz
Caroselli, VULCANIA, via Admty. to Minister
Africa, Rome).

WILHELMSBURG. German WILHELMSBURG expected to transit
Istanbul to Aegean next 72 hours. Vessel also
due from Aegean for Black Sea. Graded B.4.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 031202C to C. in C. Levant,
S.O.(I) Levant, (R) S.l., S.10, D.N.I.)

M.K.S.11, M.K.S.11. EMPIRE LORENZO one ship. K.M.S.17
K.M.S.17. BOURJHAUG and CROMARTY arrived, 2 ships.
(N.O.I.C. Bougie, 031400B to Admty. etc).

P.R.U. 1145 Brindisi one CR 1200 Taranto two BB.
visuals. (V.A. Malta, 031420B to C. in C. Med., etc).

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Movements, Aden. Arrivals LAUNCESTON, 1217Z PUNJAB. (Cdre. Aden, 031501Z to C. in C. Levant etc).

N.A.A.F. Report. N.W.A. Air Forces Opsum 132. N.W.A. Strategic Air Force. 30 June/1st July Additional. 21 Wellingtons Cagliari. Bursts railway station and barracks. Fires dock area. July 1/2. 31 Wellingtons Palermo 1 returned early. Bursts railway station, sidings and town. 20 Wellingtons Cagliari 1 returned early, all target area. (N.A.A.F., Adv. H.Q. 031518B).

Malta, No.5 Dock. My 062142 June. No. 5 dock can now take a Tribal. Clearance and arrangement of side blocks proceeding. (A.S. Malta, 031551 to Admty).

U.G.S.10 Intend sailing following all for Bizerta EMPIRE MOON, MARS, EMPIRE SNIPE, SVANHOLM, TITUS, TINTERN. ABBEY, PRINCE DE LIEGE. (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 031637B to Admty. etc).

FENRIS, relief. Understood from B.N.A. Ankara FENRIS leaving Smyrna 7th July for Piraeus. Please confirm safe conduct is intended. (C. in C. Levant, 031642C to Admty. (R) Min. State, Cairo, B.N.A. Ankara).

Movements, Port Said. 3rd July Port Said arrivals, BEAUFORT, EXMOOR, KANARIS, HURWORTH, EASTON, ADRIAS, ROCKWOOD, M.Ls. 350, 348, 384. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 031703C to Admty. etc).

G.T.X.3 Following arrived CHERRYLEAF, EGRET, BASSETHOUND, SOMERSET COAST. (R.A. Alexandria, 031723C to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Levant). Add FISHPOOL. (041035C)

U.G.S.8 A. reported collision with ALFREDA. U.G.S.8 A. Your 012155 July. (Requesting information whether any ship in U.G.S.8 A. reported being in collision with Spanish vessel in Gib. Straits) No such report was received from any ship in Algiers Section. (Com. Algeria, 031727B to Admty).

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- M.K.S.16 Algiers Section sailed as in my 011644 less FORT CONFIDENCE. (N.O.I.C. Algiers, 031857B to Escorts of Convoy M.K.S.16, Escorts of Convoy G.U.S.9 (R) Admty. etc).
- Movements, QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDES-
Sfax. DALE.
Departures ROYAL ULSTERMAN, PUCKERIDGE, LIDDES-
DALE.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 031933B to Admty).
- Movements Arrivals FOULA, FLY. Departures WAINWRIGHT,
Bizerta. TRIPPE, (?ROW)AN, M.T.B.265.
(F.O.I.S., 031942B 032220B to Admty. etc).
- Codewords. Following from C. in C. Med., to Admty. (Begins).
Request you will cancel A.M. 291350 (Circulated
as 291355) Codewords have been distributed to
all air authorities and any further change is
unacceptable. (Ends).
(D.O.D. H., 031946B to R.A.V., (R) C. in C. Med.
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
1. My 291355 June is cancelled at request of C. in C. Med.
 2. Codewords remain as stated in C.U.D. Appendix Four and D.U.F. Appendix 2.
 3. S.Os. of Escorts pass to Commodores of convoys K.M.S.18 A and 18 B. and K.M.S.19.
(D.O.D. H., 032055B to S.O. Group B, S.O. Group 42, S.O. Group D. (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Gib. H.Q.F.C., H.Q.C.C. C. in C. Med., R.A. (V)).
- Movements, Today arrivals were H.M.T. RUSKHOLM, PRODIGAL,
Oran. M.L.580, H.D.M.L.1305 French AMIRAL MOUCHEZ,
ANNAMITE. Today departures RUSKHOLM and French
LA SETOISE, ANNAMITE and AMIRAL MOUCHEZ.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 031951B to Admty. etc).
- SAFARI P.211 (SAFARI) from Bizerta passes 037° 45'
009° 33' at 0001/5th 038° 15' 010° 53' at 1600
5th P. at 0001/6th thence as in S.10's 011902.
(Capt. (S) 8, 032010B to S.8. (R) Capt. (S) 10).
- K.M.S.17 Arrived PROSPER, SCHIAFFINO, BRASIL, WALTER
HINES, PAGE, TEXAS, GULF PRINCE and MARGA.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 032038B to Admty etc).
- Movements, 3rd July arrivals IERAX, PANTHER, Departure
Haifa. M.L. 1256, 1296.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, (Haifa) 032058C
to Admty. etc).

/Movements...

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Movements, Beirut. Following is a repetition of my 030842 (begins) 2nd July, arrivals PANTHER, OSIRIS M.60 M.Ls. 385, 360. Departure NOTRE DAME D'ETEL (ends). (S.O.(I) Beirut, 032139C to Admty. etc).

Movements, Tripoli. Arrived and sailed INCHCOLM. M.Ls. 126, 121, 168 arrived L.C.Ts. 420, 413, 333, 372, 311, 314, 355, 364, 377, 379, 391 sailed L.S.Ts. 362, 422, L.C.I.(L)s. 256, 182, 180, 99, 106. (S.N.O. Tripoli, 032158B to Admty).

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals CLEVELAND, CALPE, L.S.T.406, U.S.S. MOUNTBAKER, U.S.S. MURPHY, U.S.S. MADDOX. Departures WHADDON, EGGESFORD, LAUDERDALE, UGANDA, TARTAR, FOXTROT. M.G.B.661 PRODIGAL, CYRUS, JOSEPH, French GOELAND, M.L.469. (Com. Algeria, 032204B to Admty. etc).

Through Convoys, Indian Ships, Requirements. C. in C. Levant's 191951 June (Request that water and bunkering required at ports in Suez Canal area be communicated in advance). Information as to bunkers is passed by M.O.W.T. to M.O.W.T.R. Cairo.
2. Estimates of water requirements would be impossible to frame in U.K. with sufficient accuracy to serve any useful purpose and it is suggested that these should be obtained at a later stage of the voyage. (D.T.D., 032243B to C. in C. Levant).

L.S.T.429 lost. Regret to report L.S.T.429 serial No.319 total loss by fire. (Capt. L.S.T., 032250 to R.A. (P)).

RORQUAL mines. X Mines laid within radius one mile
1. 039° 58' 023° 20'. 2. 039° 16' 023° 21'.
(RORQUAL, 032301C to Capt. (S) 1, S.O. Force O, C. in C. Levant, (P.339) TAURUS).

Movements, Benghazi. Departure L.C.T.307, 329, 356, 375, 387, 416, 445, 446, M.L. 351, 359, M.T.B89. M.G.B.57. Arrived and left INTREPID, G.S. QUEEN OLGA, arrived L.C.T.339, MISOA (?MU)LL. (S.N.O. Cyrenaica, 032313C to Admty).

/Malta...

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Malta Air
Report.

A.I.650, 3 July. C.S.R. Malta. Part 1 Offensive. Night 2/3 July Mosquitoes intruded over East and West Sicily but found no activity owing to low cloud. Day 3rd July. 6 Spitfire bombers with escort of 15 Spitfires bombed Biscari airfield. 35 Spitfires escorted Mitchells off Northwest African Tactical Air Force attacking Comiso. (R.A.F. Malta, 032331Z).

Movements,
Malta.

Arrivals "Blanket", ABDIEL, "Ropsle", WITHERINGTON, "Bleeding", LOOKOUT, "Hemingway", HOLCOMBE, MUTINE with CLAN CAMERON. "Toilet" M.T.Bs. 75, 635, 82. "Tottenham" H.D.M.Ls. 1258, 1246, 1224, 1301, 1270, 1257, 1297, 1271, 1277, "Vauxhall" L.C.I.(L) 279, "Eggcup" M.T.B.242. Departures "Wicked", ABDIEL, "Simmer", WITHERINGTON, "Toilet" M.G.Bs. 662, 659, 658, "Spindle", M.T.B.260. (V.A. Malta, 032334B to Admty. etc).

S/MS Malta

Departures. UNBROKEN, UNSHAKEN, TACTICIAN. (V.A. Malta, 032337 to Admty. etc).

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B.M. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$. E.T.A. VAN DER ZAAN Colombo escorting NAIRUNG and JOHN MACKAY 0530 July 7th. Your 011220 refer (N.T. in W.R.) (N.O.I.C. Bombay, 030415Z to F.O. Ceylon).

B.M. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$, consisting of NAIRUNG and JOHN W. MACKAY sailed 0400Z/3rd July. E.T.A. Colombo 0430Z/7th July passing Cochin 1400Z/5th July escorted by WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN D.S. S. of A. 10 knots, routed in coastal line 60th. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 030436Z to Admty. etc).

AORANGI Para. 5. My 210604. AORANGI will now sail 13th July for Durban and U.K. (P.S.T.O.I., 030533Z to C. in C. E.F.)

Movements Departure 0400Z D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN with Bombay. B.M. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$. 0624Z KATHIAWAR for Colombo. (S.O.(I) Bombay, 030626Z to Admty. etc).

Minesweeping, Monthly M/S report. Persian Gulf. (S.N.O.P.G., 030751Z to Admty).

SUFFOLK SUFFOLK sailed. (N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 030800Z to Admty. etc).

SUSSEX SUSSEX arrived. (N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 030814Z July).

BEVEZIERS, Submarine BEVEZIERS has been raised and admitted raised. into dry dock for examination of hull and essential temporary repairs to ballast tanks. D'ENTRECASTEAUX. One week is being allowed for this. On completion submarine will be berthed alongside D'ENTRECASTEAUX in Commercial harbour. 2. Ref. Admty. 201501 June para. (2) Report will be made when French Constructors' survey is completed but it is most unlikely that either ship will be ready for sea within 3 months. (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 030836Z to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. etc)

Personnel Escort will be available for movement in your movement. 012034 about 19th July. (C. in C. E.F.' 030935Z to P.S.T.O.M.E.)

Movements, Arrivals AMRITSAR escorting ANGLESEY, GUTHRIE. Calcutta. (N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 031033Z to Admty. etc).

/Air...

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Air Report. 3 July, daily Opsum 475.2/7 4 Hurricanes attacked river craft Monywa-Kalewa. 10 to 12 Sampans sunk, 6 severely damaged, barge left sinking, 2 ferry rafts damaged. 1 A/C slight damage A.A. fire. 27 Beaufighters attacked river craft Irrawaddy. 65 to 80 Sampans and double deck steamer hit Pakokku area. 10 Hurricanes attacked Hparabyin area (Mayu). Many huts attacked and left burning. 6 Hurricanes Kyaukpyu area. Attacked oil installations 2 Factories and 2 Compounds believed number of casualties. 1 A/C slightly damaged by M/G fire from ground. Arakan Coast. 1 sortie curtailed due weather. Supply dropping. 9 sorties Tiddim 3 sorties Falam. 1 Spitfire P.R.U. Keiktila-Thazi. Both part cloud obscured. Enemy Activity. None reported. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. reports. 1st July. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B. 25) Mandalay. 1 A/C did not bomb, 8 A/C dropped over 8 tons straddling ships in river several near misses. (A.H.Q., India, 031110Z).

CANTON CANTON sailed.
(F.O. East Africa, 031141Z to Admty).

S.N.O. Bombay. Your 270441 June. Have asked Admty. to appoint a Senior Captain as Senior R.N. Officer, Bombay, to take over administration duties of F.O. Ceylon in the Bombay area i.e. to administer BRAGANZA and SALSETTE.
(C. in C. E.F., Adm. Somerville, 031155B to F.O. Ceylon (R) D/C in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty. F.O. Delhi).

KIRRIEMOOR, If KIRRIEMOOR returns U.K. on completion of
DEVON CITY. docking, following programme will have to be abandoned.
KIRRIEMOOR to proceed to Tamatave to collect boom gear deposited there. This is important as Free French are taking over this port. Vessel then proceeds Kilindini when gear will be sorted out, embarked for seaward defence for Diego Suarez boom. Diego Suarez boom is rapidly deteriorating as only inner nets have been laid and boom is therefore badly out of balance. When DEVON CITY can be released Ceylon she could relieve KIRRIEMOOR at Diego Suarez and latter vessel would then be sailed to U.K.
Request re-consideration A.M. 291336 to allow above programme to be carried out. Boom stores for Indian Ocean being shipped in some other vessel.
(C. in C. E.F., 031344Z to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez).

NETRAVATI Arrival NETRAVATI escorting 1 ship.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 031358Z to Admty. etc).

EL MADINA (b) Basra (c) 3rd July. Numbers embarked.
Requirements.
(D.S.T.O.P.G., 031403Z to S.T.O. Karachi).

/VARELA...

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VARELA

(B) Basra (C). 2nd July. Numbers embarked.
Requirements.
(D.S.T.O. P.G., ?031491Z to S.S.T.O. Bombay).

COMMANDANT
DUBOC.

Sailing F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC for Tamatave.
E.T.A. 1000C/5th July. W/T watch (corrupt group)
group (?2). In accordance with your 270802 June
on completion of turnover F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC
to sail direct from Tamatave to Aden and Levant.
(Deputy C. in C. E.F., 031606Z to C. in C. E.F.)

CARADOC

Your 010944Z (CARADOC employment as gunnery firing
ship) Approved.
(Hd. of M.II. 032102B to C. in C. E.F.)

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Movements. Departures BARRIE, BUCTOUCHE, COBALT to H.H.X. 246, RED DEER, NIPIGON escorting H.S.94. (C. Halifax, 030007Z to Admty., etc.) E.T.A. 0700Z SHAWINIGAN, LETHBRIDGE, BROCKVILLE

in company.

(GEORGETOWN, 030025Z to F.O.N.F.)

St. Johns N.F. July 2nd Arrivals ESQUIMALT ex N.J.31.

NORTHERN GEM ex escorting SS. IMPERIAL VALLEY and O.N.S.11.

NORTHERN SPRAY ex O.N.S.11. SARNIA, TROIS RIVIERES ex B.W.

36. CUCKMERE ex Pictou. Departures ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND,

TRANSCONA, MULGRAVE to O.N.190.

(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 030144Z to Admty.)

A.T. 54.
LANARKSHIRE.

Information Admiralty, N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A. SS. LANARKSHIRE on south westerly course in your vicinity about 0400Z/3rd July. (Cominch C. & R., 030204Z to QUEEN ELIZABETH (A.T.54).)

T.A. 50A.

Convoy T.A.50A comprising ILE DE FRANCE sailed from U.K. 1st July for New York. 2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by War Office to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa. (D.S.T., 030235B to B.A.D., etc.)

T.A.G.70,
G.N. 70.

List. etc., 11 ships. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 030942Q to Admty.)

Sailings of
"QUEENS".

Your 282335 June, para. 5. Concur. 2. To save signalling, we will indicate in future signals requesting the QUEENS to be sailed, a period of 24 hours during which arrival is acceptable. These signals to be made at least seven days before each QUEEN is due to sail.

3. Will the above meet U.S. requirements? (D.O.D.(H), 030952B to B.A.D.)

Reply: Yes. (051501Z.)

B.X. 60.

B.X.60 arrived 23(25?)Z July 2nd. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 031200Z to Admty.)

Overdue
Ships,
Reports.

A.M. 301619 (re information of arrivals of overdue ships). CANANOVA, 275 tons gross, sailed Jacksonville 22nd June for Jobos. Request minimum tonnage of vessels over due reports of which are required by Admty. Will then include Admty. in addressees of overdue and subsequent reports.

(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 031221Q to Admty.)

Reply: 071213B.

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B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 32, 70, 71, 211 from Boston.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax, N.S., 031227Z to Admty.)

S/M (Cominch, 031230Z.)
Estimated Positions.

MELROSE Your 021618. Admiralty policy is that Rescue
ABBEY ships should not be used for any purpose other
personnel than rescue work.
transport. 2. As an exceptional case, however, it is
agreed that MELROSE ABBEY may be used as you
propose but for one round trip only.
(D.T.D., 031310B to N.S.H.Q.)

S.C. 134. Average speed 7.58 knots. Arrived off Oversay
0300Z/30th June.
(D.T.D., 031311B to Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

X.B. 61. Convoy arrival X.B.61. Cape Cod Canal section
arrived 031245Z.
(P.D. Boston, 031311Z to Connav, etc.)

122 M.S. On leaving my command I wish to express my
Flotilla. thanks to Flotilla for valuable assistance
rendered in clearing Halifax Approaches. You
have accounted for more than one-third of the
mines destroyed. Good hunting in future.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 031352Z to 122nd M/S Flotilla,
(R) Admty., N.S.H.Q., C. Halifax.)

Z.G. 36. Part 2, sailing telegram. 8 ships.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 031409R to Admty.)

H.X. 244. Average speed 9 knots. Arrived off Oversay
0600Z June 29th.
(D.T.D., 031423B to Connav, N.S.H.Q.)

S/M (N.S.H.Q., 031445Z, 031951Z.)
Estimated Positions.

T.J. 1. List, etc. 20 ships.
(B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 031448Q to Admty.)

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- B.X. 62. Proposed convoy sailing. S.O.A. 8 knots.
2. Route. 3. "Chop" 2145Z on July 11th.
E.T.A. Halifax 2130Z on July 12th.
4. Expect Task Unit W.4 as escort.
(P.D. Boston, 031506Z to Cominch C. & R., etc.)
- U/B. U-Boat sighted 024° 10' N. 081° 50' W. at
1755Z today, 3rd July.
(S. Kingston, Jamaica, 031516Q to Admty.)
- U.S. Air Squadrons,
Biscay Patrol. 031546. Cominch's 022240 addressed to Admty.
for action and to Comnavu and C.O.S. Army
informs as follows:
Desire that two U.S.N. squadrons normally
base Iceland but I will make temporary
assignment of V.P.63 to Bay of Biscay if it
will greatly help your operations. Your
110105B para. 5.
(Comnavu, 031546 to Admty.)
- A.T. 53. Sailing about 8th July, AQUITANIA, A.T.53,
via (D) 38.15, 69.10. (E) 38.12, 57.45.
(F) 42.01, 47.02. (G) 45.30, 34.31. (H) 50.40,
23.50. (J) 56.20, 15.10. (K) 56.30, 08.28.
(Cominch C. & R., 031601Z to P.D. New York,
(R) Cinclant, C.E.S.F., Admty., etc.)
- U/B. A/C reports sighting S/M in 044° 00' N. 066°
44' W. at 1430Z.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 031604Z to G.B.7A, A.C.I.C.)
- EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. Sailing about 7th July EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND via
(J) 037° 02', 065° 01'. (L) 039° 15', 056° 15'.
(M) 041° 01', 044° 59'. (N) 041° 20', 036° 30'.
(O) 040° 59', 028° 02'. (P) 037° 45', 017° 10'.
(Q) 034° 03', 008° 05'.
Codeword "Eclipse" with call 127.
(Cominch C. & R., 031613Z to P.D. Norfolk, (R)
Cinclant, C.E.S.F., Admty., etc.)
- H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. You may sight PERU Swedish southbound p.m./4th.
(N.S.H.Q., 031620Z to QUEEN ELIZABETH, (R)
S.B.N.O.W.At., Admty.)
- German P.O.W. Your 241042 June.
Request details of German prisoners of war for
Canada in MATAROA, ATHLONE CASTLE and GOETHALS
in accordance with para. 3 of my 301937 June.
2. Request also E.T.A. and destinations of
these vessels.
(N.S.H.Q., 031647Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown, (R)
D. of S.T., B.A.D.) Reply: 041218B.
/Understand ...

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German P.O.W. (Contd.) Understand 797 German prisoners of war for Canada in SIBONEY due Rio de Janeiro 7th July. Request following information (details).
2. Request same information re GOETHALS in which it is understood 220 German prisoners of war for Canada were embarked at Durban.
3. Assumed all prisoners of war in MARIPOSA are for U.S. (N.S.H.Q., 031648Z to Connav.)
W.D. Note: P.S.T.O. Capetown, 041218 refers.

SIBONEY. Include SIBONEY in J.T.1 convoy. (Cominch C. & R., 031657Z to N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro, (R) Comsolant, Admty.)

CYRUS FIELD. Halifax arrival July 3rd. (C. in C. C.N.A., 031714Z to Admty., etc.)

POTOMAC. My 021643 (POTOMAC (Pan.) overdue Barranquilla since June 25th). POTOMAC now arrived Barranquilla 30th June. (N.S.H.Q., 031714Z to Admty., Cominch C. & R.)

LADY NELSON. LADY NELSON sailed as in my 031415Z July. (Admty. pass to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Commorseafron, etc.) (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 031731Z to Cinclant, etc.)

B.Y.M.S. Your 071352 April. Last amendment received your 181912 May. Have any further allocations of B.Y.M.S. been made? (D.M.S., 031740B to B.A.M.R.)

WEST POINT. Your 030205 (Sailing date of WEST POINT requested) 10th July. (B.A.D., 031849Z to D.S.T.)

Tankers, Freetown. Ref. Amast 5834 para. 7. Naval requirements are always liable to fluctuation, particularly at Freetown, and difficulty in assessing at any one time exact number of tankers required will therefore be appreciated.
2. Temporary increase during period in question will be occasioned by - (a) destroyers escorting heavy local personnel movements which F.O.C. West Africa reports will continue for some time.
(b) Movements of certain British and French warships from Eastern Med. and Eastern Fleet.

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- Tankers, Freetown. (Contd.) 3. As stated in para. 4 of Masta 6406, since availability of American Flag fast tankers it has been agreed that they provide most economical and safest means of replenishing Freetown oil stocks, and we deprecate the use of slower tankers for this purpose. (D.T.D., 031859B to B.A.D.)
- Air Report. A.703. Operations for 2nd July 1943. All times G.M.T. Enemy sightings. 1 at ?2228 or ?2328 in 51° 50', 44° 50' U-Boat sighted diving by R.A.F. F.C. A/C. No attack. (H.Q.E.A.C., 031945Z to Air Min.)
- H.J. 59. Departure HERSCHEL escorting H.J.59. (C. Halifax, 032039Z to Admty., etc.)
- U/B. Aircraft reported sighting S/M in 044° 27' 064° 02' at 1950Z. (C. in C. C.N.A., 032144Z to G.B. 7A, A.C.I.C.)
- Sub. attack and sighting All times Z. Para. B. Two Brazilian planes sight sub. on surface 24.20 S. 43.30 W. 1500/3. C. B.24 Radar contact 31.51 N. 77.04 W. 0723/3. Sub. sighted course 280° 31.38 N. 55.28 W. 1240/3. Ferry Command plane sights sub. diving 51.50 N. 44.50 W. 2228/2. Two surface craft sight sub. course South-west area 25 S. 47.30 W. 0530/1. D. Shore watcher sights surfaced sub. course north area 28.27 N. 80.25 W. 1100/2. Blimp Radar contact 39.22 N. 73.18 W. 0945/2. Y.M.S.183 sights periscope area 40.06 N. 73.31 W. 1530/2. Unidentified reports torpedo miss same area 1800/2. (Cominch, 032145Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)
- U.S. Staff College. J.S.M.1032 3rd July. Ref. C.O.S.(W) 672 (291042Z June. Officers selected to fill vacancies on 2nd course for New Army-Navy Staff College). Informed that course begins 8th August and officers report 7th August. Army, Navy and Air Officers attending join corresponding U.S. arm. 48 hours should be allowed for onward journey from Washington. (J.S.M., 032145Z to W.C.O. London.)
- Secrecy equivalents. J.S.M.1033. Ref. J.S.M.1001. (191705 June) We are being pressed for an answer. (J.S.M., 032255Z to W.C.O.)
- Oil Fuel Supplies. Agreement at meeting held at Toronto on 1st July. (B.A.D., 032315Z to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

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M E S S A G E

IN

From B.A.D. Washington

032315Z/July.

Date 4.7.43.

Naval Cypher (X) by Cable

Time 0708

Addressed Admiralty

Oil Fuel Supplies.

Following agreement about oil fuel supplies at Halifax and Newfoundland reached at meeting held in Toronto on 1st July by representatives of Canadian oil control N.S.H.Q. U.S.Navy B.M.S.M. British petroleum Board and B.A.D.

2. Petroleum Division of B.M.S.M. and Canadian Oil Control will continue to programme own requirements. Each will exchange full information oil stocks and estimated intake and withdrawals co-ordinated by British Petroleum Board Representative in New York.
3. Naval fuel requirements in Newfoundland will continue to be responsibility of Canadian Oil Control. U.S.Navy will continue to supply Argentia.
4. TEAKWOOD and SCOTTISH MUSICIAN to be released one mid August and one mid September.
5. Lease of Petroleum Board storage still under consideration by N.S.H.Q. Their representative appeared to consider that offer in Admty 102019/ for balance of Petroleum Board storage to be available to them still stands. It was explained that this is not understood now to be the intention, but do not consider that any difficulties would arise in any case.

032315Z

3rd S.L. / ? 102019/March intended.

Vice Contr.

4th S.L.

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Civil Lord

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U.W.R.

P.A.S(S)

D.of S.(4)

D.of P.(3)

O.D.(5)

C.E.in C.

N.A.(T)

D.T.D.(4)

D.of C.

Mr Seal

I.P.(3)

W.D.

M. 38 (H0285/43)(6)

Dep. Contr.(3)

C.E.in C.

S.W.R.

Bath

E.M.

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia and New Zealand.

Kiwi No.79 Rendova landing well in hand by 0008M/2nd. U.S. Artillery opened fire on Munda from Kakurana Island North Rendova two hours after initial landing U.S.S. GWINN hit by shell off Munda temporarily repaired able to make 28 knots. U.S.S. ZANE refloated from Ornaivisi Reef being towed to Tulagi. On 30th allied surface forces attacked by more than 110 enemy aircraft at Rendova landing. 101 enemy aircraft destroyed included T/BM/B D/B F and F/P. 17 Allied fighters lost 7 pilots safe. 25 Mitchells 18 Dauntlesses 18 Avengers bombed Munda (?morning). First Allied fighter shot down 8 D/B and 14 Zeros. Viru Harbour New Georgia captured by Marine raiders 1800M/1 after hard fighting. Task group mined passage between Alu and Shortland Island 30th. Single Beaufort attacked submarine 83 miles west by south Treasury Island one hour later further submarine attacked 124 miles west same place. Single Liberator encountered three Zeros South West Buka two left smoking. Enemy D.D. sighted 1 degs. 30' North 163 degs. 25' East course 300 degs. speed 17 knots 1227/1st. (C.W.R. Wellington 030001Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.).

Movements Arrivals Thursday Island 2nd CASTLEMAINE, INVERELL, Milne Bay 2nd BENALLA Brisbane 1st GOULBURN, LITHGOW.
Departure Townsville 1st COLAC for Port Moresby.
Port Moresby 2nd WAGGA for Cairns.
(A.C.N.B. Melbourne 030703Z to Admty. etc.).

Digest Forenoon photos show one freighter transport of 4,000
No.529 July tons at Dilli where nil aircraft visible and nil
29th.(?2nd appreciable improvement noticeable on aerodrome.
intended). (2) Unsuccessful attack on small allied convoy 60
miles north of Millindimbi morning when two
unidentified planes seen by covering Beaufighter.
Another ineffective attempt afternoon when
escorting Hudson destroyed one of two attacking

Floatplanes.

(3) Weather recce Liberator bombed Vunakanau before midnight 2-3rd July while another bombed Rapopo. Eight Fortresses six Liberators followed raiding Vunakanau and three more Fortresses hitting Rapopo before dawn. Three Fortresses encountered enemy night fighters.
(4) Morning R/C observed two vessels in Wewak Harbour and six enemy aircraft airborne headed southeast. Eight small ships sighted in Hansa Bay where afternoon search spotted four cargo vessels.
(6) Nine Mitchells struck defence positions Kola point north of Salamaua morning while similar force simultaneously hit trails for Salamaua southward. Single Liberator bombed Salamaua afternoon.
(10) Revised assessment results raid on Darwin 30th June (refer Digest 527 para.8.) indicates six enemy bombers destroyed plus two probably and five damaged three fighters shot down plus one damaged. Only one pilot missing from six Spitfires lost.
(11) R/C. Buin Base morning July 1st saw two destroyers one cargo ship one auxiliary and on July 2nd observed two light cruisers

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Australia and New Zealand -
America and West Indies.

Digest No. one destroyer one corvette three cargo vessels
529 July one tanker.
29th (?2nd (12) Afternoon 2nd four destroyers sighted 50
intended). miles off Empress Augusta Bay course 150 degs.
(Contd.). After dark 7 ships located 25 miles west of
Ganongga Island heading east at high speed and
shadowed to Rendova Island where course reversed.
Air strike despatched against initial sighting
but turned back by weather. (See also 041028Z).
(13) Four Mitchells escorted by Corsairs attacked and sank small
cargo vessel at Bamako 2nd July.
(14) Same day large barge brought 30 Japs to Rekata Bay from
southeast.
(15) Landing operations continue satisfactorily.
(16) 8 Allied aircraft missing from interception July 1st but
three pilots safe.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 030840Z to Admty. etc.).

C.O.106 Post sailing telegram.
GOULBURN Melbourne BAROSSA Geelong IRON KNOB
Melbourne EVI LIVANOS Adelaide WILLIAM MCARTHUR
Melbourne KOONDA Melbourne. Escorts ECHUCA,
KALGOURLIE from Newcastle WARRNAMBOOL (S.O.) from Sydney N.S.W.
(N.C.S.O. Newcastle N.S.W. 032348Z to Admty. etc.).

Kiwi No. Possible S.S. sighted by A/C three miles north of
80. Vanua Lava 3 July.
Seven ships travelling at high speed located
seven miles west of Ganongga Island course east
second shadowed to Rendova Island when force altered
course to west.
Air strike turned back owing to adverse weather.
17 Dauntlesses bombed gun positions Viru Harbour 0933M/1.
At 1430M/1 18 Avengers 11 Dauntlesses attacked Vila.
1510M /1 15 Dauntlesses bombed eastern defences Munda area.
(C.W.R. Wellington 032354Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 031331B, 031338B, 031422B).

SECRET

109A.

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M E S S A G E 030552Z/July. IN.

From. N.O.I.C. Fremantle. Date. 16.7.43.
Recd. 0840.

NAVAL CODE B BY CABLE.

DANIEL BOONE, *Q Report*
30.6.43.

Addressed (? A.C.N.B.) repeated C.in C. E.F.
F.O.Ceylon, Comsowestpac Unit.

IMPORTANT.

From enquiries pass by Comsowestpac Unit to C.T.F. 71 it appears that cancellations made between 301526 and 301614 June of QQ QQ Message made at 301508 by KP BV DANIEL BOONE were not received by various authorities abroad. Cancellations were genuine. DANIEL BOONE had sighted Netherlands Light Cruiser TROMP and was slow in answering challenge. This is confirmed by Netherlands Light Cruiser TROMP.

NIEL
BOONE,
Report.

030552Z.
Advance copy Ops. O.D. O.I.C.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (2)
4th S.L.
V.C.F.S.
A.C.N.S. (F)
A.C.N.S. (UT) (2)
A.C.N.S. (W)
U.V.R.
Capt Pin.
Ops. (3)
O.D. (5)
D.N.I. (4)
D.T.D. (1)
D.T.D. (4)
D.T.D. (C)
O.I.C. (4)
D.O.P. (3)
D.A/S.W. (2)

D.A/U.D.
I.P. (3)
W.D.
C.N.I.
D.P.D.
D.S.D. (3)
M. (2)
U.S.N. (3)
D.E.W.D. (3)

[Received in *WD*
16.7.43.]

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. BERWICK arrived at Hvalfjord at 2358B today from Denmark Strait patrol, with NORFOLK.
2. CHARYBDIS sailed from Plymouth this morning, to support the 2nd Escort Group and B.1 Group on Biscay patrol.
3. 83 aircraft of U.S.A. VIII Bomber Command were despatched today to attack La Pallice.
4. Bomber Command laid 62 mines off the Frisian Is. last night.
- 4a. At 1940Z today an aircraft attacked a U-Boat in about 52 N. 42 W., and reports having damaged it. SPEY and JED of E.G.1 supporting S.C.135, later hunted the U-Boat until relieved by E.G.5.

Operation
V.P.-Y.

- 4b. M.T.Bs. 619 (S.O.), 620 and 623 sailed from Lerwick this afternoon to carry out operation V.P.-Y. The M.T.Bs. returned to Lerwick at 0945B/5 with nothing to report.

South Atlantic.

U/Bs. off
S. America.

5. The ports of Dakar and Bathurst were re-opened this evening.
6. The Brazilian SS. BURY reports that she was attacked and chased on the surface by a U-Boat this afternoon in 23.42 S. 44.25 W. (Rio de Janeiro area). It is reported that SS. PELOTASLOIDE escorted by C.S.57 and 58 was torpedoed and sunk about 2000 today in the area 00.30 S. 36.46 W. (mouth of the Para River) whilst the escorts were refuelling.

Mediterranean.

Force H.

7. NELSON (F.O. Force H), RODNEY, INDOMITABLE (R.A.A.H.F.), TUMULT, PIORUN, OFFA, TROUBRIDGE, QUEENBOROUGH, QUILLIAM, and QUAIL arrived at Mers-el-Kebir.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean. - Contd.

Operation
"Scalp".

X 8. At 0010B, the French submarine CASABIANCA reported operation "Scalp" completely successful, and that she was on patrol (in the Gulf of Genoa).

9. M.G.Bs. from Malta carried out a patrol off Catania last night.

10. SPORTSMAN reports having sunk by torpedo one 2,000 ton merchant vessel during patrol in the Gulf of Genoa.

U/B attack
on K.M.S.18 B.

X 11. SS. CITY OF VENICE (British 8762 tons) and ST. ESSYLT (British 5634 tons) in convoy K.M.S.18 B were torpedoed and sunk today off Cape Tenez, Algeria. Some survivors were landed in north Africa.

U/B in
Straits of
Bab-el-
Mandeb.

X 12. A.U.S. aircraft reported a U-boat in 12.35 N. 43.5 E. (Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb) at 1630 today.

X 13. 52 Wellingtons of the N.A.A.F. bombed Trapani last night.

East Indies.

14. C.S.A. Lourenco Marques reported on 9 July that Greek SS. MICHAEL LIVANOS (4774 tons) Aden for Lourenco Marques, was torpedoed at 2030B today in 22.52 S. 36.47.30 E. by a large submarine believed German, and was sunk.

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America & West Indies.

X 15. H.Q., E.A.C. reports that Liberator B of 10 Squadron attacked a U-boat at 1824 G.M.T. in 51.50 N. 42.07 W. (500 miles N.E. of Cape Race) the preliminary assessment of H.Q., E.A.C. is that the U-boat was seriously damaged.

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Training
of Assault
Divisions.

The C's. in C. and S.O's. referred to in the address of this message intend to meet in London at 1100/12th July to discuss matters concerning the organisation and training of assault divisions. It is submitted that arrangements may be made for this meeting to be held in the Admiralty. It is further proposed that the meeting should reassemble at 1500 and that members of the Naval staff concerned may then attend for consultation.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 041515B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Plymouth, Nore, Rosyth, W.A., V.A. Dover, C.C.O., F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

Misuse of
German
Hospital
Ships.

Your 231223/June. Para.1 (a). Can sufficiently reliable information to justify protest be obtained?

(2) We appreciate that enquiries may take some time but are anxious to have any accurate reports regarding illegal use of bona fide German hospital ships.

(3) Can you confirm that BIRKA although un-notified was sailing under Red Cross?

(Hd. of M.I. 041659B to N.A. Stockholm).

Two
B.Y.M.S.
for abroad.

(A) 2 B.Y.M.S. will be required to proceed abroad shortly from those in your command.

(B) Request you will have 2 ready at 7 days' notice to proceed to Greenock.

(1st S.L. 041822B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

East
Coast
traffic.

Following A.C.N.S. (U.T)'s. Monthly Meeting in the Admiralty on 6th July a further meeting will be held to discuss the increase in traffic on the East Coast. My 122020 June, C. in C. Rosyth's 131413, and Nore 192345 June refer.

(D.O.D.(H) 042132B to C. in C. Nore, C. in C. Rosyth).

Movements.PARRSBORO
WEDGEPORT
QUALICUM
M.M.S.10.

Intend sailing PARRSBORO (S.O.), WEDGEPORT, QUALICUM, M.M.S.10 at 1200/5th for Gibraltar routed as in C. in C. Plymouth's 011237B and Admiralty's 1935A/30th March. E.T.A. Gibraltar 0600Z/12th. C. in C. Med. is requested to signal onward route from position N.

(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 041004B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Your 032340B and C. in C. Plymouth 031339B. Cannot be sailed before noon 5th.

(N.O.I.C. Falmouth 041015B).

S/M
movements.

My 031209B sailed. (0.15).

(S.O. S/M Lerwick 041110B to A.C.O.S.).

My 031410B. Sailed (UPSTART).

(N.O.I.C. Larne 041300B).

/Positions...

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Movements.

S/M Movements (Contd.). Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/5 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 041643B, 051304B, 050852B).

PHOEBE A.M. 031236B. Onward route. (C. in C.W.A. 041559B to PHOEBE).

VIMY VIMY'S 031210. Destroyers arrived. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 041651B).

Operations.

Operation V.P.-Y. M.T.B. 619 (S.O.) 620, and 623 (my 221525) sailed 0610 today. (A.C.O.S. 040625B to Admty.).

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug" Arrived HAVELOCK and VOLUNTEER. (C. in C. Plymouth 040825B). My 031627. Sailed (CHARYBDIS). (C. in C. Plymouth 041013B). Am over enemy S/M (1). Am investigating wake or swirl in 48 degs, 43' N. 09 degs. 22' W. (A/C N. of 19 Group 041212 to 19 Group). Am over enemy S/M in 44 degs. 40' N. 11 degs. 22'

W. (A/C 210 Sqdn Duty N. 041355B to 19 Group). U/B previously reported was on surface and seen to submerge. Course 300 degs. speed unknown. No attack. (A/C 210 Sq. Duty N 041355B to 19 Group). Cancel Para.2. My 201932/June. BERMUDA is to remain under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth for the present. C. in C.H.F. concurs. (D.O.D.(H) 041912B to C. in C. Plymouth). Following received via aircraft from BERMUDA for 2nd Escort Group begins: BERMUDA will approach position from southward 0800B tomorrow Monday and will remain in the vicinity until contact is made. T.O.O. 041215B. Ends. (C. in C. Plymouth 042331B to E.G.2.).

Operation "Forfar" Operation "Forfar" will probably take place tonight. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 041028B to C. in C. Portsmouth). My 041028B. Operation "Forfar" postponed due to weather. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 041955B).

Coastal Force Patrols. (1) Tonight M.G.B. 611 (S.O.) 613, S.G.B. GREY WOLF carry out anti E-Boat patrol from 0001 to 0400 on latitude 50 degs. 25' N. between 00 degs. 40' W. and 01 degs. 25' W. (2) M.T.B. 244 patrolling to southward of Beachy Head. Codeword "Cadger".

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.)

(3) M.T.B. 250 patrolling to southward of Beachy Head codeword "Artful".

(4) M.L. 309 (S.O.) 572, 297 patrol searched channel between F and E.A. 5 buoys.

(5) GLAISDALE (S.O.) and TALYBONT immediate notice at Yarmouth and Chasseur 15 at St. Helens.

(6) M.Ls. 208, 247, 233 from Portland patrolling 50 degs. 20' N. between 02 degs. 00' W. and 02 degs. 25' W.

(8) Communications: (A) M.G.Bs. and S.G.B. Codeword "Befoul".

(C) Destroyers codeword "Advent". (D) M.G.Bs. (Portland) codeword "Device".

(C. in C. Portsmouth 041318B and 041616B).

(1) Force A. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 153, 163 and 304 are to patrol 4 miles 100 degs. and 280 degs. from 100 degs. Start Point 16. Codeword "Harris".

(3) Force B. M.G.Bs. 80 and 112 are to patrol 2 miles 090 degs. and 270 degs. from 180 degs. Prawle Point 8. Codeword "Arena".

(5) Force C. M.G.Bs. 334 and 323 are to patrol 3 miles 000 degs. and 180 degs. from 205 degs. Eddystone 6. Codeword "Fisher".

(7) Forces A and B to leave Dartmouth and Force C to leave Plymouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol 0500B, for harbour.

(C. in C. Plymouth 041513B).
Your 041513B. "Harris" sailed 2129 and "Arena" 2200.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 042204 to C. in C. Plymouth).
My 041513B. "Fisher" sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth 042211B to Admty.).

S/M Patrols. Positions of Submarines at 0800B/5th and movements for following 24 hours. All times Zone B.

(A) STUBBORN and SEANYMPH as in my 021736.

(B) SEADOG very roughly 73 degs. 40' N. 17 degs. 30' E. diving as much as practicable to pass through 69 degs. 02' N. 08 degs. 52' E.

(C) CURIE vicinity of 64 degs. 20' N. 00 degs. 59' E.

(D) SURF 44 degs. 20' N. 07 degs. 48' W. diving by day, course 270 degs. daily advance 92 miles.

(E) RUBIS within 40 miles of 44 degs. 30' N. 02 degs. 01' W.

(F) K 14, 49 degs. 40' N. 28 degs. 01' W., probably on surface 10 knots through 53 degs. 01' N. 22 degs. 59' W. and 56 degs. 01' N. 15 degs. 02' W.

(G) HAKE approx. 41 degs. 45' N. 30 degs. 15' W. diving by day, course 265 degs. daily advance 100 miles.

(H) BARB approx. 42 degs. 01' N. 25 degs. 15' W. diving by day towards 40 degs. 01' N. 29 degs. 01' W. daily advance 100 miles.

(J) BLACKFISH approx. 40 degs. 30' N. 20 degs. 40' W. leaves patrol p.m. 5th diving by day towards 38 degs. 01' N. 27 degs. 02' W. daily advance 100 miles.

(Q) SHAD and HERRING escorted by SCIMITAR leave Clyde 1100/5th for 180 degs, Barra Head 7 miles, E.T.A. 0001/6th, then both submarines unescorted as follows:-

SHAD through 56 degs. 30' N. 10 degs. 01' W. and 56 degs. 01' N. 16 degs. 59' W.

HERRING through 56 degs. 55' N. 10 degs. 01' W. and 56 degs. 51' N. 16 degs. 59' W.

(F.O.S. 041643B to Admty.).

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Operations.

ONSLOW
OBDURATE
ORWELL.

Have steam at immediate notice by 1201B/5th.
(C. in C. Rosyth 042229B to Capt.(D) 17).

BERWICK
NORFOLK

Arrival at 2335B BERWICK, NORFOLK.
(A.C.I.C. 042358B).

Allied Air Activity.

Enemy
Craft
attacked.

3 small at 0110 operating 10 miles North of
Calais, became stationary at 0120 8½ miles North
of Calais. Attacked with bombs by one Albacore at
0220. Near misses claimed. Vessels still stationary
at 0755. 2 Spitfires airborne 0842 to
investigate without success. Plot faded 0900.
(V.A. Dover 041047B).

Enemy Air Activity.

"Gearbox"
area.

X Twin-engined enemy aircraft over Ice Fjords
0330Z/2nd. July going North returned 0455Z going
South. Similar flights 0355Z/3rd July, plane
returning one hour later and departing on
westerly course.
("Gearbox " 041743Z to Admty.).

DON

Received at 2007 G.M.T. from Gallonhead Radio
intercept at 2000 G.M.T. A.A.A.A.D.E. DON
B.X.4 Y.O. (unread) plane attack (remainder unread)
(Wick Radio 042208 to R.A.F. Wick).

Mining.

Clearance
off Start
Point.

Have cleared extended area between a line joining
the following points:-
50 degs. 15' 00" N. 03 degs. 32' 35" W. 50 degs.
17' 42" N. 03 degs. 29' 33" W.
and a line joining position:- 50 degs. 16' 42" N.
03 degs. 27' 24" W. 50 degs. 14' 06" N. 03 degs.
30' 30" W. with negative result.

3 Sweepers anchored Start Bay. Intend sailing at 0530B tomorrow
to operations and returning Dartmouth tomorrow night.
(HOUND 042106B to C. in C. Plymouth).

U-Boats.

U-Boats
in North
Atlantic.

U/Bs. estimated outward-bound to Atlantic.
One in 64 degs. 30' N. 04 degs. 00' W. and two
in 63 degs. 30' N. 01 degs. 20' E.
(D.D.I.C. 041116B to C. in C.H.F. C. in C. Rosyth).

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QUEEN
ELIZABETH

By D/F at 1811Z/4. Position of U-Boat was within 60 miles of 45 degs. 30' N. 31 degs. W. (D.D.I.C. 042131B to QUEEN ELIZABETH).

Technical.

German Minelaying and Supply U-Boat.

X The following report (graded B.2.) of details of German 1,600 ton combined mine-layer and supply U-Boat is promulgated for information.

(2) (a) Appearance; probably 290 ft. long 26 ft. beam. (b) Built; Germania Worft, Kiel. (c) Mineshafts; Six forward of conning tower, each containing 3 mines; 12 on starboard side amidships each containing 2 mines; 12 on port side amidships each containing 2 mines. (d) Mines; Total 66 probably type "O". (e) Guns: One 10.5 c.m. forward. Two 2 c.m. single-mounted guns of which one forward of conning tower, the other on bridge. Four 8 m.m. machine guns on bridge. (f) Torpedo Tubes; Two stern tubes only. (g) Torpedoes; Seven carried. (h) Complement; Seven Officers (incl. Doctor), 48 men.

(3) This report amends and amplifies details of 1,600 ton minelayer U-Boats published in W.I.R. Number 171, of 18th June, 1943. (D.N.I. 041746B to Flag Officers).

Casualties and Defects.

WALKER. Have fouled R.2. buoy. Have port screw fouled. Tug is with me and diver ordered. Buoy is out of position. (WALKER 040710B to F.O.I.C. London).

WALKER fouled R.2. buoy (D.G.) at 0600 this morning and drifted down stream dragging buoy and probably sinker with her over O.M. and D.G. cables. Tug standing by, diver ordered. Vessel now clear of field. Has been warned of N.F. and D.G. cables in river. Test will be made as soon as possible.

(O.I.C.O.M. Coalhouse Fort 040730B to F.O.I.C. London).

BENEDICK My 291703B and 291658B. Para. (D). BENEDICK will not be available for O.N.S. 12 owing to engine defects. (F.O.I.C. N.I. 041015 to Admty.).

BERWICK Intend BERWICK arrive Rosyth July 16th for quick docking, Ship to sail for Scapa so as to arrive July 29th. Request temporary repairs to forward fresh-water tank and necessary minor defects be taken in hand during this period. (C. in C.H.F. 041226B and 061734B to C. in C. Rosyth).

/SEARCHER....

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- SEARCHER On arrival in U.K. SEARCHER will be taken in hand by Messrs. Harland and Wolff Liverpool.
(3) B.A.D. Washington's 011351Z.
(D.O.D.(H) 041618B to C. in C.W.A.).
- STRIKER On arrival in U.K. STRIKER is to proceed to Liverpool where she will land aircraft. B.A.D. Washington's 011351Z refers.
(2) As soon after aircraft have been landed as is practicable, C. in C. Western Approaches is requested to sail STRIKER to Chatham where she will be taken in hand.
(D.O.D.H. 041619B to C. in C.W.A.).

Shipping and Convoys.

- H.X.245 Your 031921Z and your 032001Z. Comdre. is proceeding with fast and TROJAN STAR is to remain with slow section.
(C. in C.W.A.040007Z to KOOTENAY).
- S.C.135 SPEY and JED are hunting U-Boat attacked by aircraft at 1940Z. They are remaining until relieved by E.G.5. My P.C.S. 052 degs. 05' N. 040 degs. 20' W. 048 degs. 7.5. All 73 ships in company.
(B.7. 040101Z to C. in C.W.A.).
If no contact obtained by 2000Z today proceed to St. Johns.
(C. in C.W.A. 041354Z to E.G.5.).
Unless convoy is threatened detach TAY at dawn/5 at best speed to Londonderry for onward passage to Liverpool.
(C. in C.W.A. 041518B to B.7.).
- O.N.S.O.12 Ships and Names and destinations.
(N.C.S.O. Oban 040440B to A.I.G. 289).
- T.A.52 Intend sailing QUEEN MARY passing Clyde Boom 1730B/4th to calibrate, subsequently complying with A.M. 031345B/July. S.O.A. 26 knots. "Chop" date 8th July. E.T.A. New York 2300Z/9.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 040934B).
T.A.52. Sailed in accordance with my 040934B. Amend S.O.A. to read 26.7.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 041910B).
- R.U.80 Your 040813. RESTIGDUCHE detached.
(RESTIGOUCHE 041505Z to C. in C.W.A.).
- K.M.S.20 Following H.M. Ships sail in convoy K.M.S.20 PALOMARES, MAID MARION, BARCOCK, BARSPEAR, and Rescue tug PROSPEROUS.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 041916B to C. in C.W.A.).

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ILE
DE
FRANCE
(T.A.50A).
QUEEN
ELIZABETH
(A.T.54).

D/F bearings at 1811Z/4 indicate U-Boat in
your vicinity.
(Admty. 041932Z to T.A. 50A and A.T.54).

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North Atlantic.

U.G.S.10. Gibraltar Section sailed as in my 011555 less VIGSNES.
(F.O.Gibraltar 040401B to F.O.or N.O.I.C.North Africa Ports)

UGS.10. arrivals (list). KING HAAKON VII arrived damaged in collision GEORGE BANCROFT.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 040844B to Cominch C. & R.)

R.S.7. Sailed as in my 011800.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 040815B to F.O.C.W.A.)
My 031552 sailed, Q.L.A.192.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 040823B to F.O.C.W.A.)

G.C.20. Arrived.
(Commorseafon, 041018 to F.O. Gibraltar)

Dispositions. Situation 2001B/4th. Submarine UNIVERSAL 037° (242 (or 56') 009° 32' through 036° 51' 009° 13' thence 099° 7½. (2) K.M.F.18, PHEASANT 035° 51' 006° 59' through 035° 47' 006° 25' thence through Gibraltar Straits 12. (3) K.M.S.19, DART, 004° 58' 009° 20' through Gibraltar Straits 7½.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041004B)
U.S.S/M BARB. 042° 52' 023° 22' 236° 10/2¼, estimated speed.
(2) U.S. S/M HAKE 041° 50' 029° 06' 264° 10/2¼. (3) U.S. S/M BLACKFISH on patrol between 040° 01' 020° 01' and 041° 20' 021° 10' until p.m.5th thence 242° 10/2½. (4) U.S. Hospital Ship ACADIA 039° 30' 022° 09' through 039° 09' 019° 23' thence 110° 17½. (5) 2 Swedish Relief Ships 035° 07' 018° 59' 266° 12.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 041107B)

S.L.132, escort fuelling. F.O.C.W.Af. 291313. Following intended programme subject to progress of convoy and S/M situation.
Ship Arriving Casablanca. Leaving Casablanca.
NARCISSUS
ORCHIS 1300/9th. 1500/9th.
KEPPEL 0700/10th. 1100/10th.
ACONIT
LOBELIA 1000/10th 1200/10th.
(2) TAMARISK will not require fuel. (3) All times G.M.T.
(4) Signal regarding provisions follows. (5) S.L.132 at 2000Z/4th July P.C. and S. 022° 53' 017° 48' 002° 18 knots.
(6) Weather report.
(S.O.B.3, 041120Z to Commorseafon)

DINGLEDALE, FORTOL. As DINGLEDALE is now included in O.S.51, A.M. 301254 June not to C. in C. Med.refers, would you like FORTOL sailed to Freetown in R.S.8 with 42 Escort Group?
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 041641 to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty, C. in C. Med.) Reply: 051722Z.

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SURF. Outward route after crossing $045^{\circ} 01' N.$ at 1600/7th. $W. 038^{\circ} 50' N. 010^{\circ} 01' W.$ at 0600/10th. $U. 036^{\circ} 51' 009^{\circ} 13' 2200/11th.$ $T. 036^{\circ} 37' 007^{\circ} 24' 0600/12th.$ $V. 035^{\circ} 53' 006^{\circ} 15' 1230/12th.$ $X. 035^{\circ} 49' 006^{\circ} 06' (7322^{\circ}) 1315/12th$ thence by Q.K.A.87 to Gibraltar. S. of A. diving by day 90 miles per day after passing position (U) proceeding on surface at your discretion at 11 knots. (2) Submerged bombing restrictions have been arranged until 2200/11, 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 unable to keep within bombing restrictions. Read H.S. and G.S. routines after 1600/7th. Do not cross meridian $007^{\circ} W.$ before 120700, all times zone minus 2. (F.O. Gibraltar, 041805B to SURF, (R) F.O.(S), C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 3.)

Movements, Arrivals FOLKESTONE, LOWESTOFT Escort duties
Gibraltar. Lisbon. PENN, PANTHER from East. JERVIS from Malta. Departures ATHERSTONE for Bizerta. ANTHONY, QUANTOCK for Algiers. M.M.S. 32, 4 to U.G.S.10. B. High Speed Launch 2595,2596 to Oran. FOLKESTONE, LOWESTOFT Escort duties Huelva. (F.O. Gibraltar, 042016B to Admty etc.)

Movements. Departed SAINT NECTAN P.C. 480, 482 for Gibraltar.
Casablanca. Arrived EBERLE, ERICSSON and ENDICOTT from Gibraltar. (Commorseafon, 042021 to C. in C. Med.)

NURIA R. Following is repetition of my 042042 (Begins).
Addressed A.I.G.262 etc. Spanish NURIA R. 2733 G.T. Speed 8 knots. Sailed 2030/4th with prisoners of war parcels for Marseilles. Approved route to Cape Sebastian, thence coastwise. Usual Red Cross markings on hull. Not to be molested this voyage. (F.O. Gibraltar, 042053B to 8th S/M F. F.S. PERLE, CASABIANCA)

Gen. ~~X~~ Following for Col. Z. Borkowsk, Chief Military
Sikorski Cabinet, Polish C. in C., from Lubienski,
Killed. Liaison Officer, Gibraltar.
Most deeply regret to inform you that aircraft taking General Sikorski back to U.K. from Gibraltar crashed into sea at 2300B on taking off. Gen. Sikorski and all his staff were killed including (list). Body of General Sikorski has been recovered. Other bodies await identification. (Govr. Gibraltar, 042300B to W.O.)

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O.S. 50 Instructions for dispersal.
(4) Pass to Cdre.
(F.O.C.W.A., 040115Z to ENCHANTRESS).

Convoy Sailing telegram (2 ships).
D.N. 50 A. (2) 0930Z/4th July (4) 9 knots. (5) (B) 028° 32' S., 032° 30' E. (C) 022° 038' thence as in my series No. 962 and 963 (6) FREESIA and SONDRRA (N.C.S.O. Durban, 040938Z to Admty. etc).

Dispositions. Situation at 2001Z/4th July.
FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, STANDERTON with D.C. 33 (13 ships) 034° 34' 024° 12' coastal to Capetown 8 knots.
NIZAM, (?ASTER), VIRGINIA, ST. LOMAN, ST. ZENO, BLAAUWBERG with C.D. 25 (12 ships) 033° 55' 027° 01' coastal to Durban 8 kts.
FALMOUTH 036° 05' 031° 40' to Durban.
FREESIA, SONDRRA escorting BACCHUS for Kilindini and one ship for Beira to 022° 01' 038° 01' 10 knots.
VERBENA, GENISTA 024° 15' 036° 08' to Durban 11 knots.
VERBENA to join FREESIA and SONDRRA for escort of LUCIA.
DRANGEY 023° 38' 036° 32' to Durban 8 knots.
(C. in C. S.A., 041040B).
Situation at 2001Z/4th July.
ETHIOPIAN, M.L. 263 008° 02' 013° 50' to Freetown, 9.
CORINTHIAN, ARMERIA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, (?SNOWDROP), ST. WISTAN, TURCOMAN, ORFASY, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with S.T. 71 005° 31' 011° 04' 123° 9.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, BUTSER, DUNCTON with T.S. 46 004° 07' 006° 13' to 004° 00', 008° 13' thence 300° 8.
RAPID, O.R.P. BURZA, WITCH with C.T.C. 1, 003° 49' 005° 01' 084° 14.
BUTTERMERE, M.L. 151 001° 25' 022° 20' 231° 10.
CILICIA on patrol about 004° 01' S., 018° 30' W. 14.
M.L. 256 M.L. 263 off Marshall.
PICT M.L. 265 escorting off Marshall to Freetown.
5 M.L. 296 off Port Bouet.
SARABANDE off Accra.
M.Ls. 1014, 1019 off Kontonu.
(F.O.C.W.A., 041054Z).

German Confirm SIBONEY E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro 7th July
P.O.W. with German Ps.Q.W. 22 Officers and 797 other ranks details of whom will be signalled by D.S.T.O. Durban. Your 031648 refers.
(2) GOETHALS will arrive Durban about 20th July and will embark about 800 German Ps.O.W. for Canada sailing a few days later.
(3) Your 031647. D.S.T.O. Durban will report details Ps.O.W. in MATAROA due Bahia 18th July. No Ps.O.W. will embark ATHLONE CASTLE (P.S.T.O. Capetown, 041218B, to N.S.H.Q.)

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Your 031130. It is considered preferable for ships to remain in convoy and convoy route amended from lat. of Bathurst to pass through 10° N., 1830 W. ships being detached at dusk 6th July. (D.T.D., 041303B to F.O.C.W.Af., (R) C. in C. S.A., ENCHANTRESS).
Comply with Admty. 041303B.
(R.A.W.A., 041303Z to ENCHANTRESS (R) Admty, C. in C. S.A.)

ELIHU B.
WASHBURNE
(sunk 3/7).

ELIHU B. WASHBURNE torpedoed by U-boats and sunk in 024° 03' S., 045° 11' W. at 1900Z/3rd. Survivors believed picked up and landed Santos. Brazilian ship BURY attacked and being chased now by U-boat on surface in 023° 42' S. 044° 25' W. U-boat on surface unsuccessfully attacked by Brazilian aircraft 2000Z/3rd in about 024° S. 043° W.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 041415Z to Admty).
See also 051819Z.

S.T. 71

Departure 0912Z/3rd July. CORINTHIAN, ARMERIA, SNOWDROP, TURCOMAN, ST. WISTAN, ORFASY, COMMANDANT DETROYAT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, with S.T. 71.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041515Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi (R) Admty. etc).

CORFU

(1) Intend CORFU to sail from Takoradi at 1800Z/11 to proceed Ascension through position "Zebra", "Equator" 001° 40' W, E.T.A. 0800Z/15th.
(2) After arriving at Ascension to land naval personnel and small quantity of stores and embark relieving personnel and survivors, CORFU will return Freetown routed A. 004° N., 023° 41' B. 010° 019°, C. 010° 017°. thence Freetown, E.T.A. p.m./20th July.
(3) S. of A. throughout 14 knots.
(F.O.C.W.A., 041609Z to Admty).

Dakar,
Bathurst,
re-opened.

X My 261311B June is cancelled. (Re- Dakar and Bathurst closed to shipping).
(D.T.D., 041801B to Connav etc).

NORMAN,
signal
interference.

Your 291945. Request details of interference. (A) Confirmation this was C.W. (B) Approx. frequency of any modulation. (C) Did interference disappear at same time as echo? (D) Was type 285 working normally?
(D.S.D. 041853B to NORMAN (R) C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F.) Reply. 060830B.

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Movements
Freetown.

Departures 1639Z/3 July, M.L.285, 574, B.Y.M.S.43
escorting.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 041900Z to N.O.I.C. Bathurst).

BURDOCK

Arrival 4th July.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 041910Z to Admty. etc).

MORRIS DANCE,
COPINSAY.

My 182051 June. MORRIS DANCE and COPINSAY
will arrive St. Vincent 9th July. LADY DENISON
PENDER will not accompany.
(F.O.C.W.A., 041916Z as amended 071030Z to
N.C.S.O. St. Vincent, (R) Admty. N.A. Lisbon,
MORRIS DANCE).

ALCOA
VOYAGER

My 021836. ALCOA VOYAGER arrived Montevideo 3rd.
(A.B.N.S.O. Recife, 041916Z to Admty. etc).

W.S.31

Your 031855. Onward route for W.S.31 through
O. 033° 13' S., 017° 36' E. P. 033° 30' S., 017°
55' E. Q. 033° 47' S., 018° 14' E. R. 034° 10' S.
018° 14' E. S. 034° 20' S. 018° 19' E. T. 034° 26'
S., 018° 26' E. U. 034° 55' S. 019° 26' E. V. 034° 55' S. 023°
40' E. W. 034° 55' S. 025° 28' E. X. 033° 31' S. 028° 05' E.
Y. 031° 17' S., 030° 32' E. Z. 030° 40' S. 031° 02' E. thence
Durban.

2. Your para. 8. QUADRANT and REDOUBT will join convoy in 004°
20' S., 011° 07' E. at 0700Z/13th July.

3. It is probable convoy will anchor Table Bay while escorts
refuel Capetown.

(C. in C. S.A., 042303 to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) DESPATCH, RAPID).

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 4 unidentified enemy vessels
39.54 N. 14.32 E. 245° 12 knots.
(A/C V.A.N./H. 040005B)
2 enemy destroyers and 2 medium sized merchant
vessels in position 39.07 N. 14.37 E. Course
120° speed 8 knots.
(A/C. G.K.T/R. 040810B)
My 0810. Enemy previously reported were one NAV*, one
AVRE*, one merchant vessel 3000 tons, and one merchant vessel
of 2000 tons.
(A/C. G.K.T/W. 040815B) * Signification unknown in W.R.
Position of 1 destroyer 2 small merchant vessels 42.47 N.
9.58 E. Weather report at 0900, overcast, sea slight.
(A/C. F.B.C/B. 040855B)
My 0855. Ships not moving.
(A/C. F.B.C./B. 041012B)

Operation "Scalp". X Operation "Scalp" completely successful.
Now on patrol.
(CASABIANCA, 040010B to Capt. (S) 8.)

PERLE. Your 031602 acknowledged. Leave patrol through
042° 30' 006° 50' at 2230/4th 038° 00' 003° 05'
at 2230/8. Thence R/V escort for Algiers in
036° 56' 003° 05' at 0630/9th.
(Capt. (S) 8, 040030B to F.S. PERLE (R) C. in C.
Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers, F.S. CASABIANCA, F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, 8th S.F.)

Movements, Alexandria. 3 July. Alexandria arrivals, WISHART, VENOMOUS,
CONVOLULUS, PENISTEMON, BREAM, STELLA CARINA.
Departures, ALDENHAM, MIAOULES, DELPHINIUM,
SOUTHERN SEA, PROTEA, WOLBOROUGH, IPSWICH, ROMEO,
ALYNBANK, EREBUS, JUMNA, SUTLEJ, HYACINTH,
PRIMULA, SAKTOURIS, SOEMBA, SHOREHAM, DULVERTON, TETCOTT,
BELVOIR, PINDOS.
(R.A.L. 040531C to Admty) Addition, see 050635C)

10th S.F. Movements Summary 2000/4th. P.49 (UNRULY) P.53 (ULTOR) P.52 (DZIK) north
of Sicily moving (?eastward). (2) P.219 (SERAPH)
passing 038° N. 011° 30' E. at 2300/4th course
175° to 037° 10' 011° 35' thence 114°.
(Capt. (S) 10, 040720B to Area G.C.)

Force X. Suez 4th July departure F.S. SUFFREN and
DUGUAY TROUIN at 0600.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 040831C to Admty)

M.V. NORAVIND. Can it be assumed NORAVIND has safe conduct Aden
Abadan following ?original route.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 040848Z to C. in C. E.F.)
Note: Message passed to Admiralty for necessary
action.

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- M.V. N.O.I.C. Aden's 040848. Sailing of NORAVIND should be suspended pending receipt of Axis assurances. Further signal will be made. (Head of M.I, 042202B to C. in C. E.F. (R) N.O.I.C. Aden.)
NORAVIND
(Contd.)
- K.M.S.17. Bone Section arrived 0230/4th. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 040855B to Admty etc.)
- Movements, Arrival 3rd, Departure 4th, F.F.S. NOTRE DAME
Famagusta. D'ETEL.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus, 040921C to Admty. etc.)
- MAURETANIA. (1) On arrival at Suez of MAURETANIA it has been found that owing to galley arrangements embarkation of 185, R.I.N. ratings in Colombo for U.K. will reduce vessels troopdeck messing capacity by 1000 personnel due to necessity of allocating one entire galley with cooking capacity for 1308 to R.I.N. personnel thus precluding its use for Europeans. (2) In order to make fullest use of vessel's capacity and as it is not possible to fit a portable galley, R.I.N. personnel are being disembarked at Suez to await passage in SIBAJAK sailing about 14th July. (3) P.S.T.O.I's 190536Z June S.S.T.O. Ceylon's 191145 June and 210556Z June P.S.T.O. Capetown's 221012B June my 221147C June all refer to proposals for embarkations in MAURETANIA at Colombo.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 040937C to Admty etc.)
- DELPHINULA. Fire was extinguished by naval party under Captain of PROMETHEUS on 20th June. Ship must be considered C.T.L. Proposals for salvage of benzine etc.
(Supt. of Salvage ? Alexandria, 041030C to Admty)
- G.T.X.3. My 031723. Add FISHPOOL.
(R.A. Alex. 041035C to Admty)
Convoy G.T.X.3 less Alexandria portion detached arrived 4th July.
(N.C.S.O. Port Said, 041757C to Admty (R) S.O.I. Levant.)
- S/M Dispositions. (1) P.217 (SIBYL) P.247 (SARACEN) P.225 (SIMOOM) P.312 (TRESPASSER) P.47 (DOLFIJN) patrol between Corsica and Italy. (2) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) 038° 13' 009° 45' through 038° 13' 011° 17' 038° 00' 011° 30' thence 175°. (3) P.219 (SERAPH) 038° 07' 011° 23' through 038° 00' 011° 30' 037° 09' 011° 35' thence 115° (?joining) 1130/4.
(Capt. S.8, 041126B to Area G.C.)
- M.K.S.16. Algiers section arrived plus EMPIRE KESTREL (4 ships).
(Com. Algeria, 041221B to Admty, etc.)

Mustang /...

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Dive
Bombers.

Following received from Rear H.Q. 30 Corps.
American A. 36 Mustang dive bombers may be
operating with us. Mustang very similar appear-
ance M.E.109. Tactics similar to Stukas but
speed higher. Carries American markings. Warn
all troops.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 041605B to Force X in HILARY,
231 Brigade in KEREN)

D.S. 76.

Intend to sail TORFINJARL, NARVA and SUNFLOWER
escorted by WESTRAY and HUNDA at 0900B/5th for
Sousse. Routed by Q.K.B. 94, 93, 123, 79 speed
6½ knots, E.T.A. 0900B/6th. Fighter protection
Faust 3. Escort to return Bizerta immediately.
(F.O.I.S. 041712B to Ships escorting Convoy D.S. 76.
N.O.I.C. Sousse, (R) N.O.I.C. Sfax, Admty. F.O.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav, WESTRAY, HUNDA.)

VULCANIA
Repatriates.

Your 030641Z*. List should be forwarded by air
mail.
(Head of M.1, 041712B to N.O.I.C. Massawa, (R)
F.O.R.S.C.A., C. in C. Levant.)
* Re List of names of repatriates from Massawa.

P.R.U.
Visual.

2 BB one CR Taranto 1440, Brindisi obscured.
(V.A. Malta, 041729 to C. in C. Med. etc.)
Photographs confirm my 041729. It. battleship
CONTE DI CAVOUR and It. cruiser LUIGI CADORNA
at Taranto.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 042300B)

K.M.S. 17.

Sailed HELMWOOD for Tunis and ALEXANDRE ANDRE
for Adalia for onward routing to Tripoli.
(F.O.I.S. 041821B to Admty etc.)
Arrived OACON DOUGLAS, VILLE DE BOUGIE, ODYSSEUS,
ORPHEUS trawler and HELMWOOD.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis, 042030B to F.O. Gibraltar)

Movements,
Port Said.

4th July Port Said arrivals ALDENHAM, MIAOULES,
H.S. OPHIR. Departures M/L. 350, M/L. 348.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 041917C to Admty etc.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

A.V. 237E 4th July. N.A.A.F. Opsum 133.
N.W.A. Strategic Air Force 2/3rd July. 21
Wellingtons Olbia 1 returned early. Fires
marshalling yards explosions Military Stores area.
12 Wellingtons Trapani. All Target area.
3rd July. 41 U.S. Fortresses escort 36 U.S. Lightnings
Chilivani Aerodrome 3 bombers 2 fighters returned early.

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N.A.A.F. Report (Contd.) Target well covered. 42 U.S. Fortresses escort (?36) or (?66) U.S. Lightnings Monserrat Aerodrome. 2 Bombers 5 Fighters returned early. Weather prevented completion of Mission. 36 U.S. Mitchells escort 47 U.S. Lightnings Alghero Aerodrome, 5 fighters returned early. Buildings hit and fires started. 36 U.S. Mitchells 36 U.S. Marauders escort 76 U.S. Lightnings Milis Aerodrome. 4 U.S. Marauders 12 Fighters returned early. Aerodrome well covered, many fires, much smoke. 52 U.S. Marauders, escort 48 U.S. Warhawks and 13 U.S. Lightnings Capoterra Airfield. 4 Bombers 2 U.S. Lightnings 1 U.S. Warhawk returned early. All Target area. Fires and explosions. 22 U.S. Warhawks strafed Radar installation Pula. Hit tower gun emplacements and homing station. 13 U.S. Lightnings strafed (?Radar) installation Alghero. 3 returned early. 5 failed to locate target. Buildings covered by machine gun and cannon fire.

Northwest African Tactical Air Force. 2 July (Additional). 12 U.S. Mitchells escort 47 U.S. Warhawks Sciacca. Failed locate primary target bombed Castelvetrano Airfield. Hits North side of target.

N.W.Af. Coastal Air Force. 2nd July (Additional). 2 Baltimores R/C approaches Naples sighted convoy 70 miles South Ischia Island. 3 Torpedo Beaufighters shipping strike failed locate reported convoy.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. 042002B)

G.U.S.9. Sailed ships in my 011645 to Commorseafon.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 042020B to A.I.G.259 (R)
Commorseafon)

Movements, Oran. Ships arriving today. U.S.S. DAVISON, CARLE, STILLMAN, PLUNKETT, GLEAVES, NIBLACK, H.M.S. NELSON, RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, TUMULT, PIORUN, OFFA, TROUBRIDGE, QUEENBOROUGH, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, B.H.S.L.2595 and 2596 PRODIGAL, JERVIS, LADY HOGARTH, U.S.S. SALEM, KEOKUF, WERLAWKEN, ELM, MAYRANT, RHIND, ROWAN, WAINWRIGHT, TRIPPE. Ships leaving today. U.S.S. DAVISON, EAGLE, H.D.M.L.1305, LADY HOGARTH.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 042053 to Admty etc.)

Movements, Haifa. Departure 4th July G.S. PANTHER, G.S. IERAX, Caique CONSTANTINOS.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinain Ports, 042055C to Admty etc.)

RORQUAL. You may be required to patrol off Dardanelles during next 48 hours.
(Capt. (S) 1, 042102C to RORQUAL, (R) TRIDENT, P.359)

U/B Hunt. LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK hunting U-Boat reported in 036° 44' N. 001° 31' E. ANTHONY continuing to Algiers.
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers), 042142B to LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, S.O. Force H, ANTHONY, Escort K.M.S. 18B, N.O.I.C.Oran)

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Movements Bizerta. Arrivals. SLAZAK, ATHERSTONE, P.T. 213, L.S.T. 163, WILKES, CLACTON, POLRUAN. Departures. SAFARI, M.M/S.92. (S.O.I.S. 042152B to Admty etc.)

Situation report No.115. (1) French Tanker LOT in convoy U.G.S.10 was sunk by U-Boat torpedo at 1851/22 June in 24° 00' N. 43° 20' W. 23 casualties. (2) During night 30th June/1st July, Coastal Craft were on offensive sweep off Cape St. Vito and anti E-Boat sweep east of Cape Bon. P.T. Boats from Bone operated off west coast of Sardinia. (3) During night 2nd/3rd July Coastal Craft from Bizerta operated off Castellamare and those from Malta off Port Augusta. (4) M.G.B's from Malta carried out patrol off Catania during night 3rd/4th July. (5) UNSPARING reports at 0616/24 off Cape D'Antibes attacked 3000 ton Merchant Vessel at long range. Result unobserved, one possible hit. (6) SPORTSMAN reports having sunk one 2000 ton Merchant Vessel by torpedo during patrol in Gulf of Genoa. (C. in C. Med. 042214B to Admty)

Movements, Tripoli. Arrived and sailed ABDIEL, M/SAGHIOS GEORGIOS. (S.N.O.Tripolitania, 042223B to Admty)

Movements, Benghazi. Departure MISOA, MULL, SCARAB, COCKCHAFER. L.C.I. 266, 277, 131 L.C.T. 300, 301, 339 (?380) (?435) 583. Arrival L.C.T. 572, 586, 615. (S.N.O. Cyrenaica, 042228K to Admty)

Movements, Sfax. Arrivals and departures. GLOXINIA, KLO, FALK, TANGO. Arrival M.Ls. 561, 544. (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 042234B to Admty)

Malta Air Report. M.S. 14758. A.I/670. C.S.R. 4th July. (A) Part 1. Offensive. Night 3/4 July nil. Day 4 July. 138 Spitfire Sorties flown as escort to bombers of N.A.A.F. bombing Comiso. Catania and Gerbini aerodromes. 6 M.E. 109's destroyed 1 M.C. 202 probably destroyed. 1 M.E. 109 and 3 M.C. 202 damaged, 3 Spitfires missing. Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 3/4 July, nil, Day 4 July, negligible. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 042315Z.)

Codewords. Request signification of the following words referred to in your 030745 and 032334. "Blanket", "Ropsole", "Bleeding", "Toilet", "Egg-cup", "Wicked", "Simmer", "Spindle", "Datum", "Costume", "Adhesion". (D.O.D.(F), 042322B to V.A. Malta.)

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Movements, Arrivals. RUSKHOLM, KRAKOWIAK, VICEROY, COLOMBO,
Algiers. HORNPIPE, WALLACE, U.S.S. SHAWNEE, MEXICO, BORIN-
QUEN, EVANGELINE S/M SEVERN.
Departures. C.S.12 in AURORA, PRINCE CHARLES,
PRINCE LEOPOLD, U.S.S. JEFFERS, BUTLER.
Arrived and sailed. U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, MAYRANT, TRIPPE,
RHIND, ROWAN.
(Cdre. Algeria, 042346B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Arrivals M.G.B.611, PUCKERIDGE.
Bone. (N.O.I.C.Bone, 042354 to Admty. etc.)

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East Indies.

SUSSEX. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 040252Z)

Convoy P.A.44. P.A.44 31 C (A) 0400Z/4th (E) 023° 09' N. 060° 39' E. (F) 9 knots, (B) - (D). 7 ships, names and destinations.
(N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 040533Z)
Sailed 0400Z/4th, Route and details. Escort

BENGAL, ORISSA.
(N.C.S.O.Hormuz, 041440Z)

Troop and Convoy Movements. Para. 4 of my 210604. EMPIRE WOODLARK replaced EKMA. My 261124 EKMA replaced EMPIRE WOODLARK.
(P.S.T.O.Bombay, 040611Z)

MORMACDALE. Bombay. 08 5th July Kola MORMACDALE, Fremantle 20th July, routeing only to U.S. Atlantic port.
(Bombay, 040656Z to Admty)

STRATHAIRD and STRATHMORE. Do you intend escorting ship referred to in your 031117 from 045° E. If not propose instructing them to adjust speed so as to arrive at 033 degrees S. 036° E. at 091200Z.
(C. in C. E.F. 040657Z to C. in C. S.A.)

Movements Summary No.77 July 4th.
(C. in C. E.F. 040717Z)

Movements. NEWCASTLE arrived with RACEHORSE. Left DURBAN.
(D.C. in C. E.F. 040946Z to Admty)

India Air Report. 1st July 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Twairyuzayat. 8 tons dropped. Considerable destruction to buildings near railway yards. Probable damage to tracks. 1 A/C slightly damaged result enemy interception. 6 U.S. Liberators B.24 Syrian Oil Refinery 1 A/C missing. 1 A/C jettisoned bombs on attack by enemy A/C which was possibly damaged. PR A/C dropped over 5 tons. Hits among oil installations.
(A.H.Q. India, 041101Z, 051020Z)

Movements, Colombo. Arrivals 4th July, 0130Z BALTA, Departures 1120Z HINDUSTAN 3rd? July.
(F.O. Ceylon, 041200Z to Admty etc.)

CORNWALLIS. Following is a repetition of ny 020431Z. Begins: Arrival H.M.I.S. CORNWALLIS escorting one ship T.O.O.020431Z. Ends.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 041509Z)

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E.F.
Disposition
Signal
No.63.

(A) REVENGE refitting Durban RESOLUTION at Kilindini. (C) SUSSEX and SUFFOLK from Mauritius to Kilindini. (D) NEWCASTLE, FROBISHER at Kilindini KENYA at Colombo HAWKINS refitting Simonstown DURBAN Kilindini to Simonstown CERES Persian Gulf to Bombay CARADOC at Durban CAPETOWN Colombo to Bombay. (E) Unit exercises off Kilindini.
(C. in C. E.F. 041613Z)

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- ST. FRANCIS. E.T.A. Halifax 1330Z/4 Boiler hours 290 and 300. My P.C. and S. 045° 04' N., 060° 00' W. 254° 14 knots. Request tug to assist berthing only. Steering gear unreliable. Weather report 9081 2653.
(ST. FRANCIS, 040215Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- Convoy.
G.U.S.9 CR. No. 160. This is Cinclant's 040107 addressed to C.T.G.21.11 for action and to C.T.F.61, Comairforlant, Comnavnaw, Cominch, Cinmed, Commorseafon, Comnaveu and Admty. for information. In co-operation with Comtaskforce 61 provide A/S protection in same manner as on eastward passage convoy G.U.S.9.
(Comnaveu, 041026).
- GLOIRE Following is paraphrase of Cominch's 032229 addressed Comcaribseafon:- Hold F.S. GLOIRE at Trinidad until further orders. This at request North African French Naval Mission. Vice C.N.O. has this information ends.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 041202Z, 041556Q to S.B.N.O. W.At).
- B,G. RETHERS. Arrival 3rd U.S. A.T. BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 041417Z).
- MARIPOSA Use of MARIPOSA had already been discussed with War Department and rejected on complications involved. But as result of lengthy conference this morning War Department is willing to agree to following plan as only possible alternative. This schedule likely to result in some delay to MARIPOSA on Indian Service.
(B.A.S. Washington 041435Q to W.O.)
- U/B
damaged. 1200Z/4 one damaged about 52 N., 42 W. from aircraft attack 1940Z/3rd.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 041510Z).
- Use of term
Support Group. A.M. 272335 June. Navy Dept. agree to points raised in para. 2 except they assume numbered and identified groups referred to in paras.2(A) and 2 (C) will not apply to U.S. Support Groups who have Task Group numbers which will vary with Task Force to which they are attached. Propose to accept this.
(B.A.D., 041539Z to Admty).
W.R. Note. B.A.Ds. 041539Z July has been passed to C. in C. W.A. at the request of D.O.D. (H).
Reply: Admty 051535B, (concurring).

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122nd M.S.F. 122nd M.M.S. Flotilla consisting of M.M.S.196, 197, 199, 200, 201 sailed Halifax 1700Z/4th (route) to St. Johns E.T.A.1200Z/7th.
2. M.M.S.198 unable to sail due hull damage requiring 14 days repairs.
3. Request you sail 122nd M.M.S. Flotilla negative 198 to Londonderry.
4. A.M.271221B April being passed to you refers.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 041602Z to F.O.N.F.)

Movements Section south west.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 041629Z).

S.C.136 Advance sailing telegram. Total 46 ships.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 041730Z to Admty).

U/B attacked Aircraft attacked submarine in 043° 28' N., 063° 48' W. at 1715Z/4th.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 041752Z to G.B. 7 A, (R) Cdre. D. Argentia, Cdre. D.W.A., H.Q.C.C., Admty., C. in C. W.A., A.C.I.C., Connav, F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q., Sydney (C.B.) CORNWALLIS, N.O.I.C. Shelburne, N.O.I.C. St. John (N.B.)).

M.Ls. Departure 1800Z/4th M.L. 422 and 423 Trinidad direct E.T.A. Boca. 1300Z/05.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia, 041816Z to Admty).

W.H.X.246 Sail 1730Z/4th junction in (position). Escort VERVAIN, COLDSTREAMER, HESPERIA.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns 041817Z).
3 ships (names).
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F., 041818Z).

U/B attack and sighting summary. > All times Z. A. Unidentified ship (W.D. Note ?SS. BURY) attacked 23.22 S., 44.37 W. 041250. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE torpedoed sunk 24.05 S. 45.25 W. 031825. Aircraft attacks sub. 51.50 N. 42.07 W. 031940.
B. Navy plane sights sub. 24.10 S. 43.20 W. 031900.
D. Commercial Pilot sights sub. 21.35 N., 72.35 W. 041155.
Aircraft sights sub. 44.27 N. 64.02 W. 031950. Army plane sights two subs. course 165 0810 North 58.10 W. 031227. P.C.1192 attack sound contact 11.37 N., 63.00 W. 032240. Training aircraft sights sub. 44.00 N., 66.44 W. 031450.
(Cominch, 042055Z).

U/B estimate. Cominch, 041615Z.

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Air Report,
U/B Damaged.

A.713 4th July. Enemy sightings. Liberator B of 10 Squadron attacked U-boat at 1824 G.M.T. in 51.50 N., 42.07 W. attacked 3 times dropping total of 10 D/Cs. Preliminary assessment seriously damaged.
(H.Q., E.A.C., 042010B).

Movements,
Halifax.

Arrival ST. FRANCIS from O.N.190. Departures M.M.S.196, 197, 199, 200, 201 to St. Johns N.F. CHEDABUCTO to Pictou N.S. for W.U.P.S. GRANDMERE to Louisburg for refit Sydney C.B. C.C.O.pass R.E.O. Louisburg.
(C. Halifax, 042146Z to Admty. etc).

Australia & New Zealand.

CHEVREUIL

F.S. CHEVREUIL returned to Noumea.
(CHEVREUIL 040030Z to Admty. for F.N.F.L. etc).

P.G.57

List, etc.
(N.O.I.C. Brisbane, 040155Z to Admty).

Movements

U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER arrived Townsville 3rd July. U.S. Transport NOORDAM departed Townsville 3rd due Brisbane 5th.
H.T. NIEUW AMSTERDAM departed Fremantle 3rd due Hobart 8th. R.A.F.A. KURUMBA departed Thursday Island 3rd due Darwin 6th.
R.A.M. Dutch Naval store ship SOEDOE departed Merauke 3rd due Thursday Island 4th.
U.S. Transport HENRY T. GIBBONS departed Townsville 3rd due Brisbane 5th.
H.T. DUNTROON arrived Cairns 4th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 040934Z to Admty).

Digest No.
530 July 3rd.

Paras. 12 to 19 inclusive cover Solomons area South Pacific Forces.
6. At dawn 9 barges left Lae probably 4 southwest. Later 270 Japs landed Labu and proceeded south. 10 barges at Lae afternoon. 7. 167 Japs observed moving north across Francisco River during 2nd July while 238 noted going south.

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- Digest No. 530 July 3rd. (contd).
8. Evening 1st July enemy party estimated at 100 contacted about 2 miles inland from south extremity Nassau Bay but coastal area south of Bitoi River reported clear of enemy next day. Light air raids on our forces this area afternoon 2nd and dawn 3rd July, approx. 9 Zeros and 8 medium bombers intercepted this area afternoon 3rd July by 14 Lightnings which destroyed 4 fighters, one bomber, plus probably one Zero without loss.
9. Noon strike on Kendari Aerodrome by 9 Liberators inflicted substantial damage barracks area and certainly destroyed one grounded aircraft. Approx. 10 aircraft observed on ground plus 2 airborne. 20 barges seen in harbour.
10. Single medium freighter sighted morning 160 miles southwest of Ambon course southwest.
11. Three Mitchells bombed Koepang after dark.
12. Three Zeros ineffectively attacked small allied convoy approaching Darwin from north. One Hudson and one Beaufighter escorting convoy damaged one Zero.
13. Refer Digest 529, para. 12 seven ships estimated as three destroyer leaders and four destroyers fired approx. 100 rounds at our positions northern Rendova Island during early hours 3rd July and then retired. Damage not reported. Two covering Allied surface units returned fire. 12 Mitchells escorted by Lightnings conducted unsuccessful dawn search for shipping Rendova Area and bombed Munda A/A positions. Four more Mitchells later searched Kula Gulf for shipping without success. Careful search Rendova shores at midday revealed nil enemy activity.
14. Forenoon 2nd July enemy aircraft formation eluded air coverage and raided our positions Rendova Island killing 30 troops and wounding 200. Same afternoon 7 Corsairs engaged two flights of 30 and 20 fighters shooting down 6 for loss of 3 Corsairs, one pilot safe. Following afternoon 10 Lightnings encountered 50 Zeros over Rendova and destroyed 5 for loss of 3 Lightnings.
15. 19 Avengers, 18 Dauntless bombed Munda Camp area afternoon 3rd.
- X 16. Afternoon 2nd July two Allied destroyers bombarded enemy positions Wickham Anchorage. Next(?) morning 18 Dauntless attacked targets this area in support of ground troops. 300 Japanese killed when village captured July 3rd.
17. Forward Allied Detachment landed on mainland New Georgia 6 to 8 miles northeast of Munda afternoon 2nd July.
18. 79 Japs drowned 1st July crossing river trying to escape Viru Harbour which is now securely held by our troops.
19. U.S. destroyer RADFORD sank surfaced Japanese I-class submarine by gunfire in Blanche Strait evening 1st July. (G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 041028Z to Admty. etc).

Movements

Arrivals Port Moresby 2nd BOWEN. Milne Bay 2nd, U.S. Patrol Gunboat TULSA. Brisbane 3rd GLENELG, MILDURA, ROCKHAMPTON. Departures Brisbane 3rd U.S. Ship NASSAU for Noumea. (?STUART) on escort duties thence Sydney. Thursday Island 3rd INVERELL for Darwin. Fremantle 3rd Dutch ship HEEMSKERCK for Hobart. (N.B. Melbourne, 041209Z to Admty. etc).

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Kiwi No.81. My 74. Ronaki abandoned. U.S. D.D. bombarded enemy positions Wickham area south east Vangunu 1430M/2nd and 18 Dauntless supported ground operations 3rd. Allies have secured Viru 3rd. 79 Japanese drowned river p.m./2nd. Infantry Company landed Zanana Beach New Georgia, North west Onaiuisi entrance seven miles N.E. Munda afternoon 2nd. Further Infantry to land. Field Artillery Regiment landed Duke Islands, Onaiuisi entrance, 2nd. 7 D.D., my 80 refers, fired 100 rounds into allied positions North Rendova retired 0405M/3. Allied surface units returned fire. Dawn 3rd 12 Mitchells, 12 Lightnings searched unsuccessfully for this force, bombed A/A Munda instead. U.S.S. RADFORD sank "I" class SS. by gunfire Blanche Channel 2107M/1. 19 Avengers, 18 Dauntless bombed Munda afternoon 3rd. Four unidentified ships seen, 7° 52' S., 157° 13' E. course 300° speed 25 knots. 0319M/5. (C.W.R. Wellington, 041352Z to C. in C. E.F., etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 041335B, 041346B).

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.U.S.S/M.
Sqdn.50.

1. U.S.S/M's SHAD and HERRING sailed from the Clyde for U.S.A. today. BLACKFISH will sail direct from mid North Atlantic patrol p.m. today. HAKE sailed from this patrol on 2 July and BARB on 3 July. HADDO is at Roseneath and sailed on 10 July.

2 Enemy
Destroyers
Attacked.

2. M.T.B's 240, 235 and 202 were despatched to attack two destroyers reported by Radar proceeding westwards from Dunkirk at 0130 today. Our coast artillery engaged the enemy without observed result, though V.A. Dover reports that this successful diversion enabled the M.T.B's to attack undetected. The M.T.B's fired torpedoes, but no hits are claimed, and the force returned to harbour without being engaged by the enemy. The enemy batteries replied to our fire, causing some civilian damage and casualties and very slight naval damage in the Dover/Folkestone/Ramsgate area.

Operation
S.F.

3. A U-Boat was sighted at about 0700 in 63.25 N. 12.00 W. ONSLOW, OBDURATE and ORWELL were ordered to search. Between 0001B and 2302B/6 approximately, 25 aircraft from Group 18 and Iceland will be operated over a wide area.

4. 9 moored mines were swept off Start Point.

North Atlantic.Stand-by
battleships.

5. KING GEORGE V, HOWE, PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER, JERVIS and ARROW sailed from Gibraltar at 0705 today for Algiers.

South Atlantic.

6. It is reported that two lifeboats with 52 survivors of SS. VERNON CITY (Tyne for Montevideo) which was torpedoed by a German U-Boat on 28 June, off the coast near Recife have arrived

at /...

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at Cabedello, Brazil. Later it was reported that the ship was torpedoed at 0255 ship's time 28 June in 04.30 S. 27.20 W. (about 470 miles N.E. of Pernambuco), apparently by a German submarine.

Mediterranean.C. in C.
Med.

X 7. C. in C. Mediterranean arrived at Malta today in UGANDA (see 26 June)

Force H.

X 8. NELSON (F.O. Force H), RODNEY, INDOMITABLE (R.A. "A") and 7 destroyers sailed from Mers-el-Kebir today for Algiers. U.S. cruisers BIRMINGHAM, PHILADELPHIA, BROOKLYN and 17 destroyers also sailed.

X 9. C. in C. Levant reports that the five old Greek destroyers on his station are a continual drain on repair resources and are not worth keeping in commission. The crews are well trained and are being wasted. Together with those of the three useless T.B.'s, these crews could commission several Hunts or corvettes.

10. M.V. DEVIS sank at 051600.

X 11. 24 Wellingtons of the N.A.A.F. bombed Catania last night: hits were made in the harbour area. 9 U.S. Mustangs attacked Sciacca harbour, Sicily, today and made direct hits on the docks, warehouses and shipping. 61 Liberators of 9th U.S.A.A.F. dropped 6115 x 500 lb bombs on Messina harbour at 1024 today. In addition to damage caused to the fuel tanks and other installations ashore, hits were made on ferry ships. 22 U.S. Liberators repeated the attack later and hit a merchant ship in harbour. Licata and Marsala Radar Stations were also attacked.

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Indian
Ocean,
and
Gulf of
Oran.

12. It is reported that SS. HENRY KNOX (American, 7176 tons, Fremantle for Bandar Shapur) was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine in 70.15 E. on the Equator (about 170 miles W.N.W. of Addu Atoll) at 1350Z/19 June. The following ships reported overdue at destination were routed to pass close to this position in between 20 and 22 June:- (a) U.S. HOEGH SILVERDAWN, left Fremantle 10 June, due Abadan 30 June. (b) U.S. FRANCIS PETTIGROVE, left Hobart 2 June due Aden 29 June. S.O.(I) Colombo reported on 7 July that U.S. ALCOA PROSPECTOR (6797 tons), Khasab Bay for Montevideo independently was attacked by a U-Boat at 050610Z in 24.21 N. 59.04 E (about 60 miles N.W. of Muscatt) and attempt was being made to tow her to Bandar Abbas.

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13. It is reported that SS. MALTRAN (New York for Guantanamo Bay) was torpedoed at 0724Z today in 18.11 N. 74.57 W. (about 90 miles south of Guantanamo, Cuba) and sunk.

X 14. Some 218 landing craft have been commissioned in the U.S. by some 7000 British Officers and men during the last 6 months and have crossed the Atlantic under their own power. B.A.D. Washington makes recommendations with a view to reducing risks in future and improving the standard of the crews as regards future deliveries of L.C.I. It is stated, amongst other things, that the squadron officers could hardly have been more unsuitable as leaders, as teachers, and as examples to young and impressionable reservists.

Australia and New Zealand.Allied
Landing
in New
Georgia.

X 15. Allied Naval forces bombarded Vila and Baeroko (in N.W. New Georgia) in the early hours of today, whilst 4 Catalinas bombed target at the same time. Allied forces landed at Rice Anchorage, north of

Baeroko /...

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Allied
Landing
in New
Georgia.
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Baeroko, New Georgia at dawn today after the bombardment. U.S. destroyer STRONG was torpedoed and sunk in this action. Three Allied M.T.B's which grounded 1000 yards south of Kundu Kundu Island (southside of New Georgia) were destroyed by Japanese light shore batteries.

16. 18 Enemy bombers ineffectually attacked Allied shipping off Rendova this afternoon and lost very heavily from A/A fire and intercepting Allied fighters.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Exercise
Areas off
Londonderry.

A.L. 06110/43 of 29th June. Concur.
2. My 111929/5 para. 1. Request limits of areas may be adjusted in accordance with Cdre. (D) W.A.'s 141114/6. These adjustments do not affect the proposed sanctuary area.
(C. in C.W.A. 050039B to Admty.)

Calshot.

Your 021723B July. I received a personal letter from A.O.C. in C.C.C. dated 6th June vide C.C.O's 031425B July, informing me that R.A.F. might wish to take Calshot back for use as a flying-boat

maintenance base.

2. At present the Naval interests at Calshot are as follows.
Particulars.

3. Should the R.N.Unit leave Calshot it will aggravate the present unsatisfactory maintenance situation in the Command.

4. There is no comparable alternative site for the Gunnery School in this Command, but investigation is being made to find somewhere for a restricted training programme to be carried on.

5. Any reduction of the available berthing is viewed with apprehension owing to the numbers of craft shortly arriving.

6. The decision on future of Calshot appears to rest on the relative priority of Flying Boat Maintenance and preparation for future cross-channel operations. I wish, however, to bring to Their Lordships' notice that the loss of Calshot will be a blow to these preparations and the loss of the maintenance facilities a serious matter.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 051130B to Admty.)

Misuse of
German
Hospital
Ships.

Your 041659B. Para. one. There is at present not sufficient evidence to justify a protest.
Para. two. This will be borne in mind.
Para. three. Reliable information is being sought but may not be expected until at least fourteen days
(N.A.Stockholm 051147 to Admty.)

Rosyth
Force.

Your 041210. Force "R" should not be used to indicate Force based at Rosyth.
2. Allocation of letters to Forces required for operation "Overlord" is under consideration. You will be informed in due course of the letter allocated to Rosyth Force.
(Hd. of M.II 052205B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

Movements.

S/M
Movements.

Capt. S.3 011119. 4 hours late (P.241.)
(ALECTO 050933Z.)
Sailed SHAD and HERRING escorted by SCIMITAR in accordance with Comsubron 50 022115B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 051156B.)

/My...

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

S/M Movements. (Contd.) My 031320B and F.O.I.C. Liverpool's 040930B. Sailed SEA ROVER escorted NORTHERN GIFT. (N.O.I.C. Barrow 051420B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.) Estimate your position at 0800B/6 K.A. 053° 01' 022° 59'. From K.A. proceed through new positions K.C. 054° 30' 016° 30' K.D. 056° 10' 010° 01' omitting K.B. and K.C. thence to R/V in position K.V. as ordered in my 031252. (F.O.S. 051424B to K.14.) My 031514. Amend position S.B. to read 055° 11' N. 016° 59' W. and position S.C. to read 053° 40' N. 023° 30' W. 2. Amend position H.B. and H.C. accordingly. (F.O.S. 051427B to SHAD, HERRING.) My 051121B. For GRUINARD read COLL. COLL will provide escort from 23 Buoy to 36 Buoy. (A.C.O.S. 051609B to Capt. S.6.) Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/6 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.S. 051638B, 052348B, 060831B.) Intend to sail ALECTO 0400B/6 for 36 Buoy to R/V COLL and VARANGIAN at 1600B/6 routed through 090° Sumburgh Head 5 miles, 091° Fair Isle 6 miles. 2. Thence ALECTO and VARANGIAN to Holy Loch, E.T.A. 0800B/8. (S.O. S/M Lerwick 051911B.)

North Atlantic dispositions. Dispositions of operational units in North Atlantic Area Iceland (C). BERWICK, NORFOLK, one destroyer. Area Scapa. ALABAMA, ANSON, DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, BELFAST, CUMBERLAND, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, KENT, SHEFFIELD, ten destroyers, five destroyers (U.S.) Area Clyde. MALAYA. Area Plymouth. SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS, BERMUDA, two destroyers. Passage to U.K. QUEEN ELIZABETH, PHOEBE, one destroyer. Area Gibraltar. EMERALD. (D.O.D.H. 050955Z to C. in C.U.S.Fleet.)

CUMBERLAND, METEOR. Scapa arrival CUMBERLAND, METEOR. (A.C.O.S. 051003B to A.C.I.C.) Proceed to Tyne via standard route and war channel passing Hoxa gate at 1800B/6th, arriving Tyne pierhead 0900/7. (C. in C.H.F. 051325B to CUMBERLAND.)

PARRSBORO, WEDGEPORT, QUALICUM, M.M.S.10. My 041001B. Sailed. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 051220B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

QUEEN ELIZABETH. E.T.A. 0900B/8th. Escort in company. Q.Z.X.1035 to 1040 missing. (QUEEN ELIZABETH 051242B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

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JAMAICA. Proceed to Portsmouth passing Hoxa Gate 1600B/6th via Minches, swept channel in force, and Needles Channel.
2. S.O.A. 18 knots to Lands End, then not less than 20 knots to Portsmouth. E.T.A. 1600B/8th.
3. Do not pass Lands End before 0600B/8th.
(C. in C.H.F. 051328B to JAMAICA.)

H/F Intend the following movements. p.m. 10th July
Movements. R.A.2 H.F. in ANSON with ALABAMA, KENT and 5 U.S. destroyers leave Scapa for Hvalfjord to arrive 12th July.
2. 12th July BERWICK leaves Hvalfjord for Scapa to arrive 14th July. BERWICK will then be sailed to arrive Rosyth 16th July for docking.
3. 14th July NORFOLK leaves Hvalfjord for Akureyri to arrive 15th July to fuel SCOTT. NORFOLK will then leave Akureyri for Hvalfjord 17th July to arrive 18th July.
4. Outstanding movements in my 261156 June are cancelled.
(C. in C.H.F. 051438B.)

CROCUS. F.O.C.W.Af's 031846.
On return of CROCUS to U.K. with S.L. 133 early August she is to be taken in hand for refit at Sheerness dockyard.
Request you will onward route her accordingly.
(D.O.D.H. 051629B to C. in C.W.A.)

PHOEBE. My P.C. and S. 049° 07' 023° 50' 054° 24. E.T.A. Morecambe Bay Light Vessel 1300Z/7th. Missing Q.Z.X. message 1035 to 1040 inclusive.
(PHOEBE 052103Z to C. in C.W.A.)

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug." X Am over enemy submarine in 43° 35' N. 09° 10' W. (A/C G. of 10th C.Sqdn. 050757B to 19 Group.)
Enemy submarine previously reported when sighted was on course 060° speed 12 knots.
(A/C Duty 10 C. Cd. 050800B to 19 Group.)
Am over enemy submarine within 3 miles of 43° 36' N. 10° 25' W. Submarine was on surface, course 060° 10 knots.
(A/C 8 GFH 050911B to 19 Group.)
Expect to pass 049° 20' N. 010° 45' W. at 1730B today. S.O.A.14 knots. GODETIA in company. Position 047° 30' N. 010° 40' W.
Weather 5972 2873.
(BERRY 051001B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
Estimate your noon position today 044° 20' N. 008° 05' W.
2. Steer south until you reach 100 fathom line, thence S.W. inside 100 fathom line until you reach latitude 043° N.
3. Thence as ordered by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.

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Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug." (Contd.)

4. Estimate you will pass 043° N. 1900B/6th.
6. U-Boat report as follows one in 043° 35', 009° 10' at 0757 and 043° 36', 010° 25' at 0911B. Escort Group proceeding to search position. (F.O.S. 051228B to SURF.)
Estimated P.C. and S. of SURF at 1400B/5th, 044° 20', 008° 12', 180° 2½ knots, diving by day. She has been ordered in my 051228 to steer south to 100 fathom line, thence S.W. inside 100 fathom line to 043° N. (F.O.S. 051404B to E.G.2.)
Am over 3 enemy S/Ms. (A/C 53 Sq. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 051700.)
Am over enemy S/M in 43° 38' N. 09° 13' W. course 060°, 15 knots. Periscope only sighted. (A/C 53 Sq. Duty G. 051640 to 19 Group.)
Have attacked enemy U-Boat with depth charges. (A/C 53 Sq. Duty G. 051650 to 19 Group.)
STUBBORN leaves patrol zone J.4 tonight so as to pass through position V. 045° 45' 006° 00' at 0001/7th, thence via route "Gold" to R/V in position W. 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 1400/9th with escort as arranged by Capt. S.3. STUBBORN may proceed on surface within 20 miles position W. (F.O.S. 051651B to S/Ms.)
Hunt U/Bs reported to be in 043° 38' N. 009° 13' W. Course and speed reported to be 060°, 15 knots. 3 submarines. (A.O.C. 19 Group 051721 to A/C 144 Sq. Duty L.)
Aircraft addressed in 051721B are Halifaxes. (C. in C.Plymouth 051751B to E.G.2.)
My 032019B para. 4. BERMUDA is to pass through position J. 049° 09' N. 011° 20' W. F. 180° Bishops Rock 10, and thence Plymouth, keeping west of The Lizard during dark hours. (C. in C.Plymouth 051855B to BERMUDA.)
My 051837B. Sailed ORKAN. (C. in C.Plymouth 052155B.)

2 enemy destroyers attacked. Dover, Folkestone, and Ramsgate shelled.

X Two large from 5 miles west of Dunkirk at 0130, westbound at speed varying from 12 to 24 knots, entered Boulogne at 0400. Engaged by coastal batteries between Sangatte and Gris Nez and identified by coastal forces as two destroyers. (V.A.Dover 050941B.)
At 0130/5th Radar reported two large vessels later identified by coastal craft to be destroyers proceeding westwards from Dunkerque.

2. In accordance with pre-arranged plan (operation "Dusty" Dover 00617 of 26th March 1943) M.T.B. 240 (S.O.) and M.T.Bs. 235 and 202 were despatched from waiting positions at number three buoy to intercept. Our coast artillery engaged the enemy at 0240 for 44 minutes, expending 20 rounds of 15 inch and 40 rounds of 9 point 2 inch without observed effect but this successful diversion enabled M.T.Bs. to attack undetected.

3. Enemy replied with about 20 rounds between 0256 and 0337, 3 of which fell in Dover, 3 in Folkestone and 3 in Ramsgate. Only

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2 enemy
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very slight naval damage resulted. Some damage to civilian property and two civilians killed and nine injured in Ramsgate.
4. M.T.Bs. acting on information from shore-based Radar sighted enemy at 0251 at 1500 yards. Range was closed and at 0253 M.T.B. 240 fired both torpedoes set to six and eight feet at the rearship at range 800 yards followed by M.T.B. 235 one minute later with both torpedoes set to six feet at range of 400 yards.
5. Results were not observed and no hit is claimed.

A black cloud of smoke emitted by the target ship shortly after firing is thought to have been caused by a near miss by 15 inch shell.

6. M.T.B. 202 did not sight the target and the force returned to harbour without being engaged by the enemy.
(V.A.Dover 051228B and correction received 051618.)

Operation S.F. ~~X~~ Operation S.F. Para. 10. 062° 37' N. 013° 17' W. proceed forthwith with despatch and start searching from west. U-Boat sighted in 063° 25' N. 012° 00' W. at about 0700, course and speed unknown.
(C. in C.Rosyth 051020B to Capt. D.17.)

Faeroes departure at 1305 ONSLOW, OBDURATE, ORWELL.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes 051504B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

Operation S.F. Between 0001B and 2302B/6th approximately 25 aircraft from Group 18 and Iceland will be operated over a wide area. Call-signs will not therefore be given.
(C. in C.Rosyth 051635B to Capt. D.17.)

Operation V.P. - Y. My 040625B. All 3 M.T.Bs. returned Lerwick 0945B today. Nothing to report.
(A.C.O.S. 051250B to Admty.)

Coastal
Force
Patrols.

1. Tonight HOLDERNESS, GLAISDALE, WENSLEYDALE, LA COMBATTANTE to patrol on lat. 50° 20' N. between 00° 10' W. and 00° 45' W. Pass E.A.3 buoy outward at 2300 and inward at 0430. Codeword "Advent".

2. Two enemy destroyers of ELBING class may leave Boulogne southward tonight. If ordered to intercept, force is to proceed and return through passage 4 vide my 0/0221/94 of 8th June, 1943.

3. Western end of area 2.C. in that memorandum south of Q.Z.X. 771 is now probably mined.

4. M.T.B. 344, codeword "Artful" and 250 codeword "Jovial" will patrol to southward of Beachy Head.

5. M.Ls. 247,245,123 (S.O.) codeword "Device" patrol 50° 20' N. between 2° W. and 2° 25' W.

6. M.Ls. 346,124 patrol searched channel between F. and E.A.5 buoys.

7. TALYBONT at immediate notice at Yarmouth. CHASSEUR II at St. Helens.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 051330B and 051837B.)

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Coastal Force Patrols. (Contd.)

1. Force E. M.G.Bs. 316, 329, 326, 330 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Prawle Point 8.
2. Codeword "Limited."
3. Force F. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 118 and 159 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 097° Start 13
4. Codeword "Obstacle".

5. Forces E. and F. are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245. B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0445B.
(C. in C.Plymouth 051341B.)
Your 051341B. "Obstacle" sailed 2147B. "Limited" sailed 2151B.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 052204B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

S/M Patrols. Request you will sail SYRTIS for anti U-Boat patrol on patrol line G.G.
(F.O.S. 051556B to Capt. S.9.)
Position of submarines at 0800B/6th and movements for following 24 hours.

A. SEADOG 71° 10' N. 12° 28' E. probably on surface towards Lerwick.
B. CURIE on patrol vicinity 64° 20' N. 00° 55' E.
E. SURF 43° 15' N. 09° 20' W. dived by day to southward.
F. SEANYMPH patrolling near 45° 50' N. 04° 28' W.
G. STUBBORN patrolling near 45° 20' N. 04° 10' W. leaving patrol so as to pass through 45° 45' N. 06° 00' W. at 0001/7th thence dived by day to northward.
H. RUBIS vicinity 44° 18' N. 01° 19' W.
K. HAKE 41° 52' N. 32° 32' W. dived by day through 41° 29' N. 36° 51' W. toward 41° N. 40° W.
L. BARB 40° 57' N. 27° 18' W. dived by day through 40° N. 29° W. towards 38° 01' N. 31° 15' W.
M. BLACKFISH 39° 08' N. 23° 46' W. dived by day towards 36° 35' N. 31° 10' W.
N. K.14, 53° 01' N. 22° 58' W. probably on surface towards 180° Barra Head 8 miles.

(F.O.S. 051638B to Admty.)

My 051556. For patrol line G.G. read to patrol within zone 10 miles radius of position X.X. 063° N. 004° E. SYRTIS is not to be west of long. 003° E. after 0001B/8th.

(F.O.S. 052216 to Capt. S.9.)

F.O.S. 051556 and 052216. Request you will sail SYRTIS at 0900/6th through 090° Muckle Flugga 10 miles thence direct to anti-submarine patrol within 10 miles of position X.X. 063° 00' N. 004° 00' E. diving north of 062° N. SYRTIS must be to the eastward of 003° E. by 0001/8th.

(Capt. S.9 052341B to S.O. S/M Lerwick.)

Operation "Forfar." Carry out operation "Forfar How" tonight.
(V.A.Dover 051819B to M.T.B. 24, LYNX.)
My 050953B. Operation "Forfar" will take place tonight.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 051948B to C. in C.Portsmouth.)
"Forfar Dog" and "Forfar Beer" sailed 2121/5th
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 052122B to C. in C.Portsmouth.)
My 051819B. Postponed 24 hours.
(V.A.Dover 052346B to M.T.B. 24, LYNX.)

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Allied Air Activity.

Operation "Moorings." My A.912 3 July. Operation "Moorings" to be brought into force W.E.F. 0001 hours July 6 and operations "Catspaw", "Copper" and "Potman" are to be cancelled accordingly. (C.C. 051600B to 18 Group.)

Trondheim R/C. P.R.U. Trondheim in operation. (C. in C.Rosyth 051804B to C. in C.H.F.)

Patrol "Tubular". A.919 5th July. Now that larger numbers of V.L.R. aircraft are available it is intended to designate on tubular those areas which are highly profitable for anti U-Boat patrols. This designation will be "A" 1. Subject to convoy commitments V.L.R. aircraft should be used to hunt in "A" 1 areas.

The existing "A" and "B" categories will be continued and will apply to U-Boats actually on passage.

(H.Q.C.C. 052000Z to 15, 19, 18, 16 Groups.)

My 052000Z. A/C should not be diverted from "Moorings" to A.1 areas without specific instructions from H.Q.C.C. V.L.R. A/C surplus to convoy requirements should be employed in "Moorings" (H.Q.C.C. 052015 to Iceland.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. 1 unidentified aircraft sighted 20 miles North of Dalatangi 065° 16' N. 013° 35' W. course N. at 2127. 1 hostile aircraft believed F.W. sighted 12 miles N.E. of Raufarhofn 066° 27' N. 015° 55' W. course S.E. at 2245.

(A.C.I.C. 050012B to Admty.)

1 enemy aircraft plotted 8 miles south of Grindavik 063° 49' N. 022° 31' W. course north at 1340. Aircraft altered to S.E. and was 35 miles S.E. of Grindavik at 1348 and disappearing course S.E.

(A.C.I.C. 051459B.)

Mining.

S.N. 74. Admiralty 271235B. When may R/C in vicinity of S.N. 74 be expected please. R.A.(M)'s 081134B para. one refers.

(R.A.M. 050920B to A.C.I.C.)

Your 050920 ice R/C signals of Denmark Strait area, A.C.I.C's 242227 June, 011601 and 050210 July and one of Greenland Coast area my 041432 refers were addressed C. in C.H.F. and repeated to you.

2. Admiralty were also asked to pass BERWICK's 222331 June.

3. Further R/C along line of S.N. 74 will be flown tomorrow or as soon as weather permits.

(A.C.I.C. 051953B to R.A.M.)

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Q.U.4. Carry out following operations tonight:-
 Q.L.9. 1. Q.U.4 with available boats 21st M.T.B. Flotilla.
 Q.L.9 with available boats 6th M.G.B. Flotilla.
 Boats of 6th M.G.B. to make scattered lay northward along convoy route. 21st M.T.Bs. unit N.
 6th M.G.Bs. unit P.
 3. It is essential that operation Q.U.4 be carried out unobserved. If patrols are met on way in, unit should withdraw and carry out scattered lay further to seaward if possible.
 (C. in C.Nore 051141B to BEEHIVE.)

Q.Z.X.1022. Para. 1. Clearance sweep of Q.Z.X.1022 and extension from southern edge now complete. No mines encountered today.
 Para. 2. Intend group to remain in harbour tomorrow (GWEAL 051722B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Off Start Point. Have cleared a further area joining the following points 50° 15' 57" N. 03° 26' 42" W.
 50° 11' 06" N. 03° 32' 18" W. 50° 07' 15" N. 03° 37' 38" W. Detonated 6 mines in following positions. 50° 12' 00" N. 03° 32' 48" W. 50° 11' 21" N. 03° 33' 36" W. 50° 11' 22" N. 03° 33' 30" W. 50° 10' 54" N. 03° 34' 06" W. 50° 10' 52" N. 03° 33' 54" W. 50° 11' 06" N. 03° 33' 36" W. 1 type R mine cut and sunk by rifle fire in 50° 09' 09" N. 03° 36' 06" W. One type R mine cut and exploded by rifle fire in 50° 10' 24" N. 03° 33' 42" W. One type R mine dragged in sweep from probable position 50° 10' 51" N. 03° 34' 09" W. and sunk by rifle fire in 50° 10' 54" N. 03° 36' 27" W. First 2 R mines had cork float attachments.
 Total number of mines swept in this area to date 20.
 (HOUND 052129B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Harwich. My 051451B. One Ground Mine detonated by sweeper at 1414B/5 in 51° 55' 34" N. 01° 32' 32" E. Details (F.O.I.C. Harwich 052134B.)

Enemy Intelligence.

La Pallice Photographs taken on La Pallice 1200B/4 July show on 4th July. that the Wolf and Moewe Class T.Bs. departed by 1710/4 were still present with linings rigged during strike also that Seetier destroyers dry dock was already flooded Elbing D/R had already shifted to North side of wet dock and U/B already departed. Heavy concentrations of bombs burst near docks containing Seetier D/R and Moewe T/B and confirmation seen of direct hit on Sperrbrecher A.F. No smoke screen. 23 small aircraft on Laleu airfield none taxiing and one airborne compared thirteen and two airborne at 1710.
 (R.A.F. Medmenham 051705B.)

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North Atlantic. Am over enemy submarine. Periscope only sighted. Have attacked submarine with depth charges, position 63° 23' N. 12° 00' W.
(A/C 18 Group, Duty K 050730 to 18 Group.)
Intercepted and D/F S/M sighting report second class at 0710Z. My position 056° 25' N. 013° 22' W.
(OTTAWA 050730Z to C. in C.W.A.)
U-Boat previously reported was on surface and seen to submerge. Have attacked U-Boat with 3 depth charges.
(A/C No. 5 School, Duty H 050933B to 19 Group.)
D/F bearings at 0715Z indicate U-Boat in area within 120 miles of 50 N. 25 W.
(D.D.I.C. 051252B to K.14.)
D/F bearings at 0715Z indicate U-Boat in area within 120 miles of 50 N. 25 W.
(D.D.I.C. 051253B to A.T.54, QUEEN ELIZABETH.)

Navigational.

Ice. Ice R/C 3rd and 4th July by BERWICK and NORFOLK. Details.
(BERWICK 051729 to C. in C.H.F.)

Casualties & Defects.

OREMAR. Your 050105B. SS. OREMAR fouled 59 buoy. Proceeding in tow to Gt. Yarmouth, speed 6 knots. No further assistance required.
(VANITY 050150B to C. in C.Nore.)
Great Yarmouth 5th July departure H.M.T. KROOMAN, H.M.T. DIVERSION to assist OREMAR - in tow of ST. MELLONS - in vicinity of Sheringham Buoy.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 050240B.)
Departure Salvage Vessel DAPPER to assist OREMAR in Yarmouth Roads.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 051339B.)
Arrival in Roads OREMAR (Ex F.S.58) in tow of Tugs ST. MELLONS, KROOMAN and DIVERSION escorted by TURQUOISE.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 051520B.)

DAVID J. BREWER. Request you will sail Rescue Tug GRIPER to Londonderry. SS. DAVID J. BREWER in 057° 07' N. 018° 27' W. at 2330Z/4th reports unable to proceed and require tow.
(C. in C.W.A. 050327B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
Tug is being sent. Report nature of breakdown and likelihood of effecting repairs.
(C. in C.W.A. 050557Z to DAVID J. BREWER.)
Proceed forthwith to assist DAVID J. BREWER broke down in 057 degs. 07' 018° 27' W. at 2330Z/4.
(C. in C.W.A. 050916B to GRIPER.)
Following from DAVID J. BREWER. Your 0557Z. Propeller loose tail shaft binding.
(Port Patrick Radio 050935 to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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DAVID J. BREWER. (Contd.) 055° 29' N. 007° 11' W. 051015Z, course 284°. E.T.A. at position 062100Z. Request wireless call sign of (?BREWER) and KOOTENAY. Presume latter standing by BREWER. (GRIPER 051205B to N.O.I.C. Greenock.) Request you will sail SABRE at best speed to stand by DAVID J. BREWER broken down in 57° 07' N. 18° 27' W. at 2330Z/4th. Air co-operation is being arranged. Tug GRIPER expects to arrive at position at 2300B/6th. (C. in C.W.A. 051426B to Cdre. D.W.A.) My 051851 add - In accordance with your 051426B. (Cdre. D.W.A. 052020B to C. in C.W.A.)

M.T.B. 233. Intend to sail M.T.B. 233 towed stern first by QUEEN EMPRESS passing Boom at 0830 tomorrow to Knoll Buoy, E.T.A. 1300. N.O.I.C. Brightlingsea is requested to take over from thence to Wivenhoe. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 051006B to N.O.I.C. Brightlingsea)

ORIBI. ORIBI has defective evaporator. (QUEEN ELIZABETH 051242B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

UNTAMED. Following from Cdr. S.3 in salvage craft begins:-
A. Evacuation of engine room completed. 33 bodies recovered and placed in coffins. Of these 24 positively identified five very probable and likely to be confirmed, remainder doubtful. Two bodies missing, believed to be Sub. Lieut. Acworth and T.G.M.
B. Condition of submarine as follows:-
1. Engine room was flooded, now pumped out. Forward and after bulkhead doors shut. Apparently no leak.
2. Conning tower flooded, now pumped out. Presumed to be due to slow leak.
3. Control room has been entered and is dry except for flooded periscope wells. Door to crew space is shut.
4. Compartments forward of control room not inspected.
C. Intend to enter remaining compartment a.m. tomorrow.
D. Cause of accident not yet found. 051925B. Ends. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 052130B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

Shipping & Convoys.

K.M.S. 20/ O.S.C. 51. DAHOMIAN Takoradi/Lagos/Apapa Freetown for bunkers.
TOUAREG (F.F.) Takoradi/Lagos/Duala/P.Noire.
DINGLEDALE (R.F.A.) (T) Freetown.
FORT VERCHERES (N.D.) Casablanca/West Africa.
GLENPARK Algiers. OCEAN LIBERTY Algiers. OCEAN VOLGA Bone.
QUEEN ADELAIDE Bone. FORT JASPER Oran.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 050023B to A.I.G. 288.)
K.M.S. 20. FORT ALEXANDRIA, Bone.
(N.C.S.O. Belfast 050355B to Admty. C. in C.W.A.)
BECHVILLE Huelva, COITY CASTLE Huelva, VERA RADCLIFFE Santos,
CORCHESTER Algiers, EMPIRE COPPICE Algiers, UFFINGTON COURT Montevideo, FORT LA MONTEE Algiers, OCEAN TRAVELLER Bone/
Philippeville, ICELAND Gibraltar, BAXTERGATE Huelva, ORMINSTER

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Buenos Aires, MARSA Gibraltar F/O, P.L.M. 21 (Fr.)
Oran, STANLODGE Algiers, EMPIRE HAVEN Algiers,
EMPIRE SOUTHEY Bone/Philippeville, OGMORE CASTLE
Lisbon, FORT BEDFORD Algiers, BLAIR NEVIS Lisbon/
Melilla, SNELANDI (Nor.) Aguilas, MARIGOT (Fr.)
Algiers, ASTRA (Nor.) Bone, ST USK Rio/Santos/
Rio Grande, TWICKENHAM Buenos Aires.

(N.C.S.O. Oban 050516 to A.I.G. 289.)

JONQUIL is to sail July 7th after fuelling at best speed
to overtake convoy and is subsequently to escort K.M.S.20 to
Gibraltar with COLTSFOOT.

(C. in C.W.A. 052214B to Cdre. D.W.A. ROCHESTER.)

S.C.135. D/F bearings at 2150Z/4 indicate U-Boat in the
vicinity of convoy S.C.135.
(D.D.I.C. 050104B to Escorts S.C.135, (R) E.G.5.)
H/F D/F fix indicates U-Boat still within 30
miles of convoy. Aircraft and supporting group searched unsuc-
cessfully. Destroyers of B.7 Group and 2 of supporting group
have topped up. All ships present. P.C. and S. 055° 08' N.
031° 08' W. 080° 8. Weather 5862 1563.
(B.7 052301Z to C. in C.W.A.)

K.M.F.19. U/B plot places 2 outward and 2 homeward near you
today.
(D.D.I.C. 050912B to Escorts K.M.F.19.)

H.X.245. Detach ships for Loch Ewe on crossing 09° W.
escorted by one corvette to position off Barra Head
Attention is called to position of HERRING and
SHAD in tonight situation report.
(C. in C.W.A. 051105B to Escorts H.X.245.)
No local escort available. Loch Ewe portion proceed as in my
051105B. Remainder proceed unescorted from 07° W.
(C. in C.W.A. 051803B to Escorts H.X.245.)

T.A.51
(PASTEUR.)

A.M. 031934B July. Intend sail PASTEUR 1300Z/5
S.O.A. 19½ knots, E.T.A. position J 2200Z/5.
"Chop" 2200Z/9, E.T.A. Halifax 1830Z/11.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 051112B to Admty.)
T.A.51. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 051300Z to C. in C.W.A.)

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Death of General Sikorski. Liberator containing General Sikorski and party crashed into sea at 2308/4th July after taking off. Up to date out of 17 people in plane three alive and three dead have been picked up but not including General Sikorski.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 050020 to Admty. C. in C. Med)
Amend my 050020 para. 2. to read pilot is only survivor.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 050902)
My 050020. Confirmed that body of General Sikorski has been recovered.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 050210).
Further my A.X.988 5th July. (N.T. in W.R.)
By arrangement with Admiralty, Polish destroyer ORKAN will arrive Gibraltar a.m./8th July to bring bodies of Generals Sikorski and Klimecki to this country.
2. Air Vice-Marshal Ujejski and two other Polish Officials proceeding by air from U.K. tomorrow 6th July to take over bodies and return by sea.
3. There will probably be request for return of bodies Brig. Whitley and Mr. Pinder by same means.
(Air Min. 051712Z to R.A.F. Gibraltar (R) R.A.F. Transport Command and Admty).
Request you will sail O.R.P. ORKAN to Gibraltar at best speed to embark and bring back to Plymouth the bodies of Gen. Sikorsky and certain other victims.
2. Three Polish Military Officers are proceeding to Gibraltar by air to return with body of Gen. Sikorsky.
(D.O.D. (H) Approved V.C.N.S. 051847B to C. in C. Plymouth F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med).

Force H, TYRIAN. If you sail with 7 destroyers send TYRIAN ahead to join me.
(S.O. Force H, 050027Z to HOWE (R) F.O.C. Gib).
Sailed HOWE, KING GEORGE V, PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER, JERVIS, TYRIAN, PETARD, ARROW.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 050703 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med., F.O. H.)

UNIVERSAL My 271232B. Speed after passing position (V) is 10 knots.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051012B to UNIVERSAL).

Dispositions. Situation at 052001B.
S/M UNIVERSAL 036° 46', 008° 30' to 036° 37', 007° 24' at 0600/6 diving by day 7/2 thence on the surface through 035° 53' 006° 15' at 1310/6 and Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar 10.
2. K.M.S.19 DART 035° 49', 006° 10' to pass Europa Point 0300/6 7½.
3. U.S. Hospital ship ACADIA 037° 35' 013° 48' through 036° 53' 011° 30' and 035° 34' 008° 51' to Gibraltar 17½.
4. G.U.S.9 WELLINGTON passes Europa Point 0600/6 through Q.K.A. 87 and 035° 42' 007° 31' thence 206° 9.
5. SIMOUN, L'ALCYON, 3 merchant ships sail Casablanca 0700B/6 through 034° 23' 007° 22' and 035° 45' 006° 22' to Gibraltar 7.

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- Dispositions. 6. 5 B.Y.M.S. 033° 27' 009° 04' through 033° 39' 008° 54' and 034° 05' 008° 06' to Casablanca 6. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051046B). Situation 1959B/5th.
- R.S.7 NESS 030° 55' 012° 36' through 029° 37' 014° 05' and 027° 17' 015° 22' thence 212° 13½.
2. X.K.10 NARVIK(E) 040° 01' 014° 07' through 040° 20' 014° 30' thence 355° 7½.
3. R.S.6, 4 M.L., 027° 20' 015° 17' through 027° 16'. 015° 20' thence 219° 10.
4. K.M.F.19, EMERALD, WANDERER, 040° 57' 015° 10' through 040° (01°) 015° 01' thence 136° 12½.
6. Hospital ship AMARAPOORA 041° 45' 015° 20' through 040° 01' 015° 01' thence 136° 12½.
7. S.L.132, KEPPEL 025° 01', 016° 35' through 027° 33' 014° 01' thence 036° 7. (F.O. Gibraltar, 051048B).
- Add new para 8. to my 051046B. FOLKESTONE, LOWESTOFT patrol off Huelva and Chipiona respectively. (F.O. Gibraltar, 052346B). Situation at 2002B/5th. U.S. S/M BARB 041° 50' 025° 25' 236° diving by day 10/2½.
2. U.S. S/M BLACKFISH 040° 01' 022° 08' 242° diving by day 10/2½.
3. Two Swedish relief ships 034° 48' 024° 44' 266° 12. (F.O. Gibraltar, 051102B). Situation 1958B/5th. U.S. S/M HAKE 041° 37' 031° 39' 264° diving by day 10/2½. (F.O. Gibraltar, 051106B).

FISHGUARD Your 041919 (N.T. in W.D.) Engineer Officer from SS. FORT CHARNISAY is on board with sub-acute Appendicitis for transfer to hospital. Request hospital boat. Mail on board 102 bags. E.T.A. 1845B. LOTUS, POPPY, DIANELLA 1920B. (FISHGUARD, 051413B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

ZE MANEL Portuguese ZE MANEL 926 G.T. speed 8 knots, usual markings on sides, sailed 1427/5th for Marseilles by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence coastwise with prisoners of war parcels. Not to be molested this voyage. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051433B to S. and A. Area G)

G.U.S.9 Masters of SANWA PAUGA (?SANTA PAULA), SANTA ROSA, request to sail CRISTOBAL, J.W. MCANDREW, EXPLORER, all 18 knots independently. 9 knots making them dangerous to remainder convoy. They request independent routeing without escort. Now scheduled (?sail) with G.U.S.9 early 7th. (Commorseafon, 051635 to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Comavnaw, Cominch).

Axis Shipping Telegram 116 July 5th. NORDFELS sailed 2355/3rd. Bilbao. KAULDI sailed 0500 hours 5th for Castro to load iron ore. (Consul Bilbao, 051700 to M.E.W.)

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K.M.F.19
EMERALD. Admty. 051811B. Request air cover. P.C. and S. of A. of convoy at 2000B, 042° 04' N., 015° 24' W. 165° 12½.
(EMERALD, 051729B to F.O.C. Gibraltar).
D/F bearings on 10310 k/cs at 1546Z indicate U/B in your vicinity has probably reported you.
(D.D.I.C., 051811B to Escorts K.M.F.19, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar etc).

U/B,
UNIVERSAL. Swirl of S/M's propeller 035° 27' N., 008° 21' W. at 1640B/5th. Aircraft hunting S/M.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051756B to UNIVERSAL).

M.K.S.16 My 031633 add RATHLIN rescue ship. EMPIRE CLIVE FORT GIBRALTAR, AUDUN (Phosphates). Tug EMPIRE LARCH, EMPIRE TERN Phosphates and general.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 051757B to Admty).

Convoy C.G.
43 C.G.43 arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 051805B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med).

SURF My 041803B, not to Admty. and H.Q.C.C. Amend onward route as follows. After passing through 043° N., 009° 25' W. at 1900B/6th pass through 042° N., 010° W. at 0600B/7 thence through position (W) at 1100B/9th (U) at 2359B/10th (T) at 0725B/11th (V) at 1320B/11 and (X) at 1400B/11th. Thence by Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar. S. of A. diving by day 90 miles per day. After passing (U) proceed on surface at your discretion at 12 knots. Submerged until 2359 10th then total bombing restrictions. Read HS and GS routine after 1900B/6th. Do not cross meridian 007° W. before 0800B/11th.
(2) Admty. pass to H.Q.C.C.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 051928B to P.239 (SURF) (R) F.O.S., C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 3, H.Q.C.C., Admty).

Movements
Gibraltar. Arrivals French ships AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, ANNAMITE, LA SETOISE from E. HAARLEM from Algiers. ST. NECTAN, U.S. P.Cs. 480, 482, C.G.43 U.S. McCORMICK, PILOT, PREVAIL from Casablanca.
Departures LEDBURY, GUARDIAN to join K.M.F.18, USURPER for Algiers. L.C.I.(L) 245 L.C.Ts. 595, 579, 606, 624, 587, M.F.V.12 for Algiers.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 052010B to Admty. etc).

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Movements,
Casablanca.

Departures U.S.S. PREVAIL, PILOT, McCORMICK for Gibraltar, French Chasseur 2, P.C.471 for Safi thence Gibraltar. French SENTINELLE arrived from Safi.
(Commorseafron, 052014 to C. in C. Med).

Air Report.

Daily Opsum. No. 246. 5th July. Hudson B.233 on sweep west sighted U-boat swirl 1640B/5 35.27 N., 08.21 W. not attacked.
(A.H.Q., Gibraltar, 052300B) Considered whale.
(062300).

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CANADA,
ZEPHYROS.

Overdue shipping. (1) CANADA due Durban 29th June from Colombo not arrived.
(2) ZEPHYROS originally due Durban 4th July diverted to Lourenco Marques not arrived at either Port.
(C. in C. S.A. 051014B to Admty. etc).

W.S.31

My 031855. Sailing delayed until 0730Z/6th, add 24 hours to all other times.
(2) Amend (B) 003° 15' N., 014° 54' W. (F) 003° 45' N., 001° 10' E. estimate speed made good 13 to (G) and thereafter 12½ knots.
(3) RANGITIKI will be detached at (B).
(4) QUERCY will be detached to Pointe Noire escorted by WOLVERINE, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE.
(5) BLACKMORE will not now dock at Boma.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051131Z to C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Takoradi, N.O.I.C. Lagos, (R) WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, Admty. DESPATCH, RAPID).

U/B Campaign,
Shipping
routes.

Admty. 041346 (estimated U/B positions). If and when confirmation of enemy disposition is received, intend to re-introduce approach route number 6 in addition to number 1. This will necessitate transferring two escort groups from Capetown to Durban and running D.C. and C.D. convoys between Capetown and Port Elizabeth with token escorts and air cover only.
(2) Meanwhile intend sailing D.N.51 by approach route number 1 and routing all ships of that convoy east of Madagascar. Ships for Kilindini and Beira will be held pending clarification of situation. My 301725 para. 3 refers.
(C. in C. S.A., 051147B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. Cdre.Durban).

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MONARCH.

DOMINION MONARCH due Capetown Saturday 10th July. Request early confirmation that ship's arrival in U.K. may be delayed to this extent so that personnel awaiting passage may be collected here and ship filled to capacity. A.M. 031920 refers. (C. in C. S.A., 051234B to Admty).

U/Bs off South America. Two U-boats now in area off Rio de Janeiro and Santos of which one sank SS. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE 1900Z/3 near 24° 00' S. 45° 00' W. and the other was attacked by aircraft 2000Z/3 near 24° 00' S. 43° 00' W. A third U-boat is estimated off Pernambuco southbound and a fourth near Equator and 35° 00' W. moving S.S.W.
(D.D.I.C., 051353B to F.O.C.W.A.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2001Z/5th July. CICILIA on patrol about 004° 00' S. 018° 30' 14.
PICT, M.L.265 escorting coastwise Marshall to Freetown 5.

M.Ls. 256, 289 off Marshall.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, CORINTHIAN, TURCOMAN, ST. WISTAN, BUTSER, DUNCTON with T.S. 46 003° 59' (?007°) 35' to 004° 00' 008° 00' thence 300° 6½.
RAPID, O.R.P. BURZA, WITCH with C.T.C.1, 003° 49' 005° 00' 084° 14. (See 051522Z).
M.L.296 off Port Bouet, SARABANDE off Aura.
M.Ls. 1018, 1019 off Kotonu. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, ARMERIA, SNOWDROP, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, ORFASY with S.T.71 (see 051522Z) (?003°) 38' 007° 28' 084° 10.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051406Z).

Amend my 051406Z. RAPID, O.R.P. BURZA, WITCH with C.T.C.1 004° 03' 002° 40' to 004° 10' 002° 00' thence 077° 12.
F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT with S.T.71 003° 40' 008° 12' to 003° 35' 008° 00' thence 084° 9.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051522Z).

Situation at 1959Z/5th July. KEPPEL, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS, ACONIT, LOBELIA, TAMARISK with S.L.132, 025° 22' 016° 12' 042° 7½.
EXE with R.S.5, 019° 32' 018° 32' 180° 15.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY with LADY DENISON PENDER, 019° 31' 022° 34' 040° 16 miles per day.
ENCHANTRESS, VIOLET, ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS, COLUMBINE, SOUTHERN GEM with O.S.50, 013° 37' 017° 52' 190° 7½.
LEITH off Bathurst to join O.S.50. 16. French S/M LE CENTAURE, AIR FRANCE 1, 014° 18' 017° 11' through 010° 50' 017° 30' at 1030/6th thence 114° 13.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051417).

German P.O.W. Your 031648 and P.S.T.O. Capetown 041218.
(1) SIBONEY (numbers) (D) New York. E.T.A. not known.
(2) MATAROA (numbers) (D) approx. 4th August New York.
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 051457Z to N.S.H.Q.)

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DINGLEDALE,
FORTOL.

Your 041641 (DINGLEDALE included in O.S. 51)
I trust you are not keeping 42nd Escort Group?
for a slow convoy as it is urgently required here.
If time permits suggest you sail FORTOL with
42nd E.G. to transfer to S.L. 133 which sails
Freetown 14th July to fuel escorts and return to
Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051722Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
Admty. C. in C. Med). See Admty. 061344.

Weekly state
W.A. Station
3rd July.

Cape Blanco area. EXE, ENCHANTRESS, COREOPSIS,
VIOLET, LEITH, ANCHUSA, COLUMBINE, SOUTHERN GEM.
Cape Verde Area. KEPPEL, ORCHIS, NARCISSUS,
ACONIT, LOBELIA, TAMARISK, Freetown, DESPATCH,
CORFU, WOLVERINE, ARAZON, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE,
FOXHOUND, CROCUS.

Freetown area. RAPID, WITCH, BURZA, CORINTHIAN, SNOWDROP, ARMERIA
CDT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, CDT. DETROYAT, WASTWATER, BUTTERMERE,
ETHIOPIAN.

Takoradi area. BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, BURDOCK.
Pointe Noire area. BELLWORT, Ocean patrol CILICIA.
(F.O.C.W.A., 051724Z).

VERNON CITY Captain of Port Paraiba advises that 2 lifeboats
(torp. 28 June), with 52 survivors ex British Ship VERNON CITY
torpedoed 28th June have arrived Cabedello.

No further details given.

Further information will follow. There is no Consul of N.O.
in Paraiba.

(R.O. Pernambuco, 051725Z to Admty).

O.S. 50

Following is a repetition of my 051217.*
(begins). Arriyal 0930/5th July. COREOPSIS and
VIOLET (ends). *Previously received corrupt.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 051727Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

Departure 1630Z/5th July COREOPSIS and VIOLET to rejoin
O.S. 50.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 051737 to F.O.C.W.A.)

A/S sweep.

Departure 5th July BURDOCK and M.Ls. 266, 274, 244
to carry out A/S sweep thence returning Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 051743Z to Admty. etc).

U/B attacks
on 4/7.

My 041415. BURY escaped and made Coast at
Ubatuba. Unconfirmed reports that Brazilian ship
PELOTAS (?PELOTASOIDE intended) attacked by U-boat
4th off Salinas near Belem (Para).
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 051819Z to Admty)
PELOTASLOIDE sunk. (061419Z).

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- CENTAURE Sailed 1610Z. CENTAURE escorted by AIR FRANCE 1 My 011542 refers.
(Comar Dakar, 051853Z to Admty. etc).
- WEST POINT. For information U.S. troop transport WEST POINT filled to capacity with U.S. personnel for India and P.A.I.C. will sail U.S.A. 10/7 for Bombay calling only at Rio de Janeiro en route.
2. P.S.T.O. India is requested to state whether WEST POINT can be accepted at Bombay.
3. After disembarkation WEST POINT will return to U.S.A. B.A.D. is requested to advise in due course port in U.S.A. to which she should proceed.
(D. of S.T. 051931B to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N. P.S.T.O. India, (R) B.A.D.)
- BRIDGEWATER. E.T.A. 004° 03' N., 008° 22' W. 0600Z/6th course and speed 300° 7 knots.
(BRIDGEWATER 051956Z to CORINTHIAN (R) F.O.C.W.A)
- W.S.31 RAPID's 051830 (or 051530 - N.T. in W.D.) Intend include STAFFORDSHIRE and ARAWA in W.S.31 unless you consider their speed is unacceptable.
(F.O.C.W.A., 052124Z to Admty).
Concur (Admty. 061637B).

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RORQUAL, TAURUS, TRIDENT. To be decyphered by officer specially detailed by you. (1) RORQUAL proceed to intercept traffic from Dardanelles. A tanker* will probably be coming out within next 48 hours. (2) P.339 (TAURUS) be prepared to intercept off Trikiri. (3) TRIDENT cover Doro Channel. You may have to delay para. 2 of my 010932.
(Capt. (S) 1, 050112C to RORQUAL, P.339 (TAURUS), TRIDENT.)
*ALBA JULIA, see 060004C.

Movements, Arrived Tobruk 3rd SOUTHERN ISLES. Arrived
Tobruk. Derna 4th M.L.359, M.L.361.
(N.O.I.C.Tobruk, 050130C to Admty)

Movements. Arrivals and departures 4th July.
Malta. Arrivals "Nitwit" - WHITEHAVEN, CROMARTY, HYTHE, RYE, ROMNEY, SANTA, SAHRA and M.L.135 and 134. "Toilet" - M.G.B.662, 659 and 658. "Cornhill" - H.D.M.L.1242 and 1247. "Decade" - UGANDA and TARTAR. "Brilliant" - M.L.126, 168, 121 L.S.T. 422, 362, L.C.I.(L) 256, 182, 180, 99, 106 and INCHCOLM. "Daringly" - ESKIMO. Departures "Bleeding", ESKIMO, "Wicked" - M.T.B.76, 55 and 95 "Adhesion" - HOLCOMBE.
(V.A.Malta, 050222B to Admty etc.)

Movements, July 4 Alexandria arrivals GERALDTON, WOOLONGONG, Alexandria. CAIRNS, CESSNOCK, BURRA, ISLAY, CUMBRAE, VETCH. Departures AETOS. Add to my 040531 departures ST. MONANCE.
(R.A.Alexandria, 050635C to Admty.)

K.M.S.17. Bizerta arrivals (list)
(F.O.I.S. 050724B to Admty etc.)

Repatria- Your 032301B. Imam of Yemen has agreed with tions. Aden Government to send 20 Italians to Hodieda and has been asked to have them there at latest by 9th July. Particulars.
(Cdre. Aden, 050746Z to Admty.)

M.K.S.16 Arrivals LYMINGE, W.M.ENDICOTT, BRISK, BRIGE M, and SPEEDFAST, CRACKSHOT, SERULA, VINRIVER, REGIN, G.U.S.9. RONAN, USKSID, LINGE, MAKEJFELL.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 050846B to Admty, F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Med. Connav, (R) F.O.'s i/c and N.O.' i/c, French North Africa except N.O.I.C. Casablanca, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, S.O. Force H, Capt. (S) 8th)

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Movements, Beirut. 3rd July 1945. Arrivals LA MOQUEUSE, M.L's 349 1256 1296. Departures PANTHER, IERAX.
4th July 1945. Arrivals PANTHER, M.L's 349, 360. Departures LA MOQUEUSE, M.L's 349, 360, 1156, 1023.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 050945C to Admty)

COLOMBO defects. Cancel my 042224 (N.T. in W.R.). Port H.P. Turbine of COLOMBO stripped and Port Engine jammed. H.P. Turbin is being disconnected and ship should then be capable of about 15 knots. Expect to carry out trial a.m. 6th June (?July)
If successful intend to sail her to overtake K.M.S.18 (C. in C. Med, Algiers, 051032B to C. in C. Med. Malta (R) Com. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. D.N.C.X.F. Admty)

French Refugees. ~~X~~ Admty. pass*to Algiers (Begins)
Your 021916 (Re 5th evacuation of French refugees from Setubal). French Mission informs proposed to evacuate 1200 on July 17th but they will ask for transit visas for 1500. Spanish and Portuguese railway will be approached today. No difficulty anticipated.
(A.N.A. Madrid, 051051B to C.inC.Med.)*~~Passing action~~ being taken by W.R.
Cancel my 021916. French Admiralty now say Malaise report trains will not be available till about 15th July. They propose therefore to make target date for 5th evacuation 17th July from Setubal and to send DJEBEL AUREZ and LEPINE with 1 trawler escort vessel. Total of 1500 refugees if B.N.A. Madrid and B.N.A.Lisbon confirm this. F.O.I.C.Gibraltar please detail extra escort.
(C. in C. Med. Algiers, 05116?B to B.N.A. Madrid, (R) F.O.I.C. Gib., B.N.A.Lisbon, Admty)

U.G.S.10. Oran section sailed. EMPIRE MOON, MARS, EMPIRE SNIPE, SVANHOLM, PRINCE DE LEIGE, all for Algiers for onward routing to Bizerta.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 051055B to Admty etc.)

8th S.F. Movement Summary, 2001B/5th. (1) SIBYL, SARACEN, SIMOOM, TRESPASSER P.47 patrol between Corsica and Italy. (2) SHAKESPEARE 037° 43' 011° 32' through 037° 09' 011° 35' thence 115°. (3) SAFARI, 038° 10' 011° 06' through 038° 00' 011° 30' 037° 09' 011° (?35' or 42') thence 115°. (4) CASABIANCA in Gulf of Genoa. (5) All submarines diving by day 2½ knots. Surface by night 9 knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 051100B to S. and A. area G.C.)

Enemy Units. One enemy Tanker (4000 tons) 2 E-Boats and 2 A/C in 40.38 N. 11.10 E. Course 270° Speed 8 knots.
(A/C. F.D.J/F. 051112B)

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Arrival ROYAL ULSTERMAN, WHADDON, LAUDERDALE, EGGESFORD, TANGO Tug HENGIST. M.L's 555, 553, 554, 556, 557, 559, 560, 562, 1254, 1221, 1253. Departure M.L. 564, 559. (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 051114B to Admty)

A/S
Operations,
Tenes.

Keep up pressure on U-Boats at Tenes. If you think it necessary use Group U until K.M.F.18 passes. R.A.V. can detail them to Bizerta to fuel in passing.
(C. in C. Med. 051114B to C. in C. Med. (A)
(R) R.A.V., F.O. Force H, F.O.I.C. Bizerta.)

CASABIANCA.

Leaving patrol through $045^{\circ} 01' 008^{\circ} 32'$ at 0215/7th $038^{\circ} 59' 005^{\circ} 59'$ at 0300/9th thence R/V with escort Algiers in $36.56 03.09$ at 0615/10th. (Capt. (S) 8, 051114 to CASABIANCA, (R) C. in C. Med. (Malta), F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S.F. F.S. PERLE).

USURPER.

Onward route through 135° Cape Palos 5 at 1700/8th $038^{\circ} 01' 002^{\circ} 59'$ at 2215/10th thence R/V with escort for Algiers in $036^{\circ} 56' 002^{\circ} 59'$ at 0615/11th. (Capt. (S) 8, 051202B to P.56 (USURPER), (R) C. in C. Med. (Malta), F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, CASABIANCA, N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S/M.F. F.S. PERLE)

FENRIS.

Protected ship FENRIS leaves Smyrna at 0857C/8th via Turkish territorial waters to Casteloriso thence through position B and K as in L.T.M.471, thence to Piraeus.
(Capt. (S) 1, 051202C to 1 S.M.F.)

C. in C. Levant 031642C. As no arrangements for safe conduct have been concluded FENRIS should not be allowed to sail. (2) Swedes have been informed that vessel must not be allowed to sail until route has been agreed and normal notice of sailing given.
(Head of M.1, 051232B to C. in C. Levant, B.N.A. Ankara, C.S.A. Smyrna. (R) Min. State, Cairo)

Force "H".

(?Route) from 84 at 1700B July 5th through 49, 20, and (?49) to Algiers. (2) Codeword after R/V "Jagged".
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers), 051227B to S.O. Force H. (R) U.S. N.O.B. Oran, etc.)

WIRRIL.

Safe conduct vessel WIRRIL will sail from Piraeus to Heraklion 0800 hours July 9th. Route as in Admty 281947A January. (2) Vessel should not be molested whilst following above route.

Air authorities concerned should be informed.
(Head of M.1, 051325B to C. in C. Levant (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta.)

UNRUFFLED /...

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UNISON,
UNSEEN,
UNRIVALLED.

P.46 (UNRUFFLED) leaves Malta routed through position 040° St. Elmo light 20 miles thence through 036° 34' 015° 26' thence course 055° S. of A. 9 knots. (2) P.45 (UNISON) P.51 (UNSEEN) and P.45 (UNRIVALLED) leave same (evening?) by N.W. Sanctuary routed to North of your route. (3) S/MS are not to be attacked West of 016° E. (Capt. (S) 10, 051330 to PARTHIAN (R), Capt. (S) 1)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

Opsum 134, N.W.African Air Forces. Part 1.
(1) N.W.African Strategic Air Force: a. 2/3 July. (Additional), 17 Wellingtons Olbia, 1 returned early, many explosions, arsenal believed hit, 1 missing. b. 3/4 July. 59 Wellingtons Trapani, 7 returned early, all target area. 3 Wellingtons Lido Di Roma. 5 x 500 H.E. 256,000 leaflets Rome. 1 missing. c. 4 July. 55 U.S. Fortresses Gerbini Airdrome. Weather prevented completion of mission. 72 U.S. Mitchells escort 48 U.S. Lightnings Gerbini Satellites. 1 bomber and 5 escorts returned early. Hits in revetments and parked aircraft. Fires started. 56 U.S. Fortresses Catania Aerodrome, 7 returned early, target well covered.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. 051420B to Etousa)

Opsum 134. Part 11.* a. 3 July (Additional). 12 Bostons, 12 Baltimores escort 44 U.S. Warhawks Milo Airdrome, 7 fighters returned early. North and west dispersal areas well covered. 11 U.S. Bostons escort 12 U.S. Warhawks Sciacca Airdrome. Large fire and explosions. 36 U.S. Mitchells Comiso Airdrome. No details reported. 35 U.S. Mustangs targets of opportunity Marsala area. 12 failed locate suitable target returned with bombs. 1 jettisoned, remainder dropped 45 x 500 near railway in target area. Straffed and left smoking tanker and schooner 3 miles south of Marsala.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. 051519B to Etousa) * N.W.A. Tactical A.F.

Part 111 N.W.A. Coastal Air Force. 3 July (Additional)

(1) Three Beaufighters sighted and attacked 5 armed Trawlers Gulf of Tristano. Cannon strikes on deck of 1. 1 Beaufighter hit in port engine crashed in sea. Crew rescued.

(N.A.A.F. Adv. 051617B to Etousa)

(Also N.A.A.F. Adv. 051617B to Air Ministry)

G.T.X.3.
M.K.S.16.

A.M. 012212B/July and A.M. 021849/July.
When may an answer be expected?
(D.T.D. 051644B to S.N.O. Tripolitania.)

U.G.S.10.

Arrivals JAMES WOODROW, FRANCIS MARION, ALEXANDER LILLINGTON, LINCOLN STEFFENS, JOHN TRUMBULL, GEORGE DAVIS, WINFIELD SCOTT, W.W.GERHARD, DAVID CALDWELL, ALEXANDER MARTIN, JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, F.A.C. MUHLENBURG, EMPIRE JET, CHESTER SWAIN, SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, THADDEUS, KOSCIUSCO, JAMES JACKSON, JONATHAN WORTH, WILLIAM MULHOLLAND, GEORGE MATHEWS, THOMAS BICKETT, ZACHARY TAYLOR, EMPIRE VISCOUNT, GIDEON WELLES, BRITISH COURAGE, L.S.T. 165, Y.M.S's 24, 29, 30.
(Com. N.O.B.Oran, 051651B to Admty etc.)

Enemy /...

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- Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one enemy destroyer 39.40 N. 14.49, 020° 14. (A/C. VBC/B, 051700B)
- SATURNIA. Total passengers embarked SATURNIA July 4th 569. List and destinations. (S.B.N.O. SATURNIA, 051730Z to Minister Africa, Rome, also intended for Admty.)
- MAURETANIA. MAURETANIA sailed 1430/5 G.M.T. E.T.A. Diego Suarez 0600C July 11th. Route. S.O.A. from 45° E. (A) 18 knots (B) 20 knots. Draft 33 feet. E.T.A. 45° E. 0400C July 10th (N.C.S.O. Suez, 051805 to Admty)
- Repatriations. Sail SAGITTA from Massawa tomorrow 6 July for Hodeida to embark 20 Italian repatriates arriving there not later than Friday 9 July and take them to Massawa for embarkation in DUILIO or GIULIO CESARE. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 051844C to N.O.I.C. Massawa, Admty etc.)
- SPORTSMAN. U-Boats in vicinity of Algiers are being hunted. Be prepared to identify yourself instantly to surface vessel and aircraft. All ships in my 051900B warned of your arrival. (2) Fog may be encountered tomorrow morning set additional watch on 4900 K/cs from 0400/6th. (Capt. (S) 8, 051850B to SPORTSMAN (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers) Your escort will be MOUSA. (2) Well done your 030331. (3) 1 U.S. Destroyer and tug passing north of Algiers eastbound at (about?) 0400. (4) Fleet Unit with screen and large (convoy?) both due Algiers from westward at 0700. (5) Cable ship and trawler in vicinity 037° (43'?) 003° 45' trawler returning Algiers to arrive dawn 6th. (6) 5 Corvettes on A/S patrol off Algiers Bay. (Capt. (S) 8, 051900B to P.229 (SPORTSMAN) (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers)
- SONTAY. My 110229B/June. SONTAY may be required for one voyage under safe conduct to Istanbul to embark 1,000 Jewish children for Haifa subject to (a) Bulgarian Govt. agreeing release of children, and (b) safe conduct being arranged. (2) When could she be ready to sail from Middle East, and what would be her arrival date at Istanbul? (D.S.T. 051926B to P.S.T.O.M.E. (R) C. in C. Med.) Reply: 061735.
- Personnel Movements. Your 012034C. Personnel for U.K. and also U.S. personnel for U.S.A. should remain in Middle East for first direct opportunity in August. (2) SIBAJAK is proceeding to Durban where she will now /...

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Personnel Movement (Contd.) now turn round for further service in Indian Ocean. No objection, therefore, to embarkation of personnel for South Africa, subject to F.O.R.S.C.A. and C. in C. E.F.'s concurrence. (D.S.T.051932B to P.S.T.O.M.E.)
Concur (C. in C. E.F. 061355Z)
Concur (F.O.R.S.C.A. 081258C)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. at 051940B of one medium enemy vessel (3000 tons) and 2 E-Boats was YCGO 0510, (40.05 N. longitude indecypherable), 230° 8 knots. (A/C VBC/O. 051940B) W.R.Note: Received from Malta.

ATHERSTONE. Arrived and sailed. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 052004B to Admty)

U.G.S.9 Pass to Commodore and escorts. Joiners VACUUM (T) WHITE SPIRIT, Bone, PROSPER, SCHIAFFINO, Bone. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 052045B to S.O. Escorts U.G.S.9 (R) Admty etc.)

Situation Report No.41. Convoy G.T.X.3. 10 M.V's arrived Alexandria 3rd July. No further incidents. (2) Two caiques gunned and sunk by OSIRIS during (?Aegean) Patrol on 28 June. RORQUAL has laid mines in Gulf of Salonika. (3) Levant small schooner sunk by U-Boat 2000 1st July between Cyprus and Lebanon Coast. (4) All ships of Force X have left Suez for Dakar. (5) U.S. Aircraft from (?Aden) report U-Boat in 12° 35' N. 45° 5' E. 1630/4th July, which was seen to dive. Graded B.1. (C. in C. Levant, 052111C to Admty)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals WILTON, WHEATLAND, BERGAMOT, BRYONY, RHODODENDRON, HONEYSUCKLE, HYDERABAD, OXLIP, BANFF, H.D.M.L.1305. Departures RUSKHOLM, FARNDALE, CLEVELAND, CALPE, HAYDON, VICEROY, TYNEDALE, KRAKOWIAK, ROBERTS, L.S.T.'s 319, 365, 305, 366, 301, 424, 321 ST. KILDA, US.S. ROPER, U.S.S. LEE, U.S.S. DECATUR, U.S.S. COLE, U.S.S. DALLAS. Arrived and sailed BROCKLESBY, TEVIOT, ERNE, ANTHONY. (Com. Algiera, 052114B to Admty etc.)

Movements, Bizerta. Arrived Bizerta HOLCOMBE, LIDDESDALE, P.C. 550, S.C.552 (SIRIUS?), DIDO, PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD, JEFFERS, BUTLER, FOXTROT, M.T.B. 260, Sailed M.T.B. 85, 226, 97, FOXTROT, WESTRAY, FOULA, M.T.B. 315, 316, 268 P.T. 203, 207. (S.O.I.S. 052115B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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Movements, Arrivals today U.S.S. BRYANT, Y.M.S.'s 24, 29, 30,
Oran. L.S.T. 185, French GOELAND, H.M.S. BRECON,
Today's departures U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM, PHILADELPHIA,
BROOKLYN, SPEED, KERIVE, STAFF, SKILL, KENDRICK,
LAUB, MCKENZIE, NIELDS, BOYLE, P.S. 556, 591,
551, 558, 562, 557, DORAN, BEATTY, COWIE, TILLMAN, CHAMPLIN,
KNIGHT, QUICK, PARKER, F. CALVERT, WOOD, NIGHTINGALE, ANCON,
FUNSTON, DOROTHY DIX, H. LEE, O'HARA, ALCYONE, ANDROMEDA,
BELLATRIX, CARROL, JEFFERSON, PROCYON, ARCTURUS, ANTHONY, NEVILLE,
ARUNEL, ORIZABA, CHATEAU THIERRY, BIDDLE, MERVINE, WOOLPEY,
LUDLOW, BRYANT. H.M.S. QUAIL, QUEENBOROUGH, TUMULT, QUILLIAM,
TROUBRIDGE, OFFA, PIORUN (Polish) RODNEY, NELSON, INDOMITABLE,
B.H.S.L. 2595, 2596.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 052135B to Admty etc.)

Movements, July 5th. Arrived and left G.S. IERAX, LA MOQUE-
Haifa. USE, M.L. 348.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 052230C to Admty,
C. in C. Levant.)

Greek X The condition of the 5 old Greek destroyers on
Destroyers. this station continues as in my predecessor's
2043B/5th December, 1942 though at the moment
three are not in dockyard hands. (2) These
ships are a continual drain on repair resources
and are not worth keeping in commission. (3) Crews are well
trained and are being wasted. Their living conditions are very
bad. Together with those of the three useless T.B.'s, these
crews could commission several Hunts or Corvettes. (4) Is
there any chance of replacing these ships by something more
(?useful).
(C. in C. Levant, 052231C to Admty) Reply: Hunt 2617076.

SS. OHIO. Re salvage of equipment, requesting list.
(Malta.) (M.W.T. 052254B to D.S.T.O. Malta)

A.S.V. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 40.12 N. 9.48 E.
(A/C. APO/A, 052312B)
W.R. Note: Received via Alexandria.
My 2312B. Have lost touch with enemy.
(A/C. APO/A. 052335B)

Movements, Arrived and left DELPHINIUM, IPSWICH, SOUTHERN
Tobruk. SEA, PROTEA, WOLBOROUGH, ROMEO, sailed SOUTHERN
ISLE.
(N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 052315C to Admty)

Movements, Sailed MARYBOROUGH, LISMORE. Arrived L.C.T. 313,
Tripoli. 554, (514) 556, 446, 307, 329, 356, (256), 375,
387, (347), 436, 445.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania, 052322B to Admty)

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Movements, 5th July port arrival AETOS, SPHENDONI.
Port Said. Departures:-HURWORTH, EASTON, ADRIAS, BEAUFORT,
KANARIS, EXMOOR, ALDENHAM, MIAOULES, ROCKWOOD,
KEREN, BULOLO, PRINCE ALBERT, ULSTER MONARCH, M.L.
1028, TAIREA, OPHIR, AETOS.
(N.O.I.C.Port Said, 052357C to Admty etc.)

Malta A.I.687 July 5th.CSR(A) Air, part 1, offensive.
Air Night 4/5th July. Mosquitoes intruded over East
Report. and West Sicily. Day 5th July. 0832 hours
21 Spitfires escorted Fortresses of N.A.A.F.
attacking Gerbini. 0935 hours, 21 Spitfires
night cover to Marauders and Lightnings of N.A.A.F.
attacking Gerbini. 1040 hours, 23 Spitfires top cover to
Marauders and Mitchells and Lightning escort of N.A.A.F. bombing
Gerbini. 1130 hours 18 Spitfires top cover to Fortresses and
escorting Lightnings of N.A.A.F. attacking Gerbini. 1405 hours
42 Spitfires cover to Mitchells of N.A.A.F. bombing Biscari.
Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 4/5th July. Nil. Day
5th July. Negligible.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 052359Z)

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- DIPAVATI Arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi 050236Z to Admty. etc.).
- RELENTLESS Sailed for Durban routed through:-
(A) 020 degs. 40' South 055 degs. 25' East.
(B) 025 degs. 52' South 045 degs. 42' East.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius 050250Z).
- B.P.86 Departure TAMWORTH, KUMAON with B.P.86.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 050351Z to Admty. etc.).
Sailing telegram Part 2,
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 050458Z).
- B.Y.M.S. Sailed B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7 and 8 for Seychelles
thence Colombo E.T.A. Seychelles 1600C/7th July.
W/T watch on Group V.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 050558Z to C. in C. E.F.
(R) Admty. etc.).
- P.B.46 Arrival Bombay KONKAN with P.B.46.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 050651Z to Admty. etc.).
- CANTON Intend CANTON as Ocean escort for STRATHMORE and
STRATHMORE STRATHAIRD. C. in C.S.A. 301326 June and Com. i/c
STRATHAIRD. Durban's 041025 refer.
(C. in C.E.F. 050729Z to C. in C.S.A. Com. i/c
Durban (R) F.O.C.R.I.N. P.S.T.O.I. F.O. Ceylon
D.S.J.).
- Troop Transport CITY OF LONDON sailed for Basra 5th July
Transports. with following. Requirements. E.T.A. Rooka 11th
July.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 050813Z to D.S.T.O. P.G. (R)
P.S.T.O.(I) D.S.T.).
Transport NEVASA sailed Zanzibar I. 5th July with
following: Requirements.
(D.S.T.O. Bombay 050817Z to S.T.O. Karachi (R) P.S.T.O. India
D.S.T.O. Mombasa, D. of S.T.).
Animal Transport NIRVANA arrived 5th July disembarking
(numbers).
(S.T.O. Karachi 050900 to P.S.T.O. Bombay, (R) D. of S.T.).
- Movements Arrival BATA escorting SINGU and WARINRY. (sic).
Colombo. (N.C.S.O. Colombo 050942Z to Admty.).
- India Air 4th July. 2 Hurricanes attacked River craft
Report. Maukkadaw on Chindwin. 2 Hurricanes detailed attack
river craft Kaladan abandoned operations due
weather. 9 Hurricanes detailed attack Japanese

/positions...

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India Air Report. (Contd.). positions Kwazon Mayu. Only 4 aircraft attacked due weather. 2 Beaufighters offensive R/C. Irrawaddy. Good attacks on river craft Pakokku Area. Outstanding U.S.A.A.F. reports. Ref. 4th July Daily Opsum No. 426 reports 2 July. For 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Rangoon area read 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Twairyuzayat. 1st July. 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Rangoon. Over 8 tons dropped. Hits in warehouse areas. 3rd July. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) detailed Myitnge Bridge. 6 A/C attacked. 8 tons dropped. Hits claimed Bridge and Approaches. Of remaining 3 A/C 1 lost formation returned Base. Other 2 A/C Legyi Bridge. 3 tons dropped. No hits. 9 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Myitnge Bridge. 12 tons dropped. Hits claimed south end bridge. 7 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Myitnge Bridge. Due weather alternative target Myingyan attacked 14 tons dropped, results unobserved. 6 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Myitnge Bridge. Due weather alternative targets attacked. Five or Three? Aircraft Myingyan. 14 tons dropped. Results unobserved. 1 A/C Prome Railway Yards 3 tons dropped. Hits S.E. Area 1 U.S. Lightning (P.38) P.R.U Myitnge. Extensive damage Bridge and Approaches by U.S.A.A.F. Raid 3rd July confirmed. (A.H.Q. India 051020Z).

HENRY KNOX (sunk 19/6). (A) HENRY KNOX. (B) Equator 70 degrees 15 ' E. 1350Z/19th June. (C) Japanese U-boat. (D) Torpedo, ship sunk. (E) One. (F) 14 sent Colombo in Maldavian craft (?from) Male. 27 in two other life boats last seen 20th and 21st June. Three died in boats. 23 missing presumed lost. (G) No. (H) No. (I) U-boat described as large with one gun aft. Degaussing coils prominent on outside of hull. (S.O.(I) Colombo, 051042Z to Admty, etc).

SAGAING use as pier. Berth for SAGAING North of Round Point your 292208 unacceptable. Reasons. 2. A jetty with at least 3 fathoms alongside in vicinity of dockyard is absolutely essential for berthing tugs and boiler cleaning small vessels and it was intended to make use of SAGAING Scheme for this purpose. See para. 4 my 141126 June. 3. Considered that a four fathom jetty using SAGAING if found suitable, which is by no means certain, could be provided quicker than a three fathom jetty using other means and it is therefore proposed that in view of para. 2 above and impossibility of finding an alternative suitable site for SAGAING the original scheme be adhered to whether or no access to the berth for merchant ships is prevented by floating dock. (F.O. Ceylon, 051342 to Admty. for Adm. Somerville).

DAH PU (torpedoed 28 June, at anchor at Muscat). Following has been received (begins) Addressed C. in C. E.F. (R) N.O.I.C. Hormuz, CERES from S.N.O.P.G. (1) Para. 1 of my 300716 for 159 degs. read 339 degs. (2) Further to my 301137 June CERES' divers have

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DAH PU
(torpedoed
28 June at
anchor at
Muscat).
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recovered tail of torpedo with Japanese characters
in the vicinity of DAH PU.
(3) ATMOSPHERE further states that torpedo was
fired definitely through Duweira 2 mile gap from
East to West. This is supported by evidence
taken by N.O.I.C. Hormuz (?also) Mandapan
fisherman report sighting after the event submarine
or large M/B or splash in neighbourhood of track
of torpedo in gap. Political Agent Muscat also

reports several rumours of submarine sighted at different times
and places before sinking.

(4) I do not yet know why ATMOSPHERE comes to this conclusion.
Depth of water at half tide in Duweira Gap $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet. My opinion
favours midget escaping through Gap.

(5) P.A. Muscat's 280945 June, ATMOSPHERE has recovered C.Bs.

(6) References not to CERES. T.O.O. 042036Z July (Ends).

(C. in C. E.F., 051346 to Admty).

Target
Towing
aircraft.

Your 291235Z. Defiants are being provided for
target towing.
2. Aircraft for F.R.U. Port Reitz being shipped
in August. A.M. 030143B refers.
(D.N.A.O. 051857B to R.A.N.A.S., I.O., (R)
C. in C. E.F.)

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Movements St. Johns N.F. July 4th. Arrivals STRATFORD escorting N.J.32 ITCHEN, BURWELL, ST. LAURENT, AGASSIZ, GALT, SACKVILLE, ex O.N. 190. Departures COLDSTREAMER, HESPERIA, VERVAIN escorting W.H.X. 246.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 050141Z to Admty.).

MALTRAN torpedoes Guantanamo reports S.S. MALTRAN torpedoed 18.11 North 74.57 West at 0724Z.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston Jamaica 050535Q to Admty.).

N.T.23 (A) Port Moresby, convoy N.T.23.
(B) 5th July. (C) Canberra, TAROONA for Townsville, MANGOLA for Cairns. (D) GYMPIE, COLAC.
(Via New York 050643(2) Z to Admty.).

Cable Ship NORSEMAN. Arrival 5th.
(B.R.O. Castries (via New York) 050916 to Admty.).

G.A.T.71 Arrived 4th.
(B.R.L.O. Trinidad 050921Q to Admty.).

Movements Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 5th July. No H.M. ships crossing 26 degs. W. westbound.
(D.O.D.(F) 051240Z to Opnav).

Troop transport, ILE DE FRANCE. For Searail.
(1) War Dept. require to send vessel now scheduled for U. Kingdom convoy to Indian Ocean in early Sept. from West Coast in order meet urgent arrival dates.
(2) In order to compensate "Bolero" lift thus lost they agree to accept delay to India of ILE DE FRANCE and request that as soon as repairs have been completed vessels should be sailed for two A.T. convoys.
(3) No chance agree with B.M.W.T.
(B.A.S. Washington 051300Q to W.O.).

Shipping Puerto Rico. Information has been received from U.S.A. Embassy London that neutral shipping may call at Ponce, Puerto Rico.
(2) Should A.M. 072033B/May, para.4. be amended to conform?
(D.T.D. 051310Z to Connav). Reply yes (061614).

S.C.136 My 041730Z. S.C. 136 advance sailing telegram. Delete EL MIRLO. Vessel did not sail from Boston. ?Add Br. DRAKEPOOL. Total still 46 ships.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 051340Z to Admty.).

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(Cominch 051345Z to Admty., N.S.H.Q.).

T.A.G.70

List, 9 ships. All fuel, all New York.
(Willemstad 051356Z to Admty.).

Sailing
of "QUEENS"

Your 030952 para.3. Yes.
(B.A.D. 051501Z to Admty.).

MELROSE
ABBEY
personnel
transport.

Your 031310 much appreciated and will be of
considerable assistance.
(N.S.H.Q. 051520Z to Admty.).

Use of
term
Support
Group.

X Your 041539Z. Concur that U.S. Support Group
should retain their own Task Group numbers.
(D.O.D.(H) 051535B to B.A.D.).
+ Given Most Secret distribution.

WEST
POINT

U.S.S. WEST POINT expected to depart Boston Point
X 1800Z/July 6. Destination New York. Route.
E.T.A. Point Z New York 1400Z/July 7. Request air
coverage when practicable. Request tugs and pilot
at New York for berthing. Com.3. pass to P.D. New
York.
(P.D. Boston 051542Z to Cominch C and R., Admiralty
etc.).

Sailed WEST POINT to Rio de Janeiro (Route).
(Cominch C and R 051935Z to U.S. P.D. New York, (R) Cinclant
C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty. N.O.B. Rio, Comsolant, N.S.H.Q.).

U.S.A.T.

Army transport MATSONIA (U.S.) arrived San
Francisco July 3rd.
(N.S.H.Q. 051801 to Admty.).

Transport
Movements.

San Francisco departures. July 2nd. TORRENS (NOR.)
for Townsville. CAPE FLATTERY (U.S.) for
Espiritu Santo. KIT CARSON (U.S.) for Noumea.
All Army transports.
(N.S.H.Q. 051807Z to Admty. etc.).

NIGERIA

Compliance Cominch 012126 about 0900Q/July 6th
proceed Norfolk via Point A Buoy 2 A.C.
Point B 33.00 North 77.10 West. Point C 34.50
North 74.28 West. Point D 36.17 North 74.15 West.
Point E 36.40 North 74.24 West. Point F Point X M thence
destination. Latest Q.J.C. 142. Q.J.H.46. NIGERIA has hand for
action. Admty. pass to C. in C. Nore for info.
(Com.6. 051840 to NIGERIA (R) C.E.S.F. C.T.G.02.5 S.B.N.O.W.At.
C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C. Nore. Cominch).

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Allocation of B.Y.M.S. My 022217 June further B.Y.M.S. Flotillas are -
159th M.S.F. U.K. 32, 70, 71, 211, 52, 55, 157, 173
160th M.S.F Med. 72, 73, 190, 191, 212, 229.
(B.A.D. 051911Z to Admty.)

X.B.62 Following are estimated ships joining X.B.62 from
O.N.S.11. Total 18 ships. C.O.M.1. pass to B.R.L.O.
Boston.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 051955Z to Admty.)

MALTRAN MALTRAN (U.S.) torpedoed July 5 in 18 degs. 11 ' North
74 degs. 57' West.
(N.S.H.Q. 052034Z to Admty. etc.).

Shipping Casualties C.R. No. 1326. Connav serials 3 to 7. MALTRAN
torp. 050724Z in convoy Guantanamo 124 position
18.11 N. 74.57 W. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE torp. sunk
3 July position 24.05 S. 45.25 W.
PELATOSLOIDE torp.4. July 5 miles North of
Salinas Point.
(Cominch C and R 052038 to Comnavu).

POTOMAC My 021643 POTOMAC (Pan.) arrived Barranquilla
June 30th.
(N.S.H.Q. 052038Z to Admty.).

Sub attack 1 All times Z. (A) MALTRAN torpedoed 18.11 North
and sighting 74.57 West 0724/5. PELOTASTLOIDE torpedoed area
summary. 00.30 South 47.25 West about 2000/4.
(B) Navy Plane sights sub. course 147. 04.25 South
36.46 West 1224/4.
(C) U.S.C.G. MONOMOY attacks sound contact
38.40 North 54.50 West 1250/5. Sub sighted 11.01 North 61.57 West
1314/5.
(D) U.S.S. CURLEW sights sub 23.49 North 82.26 West 0815/5. PYC
COLLEEN attacks sound contact 44.07 North 67.03 West 1615/5.
Aircraft attacks sub. 43.28 North 63.48 West 1715/4. Navy plane
Radar contact 11.45 South 37.00 West 1400/4. R.A.F. B.25 sights
oil slick 26.00 North 73.30 West. 1711/3.
(Cominch 052106Z to Admty. for O.I.C.).

Shipping Routes. In view of your 211730B. May and 241531B May presume
M.A.R.I. Section 4 para.8A and your 031037B apply
only to ships mentioned in your 291940B June
and those from Canadian Ports who may be specially
ordered to follow Cape route. Please confirm.
(N.S.H.Q. 052110Z to Admty.). Reply: Admty. 081735B.

Landing Craft, Manning and Command. X Some 218 landing craft consisting of 68 L.S.T.
and 150 L.C.I. (L) have been commissioned in the
U.S. by some 7000 officers and men during

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Landing the last 6 months have crossed the Atlantic
 Craft, Manning under their own power.
 and Command. (2) With a view to reducing risks in future and
 (Contd.). improving the standard of the crews the following
 proposals are strongly urged as regards future
 deliveries of L.C.I.
 (1) Officers and ratings should receive some
 seagoing training before being appointed to L.C.I. The standard
 of elementary seamanship, discipline, and service usages was low.
 (ii) Officers and ratings should arrive in U.S. in time to
 commission their ships as a complete crew. Late arrival has
 necessitated L.C.I. being commissioned in penny numbers.
 (iii) Squadron officers should be R.N. and carefully chosen. Those
 appointed here could hardly have been more unsuitable as leaders,
 as teachers, and as examples to these young and impressionable
 reservists.
 (iv) Flotilla officers should be R.N. and selected for their
 officer-like qualifications. With R.N.V.R. Flotilla officers
 it is a case of the blind leading the blind.
 (v) Coxwains of craft should be leading seamen. Young A.Bs. and
 ordinary seamen can exert no authority.
 (3) It is most desirable that Squadron and Flotilla officers should
 be of the right type, be the first to arrive in U.S.A. and
 accompany crews of their Command and remain with them throughout
 including ocean passage.
 (4) Final working up for operations should be carried out after
 ocean passage, but a week for elementary seamanlike training
 and clear of any dockyard work should be included in programme
 prior to ocean passage.
 (5) Manning difficulties are appreciated but claims for foregoing
 are considered very strong. It is considered that comparatively
 small investment in a few good officers will repay a very
 handsome dividend.
 (6) The remarks in para. 2, 3 and 4 also apply to L.S.T.
 (B.A.D. 052219Z to Admty.). *Fully concurred (C.C. Med. (M) 220950)*

Movements Arrivals HAMILTON from O.N.S.11. Departures
 Halifax COLUMBIA, MONCTON, MATAPEDIA, HEPATICA to O.N.190.
 (C. Halifax 052239 to Admty. etc.).

Australia and New Zealand.

ROCHAMBEAU U.S.N.O. ROCHAMBEAU departed Port Phillip 3rd
 E.T.A. Wellington 0001Z/9 speed of advance 13.5
 knots. Route.
 (A.C.N.B. 050336Z to Admty. Connnav).

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Digest
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Paras. 8 to 11 cover Solomons area South Pacific Forces. Catalina bombed Talasea early morning.
(2) Morning R/C. Liberator unsuccessfully attacked medium freighter escorted by destroyer 85 miles S.W. of Kavieng, course West.
(3) Same time another search Liberator bombed and probably sank small Cato vessel in Vanimo Bay (150 miles Northwest of Wewak) scoring one hit one near miss from 3000 feet and two hits from skip-bombing attack.
(7) Medium Merchantman seen alongside Wharf Kavieng Night 3rd/4th July.
(8) Forenoon R/C Liberator observed five float planes making off Kapinga. Rangi ineffective interception by two floatplanes. Later attacked one cargo ship with two escort vessels 85 miles North of Kavieng course 330 degs. without success.
(11) Midday search Liberator unsuccessfully attacked single destroyer sighted 50 miles West of Buin course 140 degs. speed 30 knots.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 050832Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements Arrivals Milne Bay 3rd. BOWEN. Port Moresby
4th GYMPIE, COLAC. Cairns 4th WAGGA. Townsville
3rd U.S. Des. MUGFORD, U.S. Des. HELM. Darwin
4th LATROBE. Departures Brisbane 4th ROCKHAMPTON,
MILDURA, GLENELG for Sydney, N.S.W. Cairns 4th PIRIE, WAGGA for
Port Moresby. KATOOMBA, BUNBURY for Milne Bay. Townsville 4th
SWAN for Milne Bay.
(N.B. Melbourne 051056Z to Admty. etc.).
U.S. ship TRINITY arrived Fremantle 3rd general.
(A.C.N.B. 051109Z to Admty. etc.).
R.A.A.F. Store ship WANAKA H/T TAROONA arrived Port Moresby
4th July. U.S. Transport VAN DER LIJN arrived Thursday Island
3rd departed 4th due Merauke 5th. U.S. Transport ANTHUI departed
Gladstone 4th due Brisbane 5th. (?) ASIS POYANG U.S. Transport
BOTH departed Townsville 4th due Fall River 7th. H.T. DUNTROON
departed Cairns 5th due Port Moresby 7th. Dutch Naval Store ship
SOEDOE arrived Thursday Island 4th departed 5th due Cairns 8th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 051528Z to Admty.).

U- BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Subarmines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 051331B, 1354B).
See also 1353B to F.O.C.W.A. (South Atlantic).

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LÜTZOW.

1. At 0900B SEADOG reported an enemy warship, possibly LÜTZOW or GRAF ZEPPELIN, with air escort, steering southwards in 72.55 N. 16.50 E. (off the north coast of Norway, steering towards Altenfiord).

Operation
"Camera".

2. BERWICK, NORFOLK and SCORPION sailed from Hvalfjord at 1855B today to the eastward.

3. HOLDERNESS, LA COMBATTANTE and GLAISDALE were ordered to patrol tonight on lat. 50.20 N. between 00.10 W. and 00.45 W., in order to be ready to intercept two destroyers of the ELBING class if they should leave Boulogne tonight.

Operation
"Forfar".

4. N.O.I.C. Newhaven reports that Operation "Forfar Beer" returned having made no landing on account of sighting an enemy trawler near the coast. Operation "Forfar Dog" was partially successful, but no prisoners were taken or enemy killed. There were no casualties in either operation.

5. 30 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night off Biscay ports and in the Frisian Is./ Elbe area.

North Atlantic.

S/M Patrol.

6. An anti U-Boat patrol by submarines is being established in the area between 35° and 41° N. and 24° and 34° W., from 17th July until further orders. TUNA and TRUCULENT are to sail from Holy Loch on 10th July to establish the patrol.

7. A U.S. patrol bomber attacked a U-Boat at 061335Z in 26.45 N. 14.35 W. and reports probable damage.

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8. SS. JASPER PARK (British, 7129 tons), Cochin for Durban and St. John N.B., reported at 1130 today that she was torpedoed in 32.52 S. 42.15 E.

Mediterranean.S/M
dispositions. X

9. It is reported that UNSEEN, UNRUFFLED (but see N.C.F.A. 100719B), UNISON and UNRIVALLED sailed at 2357B today from Malta for Operation "Husky" areas.

UNRULY, SOKOL and ULTOR are on patrol north of Messina; UPROAR, UNBROKEN, TACTICIAN and UNSHAKEN are south of Taranto, SERAPH west of Cape Scalambri (south side of Sicily). On 10th July TACTICIAN is to proceed to the Adriatic (on 9th July she was in the Taranto area) where TROOPER is also to patrol on 12th July (TROOPER was in the Adriatic on 9th July). UNITED will occupy TACTICIAN's former patrol area off Taranto p.m./10th.

SIBYL, SARACEN, SIMOOM, TRESPASSER and DOLFIJN are between Corsica and Italy.

RORQUAL, TAURUS and TRIDENT are in the Aegean.

Battleship
movements. X

10. Force Z (KING GEORGE V, HOWE, JERVIS, PATHFINDER, PENN, PANTHER and ARROW) arrived at Algiers today from Gibraltar.

F.O. Force H, in NELSON with RODNEY, INDOMITABLE (R.A.A.), TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, PIORUN, OFFA, QUILLIAM, QUAIL and QUEENBOROUGH arrived at Algiers from Mers-el-Kebir and sailed again.

11. R.A.(V) reported that at 061325 a U-Boat on the surface was attacked at point blank range in 36.42 N. 01.38 E. The U-Boat was definitely damaged and is considered to have been sunk.

12. SS. SHAHJEHAN (British, 5454 tons) in Convoy M.W.S.36 (westbound from Alexandria) was torpedoed at 1115C today in 33.01 N. 21.32 E. (about 70 miles N.E. of Benghazi). She was taken in tow but sank at 0220C/7 in 32° 55'30" N. 21.10 E.

SAKTOURIS landed 251 survivors at Benghazi: and a further 100 were landed on 7th July.

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Force X.

X 13. The French battleship LORRAINE and cruisers DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE arrived at Aden this morning from Suez.

X 14. 50 enemy medium bombers attacked Bizerta at 0400 today. A naval tug was damaged.

Drifting mines.

X 15. The enemy are known to have produced a drifting mine and it is to be expected that the enemy will lay these in waters used exclusively by our shipping. Recent E-Boat activities south and west of Pantellaria suggest that he may have already done this.

East Indies.

16. Greek SS. MICHAEL LIVANOS (4774 tons) Aden for Lourenco Marques, is reported to have been sunk a.m. today 50 miles north of Inhambane, Portuguese East Africa.

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17. Dutch M.V. POELAU ROEBIAH (9251 tons) was torpedoed and sunk at 1830Z today in 17.56 N. 75.57 W. (13 miles east of Morant Point, Jamaica.)

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Australia and New Zealand.

Engagement
in Kula
Gulf.

- X 18. Early this morning a small Allied Task Force of cruisers and destroyers engaged and practically annihilated an enemy force which was trying to slip into Kula Gulf (between Kolombangara and the mainland of New Georgia). At least 9 enemy warships were destroyed. The U.S. light cruiser HELENA was sunk, probably by torpedoes.
- A U.S. cruiser and destroyer Task Force first met 4 or 5 enemy destroyers at 0300M and sank or set them all on fire within 5 minutes. Three or 4 enemy light cruisers were then engaged and within 15 minutes all were destroyed or burning fiercely except one which is believed to have been beached.
- Two destroyers carrying out rescue work on the HELENA located and intercepted an enemy force of one light cruiser and 2 destroyers attempting to escape to the northward; they sank the light cruiser with torpedoes and one destroyer by gunfire, and damaged the other destroyer. The majority of the HELENA's complement were rescued, although enemy submarines and aircraft hindered the work after daybreak.
- A beached destroyer was sighted on the south-east coast of Kolombangara this morning and was attacked by aircraft this morning and again this afternoon, being hit several times by each attack, causing explosions and fires.
- X 19. About midday today 27 escorted medium bombers raided Darwin, causing some damage to grounded aircraft and installations. Spitfires intercepted and there were losses of aircraft on both sides.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Training of Support and L.C.F. Craft. / Your 011342B. para.2. It is intended to organise and train all types of Support Craft and L.C.F. in self-contained flotillas and to group the flotillas in a single Support Group attached to J.3. This differs slightly from proposals in my letter 3007/0500/11 of 15th June which shows a separate Support Group in each assault group. This modification is made to economize staff, facilitate training and in the interest of operational flexibility when the support craft will be attached to units as necessitated by the detailed plan. It is essential that the staff asked for in S.O. Force J's. number 62 of 4th June should be provided.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 062032B to C.C.O. (R) S.O. Force J.).

Movements.

ILLUSTRIOUS Sailed ILLUSTRIOUS on exercises, anchoring Lamlash on completion.
(F.O.I.C. N.I. 060756 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

PHOEBE Your 052103Z. It is preferable that you arrive Morecambe Bay light ship by 1200Z/7th.
(C. in C.W.A. 060945B to PHOEBE).

S/M Movements. Intend sailing SATYR, SCIMITAR from Holyloch 2200B/7 to 180 degs. Bishop Rock 10 miles, E.T.A. 1400B/9 meeting STUBBORN and H.28 and Escort in this R/V.
(2) Thence SATYR South. SCIMITAR, H.28 STUBBORN to Clyde, E.T.A. 2100B/11.
(Capt.S.3. 061037B).

Intend sailing LOCH MONTEITH from Holy Loch at 2325B/7 to 180 degs. Barrahead 10 miles, E.T.A. 2359/8 to R/V with K.14
(2) Thence both vessels to Dundee, E.T.A. 1900/10.
(Capt.S.3. 061427B).

Intend calling at H.H.Z. at 0300B/7. Request sanctuary for VARANGIAN at the same time.

(ALECTO 061706B to Capt.S.12).

Positions of S/Ms. at 0800B/7 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S. 061824B).

Estimated P.C.S. 0800B/7th. of HERRING 056 degs. 17' N. 015 degs. 02' W. 257 degs. 10 knots.

(C. in C.W.A. 062149B to SABRE).

PARRSBORO Alter course forthwith for new position O. 48
WEDGEPORT degs. N. 14 degs. W. thence to M.
QUALICUM (D.O.D.H. 061245B to PARRSBORO, etc.).
M.M.S.10

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A.F.D.19. Your 021819. A.S. Chatham has been requested to
 A.F.D.22. hasten submission of programme of completion of
 A.F.D. XXII.
 (2) Approved to retain A.F.D.XIX at Corpach as
 recommended, in order that refit programme and
 employment of workmen may not be interfered with until repaid
 replacement by A.F.D. XXII can be ensured.
 (3) Presume A.F.D. XXII can be berthed satisfactorily on arrival
 and that local arrangements for exchange of docks and towage of
 A.F.D. XIX to Dunstaffnage at earliest convenience can be made.
 (4) Request confirmation.
 (D. of D. Bath 061410B to F.O.I.C. Glasgow).

JAMAICA Scapa departure JAMAICA.
 (A.C.O.S. 061600B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

CUMBERLAND Scapa departure CUMBERLAND.
 (A.C.O.S. 061753B to F.O.I.C. Tyne).

Operations.

Operations "Musketry" and "Seaslug".
 X Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
 (A/C 172 Sq. Duty C. No T.O.O. 19 Group. Recd. 060003).
 Attack abandoned.
 (A/C 172 Sq. Duty C. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 060010).
 Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
 (A/C W.R.1. Duty O. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 060234).

Have obtained A.S.V. contact.
 (A/C 218 Sq. Duty H. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 060525).
 Attack abandoned.

(A/C 218 Sq. Duty H. No T.O.O. to 19 Group. Recd. 060535).

Sunderland A/C reports as follows. At 1225 in 48 degs. 28' N. 12 degs. 21' W. sighted destroyer Pendant No. G. 90, course 180 degs. speed 25 knots. Height of sighting Z. 500 ft. distance 10 miles starboard beam. Tripod mainmast, flying horizontally barred flag amidships, two bars, top bar red, lower bar white or yellow. No reply received to identification signals although aircraft circled and signalled repeatedly. Photos taken.

(CASTLE ARCHDALE 061835B).

My 021845B July. Following additional areas are established.

(a) "Musketry" South East. Between 045 degs. N. and 043 degs. 10' N. and between 008 degs. 30' W. and 010 degs. W. excluding Spanish territorial waters.

(b) "Musketry" South West. Between 044 degs. 30' N. and 042 degs. 30' N. and between 010 degs. W. and 012 degs. W.

(2) Additional R/V positions established.

(P) 044 degs. 30' N. 009 degs. 15' W. (Q) 043 degs. 50' N. 009 degs. 15' W. (R) 043 degs. 10' N. 011 degs. 00' W.

(3) Escort group 2 and Group B One are to operate in area "Musketry" South East and South West respectively from tomorrow.

(4) Para.9. of message quoted for 009 degs. 30' W. read 008 degs. 30' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth 061915B to E.G.2., B.1.).

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Operations "Forfar". X "Forfar Beer" returned. No landings made owing to sighting of enemy trawler near coast. No casualties.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 060530 to C. in C. Portsmouth).
"Forfar Dog". Partially successful. No prisoners taken, no casualties, no enemy killed.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 060750B to C. in C. Portsmouth).
My 052346B. "Forfar" How" will not be carried out tonight.
(V.A. Dover 061532B to M.T.B.24, LYNX).

Coastal Force Patrols. Your 051341B. "Limited" returned 0530B. "Obstacle" returned 0717B.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 060738B to C. in C. Plymouth).
(1) Two Destroyers of Elbing Class may leave Boulogne Southward tonight.
(2) HOLDERNESS, LE COMBATTANTE, GLAISDALE to patrol on Latitude 50 degs. 20' N. between 00 degs. 10' W. and 00 degs. 45' W, passing E.A.3 Buoy outward at 2300 and inward at 0430. If ordered to intercept, force is to proceed and return through passage four vide my O/0221/94 of 8th June, 1943.
(3) Western end of area 2C in that memo, south of Q.Z.X.771 is now probably mined.
(6) M.G.B. 611, 615 short notice at Newhaven.
(7) M.L. 346, 124 to patrol searched channel between F and E A 5 Buoys.
(8) Chasseur 41 at St. Helens.
(9) M.Ls. 123, 182, 245 from Portland Patrol on 50 degs. 20' N. between 2 degs. 00' W. and 2 degs. 25' W.
(10) Communications. (A) Destroyers codeword "Advent". (B) M.T.Bs. Codeword "Jovial".
(C) M.G.Bs. if ordered to sea codeword "Service".
(E) Portland M.L. Patrol. Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth 061311B and 062242B).
(1) Force B. M.G.Bs. 323, 331, 325 are to Patrol 2 miles 090 degs. and 270 degs. from 205 degs. Eddystone 6 miles.
(2) Leave Plymouth passing Gate 2145B. Leave Patrol 0445B for Plymouth.
(3) Codeword "Limited". (4) Force D. M.G.Bs. 80, 112 are to patrol 2 miles 090 degs. and 270 degs. from 180 degs. Prawle Point 8.
(5) Codeword "Stencil", (6) Force E. M.Ls. 491, 118 are to patrol 3 miles 090 degs. and 270 degs. from 097 degs. Start 13.
(7) Codeword "Obstacle". (8) Forces D and E are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0445B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 061447B).
M.Ls. 275 and 293 patrolling in Dungeness East Roads.
(V.A. Dover 061721).

S/M Patrols. SYRTIS left Lerwick 0915B/6 090 degs. Muckle Flugga 10 miles, thence direct to patrol in vicinity of position XX 063 degs. 00' N. 004 degs. 00' E. proceeding unescorted and on surface at C.Os. discretion to 062 degs. N. thence diving as much as possible.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 060919B).
SEADOG proceed by route "Pink" to patrol vicinity 065 degs. N. 003 degs. E. until further directions.
(F.O.S. 061118B to S/MS.).

/RUBIS....

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RUBIS leaves patrol zone J.5. so as to pass through position X 045 degs. N. 006 degs. W. at 1200/11th thence by route "Gold" to R/V with escort in position Y 180 degs. Lizard Head 12 miles at 0600B/15th for onward escort to Portsmouth as arranged by Capt, (S) 5th.
(F.O.S. 061123B to S/Ms.).

My 302132 as amended by my 031211. Request you sail SATYR for zone J.2.

(F.O.S. 061224B to Capt.S.3.).

SEADOG very approx. 67 degs. 50' N. 06 degs. 48' E. probably on surface to patrol vicinity 65 degs. N. 03 degs. E.
CURIE on patrol vicinity 64 degs. 20' N. 00 degs. 55' E.
SYRTIS on patrol vicinity 63 degs. N. 04 degs. E.
SEANYMPH on patrol near 45 degs. 50' N. 04 degs. 28' W.
RUBIS in South East corner of Bay of Biscay probably moving to patrol in rough vicinity 44 degs. 35' N. 04 degs. 05' W.
(F.O.S. 061824B to Admty.).

BERWICK
NORFOLK
SCORPION.

X Hvalfiord Departures. BERWICK, NORFOLK, and SCORPION at 1855B. Your 052219 refers.
(A.C.I.C. 061958B to C. in C.H.F.).

Allied Air Activity.Bomber
Command
operations.

X On night 4th/5th. 13 A/C laid Mines. On night 5th/6th 3 A/C bombed Hamburg and 30 A/C laid mines.
(H.Q.B.C. 061515B).

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland

One unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 30 miles north of Eyjafiordur at 1418 course N. E. Sighted from Raufarhofn 066 degs. 27' N. 015 degs. 55' W. at 1440 and from Bakkafiordur 066 degs. 01', 014 degs. 50', at 1500, course S.E.
(A.C.I.C. 061700B to Admty.).

DON
attacked on
4th July.

British S.S. DON bombed by Focke Wolf in 066 degs. 22' N. 021 degs. 43' W. at 2200/4.
2 Bombs dropped but neither exploded. One missed ahead and one penetrated bow and lodged in lamp-locker causing no casualties.
Bomb safety Officer boarded vessel of Reykjavik and bomb was dumped in deep water without incident.
(A.C.I.C. 062009B to Admty.).

Jan
Mayen.

Following from Jan Mayen A/C heard 04.10 North of Island, Easterly course. Focke-Wolf 200 crossing S.E. of Defence Area 0912/0930, disappearing towards S.W. 0935.
(A.C.I.C. 062016B to Admty.).

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Q.L.9B. (A) Area enclosed by lines joining 052 degs. 11' 00" N. 004 degs. 10' 30" E. 052 degs. 10' 20" 004 degs. 10' 00", 052 degs. 10' 40" 004 degs. 09' 00" 052 degs. 11' 00", 004 degs. 09' 30".
(B) M.G.Bs. 65, 64, 63 and 61.
(C) 0236/6th. (E) 16 in numbers A. S.Y. B. 219, P.D.M. 1 each at 6, 4 and 2 each at 7, 8, 9, 10, 2, 3 and 5. Completed Q.L.9B. (BEEHIVE 060909B to Admty.).

Q.Z.X.1022 Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, PORCHER, ROCHET, ULVA, FIR, M.L.229, FINESSE, LOCH PARK, and NEAVE, to commence check sweep from Northern edge of Q.Z.X. 1022.
(GWEAL 061507B to C. in C Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Ship possibly LUTZOW or GRAF ZEPPELIN with air Main escort steering southwards in 072 degs. 55' N. Unit. 016 degs. 50' E. at 0900B.
(SEADOG 061045B to Admty. (R) C. in C.H.F., F.O.(S))

U-Boats.

U-Boats D/F bearings at 0226Z indicate U-Boat within 100 reported. miles of 48.30 N. 24 W.
(D.D.I.C. 060531B to QUEEN ELIZABETH).
O.15 reports that at 0153 on 23rd June in 64 degs. 40' N. 001 degs. 30' W. sighted object possibly periscope and subsequently obtained asdic contact but no H.E.
(2) At 2205 same day 5 miles south of above position heard H.E. but sighting nothing.
(F.O.(S) 061617B to Admty.).
One S/M on surface 055 degs. 49' N. 026 degs. 55' W. course 170 degs. dived before attacked. Being hunted. S/M transmitted B barred on series 7. Weather 5481, 2021.
(BITER 062159Z to Admty. C. in C.W.A.).

Casualties and Defects.

DAVID J. BREWER. Your 052353B. My P.C.S. at 0001Z/6th 055 degs. 40' N. 008 degs. 20' W. 284 degs. 18. E.T.A. 1600Z/6th.
(SABRE, 060133B to C. in C.W.A.).
Aircraft report position of DAVID J. BREWER 0116B/6th, 056 degs. 48' N. 017 degs. 41' W. drifting south-east $\frac{3}{4}$ knots.
(C. in C.W.A. 060627B to SAKER, (R) GRIPER).
Cancel 060133 groups 46. Passed to you for GRIPER.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 060750B to Admty.).
DAVID J. BREWER broke down in 056 degs. 48' N. 017 degs. 41' W. drifting S.E. of Port Patrick at 0116B/6th. SABRE and GRIPER are proceeding to assist.
(C. in C.W.A. 061149B to Escorts O.N.S. 12.).

/NEWARK...

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NEWARK Intend to sail NEWARK to pass Sleet boom at 2115B tomorrow to arrive Newport for refit at 1100B/9. S.O.A. 13 knots. NEWARK'S speed is limited to 14 knots by defective bearing. (Commodore M. 061440B to N.O.I.C. Newport).

Dinghy American aircraft reports sighting yellow aircraft dinghy in 044 degs. 40' N. 010 degs. 48' W. at 1043/5th. (C. in C. Plymouth 061831B to E.G.2.).

UNTAMED Following received from Cdr. S.3.
(A) Evacuation completed. Acworth and Welfoot positively identified. Both found in P.O's. mess deck. Water-tight doors into tube space and aft into crew space found open.
(B) All compartments forward of wardroom were flooded. Apparently cause was accidental flooding of fore end through Otway log.
Detailed particulars of condition of S/M.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 062131 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

ROLFSJARL My 061713 sailed. Route.
(2) E.T.A. Scrabster 2359B/10.
(A.C.I.C. 062322B).

Shipping and Convoys.

O.N.191 Inconclusive D/F bearings at 2017Z/5th, indicate
S.C.135 U-Boat may be in vicinity of either convoy and have reported it.
(D.D.I.C. 060010B to Escorts O.N.191, S.C.135, E.G.1. TAY).
A.M. 060010B. U-Boat transmitted probable sighting report at 2312Z and 2321Z. Inconclusive bearings indicate general vicinity of convoys.
(D.D.I.C. 060155B to Escorts O.N. 191, S.C.135, E.G.1. TAY).
Your 062245B. At least one S/M in contact. Intend to retain TAY until tomorrow unless you order otherwise.. Weather 6481, 1361.
(B.7. 062210Z to C. in C.W.A. (R) Escorts S.C.135).
My 041518B. If you have not already done so detach TAY now.
(C. in C.W.A. 062245B to B.7.).

W.S.32A. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA is to be included in Convoy W.S.32. (A).
(2). She will embark to full capacity in Liverpool on 19/7 and should then proceed to Tail of the Bank to arrive on 21/7.
(D.S.T. 060303B).

/My...

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- W.S.32A.
(Contd.). My 030220B. Convoy W.S.32 (A) is now required to be ready to sail from Clyde 22/7 and not 19/7.
(2) In addition to G.1. it is now proposed to include from Clyde ANTENOR and JOHAN DE WITT.
(3) All above vessels will embark to full capacity at Tail of the Bank.
(D.S.T. 060306B).
- O.N.S.C.12.
Straggler Admiralty's 041340B/May. Stragglers return for week ending 0900B/6. O.N.S.C.12, W.S. FARISH main engine defects.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde 060915B to Admty.).
- CALIFORNIA Intend sail CALIFORNIA, DUCHESS OF YORK, and ^{MOYOLA} PORT FAIRY pass Clyde Boom 1200B/8th to R/V MAGOLA and DOUGLAS in 270 degs. Oversay 6 miles at 2100B/8, thence in accordance with A.M. 031415B. E.T.A. Freetown 2000Z/17. ^{1 p 80}
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 060956B).
Admiralty 031415B. Intend sailing IROQUOIS 0800B/9th to R/V with DOUGLAS, MOYOLA and convoy at 2000B/10th in position (R) 047 degs. 11' N. 015 degs. 23' W.
2. IROQUOIS to provide additional escort to 040 degs. North and then to return Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 061807B to Admty.). *See also p 209*
- W.P.366 and W.P.Convoys. Cancel my 281041B June.
(2) F.O.I.C. Cardiff and F.O.I.C. Milford Haven are requested to sail W.P.366 and future convoys at 0900 on odd dates this month. Direct to destination.
(C. in C. Plymouth 061111B).
- BEACON HILL. Your 050845. Arrived.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 061245B to S.B.N.O. Archangel).
- T.A.54 S.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH will be ready to leave Clyde p.m.10th July.
(2) F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship to Halifax by route which will be signalled by Admiralty.
(D.O.D.H. 061511B to C. in C.W.A.).
- H.X.245 My 1719/31st January, 1942. H.X.245 S.S. ROGER WILLIAMS for Southampton carries valuable general cargo. Request you will arrange special protection. Category III.
(D.T.D. 061746B to C. in C. Plymouth, Portsmouth, F.O.I.C. Milford Haven).

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Shipping and Convoys. - Contd.

U.R.81

U.R.81 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Iceland 061805B).

Spare
D/C
stowage.

D.3/E. O.SO./3. It has been decided that in future no depth charge stowage is to be fitted in any vessel forward of the centre castle.
(2) Names of vessels already fitted with stowage forward of this position should be reported to Trade Division Admiralty as soon as possible after when decision will be made regarding removal of such stowage.
(D.T.D 061946B).

A.T.54

QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 062034B to Cominch).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

- G.U.S.9. G.U.S.9 sailed as in my 021012 and 301757 plus ATHEL DUCHESS (T). (F.O. Gibraltar, 060800B to C.M.S.F.F. (R) Admty etc.)
- G.U.S.9. RUFUS W. PECKHAM did not sail. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061044B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- G.U.S.9. Arrived THOMAS H. BENTON with engine trouble. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061145B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- M.K.S.16. Arrived (11 ships). (F.O. Gibraltar, 060944B to C. in C. Med. etc.)
- CORRIENTES. My R/S 263/43 June 24th. Confirm CORRIENTES presented to Spaniards. Please see H.M. Ambassador's telegram 1475 Arfar number to Foreign Office. (A.N.A. Madrid, 061021B to Admty)
- N.I.D.Comment. German SS. CORREINTES, interned at Las Palmas has been given by Germans to Spanish Government in exchange for Spanish SS. MONTE GORBEA, sunk by submarine. CORRIENTES has long been suspected of unneutral activities in connection with supplies of food and oil to enemy submarines and, at Admiralty instigation, representations were recently again made by F.O. to Spanish Government to move ship to Inner Harbour and to have Spanish guards placed on board at night.
- Dispositions. Situation 1957B/6th.
G.U.S.9, WELLINGTON 035° 43' 007° 27' through 035° 42' 007° 31' 034° 05' 008° 28' where Casablanca Section (C.T.F.61) R/V at 0800B/7th thence through 034° (258') 009° 05' thence to 295° 9.
(2) S/M P.239 (SURF) 042° 52' 009° 28' through 042° 01' 010° 01' at 0600/7th thence 180° 8/2. (3) SIMOUN, L'ALCYON. (?) merchant ships, 034° 39' 007° 11' through 035° 45' 006° 22' to Gibraltar 7. (4) G.C.21 ANNAMITE 035° 46' 006° 28' through 035° 45' 006° 30' and 035° 05' 008° 03' to Casablanca 7. (5) K.M.F.19 EMERALD, WANDERER 037° 57' 012° 24' through 036° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 12½. EMERALD parts company in 036° 01' 010° 01' to continue to Casablanca. (6) Hospital ship AMARAPOORA 037° 44' 012° 06' through 036° 01' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 16½. (7) P.C.471 CHASSEUR 2, 2 merchant ships 034° 31' 007° 17' through 035° 45' 006° 23' to Gibraltar 9. (8) ACTIVE sails Gibraltar 0800/7th through Q.K.A.87 thence to patrol off Vila Real 20. (9) T.O.6, U.S. Destroyer ROPER passes Europa Point 0200/7th through Q.K.A.87, 035° 50' 006° 28' 034° 04' 008° 12' (?--) Casablanca Section R/V 035° 58' 009° 02' thence 246° 15½. (10) G.C.22 P.C.'s 482 480 sail Gibraltar 0800/7th through 035° 45' 006° 30' thence 217° 8. (11) (?TF) 8 GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT sailed 2000B/6th through 035° 45' 006° 30' and 035° 40' 008° 59' thence 213° 12½. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061021B)

Add /...

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- Dispositions (Contd.) Add new para. 12 to my 061021. HAARLEM, GRENADIER, sailing Gibraltar 0100/7th to R/V with merchant ship off Chipiona Light and Escort direct Cape St. Vincent thence coastwise to Lisbon 8.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061657B)
- Situation Report for Area X.B. Situation 1959B/6th.
(2) R.S.7 NESS 026° 28' 015° 55' through 023° 46' 017° 46' thence 183° 13½. (3) X.K.10, NARVIK, 041° 15' 012° 01' 000° 7½. (see 062355). (5) S.L.132 KEPPEL 027° 05' 014° 31' through 027° 33' 014° 01' thence 036° 7.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061127B)
- Add new paras. (6) and (7) to my 061127.
O.R.P.ORKAN 044° 47' 012° 22' through 043° 10' 012° 45' 040° 00' 012° 45' and 036° 30' 010° 10' to Gibraltar 25.
Amend para. 3 to read X.K.10, NARVIK. A. 040° 38' 011° 59' through 042° 10' 012° 01' and 043° 01' 013° 10' thence 000° 7½.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 062355)
- Situation for Area 'Y' at 062001B. U.S. S/M BARB 040° 27' 028° 13' through 040° 01' 029° 02' thence 220° 10/2½. (2) U.S. S/M BLACKFISH 039° 08' 024° 17' 245° 10/2½.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061153B)
- EMERALD. E.T.A. Casablanca 14(?00) Z 7th.
Request pilot (??). Acknowledge.
(EMERALD, 071027B to C.M.S.F. Casablanca, (R) F.O.I.C.Gibraltar)
- Lights. 3 bright flickering yellow lights sighted on surface by B.O.A.C. A/C in 045° 00' North 009° 50' W. at 0025 G.M.T.5th*.
(N.A. Lisbon, 061034B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty.) * Time amended to 0103 G.M.T.6th
(N.A. Lisbon, 071037B)
- My 061034 Capt. of Aircraft reports lights referred to were shown by ship steering course 300° proceeding at high speed and showing white ensign.
(N.A.Lisbon, 061300B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty)
- K.M.S.20. List, destinations.
(C. in C. W.A. 061059Z to F.O. Gibraltar)
- B.Y.M.S. Arrived today 5 B.Y.M.S. as follows, 20, 12, 13 plus 11 towing 28.
(C.M.S.F.F. 061105Z to Comar Dakar)
- R.S.8. Intend to sail R.S.8 consisting of TAMOROA and R.F.A. FORTOL at 2000B/6th July for Freetown escorted by GORLESTON and LOWESTOFT. Route. S. of A. 12½ knots, Codeword "Herald".
(2) First two letters Convoy W/T Call sign ZA.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 061117 to F.O.C.W.A.)

R.S.8 /...

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

- R.S.8 (Contd.) R.S.8 sailed as in my 061115 (?061117 intended) (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 062112B)
- G.C.21. G.C.21 sailed as in my 051612B. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061126B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- X.K.10. X.K.10 on crossing 42° N. alter course for new L. 43° N. 13° W. new M. 50° N 13° W. Onward route follows. (D.O.D.(F), 061308B to NARVIK, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C., YORK CITY)
- S.L.132, U/B. 1 S/M reported by aircraft bearings 042° distance 15 miles course unknown, my position $026^{\circ} 26' 015^{\circ} 09'$. (2) Convoy altered to 357° (3) KEPPEL hunting. (KEPPEL, 061337Z to F.O. Gibraltar)
- E.G.42. F.O.C.W.Af's 051722. Escort Group 42 is urgently required at Freetown and should not be further delayed. (D.O.D.(F), 061344B to F.O. Gibraltar (R) F.O.C.W.A.)
- GENEROSO. Swiss GENEROSO 1437 G.T. speed $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots, National Colours and "Switzerland" on Hull, sailed 1440/6th for Genoa by approved route. Not to be molested this voyage. (F.O.Gibraltar, 061452B to S. and A.)
- U/B. Following read by Plymouth W/T: Addressed A.O.C.19 Group, 19 Group H.Q. (R) A/C(L) and A/C (Q) 179 Squadron. U/B reported $39^{\circ} 28' N. 14^{\circ} 26' W.$ (Gibraltar, 061505B)
- T.O.6. (1) Sailing telegram, part 1. This is a re-encipherment of my 061515. (2) 1100A/7. (3) (K) $34.04 N.$ in E.P.O. $8.12 W.$ 1500A/7. (P) $33.58 09.02 1800A/7 13\frac{1}{2}$. (4) 10 West 2200A/7, $26.53 W.$ 0300A/11, (corrupt groups) $20 W.$ 1800A/9. (5) (Route). (6) Taskfor 21.5, U.S.S. ROPER, LEA, DECATUR. (Commorseafon, 061516, 061518 to C.A.F.A.C.) Addition (080345)
- UNIVERSAL. Arrival. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061601 to Admty)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic (Contd.)

G.U.S.9. (1) Sailing Telegram part 1, (This is a re-encipherment of my 061600). (2) 0001A/7. (3) (Q) 34.05 N. 08.28 W. 0700A/7. (AA) 34.58 N. 09.05 W. 1400A/7 9 knots. (4) 10 West 2000A/7 47 W. 0200A/16 radio shift 0600A/10. (5) Route to Norfolk. (6) Taskfor 61, LIVERMORE (group missing) EBERLE, ERICSSON, MCCORMICK, ENDICOTT, PARROTT, PILOT, PREVAIL, MERRIMACK. (AO) Taskgroup 21.11 SANTEL, MACLEISH, BAINBRIDGE, OVERTON. (Commorseafron, 061603Z, 061705Z to P.D.Norfolk.) Amended by 081022 q.v.
G.U.S.9. THOMAS H. BENTON sailed to overtake. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 062115B to C.M.S.F.F.)

A/S
Patrol.

An anti U-Boat patrol by submarines is being established in the area between 35° and 41° N. and 24° and 34° W. from 17th July until further orders.

(D.O.D.(H), Approved V.C.N.S. 061609B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C. (R) F.O.(S))

M.K.S.16.

My 031633B, add FORT ST. JAMES, EMPIRE GUINIVERE, Tug ABEILLE IV. Delete CLEARPOOL. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061616B to Admty) M.K.S.16. Your 051757. Sailing destinations. (D.T.D. 061944B to F.O. Gibraltar)

ORKAN.

Onward route from (C) through (D), All following positions are North and West unless otherwise indicated. 040° 01' 012° 45' (E) 036° 30' 010° 01'. (F) 035° 47' 006° 25' and Q.K.A. 87 to Gibraltar.

(F.O.Gibraltar, 061715B to ORKAN.)

My 051847. Request your discretion as to number of bodies that can be embarked in ORKAN without impairing fighting efficiency should this point arise, conferring if necessary with H.E. The Governor as to priorities.

(D.O.D.(H), 061938B to F.O. Gibraltar)

P.C. and S. of X.K.10 at 2000B/6th July 041° 23' N. 012° 00' W. 000° 7½ knots. On crossing 042° N. X.K.10 altered course for 043° N. 013° W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 062101B to O.R.P. ORKAN (R) Ships escorting X.K.10 C. in C. W.A., Admty, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

U/B's.

Indefinite D/F bearings on 10310 K/cs at 1348Z and 1417Z indicate one or two U/B's within 150 miles of 42° 30' N. 13° W.

(D.D.I.C. 061716B to Escorts of X.K.10. CHARYBDIS, E.G.2 (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic. - Contd.WELLINGTON,
ABERDEEN,
SHIPPIGAN,
TADOUSSAC,
LADY
HOGARTH.

WELLINGTON and ABERDEEN are to enter Casablanca on R/V with Casablanca section G.U.S.9 being made. (2) Commorseafon is requested to sail them to Freetown on completion of fuelling. (3) SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH are to proceed Gibraltar as in para. 8 of my memorandum S.O.0056/43 dated 5th July. (F.O. Gibraltar, 061751B to WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN, SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH (R) Commorseafon, C. in C. Med., F.O.C. W.Af.)

ANGELO.

Following is a repetition of my 141421 June not to Admiralty (Begins): Addressed C. in C. Med. (R) C.S. Gibraltar, from F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. The alterations and additions required by para. 3 of A.M.300134 (Re alterations and additions to make ANGELO suitable for V.S.I.S.) could not be carried out at Gibraltar in addition to existing commitments (Ends) (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 061906B to Admty etc.)

BORDSEE.

Telegram 117 July 6th. Arrived fifth 2330 hours to load Iron Ore. (Consul Bilbao, 061935 to M.E.W.)

Attack
on U/B by
U.S.
Catalina.

Sub. first sighted surfacing 1435A at 26.45 N. 14.35 W. Four D.C. dropped, last two straddled stern. Made second straffing run. Sub. submerged at 1502A. 26.49 N. 14.32 W. Circled area for approx. one hour and returned to (Base?). Escort reported contacting sub. again, four wounded one fatality E.J. Gibson 6580797. ((?) Gibraltar, 061947Z to ? Admty) See also 062300, 071700.

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals LOWESTOFT from Huelva. French BASQUE, FORBIN, LA FORTUNE with M.K.S.16 departures H.M. Tugs WEAZEL, EMPIRE MINNOW, HUDSON to join K.M.S. 19. U.S. Ships LAKEHURST, PILOT, MCCORMICK, PREVAIL to join G.U.S.9. French ANNAMITE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ with G.C.21. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 062056B to Admty etc.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

Warships today French SIMOUN and L'ALCYON out for Gibraltar 5 B.Y.M.S. arrived. (Commorseafon, 062221C to C. in C. Med.)

Air
Report.

W.X.28570. Daily Opsum No.247. Ref. Opsum 246, 5 July U-Boat swirl sighted by Hudson B/233 at 1640B/5 35. 27 N. 08.21 W. Now thought to have been whale. U.S. Cat. (PBY.5A) (Agadir) on escort to C/VSL 132 attacked U-Boat 26.45 N. 14.35 W. course 030/11 knots. Message received 061655B No. T.O.O. U.S. Liberator (B.24) (Port Lyautey) attacked U-Boat on surface at 1515B/6 39.28 N. 14.26 W. Course unknown speed 15 knots. Only 1 of 4 D.C.'s armed. Periscope believed damaged. (A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 062300Z to Air Min.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

STRATHAIRD,
STRATHMORE.

My 020257B/June para. 2.
Intend that STRATHAIRD and STRATHMORE should
turn round at Durban to be used for on-carriage
of personnel to India. C. in C. S.A.'s 301326B
June refers.
(D. of S.T. 060304B to P.S.T.O. Capetown.)

NORMAN,
signal
interference.

Your 041853B (A) Confirmed. (B) 30 to 50 kc/s
rough estimate only. (C) Yes. Interference
ceased at same as echo entered second wave and
was obtained only within a few degrees of bearing
of maximum echo. By training off interference
was lost before echo. (D) Yes.

Remarks above are based on investigation by Port Radar Officer
Durban.

(NORMAN 060830B to Admt.)

U/B's.

Enemy disposition No. 004.
(1) At 0401Z/6th one German U/B within 100 miles
018° 30' S. 040° 00' E.
(2) British Ship JASPER PARK torpedoed in 032°
52' S. 042° 15' E. early today 6th.
(C. in C. S.A. 060927Z to Situation report 'E')

SOUTHERN
GEM.

Sail with O.S.50 report P.C. and S.
(F.O.C.W.A. 060938Z to SOUTHERN GEM (R) S.O.
E.G. 38.)

ETHIOPIAN

Arrivals p.m. 5th July. H.M. Boom Carrier
ETHIOPIAN.
(S.O.I. Freetown 061000Z to C. in C. S.A.)

Dispositions.

Situation 2002Z. 6th July.
DESPATCH, CORFU, WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND (?BLACKMORE)
BULLDOG should be with W.S.31 (? 007°) 06' 014°
54' 180°. TRUSTY, BRIDGEWATER, CORINTHIAN,
BOADICEA, PETUNIA, ST. WISTAN, TURCOMAN, BUTSER, DUNCTON with
T.S.46 004° 52' 009° 49' 300° 7.
KELAVATI, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, SNOWDROP, ARMERIA,
ORFASY with S.T.71. 003° 54' 004° 39' 084° 9.
CILICIA on patrol about 004° 01' S. 018° 20' 14.
PICT, M.L.265 escorting off Marshall to Freetown 5.
M.Ls. 256, 289 off Marshall, RAPID(?O.R.P.BURZA), WITCH with C.T.
C., 005° 05' 002° 05' E. to 005° 20' 003° 15' E. thence Lagos 12.
M.L. 296 off Port Bouet. SARABANDE off Accra M.Ls. 1006, 1018
off Cotonou.

(F.O.C.W.A. 061100Z.)

Situation at 2004Z/6th.

NESS with R.S.7 026° 04' 016° 11' through 023° 46' 017° 46'
thence 212° 13½. M.L.266, 3 M.Ls. with R.S.6 023° 59' 018° 19'
through 023° 45' 018° 32' thence 180° 10.

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Dispositions. MORRIS DANCE, LADY DENISON PENDER, COPINSAY, 019° 40' 022° 23' 040° 16 miles per day DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN off Dakar 320° 10. EXE with R.S.5 013° 46' 018° 19' through 010° 30' 017° 30' thence 108° 15. ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, COREOPSIS, VIOLET, COLUMBINE, ANCHUSA with O.S.50, 009° 59' 018° 26' through 009° 18' 014° 35' thence Freetown 8½. (?Gib.) S/M. LE CENTAURE, AIR FRANCE I, 010° 01' 015° 37' through 009° 30' 014° 24' at 0200Z/7th thence 0.13. (F.O.C.W.A. 061217Z.)

O.S.51,
K.M.S.20.

(A) 1400Z/5. (C) E.G. 39 ROCHESTER (H/F D/F) AZALEA, COLTSFOOT, GERANIUM, MIGNONETTE, BALSAM additional escort PALOMARES. Rescue Tug PROSPEROUS. Combined codeword "Parole". K.M.S.20 "Muster". R.F.A. DINGLEDALE escort oiler. (C. in C. W.A. 061106Z to F.O.C. W.Af., F.O. Gib. (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. Med., S.O.I., Capetown)

Dakar
approach.

My 291717+ and QLA 193. North Channel may now be considered sufficiently safe for all classes of ships subject to minesweepers remaining available for routine sweeping.
2. Details of channel and instructions for ships entering.
(Comar, Dakar, 061118Z.)
+ Areas considered dangerous owing to enemy minelaying.

EXE
O.S.50.

From position 010° 30' N. 017° 30' W. proceed Freetown through position Q, 009° 30' N. 014° 20' W. omitting position O. and P. Adjust speed to arrive Freetown at 0700Z/8.
(F.O.C.W.A. 061118Z to EXE, (R) Admty., Ships escorting convoy O.S.50.)

JASPER
PARK,
torpedoed.

Following received on 12685 kc/s from GA4VT-V.D K Q (JASPER PARK) 32.52 S. 42.15 E. Torpedoed.
(Simonstown, 061130.)
See East Indies.

W.S.31.

Departure 0827Z/6th. DESPATCH, CORFU, FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, WOLVERINE, take over W.S.31.
(S.O.I. Freetown, 061221Z to C. in C. S.A.)

VERNON
CITY
(torp. 28/6)

My 051725. Governor Paraiba telegraphs that survivors number 53, comprise entire crew, and arrived Cabedello early yesterday 5th, and that according to Captain ship was torpedoed at 0230 F time 28th off coast Recife by German S/M.

/Crew ...

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VERNON
CITY
(torp.28/6.) Crew expect to arrive Recife tonight.
(R.O. Recife, 061235Z to Admty (R) B.N.S.O.
Rio de Janeiro, S.O.I. Freetown.)

AMAZON,
BURZA,
BEAGLE. F.O.C.W.Africa's 032010.
Approved to sail AMAZON to join Gib. Escort
Force. (2) No relief is at present available
from home. If AMAZON proves suitable to operate
from Gib. F.O.I.C. Gib. is requested to provide
F.O.C.W.Af. with a temporary relief.
(3) BURZA must return to U.K. in S.L.134. (4) BEAGLE sails
in W.S.32 to join F.O.C.W.Af's Command.
(D.O.D.(F), 061347B to F.O.C.W.A., F.O. Gib.)

PELOTAS-
LOIDE,
(sunk 4/7) My 051819, PELOTASLOIDE torpedoed and sunk 1700Z
4th July 5 miles north of Salinas Point.
(B.N.S.O.Rio de Janeiro, 061419Z to Admty)

W.S.31. Sailing telegram (12 ships and QUERCY).
(2) 07(?30) 6th July. (3) Nil. (4) Knots 13
to position G thereafter 12½. (5) (Route)
HIGHLAND MONARCH, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, ARAWA and
STAFFORDSHIRE under escort of RAPID, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE will R/V
and join convoy in approx. position G. at 1300Z/11th.
RANGITIKI will be detached at approx. 1330/7th in approx 003° 15' N
014° 54' W. to proceed independently at best speed to Montevideo.
(6) DESPATCH S.O. CORFU, FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE,
WOLVERINE.
(N.C.S.O.Freetown, 061420Z, 061425Z)
W.S.31. Ref. my 061425, amend destination of QUERCY to
read Pointe Noire.
(N.C.S.O.Freetown, 062105Z to Admty)

RANGITIKI. Following ship sailing in W.S.31 will be detached
in approx. 04.10 N. 12.37 W. at dusk on 6th
July to proceed independently. RANGITIKI
Montevideo 19 July First "Chop" 9th July,
Second "Chop" 11 July. All positions south and east (A)
06.40 ?13.10 (B) 18.00 28.15 (C) 27.48 40.00 (D) 35.12 53.36
(E) Lobos Island. Knots (A) 12½ (B) 14.
(N.C.S.O.Freetown, 061427Z to Admty)

DOMINION
MONARCH. Your 051234. D. of S.T. confirms that delay to
DOMINION MONARCH is acceptable.
(D.O.D.(F), 061509B to C. in C. S.A.)

U.S.A.T. Following is a repetition of my 030954 (Begins)
Arrival 2nd July U.S. Army Transport H.F. ALEX-
ANDER.
(N.C.S.O.Capetown, 061541B to Admty etc.)

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Attacks
on U/B's.

My 2027/25 Nov. Following assessments have been made: -

Date	Ship or A/C.	Position.	Assessment.
28.3.43	Hudson Z/200	25° 20' N. 16° 00' W.	F
29.3.43	French Hudson AVNC/200	22° 50' N. 16° 32' W.	E
29.3.43	Hudson G/200	22° 56' N. 17° 46' W.	F
30.3.43	Hudson Z/200	19° 40' N. 17° 30' W.	F
31.3.43	Hudson H/200	20° 27' N. 20° 40' W.	F
2.5.43	Hudson G/200	19° 03' N. 17° 56' W.	G.

D.A/U,D, 061603B to F.O.C.W.A.)

STAFFORD-
SHIRE,
ARAWA.

Your 052124. W.S.31. Concur.
(D.O.D.(F), 061637B to F.O.C.W.A.)

SELANDIA,
Flare.

At 1630 standard time of G.M.T. sighted red flare 026° 15' S. 039° 31' E.
(SELANDIA via Burnham W/T, 061700 to Cdre. Durban,
(R) Admty, C. in C. W.A.)

Movements,
Takoradi.

Arrival 6th July (?BURDOCK), M.L's 244 and 266.
Departure 6th July BURDOCK escorting 2 M.V's to 004° 49' N. 000° 20' E. thence return Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 061855Z to Admty etc.)

EMPIRE
CADET.

Understand water carrier EMPIRE CADET is under Admiralty instructions to proceed Congo.
F.O.C.W.A.F's 301623 June and Admty 021525 July refer.
(D.S.T.O. W.A. 061931Z to D.S.T.)

EMPIRE
KOHINOOR
(torp.2/7)

EMPIRE KOHINOOR torpedoed in 006° 20' N. 016° 30' W. at 2320Z/2nd July. One boat recovered in 008° 10' N. 014° 11' W. at 1300Z/6th.
Two other boats believed to be to East and South-west.
(F.O.C.W.A. 061955Z to Ships in area P.2, P.3)

QUERCY.

W.S.31. Ref. my 061425. Amend destination of QUERCY to read Pointe Noire.
(N.C.S.O.Freetown, 062105Z to Admty)

ELORN.

Commorseafron states French Admty. request instructions for French tanker ELORN, now at Dakar.
(F.O.C.W.A. 062108Z to Admty)

CROCUS. /...

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CROCUS.

Cancel my 031846 (Intend to sail CROCUS to U.K. in S.L.133 for refit). CROCUS will be sailing in S.L.134. This is necessary due to heavy escort commitments before arrival of E.G.42. (F.O.C.W.A. 062111Z, 071010Z to Admty)

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ALBA JULIA,
orders to
S/Ms.

Look out for ALBA JULIA probably leaving Piraeus today Tuesday for Dardanelles. Anticipate her escort will return with tanker. My 050121 refers (?050112 intended).

RORQUAL, congratulations on your D.S.O. (Capt. S.I., 060004C to RORQUAL, TRIDENT, P.339 (TAURUS) (R) C. in C. Levant). My 050121 (?050112 intended). Two targets expected to enter Aegean 0700C/7th. Good luck. Worth 6 torpedoes. (Capt. S.I., 061744C to RORQUAL, P.339 (TAURUS) TRIDENT).

G.U.S.9

Ships in your 051635 should be sailed in G.U.S.9 unless orders to contrary are received from Cominch.

2. Cominch is requested to issue orders for these ships to detach from convoy and proceed independently if considered appropriate.

(C. in C. Med., (A), 060015B to Commorseafon (R) F.O.C. Gibraltar, Cominch, Comnavaw).

A.S.V.

Have obtained A.S.V. contact in position 41.00 N. 9.52 E.

(A/C APO/A 060105B).

My 0105B. Have lost touch with enemy.

(A/C APO/A 060125B).

Enemy Units.

Have obtained A.S.V. contact.

(A/C HUT/C via Alexandria, 060210B).

My 0210, have obtained A.S.V. contact in 40.16 N. 10.18 E.

(A/C HUT/C, 060220B).

My 0220. P.C. and S. of enemy is 40.16 N. 10.18 E. 310° 8 knots.

(A/C 060230B to C/S 55S).

My 0230B. Position of 2 destroyers 40.16 N., 10.18 E. course 130° speed 8 knots.

(A/C HUT/C 060316B).

PALADIN

AVONVALE's 042252. E.T.A. 2000B.

(PALADIN, 060420B to N.O.I.C. Algiers (R) C. in C. Med. (A)).

SAGITTA

Sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Massawa 060541Z to Adnty).

Movements,
Alexandria.

July 5th Alex. Arrival: ABDIEL, FAULKNER, FURY, ECHO, ECLIPSE, INTREPID, ILEX, RAIDER, G.S. QUEEN OLGA, WITHERINGTON, INGLEFIELD, M.L.350.

Departure CUMBRAE.

(N.O.I.C. Alex. 060547C to Adnty).

/S/M...

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S/M Dispositions. (1) P.49, UNRULY, SOKOL and P.53 ULTOR, on patrol North of Messina.
(2) P.31 UPROAR, P.52, P.42 UNBROKEN, P.314 TACTICIAN and P.54, UNSHAKEN on patrol south of Taranto.
(3) P.219 SERAPH W. of Cape Scalambri.
(4) P.221 SHAKESPEARE 036° 41' 012° 47' course 075°.
(5) P.211 SAFARI 036° 55' 012° 13' thence through 036° 40' 012° 54' thence course 060°.
(6) P.51 UNSEEN, P.46 UNRUFFLED, P.43 UNISON and P.45 UNRIVALLED sail for "Husky" areas.
(7) PARTHIAN 036° 26' 015° 48' thence through 036° 20' 014° 20' to Malta.
(Capt. S.10, 060726 to S. and A. Area G.C.)

Movements Monday July 5th. Arrivals "Scream" OAKLEY, L.C.I. Malta. (L) 103, 312, M.T.Bs. 57, 79, M.Ls. 494, 460, L.C.Gs. 9, 10, 11, 3. M.T.Bs. 85, 97.
Departures:- "Cussed", L.C.I.(L) 256, 182, 99, 106
"Spindle" CITY OF KEELUNG, BEACONSFIELD, WHITEHAVEN, ROMNEY, HYTHE. "Swing" PALADIN. "Bleeding" LARGS, OAKLEY, BRIXHAM.
"Wilfred" M.T.Bs. 655, 665, 651.
(V.A. Malta, 060802N to Admty. etc).

Movements, 5th July 43 arrivals M.L.1159 departures M.Ls. Beirut. 349, 360, 1256, 1296.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 060842C to Admty).

LEOPARD Stripping of ship will be completed on Wednesday 7th but for main guns, very difficult to remove by ship's own means. As this job will be a long one I am returning to Alexandria in accordance with S.N.O. Cyrenaica wishes, leaving I.M. Bouey, E.V. Canet and E.V. Olivier in charge.
(F.S. LEOPARD, 060930C to Admty).

Enemy Drifting Mines. X Enemy are known to have produced a drifting mine (see M.T.D.148 and Italian mine type N described in C.B.4105) and it is to be expected that enemy will lay these in waters used exclusively by our shipping.

(2) Recent E-boat activities south and west of Pantellaria suggest that he may have already done this.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 061051B to Med. Stn. 46 B and Levant Stn).

M.E. Air Report. Daily Opsum 69. 4/5 July nothing to report. July 5. 74 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Messina Harbour Installation, 13 returned early. Remainder bombed objective. Bursts covered large area north of engine sheds followed by huge clouds of smoke, bombs fell in area of Goods Station, Central Railway Station, Transformer Station, Power Station, Railway Warehouses, Customs Warehouse, Fuel tanks and Ferry ships, many fires started including 7 near engine sheds, hits on Infantry Barracks on ferry ships and in

/vicinity...

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M.E. Air Report. (contd). vicinity of railway oil tanks and damaged? Oil Tanks. Total about 20 enemy fighters attacked bombers. 3 enemy destroyed 1 probably destroyed 5 damaged. (Middle East, 061102Z).

H.S. NEWFOUNDLAND. Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND arrived. (N.O.I.C. Bougie, 061130B to Admty. etc).

M.T.Bs. PARTHIAN. Friendly M.T.Bs. will be sweeping off East Coast Sicily tonight routed 25 miles East Cape Passero. They have orders not to attack submarines. (Capt. (S) 10, 061132B to PARTHIAN).

French Refugees, Broadcast Disclosure. A further broadcast to that mentioned in my 241329 June was heard at 2015Z/28th June on 33.26 metres per second in French. Request confirmation that these broadcasts were not made by B.B.C. (C. in C. Med., 031140B to Admty. B.N.A. Madrid, B.N.A. Lisbon, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

WILHELMSBURG, GERDA TOFT. A. My 031202. C. WILHELMSBURG in company with GERDA TOFT passed Istanbul 0830 G.M.T. July 6th Expected to enter Aegean Sea 0400 G.M.T. July 7th. B. S.O.(I) Levant please pass above to Greek Admiralty, second bureau. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 061150C to C. in C. Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, S.1., S.10, D.N.I.)
(A) My 061150C. Following is description of WILHELMSBURG. Cargo declared as 6,200 tons fuel 780 Diesel oil.
(B) GERDA TOFT no apparent damage (my 261654 June refers). Cargo 2,100 drums lubricating oil and aviation spirit, 711 baulks timber, including deck load.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 061727C to C. in C. Levant, etc).

8th S.F. Movements Summary, 2000B/6th. (1) SIBYL (P.217) SARACEN (P.247) SIMOOM (P.225) TRESPASSER (P.312), D.S. DOLFIJN (P.47), between Corsica and Italy.
(2) CASABIANCA from northward passing 043° 01' 008° 32' at 0215/7th thence 216° diving by day 2½ knots surface by night 14 knots.
(Capt. S.8., 061156B to S. and A. Area G.C.)

Raids on Crete, results. X 1. Photo R/C on 3rd July showed following aircraft on aerodromes. Heraklion, total 15 incl. 5 S.79 2 Ju.87. Kastello Pedadi, 13 incl. 3 Ju.88, 10 Ju.87. Tymbaki, 2 incl. 1 derelict Ju.88.
2. Results of raids reported as follows. Heraklion, no aircraft destroyed considerable quantity petrol burnt. Kastello, 4 Ju.88, 4 Ju.87 and large quantity petrol destroyed. Tymbaki, no report received, believed no attack.
3. Photo R/C of 5th July shows no increase in aircraft.
(C. in C. M.E., 061210C to W.O.)

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/FENRIS...

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FENRIS Intimation now received from Swedes that safe conduct vessel FENRIS will sail from Smyrna to Piraeus 08.00 hours July 10th.
2. Route from Smyrna through Turkish territorial waters to Castel Rosso thence to 34° 50.5' N., 26° 38' E. thence by standard route for Greek relief ships in Mediterranean to Piraeus.
3. Vessel should not be molested whilst following above route. Air authorities concerned should be informed. (Head of M.I., 061232B to C. in C. Levant).
Following is a repetition of my 061845. (Begins).
Addressed, C. in C. Levant (R) Admty.
Admty's 051232. Sweden Legation Ankara has received instructions to sail vessel at 0800/10th. They have no knowledge of granting safe conduct.
2. British Embassy informed Smyrna and Cairo. Swedes here have been told contents of Admiralty telegram quoted. (B.N.A. Ankara, 061847C to Admty).

SHAHJEHAN M.W.S. 36 SHAHJEHAN was torpedoed at 1115C/6th July in 033° 01' N., 021° 32'.
torpedoed. (C. in C. Levant, 061238C to S.O. Force H, C. in C. Med., F, R.A.P., D.N.C.X.F., V.A. Malta, Admty. R.A.G.)

Malta Shipping Shipping summary to 1200/7th.
Summary. 1. "Nitwit". INCHCOLM sails 1400, 5 miles north Linosa 0001 to Q.K.B. 151. S. of A. 10.
2. "Wapping". 5 L.C.Ts. 036° 03' 012° 18' 0200 to Malta S. of A. 8.
(V.A. Malta, 061324B Situation report area L.C. of Levant, Station north of 033° 30' N. (served by Malta Broadcast)).

Ammunition etc. for destroyers of Force H. Following is a repetition of my 051959*addressed C. in C. Med., (R) S.O. Force H, R.A.H., Your 241947 May PEARLEAF is to replace OLIGARTH but can only carry deck cargo in view of A.M. 281318 June 20 drums of C.S.A. and no explosives have been loaded. CEDARDALE loaded before receipt of Admiralty signal, carrying ammunition in hold and depth charges and smoke on deck. T.O.O. 051959 July Ends. (C. in C. Levant, 061330C to S.O. Force H).
* N.T. in W.R.

M.K.S.16 Your 281223 June. Did these ships sail?
G.U.S.9. (D.T.D., 061404B to N.O.I.C. Bone, (R) N.C.S.O. Bone, C. in C. Med). Reply: 070809B.

Force X X Arrivals 1014Z French Cruisers DUQUESNE, TOURVILLE, French battleship LORRAINE in company. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 061406Z to C. in C. Levant, etc).

/Air...

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- Air R/C. Visuals 1025 Taranto. One BB inner harbour, one BB dry dock, one CR. No warships at Brindisi 1140.
(C. in C. Med., 061418B to C. in C. Levant, etc).
- Enemy Units P.C. and S. of one vessel class unknown. 2 small merchant ships, one aeroplane. 40.08 N. 14.36 E. 170° 8 knots.
(A/C VBC/J 061500B).
P.C. and S. of one small M/V. S C G Q 1035 (indecypherable, ? Y C G Q = 40.10 N. 10.35 E) 180° 6 knots.
(A/C VBB/R 061710B to A.H.Q. Malta).
- U.G.S.10 Intend sailing Algiers section 9 ships. DRUPA (T) for Philippeville. BLANKOMAN, OCEAN WANDERER, OCEAN VISTA, FORT POPIAN, HARDINGHAM, EMPIRE ROSALIND, EMPIRE PROSPERO and H.M.S. LEONIAN (Cdre) for Bizerta.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 061529 to N.O.I.C. Philippeville N.O.I.C. Bizerta).
- U.G.S.10 U.G.S.10 arrived Algiers as in C. in C. Med., Fleet's 281845B plus JOHN HEATON with Commodore Commander Kerley U.S. Navy to Algiers. Plus Oran Section as in U.S.N.O.B.Oran's 051055.
Plus Gibraltar Section, OCREST for Algiers. DORNOCH for Philippeville. Plus Casablanca Section, SOCONY VACUUM (T) for Bizerta.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 061531 to Admty. etc).
- SIBYL, SARACEN. After 0215/7th when CASABIANCA will be cleared P.217 (SIBYL) and P.247 (SARACEN) may operate North of 042° 50' if circumstances make this necessary.
(Capt. S.8., 061728B to P.217 (SIBYL) P.247 (SARACEN) (R), 8th S.F.)
- SONTAY Your 051926B July not to C. in C. Levant, SONTAY is required for M.W.S.38 to Tripoli, my 181326C June para. (5) refers. Further signal will be made shortly re para. (2) of your 051926B July.
(P.S.T.O.M.E., 061735C to D.S.T. (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant).
- TORBAY Intend sailing TORBAY at 1700/8th to carry out diving trial off Algiers thence through 038° 30' 003° 38' at 0500/9th 038° 34' 009° 41' at 0200/12

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041° 00' 011° 25' at 1800/13th to patrol on surface unprotected.

2. TORBAY may encounter F.S. PERLE on night 8/9 and CASABIANCA on night 9/10.

(Capt. S.S., 061742B to C. in C. Med., (R) 8th S/F. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, CASABIANCA, F.S. PERLE, Capt. (S) 10).

Add 24 hours (081730B).

U-boat
dispositions.

German. One in vicinity Alboran. One within 30 miles of Oran probably to Westward. 2 between 001° E. and 003° E. of which one was sighted at 1325/6 about 15 miles North East Cape Feney and being hunted. One between 003° 30' E. and 004°

30' E. Hunt in progress within (?25) miles of coast.

Italian. 2 probably 3 eastward of 005° E. of which one was reported 1045/6 in 37° 17' N., 007° 26' E. One in the Tripoli area and the usual patrol some 60 miles south south east of Malta. (C. in C. Med., 061806B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, S.O. Force H, F.O.I.S., N.O.I.C. Bougie, N.O.I.C. Algiers, C.S.12, Comnob Oran, S. and A. in Area G, (R) Admty).

H.S.
DORSETSHIRE.

Vesca No. 201. Departure 6th July. DORSETSHIRE Hospital Ship Tripoli (L) July 9th. (N.C.S.O. Alex, 061905C to Admty).

N.A.A.F.
Report.

A.V.251 6th July. N.A.A.F. Opsum 135. N.A. Strategic A.F. 4th July (Additional) 39 U.S. Marauders B.26 escort 58 U.S. Lightnings P.38. Gerbini Satellites. 8 bombers 9 fighters returned early. All target area, haze and smoke

hindered operations.

4/5 July. 7 Wellingtons Villacidro A-D. Hits dispersal area no buildings. 31 Wellingtons Catania. 4 returned early 2 jettisoned, 1 bombed Syracuse. Hits harbour area.

5th July. 109 U.S. Fortresses B.17 escort 49 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Gerbini A-D and Satellite. 9 bombers returned early. Hits administration building and quarters several fires, much smoke, haze, explosion.

72 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) escort 72 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Gerbini A-D and Satellites, 11 fighters returned early, 1 caught fire and was abandoned. Runway, taxi strips, revetments, hangar and aircraft hit. Fires started. 74 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort 51 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Gerbini A-D and Satellites. 8 bombers 5 fighters returned. Direct hits on parked aircraft. Grass fires started. 12 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) escort 12 U.S. Warhawks. (P.40) strafed Licata Radar Station. 3 returned early. Giant Wuerzburg locomotive and truck also strafed. 28 U.S. Warhawks (P.40), 12 carrying bombs, bombed and strafed Marsala Rader Station. Direct hits and near misses administration building and new type giant Wuerzburg. Correct my Opsum 134.

Trapani. 4th July. 23 U.S. Bostons (A.20) Scalacca A-D. Fires started. Buildings hit. 46 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Comiso A-D. Fires dispersal areas. 12 Baltimores (B.30) Milo A-D. Large fire, black smoke. Total dropped Sciacca, Comiso and Milo.

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N.A.A.F. Report. (contd). 134 x 300, 359 x 250, H.E. 928 or 528? x 20 frag. 36 U.S. Mustangs (A.36) escort 60 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) strafed Scalacca Milo and Castel Vetrano A-Ds.
 4/5 July. 24 Bostons (A.20), 6 Baltimores (A.30) 23 U.S. Mitchells, (B.25) Sciacca A-D. 1 crashed, on take off. Crew uninjured. 2 returned early, 1 jettisoned, 3 bombed miscellaneous targets, remainder bomber objective. Successful attack several fires, some large.
 5 July. 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Comiso A-D. Bursts in dispersal and among aircraft landing. Ammunition dump and workshop hit. 24 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) Biscari A-D. Target completely covered. Fires northwest corner.
 (H.Q., N.A.A.F., 061943B).

TROOPER N.O.I.C. Port Said 060951. TROOPER onward route from position (C) through (D) 033° 42' 026° 15' at 0500/9th. (E) 033° 58' 023° 34' at 1700/9th. (F) 035° 27' 021° 54' at 0330/10th thence as ordered by Capt. (S) 10th proceeding on the surface during daylight 9th.
 (Capt. S.l., 061943C to C. in C. Levant, etc).

Movements, Bizerta. Arrivals, M.T.B.315, 316, 268, P.T.303, 207, ATHERSTONE.
 Departure P.C.543, 562, 550, 559, POLRUAN, RHYL, FELIXSTOWE.
 (N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 062007B to C. in C. Med., etc).

Movements, Oran. Todays departures U.S.S. SALEM, KEOKUK, WEEHAUKEN.
 Arrivals U.S.S. DALLAS, BRANT.
 (Com. N.O.B. Oran, 062033 to Admty. etc).

Movements, Sfax. Arrival LARGS, OAKLEY, BRIXHAM, GRAYLING, GAVOTTE, KING SOL, VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE, MVG (sic) BONITO, HOY, M.L.1281, departure M.L.1281.
 (N.O.I.C. Sfax, 062058B to Admty.)

SAKTOURIS. Leave Benghazi in company with GAWLER, MARYBOROUGH, LISMORE, IPSWICH and carry out purport of my 061623C (no trace in W.R.) which has been passed to you.
 (S.N.O. Cyrenaica, 062153C to SAKTOURIS G.S., (R) GAWLER, MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH, ALYNBANK, LISMORE, C. in C. Med., C. in C. Levant.)

Movements, Tripoli. Arrived and sailed COCKCHAFFER, SCARAB, L.C.I.(L) 131, 266, 267. Arrived MISOA, MULL, L.C.T.300, 301 380, 239, 306, 410, L.C.I.(L) 256, 182, 99, 106, WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, ROMNEY.
 (S.N.O. Tripoli, 062159B to Admty.)

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Movements, Arrived MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, BRISSENDEN, BLANKNEY,
Bone. WOOLSTON. Sailed. AURORA, PENELOPE M.T.Bs. 646,
656, M.G.B. 661.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 062205 to Admty. etc).

Movements, Arrived 5th, GLOXINIA, M.L. 559, 564, Departure
Sousse. 5th HDY. Arrived and left 6th WESTRAY, FOULER,
M.L. 559, 564.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 062220B).

Movements, July 6th arrivals AETOS G.S. M.L. 1028,
Haifa. departure AETOS G.S.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 062250C to Admty)

Movements, Arrivals. KING GEORGE V, HOWE, JERVIS, PATHFINDER,
Algiers. PENN, PANTHER, ARHAW (?ARROW) SHEPPEY, ST. KILDA,
ULSTER QUEEN, LEDBURY, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK,
WILTON, Submarine SPORTSMAN (P. 229).
Departures BARMOND, TRANSVAAL, LAPAGERIA, HORNPIPE,
H.D.M.L., 1305 M.M.S. 633 COLOMBO, WALLACE, M.T.B. 287, 296,
DELHI, CLEOPATRA, EURYALUS, U.S. ships MONROVIA, SAMUEL CHASE,
BARNETT, FICKMAN, STANTON, THURSSON, LYON, BETELGEUSE, OBERON,
SAVANNAH, BOISE, NELSON, BERNADOU, GLENNON, MCLANAHAN, GHARARDI,
MURPHY, MADDOX, HERNDON, SHUBRICK.
Arrived and sailed F.O.H., in NELSON, RODNEY, INDOMITABLE,
TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN, TUMULT, PIORUN OFFA, QUILLIAM, QUAIL,
QUEENBOROUGH, PETARD, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND.
(Com. Algeria, 062304B to Admty. etc).

Movements Arrival DELPHINIUM, IPSWICH, MAYRBOROUGH, LISMORE,
Benghazi. PEONY, SOUTHERN SEA, ROMEO, PROTEA, arrived and
sailed SOUTHERN ISLE, WOLBOROUGH.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 062322C to Admty).

S/Ms Departures UNSEEN, UNISON, UNRUFFLED, UNRIVALLED.
Malta. (V.A. Malta, 062357B to Admty. etc).

Malta Air M.S. 14891. 6 July C.S.R. Malta. Part 1,
Report. offensive. Night 5/6. 2 Mosquitoes intruder
patrols day 6th. 28 Warhawks escorted by 32
Spitfires bombed Biscari Aerodrome, hits on
dispersals and buildings. 203 Spitfire sorties flown as escort
to bombers of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Comiso, Catania, Biscari and
Gerbini aerodromes. Part 2. Enemy air activity nil.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 062357Z).

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Malta.

Arrivals "Untrue" H.M. ships EDAY, KERRERA, FLORES. A.S.I.S. JACINTH, Salvage vessels SALVEDA, SALVESTOR Tugs NIMBLE, JAUNTY, SS. STANFORTH, M.M.S.s. 34, 50, 185, 533, 565, 618, 684. M.Ls. 1283, 1284, 1278 L.S.T. 421 (all "Untrue") "Flinch", L.C.Fs. 7, 11, 14, 17, 18

"Wilfred" M.T.Bs. 655, 665, 651 "Growl" L.C.Fs. 46. "Daring" H.M. Ships SHIANT, INCHMARNOCK with 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, L.C.I.(L) Flotilla total 55 L.C.I.(L) and M.Ls. 449, 240, 258, 232, 568, 444, 218, 468. Departures. "Banker" H.M. Ships ORION, LOYAL "Nitwit" INCHCOLM, "Swing" BYE, "Spirit" M.T.B.s 635, 637, 640.

(V.A. Malta, 062359B to Admty. etc).

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Transport.

Proposals for movement of second flight East African Division from Kilindini to Ceylon in SIBAJAK, CUBA, NIEUW HOLLAND and NEVASA. (D.S.T. 060302B to D.S.T.O. Kilindini)

P.B.47.

Sailing telegram (26 ships). (2) 0300Z/6th. (4) 8 knots. (5) (Route). (6) CERES, BATHURST, CARNATIC, BURNIE. (N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 060340Z, 060435Z)

DAH PU
(Sunk
28 June.)E.F. 716 H/71/27 Para. 12. (a) DAH PU. (b) Muscat (?distance) $339^{\circ} 2\frac{3}{4}$ cables from outer leading light at 0405Z June 28th. (c) U-Boat or Midget S/M. (d) and (e) One torpedo. Sunk. (f) 47 survivors. (g) and (h) No. (i) 21 inch torpedo inscribed with many Japanese characteristics and apparently of German pattern recovered. (N.O.I.C. Hormuz, 060612Z to Admty etc.)HENRY
KNOX.
(Sunk
19 June)
Overdue
Ships.U.S. Ship HENRY (?KNOWX) sunk by Japanese U-Boat Equator $070^{\circ} 15'$ E. 1350Z/19 June. (2) Following ships reported overdue at destination were routed? to pass close to this position 20/22 June (a) U.S. HOEGH SILVERDAWN left Fremantle 10th June due Abadan? 30th June. (b) U.S. FRANCIS PETTIGROVE left Hobart 2nd June due Aden 29th June. (3) S.O.(I) Colombo 051052 July refers. (C. in C. E.F. 060734 to Admty (R) S.O.(I) Colombo, S.N.O.P.G., N.O.I.C. Aden.)JASPER
PARK
Torpedoed.Following received: G.A.4 V.K. BMZD, PRESIDENT FRANQUI, 32.52 S. 42.15 E. (Colombo W/T From Mauritius W/T, 060811) Ref. Admty. Message A.F. $32^{\circ} 52'$ S. $42^{\circ} 15'$ E. (Admiral Mombasa, 060930Z) At 0811Z/6th July SS. JASPER PARK was torpedoed in $032^{\circ} 52'$ S. $042^{\circ} 15'$ E. (C. in C. E.F. 060939Z to S. & A. E.I. Station 830, Admty. C. in C. S.A. Sub. Wing)Shipping
Routes.

Para. 2 of your 051147 July. In view of my 060740Z (N.T. in W.D.) request you will route all ships for Kilindini east of Madagascar while approach route number 1 is in force and number 6 is suspended. (2) It is undesirable to hold up shipping for Kilindini and it is requested that such ships may continue to sail as in para. 1. (C. in C. E.F. 060825Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty, N.O.I.C. Durban.)

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HINDUSTAN. Arrival 0825Z/6th July.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 060830Z to Admty)

P.B.46. Convoy P.B.46 arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 050853Z to F.O.Ceylon etc.)

CAP TOURANE. Sailed (?6th) July E.T.A. Bombay a.m. 11th
embarked Colombo (details)
(S.S.T.O.Ceylon, 060918Z to Admty etc.)

India A.231 6 July 060914/Z. Daily Opsum Number 478.
Air 5 July. 2 Hurricanes detailed attack ship
Report. being refloated Indin Alea (Cayu). No ship
seen. 2 Wellingtons Arakan Coast patrol.
2 U.S. Liberators (B.24) shipping search Arakan
Coast. 1 A/C dropped over a ton Akyab Jetty
area. Other A/C did not bomb.
(A.H.Q. India, 061000Z)

Movements, Departure SHILLONG escorting MANTOLA, keeping
Madras. continuous watch on 500 K/cs.
(N.O.I.C.Madras, 061146Z to Admty etc.)

SUFFOLK. Arrived.
(F.O.E.A. and Z. 061222Z to Admty)

Movements, Colombo Arrivals 6th July.
Colombo. 0130Z Dutch S/M. 0.23. 0200Z AGRA. 0900Z
BERAR. Departures. 0830Z POONA.
(F.O. Ceylon, 061244Z to Admty etc.)

Calcutta Your 190447 and 290438 June, not to Admiralty,
docks. refer. (2) Policy should be to keep Calcutta
docks clear of severely damaged merchant ships
from end of October, 1943 as they may be
required at short notice for urgent repairs to
warships or transports. (3) Security cover when passing this
decision to other officers should be the additional repair
facilities required as Bombay and other ports are required to
deal with damaged shipping from Mediterranean operations.
(C. in C. E.F. 061317Z to D.G.S.R. Bombay, (R) Admty, F.O.C.
R.I.N., F.O. Ceylon.)

SIBAJAK. Concur. D. of S.T.'s 051932 refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 061355Z to P.S.T.O.M.E., D.S.T)

S.O.A.S.C. Repetition of my 250520 requested in Kilindini's
300011 June and 040623 is as follows (Begins)
This is part two of my 250540. T.O.O. of
preceding part one is 250510. Following is

present /...

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S.O.A.S.C. present total requirement of officers to complete
(Contd.) staff of S.O.A.S.C. with their duties.
(F.L.O.I, 061400Z to C. in C. E.F.)

U/B C. in C. E.F. 061410. Cancelled by 081547Z q.v.
Campaign.
Changes in
Routeing.

MICHAEL MICHAEL LIVANOS (Greek) reported sunk 50 miles
LIVANOS North of Inhambane a.m. 6th July. No details
Sunk. yet available.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 061748B to Admty.
C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F. Cdre. Durban.)

D'ENTRE- My 201501B/June. For your information, following
CASTEAUX. received from F.N.F.L. (Begins) l. F.F.Sloop
D'ENTRECASTEAUX recently raised at Diego
Suarez reports damage as follows:- Bridge and
compartments in its forward neighbourhood
destroyed by explosion, blast and fire. (2) Temporary repairs
to allow D'ENTRECASTEAUX to be towed to repair yard can be
carried out at Diego Suarez. (3) Requested that a repair yard
may be allocated in South Africa preferably at Durban to render
ship seaworthy. This entails extensive electrical work.
(4) Once this refit completed D'ENTRECASTEAUX would sail to
U.K. or to North Africa where Gunnery installation would be
overhauled. 241200B/June. (Ends)
(Head of M.Branch, 062053B to C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Diego
Suarez, C. in C. S.A.)

HOEGH Have you any news of HOEGH SILVERDAWN, (Norwegian)
SILVERDAWN. due Abadan 30th June from Fremantle?
(D.T.D. 062112B to S.N.O. P.G. (R) C. in C. E.F.
S.O.(I) Colombo)
W.D. Note. See C. in C. E.F.060734.
Reply No news. (S.N.O.P.G.080508Z)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. July 5th departures DEVERON, VANQUISHER, POTENTILLA, ROSE, KINGCUP, ACANTHUS to H.X. 246. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 060214Z to Admty.)

Movement of French Troops. In view of C. in C.Med. 012001B request you will re-affirm with U.S. Authorities that they do not propose to do anything about this movement observing that suggestions in my 212355B June present the only opportunity which can be foreseen. (D.S.T. 060258B to B.A.D.)
Your 060258. U.S. Authorities confirm they intend no action about this movement. (B.A.D. 062243Z to D.S.T.)

T.A.52. Convoy T.A.52 sailed from U.K. 4/7 for New York. 2. Details of personnel on board are being communicated by War Office to Milstaf Washington and C.G.S. Ottawa. (D.S.T. 060307B to B.A.D. B.M.W.T. New York.)
Request continued air cover for T.A.52 from eastward limit to destination. Estimated position 1200Z/6 48.21 N. 25.40 W. S.O.A. 26.7 knots. Routed in accordance Adm. 031345B, being passed to E.A.C. Codeword "Henbane."
(C. in C.C.N.A. 061332Z to A.O.C. in C.E.A.C. (R) F.O.N.F. Admty. Cominch, N.S.H.Q.)

Movements Summary at 1800 G.M.T. 6th July. T.A.52 47½ N. 31 W. 262° 26. (D.O.D.(F) 061508Z to Opnav, (R) Comnav.)
C. in C.W.A's situation report 061227B to which C. in C.W.A's 062126B refers indicates diversion T.A.52 from route ?given in Admiralty's 031345B. No diversion signal received at N.S.H.Q. Request clarification in order that air coverage may be arranged. (N.S.H.Q. 062313Z to Admty.)

A/S Operations, Analysis. Marcus 378 5 July. Marcus 323 July 2 (T.O.O. 022303.).
In discussion on proposed monthly signals M.A.S.R. and M.A.S.R.(S) Navy Dept. stated Capt. R.F. Collins, Statistical Analysis Branch is now in England to discuss with Admiralty an exchange of statistical information on anti-submarine operations. He apparently travelled with A.O.C. in C.Coastal Command on latter's

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Operations,
Analysis.
(Contd.) return Navy Dept. agree in principle to exchange of information you request but may experience difficulty in providing it in exact form in pro formae. They are studying latter but are unwilling to commit themselves until Collin's return. U.S.A.A.F. Anti Submarine Command with whom pro formae were also discussed adopted similar attitude and await guidance from Navy Dept. Suggest you contact Collins through Admiral Stark or Admty. Admiralty Delegation here have no information of Collins visit. (Rafdel 060350Z to Air Min.)

Minesweepers. R.O.Belem reports arrival H.M.M.S.100,99,101,104, 108 July 3rd.
(S.B.N.O.Trinidad 060932Z to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

Movements
Jamaica. Arrivals Kingston 5th July COLISTER, 6th July U.S.A.T. CUBA.
(B.R.O.Kingston 060940Q to Admty.)

CLUNE PARK
(grounded
2nd July.) My 021706. CLUNE PARK (Br.) refloated. Expected to commence loading 5th July.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 061013Q to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Halifax. Arrival EVENLODE, M.M.S.254,255, GODERICH, MEDICINE HAT, ex S.H.90.
(C.Halifax 061144Z to Admty. etc.)

RADFORD,
attack on
U/B 1st
July. Your 1059B/22nd July, 1942. 1st July, U.S.S.RADFORD probably destroyed submarine, S.W.Pacific Area, large oil slick and debris observed. Only promising attack week ending 2400Z/4.
(Cominch 061400Z to Admty.)

S/M Estimates 1200Z/6th July, one or 2 within 180 miles of 52° N. 40° W.
(N.S.H.Q. 061411Z.)

G.A.T.72.
U.S.A.T. Departure 6th July in G.A.T. 72, U.S.Army Transport BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS due Trinidad 8th July.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao 061415Z to Admty.)

NIGERIA. NIGERIA sailed 0900Q/6th July. N.S.H.Q.Ottawa pass to C. in C.H.F. C.S.10, C. in C.W.A. - C.O.A.C. B.N.L.O.Norfolk (Virginia), Commandant 5th Naval District.
Commandant 6th Naval District advised from B.N.L.O.Charleston. (?Ottawa 061420Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D.)
My 051841 (?051840 intended). Departed Charleston 1100Q. Admty. pass to C. in C.Nore.
(Com. 6th Naval District 061433 to Comeastseafon, (R) Com. 5th Naval District, Cominch, S.B.N.N.W.At. C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C.Nore.)

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S/M Estimates. (Cominch 061508Z to N.S.H.Q.)

U.S. Air Sqdns. Biscay Patrol. / Thank you for offer in your 022240 (see 031546). There can be no doubt Bay is far more profitable area than Northern Passage. We have already had 21 sightings in Bay this month and although traffic through Northern Passage may be expected to increase during next two or three months it is unlikely to exceed one quarter of traffic through Bay. We would therefore welcome V.P.63 for operation in "Seaslug" area. Accommodation not so easy as has been anticipated owing to unforeseen factor that range of 63 Squadron aircraft with M.A.D. is shorter than that of Catalinas in our squadrons. But A.O.C. in C.Coastal Command, is now examining alternative possibilities and hopes to get 7 hours useful patrol time in "Seaslug" area which will be most valuable. Will inform you further as soon as details are settled in conjunction with Comnavu.
(A.C.N.S.(H) Approved 1st S.L. 061521Z to Cominch, (R) Comnavu, C.O.S.Army.)

Ship Torpedoed. Ship torpedoed 13 miles East of Morant Point 1830Z today 6th July.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 061533Q to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation report section East.
W.B.30, ESQUIMALT, STRATFORD 046° 54' 052° 40' 194° (?14) altering to 240° in 046° 28' N. and to 266° in 046° 21' N. M.M.S.196,197,199,200,201, 046° 06' 053° 38' 085° 9 altering to 010° in (?052°) 37' N. and for St. Johns N.F. in 047° 30' N.
B.W.38 FORT WILLIAM 046° 13' 059° 03' 106° 7.5 altering to 082° in 045° 48' 056° 53' H.X. 246, B.6 047° 17' 045° 49' 033° 9 W. 9 from H.X.246 vicinity of 046° 30' 047° 00' en route St. Johns N.F.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 061600Z to Admty.)
My 061600Z add U.S.S. COMANCHE departs Argentia 1900Z/6th to position 046° 12' N. 056° 17' W. thence 246° 10.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 062205.)

Shipping Puerto Rico. Your dispatch 051310Z (calling of neutral shipping at Ponce) affirmative.
(Com. 10th Fleet, C. & R. 061614 to Admty.)

Personnel Transport, Rescue Ships. Your 031310B. N.S.H.Q. 051520. Intend using GAMALEK in place of MELROSE ABBEY which has developed major electrical trouble. Inspection of ships shows GAMALEK far superior to MELROSE ABBEY for our purpose. Repairs to GORTLAND now completed and rescue ships are assigned as follows - H.X. 247, GORTLAND, H.X.T.248, MELROSE ABBEY, H.X.T. 249, GAMALEK.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 061840Z to Admty.)

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Personnel Transport. N.S.H.Q.'s 021618Z (re transportation of personnel between Halifax and St. Johns N.F.) ZAMALEK sailing with H.J.60 will transport draft to Newfoundland. Draft for CORNWALLIS and STADACONA is to be embarked without delay and ZAMALEK sailed to arrive Halifax by July 20th escorted by TRAIL, GUYSBOROUGH and LOCKEPORT.
(Capt. 1/c Halifax N.S. 061916Z to F.O.N.F.)

Overdue ships. Request latest info. U.S. MERVES, ALCOA, PIONEER, FRANCIS WILLIAM PETTYGROVE, RUSSEL A. ALGER, THOMAS PAINE, ships due ports in Indian Ocean but arrivals not reported by Medeired.
(Comtenth Fleet C. and R. 062020Z to Admty.)

Shipping Casualties. Connav serial 8. HENRY KNOX torp. sunk 16 June position about 10.00 S. 71.15 E. MALTRAN serial 7 sunk. BLOODY MARSH serial 2 sunk.
(Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. 062102Z to Comnav.)

Sub attack & sighting summary. All times Z.
Para. A. Unidentified ship torpedoed 17.56 N. 75.57 W. 061830. P.B.4 Y attacks sub 26.50 N. 63.40 W. 051941 and attacks sub 27.25 N. 63.35 W. 052041.
Para. C. Plane radar contact 27.05 N. 64.02 W. 060030. Surface craft sights periscope 23.53 S. 45.52 W. 051630. Plane radar contact 18.36 N. 75.34 W. 052330. Plane sights sub 38.52 N. 18.12 W. 051005.
Para. D. U.S.C.G. SEA CLOUD radar contact 42.22 N. 67.20 W. about 060800. Surface craft sound contact 25.45 N. 80.20 W. 061122.
(Cominch 062130Z to Admty. for O.I.C.)

U.S. Dispositions. This is from Cominch addressed Admty. Change my 292127 (circulated under T.O.O. 292326Z.) Serial number 81. Cominch's 061615.
Atlantic: BALTIMORE in Trinidad. TEXAS at Casco Bay. SANTEE in northwest Africa. NEW YORK CARD in Norfolk. OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD at Recife. PRINCETON, BELLEAU WOOD at Philadelphia. RANGER, AUGUSTA, TUSCALOOSA, LEXINGTON at sea.
Pacific: NASSAU in South Pacific. INDEPENDENCE, MOBILE in San Francisco. CONCORD at Talara. NEVADA, BARNES at sea. BRETON at Sandiego. LONG ISLAND in Central Pacific.
(Comnav 062136Z to Admty.)

PASTEUR. A.T.55. PASTEUR. Army intend to embark 16th for sailing 17th July vide War Office signal 86034 of 3rd June.
(N.S.H.Q. 062150Z to Admty.)

My 062150Z*. Bank of Canada has 379 (amended by 092117Z July originally given as 400 bars) bars of silver and 75 boxes numbered 1/75/1 to 75/75/1 each measuring 24½ by 18 by 14¾ inches and each weighing about 150 lbs. for Bank of England, shipment will arrive Halifax p.m. 15th July for despatch in A.T.55.
(N.S.H.Q. 062151Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)

* A.T.55 PASTEUR. Army intend to embark 16th.

/Fast...

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Fast tankers. Your 012043 para. 2. Vice C.N.O. 031339 (N.T. in W.R.) to Comnavu States that no surplus of fast tankers exists. B.A.D. A.N.P.B. Vice C.N.O. informed. Admiralty action, pass to Comnavu info. (Cominch 062152Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.W.A. B.A.D. Comnavu.)

O.T.7. 1. Sailing telegram. (8 ships).
2. 2200Z July 7 point Zed, seaward end swept channel.
3. Position C. at 0530Z July 9. S.O.A. 13½ knots.
4. E.T.A. Aruba 0100Z/14. 5. 8. Ocean and straggler route.
6. Task Group 21.4. U.S.S. SHTACK, S.O. U.S.S. BABBITT, U.S.S. LEARY.
(P.D. New York 062204Z to Com. 10th Fleet, C. & R. (R) Admty. N.S.H.Q. C.E.S.F. Com. 3, Comcaribseafon, N.O.B. Bermuda, Cafac.)

Survivors. Kingston arrival U.S.S. W.340 with 88 survivors. Will be delayed for engine repairs. (N.O.I.C. Kingston 062205Q to Admty. etc.)

POELAU U.S. C.G.C. BRONCO landed Kingston 88 survivors
ROEBIAH ex POELAU ROEBIAH Dutch torpedoed off Morant
sunk. Point 1830Z. Survivors include Chief Officer
and 23 U.S. Civilian passengers. 7 hospital
cases. 24 other survivors including Master picked
up by U.S.P.C. Proceeding Guantanamo. 2
believed missing. Vessel seen to sink. Compromise of documents
impossible. U-Boat attacked by plane and coast guards Cutter
after periscope had been sighted near lifeboat.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 062332Q to Admty. etc.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No. 82. Sound contact made 2113M 43° 754' S. 70° 36' E. Vura Village Wickham anchorage Vangunu occupied by Americans, small losses. 300 Japanese killed. Fighter strip Segi S.E. New Georgia ready for Allied use 10th July. Patrol activity against isolated pockets of enemy continues. Viru Harbour Area. 18 Avengers, 20 Dauntlesses attacked Munda, later attack made by ten Fortresses afternoon fourth. Former Japanese observation post at Banieta Point West Rendova occupied by U.S. Forces. Allied positions Rendova attacked afternoon fourth by 16 twin engined medium bombers with Zero escort no damage A/A destroyed 12. Afternoon fourth same time 18 B 20 Zeros intercepted by our fighters over Rendova five B. 4 Zeros destroyed, no Allied losses. Liberator unsuccessfully attacked D.D. southeast course speed 30 knots fifty M.Ls. West Buin fourth. Increased number D.F.S. F. fixes Solomons Area last 24 hours.
(C.W.R. Wellington 060030Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.)

/Convoy...

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Convoy A. L.Q.1. B. From Gladstone 061200Z. C.
L.Q.1. List 10 ships.
(C.S.O.Gladstone 060712Z to Admty.)

Digest serial Paras. 8 to 13 inclusive cover Solomons area,
No. 532 July South Pac. Forces.
5th. Submarine carrying deck cargo passed Cape Orford
heading south early afternoon.
2. Same time 7 enemy medium bombers passed over
Finschhafen flying northwest.
3. After noon 12 Mitchells successfully attacked assigned
buildings Salamaua while 7 more Mitchells bombed and strafed
Salamaua Aerodrome and tracks to Komiatum.
4. Afternoon 3rd July 185 Japs observed crossing Francisco
River southbound and 62 northbound.
6. Six Beaufighters detailed for dawn attack Taberfane encountered
bad weather, but one plane located and set afire large barge.
7. Two small allied convoys north of Millimgimbi shadowed by two
enemy floatplanes morning. One bomb dropped but fell wide.
(Watching?) repeated in afternoon.
8. During early hours Allied Naval Forces bombarded Vila and
Baeroko. 4 Spotting Catalinas also bombed same targets and
reported fires both places. Baeroko again raided afternoon by
18 Dauntless.
9. 4 unidentified ships believed enemy destroyers followed by
aircraft from east coast Kolombangara past Vella Lavella shortly
after bombardment. 12 Avengers searched this area after daybreak
without success and 6 dropped bombs Rekata Bay.
10. Forenoon photos disclose 3 light cruisers, 2 destroyer
leaders, 9 destroyers, 1 escort vessel, 5 cargo ships and 1
unidentified type warship approx. 450 feet long in Buin - Faisi
Area. 78 fighters, 14 dive bombers on Kahili. 9 medium bombers
Ballale, 7 fighters at Buka with full coverage except Ballale
two-thirds.
11. 3 small cargo vessels at Buka morning.
12. 2 destroyers sighted afternoon 70 miles northwest of Buin
course easterly.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 060920Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements. Arrival Townsville 5th BAGLEY, U.S.D.HENLEY, U.S.D.
Cairns 5th BENALLA, Perth 3rd U.S.S. CHANTICLEER.
Departure Port Phillip 5th LE TRIOMPHANT (F.S.)
for Sydney. Port Moresby 5th GYMPIE. COLAC for
Townsville. Sydney 5th D.S.TJERK HIDDES for Melbourne BUNDABERG
on escort duties. Milne Bay 5th BOWEN for Orote.
(A.C.N.B. 061159Z to Admty. etc.)
Arrivals 5th July Brisbane U.S. Transports HENRY T.GIBBONS,
ANHUI, NOORDAM, S.I.S. MERKUR departed Sydney 5th due Townsville 9.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 061209Z.)

LE TRIOM- French authorities in London are cancelling
PHANT. instructions referred to in your 140530 June.
2. On completion of repairs, it is requested that
you will make arrangements to sail LE TRIOMPHANT
for Levant.

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LE
TRIOMPHANT.
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3. Latest endurance data available in London indicates special fuelling facilities may be required.

4. A.C.N.B. pass C.O.F. 7th Fleet and LE TRIOMPHANT (D.O.D.(F) Approved V.C.N.S. 061635B to A.C.N.B.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 061338B, 061358B.)

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Wednesday.War Diary.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Operation
"Camera".

1. C.S.10 in BELFAST and C.S.1 in LONDON with KENT and one destroyer sailed from Scapa at 0915 today to the north-eastward. C. in C. Home Fleet in DUKE OF YORK with C.T.G. 92. 4 in U.S. battleship SOUTH DAKOTA with FURIOUS, GLASGOW, 5 U.S. and 4 British destroyers sailed from Scapa at 1700 today to the north-eastward. These forces with NORFOLK, BERWICK and SCORPION (see 6 July) are to carry out an operation off the coast of Norway, in order to distract the enemy and pin his forces during Operation "Husky". (See 10 July)
2. The two German destroyers (see 6 July) were plotted by Radar at 0055 from Boulogne southward and were attacked by an Albacore at 0150. No hits are claimed.
3. 30 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night in Biscay ports.

North Atlantic.Attacks
on U/B's
230 to
300 miles
West of
C. St.
Vincent.

4. Hospital ship ACADIA arrived at Gibraltar today from New York.
5. A U.S. A/S Squadron plane C at 071410A made a promising attack on a U-Boat in 37.50 N. 14.30 W. A U.S. Liberator from Port Lyautey to-day (apparently at 1614B) sighted a submarine fully surfaced in 37.40 N. 15.30 W. (280 miles N.N.W. of Cape St. Vincent) and attacked with seven 358 lb torpex depth charges, straddling just forward of the conning tower. The U-Boat appeared to break in two, the stern rose 10 feet out of water at a sharp angle, rolled over on its side and disappeared. The aircraft was damaged and had some casualties from the U-Boat's fire, and returned to base. At 1310Z a Liberator attacked a U-Boat in 37.50 N. 14.30 W. and possibly damaged it.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

U/B attack
on B.T.18:
4 ships
torpedoed.

X 6. Convoy B.T.18 (Bahia to Trinidad) was attacked at 0630Z today in position reported as 04.05 S. 35.58 W. or 04.09 S. 36.16 W. (120 miles W. by N. of Natal, Brazil). JAMES ROBERTSON, THOMAS SINWICKSON and tanker WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON were torpedoed. The two former are reported badly damaged and the latter sinking. S.B. HUNT (U.S. tanker) is reported to have been torpedoed and subsequently rammed by ALCOA BANNER and GOIAZLOIDE, both of which were damaged. The normal surface escort of the B.T/T.B. convoys is one destroyer and 3 or 4 U.S. gunboats or submarine chasers. Air cover is normally provided by day, but is liable to be thin between French Guiana and the Amazon, owing to lack of aerodromes. Tropical rain storms and bad visibility frequently hamper air operations. From Recife to Rio de Janeiro, Brazilians take over escort with about 4 vessels of minesweeper or gunboat type.

7. SS. LEANA, Mombasa for Lourenco Marques, reported being shelled by a submarine at 0528 G.M.T. in 25.06 S. 35.33 E.

Mediterranean.

2nd Div.
Force H.

X 8. WARSPITE (R.A. Force H), VALIANT, FORMIDABLE, FAULKNER, FURY, ECHO, INGLEFIELD, WITHERINGTON, INTREPID, ILEX, RAIDER and QUEEN OLGA, who arrived at Algiers from Gibraltar on 30th and left again on the same day, sailed from Alexandria this morning for operation "Husky".

East Indies.

9. M.V. AMERICAN MANUFACTURER, Vizagapatam for Fremantle and U.S.A. reported at 0416Z today being attacked by a U-Boat in 27.29 S. 106.29 E.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Australia and New Zealand.

Landing
at Rice
Anchorage.

X 10. Allied troops effected a landing at Rice Anchorage in Kula Gulf, 6 miles north-east of Baeroko today. A U.S. task force of cruisers and destroyers covered the landing of supplies tonight and returned safely. Japanese aircraft dropped flares, but the enemy surface force in the vicinity did not attack. U.S. force engaged one surfaced U-Boat with gunfire, but the result was not seen.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Captain
Class
Frigates.

X F.O.I.C. N.I's 021305B. It is my intention that Captain Class Frigates should be based on Belfast on arrival in U.K. It is anticipated that three will arrive about 10th July and that at least 6 will be so based by the end of this month. To enable Capt. (D) Belfast to carry out this programme it is desirable that the Assistant to Executive Officer and the A/S boatswain should take up their appointments at the earliest opportunity and the following officers by the 15th July. Request that the remaining officers mentioned in F.O.I.C. N.I's 021305B may take up their appointments by 1st August. (C. in C. W.A., 070043B to Admty).

ILLUSTRIOUS

ILLUSTRIOUS will be ready for service on 19th July on which date it is intended that she should be transferred to C. in C. H.F. (F.O.C.T., 071101B to Admty).

Force J.

X M.G.Bs. 312, 316, 317 and 326 of the 14th M.G.B. Flotilla are re-allocated to Force J on the following dates: One boat on 1st August
Two boats on 15th August. One boat on 1st Sep.

3. Whilst operating under Force J boats are to be administered and maintained by HORNET. (D.D.O.D.C., 071803B to C. in C. Plymouth).

The 20th M.L. Flotilla are re-allocated to Force J on the following dates:- Two boats on 1st August. Two boats on 15th August, Two boats on 1st September, Two boats on 15th September.

3. Whilst operating under Force J boats are to be administered and maintained by HORNET.

(D.D.O.D.C., 071806B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

24th and
32nd
Trawler
Groups.

From 090001 BRUREY, ERISKAY, GRUINARD, and HAYLING will form 24th Trawler Group.
2. 32nd Trawler Group will be composed of GRAEM-SAY and 3 other ships to be named later. 32nd Trawler Group will be based at Scapa. (D.M.S., 071901B to A.C.O.S.)

Movements.

S/M
Movements.

S.5's 031735B sailed. (H.28). (C. in C. Portsmouth, 070544B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Request you will sail HADDO with escort arranged by Captain (S) 3rd and in company TRUCULENT and TUNA so as to pass through position (DA) 000° Tory Island 20 at 1000B/11th July, thence HADDO independently on the surface through (DB) 055° 30' 015° 00' (DC) (?054°) 15' 022° 01' (DD) 052° 30', 029° 30' (DE) 050° 40', 033° 50' to "Chop". (DF) 048° 10', 040° 00' at 0001B/19.

2. Other arrangements as in my 031514. (F.O.S., 071016B to Comsubron, 50)

/Intend...

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Movements.
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Intend to sail (?TRUSTY) to R/V RISKATO at B.1 Buoy at 0915B/9th July for passage Tyne, E.T.A. Pier 1045B.
(Capt. S.6., 071135B to N.O.I.C. Tyne).
My 032141. Correct time of passing through position BF to read 0800/16th July and BH 0800/21 July.

(F.O.S., 071231B to BLACKFISH).

Capt. (S) 5th 031735, and Capt. (S) 3rd 061037. Intend to sail H.28 escorted by C.H.15 at 1000/8th July for Falmouth.
2. N.O.I.C. Falmouth is requested to sail H.28 and escort to R/V with SCIMITAR in 180° Bishop 10 at 1400/9th.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 071529B to N.O.I.C. Falmouth).

Position of S/Ms at 0800/8 and movements for following 24 hours.

(F.O.S., 071623B, 072129, 081358B, 082304B).

Sailed SATYR escorted by SCIMITAR in accordance with S.3's 061037B.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 072228B).

OPPORTUNE,
OBEDIENT
with Trawlers
and M.Ls.

Scapa departure OPPORTUNE, OBEDIENT, H.M. Trawler MACBETH, SKYE, BRESSAY, HAMLET, CAPE NYEMETZKY, CAPE BARRACOUTA, OAK, LARCH, HAWTHORN, SYCAMORE, Motor Launches 466, 855, 276, 452, 445, 345, at 0723.

(A.C.O.S., 070813 to H.F.)

CUMBERLAND

CUMBERLAND arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Tyne, 070911B to C. in C. Rosyth).

BELFAST,
LONDON,
KENT,
ONSLAUGHT.

Scapa departure C.S.10 in BELFAST with C.S.1 in LONDON, KENT and ONSLAUGHT in company.
(A.C.O.S., 070915 to H.F.)

PHOEBE

Your 060945B. Arrival PHOEBE.

(N.O.I.C. Barrow, 071535B to C. in C. W.A.)

DUKE OF YORK,
SOUTHER DAKOTA,
FURIOUS,
GLASGOW.

Scapa departure C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK, F.O.T.G. 92.4 in SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS, GLASGOW, ELLYSON, RODMAN, FITCH, MACOMB, EMMONS, MILNE, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR.
(A.C.O.S., 071701B to H.F.)

LIMBOURNE

Arrived LIMBOURNE.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 072047B).

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Operations X For STUBBORN and SEANYMPH only. D/F bearings
"Musketry" at 2140Z and 2147 indicate U-boats in 46° 30' N.,
and 5° 30' W. 40 mile radius.
"Seaslug". (D.D.I.C., 070035B to S/Ms).
D/F bearings at 0626Z indicate U-boat within
40' N., or S., of 44° 40' N., 5° W.
(D.D.I.C., 070901B to S/Ms).

Arrived BERMUDA.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 070929B).

SATYR leaves Scilly Isles at 1400B/9th July by route "Rose"
diving by day to patrol in Zone J.2. Speed 84 miles a day.

(Capt. S.3., 071007B to S/Ms).

Have attacked enemy U-boat with depth-charge (?2) position
46° 09' N., 09° 31' W.

(A/C 53 Sq. Duty P, 071215 to 19 Group)

Am over enemy submarine (?2).

(A/C 53 Sq. Duty P., 071220 to 19 Group).

Am over enemy S/M.

(A/C 224 Sq. 071319 to 19 Group).

BERMUDA is to pass Gate at 2100B today and proceed by Q. Z. S.
409 and 410 and thence through position F. 180° Bishop Rock 20.
G. 049° 18' N., 011° 25' W. to patrol between lat. 044° N. and
046° N., and long. 012° W. and 013° 30' W.2. Object is primarily intended to support Second Escort Group
and B.1. group against surface attack and secondly to cover
passing of convoys against surface attack.3. At first light 9th CHARYBDIS is to discontinue patrol and
return Plymouth in accordance with NX 3 my 031627B. If fuel
shortage will necessitate earlier return CHARYBDIS is to report
time she will require to discontinue patrol.4. 4 Narvik destroyers are based on Gironde ports and 2 Elbings
and 7 T.Bs. on Bay of Biscay Ports.

6. Codeword "Toddle".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 071415B to BERMUDA, CHARYBDIS).

Am over 1 enemy S/M.

(A/C 53 Sq. Duty D. No T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd. 071522).

Have attacked U-boat with depth-charge 43° 23' N., 09°
55' W.

(A/C 53 Sq. Duty D., 071513B to 19 Group).

U/B previously reported was on surface and seen to submerge,
course 300° ?10.

(A/C 54 Sq. Duty D., 071650B to 19 Group).

D.53's 071513. Estimated enemy U/B outward-bound, course
300°.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 071719B to E.G.2, B.1)

C. in C. Plymouth's 071415B. Intend to pass through 046°
00' N., 013° 30' W., at 0200B/9th steering 180° 18 knots.

(BERMUDA, 071916B to CHARYBDIS).

MONKSHOOD pass Gate at 2130B today and proceed by Q. Z. S. 409
and 410 and thence through position (K) 180° Bishop Rock 15.

(L) 049° 25' N., 010° 59' W. to R/V B.1 Group in position.

(Z) 043° 50' N., 011° 00' W. unless otherwise ordered by S.O.
B.1 Group.

2. Your estimated S.O.A. is 14 knots.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 071935B to MONKSHOOD).

My 071935B. MONKSHOOD sailed.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 072143B).

/C. in C....

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"Musketry"
and
"Seaslug".
(contd).

C. in C. Plymouth's 071759B. Intend ROCKINGHAM oil from DINGLEDALE 1200B/9th. HURRICANE, MEADOWSWEET from daylight 10th, BORAGE, DAHLIA p.m./10th. There will be no ships in (corrupt group) S.W. between 2200B/9th and about 1200B/10 Weather 5671, 1883.

(B.l., 072209B to Escorts O.S. 51, C. in C. Plymouth)

U-boat sighted on port side bearing. My position $43^{\circ} 15' N.$, $10^{\circ} 11' W.$

(B.l., 072242 to H.Q. 19 Group).

My 071415B. Sail BERMUDA.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 072329 to Admty).

S/M
Patrols.Admty. 061609. Request you will sail TUNA and TRUCULENT p.m./10th July to comply with my 071016, passing through DA 000° Tory Island 20 miles at 1000B/11th July thence as follows.2. TRUCULENT through LA. $055^{\circ} 13' 010^{\circ} 12'$.LB. $053^{\circ} 11' 016^{\circ} 22'$. LC. $046^{\circ} 09' 021^{\circ} 18'$. LD. $042^{\circ} 05' 025^{\circ} 20'$. thence patrol area bounded by parallel 035° and 041° and longitude 027° and $034^{\circ} W.$ 3. TUNA through NA. $054^{\circ} 43' 009^{\circ} 50'$ NB. $052^{\circ} 48' 015^{\circ} 40'$. NC. $045^{\circ} 56' 020^{\circ} 42'$. ND. $041^{\circ} 48' 024^{\circ} 45'$. thence to patrol-area bounded by parallel 035° and 041° and long. 027° and 024° .

4. Submarines are to proceed on the surface on passage, estimated S.O.A. 10 knots.

5. Object of patrol is in accordance with I S O H 200 F. (F.O.S., 071023B to Capt. S.3).

Position of submarines at 0800/8th and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B.

(A) CURIE, SYRTIS, SEANYMPH as in my 061824.

(B) SEADOG approx. $66^{\circ} 30' N.$, $05^{\circ} 10' E.$ to patrol vicinity $65^{\circ} N.$, $03^{\circ} E.$ (J) RUBIS probably in vicinity $44^{\circ} 35' N.$, $04^{\circ} 05' W.$ (K) STUBBORN $48^{\circ} 10' N.$, $05^{\circ} 58' W.$ dived by day to R/V 1400/9th with SCIMITAR and H.28 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles.

(F.O.S., 071623B to Admty).

Operations
"Forfar".

*Operation "Forfar Dog" and "Forfar Beer" will possibly be carried out tonight.

(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 071040B to C. in C. Portsmouth)
My 071040B. Postponed due to weather.

(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 071717B).

Coastal
Force
Patrols.

1. Two Elbing-class destroyers may leave Le Havre Westward tonight.

2. M.T.B. 247, 249, 251 to patrol from position 000° Cap Barfleur, 4 miles in a direction 130° as far as $01^{\circ} 00' W.$ Leave Newhaven so as to arrive at 143° St. Catherines 13 miles on a Westerly course at 2330 and thence approach patrol position on a course of 190° . Leave patrol by same route so as to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light. If patrol has to be left before this return keeping 10 miles southward of M.G.B. patrol and reporting position when in lat. $50^{\circ} 10' N.$

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- Coastal Force Patrols. (contd).
3. M.G.B. 611, 613, 615 to carry out anti E-boat patrol from 0001 to 0330 on lat. 50° 25' N., between 00° 40' W., and 01° 25' W.
5. M.L. 309, 572 to patrol searched Channel between F and E.A. 5 Buoys.
6. Immediate notice Chasseur 13 at St. Helens, GOATHLAND, HOLDERNESS, GLAISDALE at Yarmouth.
7. M.L. 303, 182, 233 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N., between 02° 00' W., and 02° 25' W.
9. Albacore R/C ordered in Baie de la Seine.
10. Communications. (A) M.G.B. and M.T.B. Codeword "Service". (B) M.T.B. 344 codeword "Jovial". M.T.B. 250 codeword "Consequence". (D) Destroyers. Codeword "Advent", collective call sign and D.G. for use on broadcast C.N. Nan, Easy King. 2450 k/cs 3 William Able King.
- (E) Portland M.L. Patrol. Codeword "Device". (C. in C. Portsmouth, 071305B 072239B, 080020B).
1. Force B. M.G.Bs. 323, 334, 325 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
2. Leave Plymouth passing Gate 2145B, leave patrol 0445B for Plymouth.
3. Codeword "Sundry".
4. Force C. M.G.Bs. 80, 112 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Prawle Point 8.
5. Codeword "Rigaroo".
6. Force D. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 491, 118, 159 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 097° Start 13.
7. CONQUEROR codeword "Porter".
8. Forces C and D are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0445B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 071337B).
- S.G.Bs. GREY OWL and GREY FOX leave Dover westward at 2315.
- E.T.R. 0515/8. Route outward via D Buoy and Bullock Bank returning via number three and four buoys. M.Ls. 104108 107 M.T.Bs. 25, 221, 219 carrying out operation N.L.90. E.T.D. 2200, E.T.R. 0635/8. M.Ls. 140, 141 patrolling from D to C one buoys. (V.A. Dover, 071751B).

Operation S.F. If not in contact at 2000 today return to Skaale Fiord with your force and complete with fuel, report when complete. Revert to 2 hours notice for steam when refuelling. (C. in C. Rosyth, 071432 to Capt. D.17). E.T.A. Jetaale Fiord 0630/8, ORWELL in company. (Capt. D.17, 072130B to N.O.I.C. Faeroes).

Operation "Gearbox". KAPP I. "Gearbox" has asked for a Norwegian fishing vessel for R/C of Bell Sound, King Bay, and further north. 2. M.F.V. KAPP I is considered suitable for this duty, except that she is manned by a civilian crew. 3. Norwegian Naval Headquarters state that a Norwegian Naval crew can be provided by the Senior Norwegian Naval Officer, Lerwick. 4. C.O. "Gearbox" is expected in the U.K. within the next few days. Meantime request you man this vessel and prepare her for this service. (D.O.D. H., 071940B to A.C.O.S.)

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Wednesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Exercises.BERWICK,
NORFOLK,
KENT.Your 031217. Regret not possible on account of movements being made.
(C. in C. H.F., 071210B to C.S.1.)Allied Air Activity.Two Enemy
Destroyers
attacked.2 medium at 0055 from Boulogne southbound at 20 knots. Attacked by one Albacore at 0150 5 miles off Etaples. Target identified as 2 destroyers. No hits claimed. Plot faded at 0225, 15 miles north of Le Treport.
(V.A. Dover, 070949B to Admty.)V.P./63
Squadron.V.P./63 can be accommodated Pembroke Dock from which base it will be able to operate effectively in "Seaslug" area. Preparations for its reception now in hand. Request Cominch may be asked to issue orders for move at earliest convenience.
(H.Q.C.C., 071030B to Admty.)"Moorings"
Area.Repeat of signal A.C.299 6th July from 18 Group. When ordering operation "Moorings" reference will be made to the following areas. "Moorings one" by Hudsons, "Moorings two" by P.B.Ys., "Moorings three" by Catalinas, "Moorings four" by Benbecula Fortresses, "Moorings five" by 190 Catalinas, "Moorings six" by 330 Sunderlands. "Moorings" one, two and three normally carried out from Iceland. CLA patrols legs N.W.-S.E. creeping N.E. using five miles visibility will be carried out unless otherwise stated. Areas may be moved bodily 045, 055, or 225 degrees as situation may require. Areas bounded as follows.
(Coastal Command, 071801B to Admty.)

"Gearbox".

Catalina Edward 190 Squadron, E.T.D. Sullom Voe 072200B, E.T.A. "Gearbox" 081000B.
(18 Group, 071820B to H.Q.C.C.)Enemy Air Activity.

A/C sighted.

One Ju.88 in 63° 20' N. 13° 00' W., course 110°. (A/C 330 Sqdn. Duty 'W', 070737B and 070825 to 18 Group.)

Force S.

Sighted by Blohm and Voss a.m. in 066° 32' N. 013° 54' W.
(S.O. Force S, 072147B to C. in C. H.F.)

Iceland.

1 unidentified enemy aircraft sighted 7 miles N.E. of Skalar, 066° 20' N. 014° 45' W. at 2115, course South.
(A.C.I.C., 072358B to Admty., (R) C. in C. H.F.)

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Wednesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Isle of Man. My 021747.
Mine at Santon Head and two mines at Port St. Mary have now been rendered safe and destroyed. (N.O.I.C. Isle of Man, 071325B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

MAGDALENA. Bodies of German seamen washed ashore off Skaldeviken west coast indicates German MAGDALENA has foundered. This vessel, ex Latvian SPORTS, was last recorded at Oslo May 26th.
(N.A. Stockholm, 071631 to Admty.)
O.I.C. Comment: MAGDALENA ex Latvian SPORTS 3283 g.t. Swedish Press states this as a Mining Casualty.

Q.Z.X.1039. Intend sailing at 0600 tomorrow with READY, HOUND, HYDRA, LOYALTY and 3 Danlayers to continue clearance of Q.Z.X.1039.
(M/S.18, 071734B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Unknown Ship. Master of SUSSEX reports having met unknown vessel in 049° 41' N. 024° 41' W. at 1626 G.M.T./3rd July. SUSSEX was steering 045° and unknown ship passed on a reciprocal course about 9 miles distant, speed estimated 8 knots. No action was taken. Description large motor vessel, 3 funnels, after 2 wider apart than foremost, 2 pole masts, high bridge and superstructure, low forecastle.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 071251B to Admty.)

North Norway. Following is Soviet Naval Staff's classification enemy naval forces in North Norway and Finland (2 corrupt groups), just received:
(A) Varanger Fjord:- 2 - 3 destroyers, 8 - (?9) escort (? vessels) and minesweepers, three U-Boats, 16 E-Boats.
(B) Hammerfest:- 1 destroyer, 4 - 6 (? escort) vessels and minesweepers, 4 U-Boats.
(C) Altenfjord:- TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST, LÜTZOW, 1 coast defence vessel, 5 - 7 destroyers.
(D) Tromso:- 5 - 7 escort vessels and minesweepers, 7 self-propelling
(E) Narvik:- Ship presumably Yacht GRILLE, 8 U-Boats.
2. This intelligence is chiefly based on radio R/C and requires confirmation.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 071403B to Admty.)
O.I.C. Comment: From our information present disposition of enemy naval units in Northern Norway is as follows:-
Altenfjord area:- TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST, LÜTZOW, 8 - 10 destroyers, 2 torpedo boats, one or two A/A ships (ex-Norwegian coastal defence ships).

/Narvik ...

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Norway.
(Contd.)

Narvik Area:- Yachts GRILLE and STELLA POLARIS probably employed as U-Boat depot ships, 3 - 6 U-Boats.

Operating between Narvik and Kirkenes:- One Mine clearance vessel. Probably about 12 "M" class minesweepers. Probably about 12 R-Boats.

Probably about 50 armed trawlers employed on patrol, escort, A/S and M/S duties.

Numerous landing craft employed on transporting stores, etc.

U-Boats.North
Atlantic.

Am over enemy submarine in 55° 50' N. 24° 45' W. (A/C 120 Sqdn., 070055B.)

A.C. 337, 7th July. U-Boat sighted by O/120 in 55° 50' N. 24° 45' W. at 0055/7.

(R.A.F. Iceland, 070235B to H.Q.C.C.)

My 062159Z. U-Boat sighted by Swordfish in 055; 49' N. 026° 55' W. No wind precluded use of depth charge or R.P. First Support Group hunted until 0005Z when H/F D/F bearing (?358° or 185°) considered S/M surfaced and escaped N.W. First Support Group now rejoining. All ships present. No other evidence U-Boats in vicinity.

(BITER, 070432Z to C. in C. W.A.)

Your 070432Z. U/B was D/Fd. in your general vicinity at 0755Z.

(D.D.I.C., 071150B to BITER.)

Casualties and Defects.DAVID J.
BREWER.

GRIPER with DAVID J. BREWER in tow in 056° 45' N. 017° 19' W., course 102°, estimate speed 4 knots. (SABRE, 070112B to C. in C. W.A.)

UNICORN.

My 261517B. Subject to satisfactory steaming trials UNICORN will be ready to sail 1800B/11th. Request instructions. (N.O.I.C. Belfast, 071038B to C. in C. H.F.)

ST. MARYS.

Intend ST. MARYS to sail at 1200B/10th from number 25 buoy to Greenock for boiler cleaning. E.T.A. 1700B/11th. (N.O.I.C. Dundee, 071653B.)

FIELDGATE.

My 011935B and 031225B. Additional defect in condenser. Sailing of FIELDGATE again delayed. (F.O.I.C. London, 071730B.)

/CHASER ...

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CHASER. Explosion has occurred in combustion space of starboard boiler causing extensive damage to casings and distortion of adjacent pipe system. Request repairs discussed (? by) S.E.O. and E.R.O. Greenock may be put in hand. As steam is not available and ship is dependent for lighting on 2 unreliable diesels request berth in floating dock for safety. (CHASER, 071730B to F.O.C.T.)

Shipping and Convoys.

S.C. 135. Preliminary D/F bearings at 2127Z, 2131, and 2206 indicate U/Bs in your general vicinity. (D.D.I.C., 070125B to Escorts S.C.135, E.G.1.) If convoy is not threatened First Escort Group is to part company with S.C.135 forthwith. 2. Destination of BITER will be signalled later. Remainder to Londonderry. (C. in C. W.A., 071947B to E.G.1.) Proceed at best speed to comply with my 041518B. (C. in C. W.A., 071957B to TAY.)

H.X.246. Request R/V in 053° 00' N. 040° 00' W. at 1500Z/8th be broadcast on B.A.M.S. P.C.S. 1300Z/7th, 049° 33' N. 043° 19' W., 034°, 9 knots. (B.6, 071010P to A.I.G.301.)

ERIN and CURACAO ex H.X. 245. In view of assurance telephoned to Admiralty at 1010/7 by Lieutenant Tier of your staff that these two ships had been held outside and would be sent on to correct destination Cardiff, request full explanation why they were subsequently docked at Swansea. (D.T.D., 071523B to N.C.S.O. Swansea.)

O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys. Your 071309B. It is intended at present to re-route O.N. and O.N.S. convoys approximately along parallel of 57° N. When sailing joiners request you will fix tentative I.C.O.M.P. on this assumption. (C. in C. W.A., 071615Z to A.C.I.C.)

K.M.F.20. Convoy K.M.F.20 will leave U.K. for Algiers on 19th July in company with W.S.32. W.S. 32. 2. Ships will sail from following ports: (a) Clyde - SS. HIGHLAND PRINCESS, INDRAPOERA, MOOLTAN, VOLENDAM, JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT destination Algiers. (b) Liverpool - SS. DEMPO destination Algiers. CHEYBASSA destination India. CITY OF BRISTOL destination India. REMBRANDT destination Middle East.

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- K.M.F.20. 3. Speed of slowest ship - 14½ knots.
W.S. 32. 5. Escort will be provided by Group 1 consisting
(Contd.) of PELICAN, ROTHER, EGRET, WEAR and JED.
 6. S.O. of Group 1 in PELICAN.
 7. In addition to above BEAGLE, BRILLIANT, TAY,
 KALE and DERG will provide escort to "Gisp"
proceeding thence with W.S. 32.
8. Fighter protection codeword "Sparrow".
9. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange sailing of all ships
to R/V with W.S. 32 off Oversay.
 (D.O.D.H., 072046B.)
 Convoy W.S.32 will leave U.K. on 19th July in company
with K.M.F.20 parting company to proceed to Freetown.
2. Ships will embark at the following ports:
(a) From Avonmouth:- SS. ESPERANCE BAY, SS. MORETON BAY.
(b) From Mersey:- SS. MALOJA, SS. RANGITATA, SS. ROWALLAN
CASTLE, SS. ROCHESTER CASTLE, SS. COPA COTANA.
(c) From Clyde:- SS. HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN, SS. EL ARGENTINO.
3. ESPERANCE BAY and MORETON BAY will complete embarkation
p.m./16th July.
4. Speed of slowest ship 14 knots.
5. Admiralty will promulgate route.
6. Ocean Escort RAMILLIES.
7. A/S escort (a) BEAGLE for F.O.C.W.Af. (b) BRILLIANT for
Gibraltar. (c) TAY, KALE and DERG, who will proceed to
Capetown with RAMILLIES.
10. Destroyers should be detached to fuel at Casablanca as
arranged by F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
11. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to arrange onward escort with
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
12. Fighter protection codeword "Sleeve".
13. Combined convoy will use fighter protection codeword
"Sparrow" until K.M.F.20 parts company.
 (D.O.D.H., 072058B.)

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- GRENADIER,
HAARLEM. Sailed GRENADIER to R/V Lisbon section M.K.S.16 thence to join S.L. 132. Local escort HAARLEM. (F.O.C. Gib., 070101B to Admty., etc.) Ref. (? number) S.O. 0062/43 para. 4. Not met. (HAARLEM, 071430 to F.O. Gibraltar.) My 071430. Ships now met. (HAARLEM, 071540B.)
- T.O. 6. T.O.6 sailed as in my 021158. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 070200B to Cdre. Algiers, Comnob. Oran, C.M.S.F.F.) My 061515. Sailed. (C.M.S.F., 071316 to C.A.F.A.C.)
- G.U.S. 9. My 061600 (repeated under T.O.O. 061603). Casablanca section G.U.S.9, sailed. T.G. 21.11 will sail 0800A/7. (C.M.S.F.F., 070300 to U.S. P.D. Norfolk, (R) Cominch C. & R., Admty., etc.) My 061600. T.G. 21.11 sailed 070800A. (C.M.S.F., 071259Z.)
- U/B. Incomplete D/F bearings at 0055Z on 5412 k/cs indicate U-Boat within 100 miles W. to S.W. of Cape Juby. (D.D.I.C., 070421B to Escorts of S.L.132, Escorts of R.S.7.)
- G.C. 22. G.C.22 sailed as in my 061521 less T.H. BENTON. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 070800B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- EMERALD. Request you will sail EMERALD on completion of fuelling (? for) Freetown routed through (A) 34° 02', 07° 59'. (B) 32° 40', 11° 30'. (C) 28° 55', 14° 45'. (D) 27° 20', 15° 10'. (E) 26° 00', 16° 10'. All positions North and West thence as ordered by F.O.C.W.A. S. of A. 18 knots. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 071014B to C.M.S.F., (R) F.O.C.W.A., C. in C. Med., Admty.) EMERALD arrived. (Commorseafon, 071530Z to F.O. Gibraltar.) W.D. Note. From K.M.F.19. Intend sail EMERALD 082000A after completion necessary repairs as per your 071014B. EMERALD has this by hand. (C.M.S.F.F., 072110Z to F.O.C. Gibraltar, (R) F.O.C.W.A.)
- ACADIA. Arrived hospital ship ACADIA. Q Messages removed in accordance with C. in C. Med.'s 021141B. (F.O. Gibraltar, 071017B to P.D. New York, (R) Admty., etc.)

/Suspicious ...

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- Suspicious Lights. My 061300 and 061034. For 0025/5th read 0103 G.M.T./6th. (N.A. Lisbon, 071037B.)
- R.S. 8. Request if practicable you will sail WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN to join R.S.8. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 071126B to C.M.S.F., (R) Admty., etc.)
Intend sailing ABERDEEN, WELLINGTON 072000A to overtake your 071126, routed Q.K.A.102 thence as R.S.8 omitting points (C) (D), S. of A. 14 knots. (C.M.S.F., 071525Z to F.O. Gibraltar.)
- FOLKESTONE. Intend to sail FOLKESTONE for Freetown at 1600B/7th July.
2. Route as R.S.2, my 061117 refers, lettered (PA) to (PJ). S. of A. 13 knots.
3. Codeword "Tripper". (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 071220B to F.O.C.W.A., (R) Admty., etc.)
Sailed FOLKESTONE to Freetown, Q.L.A.193. (F.O. Gibraltar, 071627 to F.O.C.W.A.)
- ORKAN. Your 071454B N.T. in W.R. For 036° 47' N. 010° 24' W. 132° altering to 104° at 1700, 25 knots. E.T.A. 0315B/8th. Weather report. (ORKAN, 071601B to F.O. Gibraltar.)
- WANDERER, INCONSTANT, WRESTLER. Your 071222B (N.T. in W.D.) WANDERER and INCONSTANT proceeding to Gibraltar for fuel. WRESTLER (?) requires fuel, but can make Algiers. Request supply of S.P.02485 on arrival. (S.O. 397(?) Group, 071622B to F.O. Gibraltar.)
- Attack on U/B by U.S. Catalina. P.B.75A attacks U-Boat in 26.45 N. 14.35 W. at 061335Z. Sub. surfacing when sighted on course 030, of four bombs dropped on first attack two believed to have straddled U-Boat 20 feet aft of C/T inflicting possible damage. Plane came in for straffing attack, firing 22 gun 35 times before jamming. One of sub's. gunners believed hit in attack. Sub. returned fire with 2 7.9 m.m. machine guns and 2 20 m.m. cannon. One fatality E.J. Gibson A.R.M. 3C 6580797. Four wounded. Sub. identified as 517 ton type. Painted dark grey with numeral 88 and swastika painted on side of C/T. (Commorseafron, 071700Z to Admty.)
- COLTSFOOT, LA MALOUINE, JONQUIL. My 231447 June. Sailing of Corvettes for Gibraltar is amended as follows -
(A) COLTSFOOT with K.M.S.20, July 4th.
(B) LA MALOUINE with coastal craft group H, July 15th.
(C) JONQUIL with K.M.S.21, July 19th.
(C. in C. W.A., 071742B to Admty., etc.)

/BOREAS ...

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BOREAS. E.T.A. 2230B today Wednesday.
My P.C. and S. are 035° 20' N. 007° 24' W.
064° 25 knots. Weather report.
(BOREAS, 071800B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

U/B. Am over enemy submarine in 41.45 N. 11.36 W.,
periscope only sighted.
(A/C 210 Squad. Duty B via Gib. 071837B.)
Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C 210 Squad. Duty B via Gib. 071850B.)

Axis Shipping, Bilbao. Arrival 6th JACQUELINE, TIM. MONTE FARO.
Departures 6th THRIANTHA, SPES, REGEJA, LOUVETOT,
CABO CORONA, MONTE FACHO, CASTILLO ANDRADE.
(Consul Bilbao, 071957 to Admty.)

LOBITO. Intimation just received that I.R.C. Committee
safe conduct vessel LOBITO sailed Marseilles
7th July for Philadelphia calling at Gibraltar
for bunkers. Particulars of vessel.
2. Route from Gibraltar to Philadelphia is as agreed for
CARITAS in my 2128/2nd March.
3. Vessel should not be molested while following above route.
Air Authorities concerned should be informed.
4. Strong exception is being taken to absence of notice.
(Head of M.(I), 072003B, 081147B to F.O. Gibraltar, etc.)

Movements, Casablanca. ABERDEEN and WELLINGTON arrived and departed to
rejoin R.S.8. EMERALD from K.M.F.19. (Fr.)
ANNAMITE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ from Gibraltar.
Departed U.S.S. MERRIMACK, SANTEE, OVERTON,
MACLEISH, BAINBRIDGE warships.
(Commorseafron, 072120Z to C. in C. Med.)

U/B attacked by U.S. A/C. U.S. (? Army) anti-submarine squadron plane C at
071410A, 37.50 N. 14.30 W., flying at 1,500 feet,
sighted sub. decks awash distance 8 miles on
course 200° (or 240°) speed 12 knots. Attack
with six 350 pound torpex D/C. 18 seconds after
submerged straddled course about 200 feet ahead of swirl.
Large oil bubbles 45 seconds after attack. Large eruption
for five minutes. Slick 700 feet in diameter in area 45 ?mins.
Plane ?flying at 071514A, 37.40 N. 15.30 W. sighted 517 ton
sub. fully surfaced on course 324° speed 8 knots. Attack
with seven 350 pound torpex D/C. straddling just forward C/T.
Sub. appeared to break in two stern rose sharply 10 feet out
of water at sharp angle rolled over on side and disappeared.
Due to heavy A.A. fire from sub. on run in, injuring ?7 members
crew and demolishing instruments, plane returned to base.
(Comfairwing 15, 072145Z to C.M.S.F.F.)

/Movements ...

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic - Contd.Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals FOLKESTONE escort duties Huelva. U.S. P.C.47, French Chasseur II, from Safi. Arrive from Vila Real at 2315, departures U.S. P.C.480, 481 with G.C.22. ACTIVE for Vila Real at 0800. French BASQUE, FORBIN, LA FORTUNE, LA GRACIEUSE for Casablanca. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 072330B to Admty., etc.)

Air
Report.

A.I.105, 7th July.
Opsum No. 248 for 24 hours ended 1800 hours 7th July, 1943.
(G) Sightings and attacks. Now known U-Boats attacked by U.S. Cat. P.B.Y.5A Agadir position 26.45 N. 14.35 W. 1602/6 fought back on surface. A/C damaged. 1 crew killed 4 injured. U.S.A.A.F. A/C Casablanca attacked U-Boat Co.200° 12 knots, 37.50 N. 14.30 W. at 1520/7, no details. Cat. B.210 on A/S sweep attacked U-Boat periscope only seen, 41.45 N. 11.36 W. at 1830/7. No results seen, no further details known.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 072359Z.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

U/B Campaign
in S.African
Waters.

My 241627B June para. 5.
Capt. Howard-Johnston leaves U.K. by air next week. Intend he should remain at the Cape for a month and call at Freetown for a week on his return.

2. Request he may return by air as he is required for a further appointment.

(D.A./U.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(U.T.) 070032B to C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. (R) F.C.C.W.A.)

"R" Report
SEA SERPENT.

RRRR de SEA SERPENT 4° 50' S. 25° 15' W.
attacked by suspicious vessel, ordered to stop.
(Simonstown W/T 070458Z, F.O.W.A. no T.O.O./7.)
Following received from Lands End Radio:

Intercept 0502 G.M.T. 500 k/cs. From Valencia
RRRR (SEA SERPENT) 4.50 S. long. 25.15 W. attacked by suspicious vessel ordered to stop 0458Z/7. Controlling Station Valencia Radio.

(C. in C.Plymouth 070702B to Admty.)

Following read on 500 k/cs. From SEA SERPENT. Nothing else further now but Ascension W/T has told me to cease transmission.

(R.A.W.Af. T.O.R. 070731 to Simonstown.)

Following read on 500 k/cs. Cancel RRR message made at 0457 G.M.T/7.

(Freetown W/T 070800 G.M.T. to Admty.)

C.T.C.1.

Arrival RAPID, WITCH, BURZA with C.T.C.1.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 070715Z to Admty.)

Enemy
Intelligence.

Easy. Enemy disposition number 006.
1. Greek ship MICHAEL LIVANOS sunk a.m. 6th July 50 miles north of Inhambane.
2. British ship LENA (as received ?LEANA intended) shelled by U-Boat at 0500Z in 025° 06' S. 035° 33'

E. 3. Red flare sighted at 1630Z/6th in 026° 15' S. 039° 31' E.
(C. in C.S.A. 070737Z to Areas Q. & J.)

Shipping
Movements,
Capetown.

Capetown 6th July. Arrivals British ships MARKHOR, CAPE CLEAR, CITY OF LEICESTER, EMPIRE CLOVER, VILLE D'AMIENS, ATHLONE CASTLE, CITY OF YOKOHAMA, BEN VANNOCH. American ships NISHMAHA, HENRY BACON, WEST, DUFEE, WINSLOW, HOMER, HERMEN, MELVILLE. Depts. A/S CAPE BLANCO 0610Z/6th Durban 9/7.

(N.C.S.O. Capetown 070928B to Admty. etc.)

W.S.31.

Amend my 0614(?20) July. Ships to be dispersed in position B. 003° 15' N. 014° 54' W. at approx. 1330/7th July to proceed independently.
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 070929Z to Admty.)

/Movements...

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Movements
Lagos. Arrivals 7th July transports ARAWA, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, HIGHLAND MONARCH, STAFFORDSHIRE. (N.C.S.O. Lagos 071045Z to Admty.)

Brazilian
Movements. Departure 7th Brazilian light cruiser BAHIA, Brazilian destroyer SANTA CATHARINA minesweepers CAMOCIM, CANANEA. (B.R.L.O.Santos 071250Z to Admty.)
Arrival 5th July departure 6th Brazilian
Minelayer CARAVELAS.
Departure 6th Brazilian submarine chaser C.S.2 and 55. (R.O.Pernambuco 071939Z to Admty.)

NIGELLA. Simonstown departure 1215B/7th NIGELLA for Durban. Route R.8 S.O.A. 10 knots E.T.A. 1600B/10th July shifting to W/T organization J. at 0230B/10th July. (C. in C.S.A. 071301B to Admty. Cdre. i/c Durban, N.L.O.Port Elizabeth, (R) N.L.O.East London.)

Dispositions. Situation 1959Z/7th July.
M.L. 265 escorting about 007° 31' 013° 29' to Freetown 5.
PICT escorting to Freetown from Marshall 8.
BRIDGEWATER, CORINTHIAN, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, TURCOMAN, BUTSER, DUNCTON with T.S.46, 006° 48' 012° 59' to 007° 39' 014° 20' thence to Freetown 8½.
DESPATCH, CORFU, WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE French Auxiliary Cruiser QUERCY with W.S.31 003° 06' 013° 34' 097° 13.
ST. WISTAN, M.L. 256,289 off Marshall, M.L. 296 off Port Bouet
COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, COMMANDANT DESTROYAT F.S. 004° 29' 001° 08' to 006° 00' 002° 50' east thence Lagos 9.
M.L. 1006, 1018 off Kotonu, BURDOCK returning from 004° 49' 000° 20' 327° to Takoradi 10.
CILICIA on patrol about 004° 01' S. 018° 20' 14.
CROCUS 007° 58' 013° (?55') to 007° 44' 014° 06' and 007° 11' 013° 12' and 007° 06' 013° 27' thence 302° 13.
(R.A.W.A. 071325Z.)
Situation at 2000Z/8th.
NESS with R.S.7 021° 07' 017° 58' 184° 13½.
M.L. 226, 3 M.L. with R.S.6, 020° 01' 018° 31' 180° 10.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY with LADY DENISON PENDER 019° 50' 022° 18' 040° 16 miles per day.
DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN 018° 22' 020° 50' 320° 10' to join LADY DENISON PENDER in 019° 53' 022° 10'.
EXE with R.S. 5, 009° 41' 014° 59' to 009° 30' 014° 20' thence Freetown 11.
ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, COREOPSIS, VIOLET, COLUMBINE, ANCHUSA with O.S.50, 009° 20' 014° 53' to 009° 18' 014° 35' thence Freetown 8¾.
M.L. 2613, M.L. (?words omitted) 009° 28' 015° 42' with (?words omitted) 009° 33' 015° 53' thence Freetown 12.
M.L. 285,547, 009° 52' 015° 36' to Freetown 12.
(F.O.C.W.A. 071329Z.)

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CANTON.

Arrived.
(Com. i/c Durban 071401Z to Admty. etc.)

H.F.ALEXANDER.

U.S. Transport H.F.ALEXANDER sailed 6th July E.T.A. Dakar 16th July. Requirements. Embark at Capetown for Dakar Mr. E.W. Jeffery, H.M. Consul Chanak. For U.S. 20 U.S. Merchant Navy ratings. (S.T.O. Capetown 071426Z to Admty.)

STAFFORDSHIRE

Your 051131 para. one owing to foul bottom STAFFORDSHIRE reports speed 11.5 knots in moderate weather. Able to make 12 knots for short period fine request F.O.C.W.Af. pass to DESPATCH.
(?B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire 071507Z to F.O.C.W.Af.)

U/B.

N.O.I.C. Ascension reports U.S. aircraft sighted submarine 005° 22' S. 025° 16' W. 1200/7th. (F.O.W.A. 071530Z to Ships in area P.2 (R) Admty. Com. 4th Fleet.)

ARGO.

Intend sailing ARGO escorted by AIR FRANCE I at 0700Z/8th July for Konakri. Route. E.T.A. Konakri 1600Z/8.

2. ARGO escorted by AIR FRANCE I will sail from Konakri at 1800Z/11th July for Dakar. Route. E.T.A. Dakar 1130Z/13, estimated speed made good throughout 12 knots.
3. Total bombing restrictions will be imposed 30 miles ahead and astern, 10 miles either side of estimated position.
4. ARGO will report P.C. and S. if not inside T.B.R. zone and also if contact is lost with AIR FRANCE I.
This signal has been repeated to Konakri in Anglo French Cypher. T.O.O. 071717Z.
(F.O.C.W.A. 071541Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. etc.)

Opening of Mediterranean, future volume of shipping eastwards of Cape.	Your 281532 June para. 2. Type of Traffic.	Details are as follows.			
		April	May	June	Total
	(A) Local	33	30	26	89
	(B) Between U.K. or U.S. & M. East, India and Persian Gulf.	126	105	98	329
	(C) Remainder	39	27	23	89
	(C. in C.S.A. 071612B to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)				

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Repatriations. Request you will signal earliest possible route to be followed by Italian repatriation liners SATURNIA and VULCANIA from Port Elizabeth to St. Vincent, thence to Las Palmas, thence to Gibraltar. Fuelling arrangements will be signalled later. Water will be supplied at Las Palmas. Route arrangements for DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE depend on fuelling arrangements which have still to be made. (M.Branch I. 071656B to C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.W.Af. F.O.I.C. Gib.)

VERNON CITY My 051725* and 061235. Confirming 52 survivors. (torp. 28th Ship bound from Tyne to Montevideo torpedoed 0255 June.) ship's time 28th June, 004° 30' S. 027° 20' W. Submarine apparently of about 750 tons and German spoken on board. Further information follows from B.R.L.O. and A.B.N.S.O. who also advised U.S. Naval Authorities. (R.O. Pernambuco 071853Z to Admty.) *British ship VERNON CITY.

R.S.6. Following has been read:
M.L. 231 towing M.L. 228 dropped in 19.40 N. 18.04 W. with orders to proceed independently to Dakar S.O.A. 5 knots R.S.6 escorted by M.Ls. 226 and 188
E.T.A. Dakar daybreak 9th. Request 5020 gallons 8C octane petrol at Dakar.
(20 E.G. (M.L. 226) 071900B to F.O.C.W.Af. B.N.L.O. Dakar.)

NORTHERN ISLES. My 1820Z (N.T. in W.R.) ship has failed to give identity signal. Weather report. (NORTHERN ISLES 071910Z to C. in C.S.A.) Portuguese LUOSLA carried ship's Navicert and has been given current identity signal and disc to proceed. My 1820Z and 1910Z refer. (NORTHERN ISLES 072015Z to C. in C.S.A.)

U/B Campaign My 241627 June para. 2.
in S.African TAY, KALE, DERG should arrive Cape with W.S.32.
Waters. 2. Hoped that remaining six frigates will sail from U.K. 8th August with a convoy to Freetown. They should arrive Cape mid September.
3. Eastern Fleet Destroyers are required to return to their station as soon as they can be spared.
4. Proposed they be released as follows:-
A. 2 at end of July when W.S.31 is clear,
B. 3 on arrival of W.S.32 at the Cape,
C. Remainder as soon as they can be spared or on relief by frigates.
D. NIZAM to Australia as arranged by C. in C.E.F.
5. Presumed that RAPID, at present with W.S.31, is proceeding direct to Eastern Fleet. A.M. 171230 June refers.
6. Request your remarks.
(D.O.D.(F) 071953B to C. in C.S.A. (R) C. in C.E.F. C. in C.W.A.)

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STAFFORDSHIRE, N.O.I.C. Lagos 071507Z July. Intend STAFFORDSHIRE
W.S.31. sail with convoy as already arranged, reduction
in speed being accepted. My 031855Z July as
amended by my 051131Z July refers.
(F.O.C.W.A. 072130Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A.
N.O.I.C. Takoradi, N.O.I.C. Lagos, B.N.L.O.
Pointe Noire, DESPATCH.)

Movements Arrival 7th July SARABANDE, M.L. 274, BURDOCK
Takoradi. departure 7th July SARABANDE to Accra screening
and returning Takoradi. M.L. 274 to Grand
Bassam screening and returning Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 072152Z to Admty. etc.)

B.T.18 Convoy B.T.18 attacked 0630Z/7th in approx. 004°
attacked. X 09' S. 036° 16' W. THOMAS SINNICKSON and JAMES
ROBERTSON U.S. torpedoed and badly damaged.
WILLIAM B. THOMPSON U.S. torpedoed sinking. S.B.
HUNT U.S. torpedoed and rammed by ALCOA BANNER
U.S. and GOIAZLOIDE Brazil.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 072155Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A.
F.O.C.W.Af. B.A.D.)

S.C.convoy S.C.135 leaves Freetown about 12th August.
cycle. X Thereafter cycle will change, S.C.136 sailing
about 1st September then 20 day intervals.
2. B.R.L.O's and C.S.A's South American ports
should consult with M.W.T.R's regarding M.O.W.T.
instructions to ensure timely arrival for convoys.
3. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to advise B.N.S.O. Rio regarding time
allowances for bunkering and other service at Freetown.
(D.T.D. 072158B to B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, F.O.C.W.Af.)

Movements Arrivals 1055Z/7th July French submarine CENTAUR
Freetown. escorted by AIR FRANCE I.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 072341Z to Comar Dakar.)

TAMAROA. Your 061722 refers. Request TAMAROA be sailed
Freetown and not Lagos direct.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 072347Z to S.T.O.Gibraltar.)

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TROOPER. TROOPER is not aware of contents of envelope H O.N.1.
(Capt. S.1 070046C to C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, V.A.Malta, Capt. S.8, Capt. S.10.)
See also 071818.

Enemy Unit. Following read. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 39.25 N. 15.30 E.
(A/C GQS/F 070143B.)

Malta Air Report. A.I. 15, 7 July, Opsum 57.
5/6 July. 3 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over eastern and western Sicily. 1 Wellington made a shipping search in Gulf of Taranto.
6 July. 0805 22 Spitfires from Malta escorted Mitchells and Lightnings of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Biscari aerodromes. 0915. 56 Spits. provided escort to 54 (?) Mitchells of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Biscari aerodrome.
1030. 28 Warhawks escorted by 32 Spits. all from Malta attacked Biscari aerodrome, hits among dispersals and aerodrome buildings.
1155. 47 Spits. provided escort and high cover to Fortresses of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Gerbini aerodrome.
1220. 32 Spits. escorted 36 Mitchells of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Gerbini aerodrome.
1240. 22 Spits. provided target cover for 36 Fortresses of N.W.A.A.F. bombing Comiso aerodrome.
1500. 24 Spits. provided cover for Liberators bombing Catania and Fortresses bombing Gerbini aerodrome
(A.H.Q.Malta 070221Z.)

Movements Alexandria. July 6th Alexandria. Departures MAURITIUS, CARLISLE, HURSLEY, GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, PENTSTEMON, VETCH, CONVULVULUS, BURRA, ISLAY, STELLA CARINA, BRIGAND.
(R.A.Alexandria 070634C to Admty.)

S/M Dispositions. 1. P. numbers indicated, 211, 221, 219, 45, 43, 51, 46, on patrol in Undidsky area.
2. 49,53, O.R.P. SOKOL north of Messina.
3. 31,42,314,54, DZIK in Gulf Taranto.
4. P.44 leaves Malta 2000 Gibraltar 7 routed through 036° 28' 015° 32' thence 038°.
(Capt. S.10 070715 to S. and A. Area G.C.)

UNITED. Intend sail UNITED at 2000/7 by Malta N.E. searched channel to pass 036° 28' 015° 32' at 0330/8 thence 038° 40' 017° 44' at 0430/10 thence to patrol in Gulf of Taranto.
(Capt. S.10, 070725 to C. in C.Levant, etc.)

Convoy A.P. 35. Sailing telegram (6 ships). 2. 0700Z/7th July.
3. Long. 055° 1800Z/9th July lat. 022° 1300Z/11th July Khor Kuwait 2359Z/12th July. 4. 11 knots.
5. G.A.N. (O) 022° 16' 060° 41' P.G.W. MATHURA to approx. position O. thence Karachi.

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Convoy A.P.35. (Contd.) 6. LAUNCESTON, PUNJAB to Hormuz. (N.C.S.O. Aden 070727Z, 070735Z to Admty. etc.)

M.K.S. 16 and G.U.S.9. Your 061404. Following is text of my 020731 repeated to A.I.G.259. (Begins) M.K.S.16. My 281223 sailed less LESTO plus EMPIRE LORENZO for Bougie, DRUPA Algiers. (Ends.) (N.O.I.C. Bone 070809B to Admty.)

Movements Aden. Arrivals 0516Z French ship SUFFREN and DUGUAY TROUIN in company departures 0421Z French ship DUQUESNE and TOURVILLE in company 0617Z LAUNCESTON and PUNJAB in company. (Cdre. Aden 070927Z to C. in C.Levant, etc.)

WILHELMSBURG, GERDA TOFT. A. My 061727C. Vessels passed Canakkale 0300 G.M.T. July 7th. B. S.I, Beirut, informed. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 070929C to C. in C.Levant, S.O.(I) Levant, S.10, D.N.I.) My 070929C (070915C to Beirut). Vessels entered Aegean Sea 0430 G.M.T. July 7th. Escort of 3 destroyers, 1 seaplane, course W.N. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 071001C to C. in C.Levant, etc.) S/MS advised, see 071246C.

M.E.Air Report. A. 683 July 7. Daily opsum 70. 5/6 July 3 Liberators (B.24) 5 Halifaxes Catania Rail installations. 2 bombed A.A. positions near objective with unobserved results. Remainder bombed objective, bursts area of railway station and sulphur refineries. Haze prevented observation of further results. 6 July. 52 U.S.Liberators (B.24) Gerbini Satellites 4 returned early 26 bombed Satellite landing grounds several miles southeast of main airfield results unobserved. 20 bombed 2 satellites immediately west of airfield. Runways and dispersal areas well covered by bursts, fires north and west parts of Satellites. Following delayed details 5 July. Further 24 U.S.Liberators (B.24) Messina Harbour installations. 1 returned early. 1 unable to release bombs. Remainder bombed objective. Hit on merchant vessel in harbour north of San Giovanni, Messina Ferry terminal. Bursts in area stretching from customs warehouse in north to goods station in south. Fires started latter area also south of Goods Station. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 070944Z.)

RORQUAL. When you have had an attack proceed to bombard Stratoni in Ierissos Bay and if sufficient time Molivo off Mitylene (Les Vos). The latter has coast defence guns to southward. Leave patrol to pass through position 35° 12' 27° 01' 0430C/11th. (Capt. S.1 071002C to RORQUAL, (R) 1st S/M F.)

/KATSONIS...

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KATSONIS. Following is a repetition of my 071023C (begins)
Intend to sail G.S.KATSONIS at 1830C tomorrow
8th July passing through (080°?) 00' N. 032°
(40')? E. at 2330C/8th thence direct to Beirut.
E.T.A. 0600C/10th, diving by day, S.O.A. on surface 9½ knots
(ends.)
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071027 to PAPANICOLIS G.S.)

8 S.F. 1. P.217 (SIBYL) P.247 (SARACEN) P.225 (SIMOON)
Movements P.312 (TRESPASSER) P.47 (DOLFIJN) patrol between
Summary Corsica and Italy.
1958B/7th. 2. CASABIANCA 042° 00' 007° 53' 216° diving by
day 2½ knots surface by night 14 knots.
(Capt. S.8 071130B to S. and A. Area G.B.)

SHAHJEHAN Ship caught fire, but now almost extinguished
(torp. and is being towed by ST. MONANCE to Tobruk. 251
6th July.) survivors landed Benghazi by G.S. SAKTOURIS.
My 061238 refers.
(C. in C.Levant 071233C to C. in C.Med. Admty. R.A.
Force P. D.N.C.X.F. R.A.Force G.)

RORQUAL, My 061742. Vessels entered Aegean as anticipated
TRIDENT, course west, north of Lemnos. Escort 3 destroyers
TAURUS, one sea plane. TAURUS and TRIDENT keep sharp
enemy look-out.
shipping. (Capt. S.1 071246C to RORQUAL, TRIDENT, TAURUS.)
W.D.Note, 070929 and 071001 refer.

FENRIS. My 051202, (protected ship FENRIS leaves Smyrna
0857/8th). Date of departure now 10th July.
(Capt. S.1 071304C to 1 S/M F.)

N.A.A.F. M.S.14915. A.V. 256E 7th July.
Report. N.A.A.F's opsum No. 136. N.W.A.Strategic Air
Force. 4/5 July (additional) 18 Wellingtons
Villacidro A/D. Bursts target area buildings hit.
5/6 July. 28 Wellingtons Gerbini A/D and
Satellites. Hits main landing grounds fires and explosions 1
missing. 6 July. 72 U.S.Mitchells escort 50 U.S.Lightnings
Biscari A/D. 1 bomber returned early. Target well covered.
Buildings north and east corners hit. 102 U.S.Fortresses Gerbini
A/D and Satellites. 13 returned early. Target well covered.
Hits stores, ammunition dump, hangars and administration
buildings. Fires started. Additional. Opsum 135. Wellington
which bombed Syracuse 4/5 July dropped 9 x 500, 4 x 250 H.E.
176,000 leaflets from 11,000 feet. N.W.A.Tactical Air Force.
5 July (additional). 8 U.S.Mustangs targets of opportunity
Southern Sicily. 2 trains and trucks strafed.
(Air H.Q. N.A.A.F. 071315B.)

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N.A.A.F. Part 2.
Report. 36 U.S. Mustangs Sciacca? A/D. Failed identify
(Contd.) (Contd.) 3 A/C jettisoned. 9 dropped 9 x 500
demolition Sciacca Harbour. Direct hits docks,
warehouses and shipping. 24 dropped 24 x 500
demolition railway bridges. No direct hits.
Fires nearby buildings. 5/6 July. 21 U.S. Mitchells Biscari A/D.
1 bombed east and 1 south of target. 1 bombed railway west
Ragusa, 3 bombed unidentified positions. 1 jettisoned. 14
bombed objective. Ammunition dump hit, fires started. 12
Bostons, 5 Baltimores Milo A/D. One A/C returned early. Fires
seen at target area.
Part 3.
3. 5/6 July. 50 E.M.B. attacked Bizerta 0400, H/E and
incendiaries dropped. Some casualties barracks, huts and M.T.
destroyed. 1 Naval Tug damaged. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by Beau-
fighters as reported and 3 A/C type not reported destroyed by guns.
(Algiers 071330.)

Group U Request destroyers of Group U who are short of fuel
Destroyers. may be detached to (?Sousse) to fuel from PRESTOL
joining me at (?07)30B on rejoining minus 2.
(S.O. Force P. 071340B to S.O. Force V. SANDWICH,
N.O.I.C. Sousse, C. in C. Med. Malta.)

E.T. 22. Request you will sail convoy at 1000/11th July
M.S. C.1 article 22 refers.
2. A. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ B. 8.
3. 100,122,17,109,13,8,16 lettered P. to V.
4. Oran 109,1300/12th July Gibraltar E.T.A. 2000/13th July.
5. 2 J. 6. Normal Frigid. 8. from group B.
(C. in C. Med. (A) 071524B to N.O.I.C. Algiers, (R) N.O.B. Oran,
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. Opnav.)
Amended by 081558 q.v.

Movements Arrival 7th July F.F.S. NOTRE DAME D'ETEL.
Cyprus. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus 071749C to Admty. etc.)

PAPANICOLIS, 1. G.S. PAPANICOLIS on course 021° passing through
TROOPER. 033° 00' N. 030° 40' E. at 0359C/8th speed 8 knots.
2. TROOPER in 032° 27' N. 031° 29' E. at 0501C/8th
proceeding on course 286° speed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
(Capt. S.1 071818C to TROOPER, G.S. PAPANICOLIS.)

Movements Departure Alexandria 1150C/7th July WARSPITE,
Alexandria. VALIANT, FORMIDABLE escorted by FAULKNER, FURY,
ECHO, INGLEFIELD, WITHERINGTON, INTREPID, ILEX,
RAIDER and (QUEEN OLGA?).
(C. in C. Levant 071853C to C. in C. Med. etc.)
Vesca 202, 7th July. Arrivals 7th July. PELCPO, ENSIS, WAR
KRISHNA, CERONIA, OVULA. Departures 7th July, LLANDOVERY CASTLE,
SOMERSETSHIRE, MAINE (Hospital ships) Tripoli (L) LLANDOVERY 10th
July, SOMERSETSHIRE 10th July MAINE 11th July.
(N.C.S.O. Alexandria 071945C to Admty.)

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U.G.S.10. U.G.S.10 sailed as in C. in C.Med.'s 050825B.
For Bougie ANDREW MOORE.
For Philippeville DORNOCH DRUPALE? (T).
For Bone ST. ANRIDGE.
For Bizerta, 20 ships, JOHN P.POE, MARK TWAIN, EMPIRE MOON,
HERBERT PRATT (T), HENRY DUNDAS (T), EMPIRE GOLD (T), GULF
COAST (T), BRITISH GLORY (T), SOCONY VACUUM (T), MARS, SVANHOLM.
PRINCE DE LIEGE, KROMAN, OCEAN WANDERER (50/D.R./T.), EMPIRE
ROSALIND, OCEAN VISTA, HARDINGHAM (N/R/T), EMPIRE (2 corrupt groups)
OSPERO, FORT POPLAR, LEONIAN. Cdre. C.O. of LEONIAN. RICHARD
J.GATLING did not sail.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 071939B to Admty. F.O.C.Gibraltar, C. in C.Med.
Connav, N.O.I.C. Bougie, N.C.S.O. Walvis Bay, N.O.I.C. Bone,
N.O.I.C. Bizerta, F.O.I.S.)

Landing X Original programme for equipping Malta base with
Craft slips at Malta. nine major landing craft slips has been
considerably delayed and only one slip will be
operating by the end of this week the remainder
completing at rate of one per month.
2. By reducing the number of slips to five there
is a good chance of their all coming in to service in time to be
of use and I have therefore stopped work on the last four.
3. With three docks and five slipways Malta should be very well
equipped.
(C. in C.Med. 071944 to Admty.)

Movements 7th July Port Said departures LA MOQUEUSE, IERAX,
Port Said. M.Ls. 348, 384, TROOPER.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 071951C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Today's arrivals British M.M.S.563, today's
Oran. departures U.S.S. DALLAS and BRANT.
(Comnob Oran 072003B to Admty. etc.)
Arrivals PALADIN, M.M.S. 32, 4. Departures WILTON,
BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, LEDBURY, ULSTER QUEEN, BANFF,
OLIP, HONEYSUCKLE, BRYONY, HYDERABAD, BASGAMOT,*LEONIAN.
Arrived and departed TEVIOT, ERNE.
(Com. Algeria 072019B to Admty. etc.) *?BERMAGOT intended.

Minesweepers 405th Minesweeping Group has been renamed as
Renamed. follows:-
CAMBUSLANG now AEGIALIA.
CAMBUSKENNETH now MONEMVASSIA.
CAMBUSDOON now NAFFAKTIA.
CAMBUSLIE now AMVRAKIA.
(C. in C.Levant, 092020C to Admty. (R) Comla,
Greek C. in C.)

PRESTOL. PRESTOL urgently required at Sousse. What is
earliest she can arrive?
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 072059B to F.O.I.S. (R) V.A.Malta,
C. in C.Med. WHEDDON, ILEX.)

/Malta...

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Malta Air Report. A.I. 14, 7 July. Opsum No. 58. 6/7 July.
 1 Mosquito on intruder patrol over Western Sicily encountered low cloud and found no suitable target. 1 Wellington made shipping search in Gulf of Taranto.

7 July. 0700 hours, 26 Spitfires provided target support to Fortresses of N.A.A.F. bombing Gerbini Satellites.
 0755 hours 23 Spitfires gave target support to Mitchells of N.A.A.F. attacking Gerbini Satellite number 7.
 0815 hours 24 Spitfires provided high cover for Marauders and escorting Lightnings of N.A.A.F. attacking Gerbini Satellites. No enemy aircraft was seen.
 0845 hours 54 Spitfires provided escort and target support for Mitchells of N.A.A.F. attacking Biscari Aerodrome.
 1333 hours 36 Spitfires provided escort and top cover to Mitchells of N.A.A.F. attacking Comiso.
 1415 hours 57 Spitfires gave escort and target support to Mitchells of N.A.A.F. attacking Biscari Aerodrome. 2 Spitfires made photo R/C of Naples area and harbours of Eastern Sicily. Operations by aircraft of other commands. 7 July 1 Mitchell of 83 Sqn. airborne from Herglar at 0800 hours (2 groups missing) Biscari Aerodrome, hits in North dispersal area. Aircraft landed at Malta at 1015 hours owing to petrol shortage.
 (A.H.Q. Malta 072105Z.)

Movements Haifa. Arrival 7th July G.S. PANTHER, G.S. AETOS.
 (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 072157C to Admty. etc.)

Movements Algiers. Arrival FOULA, WESTRAY, M.T.B. 290, 289, 295.
 Departure EDSHOW, JEFFERS, BUTLER, PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, PRINCESS ASTRID, PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD, SIRIUS, DIDO, ACUTE, ALBACORE, BUDE, ROTHESAY, CLACTON, STORNAWAY, ELBURY, WESTRAY, FOULA HUNDA, KINTYRE, P.T.S. 215, 217, 209, 201, (7216), 211, 203, 218, 214, 345, 205, 202, 204, 212, 207, M.T.Bs. 260, 265, 268, 309, 315, 316, M.G.Bs. 646, 641.
 (S.O.I.S. 072202B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Bone. Arrived SIRIUS, DIDO, ANTHONY, WALLACE, HAMBLEDON, CRANE, WHIMBREL, CYGNET, PHEASANT, CHANTICLEER, TEST TREAT, SALTARELLO, M.T.Bs. 287, 296, H.D.M.L. 1305, F.P.V. 20132. Sailed MENDIP, BLENCATHRA, WOOLSTON, BRISSENDEN, BLANKNEY, ANTHONY, WALLACE, HAMBLEDON, M.T.Bs. 280, 288, 289, 295, 297, 287, 296.
 (N.O.I.C. Bone 072304B to Admty. etc.)

Movements Sfax. Arrival FOXTROT, COVERLEY, C.L. 564, 559.
 Departure WHADDON, EGGESFORD, BRIXHAM, TANGO, GAVOTTE, C.L. 566, 557, 1128, 1221, 1253, 1254.
 (N.O.I.C. Sfax 072335B to Admty.)

Movements Benghazi. Departures GOWLER, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH, IPSWICH, WHYALLA. Arrived ST. MONANCE, SOUTHERN ISLE, ROMEO, TETCOTT, BELVOIR. Arrived and left DULVERTON, PINDOS.
 (N.O.I.C. Benghazi 072353C to Admty.)

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Movements
Tripoli.

Arrived and sailed M.T.B. 65.
Arrived L.C.T. 572, 586, 615, 1281, UAYE, L.C.T. 579,
583. Sailg. FALK, L.C.T. 333, 356, 324, 487, 317,
572, 403, 410, 375, 420, 318, 583, 341, 377, 556,
537, 570, 361, 375, 445, 72, 308, 355, 390, 350,
306, 364, 311, 385, 307, 416, 339, 314, 446, 615,
325, 354, 623, 850, 554, 329.
(S.N.O. Trip. 072359B to Admty.)

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From: A.F.H.Q. Algiers.

IN
Date 7.7.43.
Recd 1500

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Addressed: The War Office, Usfor, C in C. Middle East, Britman Washington, Repeated: C in C India, C in C. Persia/Iraq, L.H.Q. Melbourne, C.G.S. Madrid. (for U.S. Ambassador Madrid), Resident Minister Achimota British Military Attache Ankara (for Marshall Chakmak) C.G.S. New Zealand (For Puttick)

North Africa, Situation Report.

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136387

Cite FHGCT. Signed Eisenhower.

LINREP Sixty one.

Summary of operations 1 to 4 July.
Para. One Ground. Nothing to report.

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Para Two. Naval. Our light coastal craft continued their operations throughout the period. During the night 30th June 1 July offensive sweeps were carried out off the West Coast of Sardinia and off Northwestern Sicily. During the night 2/3 July patrols were carried out off the East and North West coast of Sicily and on the following night MGBS operated off Catania. One of our submarines reports sinking a two thousand ton merchant ship in the Gulf of Genoa.

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Para Three. Air. During the period military targets in Sardinia and Sicily were attacked. In Sardinia the marshalling yards and railway stations at Cagliari and Olbia were attacked by formations of Wellingtons with good results. On 3 July the airdrome at Chilivani was attacked by 39B Seventeens (Fortresses) while the airdromes of Alghero Milis and Capoterra were bombed by formations of B 25's (Mitchells) and B 26's (Marauder) averaging in excess of 30 aircraft. In Sicily the principal target was Trapani where on 4th July 52 Wellingtons attacked Military objectives. Marshalling yards at Palermo and Sciacca were bombed by 30 Wellingtons and 12 B 25 respectively while the airdromes at Catania and Gerbini were attacked by 48 B 17's and 71 B 25's respectively.

/ Para Four.....

Para Four. Political. General Giraud has left for the US for a visit of ten days which indicates the improvement in the French political and military situation. General Juin who represented the French Army at the 4th of July ceremony at A.F.H.Q. temporarily replaces Giraud in French North and West Africa. French Staff reorganization along American lines is under way

No. T.O.O.

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- A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- D.C.N.A.E.
- U.W.R.
- Ops (3)
- O.D. (5)
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MESSAGE

IN

DATE 22.7.43.
RUCD 2334

FROM C. in C. Med. (Malta)

Naval Cypher (II) By W/T

Addressed Med. Stn. and Levant Stn. 47 B repeated Admiralty.

N.O.i/c Bizerta has taken over duty as F.O.i/c Tunisia as from 7th July. Hqs. at Bizerta.

(2) Outstanding correspondence F.O.i/c is to be sent to Commodore (II) in HQ Algiers.

(3) Paragraph seven (C) of Med. (W) /00200/12 of 31st (?May) (not to all addressees) is now in force, paragraph ten and appendix I are cancelled.

(4) Shore authority III allocated N.O.i/c Bizerta is re-allocated F.O.i/c Tunisia.

072335B

1st S.L.(2)
D.F.S.L.
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S.O.F.(V)(4)

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Convoy
B.M.56. Following is a text of my 060926Z (received undecypherable). "B.M.56 arrived."
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 070309Z to Admty, (R) C. in C. E.F., S.O.I. Bombay.)

O.21. D.S.O.21 will leave Colombo on 9th July to arrive Exmouth Gulf on 20th July for operation under orders of O.B.S.O. (2) Details of route (? will be) signalled later. (3) A.C.N.B. pass to O.B.S.O. and inform Comsouwespac. (4) Admty pass to Adml. Somerville.
(F.O. Ceylon, 070445Z to A.C.N.B. (R) C. in C. Netherlands Forces in East (B.S.O) Admty, C. in C. E.F., S.O.(S) Colombo, O.B.S.O.)

LEANA Shelled by U/B. Following read from Simonstown W/T: S.O.S. at 0528 G.M.T. on 500 K/cs Submarine 25.06 S. 35.33 E. Shelling.
(LEANA, 070500Z)
At 0528Z/7th July SS. LEANA reported being shelled by U-Boat in 025° 06' S. 035° 33' E.
(C. in C. E.F. 070640Z to S. and A. E.I.S. (R) Admty, C. in C. S.A. 246 Wing.)
Portuguese authorities report intercept at 0540Z July 7th S.S.S.S. Sub. 025° 05' S. 035° 33' E. shelling.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 071123B to Admty etc.)

ALCOA PROSPECTOR (attacked 5th July.) ALCOA PROSPECTOR attacked by U.B. 050610Z in 024° 21' N. 59° 04' E. Attempt being made to tow to Bandar Abbas.
(S.O.(I) Colombo, 070523Z to Admty)
A.I.O.C. Tugs ZURMAND and TAVANA left Abadan 01307Z* July to proceed via Khor Kuwait to position about 025° N. Miami 19° E. (? to Salvage ALCOA PROSPECTOR (U.S.S.). Wilkinson assumes command of TAVANA for voyage. Request A.I.O.C. London be informed and necessary arrangements made for insurance.
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 070557Z to Admty) * As received.

NEPAL. Arrived and left.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 070830 to C. in C. E.F. etc)

AMERICAN MANUFACTURER, Attacked by U/B. At 0416Z/7th July SS. AMERICAN MANUFACTURER reported being attacked by a U-Boat in 027° 29' S. 106° 29' E.
(C. in C. E.F. 070915Z to S. & A. E.I. (R) Admty etc.)

JALARASHMI. Transport JALARASHMI sailed your 7th July, E.T.A. Aden 15th July draught 21 feet 8 inches. Shipped (details). Requirements Aden.
(S.T.O. Karachi, 070931Z to S.S.T.O. Suez)

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SUSSEX.

Arrived.
(F.O.E.A. 071021 to Admty)

C.X.4.

Convoy sailing telegram, Part 1. (1) C.X.4.
(2) 1800Z/7th July. (4) 10 knots.
(5) W.004° 05' N. 076° 05' E. X.000° 15' S.
075° 30' E. (6) KATHIWIAR, WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 071100Z, 071105Z)

AMRITSAR.

Departure AMRITSAR keeping continuous watch on
500 K/cs and changing over to 3000 K/cs when
within 100 miles of Madras.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 071130Z to Admty etc.)
Amended, see 080319Z.

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Replacements of L.C.Ts. etc. Lorsa 10558.
(1) Ref. Salor 7973. Following agreed subject to assignments.
(2) (M.K.A.) 52 L.C.T.(P) delivery September or October. (B) 14 L.C.T.(5) and 2 L.C.T. (6) of which 10 L.C.T. (5) delivered, 2 L.C.T. (6) in July, 4 L.C.T. (5) expected August or September.
(3) L.C.M. (3) present request for 40 deferred for the present by Navy Department until September. This figure arrived at as follows - 29 transferred to Arzou plus 61 lost minus 50 transferred to British by Americans in England extra to our assignments.
(B.A.D. 070011Z to Admty.).

EVENLODE Admty. 211758 June.
Anticipate EVENLODE will be ready to sail for Bermuda 15th July.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 070017Z to S.B.N.O.W.A.).

U.T./T.U. convoys. At today's "Bolero" meeting it was agreed that escorted troop convoys from U.S.A. to U.K. should use the code titles U.T. and T.U. in reverse. The first group to use this will be that sailing in August as U.T.1. Presume you have no comment.
(J.S.M. 070103Z to W.C.O. London).

VICTORIOUS Ref. VICTORIOUS 242350 June to B.A.R.M. repeated Admiralty and A.M. 242050 June (Hush N.T. in W.D.)
Should VICTORIOUS call (Norfolk(Va.)) to re-equip with aircraft 14 days work up of pilots will be necessary.
(2) Desired that action for procurement of S.G. Radar should be initiated and if supplied that setting should be fitted as suggested by VICTORIOUS during this period.
(B.A.R.M. Washington 070124Z to Admty.).

PASTEUR Convoy T.A. 51 comprising PASTEUR sailed from U.K. 5th July for Halifax.
(2) Details of personnel on board are being communicated by War Office to C.G.S. Ottawa and Milstaf Washington.
(D.S.T. 070250B to N.S.H.Q.).

U/B S/M contacted 018 degs. 09' N. 075 degs. 36' West at 0832Z.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 070946Q to Admty.).

Movements Halifax. Arrivals ST. CLAIR, MIDLAND, TRANSCONIA, MULGRAVE from O.N.190.
(C. Halifax 071134Z to Admty. etc.).

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B.X.61

B.X.61 arrived 2150Z/July 6th.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax 071150Z to Admty.).

Overdue
shipping
reports.

Your 031221Q. Admiralty requires reports of all Overdue Shipping over 40 gross tons regardless of type or nationality.
(2) Details of current voyage should be included when movement is not otherwise reported to Admiralty.
(D.T.D. 071213B to S.O.(I) Jamaica (R) N.S.H.Q.).

X.B.62

X.B.62 Boston section arrived 071127Z. Cape Cod Canal section arrived 071200Z.
(P.D. Boston 071231 to Cominch C and R etc.).

T.A.51

Movements Summary 1800 G.M.T. 7th July.
T.A. 51. 50 degs. N. 28½ degs. W. 254 19½ knots.
(D.O.D.(F) 071231B to Opnav).

JASPER
PARK
torpedoed
6th July.

Your 061358.* Request any details available re S.S. JASPER PARK.
(N.S.H.Q. 071518Z to Admty.). * U/B position in S.A. SS. JASPER PARK, torpedoed.

G.123

Convoy Guantanamo 123 arrived.
(B.R.L.O. Cristobal 071525R to Admty.).

NIGERIA

Sail NIGERIA when ready about 10th July Norfolk Va. to Clyde direct. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A.
(Cominch 071610Z to Cd. E.S.F. (R) Cinclant).
S.B.N.O.W.At. Com. 5th Naval District Norfolk Va. Admty. C. in C. Nore., C.S.10., N.S.H.Q. C. in C. H.F. C. in C.W.A.).

T.F.68
A.T.54A.

TEXAS, CHIWAWA, COMDESRON, 18 in DOYLE, H.P. JONES, DUPONT, GREER, UPSHUR, ELLIS, DICKERSON, hereby established as Task Force 68 (Capt. Pfaff). About 12 July, 8th destroyer will be added. Escort convoy A.T. -54A scheduled sail New York 16 July for U.K. and consisting of about 6 A.Ps. SEATRIN, TEXAS, and BLOCK ISLAND loaded with Army planes. Fuel destroyers at sea from CHIWAWA. Routeing and "Chops" will be prescribed by Com. 10th Fleet (C. and R). Comdes. direct destroyers named to be at New York by noon 15th July and report there to Capt. Pfaff. C.T.F.29 and C.T.F.28 direct CHIWAWA and BLOCK ISLAND do likewise. When all ships unloaded and when directed by Comnav return to New York in accordance with Admiralty routeing.

/This...

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- T.F.68
A.T.54A.
(Contd.). This is Cinclant's 070309 addressed to U.S.S. TEXAS for action, Comnaveu, Comdesron 18, Cominch, C.E.S.F., C.T.F.29., C.T.F.28., Admiralty. C. in C.W.A. Com.3. P.D.N.Y. and Comdesron 31 for information. (Comnaveu 071618Z to Admty.).
- T.J.1. My 031448 (sailing telegram for T.J.1.) QUEEN BAIALOIDE (Brazilian) returned Port of Spain. (B.R.L.O. Trinidad 071626Q to Admty.).
- B.6. Your 071010P. Following has been Broadcast Algiers B.A.M.S. 2A, T.R. D.3, R/V in position 053 degs. 00' North 040 degs. 700' West at 1500 G.M.T. July 8th T.O.O. 071632 G.M.T. (ends). (C. in C.C.N.A. 071637Z to B.6. (R) Connv, A.C.I.C. Admty. C. in C.W.A. N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.(D) Argentia, H.Q.C.C. Cmdr.(D) W. Approaches.).
- EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND This is re-encypherment of P.D. Norfolk 071315 action to Commorocanseafon, Admty. V.A. Gibraltar, Com.10th Fleet C and R. Infor. to Comeastseafon, C. in C. Med. Comnavnaw, N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. (1) U.G.3. (2) 071630Z Cape Henry. (3) Time passing J 081530Z S. of A 20 knots. (4) "Chop" 101400Z. Radio shift 20 degs. West 130530Z. E.T.A. Casablanca 141400Z. (5) Route. Codeword "Eclipsed". Associated call sign 127. (Radio Washington 071642Z to Admty. etc.).
Following is re-encypherment of P.D. Norfolk 071756 action to Commorocanseafon etc.
"Re my 071315, departed Cape Henry 7 July 1720Z".
(Radio Washington 072204Z to Admty. etc.).
- GEORGES LEYGUES Your 032359. Ship arrived Philadelphia July 021500. (C.E.S.F. 071740 to Comar Dakar).
- P.554 (1) S/M P.554 escorted by NORTHERN GEM sails St. Johns 1630Z/July 8th for Argentia on surface (route).
(2) S. of A. 10 knots. (3) E.T.A. 0930Z/July 9th. (F.O.N.F. 071750Z as amended 080126Z to C. in C. C. N.A.).
- HAUKEN HAUKEN reports. (A) White flash followed by two rockets and oil slick. clusters red rockets sighted 20150Q yesterday 6th July 10 miles South of Morant Point.
(B) Search of vicinity at approx. 2115 revealed large oil slick strong smell Kerosene nothing else observed.
(C) Return to position 0930Q today 7th confirmed oil slick light

/grade...

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HAUKEN rockets and oil slick. (Contd.)
grade also motor life-boat found 4 miles southwest of slick towed Kingston identified as ex POELAU ROEBIAH but observers in HAUKEN convinced oil slick not drifted from position sinking of that ship. In view possibility rockets came from boat damaged as result attacks by plane and U.S.C.G. BRONCO request information whether any merchant ship plotted in that area at 2015Q 6th July. (S.O.I. Jamaica 071809Q to N.O.B. Guantanamo).

Routes Your 302115/June para. A. Route should be parallel to centre line.
(2) Para.B. has been referred to F.O.C.W.A.F.
(3) Request Cominch C and R be asked to promulgate.
(D.T.D. 071824B to B.A.D.).

H.X.247 Sailing telegram Part 1.
(2) Position A.B. at 1600Z/July 8th.
(3) 5. 8 Routes and R/V as per C. in C.C.N.A. 022016 July, H.O.M.P. 0900Z/July 11th.
(6) Task Unit W.6. MONTGOMERY, S.O. POLYANTHUS, ST. ALBANS, COBALT, LACHINE, COWICHAN.
(P.D. New York 071842Z to Admty.).

O.T.70 Convoy O.T.70. 8 ships departed. First out Ambrose 071840Z. Last 071853. Task group 21.4 pass to Commodore.
(U.S. Port Director N.Y. 071954Z to Connav).

CYRUS FIELD Halifax departure July 7th.
(C. in C.N.A. 071957Z to Admty. etc.).

Bunkers for Mediterranean ships. B.M.W.T. New York urgently request instructions for bunkering British and British controlled ships sailing from United States in U.G. Convoys and bound for Mediterranean, Middle East, Persian Gulf and Indian Ports.
(B.R.L.O. New York 071959Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D. N.S.H.Q.).

Martlett Aircraft. My 051403 para.2. (N.T. in W.D.).
Now propose we retain Martletts IV's and spares and loan them to U.S. Navy for training our Fighter students at Miami. Situation quoted in para.2. (C) of S.S.T's No. L2-7 dated 5th June to D.A.W.T. would thus be relieved.
(2) Loan of these obsolescent fighters would materially assist U.S. Navy in overcoming serious shortage of service type fighters for operational training. Since shortage must have arisen partly from assignment of U.S. Navy fighters to R.N. loan would be a very practical gesture.
(B.A.D. 072045Z to Admty.).

/A.T.53...

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A.T.53 Departing New York 1630Z/July 8th Ambrose
AQUITANIA (A.T.53) U.K. E.T.A. Clyde Boom 200Z/15th
S. of A. 19.5 knots. Route. Dawn R/V at 0400Z/
15th July in 56.25 North 11.30 West K. 56.30 08.28
thence proceed accordance instructions C. in C.
W.A. Fighter proection codeword is "Active" with three figure
associated C.L. call sign 108.
(P.D. New York 072046 to Com. 10th Fleet C and R (R) Admty.
etc.).

Sub All times Z.
attack and (A) VERNON CITY torpedoed 04.20 South 27.20 West
sighting on 28th.
summary. Following torpedoed JAMES ROBERTSON, WM. BOYCE,
THOMPSON, THOMAS SINNICKSON and S.B. HUNT 04.05
South 35.58 West 070405 to 070630. Plane
attacked sub on surface 55.49 North 26.55 West
about 062155. From Cominch.
(B) Plane and surface craft attacked periscope area 17.56 North
67.57 West 061920.
(C) Sound contact 18.09 North 75.26 West 070832. Sub sighted
17.10 South 37.36 West 071139. Liberator sighted sub 55.50
North 24.45 West 062255. S.C. 1302 attacked sound contact
10.58 North 62.09 West 061300.
(D) U.S.S. SEACLOUD sights submerged sub. 43.30 North 59.05 West
about 071249. Sub wake sighted 06.22 South 25.16 West 071245.
(Cominch 072107Z to Admty.).

U.S. Marine J.S.M. 1042 7th July 1943. Ref. C.O.S. (W) 666
Swimmers (261700).
Navy Department has concurred in proposal to train
a unit of expert swimmers with U.S. Marine Corps
at San Diego. Accommodation and training
facilities will be provided for 8 officers and 32
other ranks by U.S. Marine Corps.
(2) Suggest all further arrangements be made direct
between Admty. and B.A.D.
(J.S.M. Washington 072123Z to W.C.O.).

Australia and New Zealand.

D.T.26 Convoy D.T.26 6th July DARVEL for Thursday Is.
KOOLIGA and TIM for Cairns via Thursday Is.
Escort INVERELL.
(N.O.I.C. Port Darwin 070134Z to Admty.).

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Gulf.

X Kiwi No. 83.
Allied Naval Forces bombarded Vila Baeroko N.W. New Georgia early morning 5th. Four Catalinas bombed same target same time reported fires. Four probable D.D. sighted East of Kolombangara heading towards Buin after bombardment. Three A.K's. Buka a.m. 5th also 78 F.14 D.B. Kahili Aerodrome nine M.B. (corrupt groups) photographed. Three allied P.Ts. which grounded 1000 yards S.Kunda Kunda Island Southeast Munza (?Munda) destroyed by Jap light shore batteries. 16 Warhawks intercepted 40 Zeros over Rendova afternoon 5th. 2 Zeros destroyed we lost one, pilot recovered. 18 Dauntlesses raided Baeroko Rendova Southern New Georgia fairly quiet bridgeheads being consolated patrols active. Evening 5th M.B. failed to locate three C.Ls. 11 D. one (corrupt groups) 5 M.B.R.Us. one unidentified warship bombed Bhmlale instead. N.12 Zeroes unsuccessfully intercepted. Early July 6th small allied Task Group Cruisers and destroyers engaged and practically annihilated enemy force attempting to slip into Kula Gulf. Battle began 0300M against seven C.Ls. D.D.s. which were either sunk or crippled by 0400. U.S.S. HELENA believed hit by torpedoes and lost. During rescue operations two U.S.D.D. sighted three enemy vessels trying to leave the Gulf sank four funnelled C.L. and D.D. another D.D. damaged. These vessels possibly additional to original seven. 619 survivors from HELENA picked up so far many still on rafts off N.E. Kolombangara. S.S. and air attacks forced rescue vessel to retire at daybreak. One C.A. 6 D.D. sighted forty miles North Kieta 1020M. probably en route Buin. Coastwatchers reported D.D. North-West Vella Lavella 1228M high speed also D.D. near Faisi 1200M/6th both Northwest course high speed from South. Report 0745M from Sangigai South West Coast CHOISEUL indicated one damaged two other D.D. North West course slow speed. Eventually arrived Oema Island 0920M. (C.W.R. Wellington 070251Z).

MOUNT
VERNON

Arrival Sydney (N.S.W.) 6th U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON.
(A.C.N.B. 070501Z to Admty. etc.).

ATREUS
ALSEY
loops.

Admty. 262002 June. 3009 London Mark III mines available beginning of August ex U.K. 561 (Group 39, optional 376, 346, 200) London Mark II available. Following quantities of cable can be made available from stocks held Australia. (Numbers) Can 167 additional cables possibly be made available Ceylon or Durban, alternatively following additional quantities available Australia if laying of minefields at Port Stephens, New South Wales, is halved until further supplies are received from U.S? Also additional 36 mines London Mark II. (A.C.N.B. 070616Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. etc.).

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Convoy (B) 0555Z/7th July. (C) List and destinations.
O.C.106. Escort WARRNAMBOOL, ECHUCA, KALGOURLIE.
(N.C.S.O. Melbourne 070659Z to Admty. etc.).

Movements This is a repetition of my 031234Z (begins).
Arrivals 2nd July Thursday Island R.A.F.A. KURUMBA
Brisbane U.S. CREMER. U.S.T.ANHUI departed
Townsville 30th June arrived Gladstone 1st July.
H/T DUNTROON departed Port Moresby 2nd due Cairns 4th. R.A.A.F.
Store Ship WANAKA departed Townsville 1st due Port Moresby 4th.
M/T TAROONA departed Cairns 2nd due Port Moresby 4th. (Ends).
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 071130Z to Grabbag, San Francisco etc.).
Arrivals 5th July Merauke VAN DER LIJN 6th Darwin KURUMBA.
H/T TAROONA. Departed Port Moresby 5th due Townsville 8th U.S.
Transport VAN DER LIJN departed Merauke 6th due Thursday Is. 7th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 071536Z to Grabbag, San Francisco etc.).

Night Paras.12 to 17 inclusive cover Solomons and
Action South Pacific Forces.
in Kula Destroyer observed proceeding southbound past
Gulf. Cape Orford early evening. My 071136Z part 3
Digest No.533, read Cdr. 7th Flt. A.C.N.B. also intended for
July 6th. C.N.F. from G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.
(2) One small merchantman numerous small boats and
barges sighted in Wewak Harbour midday.
(3) Nine enemy bombers four fighters raided Bena
Area morning without result.
(4) One Mitchell bombed strafed Labualagoon Area morning 5th
while three Mitchells attacked following morning.
(5) 15 enemy bombers ineffectually attacked Allied positions
Nassau Bay afternoon 5th.
(8) Two afternoon R/C Liberators bombed Babo. Also reported
sighting one merchantman six miles west of Nabire while on Nabire
aerodrome four fighters seen also additional revetments and new
buildings. One unidentified aircraft observed at Utarom while
two small merchant vessels sighted at Langgder.
(9) Five Hudsons and five Mitchells attacked Koepang aerodrome
night starting fires and explosions.
(10) Enemy float planes over small Allied convoy vicinity Coburg
Peninsula Darwin Area driven off by covering Beaufighter about
midday.
(11) About same time twenty seven medium bombers escorted by 21
fighters raided Darwin causing some damage to grounded aircraft
and installations. 26 Spitfires intercepted, destroying five
bombers two fighters probably destroying four bombers, damaging
two additional bombers. Seven Spitfires lost whereof three
pilots recovered to date.
(12) One heavy cruiser two destroyers four auxiliaries sighted
35 miles East Teop Harbour Bougainville Island on southerly
course morning.
(15) Two submerged enemy submarines sighted by aircraft one
West Ganongga Island early hours other East Gatukai Island mid
morning.
(16) Preliminary report of engagement of force of 10 enemy
light cruisers and destroyers by Allied surface units in Kula
Gulf night 5th - 6th indicates six probably sunk, including at
least one light cruiser, four others damaged. One U.S. light
cruiser sunk probably by torpedoes. Beached destroyer sighted

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Australia and New Zealand.

Night Action on Southeast Coast Kolombangara morning 6th and
in Kula attacked by ten Avengers eleven Dauntless escorted
Gulf. by fourteen Wildcats mid morning and by three
Digest No.533 Mitchells early afternoon. Both strikes scored
July 6th. several hits causing explosions and fires. Wildcats
(Contd.). in morning strike engaged seven Zeros destroying
four without loss. Two destroyers unloaded troops
at Vila Plantation early morning 6th. Small
groups of enemy vessels including destroyers, whereof
at least one damaged, and two possible light cruisers observed
proceeding in direction Shortlands Base from Kolombangara Area
morning. One Liberator on morning search for shipping to Northeast
of Kolombangara attacked by five Zeros whereof two destroyed and
one probably destroyed.
(17) Eighteen bombers attacked Allied positions Rendova afternoon
causing some damage and casualties, three bombers destroyed by
gunfire.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 071136Z).

U.S.A.T. Port Hueneme 3rd MORMAC PORT (U.S.A.T.) for
Noumea.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 071850Z to Admty. (R) D.N.I.
Wellington).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 071401B, 071405B).

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly My 221059 July, 1942.
Summary. (1) At 0510/2 HAVELOCK, S.O. of a support group
which was operating in conjunction with aircraft in
the Bay of Biscay, attacked a sound contact 90'
north of Cape Ortegal. After the attack oil
covered an area 1200 yards long and 300 yards wide.
(2) At 1405/3 Liberator J/224 attacked a surfaced U-Boat with 35
lb. shaped charge bombs, and saw one probable hit. Second attack was
carried out with depth charges as U-Boat was submerging. Subsequently
a considerable patch of oil came to the surface and about six
bodies were seen some of which started swimming. This was 70' North
of Cape Ortegal.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
Summary.
(Contd.).

(3) At 1436/3 Liberator D/53 attacked a surfaced U-Boat with depth charges 110' N.N.W. of Cape Ortegal. Considerable oil and bubbles seen after the attack.

(4) Air patrols in the Bay of Biscay have resulted in 30 U-Boat sightings since 30th June, of which 8 have been attacked. These sightings included 5 groups of 3 U-Boats and 3 groups of 2 U-Boats. Surface vessels operating in conjunction with these air patrols have made no attacks this month except as stated in para.1, above. (D.A./U.D. 071125B to Cominch etc.).

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SITUATION REPORT.

1. Trans-Pacific routeing of British controlled ships from the north American eastern seaboard to India and the Persian Gulf is suspended until further notice. A message from the Admiralty to Connav today summarises the Admiralty's intentions as regards routeing.

Home Commands.

2. H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH arrived at Plymouth from Bermuda this morning with 5 destroyers, after repairs in U.S.A.

U/B
attacked.

3. HURRICANE (S.O. of B.1 group), who with her group had been hunting a U-boat about 110 miles west by south of Cape Ortegal, reported that 3 minutes after depth charges had been dropped at O222B an underwater explosion occurred, after which contact was lost. At O412B oil was still coming up and spreading over a large area. C. in C. Plymouth ordered both Group B.1 and Escort Group 2 to remain in the neighbourhood for the remainder of daylight today unless A/C sight any further U-boats or unless they are satisfied the U-boat is sunk.

4. At 0800 today the Faeroese MISTLETOE was machine-gunned and bombed by one sea-plane off the S.E. of Iceland and sank 3 hours later. Two of her crew were killed and the remaining five with one passenger were picked up by WILHELMINA and brought on the 9th July into Seidisfiord.

North Atlantic.

5. Hospital ship AMARAPOORA arrived at Gibraltar this afternoon from U.K.

U/Bs

6. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar this evening reports that there is one U-boat off Lisbon and another was sighted by aircraft at 1351 today in 36.41 N. 08.51 W. About 10 U-boats are at present estimated to be steering towards Gibraltar from 35° N., 15° W.

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North Atlantic.

U/Bs
contd.

At 1113B a Liberator reports that he attacked a U-boat in 40°37' N., 13° 41' W. (240 miles west of Oporto) with 4 650 lb. depth charges which straddled the U-boat forward of the conning tower. The U-boat sank stern first (Commorseafron reports U/B probably sunk.)

At 1555Z a patrol bomber attacked a U-boat in 37.28 N., 13.17 W. and reports it possibly damaged. Four other attacks on U-boats are reported, viz. at 1726, 1745, 1903 and 1943 respectively.

South Atlantic.

U/B attack
on T.J.1:
2 ships
sunk.

7. Convoy T.J.1. (Trinidad to Rio de Janeiro) was attacked by U-boat at 0520Z today in 05.30 N. 50.00 W. (about 270 miles north of the mouth of the Amazon). Norwegian tanker B.P. NEWTON (10324 tons) and U.S. ELDENA (6900 tons) were torpedoed and sunk.

B.S.N.6. Rio de Janeiro reports that the U-boat situation in those waters at present gives cause for considerable anxiety.

Mediterranean.

8. PARTHIAN considers that she sank or seriously damaged by torpedoes at 0610 today a 3000 ton merchant ship headed for Suda Bay in 35.36 N. 24.19 E. (about 10 miles N.E. of Suda Bay).

Operation
"Husky".

9. C. in C. Med., reports that all movements proceeded according to plan.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

U-boat
situation.

10. From appreciation of possible positions for U-boat operations C. in C. Eastern Fleet considers that traffic in the Mozambique Channel should be reduced and other traffic routed further to the southward of Madagascar than at present. He gives details of his intentions in a message today.

11. An aircraft attacked a Japanese U-boat at 0645Z today in 11.50 N. 51.55 E. (in Guardafui Channel). No result is reported.

Burma

12. 7 Hurricanes sank or damaged 33 river craft between Akyab and Ramree Island today.

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TYNE or
BLENHEIM
for Eastern
Fleet.

- In order to provide for intended destroyer reinforcements, it is necessary to allocate a destroyer depot ship to Eastern Fleet.
2. In view of meagre facilities on Eastern station it is under consideration that TYNE should proceed to Eastern Fleet and BLENHEIM should relieve her at Scapa. TYNE would be required to leave U.K. beginning of September.
 3. GREENWICH has been earmarked to replace BLENHEIM on completion of refit in U.S.A. Date of arrival in Iceland is uncertain.
 4. A less satisfactory solution for Eastern Fleet would be to send BLENHEIM.
 5. Inconvenience of withdrawing TYNE from Scapa, particularly in matter of working up new construction destroyers, is fully appreciated but BLENHEIM and shore facilities may have to be accepted. TYNE's good speed and mobility would be invaluable to Eastern Fleet.
 6. Withdrawal of BLENHEIM will leave Iceland without depot ship and Hvalfjord floating dock without repair facilities for short while.
 7. Request your early remarks.
(D.O.D.F., 081211B to C. in C. H.F., A.C.I.C., C. in C. W.A.)

JEANNIE
LEASK,
SEA HOLLY,
SWEET
PROMISE.

LL vessels JEANNIE LEASK, SEA HOLLY, and SWEET PROMISE are to be surrendered as convenient.
(D.M.S., 081640B to F.O.I.C. Harwich.)

Russian
procedure.

- Chiefs of Staff from Martel.
1. Visited Russian Northern ports during last fortnight. Very good relations between Russian and British services.
 2. Russian Civil authorities putting every kind obstruction in our way. Saw leading civil officials in North Russia but policy evidently dictated from Moscow.
 3. Full report with proposed minimum terms that we should accept from Russians being sent by plane in next few days. Ambassador fully consulted.
 4. Our service personnel have behaved remarkably well under great provocation except for a few minor cases. They will continue to do so but it is urgent that some action should be taken with Russian Civil authorities. There is a limit to everyone's patience. Very little appears to have been done over this Civil side during past twelve months.
(30 Mission Moscow, 081744 to War Office.)

E.G. 4.

BENTINCK, BLACKWOOD, DRURY, BAZELEY, BAYNTUN, BERRY are to form 4th Escort Group based at Belfast. (2) Previous allocations of BAYNTUN, BERRY are cancelled.
(C. in C. W.A., 081848B.)

/Subron ...

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Subron 50. C.A.F.O.202/43. Subron 50 is no longer operating from this country. (F.O.S., 082153B to Admty.)

Movements.

S/M Movements. E.T.A. Lyness 1800B/8th. (K.14, 080608B to F.O.S.)
My 071529B. Sailed. E.T.A. 1500. (H.28). (C. in C. Plymouth, 080957B.)
Intend sailing H.28 escorted by CHASER 15 at time requisite 9th July to R/V and proceed as in Capt. (S) 3rd 061037B and C. in C. Plymouth 071529B. (N.O.I.C. Falmouth, 081208B to Capt. (S) 3.)
Unless otherwise ordered am proceeding Lerwick to comply with your 251115B. E.T.A. 1830B/10. (P.67, 081330B to Capt. (S) 3.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/9 and movements for following 24 hours. (F.O.(S), 081551, 081814B, 082304B, 090833B.)
P.67 proceeding on route "Grey" to 062° 01' N. 001° 27' W. then to 090° Muckle Flugga 8 for Lerwick, E.T.A. p.m./10th. (F.O.(S), 082233B to S/Ms.)

Force S. Sighted by R/C aircraft in 066° 38' N. 009° 20' W. My course and speed 105°, 16 knots. (S.O. Force S, 080745B to H.F.)

QUEEN ELIZABETH. Arrived QUEEN ELIZABETH, ORIBI, DRURY, BENTINCK, BLACKWOOD, BAZELY. (C. in C. Plymouth, 081157B.)

Force Q. Shadower gone. May not have sighted us. My P.C.S. 62° 20' N. 00° 20' W., 090°, 18 knots. (S.O. Force Q, 081204B to H.F.)

ARCHER. Intend remaining air port wharf Belfast until 0700/13th, proceeding for exercise with PHILANTE and Fifth Escort Group on 13th, 14th, and 15th July, return Greenock on completion. Your 031504 refers. (ARCHER, 081211B to C. in C. W.A.)

BITER. My 081232* Request BITER be diverted to Belfast to disembark stores and personnel of 811 Squadron. (F.O.C.T., 081242 to C. in C. W.A.)
* 811 Squadron to disembark at Belfast.

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ORKAN. My 051847 and F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 072308.
 2. Admiral Sverski and party wish to be on jetty when ORKAN arrives alongside, and to leave Plymouth with coffins by 2300 train.
 3. Request you will arrange - (a) surface and air escort for O.R.P. ORKAN approaching Plymouth.
 (b) ORKAN's time of arrival to suit para. 2 if practicable.
 (D.O.D.H., 081255B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
 It is desired that ORKAN should pass the gate between 1700B and 2030B on 10th July, the earlier time being preferred. Adjust your speed accordingly.
 (3) WENSLEYDALE and MELBREAK will R/V with you in position (?180) The Lizard 3 and escort you to Plymouth acting under your orders from time of R/V.
 (4) Special air escort from 19 and 10 Group will be arranged from vicinity of Wolf Rock.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 081817B to ORKAN.)

JAMAICA. JAMAICA arrived Needles 1459/8th.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 081512 to C. in C. H.F.)

Canadian M.M.S. for Londonderry. Your 062329. Request M.M.S. may be sailed to Londonderry when ready in not less than pairs. Flotilla will be formed after arrival in U.K.
 2. Your paras. 2 and 3, concur.
 3. M.M.S. 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 256 and 257 will form 143rd M.S.F. in U.K. Request they may be sailed similarly.
 (D.M.S., 081810B to C. in C. C.N.A.)

BITER. After flying off 811 Squadron to R.N.A.S. Belfast BITER is to proceed into Belfast Lough to disembark Squadron personnel and stores. On completion N.O.I.C. Belfast is requested to sail BITER for Clyde.
 (C. in C. W.A., 081814B to BITER.)

OBDURATE. E.T.A. 0400B/9th.
 (OBDURATE, 082222B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

RAMILLIES. R/V with RAMILLIES and BRILLIANT off Hoxa Gate at 0339/9th. Take BRILLIANT under your orders and provide escort RAMILLIES to Rosyth.
 (2) When released return Scapa with BRILLIANT.
 (R.A.D.H.F., 082309B to ROEBUCK.)

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Operation "Musketry". U-Boat attacked by HURRICANE. Originator of message T.O.O. 072242 from A/C reporting U-Boat in 043° 15' N. 010° 11' W. is not known. (C. in C. Plymouth, 080101B to E.G.2, B.1.) My 072242B to 19 Group. U-Boat dived at 2305B in 043° 09' N. 010° 10' W. Contact not gained. E.G.2 arriving 0245B. (B.1., 080103B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

My 080103B. Now in contact. Am hunting. (B.1, 080250B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

My 080250B. Underwater explosion 3 minutes after depth charge attack at 0222B, contact then lost. Oil still coming up and spreading over a large area. Escort Group 2 now in company. (B.1, 080412B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Your 080250. Expect Sunderland F/10 to co-operate. (C. in C. Plymouth, 080515B to B.1.)

Cancel my 080515B. Your 080250. Expect Catalina N/210 to co-operate. (C. in C. Plymouth, 080719B to E.G.1)

Am over enemy submarine. (A/C 'A', 080802 to 19 Group.)

Your 072209B*. 600 tons fuel available for B.1 Group. My P.C.S. at 081200Z 048° 57' N. 013° 52' W., 180°, 7½.

Weather report 5882 1662. (S.O. E.G.39, 080825Z to S.O. E.G. B.1.)

* ROCKINGHAM, HURRICANE, MEADOWSWEET etc. oil from DINGLEDALE.

Am being attacked by a Ju.88 in 46° 40' N. 09° 40' W. (A/C 10 Sqn. Duty 'G', 081046B to 19 Group.)

B.1's 080412B. Both Groups remain in vicinity for remainder of daylight today unless aircraft sight any further U-Boats or unless you are satisfied U-Boat is sunk. ROCKINGHAM may be detached as required for fuelling. (C. in C. Plymouth, 081117B to B.1, E.G.2.)

Am over enemy submarine in 46° 55' N. 10° 16' W. Submarine was on course 280°. (A/C 423 Sqn. Duty 'F', 081140 to 19 Group.)

Am over enemy submarine on surface. When first sighted was on course 240°, estimated speed 12 knots, position 43° 37' N. (? longitude). (A/C 224 Sqn. Duty 'R', 081330 to 19 Group.)

Hunt U/B, reported 043° 37' N. 008° 59' W. at 1330, 240°, 12 knots. (H.Q. 19 Group, 081357 to A/C 53 Sqn. Duty 'B'.)

Aircraft possibly in distress in vicinity 049° 42' N. 010° 29' W. Adjust course to pass through this position. Search not required unless otherwise ordered. (C. in C. Plymouth, 081541B to MONKSHOOD.)

U-Boat within 30 miles by D/F 2. Request air assistance, course 095°, speed 27. (HURRICANE, 081655Z to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Your 081541B complied with. Nothing sighted. Proceeding in accordance with your 071935B. E.T.A. position Z 2100B/9. Weather 5782 1564. (MONKSHOOD, 081850B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

/Am ...

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Operation "Musketry". U-Boat attacked by HURRICANE. (Contd.)

Am over enemy submarine in 39° 42' N. 12° 18' W. (A/C 210 Sqdn. Duty 'G', No T.O.O. to Gibraltar. Recd. 081945.)

HURRICANE's 081655. 2 Halifax in vicinity 043° 37' N. 008° 59' W. now. Call sign. (C. in C. Plymouth, 081949B to B.1, E.G.2.)

Enemy submarine previously reported was sighted on the surface. When first sighted was on course 310°, speed 12 knots. Submarine has dived in 39° 42' N. 12° 18' W. (A/C 210 Sqdn. Duty 'G', 081958B to Gibraltar.)

Coastal Force Patrols. My 071337B. Sailed "Sundry". (C. in C. Plymouth, 080103B.)

My 071337B. Arrived "Sundry". (C. in C. Plymouth, 080721B.)

(1) 2 ELBING class destroyers may leave Le Havre westward tonight.

(2) M.T.B. 246, 249, 251 to patrol from position 000° Cap Barfleu 4 miles in a direction 130° as far as 01° 00' W. Leave Newhaven to arrive at 143° St. Catherines 13 miles on a westerly course at 2330 and thence approach patrol position on a course of 190°. Leave patrol by same route so as to be within 20 miles of own coast by first light. If patrol has to be left before this, return keeping 10 miles southward of M.G.B. patrol and reporting position when in latitude 50° 10' N.

(3) M.G.B. 611, 613, 615 to carry out anti E-Boat patrol from 0001 to 0330 on latitude 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.

(4) M.T.Bs. 344 and 250 patrolling south-eastward from Newhaven.

(5) M.L. 309, 572 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 Buoys.

(6) Immediate notice CHASSEUR 14 St. Helens, BLEASDALE, WENSLEYDALE at Yarmouth.

(7) M.L. 208, 233, 303 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.

(10) Albacore reconnaissance ordered in Baie de la Seine.

(11) Communications.(A)M.T.B. codeword "Spaniel".

(B) M.T.B. 344, codeword "Jovial". M.T.B. 250, codeword "Consequence".

(D) Destroyers. If ordered to sea codeword "Advent".

(E) Portland M.L. Patrol. Codeword "Device". (C. in C. Portsmouth, 081400.)

M.Ls. 139, 143 at Bullock Bank.

S.G.B. GREY OWL, M.G.B. 108 leave Dover westward. E.T.D. 2315, E.T.R. 0430/9. Route outward via "D" Buoy and Bullock Bank, returning via number three Buoy.

M.Ls. 104, 108, 107, M.T.Bs. 25, 219, 221 carrying out operation N.L.90. E.T.D. 2200. E.T.R. 0635/9.

M.G.Bs. 117, 114, 118, patrolling at "V" Buoy. E.T.D. Ramsgate 2315, E.T.R. 0445/9.

(V.A. Dover, 081754B.)

Para. 1 of my 081400. R/C indicates that enemy may have left Le Havre. M.T.Bs are to attack any suitable torpedo targets. Destroyers acknowledge. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 081858B.)

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S.F.

X Faroes arrival at 080637 ONSLOW, ORWELL.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 080640B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
Your 071432B. ONSLOW, ORWELL refuelled ready
for sea.
(Capt. (D) 17, 080930B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Operations
"Forfar".

Operation "Forfar Dog" and "Forfar Beer" will
possibly be carried out tonight.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 081036B to C. in C.
Portsmouth.)
My 081036B. "Forfar Dog" and "Forfar Beer"
cancelled.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 081858B to C. in C.
Portsmouth.)

Operation
"Camera".
DUKE OF YORK,
SOUTH
DAKOTA,
FURIOUS,
GLASGOW.

X Request you will originate on HD, 2 negative
reports as from Coastal Command A/C. My P.C.S.
061° 18' N. 000° 12' E., 270°, 17 knots, turning
to 100° at 1230.
(C. in C. H.F., 081147B to A.C.O.S.)
Operation "Camera". Twin-engine fighter cover
no longer required. My P.C.S. 060° 45' N.
000° 14' W., 200°, 17 knots.
(C. in C. H.F., 082230B to C. in C. Rosyth.)

S/M
Patrols.

Positions of submarines at 0800B/9th and move-
ments for following 24 hours. All times Zone B.
(A) CURIE, SYRTIS, SEANYMPH, as in my 061824.
(B) SEADOG may be on surface approaching 65° N.
03° E. from N.E. or may be on patrol near this
position.

(J) RUBIS in rough vicinity 44° 35' N. 04° 01' W.
(K) STUBBORN 49° 30' N. 06° 20' W., to R/V 1400/9th in 180°
Bishop Rock 10 with SCIMITAR and H.28 for passage to Clyde.
(L) SATYR (P.214) escorted by SCIMITAR off Trevoise Head to
180° Bishop Rock 10 at 1400/9th, then diving by day through
49° 01' N. 06° 30' W. to southward, daily advance 84 miles.
(F.O.(S), 081551 to Admty.)

SEADOG leave vicinity 65° N. 3° E. at 0800B/9th and
proceed on route "Pink" diving as much as practicable to pass
through 062° 00' N. 00° 38' W. at 0800/11th, thence on surface
to Lerwick.

(F.O.(S), 081834B to S/Ms.)

Operation
V.P.-G.

Carry out V.P.-G.
1. Patrol G. 2. M.T.B.345 escorted to coast by
M.T.B.620 who then returns.
3. 9th July or first suitable day thereafter.
4. At C.O.'s discretion. 5. No. 6. No.
(A.C.O.S., 081650B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

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Bomber Command Operations. On night 6th/7th, 30 A/C laid mines. (H.Q.B.C., 081115B.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Naval Units Reported. Force S was reported by F.W.200 aircraft at 0742. (D.D.I.C., 081010B to C. in C. H.F., Forces S, Q and R.)
At 0930B/8 Stavanger Zenit reported 4 ships in position about 61° 50' N. 00° 15' E., course 060. (D.D.I.C., 081101B to C. in C. H.F., Forces R, Q, and S.)
At 1540 enemy aircraft reported naval units on course 060. Position corrupt. (Comment: Probably Battle Fleet). (D.D.I.C., 081750B to C. in C. H.F., Forces R, Q, and S.)
One F.W. Kurier shadowing Force S. My P.C.S. 067° 48' N. 008° 07' W., 265°, 23. (BERWICK, 081845B to C. in C. H.F.)
Enemy aircraft reports two ships and 1 destroyer in 67° 15' N. 06° 15' W. at 1820. (D.D.I.C., 082025B to C. in C. H.F., Forces S, Q, R.)

Jan Mayen. Following from Jan Mayen. Aircraft heard overhead 0430Z, easterly direction. (A.C.I.C., 081050B.)
Following from Jan Mayen. A/C observed 0630 north of Defence Area, westerly course. Probably F.W. (A.C.I.C., 082303B.)

Iceland. One Heinkel 111 sighted off Skalanes 065° (?18') N. 013° 42' W. flying at 1,000 feet, course south, at 0940. One Heinkel 111 sighted circling Mjoi Fiordsur 065° (?12') N. (? 013°) 40' W. at 0952, departed on course east out to sea. 1 unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 20 miles south-east of Vattarnes, course north, at 1138. 1 unidentified enemy aircraft sighted Siglunes 066° 11' N. 018° 50' W. course east, at 1140. (A.C.I.C., 081240B.)
One Heinkel 111 sighted from Skalanes 065° 18' N. 013° 42' W. at 1507, course N.W. Aircraft altered course to (? south) and circled Vattarnes 064° 56' N. (013° ?) 40' W. at 1517, and disappeared, course east. Two unidentified enemy aircraft plotted 15' S.E. of Skalar 066° 20' N. 014° 45' W. at 1545, course north. (A.C.I.C., 081841B.)

Shetlands. One unidentified aircraft in 60° 30' N. 00° 37' E., course N.E., 1,000 feet, at 1530. (A.C.O.S., 081537 to H.F.)

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- N.L. 90. My 071751. Operation N.L.90 not carried out owing to weather.
(V.A. Dover, 081046B.)
- Q.Z.X.1039. Clearance of Q.Z.X.1039 extended today north-westward of a line - (A) 50° 15'12" N. 3° 25'30" W. (B) 50° 06'55" N. 3° 36'21" W. One mine, probably type R detonated in sweep in 59° 10'15" N. 3° 34'06" W. Intend to sail at 0600 tomorrow with HYDRA, LOYALTY, and three Danlayers to complete clearance and begin check "A" sweep of whole area.
(M/S.18, 081930B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Navigational.

- Ice. From Jan Mayen. Free from ice until further signal.
(A.C.I.C., 081313B to Admty., (R) C. in C. H.F.)

Casualties and Defects.

- Dinghy. Amend position of dinghy 043° 48' N. 013° 27' W. Expect one Liberator G/86 at 0800 to assist in search.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 080003B to BORAGE.)
Empty H Mark 3 raft in 043° 40' N. 013° 38' W. My course and speed 090°, 13 knots.
(BORAGE, 081501B to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Amended P.C.S. 2100B, 043° 47' N. 013° (? 21' or 34') W., 090°, (? 11½). Intend to discontinue search.
(BORAGE, 082105B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

- GREY FOX. GREY FOX after complying with V.A. Dover 071334B was forced to return to harbour with defective main-feed. Flotilla Engineer Officer considers that it is essential to return to Newhaven to fit new pump. Temporary repairs are being carried out which should enable GREY FOX to sail p.m. Friday 9th.
(GREY FOX, 080042B to V.A. Dover.)

- Convoy F.S. 61. Intercept 2252 G.M.T. In collision, require immediate assistance. Position FRAMLINGTON COURT 20 C Buoy.
FRAMLINGTON COURT, (Humber Radio, 080053 to Immingham.)
CHARLES Following from Niton Radio. Intercept 2328 G.M.T. from FRAMLINGTON COURT. Begins. (Unread) still afloat (unread) requiring Tugs. Ends.
HENDERSON. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 080128 to Admty.)

/SS. FRAMLINGTON ...

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Convoy
F.S. 61.
FRAMLINGTON
COURT,
CHARLES
HENDERSON.
(Contd.)

SS. FRAMLINGTON COURT, Methil to London in F.S. 61 was in collision with SS. CHARLES HENDERSON U.S.A., Humber to Tyne in F.N.66 at 20 C Buoy approx. 0030/8th. FRAMLINGTON COURT now beached on Inner Herd Sands. Salvage Officer in attendance. CHARLES HENDERSON berthed in river. Damage to bows. CHARLES HENDERSON appears to have cut through F.S. convoy (who were burning lights) contrary to rule of the Board (Road intended).
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 081132B to Admty.)

GRENVILLE.

Intend to sail GRENVILLE to Clyde to arrive a.m./11th July for boiler cleaning and fitting of Bofors mounting. My 011443 refers.
(R.A.D., 081105B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

WEAR,
JED.

PELICAN, WEAR, SPEY, JED, E.T.A. Merville 091100B.
2. WEAR both boiler front and floor brickwork require repair. JED starboard door crosshead and crankhead spare bearings to be fitted.
Number 6 starboard main bearings to be refitted.
Starboard bilge-keel fore end torn from hull.
(PELICAN, 081115Z to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

ROLF JARL.

A.C.I.C's 061713B, para. 4. Destination of ROLF JARL is Tyne. Request tow may be routed accordingly.
(D.S.T., 081502B to A.C.O.S.)

STARLING.
(Sabotage).

Following incident is reported with reference to C.B.04068, para. 27.
2. Inspection of feed-pumps and air-pumps in STARLING as a result of report of excessive wear has resulted in the discovery of a quantity of matter containing metal resembling "shot blast" at the bottom of the barrels and also in the condenser.
3. Representative of Messrs. Fairfields has visited ship and states that he considers material could not have remained in (? site) after acceptance of ship in April.
4. Excessive wear was observed in both air-pump barrels at Liverpool and one barrel was renewed there in June.
(Capt. (D) Plymouth, 081759B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

FREEMAN
HATCH.

Am screening merchant ship FREEMAN HATCH, broken down 056° 00' N. 017° 00' W. Expect to ? continue at 0100Z/9, course will be 096°.
(LADY MADELEINE, 082000Z to C. in C. W.A.)

/COULMORE ...

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COULMORE.

O.N.S.12. C.4's 081500Z. Providing COULMORE's repairs are satisfactory NORTHERN SUN is to escort COULMORE to St. Johns N.F. Overtake convoy if possible, otherwise direct from

position (MC).

(2) If repairs are unsatisfactory proceed Reykjavik as ordered by C.4.

(3) Report intentions.

(C. in C. W.A., 082014Z to NORTHERN SUN.)

Your 082014Z. COULMORE reports unable to effect repair.

Request tug. My position 082230Z, 057° 18' N. 026° 20' W.

Estimate drift easterly 3 knots.

(NORTHERN SUN, 082242Z to C. in C. W.A.)

RAMILLES.

Proceed to pass Hoxa at 0300B/9th via War channel to Rosyth where you will be taken in hand for repairs. Adjust speed to pass 22 A Buoy at 1500B/9th. ROEBUCK and BRILLIANT have been detailed to escort you.

(F.O.2, 082234B to RAMILLIES.)

Shipping and Convoys.

CALIFORNIA,
DUCHESS OF
YORK,
PORT FAIRY.

Sailing MOYOLA will be delayed 3 hours owing to defect. DOUGLAS will be sailed Oversay R/V independently. MOYOLA sailing to overtake.

(Cdre. (D) W.A., 081122B to C. in C. W.A.)

IROQUOIS is to pass gate at 0800/9th July and proceed through position (P) 180° Bishop Rock 6. (Q) 049° 02' N. 010° 50' W. to R/V with

DOUGLAS and convoy at 2000/10th in position (R) 047° 11' N. 015° 23' W. thence in accordance with my 061807B. — p 136

(C. in C. Plymouth, 081235B to IROQUOIS.)

My 060956. Sailed. Codeword "Faith".

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 081304B.)

Sailed MOYOLA.

(Cdre. (D) W.A., 082205B.)

H.X.247.
E.G. 5.

Your 061835. Request you will sail 5th E.G. to meet and support H.X.247 in about 045° W.

(C. in C. W.A., 081327Z to F.O.N.F.)

O.N.192,
E.G. 40.

Request you will sail Escort Group 40, consisting of LANDGUARD S.O., HASTINGS, and WAVENEY as necessary to overtake and support O.N.192 in about 020° W.

(C. in C. W.A., 081329Z to Cdre. (D) W.A.)

S.C.135.

Your 071555B. This will be done.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 081614B to Admty.)

/Admiralty ...

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- S.C. 135. Admiralty 071555. Concur.
(Contd.) (C. in C. Nore, 081756B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- W.S. 32. Your 281232. BEAGLE will complete working up and can be boiler cleaned in time to sail in accordance with your 072058. Owing to her late arrival at Scapa it is regretted that BRILLIANT will not be completed in time. It is anticipated BRILLIANT will be worked up and boiler cleaned by the end of July.
(R.A.D., 081618B to Admty.)
- H.X. 246. Request R/V for 1400Z/9th be broadcast 055° 20' N. 033° 30' W. Ships missing B.N. BAKER, WILLIAM WILKINS, J.E. HAVILAND, FRISO in company. P.C.S. 1500Z/8, 053° 18' N. 038° 50' W., 058°, 9½ knots.
(B.6, 081640Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- O.N.192. A.M. 022019B. Following vessels are to sail in O.N.192 carrying spare depth charges.
- | Ship | Number carried. |
|----------------|-----------------|
| ORVILLE HARDEN | 60 |
| BELGIAN GULF | 60 |
| VOCO | 60 |
| MIRZA | 46 |
| NORVINN | 8 |
| KAFIRISTAN | 30 |
- (D.T.D., 082035B.)

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- ORKAN. Body Arrived O.R.P. ORKAN.
of Gen. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 080315B to Admty. etc.)
Sikorski. ORKAN sailed 0915B July 8th.
2. Route K. 35.50 6.12 L. 36.30 10.1 M. 40.1
12.40 N. 45.1 12.40 thence as ordered by Admty.
S.O.A. 25 knots.
3. Fighter protection codeword "Simony".
(F.O.Gibraltar 081103B to Admty.)
ORKAN sailed 0950B/8th July with body of General Sikorski
only. No suitable containers were available for the other bodies
and it is possible that even the coffin embarked may burst on
passage.
(F.O.Gibraltar 081118 to Admty. etc.)
- T.O.6. My 061516, add ESSO PITTSBURG 15.
(C.M.S.F. 080345 to C.A.F.A.C.)
- R.S.8. WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN departed 072000A to rejoin
R.S.8. B.N.L.O.Dakar pass to Comar.
(Commorseafron 080833 to F.O.Gibraltar.)
- LOBITO. Not to be molested Portuguese LOBITO 7½ knots
2720 G.T. red cross markings. Left Marseilles
July 7th by coast wise route to Gibraltar.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 080837B to S.8.)
- SWALE. Arrival.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081013B to Admty.)
- G.U.S.9. My 061600 amend (4) to read 010° W. 2000A/7th
025° 34' W. 0700A/12th radio shift 2000A/10th.
(C.M.S.F. 081022 to P.D.Norfolk, etc.)
- Dispositions. Situation 2001B/8.
S/M SURF 040° 03' 010° 01' through 038° 50' 010°
01' at 1100/9th thence 162° diving by day 8/2.
2. C.G.44, P.C.475, 034° 29' 007° 29' through 034°
40' 007° 15' thence 031° 5.5.
3. HAARLEM, GRENADIER, 1 merchant ship 038° 23' 009° 12' to
Lisbon where merchant ship enters. At 2200/8th escort and 3
merchant ships in position 235° Fort Bugio Light 5 miles and
escort through 270° Cape (?Sa)rdao Light 2 miles coastwise to
St. Vincent, thence 225°.
(F.O.Gibraltar 081101B.)
Situation 2001B/8th.
2. R.S.8, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT 028° 47' 013° 01' through 028° 36'
013° 08' thence 220° 12½.
3. T.O.6, U.S.S. ROPER, 029° 22' 011° 43' through 028° 27' 013°
10' and 027° 34' 013° 50' thence 242° 13½.
4. S.L.132, KEPPEL (E) 030° 29' 011° 43' 026° 6.
5. Convoy, PARRSBORO 041° 48' 013° 30' 152° 10.
6. WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN 030° 28' 011° 38' through 028° 36' 013°
08' thence 220° 14.

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- Dispositions. 7. G.U.S. 9, C.T.F. 61, C.T.G. 21.11, 033° 30' 013° 20' through 033° 01' 014° 01' thence 229° 9.
8. O.R.P. ORKAN 037° 01' 010° 23' through 040° 01' 012° 40' thence 000° 15.
9. EMERALD sailing Casablanca 2100/8th through 034° 02' 007° 59' and 032° 40' 011° 30' thence 217° 18.
10. FOLKESTONE 031° 54' 010° 20' through 031° 47' 010° 24' 029° 22' 011° 47' and 028° 36' 013° 08' thence 220° 13.
(F.O. Gibraltar 081111B.)
Situation at 2002B/8th.
S/M BLACKFISH 037° 33' 028° 32' 250° diving by day 10/2½.
2. Hospital ship LADY NELSON 041° 49' 029° 57' 106° 13.
(F.O. Gibraltar 081121B.)
Situation 1958B/8th.
U.G.S. 11, C.T.F. 62, 026° 01' 034° 51' through 025° 01' 033° 01' thence 054° 9.
2. S/M HAKE 041° 11' 037° 10' (?264°) diving by day 10/2½.
3. S/M BARB 037° 49' 031° 36' 220° diving by day 10/2½.
4. S/M BLACKFISH 037° 33' 028° 32' 250° diving by day 10/2½.
(F.O. Gibraltar 081131B.)

HARTBRIDGE, X On arrival SS. HARTBRIDGE from Huelva a.m. 7th
U.X.B's July 2 unexploded clamp bombs found on starboard
sabotage. (bilge) peel one 20 feet from fore end other
abreast funnel. Bombs removed safely.
2. Bomb similar to that used on SS. CAMERATA
without buoyancy chamber but with additional anti
sweeping device consist metal are designed to guide sweep wire
clear of clamp. My 091733B May refers.
3. HARTBRIDGE had been 30 days in Huelva majority of the time
berthed Port side to RIO TINTO.
4. SS. ANTONIA also arrived from Huelva a.m. July 7th ship
examined nothing found.
5. Further report follows.
(N.A. Madrid 081140B to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

B.Y.M.S. Intend sail B.Y.M.S. 20 (Senior), 12, 13, and 28 at
1300A/9 routed Q.M.A. 102. G. 34.40 07.15
H. 35.44 06.28. Q.K.A. 87 E.T.A. Gibraltar 1130A/
10 S.O.A. 10. Guard 2150 k/cs. B.Y.M.S. 11
defective.
(Commorseafron 081248B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C. Med. Admty. etc.)

M.K.S. 16. M.K.S. 16 consists 21 ships plus rescue ship
RATHLIN and Rescue Tug ALLEGIANCE (Cdre. Grant
R.N.R. in Mactua - who becomes Vice Cdre. of
convoy when convoy continues) will R/V in
position A.F. 034° 47' N. 009° 08' W. at 1200B
July 10th.
2. Escort. SHIPPIGAN (S.O.), TADOUSSAC, VELOX, LADY HOGARTH.
3. Lisbon section BARON FORBES escorted by HAARLEM, GRENADIER
will R/V in A.F. at 1200B July (?10.)
4. EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS, FORTOL together with two other
ships from Lisbon and will be escorted from R/V by escort in
para. 2, plus HAARLEM.

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M.K.S.16 (Contd.) 5. Rescue tug ATTENDANT, trawler GRENADIER join S.L.132.
6. M.K.S. becomes part S.L.
7. First two letters of convoy wireless call sign until joining S.L.132, M.K.S.16, U.K. Lisbon Section M.U.* (F.O.Gibraltar 081255 to Escort S.L.132 for Cdre. (R) Commorseafron, Admty. C. in C.W.A.)
*W.R.Note:- Could by X.L., S.M., O.Y.
W.D.Note: Cancelled by 091144, q.v.

Movements Casablanca. G.C.22 arrived 1200A/8 LA GRANDIERE, LA FORTUNE, BASQUE, FORBIN arrived 1330A/8. (Commorseafron 081324Z to F.O.Gibraltar.)

O.S.51. Intend sailing TESTBANK, DUNELMIA, FORT HALKETT, all ballast, Freetown for S.America. EMPIRE FLAMINGO ballast Freetown for Takoradi. ST. CLEARS 5100 tons coal Freetown for Takoradi. IDDESLEIGH 2240 tons coal Freetown for Montevideo. KING STEPHAN 4423 tons coal Freetown for Montevideo. OCEAN GALLANT 3800 tons coal Freetown for Buenos Aires. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081638 to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

Hospital ship AMARAPOORA. Your 021255B arrived. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 081709B to N.C.S.O.Swansea, (R) Admty. etc.)

U/B reports. Am over enemy submarine. (A/C XO7G Duty G 202 Sqdn. via Gibraltar W/T 081725B to R.A.F.Gib.)

Following read: Am over enemy submarine in 42.10 N. 13.40 W. Submarine was on surface, have attacked, submarine has dived. (A/C Duty G (T.U.7.) 081726 to R.A.F.Gib.)
U/B previously reported when first sighted was on course west speed 10 knots in position 042° 10' N. 013° (720' or 47') W. (A/C Duty G.202 Sqdn. 081810B to R.A.F.Gib.)
Am over enemy submarine. (A/C Duty G.210 Sqdn. 081745 to R.A.F.Gib.)
Following read. Am over enemy submarine in 42.25 N. 14.25 W. Submarine was on surface. (A/C Duty G.210 Sqdn. 081750 to R.A.F.Gib.)
Following read. Am over enemy submarine in 42.02 N. 14.10 W. Submarine was first sighted on surface and observed to submerge on course 020° estimated speed 12 knots. Have attacked with depth charges. (A/C Duty G.210 Sqdn. 081800B to R.A.F.Gib.)
My position is 39.42' N. 12.42' W. Suspicious object previously reported is a whale. (A/C A.210 Sqdn. 082015B to R.A.F. Gib.)
One U-Boat off Lisbon and another U-Boat sighted by A/C 36° 41' N. 8° 51' W. at 1351/8th. About 10 U-Boats are at present estimated steering towards Gibraltar from 35° N. 15° W. (F.O.Gibraltar 082239B to P.239 (SURF).)

/EMERALD...

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EMERALD.

My 072110, sailed 2010A.
(Commorseafron 082114B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, C. in C.Med.)

Movements
Casablanca.

Warships July 8th. Departures P.C.475 with C.G.
44 for Gibraltar, EMERALD for Freetown.
Arrivals French LA GRANDIERE, P.C.480 and 482
from Gibraltar.
(Commorseafron 082156B to C. in C.Med.)

Air Report.

A.I.107 opsum No. 249 for 24 hours ended 1800
hours 8th July.
G. Sightings and attacks. Cat. G/202 (Capt. F/Lt.
Dowell) (?Powell) at 1726B/8 42.10 N. 13.40 W.
attacked with D/Cs U/B C.O.270° 10 kts. No details. At J.G/210
sighted U/B at 1750B/8 42.25 N. 14.25 W. C.O. and speed unknown.
Not attacked. No details. Cat. G/210 (Capt. F/O Clarke) at
1800B/8 42.02 N. 14.10 W. attacked with D/Cs U/B C.O. 020° 12 kts.
No details. C.S.Lib. (B.24) (Port Lyautey) at 1113B/8 40.37 N.
13.41 W. attacked U/B C.O. 250° 12 kts. 4 x 650 lb. D/Cs
straddled forward of C/T. U/B sank stern first. Transit B'Fort
(Casablanca) at 1351B/8 36.41 N. 08.51 W. sighted U/B on
surface, C.O.240° speed unknown. No details. U.S.Lib. (B.24)
K/480 (Port Lyautey) at 1614B/7 37.40 N. 15.30 W. attacked U/B
on surface, C.O. 324° 8 kts. U/B straddled with 7 x 350 lb.
Torpex D/Cs just forward of C/T. U/B appeared to break in 2.
Stern rose sharply 10 feet out of water at sharp angle rolled
over on side and disappeared. 3 crew injured by U/Bs. A.A. fire.
Ref. Opsum 248. Attack by U.S. A/C (Casablanca) A. 1520B/7.
37.50 N. 14.30 W. U.S.Lib. (B.24) C/480 straddled track of U/B
with 6 x 350 L.C. Torpex D/Cs 200 feet ahead of swirl 18
seconds after submersion. Large oil bubbles 45 seconds after
attack, larger eruption for five minutes. Oil patch 700 feet in
diameter after 45 minutes. Course of U/B 42° not 200°. Ref.
Opsum 248 attack by Cat. B/210 (Capt. F/Lt. Cruickshank) at
1830B/7 41.45 N. 11.36 W. U/B sighted on surface opened fire
and took evasive action. Cat. replied. Hits seen on C/T. No
damage to aircraft. Cat. straddled track at angle of 40° with
six D/Cs spaced 100 feet 40 yards ahead of swirl 16 seconds
after submersion. No results seen.
(A.H.Q.Gibraltar 082330, 082345.)

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Convoy
D.N.51.

Sailing telegram (7 ships). 2. 080630Z July.
4. 9 knots. 5A. 033° S. 036° E. thence as in
my serial numbers 966 to 972. 6. GENISTA,
STELLA POLARIS, COVENTRY CITY. 15. C.Z. D.1
to 9 "Garter."
(N.C.S.O. Durban 080716Z to Admty. etc.)

/Group...

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Group sailing Lourenco Marques 6 ships escorted by ASTER, ST. ZENO, ST. LOMAN expected sailing R/V 130° Cape Inhaca 6 miles 0430Z/10th July (list.)
No. 25. E.T.A. Durban p.m. 11th July 7½ knots.
(Capetown 081114B to Admty. etc.)

MEAD. My 301415B of June (work on D.C. range Capetown completed. Sailing for Durban for repairs to loop system.) Sailing delayed owing to fault in No. 3 loop Capetown.
(MEAD 081122B to D.A.S.W.)

Dispositions. Situation at 2000Z/8th July.
ARCTIC EXPLORER, LE TIGRE, 034° 50' 019° 20' coastal to Durban 8.
LADY ELSA, NORTHERN DUKE, with tug ST. DOGMAEL tow B.P.T. 034° 55' 019° 55' coastal to Durban 8½
NIGELLA 034° 40' 025° 15' to Durban 10.
NIZAM, GENISTA, COVENTRY CITY, STELLA POLARIS with D.N.51 (7 ships) 031° 032° 35' to 033° 036° 8.
QUICKMATCH, QUIBERON escorting STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD 032° 15' 042° 15' to Durban 18.
ASTER, VIRGINIA, ST. LOMAN with L.M.D.7 (2 ships) 029° 10' 031° 55' coastal to Delagoa Bay 8.
LUCIA, VERBENA, FREESIA with tug MASTERFUL towing 025° 35' 037° 15' to Durban 6½.
DURBAN 023° 55' 043° 05' to 033° 22' 029° 59' 15.
SONDRA, SOBKRA with BACCHUS 019° 042° 30' to 015° 042° 30' 9.
(C. in C.S.A. 081130B, 081856B.)

Situation at 1958Z/8th.
M.L. 231 towing M.L. 228, 017° 30' 017° 53' to Dakar 5.
M.L. 226, 188 with R.S.6, 016° 16' 017° 45' to Dakar 8½.
NESS with R.S.7 015° 49' 018° 01' to 011° 48' 018° 01' thence 154° 13½.
DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN, LADY DENISON PENDER 020° 05' 022° 03' 040° 16 miles per day.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY 018° 34' 023° 24' to St. Vincent 9.
FANDANGO in vicinity of Dakar, Bathurst.

(F.O.C.W.A. 081130Z.)
Situation at 2001Z/8th July.
DESPATCH, CORFU, WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, (?F.S.QUERCY), with W.S.31, 002° 20' 007° 01' 085° 13.
F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, F.S. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 006° 00' 002° 50' E. to Lagos 13.
ST. WISTAN, M.Ls. 256,289 off Marshall.
CILICIA (?on patrol) about 004° 00' S. 018° 01' 14.
M.Ls. 274, 244 off Port Bouet. SARABANDE off Accra.
M.L. 1018 about (?005°) 36' (?009°) 28'E to Takoradi 10.
M.L. 1006, 1016 off Kotonu.
SNOWDROP, ORFASY escorting off Takoradi to Lagos 9.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081204Z.)

Tankers. Request destinations and routes ESSO PHILADELPHIA and FORT NIAGARA. B.N.L.O.Dakar, letter B.1/5 of 5th June refers.
(N.C.S.O. Dakar 081215Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. Connav.)

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(Contd.) Comar Dakar pass to N.C.S.O. Dakar.
Request ESSO PHILADELPHIA and NIAGARA return to Aruba as soon as practicable after discharge.
(Com. 10th Flt. C. & R. 081841Z to N.C.S.O. Dakar, (R) F.O.C.W.Af. Admty.)

Convoy
D.L.M.2. Sailing telegram (2 ships). 2. 1200Z/8th July.
4. 8 knots. 5. Coastal. 6. VIRGINIA, ASTER, ST. LOMAN. 9. to Lourenco Marques E.T.A. 0100Z/10th July. 15. B.T.D.1 to 9.
(N.C.S.O. ?Durban 081218Z to Admty. etc.)

NESS. B.H.Alter course forthwith to pass through position J. 015° 01' N. 020° 01' W. K. 010° 19' 017° 19' L. 009° 08' 013° 54' thence Freetown.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081219Z to NESS (R) Admty. Comar Dakar.)

U/B Situation S.America. Your 071848, not to Admiralty. Owing to U-Boat situation FORT ELLICE, OCEAN TRADER, LOMBARDY and OCEAN PILGRIM sailing in Rio de Janeiro - Trinidad convoy tomorrow 9th breaking off to reach Freetown about 23rd July. FORT CHILCOTIN and EMPIRE ENVOY expected to be ready for sea about 12th July but their departure must depend on U-Boat situation in these waters which at present cause for considerable anxiety.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro. 081231Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. Asst. B.N.S.O. Recife.)

ST. DOGMAEL. Simonstown departure 1029B/8th July NORTHERN DUKE, LADY ELSA escorting ST. DOGMAEL towing battle practice target for Durban. Route coastal, S.O.A. 8 knots, E.T.A. 1800B/12th July.
(C. in C.S.A. 081425B to Admty. etc.)

ATHLONE CASTLE. Sailing telegram. 3. 0700Z/9th. 5. H.M. Transport ATHLONE CASTLE. 6. New York, alternative ports, Delaware, Chesapeake. 7. 26th July. Route. 17. "Chop" C. in C.S.A. to F.O.C.W.Af. 13th July, F.O.C.W.Af. to Connav 16th July.
(N.C.S.O. Capetown 081427 to Admty. etc.)

SATURNIA,
VULCANIA,
route. Your 071656. Route from Port Elizabeth through South Atlantic. A. 036° 50' S. 024° 00' E. B. 037° 30' S. 019° 45' E. C. 035° 20' S. 011° 00' E. D, 010° 00' S. 007° 00' W.
(C. in C.S.A. 081443B to Admty.)

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YESTOR,
FANDANGO,
M.Ls.
R.S.8. Cancel my 051913 (N.T. in W.R.) Request you sail
YESTOR, FANDANGO and M.Ls. 226, 188, 231 and 228
on 11th July escorting SOMERVILLE, ELORN and ships
ready to join convoy R.S.8 to Freetown. R/V will
be signalled. YESTOR, FANDANGO and M.Ls. to
return Dakar and work under you until further
orders.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081701Z to Comar Dakar (R) Admty. etc.)
Delete reference to ELORN. (F.O.C.W.A. 091639.)

PICT. Arrival 0845Z/8th July.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 081720Z to C.G.Monrovia, (R)
Admty.)

Floating
Dock. Your 072138. (Request confirmation Floating Dock
has sailed and route. Originator D.O.D.(F).)
Dock sailed 5th July routed through A. 13.16 S.
38.33 W. at 052200Z. B. 13.16 S. 33.20 W.
C. 04.00 S. 29.00 W. D. 00.00 S. 25.00 W.
E. 08.35 N. 20.00 W. thence Freetown E.T.A. 281000Z estimated
S.O.A. 100 miles per day.
Escorts ASTURIAS, MILFORD, WOODRUFF, CLARKIA, COWSLIP.
BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER join escort about 11th July.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081733Z to Admty.)

FOLKESTONE. Request FOLKESTONE be diverted to Dakar to escort
FORT STEELE to Freetown.
(D.T.D. 081734B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Comar Dakar.)
Cancelled 091205B.

TOURS. Arrival 1647Z/8th July, M.L. 265 escorting TOURS.
(S.O.(I) Freetown 081756Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) Admty.)

Movements
Takoradi. Arrival 8th July SNOWDROP, ARMERIA, ORFASY.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 081907Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements
Freetown. Arrivals 0740Z/8th ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, VIOLET,
COREOPSIS, COLUMBINE, ANCHUSA with O.3.50,
SOUTHERN GEM.
(S.O.I. Freetown 081911Z to Admty. etc.)

R.S.5. Arrivals 0710Z/5 EXE with R.S.5 (1 ship).
(S.O.(I) Freetown 081913Z to F.O.Gibraltar.)

EMERALD. Onward route F.023° 01' N. 020° 00' W. G. 014°
59' 019° 58' H. 010° 18' 017° 20'.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081917Z to EMERALD, (R) F.O.I.C.
Gibraltar, Admty. (?Commorseafon).)

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ARGO. Following is repetition of my 081915 (begins)
Comar Dakar (R) Cmd. Konakri, Admty. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst, A.H.Q.W.A. from S.O.(I) Freetown.
Departures 0730Z/8th July French Submarine
ARGO escorted by AIR FRANCE I. (Ends.)
(S.O.(I) Freetown 081919Z to Comar Dakar.)

Shipping Routes. A.M. 012150. Consider "Dog"route system might
be applied to independent shipping from Cape to
Freetown by following system of three alternative
"Fruit"routes.
2. Route A. First basic position equator 20° W.
Second basic position 9° N. 19.30W. thence to Freetown. Route B.
Basic position 4° 30 N. 9° W. thence Freetown keeping as close
to coast as safe navigation permits. Route C. Basic position
4° 30 N. 4° 30 W. thence coastally to Freetown. Individual
routeing positions to be spread on a line 045 - 225° in order
to ensure that ships are spread out on the routes.
(F.O.C.W.A. 081923Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A.)

T.J.1 attacked, 3 ships torpedoed. Convoy T.J.1 from Trinidad 3rd was attacked
0520Z/8th in 005° 30' N. 050° 00' W. B.P. NEWTON
Norwegian, EVERAGRA,* Latvian, torpedoed and sunk.
ELDENA U.S. torpedoed still afloat.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 082001Z to Admty. (R)
C. in C,S.A. Etc.)
* Amended by 091401 q.v.

NIGELLA. My P.C. and S. at 2000Z/8th 034° 06' S. 026° 45' E.
061° making good 10 knots. Amended E.T.A.
Durban 8 hours early 90700065. Weather.
(NIGELLA 082037Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) N.O.I.C.
Durban.)

U.S.A.T. Recife July 8th, JOHN CLEM, U.S.A.T.
(Recife (via Grabbag N.Y.) 082117 to Admty.)

DESPATCH, W.S. 31. Amend my 031855 and 051131. DESPATCH will arrive
Takoradi at 1700/9th and will require 500 tons
of fuel on arrival. She will then sail to rejoin
convoy.
(F.O.C.W.A. 082124Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R)
Admty. DESPATCH, CORFU.)

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Repair of damaged merchant ships in "Torch" area. Your 0946/31 March. Regret it is impossible to provide facilities requested at present. (Hd. of M.II. 080149B to C. in C. Med. Algiers and Malta).

Movements Alexandria July 7th Alexandria. Arrivals CUMBRAE. Departures ECLIPSE, PAPANICOLIS. (R.A. Alexandria 080530C to Admty.).

PANTHER 7th July 1943 departure PANTHER. (S.O)(I) Beirut 080842C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant).

Air R/C Taranto Visuals at 0655. One B.B. dry dock, one B.B. inner harbour, one C.R. Outer harbour Taranto. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 080921B to C. in C. Levant etc.).

S/M Dispositions P.314 (TACTICIAN) leaves Taranto patrol area to pass through 039 degs. 14' 017 degs. 43' at 0600 10th thence through 039 degs. 40' 018 degs. 52' to patrol in Adriatic South of line (?132 degs.) from Pelagosa Island and West of 018 degs. 53'.

(2) TROOPER proceeds from 035 degs. 27' 021 degs. 54' at 0330/10th to pass through 038 degs. 07' 020 degs. 08' at 2330/11th to patrol off Western Greece North of 038 degs. 07' and Adriatic East of P.314's (TACTICIAN) area.

(3) P.44 (UNITED) will be occupying Taranto area vacated by P.314 (TACTICIAN) p.m. 10th July. (Capt.S.10 080925B to TACTICIAN, TROOPER, C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10, (R) 10th S/M Flot. UNITED).

M.E. Air Report. A. 685 July 8th. Daily Opsum 71. Night 6/7 July. 3 Wellingtons anti-shipping R/C south of Crete, no sightings. 7th July 52 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Gerbini Satellites. 5 returned early. 11 unable to find suitable target owing to haze 5 bombed railway line north of Brogoli on East coast of Sicily. Details of damage unobserved 1 aircraft crashed landing after bombing believed 8 survivors. 31 bombed Satellites. 3 aircraft hit on landing ground immediately north West of Gerbini aerodrome, other hits on Eastern half of landing ground. A.A. believed silenced by fragmentation. Many bursts seen on second Satellite about ten miles southeast of Gerbini aerodrome. Hits scored on concrete runway, several fires seen on landing ground. At third Satellite south east of Gerbini bombs fell on landing ground surface, results unobserved. (H.Q. R.A.F, M.E. 080934Z).

TRIDENT Leave patrol to pass through(A) 035 degs. 13' 028 degs. 24' at 1115C/11.

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TRIDENT (Contd.) (B) 034 degs. 23' 031 degs. 12' at 0845C/12. thence to arrive Beirut 0530C/13 proceeding on surface during daylight 12th. If you have time bombard (1) Bauxite mining installations 036 degs. 53' 42" 026 degs. 03' 30" or (2) Two large Caiques beached at Ophris, Kaso. (Capt.S.1. 080937C to TRIDENT, (R) S.1. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10.).

TAURUS If you have compromised your position bombard Katro, Lemnos, then return to patrol Salonika shipping routes. (Capt.S.1. 080944C to P.339 (TAURUS) (R) RORQUAL, TRIDENT).

PARTHIAN attack on M/V. PARTHIAN reports at 0610 35.56 North 24.19 East fired three torpedoes at 3,000 ton M/V headed for Suda Bay. Two explosions heard and ten minutes after firing position of target obscured by smoke. Further observations prevented by aircraft. Ship considered sunk or seriously damaged. (S.10 081010B to A.I.G.66 (R) F.O.(S)).

RORQUAL My 071002. Amend time of passing position given to 0201C/12th. (Capt.(S) 1. 081024C to RORQUAL).

U.G.S.10. ANDREW MOOREN arrived, one ship. (N.O.I.C. Bougie 081030B to Admty. etc.). U.G.S.10 arrived. (N.O.I.C. Bone 082358B to Admty. etc.).

RORQUAL From position (A) 035 degs. 12' 027 degs. 01' at 0201C/12th. pass through (B) 033 degs. 38' 032 degs. 26' at 1615C/13th to arrive Beirut 0530C/14th proceeding on surface during daylight 13th at 11½ knots. (?Capt.S.1. 081046C to RORQUAL (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt. (S) 10, 1st S.F. Cdr. C.F. Eastern Mediterranean).

Tugs Alexandria X Increased docking commitments and other tug requirements necessitate permanent allocation (of more?) dockyard and berthing tugs? at Alexandria. (2) Dockings already this year have been Alexandria Floating Dock 70, Gabbari 170, and the 2 additional docks will add to requirements in near future. (3) Requested that consideration may be given to early reinforcement by at least two high powered tugs. (C. in C. Levant 081116C to Admiralty, (R) A.S. Alexandria, R.A. Alexandria).

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S/M Dispositions (Contd.). (1) P.217 (SYBIL) P.247 (SIMOOM) P.312 (TRESPASSER) P.47 (DOLFIJN) between Corsica and Italy. (2) CASABIANCA 040 degs. 05' 006 degs. 38' through 038 degs. 59' 005 degs. 59' at 0300/9th thence 227 degs. diving by day 2½ knots surfacing by night 14 knots. (Capt.S.8. 081128B Situation Report Area G.C., (R) Admty. C. in C. Levant, Capt.(S) 1.).

SHAHJEHAN (torp.6/7). SHAHJEHAN sank 0220C/7th July. APHIS landed a further 100 survivors. My 071237 July (?071233 intended) refers. (C. in C. Levant 081132C to C. in C. Med.(Malta)S.O. Force 'P' (R)R.D.Alex.D.N.C.X.F. S.O,Force 'G').

Shipping Bunkers. To assist diversion authorities and N.C.S.O's Admiralty will promulgate information relating to bunkers at approx. monthly intervals. Addressees are requested to pass necessary information to N.C.S.Os. concerned. (D.T.D. 081231B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

SIBAJAK D.S.T. 051923. (Presumably 051932 intended re-embarkation of personnel in SIBAJAK). Concur. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 081258C to D.S.T. P.S.T.O.M.E.).

Enemy Units. One medium vessel and 2 M.T.Bs. in 40.40 N. 12.55 E. Course 090 degs. speed 7 knots. (A/C 6 P.X.S. via Algiers, 081414Z).

Force X. Departures French ship SUFFREN with LORRAINE DUGUAY TROUIN in company. (Commodore Aden 081417Z to C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A. S.O.(I) Kilindini, S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay, Admty.).

H.D.M.L.1. H.D.M.L. 1050 and H.D.M.L. 1302 have been shipped to Casablanca accompanied by 8 patrol service ratings. The balance of both crews namely total of 10 ratings are leaving U.K. about 15th July under code reference C.F.73. Please pass to other authorities concerned. (HORNET 081445B to C.C.F. Mediterranean).

WILHELMSBURG sunk. My 071001C. WILHELMSBURG reported sunk 5 miles West of Tenedos July 7th. Destroyer reported still patrolling area 0930 G.M.T. July 8th. B.2. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 081531C to C. in C. Levant, S.O. (I) Levant, (R) D.N.I. S.1, S.10.).

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E.T.22 My 071524 para.3. (Sailing programme for E.T.22). Amend route from 109 through 86 to 8 omit 13. (C. in C. Med. Algiers, 081558 to Cdre. Algeria.).

NORAVIND A.M. 042202B, Axis assurance of safe conduct for return voyage of NORAVIND now received. Vessel should be sailed 9th July for Abadan by reverse of outward route. (Head of M.(I) 081601B to N.O.I.C. Aden, (R) C. in C.E.F., F.O.R.S.C.A. S.N.O.P.G.).

TORBAY TORBAY delayed 24 hours. Add 24 hours to all times in 061742 and cancel para.2. (Capt.S.8. 081730B to C. in C. Med. (R) 8th S/M Flotilla, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, N.O.I.C. Algiers, Capt.(S) 10, CASABIANCA, PERLE.). Further delay see 092016B.

Stores for Turkey. (1) July programme ex U.K. for Turkey is being despatched in O.S.52. (2) Following two ships are loaded with Wheeled Vehicles and Guns and Stores for direct discharge accessible Turkish ports. S.S. RECORDER, S.S. FORT WRIGLEY. (3). Summary of cargo in these two ships. (W.O. 081730B to C. in C.M.E.).

Movements Cyprus Departure 8th F.F.S. NOTRE DAME D'ETEL. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus 081801C to Admty. etc.).

K.M.S.19 K.M.S.19 Sections Y.C.1 and Y.C.2 arrived as in A.M. 172359 June. (Cdre. Algeria 081809B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. Connav).

Attacks on U/Bs. Assessments. Suggested British - U.S. Naval and Air Assessment Board. (Admty. 081851B). See America and West Indies.

U.G.S.10. U.G.S. 10. Arrived DRUPA, DORNOCH and ALMENARA. (N.O.i/c Philippeville 081914B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Oran. H.M.T. PRODIGAL and Y.M.S.55 departed today, no arrivals. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 081917B to Admty. etc.).

110 M.M.S. Flotilla Requirements for M.M.S. 81 and 80, 1st Div. 92 and 171, 2nd Div. of 110th Flotilla not understood. Am sailing them direct to Malta at 2000B/8th for

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110 M.M.S. Flotilla (Contd.). redirection as necessary. E.T.A. 2000B/9th. S. of A. 8 knots. Codeword "Daring" Hudsons keeping constant W/T guard on 2150 kc/s. Current Loxo and Foxo held.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse 081920 to (Corrupt Group) (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, HILARY).

N.A.A.F. Report. A.V. 258E 8 July.
N.A. Air Forces Opsum 137. N.A. Strategic Air Force. 6 July. (add) 51 U.S. Marauders escorted 62 U.S. Warhawks Borizzo aerodrome. 6 Bombers 7 Fighters returned early. Hits runways revetments administrative buildings. U.S. Fortresses attacking Gerbini aerodromes reported in my Opsum 136 were escorted by 44 U.S. Lightnings 11 of which returned early. 6/7 July. 42 Wellingtons Villacidro, Milis, Pabillionis aerodromes and Palermo marshalling yards. 2 returned early. Details not yet reported. 1 force landed North base. 7 July, 59 U.S. Fortresses 72 U.S. Mitchells 77 U.S. Marauders escort 103 U.S. Lightnings Gerbini aerodrome and satellites. 7 U.S. Fortresses 1 U.S. Mitchell 13 U.S. Marauders 8 U.S. Lightnings returned early. Good proportion bombs believed target area. Dense haze prevented observation results. 5/6 July (add) 10 Bostons Biscari aerodrome. No results observed. 3 Bostons Milo aerodrome. 6 July. 48 U.S. Mitchells Comiso aerodrome. Hits hangars water tower, runway and dispersals. Heavy explosions and fires. 12 U.S. Mitchells Biscari airdrome. Hits buildings W.D. dispersals, fires. 23 U.S. Bostons Sciacca aerodrome fires started. 12 Baltimores Milo aerodrome. Bursts on hangars, road, dispersal area.
(Adv. N.A.A.F. 082029B).

Movements Bone Sailed H.D.M.L. 1305. F.P.V. 2013.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 082052B to Admty. etc.).

French Personnel in Landing Craft. X Your 162010. Considered that manning of major landing craft and L.S.T. with French personnel might, due to political repercussions, limit their employment to Mediterranean theatre. Although for this reason the manning of these otherwise mobile units with French personnel appears to be undesirable, the increasingly acute manpower situation may necessitate this proposal being accepted.
(2) Matter is still under consideration and pending a decision you are requested to state whether as an alternative the manning of minor landing craft with French personnel for operations in Mediterranean theatre only would be a proposal worth pursuing.
(D. of P. 082054B to C. in C. Med.).

Bombs in S.S.AURETTA at Massawa. Ref. 301858C/June dated 1.7.43. Description given confirms that bombs referred to are Italian Incendiary. If on board ship these bombs should be removed with great care and dropped overboard. Fuze is sensitive to shock or rough usage. Bombs should be carried in horizontal position during removal.
(Head of M.II 082056B to C. in C. Levant).
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Movements Haifa. July 8th arrival IERAX (G.S.) M.L. 348, 384, Departure AETOS (G.S.), (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 082106C to Admty. C. in C. Levant).

BRIGAND Arrived (?BRIGAND). (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 082120C to Admty.).

Movements Algiers. Arrivals Tug WEAZEL M.F.V. 12 U.S.S. BRANT. Departures. EMPIRE SPITFIRE, M.M.S.32, L.S.T.159. Arrived and departed U.S.S. DALLAS, H.M.S. HUDSON, Tug EMPIRE MINNOW, DIANELLA. (Cdore. Algeria 082137B to Admty. etc.).

Movements Tunis. Arrivals motor gunboats 646, 641 M.T.Bs. 260, 265, 268, 309, 315, 316, H.D.M.L. 1227, 1163, S.C.526. Departures A.R.B. 39, 48, 49, 68, 72, 94, 69, 70, 71, 40, 47, 46, 38, P.Ts. 215, 205, 201, 202, 217, 204, 214, 209, 213, 216, 210, 211, 212, 207, 203. (F.O.I.C. Tunisia 082141B to Admty. etc.).

Situation Report No. 117. R.A. (V) reports U-Boat on surface and attacked at point-blank range at 061325 in 36 degs. 42' N. 01 degs. 38' E. U-Boat definitely damaged considered sunk. This is presumed to be U-Boat which attacked K.M.S.18 p.m. 4th July. (2) FARNDALE reported U-Boat which attacked K.M.S. 18 p.m. 5th July maximum hunt which continued made no further contact. (3) M.T.Bs. sweep were made up (?to) coast of Sicily on nights 5th/6th 6th/7th and 7th/8th without results except that M.T.Bs. were attacked by 4 Focke-Wolf 190 p.m. on 5th July. 1 enemy aircraft probably damaged. (4) Situation report No.116. DEVIS sank at 051600. Personnel from all ships sunk have been landed. (5) All movements proceeded according to plan. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 082145 to Admty.).

PERLE Trawler ENSAY will be your escort. (2) M.Ls. are on patrol in vicinity of Algiers. (3) 2 destroyers arrived from West at 0730/9th. (4) One trawler leaving Algiers 0800/9th for exercises. (Capt.S.8. 082154B to F.S. PERLE).

Movements Sfax. Departure F.S. LARGS, QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ULSTERMAN, LAUDERDALE, ?(OAKLEY) FOXTROT, GRAYLING, KONGSOL, VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE, MULLET, ?WHITING, BONBURNNO, HOY, M.L. 555, 553, 554, 559, 560, 562, 564, 561. (N.O.I.C. Sfax 082204B to Admty.).

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Movements
Benghazi. Sailed DELPHINIUM, TETCOTT, BELVOIR, SOUTHERN ISLE, SOUTHERN SEA, PROTEA, ROMEO, WOLBOROUGH, R.F.A. CEDARDALE.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi 082217C to Admty.).

Malta Air Report. M.S. 14990.
A.1. 612 8 July C.S.R. 8th July.
(A) Air Part 1. Offensive. Night 7/8 July 2 Mosquitoes intruders patrols Sicily day 8th July 213 Spitfires provided escort high cover and target support for N.A.A.F. and 9 Bomber Command Bombers attacking Gerbini, Comiso, Catania, Biscari Aerodromes. 23 Spitfires diversionary sweeps Comiso Biscari.
Part 2. Enemy air activity night 7/8th July Nil. Day 8th July, 12 Spitfires escort shipping.
(A.H.Q. Malta 082315Z).

Movements
Malta. Arrivals BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, M.T.B. 78, 86, 242, M.T.B.65, L.C.T.702, 538, 581, 601.
Departures LAFOREY, ESKIMO, TARTAR, NUBIAN, LOYAL, LOOKOUT, M.T.Bs. 655, 665, 670.
Arrivals and Departures - TROUBRIDGE, TUMULT, TYRIAN, PETARD, QUILLIAM, QUAIL, QUEBEC? QUEENBOROUGH, OFFA, POIRUN, AURORA, PENELOPE.
(V.A. Malta 082348 to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Tripoli Arrived CLEVELAND. Sailed WHITEHAVEN, ROMNEY, HYTHE, RYE, ORIANA, L.S.T.413, 405, 416, 368, 409, 426, 414, 407, 323, 411, 404, 425, 415, 367, 364 L.C.T. 380 L.C.I. (L) 256, 182, 106, 99.
(S.N.O. Trip. 082348B to Admty.).

Movements
Port Said. 8th July. Arrivals R.F.A. FORELAND. Departures KATSONIS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 082359C to Admty. etc.).

CITY OF VENICE
ST. ESSYLT.
(Torp.4/7). From Duty Captain. For circulation in Admty. Confirmation has been received from ships' owners that survivors from S.S. CITY OF VENICE (Br. 8762 tons) and ST. ESSYLT (Br. 5634 tons) have been landed in North Africa. These two ships, which were in K.M.S. 18B, had previously been reported through military sources as having been torpedoed in the Mediterranean off Cape Tenez on 4th July.
(No T.O.O./8th July).

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- NEVASA. Karachi arrival 7th July.
(Karachi via Grabbag, 080301Z to Admty.)
Numbers disembarked (080401Z.)
- AMRITSAR. Correction to my 071130. AMRITSAR escorting
S.S. PAKHOI to Madras departure SANDHEADS
0301Z today 8th.
(N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 080319Z to Admty. etc.)
- B.M. 56½ B.M. 56½ arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 080436Z to Admty.)
- HOEGH
SILVERDAWN
(Nor.) No news your 062112 and C. in C. E.F. 060743
(? 060734 intended.)
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 080508Z to Admty., (R)
C. in C. E.F. S.O.I. Colombo.)
- P.B. 47. BARALA joined P.B.47 from Muscat. My 051344 and
051359 refers.
(N.C.S.O. Hormuz, 080527Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)
- B.P.86. Karachi portion of B.P.86, Transport IKAUNA,
sails yours 7th July Draught 26 feet.
Numbers, etc. Requirements nil.
(S.T.O Karachi, 080531Z to D.S.T.O.P.G.)
- B.A.45. ASCANIUS estimated from B.A.45, my 241124Z refers
(P.S.T.O. India, 080607Z to C. in C. E.F.)
- B.Y.M.S. Arrived B.Y.M.S. 5,6,7 and 8.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 080800Z to C, in C. E.F.etc)
- Air Report. A.241. 8 July 080932Z. Daily Opsum No. 480:
2 Beaufighters detailed transport (Yesagyo-Magwe)
1 A/C returned early. 1 A/C damaged 8 river
craft and set fire oil storage tank. 4 Mohawks
failed reach target due weather.
(A,H.Q. India 081013Z.)
- KARACHI. Departure KARACHI escorting cable ship store NOR-
HUMKE.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 081107Z to Admty. etc.)
- U/B
attacked. At 0645Z. 8th July aircraft carrying depth
charge attacked U/B in 011° 50' N. 051° 55' E.

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- U/B attacked. U/B surfaced, aircraft over U/B, no bombs left.
(C. in C. E.F. 081135Z to S. and A. E.I Station
(R) Admty. C. in C. S.A. 246 Wing.)
- TAMBARANA. TAMBARANA should be given a high priority.
Target date for completion should not be later than July 1944.
(R.A.N.A.S. Indian Ocean, 081147Z to F.L.O. India, (R) C. in C. E.F. Admty., Com., N.A.S.)
- Movements. Colombo arrivals 7th July 1700Z JAY. Arrivals 8 nil. Departures 0930Z CAPETOWN 0935Z OKAPI.
(F.O. Ceylon, 081238Z to Admty., etc.)
- ? U/B. Have observed suspicious object in 007° 04' N. 078° 59' E. probably S/M periscope.
(CAPETOWN 081315Z to F.O. Ceylon, (R) C. in C. E.F., Com. R.I.N., F.O.C. R.I.N.)
- MAHARAJA Sailing telegram. 01 10th July.
MAHARAJA. Colombo 12th July. Knots 9½ 10½.
Coastal Karachi JH. Escorted by OKAPI.
(Cochin, 081453Z to Admty).
- U/B Campaign Changes in Routeing. ~~X~~ Cancel my 061410 July.
2. From appreciation of possible positions for U-boat operations it is considered that traffic in Mozambique Channel should be reduced and other traffic routed further to the Southward of Madagascar than at present.
3. Following routeing is now intended:-
(a) All traffic other than that to and from Kilindini and East African ports south of Kilindini. Routed South of following positions. 034° S., 040° E. 032° S. 050° E.
(b) Traffic to and from Persian Gulf Aden E.A. ports North of Kilindini and Arabian Sea as far East and including Karachi to pass East of Madagascas between meridians of 050° E. and 054° E. Until reaching latitude 16° S.
(c) Traffic to and from India South of Karachi including Ceylon to pass East and south of 022° S., 064° E.
(d) Traffic to and from Kilindini and E.A. ports south of Kilindini via Mozambique Channel Northbound traffic E. of Q.R.S. Southbound west of Q.R.S.
(e) Northbound traffic to Beira to approach from eastward and north eastward of position D in 021° S. 038° E.
4. Traffic to and from Durban via approach route selected by you.
5. Traffic on all routes to be well dispersed avoiding bunching and turning points.
6. Request your remarks.
(C. in C. E.F., 081547Z to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty).
Concur. (C. in C. S.A. 091154).

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Force X,
escort.

The lack of endurance of Force X and escorts necessitates their proceeding to Durban through Mozambique Channel. In view of present apparent U-boat disposition request you will sail 1 R-class destroyer to arrive Kilindini not later than 14th July. This destroyer will act as additional through escort for Force X from Kilindini to Durban.

(C. in C. E.F., 081610 to C. in C. S.A. (R)
Admty. N.O.I.C. Durban).

Ceylon
Movement
Summary No.
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July.

1. AMRITSAR escorting one ship left Calcutta 8th due Macaas 11th July.
 2. AGRA escorting one ship left Colombo 7th due Bombay 10th.
 3. BARODA cancel reference for Summary No.57 of 30th June.
 4. BATHURST, BURNIE, CARNATIC and CERES escorting P.B.47 left Khasab Bay 6th due Bombay 12th
BURNIE being detached vicinity Karachi due 10th.
 5. BENGAL left Khor Kuwai 4th with P.A.44 detached to R.V. and escort torpedoed ship to Banda Abbas.
 6. BERAR escorting two ships leaving Colombo 10th for Bombay.
 7. HINDUIAN left Colombo 4th July arrived Trinco. 6th to act as torpedo target ship.
 8. JAY arrived Colombo 7th.
 9. WILLEM VAN DER Zaan and KATHIAWAR escorting C.X.4 left Colombo 7th due Addu Atoll 10th KATHIAWAR escorts Taiping to Diego Garcia due 12.
 10. KUMAON and TAMWORTH escorting B.P.86 left Bombay 5th due Khor Kuwai 9th.
 11. ORISSA escorting P.A.44 left Khor Kuwai 4th due Aden 12.
 12. POONA escorting M.B.40 left Colombo 6th due Bombay 11.
 13. SCOUT arrived Colombo 2nd.
 14. SHILLONG escorting one ship left Madras 6th due Colombo 9th July.
- (F.O. Ceylon, 081726Z).

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- Convoy O.T.7. Steam tanker E.W.SINCLAIR returned New York. Comtask Group 21.4 pass to Commodore. (U.S.P.D. New York, 080010Z to Cominch C. & R.)
- H.J.60. Departure TRAIL, LOCKPORT, GUYSBOROUGH, U.S.C.G. MOJAVE escorting H.J.60. (C. Halifax, 080057Z to Admty etc.)
- P.554. My 071750Z para. 1. For CUCKMERE read NORTHERN GEM. (F.O.N.F. 080126Z)
- Eastern Fleet Complements. X Desired to stress importance of complements of all ships being complete on arrival on East Indies Station. (2) Last minute adjustments are normally required in many cases and Eastern Fleet pool very rarely contains any Artificers of all branches, Shipwrights, Sick berth, Chief and Petty Officers, Higher non substantive rates of Seaman Radar and communication branches. (3) Further Eastern Fleet has no spare specialist officers so desirability of providing one spare gunnery navigating director and medical officer needs consideration. (4) Request confirmation that no shore accommodation for U.S. forces is required in Ceylon. (5) A.M.031213 July refers. (C. in C. E.F. 080824 to Admty)
- T.A.G.71, G.N.71. List 15 ships. (B.R.L.O. 080829Q to Admty) British ships in T.A.G. 71 G.N. 71. Coal in tons required at New York. (Port of Spain, 081802 to Admty.)
- U/B. Submarine sighted 19.58 N. 74.30 W. at 1255Z. (Kingston, Jamaica, 081024Q to Admty)
- Movements, St. Johns. St. Johns N.F. July 7th. Arrivals M.M.S.196, 197, 199, 200, 201 ex Halifax ROXBOROUGH, NANAIMO, SUDBURY, BURLINGTON ex H.R.246. Departures ESQUIMALT escorting J.N.35. ADHERENT to St. Marys to assistance of Harbour craft. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, 081044Z to Admty)
- H.X.247. Sailing Telegram Part 2. Total 57 ships sailed. (P.D. New York, 081050 to Admty) Convoy H.X.247. IROQUOIS pennant position 42 returned to port. Amend part 2 of my sailing telegram. (P.D. New York, 081738Z to Admty)

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Fast Tankers. Cominch's 062152Z. The work surplus in the A.M. quoted was intended to designate only the four tankers excluded from C.U.3. Your 190023Z and Bilge 2271 refer. Please make this clear to Cominch.
(A.C.N.S. (U.T.), 081213B to B.A.D.)

M.M.S. proposed sailing with S.C. Convoy. Due to their low speed and very small armament M.M.S. now awaiting passage to Londonderry are completely unable to defend themselves in event of contact with a U-Boat. Would it be considered more advantageous to sail them with an S.C. convoy, though this involves delay of two weeks as ships cannot be made ready for sea until July 12th.
(F.O.N.F. 081226Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A. Admty.)

F.O.N.F. 081226, request you reply. My 062529 refers.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081611Z to Admty)

B.T/T.B. Convoys. Request information as to strength of surface and air escort for B.T/T.B. Convoys.
(D.T.D.081234B to B.A.D.)

U.S. Radio. B.A.M.S. Message 105. Effective immediately U.S. Navy Radio Stations Noumea (N.X.Z) Espiritu Santo, (N.U.B.) and Bora Bora (N.X.O) all working on 468 join B.A.M.S. system as coastal stations X.C.A.M.S.I. 1/43 will be amended.
(Vice C.N.O. 081301 to B.A.M.S. all Areas.)

M.A.C. Ships. Commodore reports that he was unaware that M.A.C. ship was to join Convoy until her arrival. Request in future this information may be passed to Commodores when known.
(C. in C. W.A. 081304Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) Admty.)

ADHERENT H.C.188. Following for C.C.R.T. H.M.R.T. ADHERENT sailed to assistance of H.C. 188 ashore in vicinity of Cape Pine, Newfoundland.
(F.O.N.F. 081321Z to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A.)

BLOODY MARSH (U.S.) Torpedoed 2nd. MALTRAN (U.S.) Torpedoed July. My 021620 re BLOODY MARSH and my 052034 re MALTRAN, both ships sunk.
(N.S.H.Q. 081332Z to Admty, B.R.L.O. New York, N.C.S.O. Montreal.)

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Botwood Examination Service Established. Botwood, Newfoundland examination service established 5th July. Examination vessel is stationed off Wiseman Head and will also carry out duties of P.W.S.S. pending completion of P.W.S.S. at Bay Point. Request promulgation. (N.S.H.Q. 081353Z to Admty (R) Cominch, C. in C. C.N.A. . N.J.C.S., Washington, F.O.N.F., S.C.N.O. London.)

O.N.190. Boston section arrived 081247Z. (P.D. Boston, 081357 to Cominch C. & R. etc.)

U/B Estimated Positions. (Cominch, 081501Z to Admty, N.S.H.Q.)

Trans-Pacific Routeing. My 122038 January as amended by my 162038 May 211730 May and 241531 May trans-Pacific routeing of British controlled ships from North American eastern seaboard to India and Persian Gulf is suspended until further notice. (D.T.D. 081520B to Connav etc.)

AQUITANIA (A.T.53) Request continuous air cover for A.T.53 to Eastward limit. Routed as in P.D.N.Y,T.O.O. 072046. (C. in C. C.N.A. 081557Z to A.O.C. in E.A.C. (R) F.O.N.F., Cominch, Admty, N.S.H.Q.)

SS. AQUITANIA (A.T. 53) departed Ambrose 1635Z/8 July for Clyde E.T.A. Clyde Boom 2000Z/15 July. S. of A. 19.5 knots. (P.D.New York, 081750Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. (R) Admty etc.)

H.X.247. Additions and deletions (list) (B.R.L.O.New York, 081600Z to Admty) H.X.247. My 081600 add to deletions JAMES B. RICHARDSON. (B.R.L.O.New York, 082149Z)

Convoy H.X.247 Escort Oilers and ships fitted with depth charges. (P.D. New York, 081604Z to Admty)

Special U-Boat Estimates. (Cominch, 081606Z to U.S.S. HAKE, U.S.S. BLACK-FISH, U.S.S. BARB, (R) Cinclant, Comsublant.)

Dispositions. O.N.191 C.2 048° (257') 046° 13' (2349°, 308° or 066°) 9.5. P.554 on surface escorted by NORTHERN GEM 047° 00' N. 052° 38' W. to 046° 37' N. 052° 57' W. 046° 31' 053° 22' 046° 34' 054° 14' 046° 49' 54° 29' 047° 00' 054° 28' thence Argentia, S. of A. 10 knots. B.W.38 FORT WILLIAM 047° 23' 052° 20' 090° 7.5 altering to 346° in 052° 35' W. thence Wabana E.T.A. 2359Z/8th. GEORGETOWN, SHAWINIGAN, LOUISBURG, LETHBRIDGE, SUDBURY, NANAIMO, BURLINGTON 047° 16' 051° 31' 104° 12 to join O.N.191

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Dispositions. BRANTFORD, FOUNDATION FRANKLIN 046° 38' 056° 29' (Contd.)
270° 4 altering to 290° in 056° 38' W.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081610Z to A.I.G.372)
CARAQUET escorting SS. FRANKLIN 044° 04' 060° 57' 7.5 en route Halifax.
COMANCHE 043° 40' 064° 01' 246° 10 altering to 265° in 065° 23' W.
H.F.64, GODERICH, MEDICINE HAT depart Halifax south light vessel 2300Z course 258° altering to 230° in 064° 03' W. and to 271° in 065° 22' and to 333° in 043° 13' N.
S.C.136 W.7 vicinity 044° 10' 062° 51' 090° 7.5 alter to 062° in 062° 31' W.
H.J.60 LOCKEPORT, TRAIL, LOTUS, MOJAVE, CYRUSFIELD 045° 08' 059° 32' 070° 8.5 alter to 082° in 057° 01' W.
H.S.95 SASKATOON, KENORA 046° 20' 059° 32' 320° 8 alter to 272° in 059° 43' W.
SS. NORTHTON vicinity 044° 20' 062° 48' to position 044° 29' 061° 59' 085°.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081640Z, 081825Z)

Section North West Following is a recyphered version of my 081705Z begins (A.I.G.374) From C. in C. C.N.A./S.Q. 57 CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO, UNGAVA, PORT HOPE 048° 50' (?062°) 48' 301° 7.5 alter to 267° in 049° 32' N. and to 244° in 065° 51' W. MAHONE, MILLTOWN in vicinity to R/V with S.Q.57, UNGAVA, PORT HOPE detaching from S.Q.57 at 2000Z/8th proceeding to Gaspe. SWIFT CURRENT escorting (2 corrupt groups) in vicinity 048° 28' 064° 00' proceeding to 068° 00' W. thence return Gaspe 10 knots 77th M.L. flotilla sweeping Gaspe approaches thence proceeding Seven Island E.T.A. 1400Z/9th. (Ends.)
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081710Z)

Section North West. Following is a recyphered version of 081815Z (Begins) A.I.G.374 from C. in C. C.N.A. My 081705Z (Circulation in War Reg. under T.O.O.081710.) add DRUMMONDVILLE escorting SPAB departed Sydney a.m. 9th, add MISCOU Port Basque Approaches thence independently coast-wise to Cornerbrook, add SANKATY Port Basque Approaches thence independently coast-wise to St. Johns (Ends.)
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081830Z)

DAUNTLESS Schooner DAUNTLESS aground off Port Royal.
Schooner. (S.O.(I) Jamaica, 081722Q to Admty, N.S.H.Q.)

GREENWICH. Your 062158 July. E.T.A. GREENWICH at New Orleans August 10th.
(F.O.N.F. 081625Z to B.A.M.R.)

Shipping Routes. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 052110 to Admiralty only.
Following summarises Admiralty intentions regarding routes of British controlled shipping from North American Eastern Seaboard to Middle East and Indian Ocean. (2) Normal route is through Mediterranean for which it is anticipated U.G.S. and U.G.F. convoys will provide all accommodation required.
(3) Alternatives for ships of 15 knots and over which fail to make good connexion with U.G.F. convoys are by independent sailing to Gibraltar or by South African route. Selection of route to which A.M.291940 June refers depends upon.

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(a) period between ready date and next U.G.F. convoy (b) bunker endurance. (c) divergence to suitable bunkering ports. (4) In view of para.2 above Cape route for ships below 15 knots should not be necessary except for occasional sailings from South American ports. (5) See also my 081520 not to C. in C. Med. or F.O.I.C. Gibraltar regarding suspension transpacific routeing.
(D.T.D. 081735B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D. etc.) See D.T.D. 141916B

RAVAGER.

Intend RAVAGER sail with 846 Squadron 12 operational Tarpon and one operational Hellcat.
(My 291501 June to Admty and RAVAGER only refers). Escorting convoy H.X.248 leaving New York 15th July. (2) The same conditions apply as for

CHASER.

(B.A.D. 081837Z to Admty)

Sail RAVAGER when ready about 12 July Norfolk to New York for inclusion in H.X.248. Will operate A/C on passage to New York. Available for operation of A/C en route U.S. provided vessel does not leave convoy without proper escort.

(Cominch, 082239Z to Comeastseafon. (R) Commandant 5th N. Dist., Norfolk. P.D. New York, Commandant 3rd N. Dist, New York, C. in C. C.N.A., C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet, C. in C. W.A., C.T.F.24. Admty, F.O.N.F., N.S.H.Q.)

CANADA.

Medeired 44 indicates CANADA overdue Durban June 29 while Medeired 21 shows due Aden 21st.
Request clarification.

(Com. Tenth Fleet C. & R. 081845Z to Admty)

Assessment
of Attacks
on U/B's
Mediterranean.

It has been represented by C. in C. Med. that present procedure for assessment of attacks on U-Boats recently agreed between us is not applicable to Mediterranean, since Allied Forces are there working in such close co-operation that same U-Boat is often hunted by ships and aircraft of different nationalities. (2) C. in C. suggests that a British - U.S. Naval and Air Assessment board be formed at Allied Force H.Q. Assessments of attacks on U-Boats to be forwarded to Admty or Cominch as requisite, according to which nation had major part in incident, with copy to other authority. (3) C. in C. Med. has consulted A.O.C. Med. Air Command and Commander U.S. Naval Forces, N.W. African waters, who concur with his proposal set out in para. 2. (4) We propose that this suggestion should be adopted and extended to the whole Mediterranean, assessments at present made by C. in C. Levant being taken over by proposed Assessment Board.
(D.A/S.W.*081851B to Cominch) * Approved A.C.N.S. (U.T.)

ZAMALEK.

Ref. my 061840Z. ZAMALEK. Request you inform owners that ship will be held to sail in H.X.249. Further wish to commend Captain Morrison for his wholehearted co-operation in relieving a very difficult situation. Ship is spotless and is a credit to the service.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 081937Z to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.)

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Stragglers Report No.8. One arrived St. Johns N.F. from H.X.245. ESSO BAYONNE (U.S.) 1st Boiler defects. One arrived St. John's N.F. from O.N.S.11. IMPERIAL VALLEY 1st Boiler trouble. One arrived St. Johns N.F. from O.N.190 EMPIRE GALE 3rd lost convoy with engine defects. One arrived Halifax from O.N.190 DAVID G. BURNETT 6th lost convoy due to fog. (N.S.H.Q. 081937Z to Admty)

HONESTY. Sailing HONESTY to St. Johns Escort H.J.61 Ship is for H.X.247 additional escort C-1-S. (C. in C. C.N.A. 082002Z to F.O.N.F.)

S.C.136. Departures SALISBURY, CALDWELL, OAKVILLE, ARROWHEAD escorting S. C.136. (C. Halifax, 082010Z to Admty etc.) Departure NIPIGON to S.C.136. (C. Halifax, 082120Z to Admty etc.)

STRINDA, U.G.S.12. Norwegian tanker STRINDA, speed 11, operating under British control, will be included in Convoy U.G.S.12 from Hampton Roads. Destination of ship is Ponta Delgada - Azores. Detach ship from convoy at appropriate point near Azores to proceed to destination. French authorities have agreed to employment of French vessels, my 022102, as escort for STRINDA from break off point to Ponta Delgada. French vessels to rejoin convoy if possible otherwise proceed Casablanca. (Cominch, 082115Z to Cinclant (R) Admty etc.)

Sub. Attack and Sighting Summary. All times Z. A. HELDENA and B.P. NEWTON torpedoed sunk area 05.30 N. 50 W. about 0520/8. P.C.576 attacked sub. same area. Action to Admiralty for O.I.C. from Cominch. B. Sub. attacked 19.58 N. 74.30 W. 1253/8. C. Fisherman sighted sub. 03.25 S. 38.15 W. 1500/6. Radar contact 28.51 N. 61 W. 0453/7. Sub. attacked 27.04 N. 59.48 W. 1722/8. D. Coast Guard craft attacks sound contact 36.57 N. 75.54 W. 0005/7. (Cominch, 082120Z to Admty)

Shipping Casualties. Connav Serial 9. VERNON CITY torp. 28 June position 04.20 S. 2720 W. POELAU ROEBIAH torp. sunk 6 July position 17.56 N. 75.57 W. Following ship casualties in convoy B.T.18 on 7 July area 04.05 S. 35.58 W. JAMES ROBERTSON, THOMAS SINNICKSON, Wm. BOYCE THOMPSON all torp. S.B.HUNT hit and rammed. Rammed torp. ships ALCOA BANNER and GOIAZLOIDE both damaged. Following ship casualties in convoy T.J.1 Area 05.30 N 50.00 W. B.P. NEWTON, EVERAGRA, Torp, sunk. ELDENA torp. (Connav, 082126Z to Connaveu).

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- T.A.52. E.T.A. Ambrose light vessel 2200Z/9th.
(T.A. 52, 082220Z to Cominch C. & R. etc.)
- V.P.63,
for Biscay. Admiralty 081150 not to all addressees (N.T. in
W.D.). Direct V.P. 63 report to Cdre. U.S.
Naval Forces in Europe for temporary assignment
operational control of British authorities in
Bay of Biscay operations. Comply with para. 2
of reference. Admiralty pass to Air Ministry and D.T.C.C. and
H.Q.C.C.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 082220Z to C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet
(R) N.O.B. Iceland (U.S.) C.F. (corrupt group) 7, C.O.S. U.S.
Army, Comairlant, D.T.C.C., Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces in Europe,
C. in C. Plymouth, A.C.I.C., Air Ministry, Admty, H.Q.C.C.,
C.T.F.24)
- U.S.A.T. Arrival July 8th EL LIBERTADORE U.S. Army
Transport.
(B.R.L.O. Georgetown, 082237Q to Admty etc.)
Balboa 8th July U.S.A.T. FRED C. JOHNSON.
(R.O.Cristobal, 082322 to Admty)
- Secrecy + J.S.M.1050 8th July, 1945. Ref. your C.O.S. (W)
Definitions. 687.* We do not quite understand this as the
last thing we want is to broaden the British
definition of Secret. As we see it, British
Authorities issue general definitions in terms
of C.O.S.(W) 249 and each Department both Service and Civil
thereupon issues its own instructions. We quoted as an example
the latest of these available here viz. amendment to A.C.I.
1579/41 as promulgated 31st March, 1945. This shows that
interpretation by War Office of Secret is much stricter than
general definition of Secret in C.O.S.(W) 249 which latter is
all the Americans have to go by. Our proposal therefore was to
tighten general definition of British Secret in order that Ameri-
cans may realise and accept fact that in practice our Secret is
as strict as their own. (2) Possibly you were misled by the
word "broad" in paras. 4 and 6 of J.S.M.1001. If so, for
"broad" in both cases substitute "general". (3) We feel that
you understand our proposal to entail a change in existing
British secrecy definitions but this is in no way intended.
(4) Please deal with this quickly.
(J.S.M.082307Z to W.C.O. London)
*(Re secrecy definitions 062135 - N.T. in W.D.)
- U/B War, President and Prime Minister have agreed that two
Communiques. Governments shall issue joint communique on
U-Boat war monthly. Communiques will normally
be prepared by Admiralty and referred through
you to Navy Department. First suggested
communique has however been referred by Prime Minister to
President personally under cover of personal telegram by Prime
Minister, Telegram numbers 351 and 352 dated July 8th.
Ambassador has copy. Presumably President will consult Navy
Department.
(Private Office 082325B to B.A.D.)

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C.O.107. Convoy post sailing telegram C.O.107, 8th July (list, 8 ships). Escort BALLARAT from Newcastle to Sydney (N.S.W.). BENDIGO from Newcastle, ROCKAMPTON, GLENELG from Sydney (N.S.W.) (N.C.S.O. Newcastle N.S.W. 080103Z to Admty etc.)
Departure 8th July Sydney Section convoy C.O.107 comprising four ships (list) (N.C.S.O. Sydney, N.S.W. 080456 to Admty)

Kiwi A/C sighted S.S. three miles East Uiolu 1038/11
No.84. no attack made. Beached D.D. South East Coast. Kolombangara attacked morning 6th by 10 Avengers, 11 Dauntlesses with 14 Wildcat escort. Further attack made afternoon by 3 Mitchells. Both successful ?fires and explosions seen. Landing made Rice Anchorage North Baeroko dawn 5th after allied shelling, my 83 first part refers. U.S.S. STRONG torpedoed and sunk in this action. Eighteen Avengers, 17 Dauntlesses attacked Enogai West New Georgia morning 6th. Wildcats engaged 7 Zeros got 4, no losses. Our Rendova positions attacked afternoon 6th by 18 enemy bombers some damage and casualties 3 destroyed by A/A. Single R/C Liberator attacked by 5 Zeros North East Kolombangara 2 destroyed, 1 probably. Survivors from MUTUKI Class D.D. landed Vila 6th. S.S. sightings East Tete-Ri Island 117. 7th West Ganongga early morning 6th East Gatukai morning same day. Two C.A. arrived Faisi morning 6th. Another cruiser arrived later. One C.A. 2 D.D. 4 Auxiliaries sighted 35 miles East Teop early morning 6th South-erly course. See also last part my 83. (C.W.R. Wellington, 080111Z to C. in C. E.F., Admty, etc.)

G.P.58. Departure 8th July Sydney section convoy G.P.58 comprising five ships SUVA and L.S.T. 473 for Brisbane, MUNGANA for Bowen, Thursday Island and Darwin. ADMIRAL HALSTEAD and JAMES MACPHERSON for Townsville and Milne Bay. Escorts MILDURA (S.O) MORESBY, YANDRA, TOWNSVILLE. (N.C.S.O. Sydney, 080241Z to Admty)

N.T.24. (A) Port Moresby convoy N.T.24. (B) 8th July. (C) DUNTROON and GEORGE M. LIVANOS for Townsville. (D) WAGGA and PIRIE. (N.O.I.C. Port Moresby (via Grabbag N.Y.), 080653Z to Admty)

U.S.S. Departed Fremantle 6th for Melbourne.
TRINITY. (A.C.N.B. 080706Z to Admty etc.)

Digest Paras. 12 to 19 inclusive cover Solomons area
No.534 South Pacific Forces.
July 7th. (2) One destroyer passed Cape Orford Northbound morning. Submarine passed Southbound evening.

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(5) Three Mitchells conducted dawn strike barge concealment area Labu Lagoon near Lae but fifteen barges later seen Lae Harbour. Two aircraft departed Lae Aerodrome morning. R/C Mitchell strafed Malahang afternoon. (6) Enemy R/C Plane over Port Moresby mid morning.

(7) Photos Wewak noon 6th July disclose 1 Sub-chaser, 1 small Freighter and on Wewak Aerodrome six fighters three light bombers. (9) Photos Utarom (Kaimana) Aerodrome 6th July show nil aircraft. Two possible barges visible Kautanp Bay discounting visual report two small vessels at Langgoer refer Digest Number 533? Para. 8. (10) Two Mitchells struck Selaru (Tanimbar Islands) morning. (11) Revised assessment enemy losses Darwin raid 6th July reports 10 bombers 2 fighters destroyed also three bombers one fighter damaged. (12) Later reports on Kula Gulf Battle early morning 6th July indicate minimum nine enemy warships destroyed. United States Cruiser and Destroyer Task Force first met four or five enemy destroyers and with full broadside all sunk or set on fire within five minutes. This enabled Task Force to engage 3 or 4 Light cruisers and within 15 minutes all destroyed or burning fiercely except one believed beached. Meanwhile U.S. Light Cruiser HELENA sunk probably by torpedoes. Two destroyers effecting Rescue work located and intercepted enemy force of one Light cruiser two destroyers attempting to escape Northward. Four funnelled Light? cruiser sunk with torpedoes and one destroyer by gunfire. Other destroyer damaged. Majority HELENA complement rescued although enemy submarines and planes hindered work after daybreak. (13) Belated report 18 Bombers ineffectually attacked Allied shipping off Rendova afternoon 5th July. A/A shot down 9 bombers while interception results were given in Digest No. 532 Para. 13. (14) Photos forenoon 7th show 6 destroyers 3 sub-chasers six small cargo ships 2 small tankers off Buin. Additional Light cruiser or destroyer and one cargo vessel sighted near Shortlands. 60 fighters 15 dive and one medium bomber visible Kahili 21 medium bombers at Ballale one dive four medium bombers 11 fighter at Buka. (17) Three Avengers unsuccessfully attacked single destroyer West of Buin Base after dusk. Hudson dropped flares and is missing. (18) Afternoon 7th July formation of medium bombers with over 50 Zeros were intercepted vicinity Rendova by Corsairs. 3 bombers 9 fighters destroyed for loss of one Corsair missing. (19) Rendova quiet while patrols active on Southern New Georgia. Allied Landing effected Rice anchorage in Kula Gulf six miles Northeast of Baeroko and communications established. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 081014Z)

Movements. Arrivals 7th July Port Moresby H/T DUNTROON Thursday Island VAN DER LIJN Milne Bay ASIS POGANG U.S. Transport BOTH. H/T KATOOMBA departed Sydney 7th due Townsville 12th U.S. Transport CREMER departed Brisbane 7th due Townsville 9th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 081035Z to Admty)

U.S. Transport NOORDAM departed Brisbane 8th July due San Francisco 27th July. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 081045Z to Admty)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation
V.P.

1. M.T.Bs. 619 and 620 sailed from Lerwick at 1510B today. Both boats returned to Lerwick at 1010B/10; extreme visibility prevented them from entering the leads.

Operation
"Camera".

2. C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK with U.S. battleships SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS and 5 British and 5 U.S. destroyers returned to Scapa at 0913B this morning. C.S.10 in BELFAST, C.S.1 in LONDON, and KENT returned at 1258B and GLASGOW at 1538B. NORFOLK, BERWICK and one destroyer returned to Hvalfjord at 0050/10. A B.V.138 after being allowed to make a sighting report of our forces was destroyed by Martlets from FURIOUS.

3. Russian photographic R/C of Altenfiord this morning showed TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST and 7 destroyers and auxiliary units to be present.

4. MELBREAK, WENSLEYDALE and GLAISDALE sailed from Plymouth at 2149B today for an offensive patrol off the French coast.

5. 41 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night off Biscay ports and the Dutch coast.

North Atlantic.

Air attack
on Lisbon-
Gibraltar
route.

6. ^{AIS Trawler} HAARLEM escorting three merchant ships to join Convoy M.K.S.16 reported being bombed at 0900 today in 42.21 N. 08.56 W. (near Cape St. Vincent) by 6 F.Ws. SS. STANHOPE was damaged by near miss, but was able to proceed to Gibraltar later. Aircraft were sent out from Gibraltar and shot down one or probably 2 of the enemy and damaged two others.

U/Bs.
attacked.

7. A Liberator attacked a U-Boat at 0619Z today in 38.11 N. 13.34 W. and probably damaged it. Commorseafon reports that at 0920Z a Liberator sighted a U-Boat in 40.00 N. 13.45 W. and definitely sank it.

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U/Bs.
 attacked.
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At 1300Z a Liberator attacked and probably sank a U-Boat in 39.20 N. 18.00 W. Other attacks were made at 1355, 1445, 1552 and 1820. In the latter attack, in 39.48 (or 28) N. 14.38 W., after depth charges had been dropped the stern of the U-Boat rose at an angle of 75° and whilst settling two violent explosions from the stern were seen, throwing up water, oil and debris. The stern rolled to starboard and submerged in boiling water bearing oil and debris.

South Atlantic.

U/B attack
 on S.T.71:
 2 ships
 torpedoed.

8. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, who with COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES was escorting three ships in the Bight of Benin reports that two of them, MANCHESTER CITIZEN and DE LA SALLE were torpedoed at 0050Z today in 05.50 N. 02.22 E. One submarine only is suspected.

9. At 2042Z today F.O.C. W.Africa asked Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet if he could assist BUTTERMERE who had reported that at 081400Z she was in 04.17 S. 29.20 W. proceeding at 4 knots and that her engine could not hold out much longer. She also reported that WASTWATER was helpless. ASTURIAS escorting a convoy, detached CLARKIA to assist the two A/S whalers.

U/B sunk.

10. A U.S. patrol bomber aircraft attacked a U-Boat in approximately 03.54 N. 48.43 W. today and claims to have sunk it, leaving 2 survivors on a raft.

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East Indies.

11. The Panamenian tanker STANVAC WELLINGTON (10,013 tons), Table Bay for Massawa and Suez reported being attacked by torpedo at 091757 in 37° Point Option (Madagascar) 159 miles. One torpedo was seen, but was avoided.

Australia and New Zealand.

12. 4 U.S. destroyers bombarded Munda (south coast by New Georgia) in the early hours of today, and it is reported that 110 Allied aircraft attacked Munda.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

BITER BITER is to be available operationally from July 18th until taken in hand in accordance with my 091640.
 (C. in C. W.A., 091716B).

Conversion of "A" to "I" class destroyers to Escort destroyers. Your 161340 May. Approval has been given for conversion of A and B classes to two-boiler escort destroyers.
 2. The effort and time required to convert all ships to E to I classes to two-boiler escort destroyers is not warranted, but if one of these ships required extensive repairs lasting 5 or 6 months, removal of one boiler would be considered.
 (A.C.N.S. (H), 091820B to C. in C. W.A.)

Floating docks for landing craft. Your 3066/0960/6/1 of 30th June. Admiralty are endeavouring to acquire a number of small floating docks from America suitable for use with L.C.T. and L.C.I.
 2. Approx. particulars are as follows.
 3. You should submit your proposal for the location of these docks as an alternative to and concurrent with your proposal for the siting and construction of slips.
 4. Your proposal with regard to additional accommodation, maintenance and other administrative facilities which may be necessary to meet the requirements of C. in C, Portsmouth's 3007/X/0500/11 of 15th June should be forwarded at an early date.
 5. Action is being taken to arrange for allocation of minor landing craft referred to in para. 9. of C. in C. Portsmouth's letter referred to above.
 (D. of P., 091935B to C. in C. Nore).

Withdrawal of BLENHEIM from Hvalfiord. Reference A.M. 081211.* Provided it is realized that quick docking of destroyers or ocean escorts will not be possible and that practically no repair facilities would be available at Hvalfiord BLENHEIM could be withdrawn. Some of her depot-ship functions can now be undertaken temporarily by BALDUR III (R.N. Base Hvitanes) but the maintenance of Iceland Trawlers and small craft will inevitably suffer.
 (2) Suggestions for tidying over interim period and enabling minor repairs and dockings to continue.
 (4) Essential repair work of engineering nature would have to be done at Reykjavik at very high cost.
 (A.C.I.C., 092252B to Admty. etc). *Re allocation of a destroyer Depot ship to E.F.

Movements.

RAMILLIES Scapa departure RAMILLIES, BRILLIANT, ROEBUCK. E.T.A. 22 A buoy 1500.
 (A.C.O.S., 090300B to C. in C. Rosyth).

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IROQUOIS, My 081235B sailed. Latest message Q.K.86
 ORKAN, Q.K.A.105.
 MELBREAK, (C. in C. Plymouth, 090757B).
 WENSLEYDALE. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 081103. Request you will
 signal onward route for ORKAN.
 (D.O.D. (H), 091000B to C. in C. Plymouth).
 F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 081503B*not to all addressees
 from position (N) pass through position (O) 049° 01' N., 011°
 30' W. (P) 180° 00' 10, (Q) 180° The Lizard 3, thence by Q.Z.S.
 410, 409.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 091005B to ORKAN). *N.T. in W.R.
 Add IROQUOIS to repeated addressees of my 091005.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 091153B to ORKAN).
 MELBREAK taking WENSLEYDALE under his orders and passing
 Gate at 1200/10th and proceeding to R/V ORKAN in 180° The Lizard
 3 at approx. 1445/10th and act as escort to Plymouth in accordance
 with my 081817 not to N.O.I.C. Falmouth.
 (2) The body of late General Sikorski is embarked in ORKAN.
 (3) Codeword to R/V "Harris" then "Simony".
 (C. in C. Plymouth 091659B to MELBREAK, WENSLEYDALE, (R)
 ORKAN, N.O.I.C. Falmouth, No. 10 Group, No. 19 Group. Admty).
 Arrived MELBREAK.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 091955B).

S/M My 071135B*sailed.
 Movements. (S.6, 090912B). *Sailing (?H.M.S. TRUSTY) with
 H.M.S. RISKATO.
 SCIMITAR will meet you in R/V, 2 S/Ms and another
 escort vessel may also be in company.
 (Capt. (S) 3, 090917B to STUBBORN).
 Intend sailing TUNA, P.315 (TRUCULENT) U.S. HADDO, CUTTY
 SARK from Clyde Boom at 1800B/10 to 000° Tory Is. 20 miles.
 E.T.A. 1000/11th Speed 10 knots.
 (2) Thence subs. westward CUTTY SARK to Clyde Expected time of
 arrival 2100/11th speed 16 knots.
 (3) N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection
 help messages on port wave.
 (4) Communication.
 (Capt. (S) 3, 091021B to Clyde Sub. Movements less N.O.I.C.
 Stornoway, U.S. HADDO, TUNA, P.315 (TRUCULENT), CUTTY SARK).
 Request you will sail P.215 (SCEPTRE) for Holy Loch on
 completion defects.
 H.M.S. P.35 (UMBRA) will be available for short period of A/S
 training at Plymouth should you desire it before proceeding Holy
 Loch.

(F.O.S., 091044 to C. in C. Plymouth).

All times zone B. Intend sailing following from Kames
 Bay to Dunvegan Head 12th July.

(a) S/M X Type No. X.8 in tow STONEHENGE escorted by M.L.235
 at 0630 speed 9 knots. E.T.A. 2115/13th July STONEHENGE will
 carry out diving exercises between Canna Island and Idrigill
 Point 0400 to 1900/13th July.

(b) Sub. X. Type No. X.9 in tow TEDWORTH at 2345 speed 9 knots
 E.T.A. 0115/14th July.

(2) All ships routed via Q.Z.S.398 250° Oversay 5 miles Tیره
 passage north of Oigh Sgeir to Dunvegan Head.

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S/M (3) On arrival Dunvegan Head tows will be shipped
Movements. and X Type Sub. will proceed independently to
(contd). Port H.H.Z. M.L. 235 will escort STONEHENGE
speed 11 knots E.T.A. Scapa 1300/14th July
TEDWORTH will proceed speed 10 knots. E.T.A. Port
H.H.Z. 1115/14th.

(4) N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection.
(5) Communication.
(Capt. S.12, 091055B to Clyde S/M movements (except
Comsubron) N.O.I.C. Aultbea, A.C.O.S., (R) BONAVENTURE,
STONEHENGE M.L.235, TEDWORTH.)
A.M. 081856 June anticipate SCEPTRE will be ready to sail
p.m./11. Request destination.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 091324B to Capt. (S) 3).
Positions of S/MS 0800B/10 and movements for following 24
hours.
(F.O.S., 091629Q, 101452B).

UNICORN F.O.I.C. Belfast's 071030 not to F.O.I.C.
Greenock. F.O.I.C. Belfast is requested to sail
UNICORN to Clyde when ready about 11th July.
2. For the present UNICORN continues practices
in Clyde area at Fleet notice.
3. Unlikely that UNICORN will proceed to Scapa before 24th July.
(C. in C. H.F., 091422B).

OBDURATE Arrived Faeroes at 090407.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 091025B).

V.A.2, V.A. 2 is requested to sail in ANSON with ALABAMA,
ALABAMA. KENT and 5 U.S. destroyers for Hvalfjord p.m./10
July.
2. C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. W.A. and A.C.I.C.
are requested to provide A/S Air Escort
codeword "Cravat".
(C. in C. H.F., 091426B to V.A.2, C. in C.
Rosyth, C. in C. W.A., A.C.I.C.)

It is intended that F.O. 2nd in command Home Fleet in
ANSON should sail from Scapa with U.S.S. ALABAMA, KENT, and
T.G.92.4 for Hvalfiord p.m./10th carrying out a tactical
exercise en route.

(C. in C. H.F., 092214B to Cominch, Comnavu).

Operations.

Operation Scapa arrivals C. in C. H.F. in DUKE OF YORK
"Camera". (U.S.) Cdr. T.G. 92.4 in SOUTH DAKOTA.
FURIOUS, MILNE, MUSKETEER, MAHRATTA, METEOR,
ONSLAUGHT, U.S.S. ELLYSON, U.S.S. EMMONS, U.S.S.
RODMAN, U.S.S. MACOMB, U.S.S. FITCH.
(A.C.O.S., 090913B).

Scapa arrivals at 1258B C.S.10 in BELFAST, C.S.1 in
LONDON, KENT.

(A.C.O.S., 091309B).
Scapa arrival GLASGOW.
(A.C.O.S., 091538B).

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- Southern Chain. Request Southern Chain from 2300/9 until 0500/10. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 091056 to C.C.O.) Your 091056 this has been arranged. (C.C.O., 091226B to C. in C. Portsmouth).
- Bay Patrol My 302308B. First Escort Group will not now be available for Bay patrol during July. It is possible that B.1 escort group may be spared for this purpose.
2. Second Escort Group will remain available for Bay Patrol. (C. in C. W.A., 091252B to C. in C. Plymouth).
- Operation "Musketry". My 091044. Expect Sunderland aircraft over you about 1830B/19. (C. in C. Plymouth, 091419B to E.G.2nd Group. B.1., BERMUDA, (R) C. in C. W.A., Admty. Group 19) Following from S.O. 39th E.G. begins.
P.C.S. of O.S.51 at 1600Z/9 045° 15' N., 014° 08' W. 201°, 7½. S.O. Convoy intend altering course to 210° at 2000A and to 175° at 0600A. Ends.
Proceeding to R/V Z. E.T.A. 0500B. My P.C.S. at 2000Z 044° 45', 012° 56' W. 120° 15'. (ROCKINGHAM, 092100B to E.G.B.1).
- Light coastal force operations.
1. Tonight 9/10th July BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE to anchor St. Helens at immediate notice and proceed on anti E-boat patrol if weather is suitable between 0001 and 0400 on lat. 50° 25' N. between 0° 40' W. and 1° 25' W.
2. M.L. 464, 124 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys.
3. Immediate Notice. Chasseur 5 at St. Helens. LIMBOURNE at Yarmouth.
4. M.L.123, 269, 247 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N., between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W.
5. Communications:
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 091459B to D.L., N.O.I.C. Newhaven, X.D.O. (E), F.O.I.C. Portland, (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, V.A. Dover, R.A.F. Tangmere and for 841 Squadron, BLEASDALE, LA COMBATTANTE, LIMBOURNE.)
Weather permitting.
1. Force E. M.G.Bs. 326, 322 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Prawle Point 8.
2. Codeword "Bobbin".
3. Force F. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 153, 163, 304 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 097° Start 13.
4. Codeword "Scent".
5. Forces E and F. are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0445B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 091631B).
Your 091631B. "Bobbin" and "Scent" sailed. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 092149B to C. in C. Plymouth).
Your 091631B. "Bobbin" returned owing to weather. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 092318B to C. in C. Plymouth).

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Operation VP. M.T.Bs. 619 and 620 sailed 1510B today to carry out VP-P. as in my 211235B June or alternatively VP-Y as in my 221525B June if weather conditions are more suitable for latter. (A.C.O.S., 091555B).

Offensive sweep off French Coast. 1. MELBREAK take WENSLEYDALE and GLAISDALE as Force A under his orders and pass Gate 2100B today and then proceeded to position (X) 48° 45' N., 04° 30' W. to arrive at 0130B/10, thence sweep at 15 knots to position (Y) 000° TRIAGOZ 4 miles. If nothing sighted proceed from position (Y) to Plymouth at high speed.
2. Object: Interception of enemy coastal traffic.
3. Communications: Codeword "Bailey".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 091601B to MELBREAK, WENSLEYDALE, GLAISDALE.
(R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Falmouth, N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, F.O.I.C. Portland, C. in C. Portsmouth, 10 Group).
My 091601B. "Bailey" sailed.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 092149B).

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/10th and movements for the following 24 hours.
(G) SYRTIS vicinity of 63° N., 04° E.
(L) SATYR 48° 44' N., 06° 28' W. dived by day to southward daily advance 84 miles.
(M) SEANYMPH as in my 061824.
(N) RUBIS on patrol in vicinity 44° 35' N., 04° 01' W. leaving patrol dived by day to pass through 45° N., 06° W., at 1200 11th.
(F.O.S., 091629Q to Admty).

Allied Air Activity.

Small vessel set on fire. Two small and four very small from off Calais at 0045, Eastbound at 8 knots, turned off Gravelines at 0140 and re-entered Calais at 0335.
Attacked by three Albacores of 841 Squadron under Swingate Ground control all claiming straddles and one vessel set on fire.
(V.A. Dover, 090923B).

Bomber Command operations. On night 8/9th. 41 A/C laid mines.
(H.Q.B.C., 091659B).

Enemy Air Activity.

Enemy A/C. 1 aircraft in sight. My position 61° 30' N., 05° 04' W.
(KINGSTON AMBER, 090038 to Thorshavn W/T).
One aircraft course 020 in 66° 19' N., 18° 05' W.
(NAMSOS 090250B to Akureyri W/T).
One A/C, course 020° in 61° 45' N., 05° 26' W. estimated, at 0200.
(KINGSTON AMBER, 090314B to Thorshavn W/T).

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Mining.

M/S 18 M/S 18's 081930B. Sailed 0649.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 090714).
Anchoring Start Bay, HYDRA and LOYALTY in company.
Clearance of Q.Z.X.1039 completed today. No
more mines found. Intend to begin check sweep in J formation
starting north western edge of Q.Z.X.
(M/S 18, 092100B to C. in C. Plymouth).
On 12th July you are to sweep from seaward end of Q.Z.S.
409 to 180° Start Point 4 miles to Dart Buoy. Request your
intentions for clearance of Q.Z.X.1012 to commence 13th July.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 091820B to GWEAL).

Thames Estuary. One ground mine detonated 334° Middle Sand
Beacon 1.75 miles.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 091343B and 091841B).

Harwich One ground mine detonated by M.M.S. at 1218
in 51° 46.5' N., 01° 22.8' E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 091423 and 092258B)

Iceland Having completed check of swept channels off
West Coast of Iceland vide my 080017 intend to
sail available ships of M/S Flotilla 15 on 12th
July to carry out (1) Routine search of Q.Z.L.51 and 52.
(2) Exploratory sweeping of area 1 mile to the west and 2
miles to East of A.M.Q.Z.L.51, arrange accordingly for
Flotilla to fuel at (Iceland) Seidisfiord as necessary during
this operation, returning Hvalfiord on completion.
(A.C.I.C., 082047B to C. in C. H.F.)

Enemy Intelligence.

German Warships July 2nd. (A) At Pillau HIPPER.
(B) At Gdynia PRINCE EUGEN, NÜRNBERG, EMDEN.
(all reported to be (?floating) very light)
SCHLESIIEN, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN. Graded B.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 091306).

Altenfiord TIRPITZ. Russian report of photographic R/C of Altenfiord
at 1045B today showed TIRPITZ, German cruiser
SCHARNHORST class, 7 destroyers, and auxiliary
units present.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 092315B to Admty.
C. in C. H.F.)

U-boats.

U-boats in Biscay Area. U-boat reported position 39° 59' N., 15° 22' W.
at 1552.
(Gibraltar, 091642B to A.I.C.179 Sq).
Am over enemy submarine in 40° 48' N., 14° 49' W.
(A/C 179 Sq. Duty S. 091655 to Gibraltar W/T).

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in Biscay
Area.

Am over enemy submarine in position 39° 48' N.,
14° 38' W.
(A/C 179 Sq. Duty R. 091820 to Gibraltar).
Have attacked U/B with depth charge.
(A/C 179 Sq. Duty R, 091830 to Gibraltar W/T).

Casualties & Defects.

SS. COULMORE. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail STORMKING
at best speed to assist SS. COULMORE broken down
in 057° 18' N., 026° 20' W. at 2230Z/8, drifting
east 3 knots with NORTHERN SUN standing by.

Cdr. (D) W.A. is requested to sail LANCER to R/V with STORMKING
off Lough Foyle as arranged by N.O.I.C. Greenock and escort to
COULMORE. NORTHERN SUN is to escort COULMORE to U.K. LANCER
will probably be ordered to join O.N.192.
(C. in C. W.A., 090229Z).

Request you will sail STORMKING forthwith to R/V with
LANCER off Lough Foyle reporting E.T.A. Lough Foyle direct to
Cdre. (D) W.A., thence proceeding in company to assist SS.
COULMORE broken down in 57° 18' N., 20° 26' W. at 2230Z/8th July
and drifting East at 3 knots. NORTHERN SUN is standing by.

(F.O.I.C. Grenock, 090455B to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown).

Cancel my 090229Z. STORMKING is to proceed to Londonderry
and await further orders. My 090921B refers.

(C. in C. W.A., 090931B).

Arrived STORMKING.

(Cdre. (D) W.A., 091014).

Cancel my 090921B. COULMORE has effected repairs and is
proceeding Reykjavik escorted by NORTHERN SUN. HESPERIA and
COLDSTREAMER rejoin convoy.

(C. in C. W.A., 091645B to COLDSTREAMER).

RAMILLIES,
defective
wiring.

Cancel A.M. 040143 paras. 3 and 4 and A.M.'s 061535
and 071920.

2. RAMILLIES is proceeding to Rosyth where she
will be taken in hand for repairs to defective
wiring.

4. It is important that RAMILLIES should arrive
at the Tail of the Bank a.m. 19th July.

(D.O.D. H., 091202B to C. in C. Rosyth).

DAVID J.
BREWER.

DAVID J. BREWER is to be towed to Liverpool.
On crossing long. 8° SABRE is to return to
Londonderry unless her assistance is further
required.

(C. in C. W.A., 091203B to SABRE).

ILLUSTRIOUS

My 071101. ILLUSTRIOUS will have completed work
up by 12th July but requires a boiler-cleaning
period until 16th July by which date she will
be ready for service. Boiler cleaning can be
postponed if necessary.

(F.O.C.T., 092001B to C. in C. H.F.)

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CELANDINE Cancel my 091058B. CELANDINE defective.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 092026B to WESTERN ISLES)

Shipping & Convoys.

O.N.S. Convoys A.M. 191606 Feb. para. 2 (a) is not in future to
Speed Guides. apply to ships sailing in O.N.S. convoys.
(D.T.D., 090242B to A.I.G. 21).

K.M.S.20, You were probably sighted by Zenit aircraft at
O.S.51. 0845.
(D.D.I.C., 091106B to Escorts to K.M.S.20 and
O.S.51, (R) C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A.,
F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, H.Q.C.C.)
N.Y. on crossing 43° N., alter course for (PW) 037° N.,
010° W. thence (PR) omitting (PP) and (PQ).
2. No alteration to stragglers route.
(C. in C. W.A., 091738B to Escorts O.S.51 and K.M.S.20).

X.K.10 Admty. 061308B. Onward route from M. 050° 00' N.
013° 00' W. to N. 053° 02' N., 011° 35' W.
O. 055° 01' N., 009° 59' W.
2. NARVIK and YORK CITY to escort tow to
Liverpool, (Y) CITY OF BLYTH off as requisite for Milford Haven.
3. Loch Ewe ships to proceed unescorted from position (O)
reporting their E.T.A.
(C. in C. W.A., 091359B to Escorts X.K.10).

S.C.135 Request you sail AQUAMARINE to R/V with S.C.135
B escorted by VIDETTE. S.C.135 E.T.A. position
A 0800B/10th.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 091500B to Cdre. D.W.A.)

T.A.54 Intend sailing QUEEN ELIZABETH passing Clyde
boom 1930B/10th to calibrate, thence to comply
Admiralty's 071946B.
S.O.A. (?26) knots. "Chop" date 13th July.
E.T.A. Halifax, 0200Z/15th July.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 091524B).

S.D.42 Intend to sail VOLENDAM escorted by SARDONYX
and SALADIN to Greenock at 1400B/10th routed in
accordance with C. in C. W.A. 111746.
(A.C.I.C., 091653B to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

EMPIRE It is estimated that EMPIRE MCALPINE will be
MCALPINE. ready to leave Liverpool on July 19th. She will
then have about 6 days for embarking aircraft
and flying practice before sailing in convoy.
Propose that the practice should be carried out
in Clyde area.
(C. in C. W.A., 091807B to Admty).

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D.S.43,
S.D.43.

1. SS. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA speed $16\frac{1}{2}$ knots, has been allocated for convoy D.S.43 and will sail from Liverpool carrying personnel on 1st August.
2. It is required that 10,000 personnel return in S.D.43 and it is intended that SS. ORION sail speed 19 knots empty from Clyde on 29th July to Reykjavik in order that she may load in time to return with EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA to Clyde.
3. Normal escort of 2 destroyers will be required for D.S.43 but C. in C. W.A. is requested to provide one additional destroyer for S.D.43 who it is proposed should sail with SS. ORION from Clyde.
(D.O.D. H., 091810B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N.S.13

Escorts for O.N.S.13. HESPERUS (S.O.) VESPER, MOURNE, CLEMATIS, CAMPANULA, GENTIAN. HESPERUS, VESPER, MOURNE, fitted H.F/D.F.
(Capt. D. Liverpool, 091820B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N.193

Comnavu has requested that U.S.S. BEAVER may be sailed for the U.S.A. in convoy O.N.193.
(2) The ship is capable of 11 knots and has a valuable cargo of Naval Stores.
(3) Request necessary arrangements.
(D.T.D., 091912B and 121513B to C. in C. W.A.)

H.X. 246

Position of H.X. 246 at 1040Z/9th as passed by S.O. of escort to aircraft $055^{\circ} 03' N.$, $034^{\circ} 31' W.$
(A.C.I.C., 092101B to C. in C. W.A.)

Neutral
Shipping.

A.M. 072033B May para. 4. Add neutral shipping may also call at port of Ponce, Puerto Rico.
(D.T.D., 092129B).

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North Atlantic.

M.K.S.16. Help 4 A/C "Savage" 42.21 N. 08.56 W.
Lisbon (HAARLEM, 090900 to Gibraltar W/T.)
Section, "Savage". Aircraft despatched to your
A/C attack. assistance. (090928).
Help "Savage" 42.21 N. 08.56 W. (090945).
Help "Savage" 42.10 N. 09.00 W. (091000).
My 090900. 1 Dornier shot down by aircraft.
SS. STANSTUD (? STANHOPE intended) sustained damage from near
miss. Intend escorting direct to Gibraltar. GRENADIER to
escort other ships to R/V. Request approval.
(HAARLEM, 091110B to F.O.C. Gib.)
My 091110. SS. STANHOPE now reported seaworthy. All
ships proceed in accordance with previous orders.
(HAARLEM, 091345B to F.O.C. Gib.)
Small convoy from Lisbon attacked by 6 F.Ws. about
0900B in vicinity Cape St. Vincent today Friday.
2. Enemy aircraft intercepted by 2 Beaufighters and a Hudson
who destroyed 1, almost certainly destroyed a second, and
damaged 2 others.
3. SS. STANHOPE damaged near miss but proceeding and seaworthy.
4. 1 Beaufighter and 1 Hudson damaged but both returned safely
on one engine.
(Gibraltar, 091715B to Admty.)
SS. STANHOPE more seriously damaged than previously
reported rendering her unable to load heavy. Am proceeding
direct to Gibraltar with both ships. No tug required. My
P.C. and S. 036° N. 009° W., 094°, 9 knots at 2000/9th.
Weather report.
(HAARLEM, 092045B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

TAMAROA. D.S.T.O.W.A's 072347Z July. TAMAROA was routed
to Freetown for orders but can proceed direct
to Lagos if desired.
2. Freetown pass to Lagos and Takoradi.
(S.T.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 091005B to D.S.T.O. West
Africa, (R) D. of S.T., etc.)

Movements, Arrival 9th MORRIS DANCE and COPINSAY.
St. Vincent. (N.C.S.O. St. Vincent, 091035 to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation 1958B/9th.
HAARLEM, GRENADIER three merchant ships 036° 04'
009° 04' to R/V S.L.132 at 1600B/10th. HAARLEM
two merchant ships part company in 036° 01' 009°
03' proceed 094°, 8.
2. P.239 (SURF) (? 038°) 33', 009° 52', 162°, 8/2.
3. S.L.132, KEPPEL (E) 032° 20', 010° 35', 026°, (? six).
4. Convoy, PARRSBORO 038° 14', 011° 05' through 036° 40',
010° 02' to Gibraltar, 10.
5. SIMOUN, ALCYON sailing Gibraltar 0700/10th through 035° 45'
006° 30' and 034° 02', 007° 53' to Casablanca, 16.

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Dispositions. 6. M.K.S.16, SHIPPIGAN, sailing 2330B/9th
(Contd.) through Q.K.A.87 thence 262°, 7.
7. 4 B.Y.M.S. 034° 07', 007° 55' through 034°
(? 40'), 007° 15' and 035° 44', 006° 28' to
Gibraltar, 10.
8. 3 P.C. sail from Casablanca to R/V S.L.132 at 1600B/10th
in 034° 06', 009° 33' and escort Casablanca section 093°, 7.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 091048B.)

MAURO CROCE. Departure Barcelona p.m./7th July Italian
MAURO CROCE destination unknown.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 091127B to 8th S/M.F., (R)
Capt. (S) 8, S.O.(I) Med.)
My 091127. Destination Genoa.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 091843B.)

M.K.S.16. Cancel my 081255. (2) Lisbon section BARON
FORBES escorted by GRENADEIER will R/V in new
position (Q) 034° 09' N. 009° 32' W. at 1600B
July 10th.
(3) 3 P.Cs. will R/V in position (Q) at 1600B July 10th
to escort ships for Casablanca.
(4) M.K.S.16 consisting of 21 ships plus rescue ship RATHLIN
(Cdre. Grant, R.N.R. in MACHARDA who becomes Vice-Cdre. of
Convoy when convoys combine) will R/V in new position (X) 035°
23' N. 010° 10' W. at 1200B July 11th escorted by SHIPPIGAN S.O.,
TADOUSSAC, VELOX, LADY HOGARTH.
(5) EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS and FORTOL will be escorted from
R/V by escort in para. 4.
(6) M.K.S. becomes part of S.L.(7). First 2 letters of convoy
wireless call sign until joining S.L.132. M.K.S.16 U.K. Lisbon
section S.M.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 091144 to Escort S.L.132 for Cdre., (R)
C.M.S.F., Admty., C. in C. W.A.)
Your 091144.
(1) Para. 2., my 090915 refers.
(2) Para. 5, EMPIRE ACE and EMPIRE DENNIS have insufficient
fuel to reach Gibraltar and will be detached with Casablanca
ships.
(S.O. Escort Group B.3, 091334Z to F.O. Gibraltar, (R)
Admty., etc.)
Sailed ABEILLE IV rescue ship RATHLIN with convoy M.K.S.
16 to R/V and join convoy S.L.132. Local escort VELOX,
SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092238 to Admty.)
1. M.K.S.16. Sailing telegram. (23 ships).
2. 2330B/9. 4. 7½. 5. (AE) 35.47 N. 06.25 W. (X) 35.23 N.
10.10 W. thence standard S.L. route lettered JE, JF, JG, JH,
JJ, JK. 6. SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, VELOX, LADY HOGARTH.
(F.O. Gibraltar, 092335B, 092337B to Admty.)

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- U/B. U/B reported 39 N., 20.18 W., 350°, 8 knots 1350.
(Gibraltar, 091435B to A/C 202 Sqdn. A. & K.)
Following read from Oran: A/C attacked U-Boat 39.20 N. 18.00 W.
(Gib. W/T, 091603B.)
- B.Y.M.S. My 081248, sailed 1530 today. B.Y.M.S.11 should be ready July 14th.
(Commorseafron, 091645B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med., Admty., Comnavnaw.)
- U/B. U-Boats reported 40° 15' N. 14° 05' W. course 138°, speed 12 knots at 1445.
(Gibraltar, 091705B to A/C 179 Sqdn., Duty 'S'.)
- Axis Shipping Bilbao. Arrival 8th MARIBEL. Departure 8th CASTILLO GIBRALFARO, departure 9th BORDSEE, LE VIOLENT.
(Consul Bilbao, 091730 to Admty.)
BORDSEE sailed 0040 hours 9th.
(Consul Bilbao, 091735 to M.E.W.)
- C.G. 45. Intend to sail C.G.45, all Bizerta, S. of A. 10 knots, escorts (2 corrupt groups) Senior call sign NBNB 472, 471, E.T.D. 1118(?00)A routed Q.K.A.102, (R) 035° 44'. (S) 006° 27' W., Q.K.A.87. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600A/12, convoy guard 500 k/cs escort guard 39850 k/cs, codeword "Tarbat".
(Commorseafron, 091840B to F.O. Gibraltar.)
- Air attacks on U/Bs. Liberator attacks sub. in 39.28 N. 14.26 W. at 1150Z/6 no damage. P.B.Y. attack sub. in 26.45 N. 14.35 W. at 1335Z/6 probable damage. Liberator attacks sub. in 37.50 N. 14.30 W. at 1310Z/7, possible damage. Liberator attacks sub. in 37.40 N. 15.30 W. at 1414Z/7 probably sunk. Liberator attacks sub. in 40.37 N. 13.41 W. at 0913Z/8 probably sunk. P.B.Y. attacks sub. in 37.28 N. 13.17 W. at 1555Z/8 possible damage. Liberator attacks sub. in 38.11 N. 13.36 W. at 0619Z/9 probable damage. Liberator sights sub. in 40.00 N. 13.45 W. at 0920Z/9 definitely sunk. Liberator attacks sub. in 39.20 N. 18.00 W. at 1300Z/9 probably sunk. Liberator sights sub. in 34.29 N. 10.08 W. at 1600Z/9 details follow.
(Commorseafron, 091915B to Admty.)
- German A/C. Following German A/C reported (? 6th). 2 passed Cape Roca flying south 0840B. 3 passed Cape Roca flying north 0940B. 2 attacked

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German A/C. convoy Cape St. Vincent 0945B. 2 passed Cape
 (Contd.) Roca flying north 1020B and Peniche flying north
 1040B. A.O.
 (N.A. Lisbon, 091918B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar,
 (R) Admty.)

Movements, Arrivals SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH
 Gibraltar. ex G.U.S.9, French SIMOUN, ALCYON from Casablanca.
 Departure ANTELOPE, BOREAS for Algiers.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 081947B to Admty., (R)
 C. in C. Med.)

SS. A.M. 232255 June, para. 4.
 CALIFORNIA. In view of A.M. 081406 suggest SWALE to sail to
 reinforce convoy as soon as practicable.
 (D.O.D.(H), 091953B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

U/B. Following received from ship using call sign
 FAAA 6 CNM: NR.2445 at 1600 G.M.T. sighted
 enemy U-Boat in 34° 29' N. 08° 30' W.
 (C. in C. Plymouth, 092030 to Admty.)

C.G.44. Arrivals P.C.475 with C.G.44.
 (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 092110 to Admty., etc.)

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ROTHERHAM, Your 082220 not to C. in C. E.F. acknowledged.
RELENTLESS, ROTHERHAM will sail at 0930B/9th to comply with
Escort of your 081621 (N.T. in W.R.) (2) RELENTLESS will
Force X. sail at 1400B/9th to comply with C. in C. E.F.'s
081610.

(N.O.I.C. Durban, 090013Z to C. in C. S.A. (R)
C. in C. E.F., Capt. (D) 11th D.F.)

Sailed RELENTLESS 1121Z/9th to overtake and proceed in company
with ROTHERHAM to position off Beira. My 090013 refers.

(2) After parting company with ROTHERHAM off Beira RELENTLESS
proceeds by shortest route to Kilindini E.T.A. 1300Z/13th S. of
A. from Beira 23 knots. (3) RELENTLESS shifts to W/T groups V.
at 1415Z/12th July.

(Cdre. Durban, 091531Z to Admty, C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F.
F.O. East Africa, S.N.O.Kilindini)

Repeating
Ships
in
Convoy.

Pass to N.C.S.O's. The attention of Commodores
should be drawn to Mersigs Vol. 1 Art 98 (b) and
I.C.O.C. 32 para. 5. (2) The selection of
Repeating Ships with a view to facilitating the
passing of sound signals is most important
and particularly so in the case of large convoys.
(D.T.D. 090129B to C. in C. S.At. F.O.C.W.Af. etc.)

Convoy
S.T.71.
2 ships
torpedoed.

Have no asdic of R.D.F. Am remaining with 2 ves-
sels torpedoed. COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES
escorting 3rd Vessel Largs (as received ?Lagos
intended). Request ship with A/S sent to join
me so I may pick up survivors.
(COMMANDANT DETROYAT F.S. 090130 to N.O.I.C. Lagos,
(R) F.O.C.W.Af.)

My 090130 my position 005° 50' N. 002° 22' E.

(COMMANDANT DETROYAT, 090320 to N.O.I.C.Lagos (R) F.O.C.W.Af)
MANCHESTER CITIZEN and DE LA SALLE torpedoed 0050Z/9th July.

One S/M only suspected. COMMANDANT DESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting
COLLEGIAN to Lagos. COMMANDANT DESTROYAT remain rescue
survivors dawn. Request early help. My position 005° 50' N.
002° 22' E.

(COMMANDANT DETROYAT, 090412Z to N.O.I.C. Lagos (R) Admty,
N.O.I.C. Freetown)

Two ships torpedoed S.T.71, 05° 50' N. 02° 22' E. 0130/9.
Names follow when known.

(F.O.C.W.A.090548Z to Admty)

Sailed RAPID to 005° 50' N. 002° 22' E. at 0615 (?) 9th.
(N.O.I.C.Lagos, 090625Z to Admty (R) F.O.C.W.Af. N.O.I.C.
Takoradi.) Shipping suspended, see 090845Z.

WITCH is joining RAPID and COMMANDANT DETROYAT, BURZA is
joining COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES to escort COLLEGIAN to
Lagos. Search by aircraft is being carried out. My 090620
(090625 intended - subject. Sailed RAPID), has been repeated
to Takoradi in cypher.

(R.N.O.Lagos, 090900Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty, N.O.I.C.
Takoradi.)

COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with COLLEGIAN arrived
1100Z. My 090900* BURZA sent to join RAPID in ?hunt.

(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 091130 to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty, N.O.I.C.
Takoradi). * No trace in W.R. as time of circulation.

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Convoy Arrivals RAPID, WITCH, BURZA, COMMANDANT
S.T.71 DETROYAT with survivors. Hunt for submarine
2 ships unsuccessful.
Torpedoed. (R.N.O. Lagos, 091630Z to F.O.C. West Africa (R)
(Contd.) Admty, N.O.I.C.Takoradi.)

FORTOL. Admiralty 101117 (Requesting sail FORTOL for
Gibraltar with S.L.131). Suggest that FORTOL
should continue to work from Gibraltar for the
present. This appears preferable with both
15 and 20 D cycle.
(F.O.C.W.A.090217Z to F.O. Gibraltar (R) Admty)

Lagos Am holding ELIZABETHVILLE and THYSVILLE until
Sailings further instructions. Your 081726 and COMMANDANT
Cancelled. DETROYAT 090130. Have cancelled all sailings
from Lagos.
(N.O.I.C.Lagos, 090845Z to F.O.C. W.Af. (R)
Admty. D.S.T.O. W.A.)
Cancelled, 101114Z, q.v.

STRATHMORE, In view of revised destroyer commitments and
STRATHAIRD. defects in NORMAN only one destroyer will be
available to escort STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD on
14th July. Intend therefore to delay their
sailing until 23rd July when adequate destroyer
escort will be available. W.S.31 not expected to arrive Durban
before 24th July.
(C. in C. S.A. 091059B to C. in C. E.F.(R) Com.i/c Durban, D.11,
Com. D.E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty.)

H.F. H.F. ALEXANDER sailed from Capetown 6th July
ALEXANDER. E.T.A. Dakar Friday 16th July. Your 291311 June
refers. Ship's starboard condenser is defective
and will require renewal of all tubes (about 9000)
on arrival U.S.A. Temporary repairs effected
here should render ship efficient enough for voyage Dakar to
Casablanca. It may however be necessary to reduce number of
prisoners to be carried from Casablanca to U.S.A. if temporary
repairs prove unsatisfactory. Admty pass to M.W.T.R. Med.
(P.S.T.O.Capetown, 091138B to F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Admty for D. of S.T.
B.A.D., M.W.T.R. Med., C. in C. S.A.)

Shipping. Concur generally in your 081547 (Dispersal of
traffic re U-Boat operations).
(C. in C. S.A. 091154B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty)

FOLKESTONE. In view of your 081701 cancel my 081734.
(D.T.D. 091205B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Comar Dakar)

LADY /...

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LADY DENI- Cancel my 081324 not to Admiralty.
SON PENDER. LADY DENISON PENDER escorted by DUNKERY and
PORTSDOWN is to return direct to Freetown on
completion of present operation.
Route A. 015° 01' N. 028° 01' W. B. 010° 49' N.
017° (30'*) west C. 009° 29' N. 014° 29' W. thence Freetown report
P.C. and S. on proceeding. DUNKERY pass to LADY DENISON
PENDER.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091231Z to DUNKERY) (* could be 20 mins.)

U/B's. American Aircraft reports sighting U-Boat
at 1100/9th G.M.T. in 002° 32' S. 014° 09' W.
course 150° U-Boat submerged on sight. Possible
Italian on passage.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091344Z to CILICIA, (R) Admty)

Dispositions. Situation 1959Z/9th July. ST. WISTAN, M.L.289,
256, 728 MARSHALL, CORFU, WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND,
BULLDOG, BLACKMOOR should be with W.S.31.
002° 48' 002° 34' to 004° 48' 001° 37' thence 111°
13.

M.L.274, 244 off Port Bouet. SNOWDROP, ORFASY off Takoradi to
Lagos 9 (see 091725), SARABANDE off Accra, M.L.1016, 1006 off
Kotonu, ARMERIA patrolling off Lagos (see 091725).
(F.O.C.W.A. 091400Z)

Amend my 091400Z. (1) ARMERIA patrolling off Takoradi.
(2) To SNOWDROP and ORFASY add BURDOCK.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091725Z)

ZOELLA LYKES estimated position 2000/9th July 45° 30' S.
01° 10' E. "Chop" 13th July.
MATAROA estimated position 2000/9th July 45° 15' S. 01° 12' W.
"Chop" 13th July.
BANTAM estimated position 2000/9th July 45° 00' S. 25° 20' E.
"Chop" 14th July.
(C. in C. S.A. 091721B to Connav)

Attack My 082001, cancel EVERAGRA, vessel undamaged.
on T.J.1. ELDNA sunk.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 091401Z to Admty)
Re: Convoy T.J.1 attacked EVERAGRA Latvian sunk,
ELDNA torpedoed but afloat.

W.S.31. Convoy W.S.31. Sailed 6th, STRATHEDEN, STIRLING
CASTLE, U.S. ERICSSON, U.S. GOETHALS. Fuel and
Water taken etc. (2) HIGHLAND MONARCH, HIGHLAND
BRIGADE, ARAWA and STAFFORDSHIRE sailing from
Lagos will R/V with convoy on 11th July. Full particulars of
sea speed personnel etc. will be signalled later. (3) Following
freight ships also sailed in convoy: CITY OF LINCOLN, CLAN MAC-
ARTHUR, CLAN MACAULAY. (4) Mails loaded. (5) Personnel
embarked see my code 071446/July.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 091449Z to P.S.T.O. Capetown etc.)

Following /...

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W.S.31. Following from Cdre. W.S.31 (Begins): E.T.A. Capetown 22nd July with STAFFORDSHIRE speed 11.5 knots. In view of this three transports will require provisions and water before proceeding. As three transports and one other have no (?escort request amendment to position of R/V Pointe Noire and where possible route afterwards to (?keep outside) (?200) fathom line. (Ends.)
(DESPATCH, 091735Z to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C. W.Af. (R) Admty.)

S.L.133. Pass to N.C.S.O. Freetown. Following to join S.L.133, destination Casablanca. HOGGAR knots 10. GRAND QUEVILLY knots 9. FINISTERRE knots 9. EL BIAR knots 14.
(N.C.S.O. Dakar, 091635Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Commorseafron, (R) Admty, S.O.(I) Gib.)
Cancel HOGGAR (121703Z)

ELORN. Your 090924, not to Admiralty. Request you will load ELORN and sail here to Bathurst in accordance with Admiralty's 071427. Delete reference to ELORN in my 081701. Orders for onward passage to Freetown will be signalled.
(F.O.C.W.A. 091639Z to Comar Dakar (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Admty)

QUADRANT, Simonstown Departure 1000Z/9th QUADRANT and REDOUBT, REDOUBT for Pointe Noire routed through W.S.31. A.04 00 S. 011° 00' E. B.020 00' S. 011° 00' E. C.010° 00' S. 011° 00' E. S. of A. 21 knots. E.T.A. 1300Z/13th July. Thence to R/V with W.S.31 as ordered by F.O. W.Af. Shift to area P.W/T organization at 2100Z/12th July.
(C. in C. S.A. 091721B to Admty, F.O.C.W.Af. B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire. (R) DESPATCH)

Minesweepers M.S. trawlers POLAR 5, SKUDD 6, HOLLY and SYRINGA Strength. have run until they are practically useless. Until they are refitted they will be taken in hand at Lagos but work there is extremely slow.
B.Y.M.S.17, 18, 10 and 25 of 154th M/S Flotilla and M/S trawlers ST. MELANTE and RUNSWICK BAY are therefore the present total effective West African M.S. Force available to sweep Port Etienne, Dakar, Bathurst, Freetown, Takoradi, Lagos, and Pointe Noire also Duala, Libreville, Congo River and 5 main surf ports where exports and air requirements imports are of first importance. Consider very minimum force which can cope with these duties is 6 trawlers and 8 B.Y.M.S. Experience has shown that B.Y.M.S. must be slipped at least every three months if serious damage from (? worm) is not to result. Request approval for (A) B.Y.M.S. 43, 44, 45 and 46 to be retained on station until reliefs arrive. (B) that final M/S strength be increased to a minimum of eight B.Y.M.S. in addition to existing trawlers. A.M.+ 201204/Oct/42 and *221235/Feb/43. refer.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 091726Z to Admty)
+ No trace in W.R. * B.Y.M.S. allocated Freetown.

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T.L.15. T.L.15 sailed 1730Z/9 route B. S. of A. 9 knots. E.T.A. Lagos 0600Z/11. Convoy codeword "Jingo". (Takoradi, 091739Z to Admty)

Movements, Arrival 9th. M/L 296, M./L. 1018, DESPATCH. Takoradi. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 091937Z to F.O.C.W.Af. Admty, R.N.O. Lagos)

STANVAC Torpedo fired from starboard bow avoided same WELLINGTON by swinging hard right. Remainder not read. Attacked. (STANVAC WELLINGTON, 091948Z to C. in C. S.At. (R) Admty, C. in C. W.A.)

BUTTERMERE, (1) Following received from BUTTERMERE (Begins) WASTWATER. to (U.S.) Cdr. 4th Fleet Asst. S.O.(I) Recife, F.O.C. W.Af. Capt. (D) 18 from BUTTERMERE. My 070800Z. My P.C. and S. at 081400Z 004° 17' S. 029° 20' W. 232° 4 knots. My engine will not hold out much longer. WASTWATER helpless. Request immediate assistance, acknowledge. T.O.O.081400, (Ends.) (2) BUTTERMERE's 070800Z received undecypherable. (3) Can you assist?. If not please order ASTURIAS to detach one escort to proceed to her assistance. (4) Please keep me informed of situation. (F.O.C.W.A. 092042Z to Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet (R) Admty, ASTURIAS) Your 092042 acknowledged and Commander 4th Fleet asked to assist. Use S:P. 02272 (25) for Signals to Commander 4th Fleet. Report situation. (F.O.C.W.A.092309 to BUTTERMERE.)

Repatria- Admty 071656B. SATURNIA should await arrival tion of VULCANIA at Port Elizabeth, and vessels should Routes. proceed in company for remainder of voyage. N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth should inform S.B.N.O's. (Head of M.1, 092149B to C. in C. S.A. etc.)

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Operation "Husky" (Invasion of Sicily).

M.T.Bs. (A) Hon 2, para 14 15 and 19. 4 small M.T.Bs. and 3 large M.T.Bs. sail from Malta at 091600 to (?patrol omitted) Straits of Messina North of 037 degs. 53' North, pass through 036 degs. 40' N. 015 degs. 40' East at 2000 and 037 degs. 16' North 015 degs. 39' East at 2200. Boats leave patrol at 100500, return by reverse route, S. of A. 19 knots. My 090934B Part 1.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 090931B to N.C.E.T.F. S.O. Force "Q" F.O."H", F.A. Force A., R.A. Force B. (R) V.A. Malta, H.Q. N.W. Africa Coastal Air Force, H.Q. R.A.F.M.E. H.Q. R.A.F. W.D., H.Q. N.A.T.A.F.).
Note by War Reg. Remainder of message not yet received.

NUBIAN Bombardment W/T call signs for NUBIAN, SCARAB
SCARAB. in H.O.N./A.C.I.D.15 para. 12 (A) conflict with H.O.N./A.C.I.D.9. appendix III part II SCARAB has been told to use G.3. vide H.O.N./A.C.I.D.9. (D.N.C.X.F. 091114B to R.A.G. (R) NUBIAN, SCARAB).

Ships Ships approaching Malta should make (corrupt group)
Arriving signals as early as possible in following form
Malta, addressed A.S. Malta (R) V.A. Malta - " M.S L.M.20
signal (A) Whether fitted to proceed on completion of
instructions. fuelling.
(B) Estimated time in hours (corrupt group) to make good essential defects affecting seagoing and fighting efficiency.
(C) Fuel shortage. (D) Water required - drinking water boiler (corrupt group) distilled. (E) Victualling stores, including Bread required. (F) Naval stores urgently required for seagoing efficiency. (G) Is. A.S.I.S. or (corrupt group) ammunition lighter required. (H) Numbers of torpedoes required (corrupt).
(J) Nature of defect which prevents ship going to sea. State if dockyard assistance required. Casualties. (K) Number of dead.
(L) Number of wounded, cot cases. (M) Number of wounded, walking cases. Prisoners. (N) Officers. (O) Others. (P) Prisoners wounded, cot cases. (Q) Prisoners wounded, walking cases . (P and Q to be included in N and O)".
(2) Omit blank items. Answer yes or no to A and G. Limit D and E to essential minimum requirements: dead should if practicable be buried at sea.
(V.A. Malta 091141B to Ships and Vessels Med. Fleet).

Gen. Following from General Eisenhower. (Begins).:
Eisenhower Many thanks to you and to Force H for your good
message. wishes. The presence of your command in this area makes possible the great venture upon which we are now embarking. Every man in the Allied Forces has complete confidence that you will take care of anything the enemy is bold enough to send against you. Good luck. Signed Eisenhower.
(C. in C. Med. 091219B to F.O. Force H.).

/Army.....

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Army
R/C.

R.L. 90 9th July 1145. T.A.C./R 1000 hours.
Vis. very good. Lentini to Syracuse 12 met both
ways. J.0832 eight met east. Catania three large
fires. J.0648 two funnelled ship stat. J.1431
ten ferries in dock.
(12 Army 091230B to T.A.C.13 Corps, 30 Corps
Force 141. 12 A.S.C. (Five Pess four).

Operation
"Squawk".

Operation "Squawk" if ordered by signal, is to be
carried out as follows:-

(A) One cruiser to be detached at dusk today 9th
to proceed at high speed to north eastwards.

(B) Ship is to transmit at 2300/9th on 4205 kc/s

following message prefixed emergency in S.P. 02193(33). "No
attention is to be paid to this signal which concerns nobody
anywhere even in whatever circumstances".

(C) Message to be addressed C. in C. Levant (R) C. in C. Med.

(D) C. in C. Levant is requested to rebroadcast on Libyan
broadcast on receipt.

(E) If no answer received on 4205 ship - shore should be used.

(F) Ship to rejoin you on completion.

(C. in C. Med. Malta, 091354B to S.O. Force H. (R) C. in C.
Levant).

Operation "Squawk" is not to be carried out.

(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 091938B to S.O. Force H. (R)
C. in C. Levant).

Broadcasts.

Following from R.A.V. Force broadcast from
HILARY will be between 15 to 30 minutes and 45
to 50 minutes at each hour using army
authenticators. Naval broadcast from LARGS will
be made at 30 minutes past each hour starting at 0330B.

(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 091409B to Forces B, V and S).

ISIS
SIRIUS

ISIS is to sail with SIRIUS to join Force Z.
N.O.I.C. Bone's 081116 refers.

(C. in C. Med. 091936B to N.O.I.C. Bone (R)
HOWE, SIRIUS, ISIS, C. in C. Med. (Algiers),
N.O.I.C. Bizerta).

TORBAY

TORBAY has not sailed due to defects; further
signal will be made. My 081730+ refers.

(Capt.S.8. 092016B to C. in C. Med. (R) 8th S/M.F.
N.O.I.C. Algiers, CASABIANCA, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).
+ Most Secret Distribution.

110 M.M.S.
Flotilla.

1st Division 110th M.M.S. Flotilla has been
ordered to join S.B.M.1. in M.Q. at 0700
tomorrow Saturday.

(N.C.E.T.F. 092139B to LAUDERDALE (R) N.C. Force
B, V.A. Malta).

/Movements...

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Movements
Oran. Departures BRECON, U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, MAYRANT, TRIPPE, ROWAN, RHIND. No arrivals. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 092145B to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Bone. Arrivals CLARE FISHGUARD, DART, BLUEBELL, Dutch Tug HUDSON. Arrived and sailed LOTUS, POPPY, DIANELLA, STARWORT, CAMELIA. (N.O.I.C. Bone 092245B to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Algiers. Arrivals French S/M LA PERLE. Departures U.S.S. BRANT, SHAWNEE, EVANGELINE, MEXICO, H.M.S. KING GEORGE V, HOWE, JERVIS, PANTHER, PENN, PATHFINDER, ARROW, PALADIN. Arrived and departed ANTELOPE, BOREAS, WANDERER, WRESTLER, INCONSTANT, PLYM, BANN. (Cdre. Algeria 092333B to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Tunis. Arrivals and departures TEVIOT, ERLE (?ERNE), BRYONY, HONEYSUCKLE, HYDERABAD, BERGAMOT, BANFF, OXLIP, ALBACORE, ACUTE, CLACTON, BUDE, ROTHESAY, STORNOWAY. Arrivals M.G.B. 646, 645, 643. M.T.B. 289, 297, 295, LEONIAN. Departures U.S. P.T. 206, 201, 208, 207, 215 (?214) 217, 219 (?211) (?216) 212, 205, 202, 204, 203, 218, 210 U.S. ORDRONEAUX. (F.O. Tunisia 092357B to Admty. etc.).

Movements
Malta. Arrivals GUARDIAN, M.T.Bs. 655, 665, 670. Departures H.M. Ships and Craft according to Hons. (V.A. Malta 092358 to Admty. etc.).

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Movements Alexandria. Arrivals July 8th Alexandria HURWORTH, HURSLEY, ADRIAS, EASTON, WITHERINGTON. Departures. ABDIEL, CUMBRAE, M.L.357, M.L.350, M.L.361, M.L.1223, L.C.T.100. (R.A. Alexandria 090701C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Levant).

Movements Beirut. Arrivals 8th July JOHN WILLIAMSON, LA MOQUEUSE, M.Ls. 385, 349, 360. Departures SILHOUETTE, RAGEA, M.L.385. (S.O.(I) Beirut 090912C to Admty.).

Air R/C. Taranto visuals 0645B. Outer harbour one cruiser, inner harbour one battleship, dry dock one battleship. (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 090918B to C. in C. Levant etc.). No change at Taranto 1805B. My 090918 refers. (C. in C. Med. 092146B).

RORQUAL
TRIDENT
TAURUS. (1) A/S Patrol reported between (a) Mykoni and Nikaria. (b) Amorgos and Levitha. (2) Do not go within 9 miles east or south of Stampalia. (Capt.S.1., 090937C to RORQUAL, TRIDENT, P.339 (TAURUS)). Do not go within 20 miles of Cape Dore at present. (Capt.(S) 1 091111C to RORQUAL, TRIDENT, TAURUS).

M.E. Air Report. A. 651 9th July. Daily Opsum 72 7/8 July. 3 Liberators, 8 Halifaxes Catania, 3 Halifaxes bombed objectives East Coast of Sicily. Remainder attacked Catania. 3 Hudsons, 5 Wellingtons, 4 Swordfish Anti-Submarine. Possible Submarine contacted (60 or 40?) miles North-North-East of Benghazi. No attack. 8th July. 48 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Catania Railway Station and Industrial Area, and Telegraph and Telephone Buildings. 8 returned early. 20 bombed Railway Station and Industrial Area. Entire Area, including Locomotive Repair Sheds. Cement works. Sulphur Refineries and freight depot and warehouses, well covered by bursts. Hits on Central Station and Freight Warehouses, and fires started, 1 large fire at Oil Storage Tanks. 20 attacked Telephone and Telegraph buildings. Hits scored on Marshalling Yards by the Coast. 1 large fire started near Oil Storage Tanks. Following delayed details. 7 July 6 Wellingtons 13 Baltimores (A.30) 5 Bisleys, 2 Walrus anti-submarine. Suspected submarine sighted by Baltimore (A.30) about 45 miles North of Benghazi. 3 smoke floats dropped. (H.Q. RAF. M.E. 091004Z, 091012Z).

/NORAVIND....

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NORAVIND Sailed 1052Z/9th July under safe conduct knots 10 Abadan 18th July by reverse route in S.N.O. Persian Gulf's 12/1447 June. Navigation lights will be burnt and markings illuminated. (N.C.S.O. Aden 091059Z to C. in C.E.F. etc.).

Z lighter Convoy. Codeword "Nutshell". Sailed 1301B/9th with 10 Z lighter carriers. Route Trim Blaze (202) Lurch (248) Crush (235) then to Malta. E.T.A. Boom 0700B/11th. S. of A. 5. V.A. Malta is requested to sail HAILSTORM, SKUDD, L.C.T.13 and 18 for Tripoli after unloading stores. V.A. Malta is requested to give onward route for KLO and Z lighters, H.D.M.L. join KLO if considered desirable, otherwise return Tripoli with Naval Crew. Request fighter defence low. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 091108B to KLO, HAILSTORM, SKUDD, 5 L.C.T. 13, 18, 557, M.L. 1281, 1164, (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, A.H.Q. Malta, S.10, S.N.O.C. etc.). Convoy "Nutshell" postponed (?) hours (?group omitted) due to weather. Further signal will be made. My 091108 refers. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 091745B to V.A. Malta etc.).

Cable Repairs. Second Gib. Algiers cable faulty but it is hoped to work Simplex. (2) Unless required for Central Med. intend sailing MARIE LOUISE MACKAY II July in E.T.22 to Oran and thence with trawler escort to repair fault in 36 degs. 59' 1 deg. 27' West. (C. in C. Med. Algiers, 091110B to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty. Com.N.O.B. Oran, Com.Algeria.).

M.L.1305 At 0700B/10th (?routed) position 210,222, 230, (?229) (?15) 30B, 10th, 255, 241, 259, 202 thence via Q.K. 498, (464), to Tripoli. E.T.A. Boom 1330B/11th. S. of A. 10 knots. Codeword "Rose". Constant R/T Watch on 2150 kc/s. (N.O.I.C. Sousse 091112B to M.L.1305 (R) S.N.O. (corrupt) N.O.I.C. Sfax, 1st Air 210 Group etc.).

BORINQUEN escort. Amend para.?(VII) of my 081236 not to FISHGUARD. These four escorts are required to escort BORINQUEN (15 knots) to Oran, escorts subsequently proceeding to Gibraltar. N.O.I.C. Algiers is requested to sail BORINQUEN and escorts ?accordingly. (C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 091113B to S.O. Force V, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) TEVIOT, N.O.I.C. Oran).

Delays at convoy R/V. Sailing authorities are to ensure that convoys are not delayed through local sections being late at R/V. If in doubt, local sections should be sailed early since it is better that a few ships should be kept manoeuvring in the vicinity of the

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rendezvous than that the whole convoy should be forced to slow down in submarine waters to await joiners. It should, however, generally be possible to judge accurately the time of arrival of the convoy. It's position can be obtained anywhere east of Oran by asking the local air force sector who are in touch with the coastal radio stations. (C. in C. Med., 091119 to F.Os. i/c and N.Os. i/c French North Africa, etc.)

EMPIRE
MORN.

S.T.O.I.C. Gibraltar 061531 to D. of S.T. (re EMPIRE MORN for towage, 2 tugs required). See A.M. 252102 June and my 281847 June. (C. in C. Med. (A), 091142B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

GUARDIAN.

Hon. Serial 132 B. On parting company from K.M.F.18 proceed by South Comino Channel and Q.K.B.123 (C) to berth in number 2 as well as harbour. (V.A. Malta, 091152 to GUARDIAN. (R) C. in C. Med., D.N.C.X.F., R.A. Force V.)

S/M
Movements.

(1) 8th S.F. Movements summary at 1958B/9th.
(2) P.217 (SIBYL), P.247 (SARACEN), P.225 (SIMOOM), P.312 (TRESPASSER), P.47 (DOLFIJN) between Corsica and Italy.
(Capt. (S) 8, 091200B Situation Report Area G.C., (R) Admty., C. in C. Levant, Capt. (S) 1st.)

SHAHJEHAN
(sunk
7th July).

SHAHJEHAN sank at 0220C/7th July in 032° 55'30" N. 021° 10' E. A further 100 survivors were landed at Benghazi 7th July. My 071233 refers. (C. in C. Levant, 091231C to Admty.)

Enemy
Units.

P.C. and S. of enemy one destroyer, 2 escort vessels, 2 merchant vessels VCQH 2012 (indecypherable - if UCQH = 41.20 N. 14.12 E.) 180°, 8 knots. (Malta W/T, 091255B to General Broadcast G.B.2.) Enemy previously reported are 1 destroyer, 2 escort vessels, 2 medium merchant vessels 5000 Balloon flying. (A/C GPX/C, 091400B to Air H.Q. Malta.)

MAURO
CROCE.

Refer to my serial No. 213, MAURO CROCE sailed Genoa. (Barcelona, 091326 to Admty.)

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Paravanes Cancel my 031402 June instruction now contained in Med. N.C.S. 100. Convoys are not to stream P.V. in war channel unless ordered. (C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 091618 to A.I.G. 260 etc.).

N.A.A.F. Report. M.S. 15044.
A. 261E9 July N.A. Air Force Opsum 138. N.A. Strategic A.F. 6 July (additional) 41 U.S. Lightnings escort previously reported U.S. Fortresses Gerbini. 16 returned early.

7/8 July 55 Wellingtons Comiso Catania Gerbini A/D's. 2 returned early. Dispersal areas runways buildings believed hit explosions and fires. Flares and leaflets, dropped. 8 July 48 U.S. Mitchells escort 48 Lightnings 59 U.S. Marauders escort 47 U.S. Lightnings 82? U.S. Fortresses Gerbini A/D's and satellites. 14 U.S. Marauders 17 U.S. Lightnings 7 U.S. Fortresses returned early. Target well covered. Hits runway dispersal strips landing ground. 12 U.S. Lightnings Catania Radar Station. 1 returned early. 100 foot schooner southeast Catania left sinking. Gun emplacements lighthouse Radar station V. Passero also strafed. 12 U.S. Lightnings strafed Radar stations gun emplacements tracks buildings Eastern Sicily N.A. Tactical A.F. 7 July 24 Baltimores escort 47 or 37? U.S. Warhawks Milo A/D. Bursts dispersals buildings runways. Fires. 24 U.S. Mitchells Biscari A/D. Bursts runway buildings. Fires 24 U.S. Mitchells Comiso A/D. Direct hits hangars flak battery. 12 U.S. Bostons escort 47 U.S. Warhawks Borizzo A/D. 1 fighter returned early. Hits aircraft on ground. 8 U.S. Mustangs targets on? opportunity Caltanissetta. Engine 4 freight cars strafed left burning. 52 U.S. Mustangs railway station Mazaro Del Allo Sciacca harbour gun positions Porto Empedocle Radar station Marsala. 7 jettisoned. Direct hits buildings Mazkra Del Vallo, harbour Sciacca, gun positions Porto Empedocle, operations buildings Marsala. Near misses Radar Tower Marsala. 7/8 July. 17 Bostons 15 U.S. Mitchells Comiso 13 returned early. 1 aircraft attacked Comiso and 1 Vittorio town. 5 Baltimore Sciacca A/D.
(Adv. N.A.A.F. 091620B).

TRIDENT My 080937. (2 large caiques beached at Ophris, Kaso). Ophris should be easy meat. OSIRIS dived within 1½ miles of breakwater. (Capt.S.1. 091743C to TRIDENT).

Chinese Inspection Anticipate no difficulty in arranging programme with Military Authority when date of arrival of party mentioned in your 261822+June is known. (C. in C. Levant 091808C to Admty.).
+ (Re Chinese Government wish to send Officers to inspect fortifications).

OLIGARCH Confirmed OLIGARCH remains at Tobruk at present. Your 071729 not to all refers. She can be used for

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OLIGARCH (Contd.) oiling destroyers in harbour or to supply PEARLEAF. 3000 tons good fuel available. (C. in C. Levant, 091818C to C. in C. Med.).

Broadcasts. Your 031140B/July. These broadcasts were not made by B.B.C. (Head of M.I. 091842B to C. in C. Med. B.N.A. Madrid, B.N.A. Lisbon, F.O.i/c Gibraltar).

CASABIANCA Your escort will be ENSAY. (2) Eastbound convoy passes north of Algiers at 0800. (3) M.Ls. on patrol east and west of Algiers. (Capt.(S) 8 091920B to CASABIANCA).

U.G.S.10. U.G.S.10 arrived. (List). Total 23 ships. (F.O. Tunisia 091923B to Admty. etc.).

UNRIVALLED Following for H.D. H.G.1, 3 and 4. Begins. Remain with P.45 (UNRIVALLED) until relieved by escorting whaler or other vessel sent by me about daylight. Ends. Message not cleared to M.Ls. (C. in C. Med. 091944B to P.45 (UNRIVALLED)).

1st S/M Flotilla. Disposition 9th July.
(A) Refitting MATRO? XOS, NEBOJSCA.
(B) Operational. Patrol.
TACTICIAN Taranto Area.
TAURUS Gulf of Salonica.
TRIDENT Aegean.
TROOPER Adriatic.
RORQUAL North Aegean.
PAPANICOLIS Alexandria to Beirut.
KATSONIS Alexandria to Beirut.
OSIRIS, PARTHIAN Beirut.
(C. in C. Levant 092029C to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. etc.).

Movements Haifa. 9th July. Arrivals M/L 385, Schooner SIESTA. Departures G.S. PANTHER, G.S. IERAX, M/L 11, 26 and 348. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 092047C to Admty. etc.).

ABDIEL defect. Have developed badly overheated stern tubes bearing starboard shaft. Consider forward stern tube bush has probably wiped. My P.C. and S. 034 degs. 32' North 017 degs. 37' East 287 degs. 20 knots E.T.A. boom 0830/10th. (ABDIEL 092128B to V.A. Malta (R) C. in C. Med. A.S.M. C. in C. Levant).

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COVERLEY
EMPIRE
DUNSTAN. Sail from anchorage at 1400/10th escorting EMPIRE DUNSTAN to Sousse at 8 knots through position Might Strong 0030/11th Ruthless Ugly 1100 (2 corrupt groups) E.T.A. 1400/11th codeword "Sodden" (corrupt group) Priority 3. COVERLEY to coal and return Sfax as soon as possible. EMPIRE DUNSTAN for Algiers. (N.O.I.C. Sfax 092209B to COVERLEY (R) 1st A.D.W. (?R) N.O.I.C. Sousse, A.I.G.68).

Movements
Tripoli. Sailed CLEVELAND, MULL, MISOA. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 092231B to Admty.).

Malta Air
Report. M.S. 15052.
A.I. (634 or 632?) 9 July. C.S.R. Malta. (A) Air. Part 1. Offensive. Night 8/9 July. Mosquitoes intruder patrols East Sicily, Rome and Naples areas and heel of Italy. In Italy a stationary goods train near Brindisi was attacked and set on fire and beacon at Naples also attacked. 1 Mosquito missing. Day 9 July. 111 Spitfires escort target and close support to aircraft of N.A.A.F. bombing Biscari, Gerbini, Piazza, Tiarina, Palazzallo, and Calta Orone. 1515 hours Spitfires destroyed 1 M.C.202 1 F.W.190 and probably destroyed 1 F.W. 190 near Augusta. 40 Spitfires escort to Liberators of 9th U.S. Bomber Command Bombing Ponto Olivo and Comiso aerodromes. Part 2. Enemy air activity. Day 8 July. 8 Spitfires shipping escort. Night 8/9 July, 5 Beaufighters interception patrol. Day 9 July, 263 Spitfires shipping escort. A.H.Q. Malta 092245Z).

Movements
Philippeville M.M.S.32 arrived 0840B/July 9th. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville 092249B to Admty.).

Movements
Port Said. 9th July Port Said arrivals CUMBRAE, M/L 357, departure CUMBRAE. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 092357C to Admty. etc.).

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- ALBATROSS. From Naval Forces Cdr. I.E.F. ALBATROSS can now be released for return to U.K. Military Authorities concerned concur.
(F.L.O. Delhi, 090355Z to C. in C. E.F., (R) Admty., Cdre. R.I.N., ALBATROSS.)
- W.S.30 B. Arrival ALAUNIA with W.S.30 (B).
(S.O.I. Bombay, 090431Z to Admty., etc.)
- B.Y.M.S. Left B.Y.M.S. 5, 6, 7 and 8.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 09/0435Z to C. in C.E.F., F.O. Ceylon.)
- Convoy,
W.S.30. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay, 090451Z to Admty., etc.)
- SCOTIA. SCOTIA damaged 1603Z July 9th Durban Deep, sailing Bahrein 14th for convoy.
(N.C.S.O. Bahrein, 090529Z to Admty., C. in C.E.F. Cdre. R.I.N., N.O.I.C. Colombo, (R) S.N.O. Persian Gulf.)
- KHEDIVE
ISMAL. Diego Suarez 14 9th. KHEDIVE ISMAIL Tamatave and return Diego Suarez 04 11th knots.
(Diego Suarez, 090710Z to Admty.)
- No. 20 Japanese: 1 attacked by aircraft Guardafui
U/Boat dis- Channel 8th, 1 in Gulf of Oman, 1 possibly 60
position. miles west of Colombo by reported periscope
sighting 8th. German: one in or (as received)
channel by D/F near 019°S. 040°E. 6th July, 1
sighted operating off Inhambane, 1 by sinking 033°S.
042°E. 6th probably moving West toward Durban, 1 possibly in
neighbourhood of Mauritius.
2. Following Y messages cancelled 263 Y of 30th April 276 Y
863 8th May.
(C. in C.E.F. 090845 to E.F. 315 Y.)
- British British ships for U.K. should now be sailed as
Ships for ready for Mediterranean convoys details being
Mediterranean first referred to C. in C. Levant as in para. 3.
Convoys. of Admty. 141849 June. Your 080510 to C. in C.
E.F. only refers.
2. Westbound convoys will sail at about 5 days
interval after first convoy on 29th.
(C. in C.E.F., 090939Z to Comrin, (R) C. in C. Med.
C. in C. Levant, F.O.R.S.C.A., M.W.T. Bombay,
M.W.T. Cairo, F.O.C.R.I.N.)

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India A.250. 9th July Daily Opsum No. 481. 8th July.
Air Report. Direct hits on buildings starting fire. 7
Hurricanes sank or damaged 33 River craft between
Akyab and Ramree Island. Outstanding reports.
10th U.S.A.A.F. 7th July. Hits on rolling stock
and tracks at Zigon Kinu Schwebo Padu Wetlet. 6 x 300 lb.
dropped on large river boat near Mandalay near misses target
left sinking. 14th U.S.A.A.F. 6th July. 6 U.S. Mitchells
B.25 escorted by 12 U.S. Kittyhawks P.40 detailed river shipping
Yochow Area. 1 U.S. Mitchell B.25 and 4 Kittyhawks, P.40
returned early due weather. 3 Mitchells B.25 2 ton primary
target 2 direct hits on barges.
(H.Q. R.A.F. India, 091105Z.)

Movements. Colombo arrivals 9th 1100Z SHILLONG departures
1130Z Dutch S/M 021.
(F.O. Ceylon, 091140Z.)
RANPURA, NEPAL, arrived.
(F.O.E.Af., 091226Z.)

Enemy A/C. Following has been received. Addressed C. in C.
E.F. (R) F.L.O. Delhi, A.C.N.B. from F.O. Ceylon
following from James. (Begins) 7th July enemy
aircraft over islands 0935 to 1025. Identification
Flying boat four engine navy 97 type height 2500 feet marks body
large red circle enclosed in yellow circle. (Ends.) Time of
Receipt 071515. F.G. ends (T.O.O. 071434 July.)
(C. in C.E.F. 091259Z to Admty.)

ARMORIA. Sailed 9th ARMORIA to carry out A/S sweep thence
join escort of W.S.31 at position E. to B. thence
to Lagos.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 091402Z to Admty., (R)
F.O.C.W.A.F., R.N.O. Lagos.)

Fleet Your 051309Z and C. in C. E.F.'s 071305Z. Amended
Berthing fleet berthing arrangements, in which C. in C.
arrangements. E.F. concurs are proposed as follows:-
Capital Ships or large Carriers at Nos. 1 to 7.
Cruisers or Escort Carriers at the undermentioned
berths. C1, C2, C4 to C10, as in A.M.1901/3/7/42.
No.8 berth renumbered C3. One each at new numbers C11 and C12,
on a line 041° from charted position of No.10 buoy. Destroyer
Depot Ship at first class Head and Stern berth laid 041° from
the North-Eastern buoy of C12 berth and numbered X1. Submarine
Depot ship at first class Head and Stern berth in No. 9 berth
renumbered X2. Repair Ship at first class Head and Stern berth
in ORLANDO COVE, numbered X3. Large A.F.D. from approximate
position 110° 1875 feet from Great Sober Island Flag Staff,
aligned approximately 000°. Small A.F.D. from approximate
position 068° 750 feet from Great Sober Island Flag Staff, aligned
approx. 075°. Destroyer berths and S1, S2, S3 as previously
arranged.
(D. of L.D., 091639B to F.O. Ceylon, (R) C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C.
Trincomalee.)

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MICHAEL
LIVANOS.
Torpedoed
4th July.

MICHAEL LIVANOS torpedoed 2030B/4th July in
022° 52' S. 036° 47' 30" E. by large submarine
believed German. Ship sank, one torpedo.
Crew including Captain saved, 2 missing believed
lost in ship. Sailing independently. Did not
open fire, no distress signal made.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 091652B to Admty,
C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F. Care. Durban, S.O.
(I) Colombo.)

Convoy
T.S.15.

Sailed 1730Z (?9th) BURDOCK (S.O) SNOWDROP.
ORFASY escorting convoy T (?S) 15 Lagos E.T.A.
0600Z/11th S. of A. 9 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 091804Z to F.O.C.W.Af.
Admty, R.N.O. Lagos.)

STANVAC
WELLINGTON,
U/B
attack.

Position 159 miles 37° from Point option
torpedo attack 091757.
(STANVAC WELLINGTON 091110 T.O.O. Recd. 1918 G.M.T.
to Admty)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 8th arrivals FORT WILLIAM ex B.W.38. Departures Georgetown NANAIMO, BURLINGTON, SHAWINIGAN, BROCKVILLE, LETHBRIDGE to O.N.191. NORTHERN GEM, P.554 to Argentia. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns 090211Z.)

Argentia 8th Arrivals 1600Z P.554 and NORTHERN GEM from St. Johns. (Capt. D.Argentia 091630Z.)

Arrivals BAYFIELD from Norfolk for refit. CARAQUET from Sable Island. (N.O.I.C. Halifax 092145Z.)

U.S.Transport DAVID W.BRANCH arrived Nanaimo 8th. (N.S.H.Q. 092309Z.)

Convoy H.X.247. New York departed 8th MONTGOMERY, POLYANTHUS and ST. ALBANS escorting H.X.247. (N.S.H.Q. 091240Z to Admty.)

Convoy O.N.190 62 ships arrived. First arrival 081440Z last arrival 090958Z. All ships accounted for. (P.D.New York 091400Z to Com. 10th Fleet (C. & R.) (R) C.E.S.F. Admty. N.S.H.Q.)

U.S.S/M Estimate. (Cominch 091433Z.)

Convoy sailing telegrams, escort oilers. In lieu of separate message details of escort oilers etc., are to be included in part one H.X. convoy sailing telegram items (16) names of escort oilers type of equipment and quantity of fuel oil carried by each (17) names of tankers fitted for oiling at sea not carrying fuel and type of equipment (18) names of ships carrying spare depth charges method of stowage and number of charges carried by each. Q Message data to be item (nine). (Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. 091458Z to P.D.New York for action. C.E.S.F. Admty. N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. for information.)

T.A.51 (PASTEUR.) Alter forthwith and pass through 044° 50' N. 059° 30' W. 044° 06' N. 062° 01' W. approach Halifax Southern Channel. 2. Estimate you will arrive Halifax Light Vessel 2359Z/10th. (C. in C.C.N.A. 091535Z to T.A.51 (R) N.S.H.Q. A.O.C.E.Air Command, F.O.C.N.F. Admty. Com. 10th Fleet.)

T.A.50A. (ILE DE FRANCE.) ILE DE FRANCE arrived New York 091306Z. (P.D.New York 091606.)

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Dispositions. S.H.91 SASKATOON, KENORA 046° 03' 059° 37' 170°
7.5 altering to 230° in 45° 59' N. and to 238°
in 045° 18' N. and for Halifax in 044° 30' N.
NIPIGON 044° 11' 062° 31' en route Halifax 12.
BEAVER sails Halifax 1500Z/10th to Digby coastwise 12.
CARAQUET departs Halifax about 2000Z/9 to 044° 00' N. 064° 05' W.
thence 229° 12 altering to 185° in 043° 08' N.
H.F.64, GODERICH, MEDICINE HAT 043° 22' 066° 25' 324° 7.5
altering to 000° in 066° 14' W. and for St. Johns N.F. in 044°
20' N.
H.X.247, W.6, 040° 10' 067° 26' 060° 9.5 altering to 086° in
042° 33' N.
MOSS 043° 40' 069° 08' 250° 11 altering to (?215°) in 070° 00'
W. and to 190° in 043° 04' N.
U.S.S. COMANCHE 042° 52' 069° 15' 244° 10 to Boston.
INDOCHINOIS (Free French) 044° 12' 066° 30' for St. John N.B. 15.
CELESTE M 043° 00' 064° 40' 184° 9.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 091645Z.)

MARIPOSA. Sail when ready MARIPOSA via (route).
(Cdr. 10th Fleet C. & R. 091747A to P.D.Norfolk.)
Route Message. 2. 101300Z. 3. MARIPOSA.
4. Norfolk direct. 5. 111900Z. 6A. 19.0 B.20.0
7. Route.
(R.O.Boston 091832 to Cominch C. & R. Cdr. E.S.F.
Admty. N.S.H.Q.)

WILLIAM (U.S.) WILLIAM WILKINS arrived 0300Z July 9th
WILKINS. ex. H.X. 246 damaged after collision with
collision. Liberty ship name unknown.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 091822Z to Admty.)

Surface & Your 081234. Normal surface escort of one
air escort destroyer and three or four P.Gs. or P.Cs.
for B.T/T.B. 2. Air cover is normally provided by day but while
convoys. there is no uncovered gap it is liable to be
thin between French Guiana and the Amazon owing
to lack of aerodromes. Tropical rain storms
and bad visibility frequently hamper air operations.
3. From Recife to Rio de Janeiro, Brazilians take over escort and
they provide about 4 of Minesweeper or Gunboat type.
4. These are the known facts, but it has not been thought
advisable to make a direct approach to Navy Dept. with your
request at this time.
(B.A.D. 091901Z to Admty.)

Sailing of / Your 081226. Risk of U-Boat attack can be
M.M.S. in accepted. A.M. 081810 is being repeated to you.
S.C.convoy. (D.M.S.091918B to F.O.N.F. (R) C. in C.Med.
N.S.H.Q. C. in C.W.A.)

Convoy O.N.190 following arrive New York 8th. Total 59
O.N.190. ships (list.)
(B.R.L.O.New York 091925 to Admty.)

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Routing to M.E. and India. Your 081520B. Request confirmation there are now three alternative routes to Middle East and India by which British controlled ships from East Coast, North American Ports of under 15 knots can proceed. 1. Mediterranean your 071326B June, 2. (Trans)?Atlantic Mari Section four para. 8A 3. Panama Canal and (Cape Horn)?Mari Section 1 para. 7D sub para. 2. Ships over 15 knots are referred to you vide your 291940B June.
(N.S.H.Q. 091948Z to Admty. (R) B.A.D. N.M.C.S.)
Cancelled - see N.S.H.Q. 101543Z.

WEST POINT. Departing New York 1630Z/10th at Ambrose Point Z at 1800Z/10th. Position K. at 2400Z July 10th. U.S.S. WEST POINT. Rio de Janeiro. E.T.A. 1000Z July 21. S.O.A. 20 knots. (Route).
Carrying 8052 service personnel and 12 bags navy mail.
Communications. Fighter protection codeword "Discharge" 3 figure call sign 131 (P.D. New York 092010 to Com. 10th Fleet, Cominch C. & R.)

P. 554. Your 011656 and F.O.N.F.'s 021301, concur in refit of P.554 at Philadelphia early August.
(D.O.D.(H) 092044B to B.A.M.R. Washington, (R)
F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q. C. in C.C.N.A. P.554, F.O.S.)

Coastal convoy daily summary 092000Z. PELOTASLOIDE torpedoed. PELOTASLOIDE escorted by C.S.57 and 58 departed Trinidad 271230 route coastal bound Recife. Speed 7.5. PELOTASLOIDE torpedoed and sunk 041500 off Salinas Point while escorts refuelling.
(Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. 092107 to Admty. N.S.H.Q.)

Sub. attack & sighting summary. All times Z.
Para. A. Navy plane attacks surfaced sub. 03° 54' N. 48° 43' W. 091550.
Para. B. B.24 sighted sub course 150 02° 30' S. 14° 09' W. 091100.
Para. C. Sub sighted 03° 21' N. 48° 18' W. 090845 and at 03.40 N. 48° 53' W. 091220. Plane sights periscope and wake 03° 15' N. 48° 49' W. 091120.
Para. D. U.S.S. CAPTOR sound contact 43° N. 67° 35' W. about 091530 (Cominch 092111Z to Admty.)

WASKESIEU proposed visit of Mexican Naval Officer. H.B.M. Minister to Mexico has requested permission for Mexican Naval Officer to visit H.M.C. Frigate WASKESIEU now on passage from West Coast to Halifax at Manzanillo. In view of this ship being of new construction have you any objections.
(N.S.H.Q. 092206Z to Admty.)

/GODERICH...

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America & West Indies - Contd.

GODERICH. E.T.A.St. Johns 100900Z in company MEDICINE HAT.
(GODERICH 092321Z to N.O.I.C. St. Johns (R)
D.Halifax.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi 85. Buin area three C.1 two D.D., three Marus, two
A.O. two auxiliaries, also two D.D., twenty
miles S.W. Shortland 1050M/6th. Photographs
7th 6 D.D. three SS. Chasers six small Marus.
Two A.O. with one D.D. and Maru Buin area, 3 Avengers attacked
D.D. west Buin dusk 7th missed. Hudson which dropped flares
is missing. Nineteen Avengers, 18 Dauntlesses, 16 Wildcats
bombed Vila Camp and dump area morning 7th same targets
attacked afternoon 11 Lightnings, nine Warhawks escorting nine
Mitchells.
(C.W.R.Wellington 090003Z to C. in C.E.F. Admty. etc.)

Movements. U.S.S. GOLD STAR arrived Port Melbourne 8.
U.S.S. MIZAR arrived Townsville 7th July.
(A.C.N.B. 090457Z to Admty. etc.)
Arrivals Hobart 7th JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK D.S.
Townsville 8th COLAC. Departures Hobart 8th JACOB VAN
HEEMSKERK D.S. for Wellington, Exmouth Gulf 8th HERON U.S.
Seaplane Tender for Fremantle. Sydney N.S.W. 8th U.S. ship
OTRART, F.S.LE TRIOMPHANT for Brisbane 7th MILDURA, H.M.A.S.
MORESBY, TOWNSVILLE for Brisbane. Townsville 7th U.S.D.
MUGFORD, U.S.D.HELM on escorted duty Darwin. 7th LATROBE for
Thursday Island. Port Moresby 8th PIRIE, WAGGA for Townsville.
Milne Bay 8th BUNBURY for Orote SHEPPARTON for Townsville.
(N.B.Melbourne 091514Z to Admty. etc.)
Dutch Naval Store Ship SOEDOE arrived Cairns 8th July.
Hired transport TAROONA arrived Townsville 8th.
Royal Aust.Fleet Auxiliary KURUMBA departed Darwin 8th due
Thursday Island 11th thence Townsville.
R.A.A.F.Store Ship WANAKA departed Port Moresby 8th due Fall
River 9th.
U.S.Transport BOTH departed Fall River 8th due Oro Bay 9th.
Hired Transport DUNTROON departed Port Moresby 8th due Townsville
10th.
Hired Transport NIEUW AMSTERDAM arrived and departed Hobart 8th
due Wellington 12th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F. 091552Z to Admty.)

/CHEVREUIL...

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Australia & New Zealand - Contd.

CHEVREUIL.

Following is extract U.R.Com. Third Fleet's 080455 (N.T. in W.R.) Departure Noumea 2000Z/9th F.F. CHEVREUIL on escort duty to 24.25 S. 169.30 E. thence Nukualofa 13th. Will act as escort for return convoy from that port to Noumea. (N.Z.N.B. 090120Z to Admty. for F.N.F.L.)

Digest Serial
No. 535 8th
July.

Paras. 10 to 14 inclusive cover Solomons area South Pacific Forces.

Morning R/C Liberator bombed buildings at Finschhafen.

2. During early hours Catalina unsuccessfully attacked probable Patrol Craft Jacquinet Bay.

5. 34 Mitchells attacked targets Salamaua area in co-ordinated morning strike. 9 bombed Kela Township leaving target area in flames while 7 bombed Malolo Village (three miles N.W. of Salamaua) and 18 bombed and strafed track southward from Salamaua. 6 Bostons raided Kela again evening. Morning strike observed possible submarine North of Salamaua Isthmus and one floatplane on water South of Salamaua.

8. 7 Hudsons struck Penfoei Airfield early hours followed at dawn by 6 Liberators. Medium transport observed entering Koepang Bay.

9. Evening 7th July laden tanker with surface and air escort sighted 160 miles N.E. of Admiralty Islands on Southerly course.

10. One cargo ship with Sub Chaser unsuccessfully attacked midday by Liberator 375 miles N.W. of Nauru course 100°.

12. Unknown number of enemy aircraft dropped two bombs on our positions Rendova Island during early hours 6th July causing slight damage and casualties, after daybreak 8th July many enemy planes sighted S.E. of Vella Lavella but nil attack yet reported.

(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 090946Z.)

Convoy
T.N.114.

B. 1945K/9th. C. EDNA, WEST CACTUS, Port Moresby, MAETSUYCKER, B.BONVILLE Fall River.

D. DELORAINE (S.O.), KAPUNDA S. (Group missing) 738 (N.O.I.C. Townsville 091230Z to Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 091403B, 091429B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet has directed the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Iceland to reduce certain facilities and turn them over to A.C.I.C.

Engagement
between
light forces
off Ushant.

2. The destroyers MELBREAK, WENSLEYDALE and GLAISDALE, which sailed from Plymouth at 2149B yesterday for an offensive patrol off the French coast, at 0300 today engaged an enemy force thought to consist of 3 T.Bs. with escort of R-boats in 48.50 N., 04.05 W. (45 miles north-east of Ushant). One T.B. was severely damaged though not seen to sink and one R-boat was hit and is claimed as destroyed. MELBREAK was hit on the bridge which was considerably damaged, and she had several casualties, some fatal. GLAISDALE and WENSLEYDALE were very slightly damaged and the former had a few casualties.

Mediterranean.

Operation "Husky".

3 (a). An outline of this operation, with list of ships taking part, is given as an Annexe to 1st Lord's Report of 10th July, 1943 (D.O.R. No. 1421. The Annexe will be bound up by W.D. with the 1st Lord's Report).

Description
of the
operation.

(b) An operation was carried out today with the object of capturing the island of Sicily. The operation was a joint undertaking of all services of the British and United States, and involved in all the employment of about 2,500 ships and landing craft.

(c) In the early hours of this morning ship to shore landings took place on the south-eastern corner of Sicily in two separate but adjoining sectors, by an Eastern Task Force (British) and a Western Task Force (U.S.)

(d) The Eastern Task Force made four landings, viz. to the north of Avola by 2 divisions of the 13th Corps from the Middle East (Acid North and Acid South) and (by the 30th Corps) to the north of Pachino by a brigade group from Middle East (Bark East), to the north-east and south-

/west...

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west of Porto Palo by a division from Tunisia (Bark South) and to the south-west of Pachino by a division from the U.K. (Bark West).

(e) The Western Task Force carried out 3 attacks, viz. - at Scoglitti by a division from the U.S. (Cent), at Gela by two regimental combat teams and a tank battalion from North Africa (Dime), and at Licata by a division and an armoured combat command from North Africa (Joss).

(f) Covering forces for the assaults were as follows:- Force H (1st Division NELSON, (F.O.H.) RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, (R.A.A. H.F.), 2nd Division WARSPITE, (R.A.H.) VALIANT, FORMIDABLE), operating in the Ionian Sea; Force Z (KING GEORGE V and HOWE) operating to the westward of Sicily; and Force K (NEWFOUNDLAND (C.S.15), ORION, MAURITIUS, UGANDA and 6 destroyers) which initially afforded close gun support to the assaults. Other covering and supporting forces were the 12th C.S., 4th, 8th, 14th, and 24th Destroyer Flotillas, comprising Force Q which, however, did not operate together as an independent force.

(g) Two tankers and their escorts comprised Force R.

S/Ms

(h) The positions of submarines on patrol were as given in this report on 6th July.

Progress of
the Operation.

(i) Our convoys reached Sicily with negligible interference from enemy aircraft and the operation was carried out as planned. Initial bridgeheads were successfully secured on the Sicilian coast, although a strong westerly wind interfered somewhat with the landings, particularly those of the U.S. troops of the Western Task Force. The enemy ground opposition to the initial landings lacked determination. No naval opposition was encountered and in the early stage of the landings there was little opposition either from ground forces or from the air. The latter is believed by A.F.H.Q. Algiers to be the result of the intensive bombing of the Sicilian airfields which had previously been carried out.

(j) Parachute troops were landed in the American sector and glider borne troops in the British sector.

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(k) The Eastern Task Force successfully accomplished its landings by 0600. The weather delayed the assaults by the Western Task Force and slowed down the rate of discharge. However, General Alexander reported at 1145 that Pachino Peninsula was in our hands. Landings by airborne troops were also made. By evening the situation was reported satisfactory from all beaches, both British and U.S. Gun support ships answered calls for fire throughout the day and silenced several batteries which commanded beaches and anchorages. No mines were swept. The U.S. destroyer MADDOX was sunk by enemy aircraft during the operation and the U.S. destroyers ROE and SWANSON were damaged in collision: the former docked at Malta and the latter proceeded to Oran. U.S. minesweeper SENTINEL was sunk by bombing at Licata. 861 Spitfire sorties were made from Malta to patrol the beaches today, in addition to a further large number from Pantellaria. Eleven enemy aircraft were shot down during the day.

Before midnight all L.S.I.(L) cleared from Acid and Bark beaches (Eastern Task Force) and sailed; Gela, Licata and Pachino airfields had been captured.

Operation
"Arsenal"
(diversion).

(l) Cruisers of Force Q and M.T.Bs. carried out a diversionary bombardment off Catania (Operation "Arsenal") in the early hours of today.

Operation
"Fracture"
(diversion).

(m) SIRIUS and DIDO left Bone today, to demonstrate off the west coast of Sicily.

Hospital
ship sunk.

(n) The hospital ship TALAMBA, lying 3 miles clear of the main anchorage at Acid and fully illuminated was deliberately attacked by a single enemy aircraft at 2200 today and sunk. The number of casualties is not known.

General.

2/
Convoy E.T.22
attacked by
U/Bs, 3 ships
torpedoed.

4. LOTUS early in the afternoon reported 3 ships torpedoed in the convoy which she was escorting in 37.13 N., 05.12 E., of these the British tanker EMPIRE COMMERCE proceeded with the convoy. Tugs were asked for the American tanker GULFPRINCE and SS. MATTHEW MAURY. The latter arrived at Bougie at 110830B in tow of BERGAMOT screened by OXLIP, and GULFPRINCE reached Algiers at 1027B/12, MATTHEW MAURY arrived at Algiers in tow at 1850/14.

* Com. Algeria 221007Z July states that EMPIRE COMMERCE did not sustain any damage to nets or slip and suffered no casualties.

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East Indies.

6. SS. HOIHOW which sailed from Mauritius on 2nd July for Tamatave (due 4th July) has not arrived. Search by air and surface forces has revealed no trace of the ship or survivors, and she must be considered lost.

China.

X 6. 15 U.S. Liberators today bombed shipping, docks and installations at Haiphong. Two direct hits were made on a large merchant ship and several near misses on a second merchantman.

Australia & New Zealand.

X 7. After dark yesterday aircraft sighted a force of 4 cruisers and 4 destroyers 8 miles south of Choiseul Bay which proceeded direct to Kula Gulf. An additional force of 4 destroyers was sighted entering Vella Gulf from the north shortly after midnight 9/10 July. Two Liberators attacked the larger of these two forces and report obtaining two hits. 5 Mitchells today bombed and gunned the stranded enemy destroyer on the east coast of Kolombangara Island (See 6th July).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.PLINLIMMON,
BOURNEMOUTH
QUEEN,
PRINCESS
ELIZABETH.Admiralty's O22242B and my O61204B.* Intend PLIMLIMMON, BOURNEMOUTH QUEEN, and PRINCESS ELIZABETH to be paid off in available berths in London Docks.
(C. in C. Nore, 101106B to Admty) * N.T. in W.R.20th M.L.F.
for
Force "J".(1) Your O71806B. Propose that M.L's 205 and 246 now attached to Force "J" should remain there instead of returning to Portland.
(2) Remainder to be sailed as follows:-
M.L's 123 and 303 on 15th August. M.L's 247 and 245 on 1st Sept. M.L's 269 and 182 on 15th Sept.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 101225B and 101616B to Admty)Moray
Firth
Herring
Fishery.Herring Fishers in Moray Firth state Herring have left the Firth and are to Eastward of the eastern limit of area in which they are allowed to fish. Scottish Home Department support this and request that area may be extended during summer months. Herring fishing is chiefly carried out at night. Propose for consideration that Herring fishing be allowed by day and night until say, August 31st in the area enclosed by the lines joining:
A. 58° 32' N. 02° 38' W. B. 58° 41' N. 02° 15' W. C. 57° 55' N. 01° 12' W. D. 57° 40' N. 01° 25' W. E. 57° 40' N. 01° 32' W.
This is an area roughly four miles east of the line of buoys in the searched channel and four miles from the declared mined area. Northern limit being limit of Rosyth Command. Disadvantages are possible encroachment on traffic in the searched channel and the presence of a number of unidentified craft in the area by night. Night at present about 3 hours and not entirely dark. If concession granted it would be emphasised that this is on the understanding limits are strictly kept.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 101414B to C. in C. Rosyth.)M.G.B's
for
Force "J".A.M. O71803B. Proposals in N.O.I.C. Dartmouth's O81435B are approved.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101459B to Admty)

CEYLON.

Request you will sail CEYLON for Scapa to work up on satisfactory completion of trials.
(2) When ready for service, it is anticipated that H.M.S. CEYLON will join the Eastern Fleet after being taken in hand in U.K. for removal of catapult.
(D.O.D.(H), 101631B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)Water
Carriers
for
Mediterranean.Propose that ships referred to in A.M.171939 June; A.M.261807 June; A.M.301426 June and A.M.301427 June, also MOORFLY in tow of CHARON, be sailed together as soon as all ships negative CYELSE are ready. (2) Now anticipate this should not be later than 14th July.
(D.O.D.(H), 102010B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Iceland. /...

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.

Iceland. The Commandant U.S. Naval operating Base Iceland has informed that he has been directed by the C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet to reduce certain facilities and arrange to turn over to me the following. (A) Any food and ammunition storage facilities at Hvammsvik required, in conjunction with the U.S. Army authorities. (B) The salvage Depot. and any salvage equipment and materials urgently needed in Iceland (C) on Lease Lend terms. (C) The Tank Farm and Fuel Depot. at Hvalfjord for operation and control. (2) The turnover of (A) (B) and (C) is made with the stipulation that they should be returned to U.S. Navy control on 60 days notice. (3) -Commandant Nobi has also been ordered to arrange for the withdrawal of the two large American Tankers stationed in Iceland. (4) Request I may be informed of their Lordships' intentions regarding the proposals in para. 1 above. Observations.
(A.C.I.C. 102124B to Admty)

Defence of U.K.

Liverpool, Maunsell Tower. Daylight and Tides will serve July 11th to July 14th inclusive. Weather permitting it is intended to ground the 21st Tower during that period.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 100921B to Admty)

Movements.

BERWICK, NORFOLK, SCORPION. Hvalfiord arrivals at 0050B/10th BERWICK with NORFOLK and SCORPION.
(A.C.I.C. 100147B)

ORKAN. Following is a repetition of my 091659 begins. MELBREAK take WENSLEYDALE under his orders, pass Gate at 1200B/10th, and proceed to R/V with ORKAN in 180° The Lizard 3 at approx. 1445B/10th and act as escort to Plymouth in accordance with my 081817. (2) The body of the late General Sikorski is embarked in O.R.P. ORKAN. (Ends.)
(C. in C. Plymouth, 100243B to ORKAN)
My 091659B. For MELBREAK read HOLDERNESS.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101043B to ORKAN)
Arrived ORKAN.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101735B)

S/M Movements. My 091055. X type submarine may be encountered independently proceeding on the surface or submerged in Minches between 058° 25' and 057° 15' from 1200/13th to 2000/15th July.
(Capt. (S) 12, 101012B)
My 071324 and your 071044. Owing to delay SCEPTRE will not be ready till p.m. 12th.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101258B to F.O.S.)

Positions /...

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Movements.

S/M
Movements.
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Positions of S/M's at 0800B/11 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S.101756B.)
Sailed TUNA, TRUCULENT and HADDO escorted by CUTTY SARK in accordance with Capt. (S) 3, 091021B.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 101802B)

BATTLER.

Intend sailing for Merville at 0400B/12th to embark 835 Sqdn. personnel and stores remaining at Merville over night. Intend returning to Greenock p.m. Tuesday after embarking aircraft. E.T.A. 1300B.
(BATTLER, 101138B)

ANSON,
ALABAMA,
KENT.

Scapa departures V.A.2 in ANSON with ALABAMA, KENT, ELLYSON, EMMONS, FITCH, MACOMB, RODMAN in company.
(A.C.O.S.101955B to A.C.I.C.)

ARGUS.

ARGUS's 101147B. Sailed ARGUS and ACTIVITY.
(F.O.I.C. N.I. 102217B to F.O.I.C. Greenock)

Operations.

Coastal
Force
Patrols.

Your 091631B. "Scent" arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 100712B to C. in C. Plymouth)
My 091601B. "Bailey" arrived.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 100809B to Admty)
(1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight by M.G.B's 611, 615 between 0001 and 0400 on latitude 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W. (2) M.L.346, 209 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. (3) Immediate notice Chasseur 12 at St. Helens, BLEASDALE at Yarmouth or at St. Helens if M.G.B's cannot patrol. (4) M.L's 123, 247, 245 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W. (6) Communications. (A) M.G.B's: Codeword "Jovial". (C) BLEASDALE: Codeword "Advent". (D) Portland M.L's: Codeword "Object".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 101304B)

Operation
"Musketry".

Have attacked U/B with depth-charge.
(A/C 59 Sqdn. Duty E. 100830B to 19 Group)
Am over enemy S/M in 45° 47' N. 14° 25' W. When first sighted was on course 030° speed 6 knots.
(A/C 59 Sqdn. Duty E. 100836 to 19 Group)

All aircraft have been recalled owing to weather.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101047B to E.G.2, B.1)

Arrived CHARYBDIS.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 101121B)

10 enemy A/C including 4 Junkers 88 which were fired at were operating in MUSKETRY south west area between 1900 and 2000. (2) Intend to be between Y and P during night.

(3) My 045° 50' N. 010° 25' W. (4) Fuel remaining 1084.
(BERMUDA, 102036B to C. in C. Plymouth, (R) E.G.2)

Your /...

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Operation
"Musketry"
(Contd.)

Your position was probably reported by enemy
A/C at 1920B/10.
(D.D.I.C. 102242B to BERMUDA)

S/M
Patrols.

Request you will sail SCEPTRE and MINERVE for
Lerwick and A/S patrol about 15th July.
(F.O.S. 101004B to Capt (S) 3)
Proceed to patrol line GG.
(F.O.S. 101447 to SYRTIS)

(h) SATYR 47° 20' N. 06° 28' W. dived by day to patrol in Area
bounded by lines joining 46° 42' N. 05° 25' W. 46° 52' N.
04° 03' W. 46° 24' N. 03° 47' W. and 46° 12' N. 05° 25' W.

(j) SEANYMPH as in my 061824. (k) RUBIS approx. 44° 56' N.
05° 56' W. dived by day to pass through 45° N. 06° W. at 1200/11,
thence to Northward. (m) SYRTIS vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 28' E.
(F.O.S. 101756B to Admty)

Operation
S.F.

My 100930Bpara. 10. 061° 53' N. 011° 37' W.
Commencing search from East.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 101012B to Capt. D.17)

My 100930. For East longitude read West longitude

(C. in C. Rosyth, 101055B to Capt. (D) 17)

From 1602B till 2358B/10th about 10 aircraft from Iceland and
18 group will be operating.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 101207B to Capt. D.17)

Faeroes departure at 1159 ONSLOW, OBDURATE, ORWELL.

(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 101209B to C. in C. Rosyth)

If not in contact by 2359 today return to Skaale Fiord.

Refuel and revert 2 hours notice for steam.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 102237 to Capt. (D) 17)

My 102237B. Capt. (D) 17 in ONSLOW is to return to

Scapa. Detach ORWELL and OBDURATE to Skaale Fiord.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 102317 to Capt. (D) 17)

Operations
V.P-P. or
V.P-Y.

My 091555B. Both boats returned Lerwick 1010B
today. (2) Extreme visibility prevented
entering leads. (3) At 2228B/9th in 061° 16' N.
003° 30' E. sighted U-Boat(s) on surface about
3 miles off. U-Boat(s) seen to dive on Easterly
course as they closed.
(A.C.O.S. 101130B to Admty)

Engagement
with Enemy
Force.
One
R-Boat
claimed sunk.
One Enemy
T.B.
damaged.
MELBREAK
damaged.

X At 0300/10th MELBREAK, WENSLEYDALE, and
GLAISDALE engaged an enemy force thought to be
3 T.B.'s with escort R-Boats in 048° 50' N.
004° 05' W. One T.B. was severely damaged but
not seen to sink and one R-Boat was hit and is
claimed as destroyed. (2) Regret the following
casualties. MELBREAK 1 Army Officer Major
light A/A Regiment and 4 Naval ratings killed, 13
seriously wounded including 3 officers.
GLAISDALE 1 rating seriously wounded 3 ratings
slightly wounded. (3) MELBREAK received a direct
hit on bridge which was considerably damaged.
GLAISDALE and WENSLEYDALE very slight damage only.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 101321B to Admty)

Operation /...

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations. - Contd.Operation
"Outward".Operation abandoned 1850 owing to increased surface wind.
(A.B.O. Oldstairs 101855B to V.A. Dover)Enemy Air Activity.MISTLETOE
sunk on
8th July.Faeroese MISTLETOE machine-gunned and bombed by twin-engined seaplane 58 miles S.E. of Hofn 064° 15' N. 015° 13' W. at 080800. 2 of crew killed and MISTLETOE sank 3 hours after attack. Survivors consisting of 5 of crew and one passenger and bodies of killed picked by WILHELMINA and arrived Seidis Fiord 091700.
(A.C.I.C. 101537 to Admt)Mining.

Invergordon.

My 291125B June. Two SALL Minesweepers are to be sailed to Invergordon 12th July to operate temporarily under the orders of N.O.I.C. Invergordon.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 101415B to Capt. M/S Granton)

Yarmouth.

LL Sweepers detonated one red magnetic mine in 225° number 4 buoy 2.3/4 miles at 1546.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 101616B) (Cdr. M/S. Lowestoft, 111035B)

Iceland.

Your 082047. Sailing of M.S/F 15th is to be deferred till after arrival of V.A.2. When sweeping requirements in A.M. Q.Z.X.950 put forward by V.A.2 have been fulfilled sweeping on east coast should be undertaken. Proposal includes exploratory sweeping from southern end of A.M.Q.Z.L.51 in direction 184° distance 17 miles thence 220° for 48 miles.
(C. in C. H.F. 101616B to A.C.I.C.)U-Boats.North
Atlantic.D/F bearing at 2310Z indicate U/B within 60' N.N.E. or S.S.W. of 61° 30' N. 03° E.
(D.D.I.C. 100150B to S/M's (R) C. in C. H.F. V.A.2)
An over enemy S/M in 61° 49' N. 12° 19' W.
When first sighted was on course 060° and speed 2 knots.
(A/C 131 Sqn. Duty G. 100448B to Iceland W/T)Navigational.

Ice.

Ice reported in my 051729B para. (2) appears on 9th July drifted South and melting. Drift ice encountered by BERWICK and NORFOLK as follows.
Details.
(BERWICK, 101725B to C. in C. H.F.)

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- RAMILLIES. A.M.091202B and F.O. 2nd H.F. 082017B. In addition to the 9 cables specifically mentioned as defective an examination of sample of other cable in vicinity shows that insulation due to excessive heat in the compartment? (has been) burnt and that breakdown of all or any might occur at any moment. For ship to proceed on service with these cables in present conditions would be to court disaster. Consider it imperative that defective portions of all the 41 cables involved be renewed and necessary junction boxes inserted. Anticipated date of completion working continuous shift is p.m. 25th July but every endeavour will be made to improve this date. (N.S. Dockyard, Rosyth, 101120B to Admty)
- CROCUS. Amend A.M.051629 to read:- On return of CROCUS to U.K. with S.L.134 about 20th August she is to be taken in hand at Sheerness Dockyard. (D.O.D.(H), 101137B to C. in C. W.A.)
- B.Y.M.S.4,
B.Y.M.S.30. Admiralty 041822B, and 091735B. Defects in B.Y.M.S.4 and 30 will not be completed until p.m. 16th. Vessels will be ready to sail p.m. 17th July. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 101629B to Admty)
- ELSE RYKENS. ELSE RYKENS position 057° N. 07° 10' W. at 1517/10 reports engine defect not repairable. Maximum speed 3 knots. Ordered to proceed to Tobermory. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea, 101647B to Cdre. WESTERN ISLES)
- Your 102020. Contact tug off Tobermory and proceed to Oban and report defects. What is your position now? (N.O.I.C. Aultbea, 102243B to ELSE RYKENS)
- UNTAMED. Representative of Admiralty and Admiral (Submarine) have made an examination of UNTAMED and find that there is now no impairment of the W/T integrity of the hull. This is confirmed by no internal leakage after 12 hours unsupported floating and no increase in draught other than that arising from leak in number one MB vent which is being remedied. They consider there is no need for docking before passage and that UNTAMED is fully fit to be taken to her final refitting port in fair weather. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 102051B to N.O.I.C. Greenock)
- Inspection UNTAMED by representatives of Admiralty and F.O.S. will be completed by a.m. 11th July. Intend sail 1000B tomorrow* (WHITE BEAR, 102215B to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown.) * E.T.A.1500B/11.
- CEYLON. Rosyth Yard Letter No.2913/3 July 1943 reporting the results of tilt-test. The errors in the four-inch H.A. armament are so large that it is essential these be corrected before the ship sails for working-up base. It is proposed that a check tilt-test take place as early as possible after completion of trials and ammunitioning on 16th July and that if errors are confirmed

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the manufacture of liners should be put in hand forthwith. On completion of check tilt-test propose ship commences working up programme in Clyde Area proceeding to builder's yard for lifting of mountings and insertion of liners as soon as they are ready.
(CEYLON, 102234B to Admty)

EL CIERVO.

My 101127B. EL CIERVO reports water in her bunkers and doubtful of sailing.
(N.O.I.C. Falmouth, 102240B to Escort P.W.367)

Shipping and Convoys.

S.C.135.

Sailed AQUAMARINE to comply with F.O.I.C. Liverpool's 091500.
(Cdre. D. W.A. 100331B)

D.S.43.
S.D.43.

ORION total capacity 5600 is required to be ready to sail from Tail of the Bank on 29th July. A few personnel may embark on 29th July. (2) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA total capacity 4100 is required to be ready to sail from Liverpool as convoy D.S.43 on 1st August. Approximately 1000 Service personnel and 1500 U.S. Service personnel ex convoy A.T.54 A will embark on 31st July. (3) The above vessels will comprise convoy S.D.43. They will embark to full capacity. ORION is being sailed in advance of EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA. Convoy S.D.43 should sail from Iceland 6th August or as soon after as possible for Clyde.
(D.S.T.100333B)

A.T.53.
T.A.53.

Convoy A.T.53 comprising AQUITANIA is due Clyde p.m. 15th July. (2) Total of approx. 5800 personnel will disembark at Tail of the Bank 16th July. (3) 3,000 personnel will embark at Tail of the Bank on 21st July. (4) Convoy T.A.53 should be ready to sail p.m. 21st July.
(D.S.T.100334B)

My 100334 para. 2. Following are details of 7157 personnel on board
(D.S.T. 101930B)

personnel on board.

K.M.S.20/
O.S.51.

Poor D/F bearings at 0449Z indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 100829B to Escorts)
Admiralty 100829B. My 0449Z, P.C.S. 043° 05' N. 011° 51' W. 260° 15 knots.
(B.1, 100958B to Escorts.)

B.1 Group is to proceed forthwith to support O.S.51/K.M.S.20 and when the convoy splits is to escort K.M.S.20 to Gibraltar where the Group is to await further orders.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 101717B to C. in C. Plymouth)
Complying with Admiralty's 101717B. My P.C.S. at 2000B, 043° 52' N. 010° 44' W. 200° 14 knots. MONKSHOOD in company.
(ROCKINGHAM, 102001B to B.1)

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- F.N.70 A. In order to expedite the turn-round of ships employed on channel convoys it is intended to sail ships ex C.E.190 which cannot make $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots as a special $6\frac{1}{2}$ knot convoy eastern of F.N.70. Convoy will consist of about 10 ships for Tyne area ports and will be known as F.N.70A with codeword "Agent 2". Escort PUFFIN. Time of departure from B.2 buoy about 1000B/11th, thence as standard time-table for slow convoys. (C. in C. Nore, 101107B)
- S.D.42 (VOLENDAM) My 091653. Sailed at 1140B/10. E.T.A. Greenock 1040B/13. (A.C.I.C.101216B)
- CALIFORNIA, DUCHESS OF YORK, PORT FAIRY. My 031415 and my 091403. IROQUOIS is to remain with convoy until reaching position E. and after oiling at Casablanca is to return independently to Plymouth. (D.O.D.(H), 101222B to C. in C. Plymouth)
- AMSTERDAM, PRAGUE. Intend sailing loaded transports AMSTERDAM and PRAGUE from Cromarty at 2303B/13. Routed. E.T.A. Lerwick 1003B/14th. (N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 101602B to C. in C. Rosyth.)
- T.A.54. (QUEEN ELIZABETH) Sailed my 091524B July. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 101815B)
- O.N.192. Sailed HASTINGS and WAVENEY in accordance with C. in C. W.A's 081329Z. (Cdre. D. W.A. 102046B)

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Convoy. SWALE estimated to R/V in position (PC) 041° 22' 015° 28' at 2000B/11th July to act as additional escort.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 100023B to IROQUOIS, DOUGLAS, SUNFLOWER, (R) Admty., C. in C. Med. (Algiers), C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.W.Af.)
My 100023 sailed SWALE, Q.L.A.185.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 100703B to Admty., etc.)

Air Report. A.I.110, 9th July. Daily Opsum 250.
8th/9th July. U.S.A. aircraft Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat 37.28 N. 13.17 W. No details.
9th July. Wellington attacked U-Boat on surface with D/Cs 39.48 N. 14.38 W. aircraft still airborne. Wellington sighted U-Boat on surface 40.48 N. 14.49 W. Submerged before attack could be made. U.S.A. aircraft Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat with D/Cs 38.11 N. 12.36 W. No details. U.S.A. aircraft Port Lyautey sighted U-Boat 40.00 N. 14.35 W. Not attacked. U.S.A. aircraft Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat with D/Cs 39.20 N. 18.00 W. No details. U.S.A. aircraft Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat with D/Cs 40.15 N. 14.05 W. No details. U.S. Lib. (B.24) Port Lyautey sighted U-Boat 39.59 N. 15.23 W. Not attacked. 1 Hudson and 2 Beaufighters on convoy protection to S.L.132 Lisbon section attacked 6 F.W. 200 north of Cape St. Vincent. 1 E/A destroyed 1 E/A probably destroyed by Beaufighters. 2 E/A damaged by Hudson.
Additions. Ref. Opsum 249, attack by G/252 at 1726/8 42.10 N. 13.40 W. D/Cs straddled U-Boat on surface. U-Boat lifted by bows and submerged 1 minute later. Air bubbles and small quantity of oil seen. Attack and sighting by G/210 correction and details. Cat. at 1745/8 42.02 N. 14.19 W. attacked U-Boat 10 seconds after submersion, no results seen. At 1943/8 39.42 N. 12.18 W., same Cat. attacked second U-Boat with M/G fire; in face of cannon fire hits on conning tower and hull.
Times B.

(R.A.F. Gibraltar, 100135B.)

Part 2 my Opsum. 250.

(Correct address in part 1. Insert A.L.O. Admiralty, Air Ministry pass). Adv. 9 Bomber Command. (6 sigs. Centre Pass). (E) Convoys 2 A/A 1 Beaufighter Coastal Convoy night 8th/9th met 2 hours 5 mins. HCYE 3636 at 2230/8 6 hours.

6 Beaufighters (S 132 L/S) all met 15 hours 16 mins. 32 hours 2 Spits. A.S.L. 132 L/S both met. 2 hours 7 hours balance of flying time. 2 Beaufighters (Coastal Convoy) both met 3 hours 50 mins. 4 hours.

(G) Sightings and attacks. Ref. Opsum 249, attack by Cat. (10 groups missing here). West at 1726/8 42.10 N. 13.40 W. U-Boat on surface straddled by D/Cs spaced at 60 ft. from Green 40 across conning tower in face of U-Boat's fire. U-Boat lifted by bows and submerged 1 minute later. 30 seconds after submersion air bubbles and small quantity of oil came to surface. Nothing further seen. Aircraft undamaged. Ref. Opsum 249, attack and sighting by Cat. G/210 on A/S sweep West correction and details as follows: Cat. at 1745/8 42.02 N. 14.19 W. attacked U-Boat

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Air Report. (Contd.) from dead ahead with 6 D/Cs spaced 60 feet 10 seconds after submersion while stern still visible underwater. D/Cs exploded along track 6 100 ft. ahead of swirl. Circular patch thick brown scum 350 feet across persisted for 40 mins. At 1943/8 39.42 N. 12.18 W. Cat. 210 attacked surfaced U-Boat with M/G fire in face of cannon fire scoring hits on conning tower and along hull. U-Boat crash dived after 10 mins. Stern hanging at steep angle above surface for ?2 or ?3 secs. No hits on aircraft. (Gibraltar, No T.O.O./10.) Opsum 250. Part 3.

Wellington R/179 (Capt. F/O Fisher) on A/S sweep north-west at 1820/9 39.48 N. 14.38 W. attacked with D/Cs U-Boat on surface co. 350° 9 knots. Aircraft still airborne.

Well. S/179 on A/S sweep north-west at 1835/9 40.48 N. 14.49 W. sighted U-Boat on surface co. 226° 8 knots not attacked, aircraft still airborne.

U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) at 1903/8 37.28 N. 13.17 W. attacked U-Boat co. and speed unknown. No details.

U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) at 0819/9 38.11 N. 12.36 W. attacked D/Cs U-Boat co. 115° 7 knots. Probably damage. No details.

(P) Sightings & attacks. U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) at 1220/9 40.00 N. 13.35 W. sighted U-Boat co. and speed unknown. Not attacked.

U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) attacked U-Boat with D/Cs 39.20 N. 18.00 W. co. 350°, 8 knots. Message received 1355/9. No details.

U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) at 1445/9 40.15 N. 14.05 W. attacked U-Boat with D/Cs co. 138°, 12 knots. No details.

U.S. Lib. B.24 Port Lyautey at 1552/9 39.59 N. 15.23 W. sighted U-Boat co. and speed unknown. Not attacked. No details. (Gibraltar, 100159B.) Part 4 and Part 5. (Details of air combat over Lisbon section S.L.132). (Gibraltar, 100400B, 100430B.)

U/B. Am over enemy submarine in 43.47 N. 14.25 W. sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted course 030° speed 6 knots. (A/C QID/E, 100836B to Admty.)

Dispositions. Situation 2003B/10th. SS. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 041° 01' 044° 33' through 041° 20' 036° 30' thence 093°, 20. (2) U.S.S. BARB 036° 03' 33° 35', 220°, 10/2½. (3) BLACKFISH 037° 20' 029° 20' 250°, 9/2. (F.O. Gibraltar, 101019 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.(S).) Situation at 101959. U.G.S.11, Cdr. U.S. T.F.62, 026° 01' 027° 35' through 026° 01' 024° 15' thence 054°, 9.

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Dispositions. 2. G.U.S.9, Cdr. U.S. T.F.61, Cdr. T.G. 21.11 029°
(Contd.) 21' 019° 52' 250°, 9.

3. T.O.6, U.S. Destroyer ROPER 024° 55' 024°
10' 250°, 14.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101111B.)

Situation at 2002B/10.

O.S.51, K.M.S.20, PALOMARES, ROCHESTER 042° (?09') 013° 47',
147°, 7½.

2. G.U.S., C.T.F.61, C.T.G. 21.11, 029°21', 019° 52', 250°, 9.

3. Hospital Ship LADY NELSON 038° 42' 017° 08', 114°, 13.

4. DOUGLAS, SUNFLOWER, IROQUOIS, 3 merchant ships 047° 01'
015° 20', 180°, 14.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101137B.)

Situation 2001B/10th.

S/M BR (sic) 037° 07', 009° 18' through 036° 51', 009° 13'
thence surface at 11 knots through 006° 15' and 035° 49' 006°
06' to Gibraltar.

(2) M.K.S.16, SHIPPIGAN 035° 35', 008° 19' through 035° 01',
009° 01' thence 207°, 7.

(3) Amend (? position of) Convoy 036° 06', 007° 25' to Gibraltar
10.

(4) S.L.132, KEPPEL (E) 033° 14', (? 010°) 04' through 035°
01', 009° 01' thence 292°, 4½.

(5) SWALE 036° 45', 009° 23', (? 309° or 186°) 16.

(6) P.C.471, 475 sail Gibraltar 1800/10th through 035° 45',
006° 30'40", 034° 02' 007° 53' to Casablanca 15.

(F.O. Gibraltar, 101157B.)

Lights.

B O A C aircraft reports sighting at 2300 G.M.T./
9th in position 048° 15' N. 008° 25' W. a white
light flashing A. No reply given aircraft.

(2) At 2324 G.M.T. and 2355 G.M.T. on southerly
course flickering light also seen.

(N.A. Lisbon, 101038B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)

SATURNIA,
VULCANIA.

Onward route from Las Palmas to Gibraltar.

A.M. 071656 refers.

(N.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 101255B to Admty.)

GENEROSO.

Swiss steamship GENEROSO leaves Genoa for
Gibraltar 14th July.

(D.E.W.D., 101648B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R)
C. in C. Med.)

PADUA.

Portuguese PADUA 665 g.t., speed 7 knots, usual
markings on side, sailed 1700/10th for Marseilles
by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence
coastwise with prisoners of war parcels. Not to
be molested this voyage.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar, 101702B to S. & A., etc.)

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DE ALAVA.

Spanish VILLA REAL DE ALAVA 2538 g.t., speed 10 knots usual markings on sides sailed 1800/10th for Marseilles by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence coastwise with prisoner of war parcels. Not to be molested this voyage. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 101802B to S. & A., etc.)

KEPPEL,
S.L.132.

APPLEDORE cannot maintain convoy speed. Cdre. considers she will jeopardise bunkers of other ships of convoy. Intend detaching her to (as recd.) gin with FORTOL.

2. Owing to weather FORTOL has not yet been able to unstow oiling gear but should start oiling corvettes p.m. today.

3. Expect to rejoin S.L.132 at about 0200Z/11th.

(KEPPEL, 101900B to F.O.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. W.A., Capt. (D) Greenock, Admty., C.M.S.F.F.)

KEPPEL sailed 102145 to rejoin S.L.132.

(Commorseafon, 102252B to F.O. Gib.)

Movements,
Gibraltar.

Arrivals B.Y.M.S. 20, 12, 13, 28 from Casablanca. Departures French SIMOUN, L'ALCYON for Casablanca, U.S. P.C.471, 475 for Casablanca. (F.O.C. Gibraltar, 102247B to Admty., etc.)

Movements,
Casablanca.

(Fr.) SIMOUN & L'ALCYON from Gibraltar. (Fr.) MARIE MAD (sic) for Port Lyautey. (C.M.S.F.F., 102315B to C. in C. Med.)

Air Report.

A.I.116, 10th July. Opsum No.251 for 24 hours ended 1800 hours 10th July.

(G) Sightings and attacks. Ref. Opsum 250.

Attack by Wellington R/179 D/Cs spaced 90 feet

1 explosion seen 20 yards from hull port bow, second 3 yards from hull starboard quarter. Stern rose to angle of 75° and while settling 2 violent explosions from stern seen throwing up oil and debris. Stern rolled to starboard and submerged in boiling water leaving oil and debris. Nothing further seen in 9 minutes. U.S.A. aircraft (Port Lyautey) sighted U-Boat at 1535/10 in 39.17 N. 12.32 W. no details.

(A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 102345B.)

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WASTWATER
Floating
dock.

BUTTERMERE reported her engines will not hold out much longer. WASTWATER helpless. P.C. and S. at 081400Z 004 degs. (17'?) South 029 degs. 20' West. 232 degs. 4 knots. No assistance available here. F.O.C.W.Af. directs you detach one escort to proceed to assistance (.)? Advise. Planes will assist.

(Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet 100820 to ASTURIAS, (R) F.O.C.W.Af).

Your 100820, CLARKIA detached, E.T.A. BUTTERMERE's position 110700Z (?request) she be fuelled and rejoin convoy as soon as possible. P.C. and S. of dock at 1130Z 011 degs. 40' S. 032 degs 56' W. 027 degs. 4 knots. Weather report.

(ASTURIAS, 101131Z to Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet, (R) F.O.C.W.Af. MILFORD, CLARKIA, BUTTERMERE)

My 092042. Owing to the much increased S/M activity in my area combined with important troop movements to which I am firmly committed it will be impossible for me to reinforce escort on floating dock before 20th July. Can you possibly provide additional A/S escort until this date or when BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER rejoin, whichever is sooner? For your consideration that under existing conditions escort of dock is more important than blockade "Runner" patrol.

(F.O.C.W.A., 101203Z to Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet (R) Admty).

Movements,
Freetown.

Arrivals 1340Z/8th July. BRIDGEWATER, CORINTHIAN, BUTSER, ITUNIA (?PETUNIA) BOADICEA, TURCOMAN, CROCUS, DUNTON with T.S.46.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 090939Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty. etc).

MARIT II

(?Arrival) 0800Z/10th tanker MARIT II to replenish oil fuel Pointe Noire.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 100945A to F.O.C.W.A.)

Movements,
St. Vincent.

Departure 10th MORRIS DANCE and COPINSAY.
(2) My 060915 BLACKFORD embarked also Naval part 404.
(N.C.S.O. (St. Vincent) 100950 to Admty).

Dispositions.

Situation 2000/10th. DESPATCH, WOLVERINE, FOXHOUND, WITCH, ARMERIA, QUERCY with W.S.31
(?003 degs./001 degs) 48', 001 degs. 01' E. to 003 degs. 45', 001 degs. 10' E. to 006 degs. 21', 003 degs. 31' E. thence 160 degs. 13.
BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, 003 degs. 48', 001 degs. (?01') E. to Lagos 20.
BURDOCK, SNOWDROP, ORFASY escorting 006 degs. 00', 002 degs 03' E. to Lagos 9.
ST. WISTAN, M.Ls. 289, 256 off Marshall's.

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Dispositions. M.L.244 off Port Bouet. SARABANDE off Accra.
(Contd.). M.Ls. 1016 and 1006 off Foronou.
CILICIA on patrol about 004 degs. 00' South,
018 degs. 00' 8.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101044).

Lagos Shipping resumed. Cancel my 090845. Escorted sailings are being resumed.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 101114Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty. D.S.T.O. W.A.).

CILICIA (1) Leave patrol and proceed Recife through positions.
(P) 004 degs. 17' South 029 degs. 20' West and
(Q) 008 degs. 01' South 033 degs. 59' West.
S. of A. 14 knots.
(2) Shift to area F W/T organization at 1600Z/10th July.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101123Z to CILICIA, (R) Admty. Com 4th Fleet).

Weekly State. Number 011. Weekly State South Atlantic Station 10th July.

Simonstown to Pointe Noire QUADRANT, REDOUBT.
Capetown to Durban ARTIC, EXPLORER, LE TIGRE, LADY ELSA, NORTHERN DUKE, Tug. ST. DOGMAEL.
Capetown to Port Elizabeth NORWICH CITY.
Durban to Port Elizabeth ROCKROSE, NORTHERN DAWN, WELLARD.
Durban to Kilindini ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS. Tular to Simonstown DURBAN. Durban Area LUCIA, Tug MASTERFUL, FREESIA, VERBENA, QUICKMATCH, QUIBERON, VIRGINIA, ASTER, ST.LOMAN, GENISTA, COVENTRY CITY, STELLA POLARIS. Capetown MEAD, CECILE MAPLESON, KELT, THYME, INDIAN STAR, CAPE WARWICK, LADY ROSEMARY, FRITILLARY, HERTFORDSHIRE, M.M.S.107. Simonstown HAWKINS, CATTERICK, LEWES, REDSHANK, P.552, P.614, M.Ls. 381, 830, 846, 1150. Port Elizabeth MARGUERITE, CARNARVON CASTLE. East London TULIP, SPHENE. Durban JASMINE, KIRRIEMOOR, VIVIANA, CARADOC, REVENGE, NORMAN, NORTHERN CHIEF, DRANGEY, ST. ZENO, BARWIND, CANTON, NORTHERN ISLES, NIGELLA, Tug. PRUDENT, M.Ls. 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200.
(C. in C.S.A. 101133B).

CORFU My 041609. Sail (CORFU?) as soon as possible and at best speed until position "Zebra" is reached. Reported E.T.A. Ascension.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 101155Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, CYCLAMEN, Admty. CORFU, N.O.I.C. Ascension).
Ref. F.O.C.W.A.F. 101155Z. Sailed. E.T.A. 0700Z/14th.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 101855Z to N.O.I.C. Ascension (R) Admty. F.O.C.W.Af.).

R.S.7. Intend Dakar ships joining R.S.7. to be escorted to R/V by YESTOR, FANDANGO, M.L.231. R/V not yet known.

/ (2) Intend....

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R.S.7. (2) Intend ESSO PHILADELPHIA to sail in company to R/V subsequently being escorted by YESTOR at 12½ knots until 2000Z/11.
(Contd.). (3) All escorts return to Dakar on completion of above duties.
(Comar Dakar 101156Z to F.O.C.W.A.F. (R) GORLESTON, N.C.S.O. Freetown, (S.L.).

SPINDRIFT H.M.S. SPINDRIFT was turned over to S.A.N.F. on 5th July.
for on 5th July.
S.A.N.F. (C. in C.S.A. 101205B to Admt.).

EMPIRE (B) British (C) 2320/2nd July 1943. (D) 006 degs.
KOHINOOR 20' North 016 degs. 30' West. (E) Torpedoed.
(sunk (F) Sunk (G) Survivors (list).
2/7). Total 6 Europeans, 20 Lascars all members of crew.
Understood 56 other survivors have been picked up.
(N.C.S.O. Takoradi 101210Z to D.T.D. (R) R.A. W.Af.).

W.S.31 Intended Convoy W.S.31 shall be handled at Capetown not Durban owing to congestion at latter port and operational considerations. E.T.A. Capetown Thursday 22 July.
(2) After Capetown convoy will consist of STAFFORDSHIRE, STRATHEDEN STIRLING CASTLE, HIGHLAND MONARCH, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, ARAWA, all for India, and should be ready to leave about 25 July. Further signal will be made regarding escorts.
(3) J. ERICSSON in absence of instructions to contrary will proceed to U.S. direct after disembarkation. Endeavour is being made to have P.O.W. sent from Durban to Capetown by train so that G.W. GOETHALS can omit call at Durban and return to U.S. from Capetown.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown 101223 to C. in C.E.F.).
My 031855 and 051107 para.(?)?. Amend position Jig 004 degs. 52' south 010 degs. 57' east. Estimated speed made good 11 knots. Para.8. amend R/V 004 degs. 46' South 010 degs. 50' east at 1400Z/14th July. B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire sail destroyers accordingly. Para.9. amend time (?20)00Z/15th July.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101253Z to DESPATCH, (R) C. in C.S.A. Admt., B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, Ships escorting W.S.31.).

Convoy X L.M.1. sailed 1130Z/10th July, route C. 004 degs.
L.M.1. 25' North 003 degs. 24' east D. 003 degs. 55' North 004 degs. 30' East E. 001 degs. South 008 degs. F. 006 degs. 012 degs. Stragglers. G. 003 degs, 43' North 005 degs. 47'. (H) 002 degs. 008 degs. 20'. J. 001 degs. 008 degs. 30' K. 003 degs. 010 degs. L.013 degs. 012 degs. S. of A. 10 (?E.T.A.) Banana for Matadi 0900Z/14 July (list).
Escorts O.R.P. BURZA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYANT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.
(N.C.S.O. Lagos 101325Z to Admt.).

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Lagos.

Sailed WITCH to join W.S.31 0600Z.
(2) O.R.P. BURZA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT,
COMT. D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting ELIZABETHVILLE
THYSVILLE, COLLEGIAN 1030Z. (Route as 101325).
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 101430Z, 111130Z, to F.O.C.W.A.).

U/B

Air Force aircraft Deta pilot reports submarine
on surface at 1210Z/8th July travelling North
position 022 degs. 09' South 035 degs. 32' east
within territorial waters.
(Capetown 101504B to Admty.).

C.M.43

Sail C.M.43 on July 14th, ocean escort CANTON.
Destroyer escort NIZAM to 50 degs. 00' East. Air
escort to limit of range. Route through position
(e) 35 degs. 00' South, 40 degs. 00' East thence
in accordance with C. in C.E.F. 090917. C. in C.E.F. 100750
refers.
(C. in C.S.A. 101534B to Com. Durban, (R) D.S.T.O. Durban,
Cdr. D. Durban, C. in C.E.F. Admty.).
Delayed to 17th or later, see 111052Z.

Shipping
routes.

Your 081923. Fruit routes. In view of relatively
small amount of traffic concerned and probability
of still further reduction in this traffic
suggest question of introducing scheme be left
in abeyance for the present.
(C. in C.S.A. 101719B to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty.).

LANGLEECRAG

Overdue shipping LANGLEECRAG sailed Capetown 11th
June for Bahia Blanca 4th July not arrived.
(A.B.N.S.O. Recife 101724Z to Admty. etc.).

U/B
attacked.

Sunderland aircraft attacked with three depth
charges partly submerged U-Boat at 1930/9 in
26 degs. 03' North 18 degs. 27' West course 090
degs. No wreckage or bubbles seen. U.S. aircraft
sighted submarine on surface course 340 degs. at
1150/10 position 00 degs. 50' South 06 degs. 01' West.
(F.O.C.W.A. 101831Z to Admty.).

Movements
Takoradi

Arrivals 10th CORFU, WOLVERINE. Sailed 10th WOL-
VERINE, DESPATCH to join W.S.31. CORFU, M.L.274
and 266 on A/S patrol.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 101856Z to Admty.).

U/B

Submarine sighted by aircraft 004 degs. 48'
South 011 degs. 54' West course 150 degs. at
1520/10th. Attack unsuccessful.
(F.O.C.W.A. 102120Z to Ships in Areas P.2,
P.3, (R) Admty. Cdr. 4th Fleet).

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Repatriations A.M. 071655B. DUILIO and GIULIO, CESARE will fuel at Port Elizabeth. then proceed to Las Palmas for balance of fuel and water. N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth should inform S.B.N.O's.

(2) Request early signal specifying route to be followed from Port Elizabeth to Las Palmas. Presumably route from Las Palmas to Gibraltar will be same as for SATURNIA and VULCANIA?

(Hd. of M.I. 102311B to C. in C.S.A. etc.).

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Intelligence.

R.L.96 10th July V001. 1(038). For G.S.I.
2225 hours. German P/L refers attack on
Syracuse. May be Hermann Goering detachment
there.
(Main Eighth Army 100001 to T.A.C.13 Corps,
BULOLO.)

Operation
to proceed.

I.Z.2402. Algiers telegram No. 123 dated 9th
July from Eisenhower to Marshall:
Everything has proceeded as planned and known
losses at sea confined to three M.T.vessels.
The operation will proceed as scheduled in spite
of an unfortunate westerly wind that may interfere somewhat
with landings of U.S.troops. All of us hope to have good news
for you tomorrow. (Ends.)
(J.S.M.Washington 100331Z to W.C.O.London.)

GAWLER,
N.3.

Escorting N.3 to position A.G. E.T.A. approx.
0700B.
(GAWLER 100445 to Force A (R) Bark Force, C. in
C.Med. Force B.)

Bark West.

Situation Bark West 0630. First Canadian
Division has captured first objective. Royal
Canadian Regiment in touch with Highland
Division. Inshore anchorage being swept.
Known inshore batteries (~~rest of message corrupt~~).
(R.A.V. 100618B to N.C.E.T.F. (R) R.A.B.)
My 100618B. Correct all after "Inshore batteries" to read
silenced. Landing proceeding slowly but satisfactorily.
Weather unchanged.
(R.A.(V) 101106.)

10th S/M F.,
positions.

1. P.31 (UPROAR), P.52, P.42 (UNBROKEN), P.44
(UNITED), P.54 (UNSHAKEN) on patrol in Gulf of
Taranto.
2. P.314 (TACTICIAN) in Adriatic.
3. P.49 (UNRULY) O.R.P. SOKOL, P.53 (ULTOR)

North of Messina.

4. TROOPER 036° 02' 021° 30' course 331°
5. 10th S/M F. Summary at 2000/10th.
(Capt. S.10, 100644B.)

ROE,
SWANSON
in collision.

In order arrival in port before failure of pumps
have left U.S.Destroyer ROE. E.T.A. from point F.
1600B. Proceeding 9.5 knots. Request a pilot and
dry dock facilities as soon as possible.
(U.S.Destroyer SWANSON 100700 to V.A.Malta, C.T.F.
86 (R) Cdr. Dest. Sqdn. 13, Cdr. Dest. Div. 26,
U.S.Dest. ROE.)

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- Acid N. & S. & Bark E. 46 beach proceeding satisfactorily. Jig and How both captured but being shelled. Batteries difficult to locate. All ships moving inshore for unloading. Weather now good.
(S.O. Force A 100701.)
- Bark West. Situation Bark West 0730. Troops advancing, proportion of artillery landed. Casualties light. Otherwise unchanged.
(Malta W/T 100732 to S.O. Force V, S.O. Force B, N.C.E.T.F.)
- Joss. Landings started from 45 to 90 minutes late but have progressed satisfactorily, and all beaches are already held.
(C.T.F. 86, 100859 to Cdr. 8th U.S. Fleet, (R) C. in C. Med.)
- Light coastal craft patrols. A. Hon 2 para. 20. 4 small M.T.B. and 6 large M.T.B. sail from Malta at 1300/10 to patrol in Straits of Messina north of lat. 037° 45' N. passing through position 036° 15' N. 015° 20' E. at 1530 and 036° 30' N. 015° 40' E. at 1645.
Boats leave patrol at 0500/11 return by reverse route. S.O.A. 19 knots.
B. 6 large M.G.Bs. still operating as in Hon 2 para. 14 and 15.
(C. in C. Med. 100916B to N.C.E.T.F. S.O. Force Q, SEAMEN, R.A.(A), R.A.(B), (R) V.A. Malta, H.Q.N.W.A. C.A.F. H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. H.Q.R.A.F. W.D. H.Q.N.A.T.A.F.)
- Operation "Fracture". / Operation "Fracture". Amend as follows - para. 9. Amend position to read 037° 42' N. 009° 45' E. para. 14. For Marittimo read Levanzo and Trapani. For 0130 read 0125. Add before last sentence "Battleships are to keep outside 250 fathom line."
(C. in C. Med. 100917B to Force Z, (R) V.A. Malta, S.O. Force H, C. in C. Med. Algiers, Capt. S.8, Capt. S.10, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces, N.W. Af. Waters, F.O.I.C. Tunisia, C.F.W. M.A.C.N.A.C.A.F. N.A.A.F.)
- Taranto R/C. Taranto visuals. No change at 0730. My 090918 refers.
(?C. in C. Med. 100928B to C. in C. Levant, etc.)
- Situation report No. 112. 1. All movements for "Husky" carried out as ordered in Hons. Weather in Malta Channel N.W. force 6 with choppy sea p.m. 9th July veering to N.N.W. force 4⁵ in morning.

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2. Acid landings including Commando landings successful by 0600/10th. Rate of landing slowed by late arrival of landing ships and craft due weather.

3. Bark landings including Commando landings successful and opposition at Bark South reported slight. First tanks ashore by 0500.

3. Landings at Dime successful. Comparatively light opposition encountered from enemy air or land forces.

4. Aircraft reports landing craft lying close inshore at Joss.

5. No report yet received from Cent.
(C. in C.Med. 100930 to Admty. (R) Commorseafron, Cominch, Comnob Oran, F.O.Gibraltar, C. in C.Levant, Com.Algiers, V.A.Malta.)

U.S.Reports. To Agwar, for Combined Chiefs of Staff.
To Usfor for British Chiefs of Staff.
From Eisenhower. From Adv. A.P. A.F.H.Q.

1. Obtained mostly from intercept of operational messages, fragmentary information indicates that leading waves of British Fifth, Fifty-First, and Canadian Divisions are ashore and advancing. The Fifteenth (Fifteenth Brigade intended) is ashore, but apparently encountering stiff resistance on high ground in its front.

2. No definite reports on British Glider Force.

3. Information very meager on U.S.forces. There are indications that U.S.paratroopers landed fairly satisfactorily and that landings are proceeding, although somewhat delayed due to weather conditions on that coast. You will be kept informed by us.
(Adv. C.P.A.F.H.Q. 100946 to War, Etousa, Algiers.)

1. That leading waves of both 7th and 8th Armies are successfully ashore reports as of 11 a.m. 7th Army are in communication with their paratroops.

2. Small vessels carrying supporting weapons somewhat delayed due to rough weather yesterday and last night, but no intensive enemy reaction yet reported. Weather has improved.

3. Today is critical period but Air Forces will provide assistance until supporting weapons are landed against mobile reserves.
(Adv. C.P.A.F.H.Q. 101140B to Etousa.)

R.A.(V). Situation report 0930. Possible beach for L.S.T.2 using V.L.R. found at "Roger Red". Further identification later 206 coastal division. Weather no change.
(R.A.(V) 101001 to N.C.E.T.F. (R) R.A.(L).)

Force A. X DELHI and 13th Trawler Group are placed under orders of N.C.Force A as from noon today Sunday.
(N.C.E.T.F. 101017B to N.C.Force A, N.C.Force B, N.C.Force V, (R) C. in C.Med. DELHI.)

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- U/B. D/F fix of German U-Boat within 40 miles Cape Passero probably to southward at 0409 today. (C. in C.Med. 101058B to All ships of Eastern Task Force.)
- Troop carrying aircraft. Troop carrying aircraft of 1st Airborne Division about 120 in all will pass close South and East of Delimara between 2120 and 2300 thence North East to 5 miles South East of Passero thence keep 5 miles off shore until due East of Cape Panagia thence to dropping zone to Westward returning by reverse of outward route. No recognition light shown. (C. in C.Med. (Malta), 101101 to Force H, all ships Eastern Task Force (R) M.A.C.N.A.A.F. Troop carrier command, A.H.Q.Malta.)
My 101101 postponed 24 hours. No troop carrying A/C will operate on East Coast of Sicily tonight 10th/11th. (C. in C.Med. (Malta), 101756B.)
- Force R (Tankers.) Force R and CEDARDALE E.T.A. Benghazi 1100C/10th. CEDARDALE has 7000 tons furnace fuel remaining PEARLEAF 4920 tons. (S.N.O.Cyrenaica 101106C to S.O.Force H, (R) C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant.)
- Bark East, Bark South. Situation Bark East highly satisfactory. L.ST and all L.C.T. unloaded and personnel will be complete shortly. Bark South satisfactory but hung up owing late arrival L.S.T. and L.C.I.L. Most Pachino Peninsula in our hands. Am proceeding Bark West. Enemy air conspicuous by its absence. (N.C.E.T.I.F. 101120 to C. in C.Med. N.L.O. N.A.Tactical Air Force.)
- Spezia R/C. Photographic R/C of Spezia 091740 no change. (C. in C.Med. (A) 101129 to All ships reading Algiers and Malta Broadcast, N.O.B.Oran.)
- Gen.Alexander report, 1100. Personal for Prime Minister from General Alexander. Situation at 1100 hours looks favourable. Eighth Army Front. All initial landings effected according to plan. Little opposition met so far. Pachino Peninsula in our hands and work reported begun on repair of airfield there. Enemy air inactive up to now. Seventh Army Front. Initial landings at Gela and Licata reported as effected, but no detail available. Last night's weather caused some anxiety, wind being uncomfortably strong if not gale force, but Royal Navy rose to the occasion magnificently and as far as we know up to date have landed all troops exactly where planned. (15 Army Group 101145 to Troopers.)

/R.A.(V)...

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- R.A.(V) Situation report at 1230. 9,000 assault troops landed by 1100. S.N.O.L's established ashore. "Roger Red" beach able to take 3 L.S.T.2 using V.L.R. not L.S.T.1. No change in weather. (R.A.(V) 101230 to N.C.E.T.F. (R) R.A.(B).)
- AMRA. AMRA will not now arrive until p.m. tomorrow Sunday. (N.C.E.T.F. 101254B to S.N.O.L. (N) (R) N.C. Force B, N.C. Force A.)
- EMPIRE R.M. 52 R.M. 62 torpedoed in position L.280°
COMMERCE, 4 miles.
MATTHEW MAURY, (LOTUS 101345B to C. in C.Med. N.O.I.C. Algiers,
GULF PRINCE N.O.I.C. Bone, N.O.I.C. Philippeville.)
torpedoed. My 101345. R.M.42 also torpedoed.
(LOTUS 101250B.)
My 101345 and 101250. M.MAURY disabled but will float. Send tug.
(LOTUS 101320B.)
My 101245 (?101345 intended.) EMPIRE COMMERCE proceeding with convoy. GULF PRINCE still afloat and requires tug. Crew taken off. STARWORT, CAMELLIA standing by.
(LOTUS 101415B.)
- L.C.T.614. Landing craft T.614 returned Malta loaded temporarily defective will be sent on earliest. (N.C.E.T.F. 101252B to A.N.C. (R) V.)
- Transports, Intend sailing KEREN, OTRANTO, STRATHNAVER, for disposal. Malta E.T.A. 2100B/10th and PRINSES BEATRIX, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, QUEEN EMMA for Sousse E.T.A. 0900B/11th. Escort BROCKLESBY and QUANTOCK to Malta, LAUDERDALE, PALADIN, OAKLEY to Sousse, speed 13 knots, codeword "Salient" 367. (S.O. Force B. 101309 to C. in C.Med. (R) N.C.E.T.F. N.O.I.C. Sousse, V.A. Malta.)
- Bark West. Everything going with a swing at Bark West. Canadians anxious to know progress of (?provision). Returning Malta E.T.A. N.E. Channel 1630 request Gate. Acknowledge. (N.C.E.T.F. 101320 to C. in C.Med. (R) R.A.(V).)
- Augusta R/C. 26 Float planes possibly torpedo bombers reported Augusta Harbour. This concentration is not abnormal. (N.C.E.T.F. 101325 to S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B, S.O. Force V, (R) ANTWERP.)
- S.N.O.L.(N). Have transferred to ALYNBANK. KEREN, STRATHNAVER, OTRANTO, and SHOREHAM sailing with convoy 1300 today Saturday for Malta. (S.N.O.L.(N) 101332 to N.C.E.T.F. C. in C.Med. KEREN, N.C.F.A. N.C.F.B.)

/DULVERTON...

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DULVERTON patrol. A. Take (following ships?) under your orders: 3 Hunts, (?4) Fleet Minesweepers, 3 Bathurst (?) (for escort).
B. Establish end (following) chain (patrol between) following positions 036° 47' (?5) N. 015° 15' E. and 036° 41' N. 015° 15' E. and Cape Passero (corrupt).
Work relief as necessary ships not on patrol anchoring to seaward. ((Originator unknown) via Malta W/T 101410B to (?) DULVERTON, (R) LISMORE, WHITEHAVEN.) W.R.Note: Doubtful reception.

Intelligence prisoners. Following read by Malta W/T addressed to Army authorities from authority unknown.
Prisoner of war identifications all Italians this area. 243 C.B.N. 11 Assault Engineer Bn. 21 Minelaying Coy. 453 Nucleo anti parachutists.
Prisoner of war statements. H.Q. 122 C. Regt. Ispica elements H. Goering Div. in centre of island where prisoner of war also states about 10 Tiger tanks.
(Nore W/T 101440.)

KLO, L.C.Ts. Part 2 final my 101516. (W.R.note, part 1 not received.) S.O.A. 5. Presumably fighter defence low. L.C.Ts. entered Malta. KLO is returning Tripoli (Libya) on arrival Syracuse with Tripoli naval crews. Remaining escorts being detached on 13th if conditions allow. V.A.Malta is requested to signal any change of orders to KLO in single operator periods and sail L.C.T.13 and 18 to Tripoli.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 101517B to ?CRANE, HOLCOMBE.)

Force A. Your 1123 just received (N.T. in W.R.) 3 Hunts are all I have with sufficient speed. Urgently require them for A/S patrol. May I keep them?
(S.O.Force A 101517B to A.S.V.(?).)

Bark reports. Following received on 11200 k/cs Force B from S.O. Force B. Yellow Bark.
(Nore W/T 101601.)
Following received Force B from S.O.Force B. Red Bark.
(Nore W/T T.O.R. 101608.)
Following received from S.O.Force B. Red Bark.
(Nore W/T 101759.)

Force A. Hon 6 serial 1. Sailed 1530 as in my 100922B.*
K.T.101 to 113 inclusive BRITISH (?ENTERPRISE) and KEREN. Total 15 ships. Codeword "Pinpoint".
K.T.117 remaining at present. Cancel my 101123B.*
(N.C.Force A 101655B to C. in C.Med. N.C.E.T.F.)
*(N.T. in W.R.)

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- M.E.F. 36. Your 100945 (N.T. in W.D.) Comply with Hon 6 appendix III. SHOREHAM and 4 Bathursts required to escort M.E.F. 36.
(N.C.E.T.F. 101710 to S.N.O.L.(N) (R) C. in C.Med. N.C.A. N.C.B.)
Your 101710 just received. SHOREHAM sails with KEREN today. 4 "Bathursts" being sailed for Malta now. V.A.Malta informed.
(S.N.O.L.(N) 102115 to N.C.E.T.F. (R) N.C.A. N.C.B.)
- R.A.(V) (?Warn patrols) ?E.T.A. 0200B/11th (corrupt group). Request necessary lights. Acknowledge to GLENGYLE.
(R.A.(V) 101725 to N.O.I.C. Malta, (R) GLENGYLE.)
- 8th. S.F. 1. Keep an extra sharp look out tonight.
2. P.225 (SIMOOM) and P.312 (TRESPASSER) keep north of line Monte Cristo to Giglio if possible tonight.
3. Landings are proceeding according to plan.
(Capt. S.8 101736B to 8 S.F. (R) C. in C.Med.)
- Force Q. X Hon 3 paras. 27 and 29. Cover by force Q is to be provided tonight 10th/11th.
(C. in C.Med. 101805B to S.O.Force H, (R) N.C. Force A, C.S.12, V.A.Malta, C.C.F., D.N.C.X.F.)
- Enemy M/V Syracuse. Small cargo (?vessel) left Syracuse 1615 today Saturday.
(C. in C.Med. 101842B to Med. Fleet.)
- F.O.15 C.S. (Corrupt) proceeding in NEWFOUNDLAND with ORION, LAFOREY, LOYAL and LOOKOUT, and (corrupt group) to south and east of Cape Passero.
(F.O.15 C.S.101901B to R.A.B. (R) C. in C.Med. Algiers, UGANDA, V.A.Malta, R.A.Force A.)
- Estimated U-Boat dispositions. German. One between Alboran and Oran.
One between Algiers and Tenes. One in position 037° 23' N. 005° 22' E. at 101245.
Italian. Up to 5 eastwards of 006° E. and south of 038° N. of which one was reported at 101349 in position 037° 23' N. 008° 00' E.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta) 101902B to S. & A.)
- L.C.sunk. Craft casualties. OTRANTO, 1 (?L.C.P) (R) sunk and one out of action but recovered. Otherwise nothing serious.
(S.N.O.L.(N) 101912B to N.C.F.A. N.C.F.B.)

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ANTWERP. Army Commander will arrive in ANTWERP off beach 56 at 0700 tomorrow Sunday. Please arrange boat to meet ship on arrival. He will be accompanied by a staff of 6 officers and possibly by C.C.O. and one Staff Officer. ANTWERP has orders to return to Malta after disembarking passengers. (N.C.E.T.F. 101928B to N.C.F.B. (R) N.C.F.A. N.C.F.V. V.A.Malta.)

Hospital Ships. If AMRA has sailed recall her to Tripoli.
2. Do not sail LLANDOVERY CASTLE or SOMERSETSHIRE pending further orders.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta) 102127B to S.N.O. Tripolitania, (R) N.C.F.A. N.C.F.B. N.C.F.V. S.N.O.L.N.)

Taranto R/C. Visuals. Taranto 1822B. 1 cruiser outer harbour, 1 battleship inner harbour, 1 battleship dry dock, 1 unidentified inner harbour.
(C. in C.Med. (Malta.) 102150B to F.O.H. R.A.(A) H.F. R.A.G. R.A.P. C. in C.Levant, Comnavnav, C.T.F.81, C.T.F.85, C.T.F.86, Admty.)

Photographs show one unknown quoted in my 102112 as one Naval transport previously known to be at Taranto.
(C. in C.Med. (M) 102332B to C. in C.Levant, etc.)

Convoy "Nipple" Force R. Codeword "Nipple." Force R leaves Benghazi at 0458B/11th to comply with your 101012 (N.T. in W.R.) Air authorities informed.
(S.N.O.Cyrenaica 102218C to S.O.Force H, (R) C. in C.Med. C. in C.Levant, Capt. D.8th D.F. Capt. D.24, R.A.H.)

Operation "Fracture". Route for Force Z (?02).85 40.79 to 037° 42' N. 009° 45' E. at 2000/12th thence North of Q.K.34 to position 038° 11' N. 012° 10' E. at 0100/13th. Return by reference route passing 037° 50' N. 010° 03' E. at 0600/13th.

2. HOWE is requested to report to above addressees time of departure and E.T.A.Algiers.
3. Fighter priority high codeword "Longfield".
(C. in C.Med. (Algiers) 102236B to Naval and Air Authorities Bone to Sousse, Naval and Air Authorities Algiers to Bizerta, N.A.A.F. N.A.T.A.F. N.A.S.A.F. (R) HOWE.)

ROE, (damaged, collision.) From position A in your (?101300) (N.T. in W.R.) proceed to join Q.K.B 150 in 036° 52' N. 011° 14' E. through War Channel to position 79 thence through 36, 92, 39, 109, priority low, codeword "Decade."
(C. in C.Med. (Algiers) 102325B to U.S. Dr. ROE.)

/U.S....

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Mediterranean. Operation "Husky".

ROE
(damaged,
collision.)
(Contd.)

U.S. Destroyer ROE proceeding to Oran through
036° 41' N. 012° 00' E. 037° 25' N. 009° 45' E.
037° 07' N. 003° 00' E.
2. E.T.A. Oran 1600B/13th. Estimated S.O.A. 9 knots.
(C. in C. Med. 102355B to Ships in Areas G.C. and
G.B.)

Situation report No. 119.

1. All landings successfully carried out and situation reported satisfactory from all beaches by evening in spite of heavy "Lop" at western beaches.
- X 2. Diversion off Catania including bombardment carried out by Force Q and M.T.Bs. early a.m. 10th July.
3. Gun support ships and craft active throughout the day silencing several batteries which commanded beaches and anchorages.
4. U.S. Destroyer MADDOX sunk by aircraft, about 70 of crew picked up. U.S. Destroyers ROE and SWANSON damaged by collision. Former docked Malta, latter proceeding Oran.
5. L.S.I. (L) cleared from Acid and Bark beaches and will sail from Malta a.m. 11th.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 102345 to Admty.)

"Husky" situation report No. 3.

1. All landings proceeding satisfactorily but forward locations of troops not known exactly.
3. Gela Licata and Pachino airfields captured.
3. 11 enemy aircraft shot down during daylight. Enemy air activity not great.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 102349 to British and U.S. Flag Officers Afloat.)

W.D. Note:- For operations of N.W. Africa Troop Carrier Command (parachute landings), see N.A.A.F. 191927B in Diary of 19th July.

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General.

E.T. 22 A. MARGA, MATTHEW MAURY, TEXAS and GULF PRINCE sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 100026B to Escorts of convoy E.T.22 A (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, Admty. C. in C. Med., Connav).

Enemy Units. Following read. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in position 33.12 N., 21.42 E. probably from a S/M.
(A/C call sign 3935 via Alex. W/T 100031).

Movements, Alexandria. July 9th Alexandria. Departures WISHART, WITHERINGTON, HURWORTH, HURSLEY, EASTON, VENOMOUS, ADRIAS, SQUALL, T.L.C.117 T.L.C.153, T.L.C.111.
(N.O.I.C. Alex. 100559 to Admty).

UNRUFFLED UNRUFFLED escorted by KERRERA sailed codeword "Petrol" call sign 402.
(N.C.F.A., 100719B to C. in C. Med., N.C.E.T.F., (R) S.N.O.L.N.)

FENRIS FENRIS sailed for Piraeus 0630 G.M.T. July 10th. Master was not allowed to sail in his ship owing to objection raised by Germans.
(C.S.A. Smyrna, 100938C to M.W.T.)

E. T. 22 Intend sailing 10 EMPIRE VISCOUNT (T), 9½ VINRIVER, 8½ BADJESTAN, 10½ EMPIRE JET (T), 8 SCHIAFFINO.
(Comnob Oran, 100953B to Admty. etc).

E.T. 22. Intend to sail for Oran DUMFRIES, VILLE DE JIJELLI, (Fr). MARIE LOUISE MACKAY, EMPIRE COMMERCE, (T) (four ships). For Gibraltar for U.S. ROBERT HOWE, CLEVELAND ABBEY, TEXAS, PIERRE DUPONT. For Casablanca CHARLTON HALL, EMPIRE TIDE (Cam). For orders EMPIRE DAY (Master acting as Commodore) (seven ships).
(Cdre. Algeria, 101701B to A.I.G. 259, Comnob Oran, Commorseafron).

JENNET Owing to unsatisfactory trial JENNET delayed. Ready for sea till p.m. July 12th.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 100958C, 101727C to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty. Com. L.A. B.D.O. Levant).

SEMINOLE Arrived U.S. Hospital Ship SEMINOLE.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 101001B to Admty. etc).

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K.M.F.19 Ref. Hon 5 appendix. 1. B. (3) amend position KY to 033° 24' N., 014° 00' E. WANDERER pass to Commodore.
(C. in C. Med., 101038B to WANDERER (R) SLAZAK, HOLCOMBE, N.O.I.C. Malta, S.N.O. Tripolitania, C. in C. Med., (Algiers)).

M.K.F.18. Intend sailing M.K.F.18 at 1630 (Z) ? Saturday Codeword "Courier" 192 139. (Cdre.?) Capt. Turner in GLENGYLE Vice-Cdre. of convoy Master CIRCASSIA through position CE, FB, CG and Q Bay 123 S. of A. 11½ knots. Escort Group S (S.O.) FARNDALE. Ships in convoy GLENGYLE, CIRCASSIA, DERBYSHIRE, DURBAN CASTLE, BATORY, ASCANIA, MARNIX, LLANGIBBY CASTLE, DERWENTDALE. (R.A.(V) 101049 to C. in C. Med., (R) V.A. Malta, N.C.E.T.F.)

Movements Malta. Following is a repetition of my 080147 to all addressees begins - Arrivals and departures 7th July. Arrived "Spirit". M.T.Bs. 635, 637 and 640 PARTHIAN, ORION and LOYAL, ANATOMIST, COCKCHAFER, SCARAB, L.C.I.(L) 131, 266 and 277, "Blanket" MAURITIUS, M.G.B.661 M.T.B.656. Sailed "Trial" M.T.B.65, L.S.T. 421. "Toilet" M.T.Bs. 78 and 242. UNITED. (V.A. Malta, 10112B to Admty. etc).

L.C.T.357 Sail at 0600/11th at 8 knots for Malta through Zeal, Might, Strong, 16, 15, Vigour, Hug, Might B.123 E.T.A. boom 1230, 12th codeword "Freak" 409, priority 3 single operator period on 2150 k/cs.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 101124B to L.C.T. 357, A.I.G. 68, (R) V.A. Malta, 1st Air Defence Wing, C.L.C. Tunisia, Air H.Q. Malta).

Army Situation. Newtel No. 17. Situation review week ending incl. 9th July.
4. Adm. Sailings. No maintenance convoy sailings to Tobruk, Benghazi, Tripoli, Malta, or Sfax. Tripoli. Average daily discharge 1650 tons excl. 3700 tons bulk M.T. petrol. 120 personnel disembarked 1720 embarked and 450 cases evacuated by hosp. ship. Benghazi. Average daily discharge 555 tons excl. 3540 tons bulk aviation spirit over six days. Tobruk. 435 tons naval coal discharged. Air freight. 18820 lbs. and 80 personnel from Cairo. (C. in C. M.E., 101205C, to W.O.)

Landing Craft Maintenance. "Edited Literal Text". To Eisenhower, Freedom Algiers, From Combined Chiefs of Staff. Ref. Your 3740/5812 (N.A.F. 248)
1. There will be repair ships made available. Arrangements now underway with British for assignment of hulls and specifications for ships. If equipped with useful repair facilities for emergency hull and engine

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- Landing Craft Maintenance. (contd). repairs, ships can arrive on station in October. If equipped with complete and extensive standard L.S.R. equipment can arrive late December.
2. Former measure recommended to C. in C. Med., by B.A.D. We await reply.
(Agwar 101212Z to Etousa, Algiers.)
- SAGITTA Massawa 10th July. Arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 101419Z to Admty).
- TORBAY Intend sailing TORBAY at 2000/11th through 038° 10' 003° 59' at 0530/12th 038° 34' 009° 41' at 0030/15th 041° 00' 011° 25' at 1200/16th thence patrol in North Tyrrhenian Sea.
(Capt. S.8., 101546B to C. in C. Med., (R) N.O.I.C. Algiers, 8th S/M F. Capt. S.10, F.O.C. Gibraltar).
- Enemy Units 1 Tanker, 2 E-boats, and 2 planes in 43.07 N., 09.56 E. course 000 speed 6 knots at 1529B.
(A/C CJJ/M 101602B to Air H.Q. Malta).
- AMARAPOORA Arrived.
(Com. Algeria, 101702B to Admty etc).
- SONTAY My 061735C/July. Probable SONTAY cannot arrive back in Alexandria until 8th August with K.M.S.21. She will require five days for illuminating and painting distinctive markings and five days for voyage from Alexandria to Istanbul.
(2) Possible she might join K.M.S.20 ex Tripoli 22nd July, but this is not considered likely.
(P.S.T.O. Middle East, 101745C to D. of S.T. (R) C. in C. Med., (Malta, C. in C. Levant).
- TAURUS Bombard Nea Playia 17 miles S.S.E. of Panomi Point or Katarina Skala 7 miles south of Atherida Point Chart No. 10 85 reported as Chrome Point before leaving your area to pass through 035° 16' 026° 44' at 0056C/15.
(Capt. S.1., 101749C to P.339, TAURUS, (R) C. in C. Levant).
- K.M.F.19 EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, NEA HELLAS arrived. Escorts proceeded.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 101810B to C. in C. Med. (Malta and Algiers) (R) Admty. Connav, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Cdre. Algiers).

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- N.C.S.2 N.C.S.2. Algiers joiners sailed WALTER FORWARD, EDWARD P. COSTIGAN, FELIPE DE NEVE, WILLIAM BRADFORD, HUGH WILLIAMSON, SAMUEL ADAMS, WILLIAM FEW, WALTER ERANGER, MARION BOVARD, JAMES IREDELL, GUDRUN MAERSK (eleven ships). Also sailed with N.C.S. 2 CITY OF DELHI (Commodore Anchor) DEFENDER, EMPIRE NEWTON, FORTHBANK, CITY OF NEWCASTLE (Five ships) designated N.C.S. 2 B. (Com. Algeria, 101954B to Admty. F.O.C. Gib. C. in C. Med., Connav).
- ACADIA Hospital ship ACADIA arrived. (Com. Algeria 101958B to Admty. etc).
- M.M.S.32 Sailed M.M.S.32. (N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 102040B to Admty).
- Movements, Bone. Arrived M.A. 298 U.S.S. BRANT. Sailed SIRIUS, DIDO, ISIS, PORT CLARE, FISHGUARD, BLUEBELL. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 102044B to Admty. etc).
- M.K.F.18 On completion of fuelling anchor in area A of Q.K.B. 157. (2) Sail from anchorage with convoy M.K.F.18 through South Comino Channel in accordance with C. in C. Med., 1021 (?49) (as received could be 100449 (N.T. in W.R. of either)). (?adjusting) speed of advance as necessary to pass position KD at 1100/12th then 13 knots. Codeword "Adhesive". (V.A. Malta, 102048 to FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, CALPE, ANTHONY, HAYDON, TYNEDEALE, O.R.P. KRAKOWIAK, CLEVELAND, (R) C. in C. Med) See also 102142B.
- M.E.F.36 On completion of fuelling anchor in area B of Q.K.B. 157. (2) Sail from anchorage with convoy M.E.F.36 at 1200/11th in accordance with C. in C. Med's 102142 through Q.K.B. 123. B. 035° 35' 014° 10' 035° 25' 014° 10' S. of A. 13 knots. Codeword "Combatant". (V.A. Malta, 102052B, 111239B to SUTLEJ, JUMNA, LISMORE, HYACINTH PRIMULA, G.S. SAKTOURIS, SOEMBA, GAWLER, MARYBOROUGH, SHOREHAM, IPSWICH) See also 102142B.
- Movements, Tunis. Arrivals ALBACORE, LIDDESDALE, HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, SLAZAK, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE, PRINCESS ASTRID, ACUTE, STORNOWAY, CLACTON, BUDE, ROTHEsay P.C. 545, 546 Departure L.S.T.12. (F. O. Tunisia, 102129B to Admty).

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Movements, 10th July Port Said arrivals R.F.A. BONIFACE.
Port Said. SQUALL, H.H.M.S. PANTHER, IERAX, M.L.348 and
1226. Departures M.L.348 and 1226, BONIFACE.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 102137C to Admty. etc).

M.K.F.18, Hon 6. Request you will sail convoy M.K.F.18
M.E.F.36. and M.E.F.36 tomorrow 11th composition and escort
in accordance with Hon 6 appendix. 1 to IV.
(2) Route (A) M.E.F.36 in accordance with appendix
IV to R.W.495 as ordered by C. in C. Levant.
(B) M.K.F.18 routed close south of Lampedusa miss position RA
thence to RB then in accordance with appendix IV to pass
position KD at 1100 12th July thence to Algiers.
(3) M.K.F.18 to stop off Jijelli a.m./13th lowering serviceable
landing craft for discharge to HAMILCAR complete with maintenance
crew spare gear and stores.
(C. in C. Med., (Malta) 102142B to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C.
Levant, C. in C. Med., (Algiers) Cdre. Algiers, F.O.I.C.
Tunisia, D.N.C.X.F., Air H.Q. Malta, N.A.C.A.F., HAMILCAR, FARN-
DALE, SUTLEJ, Capt. (S) 8, Capt. (S) 10).

Movements, Arrivals hospital ship AMARAPOORA, ACADIA,
Algiers. PRODIGAL, HONEYSUCKLE, French submarine
CASABIANCA. Departures M.T.B. 298 tug WEASEL.
(Com. Algeria, 102201MB to Admty. etc).

N.A.A.F. Op. Summ. 139 N.W.A.A.F. N.A. Strategic Air Force
Report. (1) July 8/9th, 67 Wellingtons Comiso-Gerbini-
Catania airdromes, 5 returned early, total 105
tons, 964,000 leaflets 3500/11,000 feet; 26
attacked Comiso, fires and explosions; 6
Gerbini, bursts target; 30 Catania, bursts target, fires,
explosions. 2 Wellingtons missing, 2 crash landed.
(2) July 9th, 42 U.S. Mitchells Caltanissetta. 245 x 500
8 x 300 from 10,000/11,000 feet, hits railway tracks and barracks
Explosions, fires in town area.
(3) 36 U.S. Mitchells, escort 37 U.S. Lightnings Gerbini-
Satellite airdromes, 4 fighters returned early. 210 x 500 from
9500/12,000 feet, hits runway, oil dumps, fires.
(4) 54 U.S. Fortresses, escort 24 U.S. Lightnings Sciacca
airdromes, 3 U.S. Fortresses, 2 U.S. Lightnings returned early.
2 aircraft 186 x 20 fragmentation from 22,500/24,000 feet
overcast prevented ballance locating target. Returned with
bombs. 11 Me. 109 encountered. 1 Me. 109 destroyed by bombers.
1 Me. 109 destroyed, 1 Me. 109 probable by escort.
(5) 55 U.S. Fortresses, escort 24 Lightnings Biscari airdrome.
4 U.S. Fortresses returned early. 1 aircraft jettisoned,
2 returned bombs. 607 x 500 from 19,000/28,000 feet, target
well covered.
(6) 26 U.S. Marauders Palazzola, 3 returned early, 132 x 500
from 9800 feet, hits centre town.
(7) 28 U.S. Marauders Piazza-Armerina, 4 returned early.
144 x 500 from 9000/10,000 feet, hits main highway.

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- N.A.A.F. Report. (contd). (8) 44 U.S. Warhawks offensive sweep Sciacca-Licata area, 1 returned early. 6 Me.109, 2 Ma. 202 encountered. 1 P.40 crashed in sea. (9) 23 U.S. Lightning bombers Radar installations Pozzalo and Cape Passero. 11 x 500 Cape Passero hits on target area.
- (10) Amend my Opsum 134. Wellington reported missing 3/4th July from Lido Di Roma reported safe.
- N.W.A. Tactical Air Force.
- (1) July 8th (additional) 12 Baltimores, 12 U.S. Bostons Sciacca airdrome. 21 x 300, 72 x 250 H.E., 576 x 20 fragmentation from 9000 feet, bursts buildings and tents. Large explosion, fires and smoke.
- (2) 46 U.S. Mitchells Biscari airdrome, 149 x 300, 366 x 250 from 9500 feet, hits dispersal areas, administration buildings, fires.
- (3) 24 U.S. Mitchells Comiso Airdrome, 96 x 300, 192 x 250 from 8500 feet, runway, dispersals, buildings covered.
- (4) 8/9th July, 7 Bostons, 2 Baltimores including 3 Pathfinders Milo Airdrome. 20 x 500, 12 x 250, 90 x 40 H.E. 60 x 4 incendiary from 9000/11,000 feet, hits on runways and target area.
- (5) 13 Bostons including 4 Pathfinders, 15 U.S. Mitchells Sciacca airdrome, 1 Boston and 1 U.S. Mitchell returned early. 1 U.S. Mitchell jettisoned, 39 x 1000, 35 x 500, 8 x 250 H.E. 720 x 4 incendiary from 3000/8000 feet, target area. (H.Q., N.W.A.A.F., Ad. 102222B to Etousa).

Enemy Destroyers.

- P.C. and S. of two destroyers 40.00 N., 10.00 E. 180° 20 knots. (A/C HTX/L, 102340B to C.S.55 S). My 2340 P.C. and S. of 3 enemy destroyers 40.00 N. 10.00 E. 180° 25 knots. (A/C HTX/L, 102343B to 55 SV).

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IN

101559B July '43

FROM:- Algiers

DATE:- 11.7.43.

RECD:- 2339

ADDRESSED:- H.Q. Etousa (action)

North Africa, Situation Report.

To TROOPERS, please pass to H.M. Ambassador Madrid for U.S. Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak Defender Wellington for Puttick. rptd. USFOR, Mideast, Britman Washington, Arminia Delhi, PAIC, Landforces Melbourne, Dechiefs Pretoria, Dechiefs Capetown, Force Nairobi

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EDITED LITERAL TEXT

Interior Address: Signed: Eisenhower

Cite : FHGCT

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Summary of Operations 5 to 7 July

LINREP 62

1. Ground. Nothing to report.

2. Naval. During night 4/5 July an enemy submarine attacked a convoy west of Algiers, torpedoing two Merchant Vessels which subsequently sank. Escorting destroyers carried out a counter-attack without evidence of success. Same convoy was attacked next day off Delys and third ship was sunk. During the period coastal craft from Malta have operated off East Coast of Sicily.

3. Air. Main objectives during the period were Sicilian airfields with the Gerbini group the most popular target. On July 5th these airfields were raided by 103 B-17's (Fortresses) by Wellingtons the same night and by 106 B-17's on the following day. The attack was intensified on 7th July when a total of 60 B-17's, 72 B-25's (Mitchells) and 77 B-26's (Marauders) dropped a heavy weight of bombs. Other Airfields strongly attacked /included

included Comiso and Biscari. The latter was twice raided, the second time by 98 B-26's. Smaller attacks were made on Palermo and the Sardinian Airfields of Milis, Villacidro and Pabillonis, while fighters carried out diversionary sweeps and intruder operations over Sicily.

4. Political. On the surface there continues to be less strain in French internal situation, as evidence by Girauds trip to U.S.A. and voyages to London of Ministers Massicli (Foreign Affairs), Philip and Conve, De Murville (Finances). Bergeret, Air General Commanding in West Africa has been removed from Command and placed on inactive list. From the Giraud Party so far have come practically all concessions.

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1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (A) (2)
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (U.T.)
A.C.N.S. (W)
Naval Sec.
Parl. Sec.
Sec.
N.A. Mails.
P.A.S. (S)
D.C.N.A.E.
U.V.R.
Capt. Pin,
D.C. (2)
D.O.D. (H) (2)
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Admiral Blake
Admiral Usborne
W.D.
I.P. (2)
C.N.I.
D.P.D.
Cdr. Holbrook

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Movements. Arrival 0200Z/10th July D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN
KATHIAWAR escorting M.F.A. SINGU JALAGOPAL,
TAITROOP, SHENKING.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 100209Z)

Arrival BURNIE.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 100701Z)
Departure BURNIE.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi, 101159Z)
SOLVRA arrived.
(F.O.E.Af. 101222Z)
Colombo departures 10th 1135Z BERAR, 1140Z SHILLONG.
(F.O. Ceylon, 101334Z)
Departure ALAUNIA.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 101914Z)

Convoy C.X.4. Arrival 0200Z/10th.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll, 100213Z to Admty)

Convoy W.S.30. Colombo portion arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo, 100336Z to Admty)

Troop Movements. Ref. C. in C. Middle East's M.O.V.1/77293 of
5th July, it is hoped to be able to arrange a
C.M. convoy to provide for personnel for Middle
East which would be ready to sail Durban about
25th July, subject to your concurrence. Request
your views whether this can be accepted. (2) P.S.T.O. India
is requested to report whether the 3,000 personnel awaiting
passage to Middle East have just become available, having in
mind the recent opportunities for passage which have occurred.
(D. of S.T. 100336B to C. in C. E.F. (R) P.S.T.O. India,
P.S.T.O. Capetown, C. in C. S.A., P.S.T.O.M.E.) Reply from C. in C.
S.A., 121548.

Calcutta Docks. In view of C. in C. E.F.'s 061317 my 100932 June
(Confirmed ships can be accepted at Colombo)
cancelled.
(D.G.S.R. Bombay, 100523Z/July to F.O. Ceylon
(R) C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N. Admty.)

HUGH MCCULLOCH. From HUGH MCCULLOCH. Hove to 18° 58' N. 72°
?26' E. approx. 20 miles from entrance.
Request pilot and escort. Advise.
(Colombo W/T, 100610Z to Admty)

STRATHMORE,
STRAHHAIRD,
escorts. (1) Owing to other escorts commitments CANTON
cannot be delayed later than July 14th.
(2) Only alternative ocean escort for C.M.43 is
EMERALD which may involve further delay.
(3) In view of good speed request further
consideration may be given to sailing July 14th
with 1 destroyer and air escort. (4) C. in C. S.A.'s
091059 refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 100750 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty)

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East Indies. - Contd.

HOIHOW
(British)
presumed
lost.

HOIHOW sailed from Mauritius 2nd July for Tamatave due 4th July and has not arrived. Search by air and surface forces has revealed no trace of ship or survivors and ship must be presumed lost.
(C. in C. E.F. 100807 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Colombo, S.O.(I) Diego Suarez.)

Convoy
P.B.47.

Karachi portion arrived.
(N.C.S.O.Karachi, 100914Z to Admty)

EMILE
BAUDOT.

Employment of EMILE BAUDOT. Your 080506 (N.T. in W.R.) refers. Request confirmation that EMILE BAUDOT can carry out projects referred to in para. (5) (?and) (9) of troopers 96, 55, 3 sigs. of 6th July.
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 100945Z to F.O. Ceylon (R) C. in C. E.F., Admiralty, N.O.I.C. Trincomalee.)

WEST POINT.

Para. 2 Your 051931B. Ship can be accepted at Bombay.
(P.S.T.O.I., 101104Z to D.S.T. (R) C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F., F.O.C.R.I.N., B.A.D.)

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B.Y.M.S. Sailed B.Y.M.S. 72, 73, 190 when ready about 14th July New York to Halifax for onward routing to Londonderry via St. Johns. Advise time of departure, route, S. of A. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 10000Z to C.E.S.F.)

Movements. St. Johns N.F. 9th. Arrivals NANAIMO ex proceeding to join O.N.191, MALPEQUE ex Sydney. Departures GEORGIAN, for William (? FORT WILLIAM intended) to W.B.31. ROXBOROUGH, SUDBURY to O.N.191.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F., 100006Z.)
Kingston departure U.S.A.T. CUBA to join G.Z.37 for Colon.
(N.O.I.C. Kingston, 100700Q.)
Departure 10th EL LIBERTADOR U.S. Army Transport Paramaribo 11th.
(Brontof Georgetown, 101030Q.)
Arrival NIPIGON from S.C.136.
(C. Halifax, 101203Z.)
Arrival 10th LE TERRIBLE from unknown port.
(British Consul San Juan, 101648Q.)
Departures MIDLAND, MULGRAVE, TRANSCONA to H.H.X.247 and returning to Halifax.
(C. Halifax, 102140Z.)
10th Argentina. Departure 1900Z NORTHERN GEM to S.C.136.
(Capt. (D), 102159Z.)
Departure (HONESTY ?) escorting H.J.61.
(C. Halifax, 102313Z to Admty.)
SACAJAWEA (U.S.A.T.) arrived Nanaimo 9th.
(N.S.H.Q., 102350Z.)

ILE DE FRANCE. New York arrived 9th 1306Z ILE DE FRANCE.
(N.S.H.Q., 100018Z, 100640Z.)

AQUITANIA. New York departed 8th.
(N.S.H.Q., 100019Z.)

CARAQUET. At 2300Z/9th sailed CARAQUET to Baltimore through (route), speed 12 knots. E.T.A. 1200Z/12th.
2. Ship is for annual refit via (vide intended?) B.A.M.R. Washington's 151842 being passed.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 100130Z to P.D. Baltimore, (R) C.E.S.F., S.B.N.O.W.At., Admty., B.A.M.R. Washington, N.S.H.Q., CARAQUET.)
(N.O.I.C. Halifax, 101207Z.)

Convoy U.G.S.11, U/B. D/F bearings at 2214/9 indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C., 100131B to Escorts U.G.S.11, (R) Cominch, N.S.H.Q., F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C.M.S.F.)

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T.A. 52.
(QUEEN MARY).

QUEEN MARY arrived New York 2243Z July 9th.
(P.D. New York, 100206Z to Com. 10th Fleet
C. and R.F.)

DAUNTLESS,
Schooner.

My 081722. DAUNTLESS floated 2300 July 9th.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 101216Q to Admty., N.S.H.Q.)
Schooner DAUNTLESS aground off Port Royal.

WEST POINT.

Ref. my DIS. 092010. U.S.S. WEST POINT. Add
three hours to all times except time of passing
position K which should read 1300Z July 11th.
(P.D. New York, 101344 to Com. 10th Fleet C. &
R.)

WEST POINT departed Ambrose 1841Z/10th, E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro
1300Z/21st. S. of A. 20 knots.
(P.D. New York, 102110Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

B.Y.M.S.

B.A.D. pass to B.A.M.R. for information.
(1) B.Y.M.S. 155, 49, 50 and 156 departed Boston
Gate in company 10th 0955Q en route for Halifax
via. (route).
(2) Speed 11 knots.
(C.T.G. 02.1, 101410Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)

N.S.H.Q.
S/M Estimate.

(N.S.H.Q., 101415Z.)

LORD KELVIN,
TRILLIUM.

My 261842 June not to Commodore (D) W.A..
LORD KELVIN escorted by TRILLIUM to proceed
approx. positions 52.00 27.30 thence 49.45
25.00 to effect cable repairs vide Cominch
171306 June. If necessary to fuel ships to
proceed Londonderry prior to return.
(C. in C. C.N.A., 101532Z to F.O.N.F., (R) C. in C. Lant, C. in
C. W.A., A.C.I.(C), Cdre. (D) W.A., N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., Cominch,
Admty.)

Routeing
to M.E.
and India.

In view of your 081735B cancel my 091948.
(N.S.H.Q., 101543Z to Admty.)
Your 091948. Presume this signal was made before
receipt of my 081735.
(D.T.D., 102305B to N.S.H.Q.)
Re alternative routes to Middle East and India.

Comsubron
50.

Personal from 1st S.L.
Thank you for the loan of Comsubron 50. We much
regret that we were unable to provide the sport
which their courage, keenness and efficiency
deserved and wish them better luck in the future.
(1st S.L., 101559B to Cominch, (R) Comsubron 50,
Comnavcu, F.O.S.)

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Estimate.

Convoy H.H.X. 1. Sailing telegram.
247. 2. Gate 1600Z/10th. 3. M.O.M.P. 42.34 N.
61.11 Western Atlantic 0900Z/11th.
5. As C. in C. C.N.A's 020016Z July and Admty.
162051B June.
7. Total 19 ships (list, etc.)
8. As C. in C. C.N.A's 022016Z July and Admty. 162051B June.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 101637Z, 101655Z to Admty.)

Dispositions. Following is recyphered version of my 101715Z.
(Begins).
SPAB, CLAYOQUOT departed Sydney (C.B.) a.m./11th.
BRANTFORD Tug/Tow 048° 02' 060° 38', 300°, 4.
FORT HOPE departed 1200Z/10th sweeping off Gaspé Approach.
78 M.L. Flot. depart Rimouski 2000Z/10th for A/S sweep to
arrive Gaspé 2359Z/11th.
Q.S.57 CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO, DITTANY, MAHONE, MILLTOWN
049° 24' 066° 14', 065° alter to 114° in 049° 31' N. 065° 51'
W. and to 121° in 064° 10' W. MAHONE, MILLTOWN with Q.S.57
detach for Gaspé in vicinity 048° 56' 063° 23'.
L.N.15, ALGOMA, ALBERNI, MOOSEJAW, QUEBEC depart Port Drepano
Islet 1600Z/11th to position 048° 35' 068° 56' thence 063°, 9
(Ends.)
(C. in C. C.N.A., 101719Z.)
Amended - see C. in C. C.N.A. 110620.

A.T. 54A. Convoy A.T.54A sailing New York 16th July.
Destinations as follows - U.S.S. BLOCK ISLAND to
Belfast. PARKER, E.B. ALEXANDER, SEATRIN TEXAS
and BARRY to Mersey.
SANTA ELENA and HAWAIIAN SHIPPER to Clyde.
2. Escort Task Force 68 comprising - U.S.S. TEXAS (Capt. Pfaff
Senior Officer), U.S.S. CHIWAWA and 8 U.S. destroyers DOYLE,
H.P. JONES, DUPONT, GREER, UPSHUR, ELLIS, DICKERSON and one
other. Destinations on arrival - TEXAS and CHIWAWA with destroyer
screen as required to Clyde. Remainder of destroyers to
Londonderry.
3. Request S.O. of escort be instructed to report E.T.A. of
each section 48 hours before reaching North Channel.
4. Cominch is requested to allot fighter protection codeword.
5. All ships and escorts will return to New York after unloading
as convoy T.A.54A.
(D.O.D.(H), 101753B to Cominch, P.D. New York, C.T.F.68.)

Shipping Para. 2 of my 081738 amendment of M.A.R.I. as
routes. routes. routes for Monsters are in security grade
British Most Secret it is undesirable to retain
these instructions in M.A.R.I. Request your
early concurrence for removal.

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Shipping routes. (Contd.) 2. Contents of para. will be promulgated as separate Most Secret message. (D.T.D., 101825Z to Connav.)

T.A. 51. (PASTEUR). T.A. 51 arrived. (N.C.S.O. Halifax, 102001Z to Admty.)

Convoy C.U. 3. C.U. 3 now sails 11th July. Amast 5921 (N.T. in W.R.) refers. (B.A.D., 102013Z to Admty.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z.
A. Navy plane attacked sub. 03.22 N. 48.28 W. p.m./9th.
D. C.G. 83437 attacked sound contact 32.30 N. 79° W. 100300. At 39.02 N. 74.03 W. U.S.C.G. BIBB attacked sound contact 092128 U.S.S. PORTENT attacked sub. 092345. (Cominch, 102015Z to Admty.)

SOREL. My 101219Z (N.T. in W.D.) Amend time of dep. to read 0001Z/11th July. E.T.A. Mulgrave 0540Z/11th. E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 2200Z/12th. (SOREL, 102351Z to C. in C. C.N.A., (R) C. in C. W.A. (Liverpool), N.S.H.Q., S.N.O. Pictou, N.S., N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B., EDMUNDSTON, C.X.O. Mulgrave)

Australia and New Zealand.

Digest Serial No. 536 July 9th. 6. After dark 8th July 7 Liberators bombed Buin, Faisi and Poporang in bad weather. Clouds prevented observation Buin anchorage next morning but 2 destroyers, 1 cargo vessel observed at Shortlands and Tonelei. Photos this time show 11 medium bombers at Baelale and 20 float-planes Faisi.

7. 4 United States destroyers bombarded Munda early hours 9th July followed after daybreak 52 Avengers 36 Dauntless which plastered Munda Camp area and A/A positions while 18 more Dauntless attacked Baeroko and surroundings. 32 Wildcats covered these operations. Meanwhile our artillery North Rendova Island shelling Munda anti-aircraft batteries.

/8. Over ...

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8. Over Rendova same afternoon our fighters intercepted approx. 45 Zeros whereof 4 destroyed. One Wildcat missing.

9. After dark 7 enemy ships, reported to include 1 cruiser some destroyers and possibly transports observed by aircraft 8 miles south of Choiseul Bay course south-east force shadowed and at midnight was north-east of Vella Lavella

course south-easterly apparently engaged on supply mission probably to Vola.

10. Surfaced Jap. 'I' class submarine engaged by U.S. Destroyer in gun and torpedo action between Guadalcanal and New Georgia night 7th/8th July. Nil results reported.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 100745Z.)

Movements.

U.S. Ship MOUNT VERNON departed Sydney 9th for Auckland (route).
(A.C.N.B., 100801Z.)

S.I.S. MERKUR arrived Townsville 9th July.

Dutch Naval Store Ship SOEDOE departed Cairns 8th due Brisbane 14th. U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER departed Townsville 9th due Fall River 13th.

(C.S.W.L.S.F. (via N.Y.), 101051Z.)

Arrival? Cape Villano 9th BOWEN. Townsville 9th SWAN. Departure Townsville 9th U.S. Des. BAGLEY, U.S. Des. HENLEY on escort duty. DELORAINE for Milne Bay. KAPUNDA for Port Moresby. Melbourne 9th Dutch Ship TJERK HIDDIES for Fremantle.
(A.C.N.B., 101059Z.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C., 101400B, 101401B.)

Submarines Attacked.

Assessment
of attacks
on U/Bs by
Convoy
O.N.S.5
Escorts and
Support
Group.

All attacks by escorts and Support Group of Convoy O.N.S.5 have now been dealt with by Assessment Committee. The following are the assessments which were made.

2. Assessed as "Known Sunk":
R.C.A.F. Canso A/C W/5 at 1758/4th May.
LOOSESTRIFE at 0030/6th May.
ORIBI at 0252/6th May.
VIDETTE at 0406/6th May.

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3. Assessed as "Probably Sunk":

PINK at 1154/5th May.

PELICAN at 0551/6th May.

4. Assessed as "Probably slightly damaged":

R.C.A.F. Canso A/C E/5 at 2045/4th May.

LOOSESTRIFE at 0524/5th May.

SUNFLOWER at 0443/6th May.

SPEY at 0940/6th May.

5. C. in C. W.A. is requested to convey our
congratulations to the ships mentioned in
paras. 2 and 3.

6. N.S.H.Q. is requested to convey our congratu-
lations to the aircraft mentioned in para. 2.

(1st S.L., 102246B to C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q.,
(R) Cominch, B.A.D.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

X 1. A message from C. in C. Western Approaches today gives the sailing dates of the frigates which are to join the South Atlantic command.

North Atlantic.

Two Troop-ships sunk off Spanish Coast.

2. At 2210B today a transport convoy from U.K. to Freetown consisting of CALIFORNIA and DUCHESS OF YORK each carrying about 500 troops, and a refrigerator ship PORT FAIRY, escorted by the destroyers DOUGLAS and IROQUOIS, corvette SUNFLOWER and frigate SWALE was attacked by several enemy aircraft in 41.24 N. 15.24 W. (about 300 miles west of Vigo.) The two troopships were hit by bombs, set on fire, and were subsequently sunk by our own forces. Some 1550 survivors were rescued and taken to Casablanca. HURRICANE and ROCKINGHAM were detached from Escort Group B.1 to assist.

X 3. It is reported by Commorseafron that a Liberator attacked and possibly damaged a U-Boat at 1405Z today in 41.24 N. 15.00 W. (230 miles west of Oporto.)

South Atlantic.

X 4. It is reported that a U.S. Navy Catalina has attacked 2 U-Boats off Para and sunk one of them. It is possible that this is the attack referred to on 9th July.

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5a. R.A.(V) reported at 1047B that there had been slight air activity during the night but no damage was caused. A parachute mine was dropped in the anchorage (at Bark West, S.W. of Pachino.)

b. All landings proceeded satisfactorily today in improved weather. Air opposition, though sporadic, was on a larger scale, particularly in the west, and U.S. transports BARNETT and ORIZABA and an L.S.T. (1) were damaged off Dime (Jela) and some landing craft off Acid (Avola). Dutch SS. BAARN was sunk by aircraft off Acid p.m. today.

c. Pozzallo village (west of Bark West - Pachino) surrendered to the destroyers BLANKNEY and BRISSENDEN after bombardment.

d. The 15th C.S. and EREBUS bombarded Modica p.m. today.

Occupation
of Syracuse.

e. The port of Syracuse was occupied and opened at 2100 ^{yesterday (10/1)} today. The only damage is that caused by our own bombing. No damage has been caused by demolitions, and the port is apparently in good working order.

f. It is reported that 3 passenger vessels started to leave Augusta at 1835 today.

g. M.T.Bs. of the 7th Flotilla sank an Italian auxiliary minesweeper off Catania at 2015 today. At 2130 a U-Boat was sighted in 37.34 N. 15.43 E. (off Cape Passero). It was attacked by an M.T.B. and was damaged.

h. At 111631B C. in C.Med. reported that the army had reached the line Cape Panagia - Florida - Noto - Risolino - Pozzalo. U.S. cruisers assisted in repelling a counter attack by tanks on Gela this afternoon.

i. The enemy's headquarters at Taormina have been bombed and destroyed. Over 100 Fortresses did heavy damage at Catania and the aerodromes. U.S. Mitchells of the Tactical Air Force attacked Trapani harbour last night.

j. The local population is mainly co-operative.

k. Nearly 1000 fighter sorties were made today from Malta and Pantellaria. 75 U.S. Fortresses attacked Catania. Airfields and other targets in Sicily were also attacked. At least 32 enemy aircraft were destroyed today.

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Mediterranean.

Operation "Husky" - Contd.

X 1. If the Italian Fleet remains quiet Force H is to close Malta at 0800 tomorrow, to fuel the destroyers, resuming their covering position on completion.

Italian
Fleet.

m. Photographs at 0830 showed 2 LITTORIOS, 2 6 inch cruisers, one REGOLO cruiser, and 5 or 6 destroyers present and raising steam. At Genoa there was one LITTORIO and 3 6 inch cruisers, of which 2 had steam, and 4 destroyers. At Taranto one battleship (CAVOUR) was in dry dock and one battleship was being towed from the inner to the outer harbour. The inner harbour was partially obscured, and one cruiser was not identified.

s. SARACEN, operating between Corsica and Italy, reported at 1942B today that she had sunk 2 ships and that her after periscope was flooded.

General.

X 6. African based Beaufighters today attacked two 4/6000 ton merchant ships 20 miles S.E. of Sardinia and secured 3 torpedo hits on one of them. Two merchant vessels and a destroyer were also hit.

East Indies.

7. S.O.(I) Colombo reports that two survivors have landed near Fort Dauphin (Madagascar) from SS. SEBASTIAN CERMENO (U.S. 7194 tons) who was torpedoed on 27th June in 27 S. 50 E. (about 180 miles S.E. of Fort Dauphin.)
SS. MARY LIVANOS, Greek, Port Lincoln to Beira, was torpedoed and sunk at 0915Z in approx. 15.40 S. 40° E. 18 miles off shore (S.E. of Mozambique); 27 survivors were landed in Portuguese East Africa.

Burma.

X 8. Beaufighters today damaged a large and a small paddle steamer south of Yenangyaung.

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China.

9. 6 U.S. Liberators attacked shipping at Campho Port, 45 miles east of Haiphong today; near misses were made on a large tanker, a direct hit and several near misses on a 7000 ton transport vessel and 2 hits on a dock near a merchant ship.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

BLLENHEIM
or TYNE
for Eastern
Fleet.

Your 081211 passed to R.A.D.

(2) To carry out the movement it will be necessary for BLLENHEIM to leave very soon in order to turn over to TYNE and allow the latter at least one month to refit.

(3) It appears that Iceland (C) will then be left some eight months without repair facilities or the use of the dock.

(4) At Scapa the depot ship organisation will be disorganised for a period and the reduced facilities will then affect the maintenance of destroyers. Some 300 torpedoes were fired for exercise last quarter.

(5) This slowing down process and the marked reduction in repair facilities in Iceland (C) will undoubtedly result in less destroyers and escort vessels being available at any one time and the lengthening of working up time for destroyers.

(6) I therefore deprecate the move unless other means cannot be found but would suggest the possibility of moving WOOLWICH to the East which could occur at a rather later date, relieving her by BLLENHEIM.

(7) This would avoid dislocation at Scapa and reduce the gap between departure of BLLENHEIM and arrival of GREENWICH at Iceland (C).

(C. in C. H.F., 111119B to Admty.)

Your 081211 and A.C.I.C. 092252. During the summer weather and the present inactivity in the Atlantic the temporary reduction of docking and repair facilities at Iceland for W.A. ships can be accepted. The W.A. requirement has usually been restricted to quick docking for repairs of Asdic equipment. If enemy action forces convoy back to the northerly routes and in winter, full repair facilities will again be required.

(C. in C. W.A., 111947B to Admty.)

Moray
Firth
Herring
Fishery.

F.O.I.C. Aberdeen's 101414. No objection as far as the approaches to Scapa are concerned.
(A.C.O.S., 111258 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Frigates
for South
Atlantic
Command.

X Following frigates are to be ready to sail to join South Atlantic command on dates named.
(C. in C. W.A., 111919B.)

Movements.

ONSLAUGHT.

Sailed ONSLAUGHT to Hvalfjord. E.T.A. 0900B/12.
(R.A.D.H.F., 110405B to A.C.I.C.)

MILNE.

Capt. (D) 3 in MILNE proceed passing Switha 1600B/11th to arrive Plymouth 0900B/13th. On arrival act as ordered by C. in C. Plymouth.
(R.A.D., 110926B to MILNE.)

/ S/M ...

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S/M Movements. F.O.(S)'s 091044B. Intend to sail SCEPTRE escorted by CAPE COMORIN at 1000B/13th July for Holy Loch.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111103B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800/12 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.(S), 111718B.)
My 091055, para. (3). M.L.235 will escort P.232 to HHZ. E.T.A. 0600/14th, thence P.232 to Scapa escorted by ALECTO.
(Capt. (S) 12, 112004B.)

BERMUDA. BERMUDA is required to proceed to Scapa on completion of her present duty to rejoin Home Fleet.
(D.O.D.H., 111225B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

UNICORN. Sailed UNICORN for exercise anchoring Lamlash on completion, E.T.A. about 2200B today.
(N.O.I.C. Blefast, 111511B.)
Arrived your 111511B.
(N.O.I.C. Lamlash, 111946B to F.O.I.C.N.I.)

Operations.

Operation F.S. Faroes arrival 0630 ORWELL, OBDURATE.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 110729B.)
OPPORTUNE proceed passing Switha 2200B/11th to Skaalefiord. On arrival complete with fuel.
Take OBDURATE, ORWELL under your orders and keep steam at 2 hours notice.
2. You will be required to take part in operation F.S. acting under orders of C. in C. Rosyth.
3. Capt. (D) 17 is to transfer operation orders to OPPORTUNE before latter sails from Scapa.
(R.A.D.H.F., 110928B to Capt. (D) 17.)
Sailed OPPORTUNE for Skaalefiord. E.T.A. 1100B/12th.
(R.A.D., 112206B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

S/M Patrols. F.O.(S) 061123B. Adjust tactics to R/V with (? patrol) 5 in 180° Lizard Head 12 miles at 0600B/15th for escort to Portland and onward routeing to Portsmouth.
(Capt. (S) 5, 111124B to RUBIS.)
Position of submarines at 0800/12th and movements for following 24 hours. All time Zone B.
(F) TRUCULENT 54° 04' N. 13° 50' W. probably on surface through 53° 11' N. 16° 22' W. and 46° 09' N. 21° 18' W., speed 10 knots.
(G) TUNA 53° 30' N. 13° 25' W., through 52° 48' N. 15° 40' W. and 45° 56' N. 20° 42' W., speed 10 knots probably on the surface.
(H) SYRTIS (P.241) on patrol vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 28' E.

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S/M (L) RUBIS 46° 15' N. 06° 00' W. dived by day
Patrols. to northward, daily advance 85 miles.
(Contd.) (M) SATYR on patrol in area as in my 101756.
(N) SEANYMPH as in my 061824.
(F.O.(S), 111718B to Adnty.)

Operation "Musketry". On next occasion of communicating, signal date you anticipate 2nd Escort Group will leave patrol area for Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 111944B to E.G.2.)
D/F bearings at 1935Z indicate U-Boat within 40 miles of 46° N. 9° W. and at 1945Z another within 60 miles of 44.30 N. 9.30 W.
(D.D.I.C., 112235B to E.G.2, BERMUDA.)

Exercises.

Exercise Establish patrol S.W. of Reykjanes forthwith with
X.C.K. BERWICK, NORFOLK and SCORPION for exercises X.C.K.*
(C. in C. H.F., 111445B to BERWICK.)
My 111445. Orders for Exercise X.C.K.
(C. in C. H.F., 111547B to BERWICK.)
Hvalfjord departures at 2050B BERWICK, NORFOLK and SCORPION in accordance with C. in C. H.F. 111445.
(A.C.I.C., 112147B.)

Allied Air Activity.

Air Escorts for S.N. Operations. It is suggested that, in future, arrangements for provision of A/S air escort required for S.N. operations should become the responsibility of that Area Combined H.Q. in whose area the operation is taking place.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 111505B to Adnty.)

Own Trawler attacked. At 1130/10 D/269 sighted unidentified object bearing 000/8 miles which was thought to be a U/B. A/C dived to attack and at 1 mile range A/C opened fire with front guns firing 20 rounds. No hits seen. At 3/4 mile range suspected U/B was identified as a trawler bearing head on to A/C. Capt. immediately turned out of dive. Trawler was on a course 330/8 knots in 61° 47' N. 12° 33' W.
(R.A.F. Iceland, 111817B to H.Q.C.C.)

ANSON, C. in C. H.F.'s 091426, para. 2. It is regretted
ALABAMA, that owing to operational commitments no aircraft
KENT. are available for A/S Escort.
(A.C.I.C., 112036B to V.A.2.)

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Off
Trondheim
on 4th
and 5th
July.

LE CURIE reports (1) no enemy vessels sighted
(2) increased air activity in patrol area,
B.V. seaplanes on 4th and 5th July remainder
unidentified.
(F.O.(S), 111233B to Admty.)

Mining.

Harwich.

My 110234B. Mine detonated by Sweeper at
0121B/11 in 52° 3' 26" N. 1° 49' 16" E.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 111106B.)

Q.Z.S. 409,
Q.Z.S. 416,
Q.Z.X.1039.

Intend sailing at 0900 tomorrow with NEAVE,
DOCHET, ULVA and FIR, to carry out search from
seaward end of Q.Z.S.409 to 180° Start Point 4
miles, thence to Dart Buoy. At 1000 KINGS GREY
and M.L.229 proceed to Dartmouth by Q.Z.S.416.
2. Intend at 0600/13th, GWEAL, NEAVE, DOCHET,
ULVA, FIR, BEN URIE, KINGS GREY and M.L.229 to proceed from
Dartmouth to carry out check sweep of Q.Z.X.1039.
(GWEAL, 111752B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

U-Boats.

North
Atlantic.

At 0448/10 in 61° 49' N. 22° 19' W. G/84
sighted what was thought to be U/B beneath A/C.
Outline of U/B beneath surface only seen,
apparently in act of diving top course 060.
A/C circled for 20 minute. Nothing further
seen.
(R.A.F. Iceland, 110217B to H.Q.C.C.)

U-Boats
reported or
attacked in
Biscay Area.
(STUBBORN).

STUBBORN reports:- 1. At 2137/30th June 047° 11'
004° 40' 3 M/S.s 2 740-ton U-Boats, course 270°
- 244°, speed 11 knots, 8000 yards. Attack
abandoned. Enemy outside range.
2. At 0731/2nd July 044° 47', 002° 55', 2
NARVIK class destroyers, 3 740-tons U-Boats,
course 110°, to 080°, 12 knots. Escorts
transmit on 16 k/cs. Firing 6 torpedoes 1000
yards range. Point of aim one length ahead of third U-Boat
spread 3 length. No explosion was heard. H.E. ceased and
grinding noise heard for one second on firing course. Escort
stopped. No counter attack made. STUBBORN withdrew below
(? penetrating) layer. On examination of area at 1146 no
oil traces found.
3. At 2155/4th July 045° 32', 003° 22', 2 NARVIK class
destroyers, course 260°, speed 28 to 30 knots, range 16,000
yards.
4. No aircraft seen throughout patrol.
(Capt. (S) 3, 111953B to F.O.(S).)

/ U-Boat ...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats - Contd.U-Boat
attacked
by SEADOG
on 4th
July.

SEADOG reports.

1. At 2230 on 27th June in 064° 16' N. 001° 55' E. sighted periscope.
At 0302/4th July in 075° 50' N. 015° 51' E. sighted German U-Boat steering 160° German U-Boat dived. Sighting probably mutual.
0952 in 075° 43' N. 016° 00' E. sighted 500 tons (Italian) U-Boat probably the same and attacked her with torpedoes and gunfire unsuccessfully. (S.O. S/M Lerwick, 112241B.)

Casualties and Defects.

WELLS.

My 071148 and 101644.
Further postponements due to boiler defects. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 110947B.)

B.Y.M.S. 4,
B.Y.M.S. 30.

Your 101629B. Completion p.m./16th July cannot be accepted. Request priority be given to these vessels in order that they will be ready to sail p.m. Thursday 15th July. (D.M.S., 111819B to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

UNTAMED.

Your 071757 and N.O.I.C. Campbeltown's 102051. N.O.I.C. Campbeltown reports UNTAMED is ready to sail at 0001/13th for Barrow. (F.O.(S), 112013 to Admty.)

Shipping and Convoys.

E.G. 40.

Sailed LANDGUARD in accordance with C. in C. W.A's 081329. (Cdre. (D) W.A., 110535B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N.S. 12.

75 ships reformed 054° 00' N. 037° 55' W., 230°, 7 passing through 051° 52' N. 042° 10' W. thence through M.V. (C.4, 111459Z to C. in C. W.A.)

AMSTERDAM,
PRAGUE.

N.O.I.C. Lerwick is requested to sail AMSTERDAM and PRAGUE escorted by RIPLEY to reach 090° Auskerry 6 miles at 0600B/15th. Thence AMSTERDAM parts company and proceeds Kirkwall. PRAGUE and RIPLEY to Invergordon.

(2) RIPLEY to part company off Cromarty and proceed Kirkwall for night 15th.

(3) N.O.I.C. Kirkwall is requested to sail AMSTERDAM escorted by RIPLEY to arrive Invergordon at 1400B/16th. (A.C.O.S., 111618B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)

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O.S. and
Ø.L.Convoys.
Fuelling
arrangements. The present arrangements for fuelling escorts of O.S./S.L. convoys is a matter of concern. The fact that weather frequently precludes fuelling from FORTOL necessitates the escort being weakened to an unacceptable degree while escorts proceed to Casablanca to fuel. In addition grave anxiety is caused to the S.Os. of Escorts by the fact that should enemy attack develop on a heavy scale, as it may well do under present circumstances, his offensive action may be severely handicapped by shortage of fuel.

2. It is considered imperative that an oiler equipped with buoyant hose should be available for fuelling escorts on this run and the second alternative given in F.O.C.W.Af's 310332/5 would appear to provide a satisfactory means of operating such an oiler. In view of the delay that is likely to be experienced before FORTOL is suitably equipped it is proposed that another properly equipped Escort Oiler be sailed with the next O.S. convoy to carry out this duty until FORTOL is ready to operate.

(C. in C. W.A., 111952B to Admty.)

H.X.246. H.X.246 fast escorted by POTENTILLA (S.O.), ACANTHUS, VERVAIN consisting of SEARCHER, STRIKER, merchant ships EMPIRE WISDOM, IDO RENCUS, CAVIA, ELIZABETH BAKKE, COPTIC, SCANDINAVIA, PORT HALIFAX, detached from H.X.246 2100Z in 056° 20' N. 017° 00' W.
(B.6, 112145Z to C. in C. W.A.)

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S.L.132 Oiling of Corvettes starting 0530Z/11th. Am
M.K.S.16. retaining Gibraltar ships and escorts except
VELOX until oiling completed.
(S.O. Escort Group B.3. 110617Z to F.O.I.C. Gib.
(R) Escorts of S.L.132. Escorts of M.K.S.16.
C. in C.W.A. Admty. Capt.(D) Greenock).

Dispositions Situation at 2001B/11th. S.L.132 Gibraltar
Section SHIPPIGAN 035 degs. 30' 007 degs. 09'
through 035 degs. 47' 006 degs. 25' to
Gibraltar 8.

(2) C.G.45, P.C.481 sailing Casablanca 1900/11th through 035
degs. 44' 006 degs. 27' to Gibraltar 10.

(3) Hospital Ship LADY NELSON 036 degs. 36' 011 degs. 19'
through 035 degs. 50' 009 degs. 01' to Gibraltar 13.

(4) O.S.51, PARRSBORO sailing Gibraltar 0200/12th through 035
degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' thence 255 degs. 7½.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111050B).

Situation 111959B. S.L.132 M.K.S.16, KEPPEL (?E) 035 degs.
26' 010 degs. 19' through 035 degs. 40' 011 degs. 01' thence
340 degs. 6½.

(2) O.S.51, K.M.S.20, PALOMARES, ROCHESTER, 039 degs. 41' 012
degs. 33' through 037 degs. 01' 010 degs. 01' 180 degs. 7½.

(4) DOUGLAS, SUNFLOWER, IROQUOIS, SWALE, 3 Merchant ships 041
degs. 22' 015 degs. 28' through 038 degs. 29' 015 degs. 28'

thence 130 14 IROQUOIS parts company 040 degs. North and returns
to Plymouth.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111102B).

Attack on this convoy, see 112141 et seq.

Situation 1958/11th. Ships escorting convoy U.G.S.9,
C.T.F. 61, C.T.G. 21.11 (A) 027 degs. 57' 024 degs. 15' through
027 degs. 01' 026 degs. 59' thence 290 degs.9.

(2) Ships escorting convoy U.G.S.11, Comtask 62, 026 degs. 22'
023 degs. 43' 054 degs.9.

(3) EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 041 degs. 15' 034 degs. 07' through
040 degs. 59' 028 degs. 02' thence 111 degs. 20.

(F.O.C. Gibraltar 111120B).

Situation 2002B/11th. U.S.S. BARB 034 degs. 42' 035 degs.
12' through 034 degs. 01' 036 degs. 01' at 0400/12th thence
270 degs. diving by day 10/2½.

(2) U.S.S. BLACKFISH 036 degs. 48' 031 degs. 12' 250 degs. diving
by day 9/2.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111130B).

DOUGLAS
SWALE
Transports.

DOUGLAS and SWALE escorting two troop transports
and one M.V. to Freetown require fuelling. In
view of U-Boat situation it would be preferable
to anchor ships off Casablanca whilst escorts
fuel. Request your concurrence.

(2) Convoy E.T.A. Casablanca 1900B/13 July.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111122B to C.M.S.F. (R) Admty.
F.O.C.W.A.).

Your 111122. Concur.

(Commorseafron 111506B to F.O. Gib.).

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- GENEROSO Swiss GENEROSO due to leave Genoa 14th July for Gibraltar by approved route. Not to be molested this voyage.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 11143B to S. of A.).
- CALIFORNIA Convoy U/B. D/F bearings on 4412 kc/s at 0940Z indicate U-Boat in area within 100 miles of 43 degs, N. 15 degs. W.
(D.D.I.C. 111220B to Escorts CALIFORNIA Convoy).
W.D. Note: For A/C attack on this convoy, see 2141B et seq.).
- K.M.S.20 Lisbon Section. If suitable for escort duty MAID MARION is to be detached after dark July 11th to escort Lisbon ships to Lisbon.
(2) On arrival at mouth of Tagus MAID MARION is to part company and proceed Gibraltar reporting E.T.A.
(F.O.C. Gibraltar 111256B to Escorts of K.M.S.20, pass to Cdre., Ships escorting O.S.51, pass to Cdre.).
- Movements Gibraltar. Arrived PARRSBORO, WEDGEPORT, QUALICUM, M.M.S.10.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111421B to Admty.).
Arrived HAARLEM ex M.K.S. 16. and escort duties Lisbon. Departures Nil.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 111933 to Admty. etc.).
- S.L.132 Arrivals CANADA, MEDIE 2, ALSACE, CHARLES SCHIAFFINO. Stragglers HOPE STAR with engine trouble. EMPIRE ACE, EMPIRE DENNIS, for fuel. Request instructions disposition last two.
(C.M.S.F.F. 111755B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. Admty. etc.).
Request you will reply to last sentence of Commorseafron's 111755. Admty. 252205B June and my 281037Z June refers.
(F.O.C.W.A. 112116Z to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Commorseafron, Admty. C. in C. Med. etc.).
- B.1. Escort Group. A.M. 101717/July.
(1) If fuel permits and there are no indications that U-Boats are in contact with O.S.51/ K.M.S.20, B.1 Group is not to proceed to Gibraltar but is to leave convoy as necessary to join S.L.132/ M.K.S.16. p.m. 12th July.
(2) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to (a) arrange escort for K.M.S.20 from splitting point to Gibraltar (b) signal instructions and necessary information concerning S.L.132/M.K.S.16 to B.1. Group.
(3) B.1. Group is to support S.L. 132/ M.K.S.16 for as long as endurance permits subsequently proceeding to Plymouth.
B.1. Group is to inform C. in C. Plymouth when it will be necessary to leave Convoy.

/ (4) C. in C....

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B.1. Escort Group. (Contd.). (4) C. in C. Plymouth will provide route. (D.O.D.(H) 111946B to E.G.B.1. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Plymouth (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C. W.A. 2nd E.G. Commorseafon, BERMUDA, H.Q.C.C. Escort O.S.51 and S.L.132.).
Admiralty's 111946. Have you escort oiler? (S.O.E.G.B.1. 112152Z to S.E. S.L. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.).
No oiler, see F.O. Gibraltar 120201B.

C.G.45 Sailed 1630A/11th.
(Commorseafon 111955B to F.O. Gibraltar).

U/B Am over enemy submarine in 42.00 N. 15.23 W. submarine has dived.
(A/C 202 Sqdn. Duty A. 112025B to Gibraltar).

CALIFORNIA DUCHESS OF YORK. PORT FAIRY. attacked by A/C (first two sunk). X German aircraft are active in your vicinity and have reported you.
(D.D.I.C. 11214B to Escorts CALIFORNIA Convoy (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar H.Q.C.C. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C.W.A.).
My 2114 (N.T. in W.R.) 2 ships appear to be hit by bombs.
(IROQUOIS 112125A to Gibraltar W/T).
My 2125 DUCHESS OF YORK on fire and lowering boats.
(IROQUOIS 112145A to Gibraltar W/T).
1 enemy A/C shadowing "Faith" bearing 090 distance 5 miles, P.C.S. 41.47 N. 15.15 W. 180 degs. 14 knots.
(A/C 202 Sqdn. duty A via Plymouth 112145B to Gibraltar).
My 2145 S.S. CALIFORNIA also on fire.
(IROQUOIS 112154A to Gibraltar W/T).
Convoy "Faith" being attacked by 3 enemy aircraft. Position 41.47 N. 15.25 W. course 180 degs. and speed 14 knots.
(A/C 202 Sqdn. duty A via Plymouth 112200B to Gibraltar).
Convoy attacked by 6 Focke-Wulfs.
(A/C 202 Sqdn. Duty A via Gib. 112315B to Gibraltar).

U/B attacked. A.1. 121 11 July. Opsum No. 252 10/11 July. U.S.A. A/C (Pt. Lyautey) attacked U-Boat at 1409/11B in ? 41.23 N. 15.01 W. No details.
(H.Q.R.A.F. Gibraltar 112200B to Air Min.).

Movements Casablanca. July 11th arrivals P.C's. 471 and 475 from Gibraltar.
P.C's. 480, 482 with S.L. 132.
French MARIE MAD from Port Lyautey.
Departures P.C's 481, 471, 472, with C.G.45 for Gibraltar.
(Commorseafon 112220B to C. in C. Med.).

SURF Arrived submarine SURF.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 112232B to Admty.).

/Air...

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Air Attack on (K.M.S.16) 9 July. After unsuccessful attack eastbound convoy (3 merchant ships 2 escort vessels) by 2 German 4 engine aircraft in Cape St. Vincent area 0945B 9th one F.W. 200 was shot down in flames by Allied aircraft.

Aircraft was seen to be on fire off (?) Partal Point crashing edge of cliff 037 degs. 18' 39" North near Parede Point. Wreckage completely burnt and strewn 100 yards along cliff. Crew of 10 dead and burnt. 2 unexploded 500 kilo bombs among wreckage and one at base of cliff with other debris. Have seen wreckage today.

(R.O. Portimao 102342B to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) Admty. (for D.N.I.), S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

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South Atlantic.

S.T. 72. Intend to sail S.T. 72 at 1300Z/11th July escorted by BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, CROCUS, PETUNIA, TURCOMAN, PICT, DUNCTON. Convoy of one ship for Marshall 8 for Takoradi 4 for Lagos and one Capetown, route Watling, estimated speed made good 9 knots.
2. M.L. 305 and 263 having joined escort a.m, 12th will be detached dusk 12th escorting U.S. HORACE WILLIAMS to Marshall and screening while unloading there.
3. BOADICEA will be detached after dark 13th to arrive back Freetown p.m. 14th. 4. CITY OF DUNDEE will be detached at dusk 15th July for Capetown as routed by N.C.S.O.
5. PICT, DUNCTON and TURCOMAN will be detached at V with Takoradi ships.
(F.O.C.W.A. 110129Z to R.N.O. Lagos, N.O.I.C. (R) Admty., BRIDGEWATER.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/11th July.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, CROCUS, PETUNIA (? DUNCTON) TURCOMAN, PICT, with S.T. 72 008° 00' 014° 00' to 007° 39' (?014°) 20' thence 148° (?13).
M.Ls 305, 263, 192° 14' 013° 46' to 007° 39' 014° 20' thence 148° 10. WOLVERINE, DESPATCH, RAPID, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE with W.S. 31 (?2°) 08' 003° 58' E. 160° 11.
BURZA, COMMANDANT DETROYAT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with L.M. 1,002° 10' 005° 46' E. 144° 10.
CORFU 012° 38' S. 002° 32' W. 238° 14.5. ST. WISTAN M.Ls 289, 294 off Marshall. M.Ls 1006, 1019 off Kotonu.
M.L. 1160 on passage Kotonu to Takoradi 10. M.L. 244 off Port Bouet.

(F.O.C.W.A. 110900Z.)

Situation 2001Z/11th July.

U.S. Destroyer ROPER with T.O. 6, 023° 40' 029° 00' to 023° 38' 031° 55' thence 250° 14. GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT with R.S. 8, 014° 57' 017° 55' 177° 10. WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN, 016° 09' 018° 00' to join R.S. 8 13½. FANDANGO, M.L. 231, 014° 57' 017° 55' to Dakar 10. YESTOR 015° 13' 018° 22' to Dakar 11½. EMERALD 017° 32' 020° 00' to 014° 59' 019° 58' thence 151° 18.
FOLKESTONE 018° 25' 018° 08' 177° 13. DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN, with LADY DENISON PENDER 020° 39' 021° 34', 040° 16 miles.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY 013° 45' 020° 49' 127° 9. French S/M ARGO, AIR FRANCE I, M.L. 261 sail Konakri at 1800Z through 009° 30' 014° 24' at 2130Z/11th, 010° 50' 017° 30' at 1430Z/12th thence 005° 12.

(F.O.C.W.A. 110904Z.) / (see amendment 111305Z.)

M 110904. Amend to read WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN. GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT with R.S. (?8) 016° 40' 018° 42' to 016° 40' 019° 20' thence 144° 13. Cancel reference to FANDANGO, YESTOR.

(F.O.C.W.A. 111305Z.)

Situation at 2000/11th July.

O.40. NORWICH CITY, OLDBERG with D.C. 34 (11 ships) 034° 25' 024° 45' coastal to Capetown 8 knots. DURBAN 036° 15' 028° 55' 00' to Simonstown 15 knots. NORTHERN DAWN, WELLARD, 033°.

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Dispositions. 50° 026° 40' coastal to Durban 9 knots.
ROCKROSE, PRETORIA, 033° 40' 027. 15' coastal to Durban 12 knots. ARTIC EXPLORER, LE TIGRE, with C.D. 26 (4 ships) 032° 00' 029° 30' coastal to Durban 8 knots. NORTHERN DUKE, LADY ELSA, with tug ST. DOGMAEL towing B.P.T. 030° 30' 030° 55' to Durban 8 knots. GENISTA 030° 40' 032° 05' to Durban 9 knots. NIZAM hunting U/B off Inhaka. ROTHERHAM, RELENTLESS escorting EASTERN PRINCE 018° 00' 039° 15' to Beira 11½ knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 111144B.)
No. 023. Situation 2000Z/11th July. QUADRANT, REDOUBT 016° 50' 011° to 010° 011° 21 knots.
(C. in C. S.A., 111151B.)

JASPER SS. JASPER PARK sunk in 32° 56' S. 42° 00' E. at 0825Z/6th July sailing independently.
PARK (Sunk 6/7) (2) Large type German submarine painted grey very rusty one four inch gun forward smaller type aft and four A.A. machine guns round C/T.
(3) Two torpedoes hit starboard side. Ship sank in 30 to 45 minutes. (4) Total crew 49 and 6 D.E.M.S. Recovered 45 and 6 D.E.M.S. 4 including 4th Engineer killed.
(5) Ship did not open fire. (6) SSSS made at approx. 0835Z.
(7) Submarine surfaced after attack and interrogated survivors. Remained 25 minutes picking up cases of tea from cargo then left to Southward at 15 to 18 knots. Submarine Commander stated he had been with ship all previous day and had fired two torpedoes during night.
(Cdre. Durban, 110929Z to Admty. etc.)

Movements Arrived LUCIA, MASTERFUL.
Durban. (S.O.O.*4, Com. i/c Durban, 110931Z to Admty.etc.)
* As received.

C.M.43. Owing to engine defect in STRATHAIRD C.M.43 will not be ready to sail before 17th July earliest, possibly later. (2) Definite date of readiness will be reported after Turbo generator opened for inspection tomorrow, Monday. (3) Your 101534 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 111052Z to C. in C.S.A.)
Durban reports that owing to engine defects earliest date for STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD will be 17th July. In case of latter this may have to be extended further. Firm date will be signalled tomorrow, Monday. (2) Your 100750 para. 1. Request your intentions for CANTON.
(C. in C.S.A. 111125B to C. in C.E.F.)

U/B. American Transit aircraft reports sighting S/M at 0944/11th in 006° 25' S. 012° 45' West Course 90°
(F.O.C.W.A., 111149Z to Ships in Area P.2, P.3.
(R) Admty.)

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W.S.31. P.S.T.O. 101223. Request your intentions for Ocean escort of W.S.31. For consideration that STRATHMORE and STRATHAIRD should join W.S.31 in vicinity of 040° E. about 30th July if ocean escort for these two ships cannot be made available at Durban earlier. Speed of W.S.31 limited by STAFFORDSHIRE to 11½ knots. 111125 also refers.
(C. in C. S.A. 111217B to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty., Com. i/c Durban.)
Sailed RAPID, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, BURDOCK with STAFFORD(? SHIRE) ARAWA, BRIGADE, MONARCH, in accordance with F.O.C.W.Af. 031855(A?). As amended by 101255 BURDOCK return Lagos from position G.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 111328Z to F.O.C.W.Af. (R) Admty., N.O.I.C. Takoradi, C. in C. S.A. B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire.)

LEANA. Overdue shipping. LEANA due Lourenco Marques 7th July not arrived.
(C. in C. S.A. 111322B to Admty.)

Transports Lagos. HIGHLAND MONARCH, HIGHLAND BRIGADE, STAFFORDSHIRE and ARAWA sailed 1300.
(S.T.O. Lagos, 111520Z to D.S.T.)

U/B's attached by A/C. *See Situation Report page 4*
R.O. Para. reports pack of 5 submarines nationality unknown attacked in 000° 24' S. 047° 36' W. by U.S. Navy Catalina. Survivors seen in water, 1 U/B sunk. 1 of crew of plane killed by return fire from U/B. U.S. Authorities Rio de Janeiro confirm but state they have indication of only 2 S/Ms and position given believed slightly inaccurate.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 111521Z to Admty., (R) F.O.C.W.Af., C. in C. S. A.)

U/B. R.A.F. reports aircraft sighting suspected U/B in 00° 41' N. 00° 47' W. at 1110/11.
(F.O.C.W.A. 111629Z to Admty.)

S.T.72. Sailing telegram.
2. 1300/11th July. 3. Knots 9. 4. (list)
5. (Route).
(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 111906Z to Admty.)

Movements Takoradi. Arrival 11th July. M.L's. 274 and 266.
Departure 11th July. M.L's. 302 and 266 escorting, thence to Lagos. E.T.A. 0600Z/13th July.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 111950Z to Admty.)

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Mediterranean

Operation "Husky".

Cositrep No.1. MADDOX sunk. This is Cositrep No. 1. Signed Eisenhower, Cite FHGCTV and FHGBI. Naval task forces carried out "Husky" assaults as planned. Joss assault was approx. an hour late due to weather similarly L.C.T. for Acid and Bark assaults were late weather wind north west force 3-4 with lop which slowed rate of discharge. Nevertheless by evening situation was reported satisfactory from all beaches. Gun support ships and craft answered calls for fire throughout the day. No mines were swept. Gela pier wrecked. U.S. destroyer MADDOX sunk by enemy aircraft. All British L.S.I.(L) cleared from beaches on completion unloading. (C. in C. Med., (Algiers) 110001).

Special Linrep. 10th July. Cite FHGCT signed Eisenhower. In early hours this morning large scale Allied landings were made on Eastern, Southeastern coasts of Sicily. Operation was carried out by fifteen Army Group with under command Eight Army and American Seven Army, and powerful co-operation of British and U.S. Navies and Allied air force. Composition Eight Army largely revised and includes Canadian formations. Initially weather was somewhat unfavourable with wind and swell making unloading difficult, but this later showed definite improvement. Information still scanty although known that under naval bombardment successful landings were made from south of Syracuse to east of Agrigento. In particular Canadian troops quickly secured first objective and are advancing in conjunction with other troops of Eight Army. Further west U.S. troops are reported making very satisfactory progress. Both U.S. and British airborne forces have been employed but no details yet available. Surprising feature absence of enemy air force, which is believed result of intensive bombing of airfields previously carried out. No details of enemy ground opposition. (A.F.H.Q. Algiers, No T.O.O.)

Force H. Following from S.O. Force H (begins):
C. in C. Med., (R) S.N.O. Cyrenaica, C. in C. Levant, 201 Group, N.A.C.A.F., R.A.F. Malta, from S.O. Force H.

If no change in P.R.Us. intend to pass through following positions at times stated, both approx. 2000B/10th July 035° 50' N., 016° 30' E. 0001B, 035° 50' N., 017° 35' E. 0500B, 036° 40' N., 016° 25' E.
(2) C. in C. Levant, pass to 201 Group.
(C. in C. Med., (Malta,) 110158 to F.O. 15th C.S.)

x 3 M.T.vessels lost. For C.C.S. and British C.O.S. From Eisenhower, Advance CP, A.F.H.Q. This is a paraphrase. Everything has proceeded as planned with losses known at sea to be confined to 3 M.T. vessels. In spite of an unfortunate westerly wind that may

/interfere...

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3 M.T. vessels interfere somewhat with landing of U.S. troops, lost. the operation will proceed as scheduled.
(contd). All of us hope to have good news for you tomorrow. (Algiers, 110331B).

Air R/C.
Spezia,
Genoa,
Taranto.

P.R.U. 10th July. Spezia incomplete report indicates 2 battleships now outside their baffle. (C. in C. Med., (Malta) 110534B to S.O. Force H., S.O. Force Z, (R) C. in C. Levant, Admty). Photographs at 0830/10 Spezia 2 LITTORIOS 2 6 inch cruisers one (?REGOLO) cruiser at least 6 destroyers present and raising steam.

Genoa one LITTORIO in dry dock 3 6 inch cruisers of which 2 have steam. 4 destroyers.

(C. in C. Med., Algiers, 110921B to All ships and Authorities reading Algiers and Malta broadcasts, U.S.N.O.B. Oran).

0705B visual Taranto. One battleship dry dock, one battleship being towed from inner to outer harbour. Inner harbour partially obscure, one cruiser not identified.

(C. in C. Med., 110935B to C. in C. Levant, S.O. Force H, V.A. (A) H.F. S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B, Comnavnaw, C.T.F.81, C.T.F.85, C.T.F.86, Admty).

Visual Taranto 1150 today Sunday. One battleship in dry dock, one battleship moved to outer harbour. About 9 destroyers present. One cruiser exercising outside harbour.

(C. in C. Med., (Malta), 111502B to F.O. (H), (R) N.C.F.A., N.C.F.B., N.C.W.T.F.)

My 111502. Photographic interpretation shows that dry dock was in process of being flooded.

(C. in C. Med., 111919B to S.O. Force H, (R) Cdr. U.S.N. Forces, N.W. African waters, R.A.A., R.A.B., R.A.H., R.A.A.H.F.)

Visual of Genoa and Spezia at 1000 today Sunday show no change.

(C. in C. Med., 111718B).

Visuals at 1845 show both battleships and 1 cruiser in outer harbour at Taranto inside torpedo nets. E-boat patrolling outside harbour.

(C. in C. Med., 112200B to F.O.H. (R) Comnavnaw, R.A.H., R.A.A.H.F.)

S/M Dispositions. (1) (P.31) UPROAR, (P.52) DZIK (P.42) UNBROKEN (P.44) UNITED (P.54) UNSHAKEN in Gulf of Taranto. (2) (P.314) TACTICIAN in Adriatic. (3) TROOPER on patrol off Western Greece North of 038° 06'.

(4) 10th S/M Flotilla Summary at 2047/11th.

(5) (P.49) UNRULY, O.R.P. SOKOL, (P.53) ULTOR, North of Messina. (Capt. S.10, 110732)

(1) P.217 (SIBYL) P.247 (SARACEN) P.225 (SIMOOM) P.312

(TRESPASSER) P.47 between Corsica and Italy.

(2) 8th S.F. Movement Summary at 1959B.

(Capt. S.8., 111150B).

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SWANSON,
(damaged in
collision).Report time of arrival U.S. destroyers ROE and
SWANSON. Request estimated time to complete
voyage repairs.
(C.T.F. 86, 110826B to V.A. Malta).Operation
"Fracture".* Operation "Fracture" advanced 24 hours to tonight
11/12th.(C. in C. Med., 110937B to Force Z, (R) N.O.I.C.
Bizerta, Med., Air Command Post N.L.O.141).Operation "Fracture". Keep to westward of line
drawn 345° from north west corner of Q.K.86.
(C. in C. Med., 111211B to SIRIUS (R) S.O. Force Z).On completion of operation "Fracture" proceed to Bone Roads
and fuel destroyers. On completion fuelling proceed to Algiers
unless otherwise ordered leaving SIRIUS and DIDO at Bone.(C. in C. Med., 111621B to S.O. Force Z, (R) S.O. Force H,
H.M.S. SIRIUS, N.O.I.C. Bone, N.A.C.A.F.)BRECON,
Force H.Proceed to join Force H, in 036° 30' N., 016°
30' E. at 1600 today 11th unless other R/V
ordered by F.O.H.(2) On arrival of BRECON F.O.H. is requested to
detach one destroyer to Malta. Destroyer will
be required to embark Allied C. in C. a.m./12th
to visit beaches.(C. in C. Med., 111028B to BRECON, (R)
F.O.H., V.A. Malta, Capt. (D) 21, A.H.Q. Med).Has destroyer required by my 111028 been detached? Report
name and direct her to proceed at maximum speed reporting E.T.A.
She will be (?required) to sail 0300.

(C. in C. Med., 111901B to S.O. Force H).

Cancel my 111901.

(C. in C. Med., 112001B).

70th
Flotilla.H.B.W.98 (b) 70th Flotilla casualties nil.
Naval crew's Commando nil.

(F.O. (2 corrupt groups) 111030B to S.N.O.L.S.)

M.T.B. and
M.G.B.
patrols.Hon para. 20. 8 small M.T.Bs. and 3 large M.T.Bs.
as in my 100916 para. (?A)). 3 M.G.Bs. from
Acid north will patrol between lat. 037° 45' N.,
037° 38' N., W. of 015° 40' E. 3 M.G.Bs.
patrolling off Augusta as in my 100916 para. B.

(C. in C. Med., 111037B to N.C.E.T.F., S.O.

Force Q, F.O. Force H, R.A. Force A, R.A. Force B. (R) V.A.
Malta, H.Q.N.W.Africa, Coastal Air Force, H.Q.R.A.F., M.E.,
H.Q.N.A.T.A.F., H.Q.R.A.F.W.D.)Cruiser
covering
force.Hon 3 para. 29. Cruiser covering force required
again tonight 11/12. Suggest you give 2nd
Division a run. Northermost limit of operation
037° 38' N., My 111037 refers.(C. in C. Med., 111038B to S.O. Force H, (R)
C.S.12, N.C.F.A., D.N.C.X.F., C.C.F.)

/C. in C...

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Bark South. Vehicles can now be unloaded from L.S.T. at 4 points on Rocky shore on east side of Porto Palo Bay and on one pontoon causeway in centre beach. Intend to disembark vehicles from following L.S.T. and L.C.T. here and disembark stores Marzamemi Bay, where Bark East M.T. ships will also be unloaded. A number of L.S.T. and M.T. Ships can also be accepted at Porto Bay from Force V. R.A.V. is requested to inform me of his requirements. (R.A.B. 111421B to C. in C. Med. (R) N.C.E.T.F. S.N.O.L.(N). R.A. West Africa (sic) S.N.O.L.(Q).

Situation Report. From Adv. C.P. A.F.H.Q. Malta. N.A.F. 261.
(1). Operation so far has proceeded almost exactly according to plan. No reports as to losses in initial assault yet received, but these are unquestionably light. Hostile air attacks have been more intensive in west, where we have greater difficulty in meeting them, than in east. We have suffered some naval losses, including U.S.S. Destroyer MADDOX which was sunk. 70 survivors picked up. In addition, 2 U.S. combat loaders, 2 other destroyers and an L.S.T. have been damaged. Extent unknown. These losses occurred in vicinity of Dime landing as a result of air bombing. Fighter cover over that region has been intensified to maximum possible.
(2) From meagre information available, it appears that parachute operation in American Sector was carried out satisfactorily. Results were apparently good also with glider troops in British area, but due to high wind, a few gliders fell into the sea. Some of the soldiers were rescued.
(3) In addition to providing cover, our Air Force continues to bomb airfields and critical points in hostile lines of communication and to seek out ground reserves. No reports on today's land operations yet received. Some indications that enemy will counter attack toward Dime and possibly toward extreme east. Air Force is prepared to assist against these as they develop.
(4) No reports on conditions of port of Syracuse and Licata, both of which are in our possession. (Advance C.P. A.F.H.Q. 111604B).

Operation "Snow Boots". X Operation "Snow Boots" 120 troop carrying aircraft will pass close south east of Delimara between 2120 and 2300 tonight Sunday thence North east to pass 5 miles east of Cape Passero thence keeping 5 miles off shore until East of Cape Pana(pia?) which will be approached on course 270° thence to dropping zone to westward returning by reverse route (?) aircraft will fly at about 300 feet and no recognition lights will be shown. (C. in C. Med. 111619B to Force H. and all ships and authorities of E.T.F.).

/Situation...

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Situation report No.4. (1) All landings proceeding satisfactorily.
(2) Eight Army now reached line C. Panagia Florida-Noto-Risolina-Pozzallo. Exact location 7th Army line not known but fighting North of Vittoria reported and on high ground

North of Gela. (3) Pozzallo, surrendered to BLANKNEY and BRISSENDEN. (4) Syracuse Port undamaged except by own bombing and is in good working order. My 111654 Part 2 follows. (C. in C. Med. 111631B) Note:- Part 1 only received.

Part 2 of "Husky" situation report No.4.

(5) Sporadic enemy air opposition on larger scale. 4 ships damaged off Gela and some landing craft damaged off "Acid".
(6) During daylight 10th Fighters from Malta made 940 Sorties, shooting down 10 enemy aircraft. During night and dawn 10th/11th night fighters shot down 7 enemy aircraft. During daylight 11th fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft chiefly in "Dime" and "Bark" area. (7) Enemy H.Q.'s at Taormina destroyed by bombers. Over 100 Fortresses did heavy damage at Catania and aerodromes.
(C. in C. Med. 111654B)

Troop Carrying A/C. My (2 corrupt groups) 650 troop carrying A/C. Programme for tonight 11th/12th July as for last night 10th/11th July. (Corrupt group) recognition light colour yellow.
(? 111717B to N.C.W. (?T.F))

B.3, B.4, B.5, Prisoners. My 110940 (N.T. in W.R.). Owing to unloading of "Bark" south L.S.T. on 52 beach, regret B.3, B.4 and B.5 may not now be ready to sail daylight Tuesday. Further signal will be made. About 450 prisoners will be sent in B.3 and B.4. (S.N.O.L.(N), 111743B to N.C.F.A. (R), N.C.F.B., N.C.E.T.F.)

Hospital Ship. Hospital ship AMRA for "Bark" East was 24 hours late leaving Tripoli and was recalled in view of reported lack of casualties. She is now being sent to land C.C.S. TAIREA should be at "Acid" south. Your 111353 refers.
(C. in C. Med. 111746B to R.A.B. (R) S.N.O.L.N. D.N.C.X.F.)

Force R. Cancel F.O.H. 101012 (N.T. in W.R.). Force "R" are to proceed to Malta direct to enter by Q.K.B. 123.
(C. in C. Med. 111750B to DELPHINIUM (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Levant, F.O.H., S.N.O. Cyrenaica)

Force "H". Subject to enemy fleet remaining quiescent request you will close N.E. searched channel Malta at 0800 tomorrow 12th. (2) 1 Division of Battle Squadron and 1 carrier to be detached at that

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Force "H" Contd. time to anchor off breakwater whilst destroyers fuel, sailing on completion. (3) Other division and carrier act likewise on relief if time available to complete and rejoin in daylight. 4. Resume covering position on completion. (5) Seaward division must provide own fighter protection. Intended movements should be signalled for benefit of Malta air plot. (6) S.O. Force H. pass to R.A.A. Med.

(C. in C. Med., 111812B to S.O. Force H. (R) V.A. Malta, S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B., D.N.C.X.F., A.H.Q. Malta, R.A.H., R.A.A. Med.)

Add to my 111812: para. 7. I have ordered force R. to Malta.

(C. in C. Med., 111911B.)

(Corrupt Group) Division will operate in area S.W. corner point 035° 50' North 015° 20' E. North South side 25 miles, east west side 15 miles. 2. 1st Division will visit 1st. (3) Your 111812 refers. (4) C. in C. Med. pass to A.H.Q. Malta (S.O. Force H., 112207A to C. in C. Med. (R) S.O. 2nd i/c Force "H" A.H.Q. Malta, V.A. Malta)

Force "H" P.C.S. at 0100 12th. 036° 15' N. 016° 45' East. Course 270° 15 knots. Keep clear. Your 111839 refers.

(S.O. Force, "H", 112219B to C.S.15 (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, UGANDA.)

C.S.15. During night intend to keep South and East of Cape Passero and West of longitude 016° 15' E. (C.S.15, 111839B to R.A. Force B. (R) R.A. Force A., UGANDA, C. in C. Med. (Force Q ?) S.O. Force H.)

L.C.1.(L)s. Intend to sail 12 landing craft I (L) to Acid North and L.C.I. (L) to Bark West to assist discharge D + 3 convoy to arrive about 1900 tomorrow Monday. (S.G.I., 111845B, to N.C. Force A, N.C. Force V.)

BARHILL JULIET. B.D.V. BARHILL escorted by H.M.S. JULIET is being sailed now, your 111437 (no trace in W.R.) refers. E.T.A. will be signalled. (N.C.E.T.F. 111921B to N.C. Force A.)

BORINQUEN, Following received by Freedom from Fantox PRINCE CHARLES, begins understand that number 2 British Commando PRINCE LEOPOLD in Gibraltar is under order of Allied C. in C.

× We wish to use this now for pinching out (operation) on east coast behind (enemy flank) Signal urgently if it can be moved (ends.)

2. Alternative appears to be either (A) U.S. troop ship BORINQUEN which was not used for N.C.F. one and sailed for Oran tonight 11th July or (B) PRINCE CHARLES and PRINCE LEOPOLD.

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BORINQUEN, (?2) Doubtful if U.S. Army can release
PRINCE CHARLES, BORINQUEN. If you approve of this movement,
PRINCE LEOPALD, can PRINCE CHARLES and PRINCE LEOPOLD be sent.
Contd. 4. Further signal will be made about BORINQUEN.
(C. in C. Med., A., 111922, to C. in C. Med. (R).
F.O. i/c Gibraltar, Cdr. U.S. Naval Forces N.W.
African Waters.)

x Minefield. Minefield being planted on line joining points:
A. 3.6 miles West Scoglitti. B. 36.52 N.
14.15 E. C. 36.57 N. 14.05.5E. D. 37.01.5N.
14.05.5 E. Channels preferred leading out from
West and North East. Channel from Point "King" no longer in
effect.
(U.S. Cdr. Amphibious Forces, N.W. African Waters, 111933 to
PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, ABERCROMBIE.)

ROYAL Route "Strop" one appendix 5 (f). E.T.A. 0030/12th
ULSTERMAN. July.
(ROYAL ULSTERMAN, 112011B to V.A. Malta, (R)
S.O. Force B., EGGESFORD.)
Proceed to Sousse. S.O. Force "B" 111818
(N.T. in W.R.) refers. Route as in "Strop"
3 appendix 5 D.
(N.C.E.T.F., 112111B to ROYAL ULSTERMAN, (R) V.A
Malta, S.O. Force B. etc.)

Situation (1) Landings proceeding well with improved
report weather. Air opposition on a larger scale
No. 120. resulting in damage to BARNETT ORIZABA and L.S.T. I
at "Dime" and to some landing craft at "Acid".
(2) After bombardment village of Pozzauro
(Pozzallo) surrendered to BLANKNEY and BRISSENDEN.
20 Token prisoners taken. DNM. (3) Port of Syracuse occupied.
No damage by demolitions and port apparently in good working
order. Port open. (4) Possible U-Boat hunted in 36.32 N.
15.20 E. Between 6th and 9th July U.S. aircraft from Moroccan
sea frontier attacked 10 U-Boats off that coast. Assessed by
Commorseafron as one definitely sunk, three probably sunk, four
possibly damaged. (5) Convoy E.T.22 attacked by U/Boat in
37.13 N. 05.12 E. at 1400/10. GULF PRINCE abandoned but may
be towed in. EMPIRE BRIGADE torpedoed but continued with
convoy. MATTHEW MAURY disabled but still afloat. (6)
Hospital ship TALAMBA lying three miles clear of main anchorage
at "Acid" fully illuminated was deliberately attacked by single
enemy aircraft at 2200/10 and sunk. Casualties unknown.
(7) Fast return convoys sailed a.m. 11th from Malta. Craft
shuttle service commenced.
(C. in C. Med. (M) 112015 to Admty.)

L.C.I.(L) 291. L.C.I(L)291 loaded with 4 inch Mark 16 Oerlikon and
12 pounder H.E. will arrive "Acid" North about
1900 tomorrow Monday.
(N.C.E.T.F., 112056B to N.C. Force "A".)

/L.S.Ts. ...

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L.S.Ts. for
W.T.F.

Two L.S.T. ex Sicily are to be sailed to Bizerta on arrival for use of Western Task Force. (N.C.E.T.F., 112104B to N.O.I.C. Sousse. (R) F.O.I.C. Tunisia, C. in C. Med. ?Comnavaw.)

DOLFIJN.

You were probably sighted at 1630B today. (Capt. (S) 8, 112108B to P.47 (DOLFIJN.))

Shipping
Augusta.

Following is a repetition of my 112116 (begins) T.A.C. R. report 3 passenger vessels started to leave Augusta at 1835/11th. (C. in C. Med. 112116B to Subs. on patrol.)

Italian
U/Bs.

From W.T.I. 18 Italian submarines were at sea yesterday July 10th. (D.D.I.C., 112142B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

ORION
bombardment.

(Five groups omitted). Request service of ORION for bombardments in Augusta Area tomorrow Monday. If approved ORION should be off Syracuse at 0600 and contact BULOLO on B.C.W. frequency 4172 k/cs. Call sign BULOLO B.C., ORION G.65. (N.C.Force "A", 112151B to N.C.E.N.T.F. E.T.F. (R) ORION, N.C.Force "B".)

U/B
attacked.

S/M sighted in 037° 34' N. 015° 43' E. at 2130. C. in C. Med., 112201B, to Ships and Vessels Med. Fleet.) My 2201 S/M has been damaged by M.T.B. (C.in C. Med., 112302B)

Convoy
for
Syracuse.

D plus 3 convoy. All personnel ships proceed Syracuse. Require 16 L.C.I.(L) to assist rapid disembarkation. Hope to clear early p.m. All M.T. ship anchor off beach in their sector taking any berth on their anchorage plan which appears vacant. S. for Sugar 10 to 20 to be warned wrecks locality Syracuse berths but all ships start work off beach. Escort pass to ships of convoy. Escort will leave area at once take over Eastbound shipping. (S.O. Force "A", 112237B to WISHART, GERALDTON, N.C.E.T.F., (R) S.O. Force "B", S.N.O. L.G.H.J.N.)

/Return...

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Return Sailed ORESTES, EMPIRE ELAINE, EMPIRE CONFIDENCE,
Convoy L.S.T.II 319, 321, 406, 301, 424, 366, 365 for
Sousse. Route "B" "Strop" 3 2 5 codeword
Sousse. "Antimony". Callsign 330. Commodore England
in ORESTES. My Part 1 112300.
(R.A.V. 112255 to N.O.I.C. Sousse, (R) C. in C.
Med. V.A. Malta, N.C.E.T.F.) W.R. Note; Part II
not yet received.

Situation Landings proceeding well in improved weather.
Report signed Eisenhower Cite FHGCT and FHGBI.
Cosintrep. Sporadic air attacks on anchorages resulting in
No. 2. loss of L.S.T. 313 and damage to BARNETT and
ORIZABA at Dime. Some damage to landing Craft
at "Acid". Casualties not known.

2. Pozzallo Village surrendered to two
Destroyers at 1440/11. Gunfire support of all beaches
continuing as required. 3. Port of Syracuse opened and in
good working order apparently. No damage by demolition.
4. Hospital ship TALAMBA deliberately attacked at 2200/10 by
Enemy Aircraft when embarking casualties three miles clear of
main anchorage Avola. Ship fully illuminated. Ship sank,
casualties unknown. 5. Three ships of Convoy E.T.22
torpedoed by submarine at 1400/10 off Bougie. Two badly
damaged but afloat, one continued with Convoy. 6. Aircraft off
Morocco attacked ten U-boats between 6th - 9th July claiming
one definitely sunk, 3 probably sunk, 4 possibly damaged.
Escort Vessels attacked submarine off Bark, no definite result.
7. M.T.Bs. on patrol south of Messina, and West of Island report
no contact. Thick pall of smoke over Messina. No traffic
seen. Oil tanks Catania still burning as result of bombardment
by Cruisers on night 9th July. 8. Convoys and Craft shuttle
service running according to plan.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 112304B to Cosintrep, Authorities, Admty.)
SY 301 cypher 12th July. Herewith repetition of portion
of first para. my A.202 11th July. Air. Cosintrep No. 1
(?Part one). (Begins) Dropped N.W. of Cap Murro Di Porco N.W.
Syracuse, and between Licata and Gela. Majority of landings
reported within one mile of selected spots, searchlights and
flares made pin pointing difficult, some gliders ended short in
sea owing high wind, light inaccurate flak was encountered. (Ends)
(Air C. in C. Med., No. T.O.O./12 to A.F.H.Q. Algiers, Agwar,
The War Office, Usfor, C. in C. Middle East, Governor and C. in C.
Malta, Governor and C. in C. Gibraltar, 5 Army, Fairfield,
C. in C. Med., Force 141.) W.D. Note:- No other part of this
report apparently received in W D.

Gela At 1840Z/11 German aircraft were informed in
German plain language that Gela was occupied by German
Troops. troops.
(D.D.I.C. 112332B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

WHITEHAVEN. You will send WHITEHAVEN to disembark
(reinforcement?) party and explosives at Syracuse
first thing tomorrow, Monday. She should have
disembarked them this (?morning).
(N.C.F.A., 112340B to S.N.O.L.N., (R) WHITEHAVEN.)

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110005B/July.

From: T.A.C. 15 Army Group.

DATE: 12.7.43. IN
RECD: 1352.

CYPHER

Addressed: War Office.

Sicily: Army Sit. Ref.

MOST IMMEDIATE

O.542 cypher 11th July. 138224.

First Part.

CITE FHGCT and FHGBI Signed Eisenhower.

Cositintrep No.2 1600 B. hrs. Sunday.

Part One Begins. Section One Intelligence.

Italian Field Divisions contacted for first time today when P.Ws. captured from I Bn. 75 Inf. Regt, and 54 Arty. Regt. of 54 Napoli Div. Exact location unknown but general area Syracuse. Otherwise identifications still mainly 206 Coastal Div. whose H.Q. moved from Ispica to Modica. Some Germans reported Vittoria-Biscari Area. Enemy tanks in varying strength reported northeast of Gela highest figure reported 45. Possibly some are Italian SP. guns. TAC/R at 1000 hrs. shows roads leading northeast and southeast from Bolognetta south of Palermo jammed with transport. Suggest traffic may include civilian refugees movement southwards on roads from Rkesi and Barrafrancd seen by TAC/R.0730. Still no sign co-ordinated counter attack. Italian morale apparently extremely low and coastal division show poor fighting qualities. Civil population mainly friendly and co-operative.

Section Two.....

Section Two. Ground Operations.

First. All beach heads have now been firmly secured by both seventh and eighth armies and good progress has been made.

110005B.

Received from War Office 1900/12.

Note by C.6 Tels. Advance copies have been sent to H.Q. ETOUSA
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Second. Eighth Army.

Airborne Div.

A/17 Bde. made contact with airborne troops this morning. In spite of having landed over wide area owing to high wind troops succeeded in capturing first objective but were counter attacked off it later.

b. 13 Corps. Siracusa was captured at 2100 hrs. last night. Preliminary reports on conditions of the port are encouraging and no damage is reported to installations required by us. Advance continued today and leading troops of 17 Bde. 5 Div. reached area Priolo J 0540 1300 hrs. 15 Bde. 5 Div. on high ground west of Cassibile J 0620 being relieved by 151 bde. 50 Div. 151 Bde. being relieved by 231 Bde. of 30 (or 32) Corps.

c. 30 Corps. Noto H 9511 captured 1125 (or 1155) hrs. 51 Div. moving north and patrols made contact with Cdn. Div. Rosolini H 8503. Cdn. Div. captured Rosolini H 8503 Ispica N. 8199 and Pozzallo N 7592. One Bde. Cdn. Div. now directed on Modica H 6707 - Ragusa H 6514.

d. Total PW now estimated 2000 incl. some Germans.

Third. Seventh Army. 45 Div. holds General line Marina D Ragusa N 4999 - Donnafagatta H 5211 - Vittoria - Point at F 4323 Point at H 3626 - 1 Div. unchanged. 3 Div. unchanged.

Section three Air. Reports from TAG/R and fighter aircraft showed little or no enemy road movement southeast of the general line Catania H 9780 - Gerbini H 7675 A Caltagirone H 4549 - Comiso H 5716 (or 5416) Large fires were

reported

this morning at Catania and other fires at Catania Aerodrome H 9475 and J 0739. The area south west of Augusta J 0848 was reported to be covered by thick smoke. Considerable enemy road movement was reported southward at 1515 hrs. on the road Prizzi B 5002 - Agrigento G 6357 and on the road P 6010 (or B 6510) - Caltanissetta H 0577. Very heavy traffic was reported moving north towards Palermo S 4347 at 1900 (or 1300) hrs. by fighter bombers. A train carrying tanks and met. was also reported moving northeast towards Palermo.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

General.

Enemy Aircraft reports P.C. and S. of 2 enemy destroyers
Units. at 2340 040° 00' N. 010° 00' E. 180° 20 knots.
(S.O. Force R. 110040B to S.O. Force Z. (R)
Escort K.M.S.19)
Objective of A/C is enemy (type not indicated)
who were in position 40.05 N. 10.15 E. course 180° speed 10 knots
at 2348B.
(55 S via Alex. 110100 to Air H.Q. Malta)
Aircraft report 3 destroyers in 040° 00' N. 010° 00' E.
course 180° 25 knots at 2340B/10th.
(C. in C. Med. 110102 to S. & A. in Area G.C., S.O. Force "Z")
P.C. and S. of enemy. One cruiser, two destroyers,
39.32 N. 10.00 E. 270° 15 knots.
(A/C S.T.X/C. via Malta, 110400B)

Enemy P.C. and S. of 2 enemy merchant vessels
Units. BDBK 4250 (42.42 N, longitude indecipherable)
195° 8 knots.
(A/C BUX/A via Alex., 110508 to A.H.Q. Malta)
P.C. and S. of enemy 2 destroyers B.D.B.K. 1818
137° 15 knots.
(A/C BUX/A, via Alex., 1105032)
P.C. and S. of enemy 2 aircraft carriers BDBK 4946 112°
12 knots.
(A/C BUX/U via Alex, 110515Z)
P.C. and S. of enemy 2 merchant vessels 1 aeroplane BDBK
5832 182° 7 knots.
(A/C BUX/A, 110520Z)
One medium sized enemy merchant vessel and 2 E-Boats in
BDBK 3039 course 160° speed 6 knots.
(A/C BUX/A, 110528C)
My 0520. Enemy previously reported were one M.V. 8000
tons and one M.V. 3000 tons and one JU.88.
(A/C BUX/A, 110615Z)
My 0508Z. Enemy previously reported was a merchant vessel
of 4000 tons and another of 1500 tons.
(A/C. BUX/A, 110615Z)
My 0528. Enemy previously reported was a merchant vessel
of 5000 tons and 2 E-Boats.
(A/C BUX/A, 110615Z)

GAWLER Attacked submarine contact at 2315B in 036° 32'
attack on N. 015° 20' E. big explosion felt, no further
U/B. contact. Hunted with IPSWICH, LISMORE, MARYBOR-
OUGH until 0115. Am proceeding with these ships
to Malta. E.T.A. North Channel 110930.
(GAWLER, 110205B to S.N.251 (N) (C. in C Med. etc.)

Malta M.S.15100. A.I.641 10 July C.S.R.
Air (A) Air, Part 1, Offensive. Night 9/10.
Report. 9 Mosquitoes intruder patrols aerodromes Sicily,
Southern Italy, Naples area. 6 Hurricanes anti
searchlight patrols Southern Sicily. 2
Hurricanes missing. Day 10 July. 861 Spitfires

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sorties patrolling beaches South East Sicily.
10 enemy aircraft destroyed 3 probably destroyed
10 damaged, 10 Spitfires missing. 59 Spitfires
escort and cover to aircraft of N.A.A.F. and
U.S.A.A.F. bombing Vizzini, Caltagirone and Catania
Part 2. Enemy air activity. Night 9/10.
12 Beaufighters 2 Mosquitoes interception patrols.
Day 10th Nil.
(A.H.Q. Malta, 110600B)

Movements,
Alexandria.

10th July Alexandria arrival CUMBRAE, departure
F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE, HARROW.
(R.A.Alexandria, 110622C to Admty)

U/B.

Am over enemy submarine in 37.37 N. 08.03 E.
(A/C BVA/M, 110636B)

M.E.F.

Correct my 110209C and 092027C (N.T. in W.R.)
Onward route for M.E.F. "cloak" should read
through 353 3 miles North, 351 3 miles North,
348 3 miles North, 342 5 miles North, 336 5 miles
North, 327 5 miles North, 315 through 310.
(C. in C. Levant, 110821C to V.A. Malta (R) C. in C. Med.
JUMNA, SUTLEJ.)

Repatria-
tions.

Intend sailing repatriation ships on Tuesday
13th July, E.T.A. Aden, 0700C/15th July.
(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 110824Z to F.O.R.S.C.A.)

MATTHEW
MAURY.

Arrived Bougie MATTHEW MAURY towed by BERGAMOT
screened by OXLIP. OXLIP and BERGAMOT proceeding
in execution of C. in C. Med's 102359B not to
Bougie. (N.T. in W.R.)
(N.O.I.C. Bougie, 110830B to C. in C. Med. Algiers
(R) Admty, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Connav.)

TEMPLAR.

Intend sailing P.316 (TEMPLAR) at 2000/12th through
043° 14' 009° 00' at 0030/17th thence patrols east
of Corsica.
(Capt. (S) 8, 110856B to C. in C. Med.)

S/M's
Beirut.

10th July, arrivals, PAPANICOLIS, KATSONIS.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 110945C to Admty)

N.C.S.2.

Algiers section arrived (list) (Ten ships).
(Cdre. Algeria, 111012B to Comnob Oran, Admty. etc.)

SHAHJEHAN
(sunk 7/7)

SHAHJEHAN torpedoed 1115/6th in 033° 01' N. 021°
32' E and subsequently sank at 0220/7th.
(P.S.T.O. Middle East, 111017C to Admty (D. of S.T.)

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Merchant Seamen, Accommodation. The congestion at Algiers and clearance from Gibraltar. (2) Request report, having in mind numerous opportunities for passage to U.K. from North Africa and Gibraltar by troop transport available.
(D.S.T.111023B to P.S.T.O.Med, D.S.T.O. Gib.)
Reply from Gibraltar, 121326.

U/B. 1st Class fix of U-Boat by D/F within 30 miles of 037° 50' N. 004° 00' E. 0319 July 11th.
(C. in C. Med. 111031B to All Ships Operation "Husky", N.A.C.A.F.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals 10th July, MISOA, MULL, FALK, ANTWERP, SHOREHAM, BROCKLESBY, QUANTOCK, KEREN, ABDIEL.
(2) Troopships OTRANTO, STRATHNAVER, Hospital Ships ST. JULIAN and ST. DAVID, M.T.B's 77, 78, 84, 57, 635, 637, 640, 75, 82, M.L's 564, H.S.L. 116, M.L's 121, 126, 480, 565, B.Y.M.S. 826, United States Ships SWANSON, L.C.I.(L)'s 127, 309, 185, 183, 290, 134, 291, 117, 125, 269, 300, 275, 250, 263, 258, 317, 252, 118.
Departures 10th July, SS. ST. JULIAN, ST. DAVID, L.C.I.'s 308, 289, 278, 187, M.T.B's 665, 655, 667, 634, 242, 633, 656, 81, 89, departed and returned 10th July, ABDIEL, L.C.I.(L)'s 126, 307, 299, 123, 298, 249, 132, 284, 318 and 260.
(V.A. Malta, 111039B to Admty etc.)

K.M.F.19. After passing through position K.F. amend route to pass through VA. 036° 06' 011° 20'.
VB. 036° 12' 011° 32' at 1600 July 11th.
VC. 036° 37' 011° 32'. VD. 037° 18' 011° 47' at 2200 July 11th. Reverse route at 2200/11th. Onward route from position VB. will be signalled. Inform Commodore. Attention is called to QK.43 and Q.K.B.134.
(C. in C. Med. 111043B to SLAZAK, HOLCOMBE (R) All Ships and authorities at "Husky")
K.M.F.19. My 111043B. Onward route for K.M.F.19 from position VB. through VE. 034° 43' N. 013° 07' E. VF. 035° 12' N. 013° 53' E. KZ 036° 00' N. 014° 06' E. at 0100 July 13th.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 111143B)

S/M.'s Malta. SHAKESPEARE, SAFARI, SERAPH, UNRIVALLED, UNISON, UNRUFFLED, UNSEEN arrived 10th July.
(V.A. Malta, 111045 to Admty etc.)

Enemy Units. One medium sized enemy merchant vessel in KBBQ 0402 (43.04 N. longitude indecypherable) "fixed" within half an hour of 1100 hrs in course 270° speed 8 knots.
(A/C VBL/C via Alex, 111053)
Enemy previously reported were one 5000 ton tanker, one 3000 ton merchant ship, two balloons and three torpedo boats.
(A/C VBL/C, 111054)
Enemy previously reported was one medium-sized merchant vessel of 3000 tons.
(A/C VBL/C. 111056)

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- U/B. S/M reported at 0950 by A/C 308° 035° 31' N. 011° 40' E. Course 310° speed 4 to 5 knots. ((?) via Sousse W/T, 111103)
- M.E. Air Report. Daily Opsum 74. 9/10 July. 11 Halifaxes 2 Liberators (B.24) targets in Avola Noto and San Paola Area, many bursts and fires observed all over target area, 10 July. 22 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Vibo Valentia airfield, 1 returned early, bursts in centre and East of airfield hits on hangars with fires in vicinity. 2 Beaufighters 1 Baltimore (A.30) offensive shipping sweep south-west of Crete. 1 Vessel attacked with depth charges and cannon fire results unobserved. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 111201Z)
- HURWORTH. Am proceeding to sea for trials on one boiler at 1430. 2 boiler from 1700. If satisfactory intend proceeding through position 315, 347 (? comma) (? 423) to join MWF 37 at first light Tuesday July 13th. (HURWORTH, 111204C to C. in C. Levant (R) N.O.I.C. Mersa Matruh, WISHART.)
At 1800B my position 8 miles north of 321 speed 16, increasing to 18 knots at midnight weather permitting. (HURWORTH, 111806B)
Your 111810. (Corrupt group) and (?altering course) to join M.W.F.37. (HURWORTH, 111825B to C. in C. Levant.)
HURWORTH proceeding to rejoin M.W.F. 37 at first light 13th July routed through 315, 347 about 0700C/12th not 597D. S. of A. approx. 18 knots increasing to 20 knots or better as weather moderates. Codeword "Rump". Request fighter defence normal priority. (C. in C. Levant, 112131C to C. in C. Med. etc.)
- ADRIAS, BEAUFORT, KANARIS. Hon 6. Para. 15 serials 22 and 24 on board HURWORTH, ADRIAS exchange group with BEAUFORT, KANARIS. This will give you a Cdr. in group P. (2) Will group X return Alex. as in serial 22 (corrupt group) or escort M.K.F.19 at in appendix III? (C. in C. Levant, 111215C to C. in C. Med.)
- E.T.22 A. E.T.22. E.T.22 A arrived less GULFPRINCE and MATTHEW MAURY. E.T.22 sailed as in my 101701B less EMPIRE COMMERCE (now for Algiers?). Two signalmen in EMPIRE DAY. (Com. Algeria, 111238B to Admtly etc.) GULFPRINCE arrived damaged (121027B)
- M.E.F.36. My 102052, amend codeword to read "Combatant", 216. Pass to ships concerned. (V.A. Malta, 111239B to SUTLEJ)

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of enemy are one destroyer, one merchant vessel 41.47 N. 11.15 E. 270° 12.
(A/C 55 S. 111250B)
My 1250. Enemy vessel previously reported was M.V. of 5000 tons.
(A/C APK/Q, 111300B)

Position course and speed of enemy medium vessel KBGX 0407 (?GQ) (243.04 N. 10.07 E) position based on "fix" obtained within half an hour of 1100 hours course 270° 8 knots.
(A/C. VBL/C No. T.O.O. Recd. 1345/11)

M.K.F.18. My 102048 amend codeword to read "Manicure".
Pass to ships concerned.
(V.A.Malta, 111320B to FARNDALE)
M.K.F.18 sailed 1000/11th. Codeword "Manicure".
(2) Composition DURBAN CASTLE (Cdre.) DUCHESS BEDFORD, LLANGIBBY CASTLE, MARNIX. VAN ST. ALDEGONDE, MONARCH OF BERMUDA, ORONTES, OTRANTO, REINA DEL PACIFICO, RUY'S, STRATHNAVER, TEGELBERG.
(3) C. in C. Med's 102142 refers.
(V.A. Malta, 111340B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Movements, Massawa. Arrivals 11th Nil. Departures LAOMEDON 0738C
Suez 0700C/15 ASIS, CHURRUCA 0552C Aden 0700C/13th Coastal.
(N.C.S.O.Massawa, 111340Z to Admty.)

M.K.F.19A. Intend to sail NEA HELLAS Commodore (Pendant 11) and EMPRESS OF RUSSIA (Pendant 21) at 2100 to Algiers. C. in C. Mediterranean's 101555 (not to all) refers.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville, 111429B to Cdre. Algiers)

U/B. Submarine reported by aircraft in 038° 18' N. 010° 30' E. at 1350B/11th July course (corrupt)
(F.O. Tunisia, 111517B to S.O. Force Z (R)
C. in C. Med.)

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 2 enemy Torpedo Boats 43.00 N. 9.53 E. 060 4.
(A/C AQZ/W, 111522B)
Position course and speed of one enemy merchant vessel and one escort vessel 42.50 N. 9.45 E. 060° 8.
(A/C. AQZ/W, 111525)
P.C. and S. of 2 enemy destroyers 42.08 N. 10.26 E. course 210° 14 knots.
(A/C. AQZ/W, 111542Z)
P.C. and S. of 2 enemy destroyers and one M.V. 39.58 14.00 170° 15.
(A/C, APK/Q, 111545B)

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- Enemy Units. (Contd.) My 1545. 2 M.Vs. 2000 tons ORIAN and COSENZ, 2 unidentified aircraft. (A/C. APK/Q, 111600)
My 1545. Position 40.06 N. 14.08 E. course 130° speed 15. (A/C APK/Q, 111610B)
My 1545, position 39.54 N. 14.32 E. 20 knots. (A/C. APK/Q, 111650B)
- M.K.S.18. Following ships are not to land any craft personnel or stores at Jejelli; ORONTES, OTRANTO, STRATHNAVER, TEGELBERG, RUYSS and DUCHESS OF BEDFORD. (2) Following ships only are to comply para. 3 of my 102142 except that spare crews are not to be landed. LLANGIBBY CASTLE, MARNIX, VAN STALDEGONDE (2 corrupt groups) and MONARCH OF BERMUDA. (3) If number of L.C.A.'s landed in accordance with para. 2 above is less than 72 arrangements are to be made to land balance of craft at Algiers. (4) All stores and spares from 5 ships in para. 1 above are to land at Algiers. (C. in C. Med. 111539B to S.O. Escort M.K.S.18 (R) D.N.C.X.F. C. in C. Med. (Algiers), N.O.I.C. Algiers, Admty, HAMILCAR)
- M.E.F.36. M.E.F. 36 sail 1400/11th. Codeword "Combatant" (2) Composition GLENGYLE (Cdre. of Convoy) ASCANIA, DERBYSHIRE, DEVONSHIRE, KEREN, DUNERA, DILWARA, BATORY, SOBIESKI, WINCHESTER CASTLE, CHRISTIAN HUYGENS. (3) C. in C. Med. 102142 refers. (V.A. Malta, 111556B to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, SUTLEJ 201 Group)
- L.C.I.(L)'s. L.C.I.(L) 175, 174 to join A. squadron, (?184, could also be 237 or 265) to join 12th Flotilla sailing at 2000B (?11th) for Malta. S. of A. 10 knots or better. Route, A (hon 2 appendix 1 D) thence Q.K.B.123. E.T.A. 1900B/12th codeword "Hairpin". Wireless call sign 250. Constant watch on 2150 K/cs. (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 111610B to V.A. Malta (R) 242 Group etc.)
- Estimated S/M disposttions. German: one attacked at 2315/10th in 036° 32' N. 015° 20' E. One south of 037° N. and between 001° E. and 003° E. One between Oran and Alboran One south of 037° 30' N. and between 003° E. and 005° E.
Italian: number of boats operating in the area eastwards of 006° E. and S. of 038° 30' N. may have ?increased: probably now 7 or 8 of which one may still be in Tripoli (Libya) area. (C. in C. Med. (A), 111710B to F.O. Gibraltar, S.O. 'H' etc.)
- Tank Landing Ships. Request destination to which BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER should be sent. (C. in C. Med. (Malta), 111716B to Admty)

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 2 enemy destroyers and one 4,000 ton merchant ship, 42.23 N. 9.50 E. 265° 10 knots. (A/C. AQZ/D. 111728B via Alex)
Position course and speed of one merchant ship of 4000 tons and small vessel is 42.58 N. 9.57 E.
Course 000° speed six knots.
(A/C. AQZ/D, 111745B via Alex.)

Escort to "Nipple" Convoy. May close A/S escort to "Nipple" from 0115 - 0700B/12th. Call sign based on fighter defence codeword. Escorts of Baltimores area between parallels 015° 40' E. 017° 40' E. 34° 00' N. 035° 00' N. from 0700 to 1000 and 1400 to 1700B/12. Call sign B VT plus A/C letter. Standard A/S and R/T frequency.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 111738B to V.A. Malta, Ships escorting convoy "Nipple", "Bowery", (R) S.N.O. Trip. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation forecast area GC 2000/11th. S/Ms excepted. (1) Convoy K.M.F.19 Pantellaria area course 030. (2) N.C.S.2, 037° 17' 008° 32' eastbound. (3) K.M.S.19 033° 35' 012° ? 40' Q.X. route as ordered in Hons. (4) One fleet unit 037° 41' 009° 45' course 061° 20 knots. (5) L.C.I. convoy 036° 39' 012° 11' course 102° 13½. M.K.F.18 035° 31' ? 013° 16' Q.Z.12.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 111801B)

N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 140. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. 9 July. Add 36 U.S. Lightnings P.38 escort previously reported U.S. Mitchells B.25 Caltanissetta, 1 returned early. 27 U.S. Marauders B (26 or 16?). Hits town railroad. 12 U.S. Lightnings Bombers P.38 Radar station Note. Direct hits Radar? station railroad junction. Strafed Radar station bridges warehouses. 1 U.S. Lightning P.38 destroyed. 3 Wellingtons seaplane base railroad station Syracuse. Hits targets, explosions. 9/10 July. 4 Wellingtons Catania. Hits, explosions, fires. 17 Wellingtons Syracuse Isthmus. Hits fires. 10 July 26 Mitchells B.25 escort 24 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Palazzolo, 1 fighter returned early. Town, barracks area, railroads station covered. 36 U.S. Mitchells B.25 Sciacca airdrome, 1 returned early. Airdrome well covered. Hits aircraft on ground. 1 U.S. Mitchell B.25 destroyed. 81 U.S. Fortresses B.17 Gerbini Satellite airdrome 3 returned early. Targets thoroughly covered. 17 M.E.109 and M.A. 202 encountered, 4 U.S. Fortresses B.17 damaged. 36 U.S. Fortresses B.17 Caltanissetta, 6 returned early, mechanical difficulties prevented dropping bombs. 36 U.S. Mitchells B.25 Milo airdrome.
M.S.15129. Part 2. Hangars blown up, hits runway, transport aircraft on ground. 2 U.S. Mitchells B.25 destroyed. 18 damaged flak. 48 U.S. Lightnings P.38 Fighter sweep West Sicily. 3 returned early. Straffed Radar Station, 1 JU 88 F.W.190.

5 M.E. /...

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N.W.A.A.F. 5 M.E.109. 3 M.A. 200. encountered, 10 enemy aircraft destroyed 2 probably destroyed, Opsum 7 damaged type unreported. 1 U.S. Lightning 140. P.38 destroyed. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. 6th July. (Contd.) Add 77 U.S. Warhawks P.40 escorted previously reported bombers to Tilo and Sciacca airdromes one crashed on take off one crashed in sea.

(59 or 56?) U.S. Mustangs A.36 bombers Radar Stations Licata and Marsala, gun positions power stations, railways, Porto Empedocle, 11 jettisoned remainder dropped 93 x 500 demolition, bombing good, several direct hits. 12 U.S. Mustangs A.36 strafed gun positions and trucks Mainella-Riberta Road. 8th July add. 71 U.S. Warhawks P.40 escorted.

Previously reported bombers Sciacca Airdrome. Destroyed 3 M.E.110, 1 F.W.190 probably 3 M.E.109 damaged. 3 U.S. Warhawks P.40 destroyed 1 damaged. 38 U.S. Mustangs 36 bombing Railways and Marshalling Yards Caltanissetta, Enna, and Bivouac Area Agrigento. Direct hits sulphur refining plant Caltanissetta 1 Mustang damaged flak. (67 or 60?) U.S. Mustangs A.36 offensive sweep Licata, Porto Empedocle, Nicosia, Canlratti wireless installations, trains and trucks strafed. 1 U.S. Mustang A.36 down in sea. 4 U.S. Mustangs P.51 R/C Gela and Central Sicily. (?) 9 July. 32 DA Bostons A 20 Sciacca Airdrome, (21 or 24?) Baltimores A 30 Milo Airdrome, 24 U.S. Mitchells Biscari Airdrome.

Escort 87 U.S. Warhawks, P.49 total 73 tons. Runways Sciacca well covered, hits building and dispersals, Milo and Biscari. 60 M.E.109 and F.W. 190 encountered. 10 M.E. 109 destroyed, 6 probable 3 damaged by escort 1 F.W.190 destroyed 1 M.E. 109 probable 2 M.E.109 damaged by U.S. Bostons A.20, two Baltimores A.30 destroyed. 2 U.S. Bostons A.20 two Baltimores A.30 destroyed. 2 U.S. Bostons A.20 four Warhawks P.40 missing. 6 U.S. Bostons A.20 damaged.

9/10th July. 47 U.S. Mitchells B.25 31 Bostons A.20 8 Baltimores A.30 Sciacca and Milo airfields, Niscemi and Canicatti towns, line of communications Caltagirone and Palazzola. 4 U.S. Mitchells B.25 returned early. 10 U.S. Mitchells B.25 8 Bostons A.20 bombed Sciacca airfield, 10 U.S. Mitchells B.25 8 U.S. Bostons A.20 Milo airfield. 4 Baltimores A.30 Niscemi, 6 Bostons A.20 Canicatti 10 U.S. Mitchells B.25 Caltagirone, 6 U.S. Mitchells B.25 Palazzola. Remainder failed locate primary targets and bombed as follows: 9 Bostons A.20 1 Baltimore A.30 Ponte Oliva airfield. 3 U.S. Mitchells B.25 Castelvetro, 1 U.S. Mitchell B.25 Biscari airfield, 1 U.S. Mitchell, B.25 Amerina, 1 Baltimore A.30 Butera 2 Baltimores A.30 location uncertain. H.E. Incendiaries and crews feet dropped. Weight unreported. Large fire and explosion Milo. Many fires Caltagirone and Ponte Oliva. (N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 111829B, 111953B, 112023B)

K.M.S.19. For Cdre. Tug (?EMPIRE) GNOME and EMPIRE MONNOW are to be detached with Malta section of K.M.S.19. (2) EMPIRE SPITFIRE to continue with convoy MM destination Syracuse. (C. in C. Med. 111848B to PHEASANT. (R) N.C.E.T.F. V.A. Malta, S.O. Force B. S.O. Force A.)

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K.M.S.19
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K.M.S.19 Malta section is to be detached after passing Gozo with one escort. (2) Ships are to enter by Q.K.B. 123. (C) and anchor as convenient inside swept channel between St. Paul's Bay and Maddalena Point. (3) Escort enter Grand Harbour.
 (V.A. Malta, 111951B to PHEASANT (R) C. in C. Med. ANTELOPE.)

Air
 Patrols
 and
 Escorts.

M.J.A 0 32 11th July (?Oran) and Algiers 1 unit codeword "Longfield" West of 009° East Tarifa N.C.S.2 codeword "Hampole 11" until 0330/12th 1 Hudson or Bisley each. (2) Submarine hunt (A) West of Oran Latecoer by day (B) Arzeu to Cherchell 1 Hudson or Bisley continuous (C) 004° 30' E. 005° 30' E. 1 (one) Hudson or Bisley (D) 003° 30' E. 006° E. 1 (one) Wellington by day (E) 007° 30' E. 008° 40' E. 1 (one) Hudson or Bisley continuous. (3) Tyrrhenean Sea Marauder patrol by day. (C. in C. Med. "A", 111900B to S. & A. Area G)

Landing
 Craft
 disposal.

Intend to return to U.K. all landing craft in following ships DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, MONARCH OF BERMUDA, ORONTES, OTRANTO, STRATHNAVER, TEGELBERG and RUYS. Craft from remaining ships in M.K.F.18 numbering approximately 72 L.C.A. and eight others will be landed at

Jijelli. (2) Spare crews are not being retained. (3) Spare gear is being landed from all craft as it was taken off, new engines now in SAUNDERS. (4) Station assets estimated as 52 in L.S.I(M) and L.S.I(S), eight ex L.S.I.(L) now returning to U.K.16 ex "Husky" training. Approximately 30% spare crews will be on station and employed in training craft.
 (C. in C. Med. (Malta) 111924 to Admty (R) C.C.O. C. in C. Levant.)

SARACEN,
 2 ships
 sunk.

6 Torpedoes expended, 2 ships sunk. After periscope flooded.
 (P.247 (SARACEN), 111942B to Capt. (S) 8.)

K.M.F.19.

Malta section is to be detached after passing Gozo escorted by ANTELOPE and BOREAS. (2) Ships are to enter by Q.K.B. 123(C) and anchor as convenient inside swept channel between St. Paul's Bay and Maddalena Point. (3) Escorts enter Grand Harbour.
 (V.A. Malta, 111953B to ANTELOPE, BOREAS, SLAZAK, (R) C. in C. Med.)

M.K.F.18.

P.C. and S. at 0400B July 12th. 036° 16' N. 011° 32' E. 301° 11½ knots.
 (FARNDAL, 112004 to Escorts K.M.F.19)

U/B.

1 S/M 4 position 37.34 N. 15.43 E.
 (A/C 5 EG/O via Alex.112125)

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BORINQUEN. Further to my 111922 (Signal from Fantox to Freedom re British Commando in Gibraltar under orders of Allied C. in C.). Unless over-ruled by Allied C. in C., U.S. Army wish to keep BORINQUEN at short notice for moving of 9 Division from Oran. (C. in C. Med. "A", 112128 to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Arrival M.T.B. 287 departure (?BRANT). Arrived Bone. and sailed SIRIUS, DIDO, ISIS. (N.O.I.C. Bone, 112158B to Admty etc.)

Movements, Arrivals: SEMINOLE, WRESTLER, WANDERER, PLYM, Bizerta. INCONSTANT (?) BACLUE. Departures: PRINSES J. CHARLOTTE, ROTHESAY, BUDE, STORNOWAY, ALBACORE, ACUTE, ACHROITE, FILEY BAY, FOULA, ELBURY, HUNDA, KINOFFER, WESTNET, GLACTON. (N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 112201B to C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, Cominch, Comnavnaw etc.)

Enemy Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 38.31 N. 12.15 E. Units. at 2213B. (A/C BVZ/H via Alex, 112216B) Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 40.15 N. 12.29 E. (A/C BVZ/N via Alex. 112316B)

2 enemy cruisers and 3 destroyers leaving 270 distance 4 miles, 37.32 N. 15.45 E. (M.T.B.640, 112225B to Malta.)

Landing Have 3 L.S.I. 1 (one) L.S.T.12 landing craft I's Craft awaiting loading instructions. Army have no Sousse. information. (N.O.I.C.Sousse, 112224B to C. in C. Med. (R) S.O. I.S. V.A. Malta etc.)

Movements, 11th July Port Said, departures M/L 357 Mine Port Recovery Launches Nos. 2 and 3 H.H.M.S. (?IERAX) Said. PANTHER. (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 11230C to Admty etc.)

Z lighter, One Z lighter returned with engine defect. Tripoli. My 101517 refers. (S.N.O. Trip. 112358B to V.A. Malta)

Movements, Sailed DELPHINIUM, WOLBOROUGH, PROTEA, SOUTHERN Benghazi. ISLE, SOUTHERN SEAS, ROMEO, PEAR LEAF, CEDARDALE. (N.O.I.C. Benghazi, 112358C to Admty)

Movements, Arrived L.C.I.(L) 266. Sailed KLO, SKUDD 5, Tripoli. HAILSTORM, M.L.1164 and 1143 L.C.T. 1318, 557. (S.N.O. Tripolitania, 112359B to Admty)

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East Indies.

SEBASTIAN CERMENO torpedoes 27th June. SEBASTIAN CERMENO torpedoes 27 June in 027° S. 050° E. Two survivors landed near Fort Dauphin. (S.O.(I) Colombo 110513Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.)

Convoy M.B.41. Sailing telegram (3 ships, list etc.)
2. 1130Z/10th. 4. 7 knots. 5. (Route).
6. BERAR.
(N.C.S.O. Colombo 110615Z, 110621Z to Admty.)

NIEUW HOLLAND. Expect to sail NIEUW HOLLAND with approx. 250 military and 100 R.A.F. service personnel 17th July for Durban and Cuba empty 22nd July for Mombasa.
(P.S.T.O.I. 110619Z to C. in C.E.F.)

Eastern Fleet disposition signal No.64
A. No change.
C. SUSSEX, SUFFOLK at Kilindini.
D. CERES and CAPE TOWN at Bombay.
E. Units exercising off Kilindini.
(C. in C.E.F. 110845Z to C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, A.C.N.B. F.O.Ceylon, Admty. F.O.R.S.C.A.)

Transports. Transports SANTHIA, EL MADINA, VARSOVA, BARJORA arrived 10th and disembarked (personnel, military, etc.)
(S.T.O. Karachi 110847Z to P.S.T.O. Bombay, (R) D. of S.T.)

Troop Movements. 1. Concur in arranging C.M. convoy about July 25th from Durban to Middle East.
2. Escort can be provided.
3. D. of S.T.'s 100336 refers.
(C. in C.E.F. 110905 to D. of S.T.)

ALBATROSS, No. 710 Squadron. 1. ALBATROSS can now be released for return to U.K. vide your 161+(?752) March. F.L.O. Delhi's 090355 July refers.
2. Propose 710 Squadron complete should be disembarked to East Africa and a detachment of (?3) aircraft from it sent to the Persian Gulf to operate in the Straits of Hormuz in vicinity of which there are no Aerodromes suitable for the operation of R.A.F. aircraft. Local air cover is particularly desirable to reinforce the meagre defence of this focal point.
3. Alternative if Squadron personnel must return to U.K. aircraft (?only) be disembarked to East Africa to build up Walrus reserve severely depleted by movement of aircraft to the Med. 4. Request early reply.
(C. in C.E.F. 110908Z to Admty. (R) F.L.O. Delhi, Comrin, R.A.N.A.S. Indian Ocean, S.N.O.P.G. ALBATROSS.)
+ ?1152/16 March intended.

/Movement...

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Movement Summary No. 78 July 11. 1. ALAUNIA left Bombay 10th escorting one transport due Kilindini 21st.
2. ROTHERHAM and RELENTLESS left Durban 9th to R/V one transport at 022° S. and escort her to vicinity Beira ROTHERHAM and RELENTLESS then proceed Kilindini due about 15th.
3. F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC left Diego Suarez 7th due Aden 14th.
4. Following Y messages are cancelled 300Y of June 19th 306 June 26th 310 July 2nd.
(C. in C.E.F. 110936Z to E.F. 317Y.)

Movements. Departure H.S. MAUNGANUI 12 10 Aden 16th.
(Colombo 110950Z to Admty.)
CARTHAGE arrived.
(F.O.E.Af. 111326Z.)
Departure 0740Z NETRAVATI escorting one ship arrival 1145Z
CAPETOWN 1145Z POONA with M.B.40, 1000Z CERES.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 111351Z.)
Arrival AMRITSAR escorting PAKHOI.
(N.O.I.C. Madras 111042Z to Admty. etc.)
Colombo arrivals 11 July 0700Z OKAPI.
(F.O.Ceylon 111110Z.)
Departure 1330Z/11th KATHIAWAR escorting TAI PING.
(N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 111331Z to Admty.)

Convoy K.B.2. Sailing telegram (EL MEDINA, VARSOVA.)
2. 1036Z/11th. 4. 12 knots. 5. (Route).
6. DIPAVATI.
(N.C.S.O. Karachi 111045Z, 111059Z.)

FERNCASTLE (Norwegian). Have you any news of FERNCASTLE due Abadan 3rd July from Esperance.
(D.T.D. 111756B to S.N.O.Persian Gulf, (R)
C. in C.E.F. S.O.(I) Colombo.)

LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE, manning. Following received for D. of S.T. from P.S.T.O.(I) timed 030806 (begins):
S.O. Assault Ships and Craft requires European crew of LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE to be changed for Indian. Requires permission to do so. Master in entire agreement but requests he may retain key men. (Ends.)
2. In view of A.M. 020942A Feb. para. 2 request confirmation that LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE is being manned by R.I.N?
(D. of P. 111913B to F.O.C.R.I.N. (R) S.O.A.S.C. (India),
C. in C.E.F. P.S.T.O. India.)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. 10th July, arrivals FAUNCE, TAHOMA, MOHAWK, ALGONQUIN Tampa ex Argentinia. MOJAVE, TRAIL, GUYSBORO, LOCKEPORT escorting H.J.60. GATINEAU, LAGAN, PRIMROSE, DRUMHELLER, FENNEL, CHAMBLY, KAMLOOPS, DESTINY, BOMBARDIER ex O.N.191. ESQUIMALT escorting N.J.33. ADHERENT H.C.184 ex assisting harbour craft. SANKATY ex Sydney.

Departures CUCKMERE, HERSCHELL, NORTHERN SPRAY escorting W.S.C.136 (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 110110Z.)
Arrival LACHINE from H.X.247, departure LACHINE to H.X.247. (C.Halifax 111057.)
Argentinia 11th. Departures 0700Z B.4 group consisting HIGHLANDER, WINCHELSEA, PENNYWORT, A3PHODEL, CLOVER to S.C.136. (Capt. D.Argentinia 111159Z to Admty.)
Arrival 11th M.S. JAN VAN BRACKEL. (B.N.S.O.Curacao 111345Z.)
Arrival 10th U.S.A.T.MATTOLE. (B.R.O.Aruba 111351Z.)
Departure BARRIE, BUCTOUCHE, QUESNEL, NIPIGON to H.O.N.191. (C.Halifax 111941Z.)

Dispositions. My 101650Z add EDMUNDSTON departed Pictou N.S. 0001Z/11th to St. Johns N.F. coastwise via Gut of Canso thence position (route) St. Johns 12 knots. (C. in C.C.N.A. 110545Z.)

Following is recyphered version of my 110615Z (begins) my 101715Z amend L.N.15, ALGOMA, ALBERNI, MOOSEJAW, QUEBEC, departed Red Islet 2200Z/10th to position 048° 35' to 068° 56' thence 063° 9. Add UNGAVA departed Gaspé 2359Z/10th for Sydney C.B.12 knots. (End) (C. in C.C.N.A. 110620.)

HAKE. This is a paraphrase of Comsublant 092359 to Cominch and has been passed to Cinclant, Comeastseafon and Consubron 50:
After re-enciphering Cominch pass to HAKE on N.A.A. Bulletin 1 to HAKE.

A. From 39 N. 50 W. at 2201Z/11th proceed at 10 knots on surface diving at will through C. (Lat. 39.38 Long. 61.38) at 0400Z/14th.

B. Pass through H. (38.33 N. and 67.32 W.) at 0800Z/15th.

C. Then diving by day and on surface at night advancing 100 miles daily.

D. Arrive 40.32 N. and 71.04 W. at 0800Z/17th.

E. Thereafter, on surface, pass through swept channel East of Block Island to New London at 10 knots.
(Comnaveu 110936Z to Admty. F.O.S.)

LIBERTAD. My 071004. LIBERTAD floated 9/7.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 110946Q to Admty. N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O.W.At.)

WILLIAM WILKINS. (U.S.) WILLIAM WILKINS arrived 0300Z/9th. Damaged after collision with unknown Liberty ship.
(N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 111120Z to B.6 for Cdre. H.X.246.)

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NIGERIA. Expected departure NIGERIA 1930Z/11th S.O.A.
20. Routed Clyde via G.37.19 N. 65.01 W.
H. 38.58 N. 54.59 W. J.47.48 N. 31.01 W.
K. 55.29 N. 11.02 W. thence to destination by
most practicable route guided by latest Q Messages governing
the area.
(P.D.Norfolk 111209 to Com.10th Fleet C. & R. C.E.S.F.
N.S.H.Q. Admty. C. in C.C.N.A. F.O.N.F. N.S.S. pass to
all less C.E.S.F.)
Re my 111209. Departed Cape Henry 1937Z/11 July.
(P.D.Norfolk 112146 to F.O.N.F. Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. N.S.H.Q.
Admty. C. in C.N.A. C.E.S.F.)

HAUKEN Guantanamo 080347 (begins) S.O.(I) (R) Admty.
rockets & Your 071809 (Reports of rockets and oil patches
oil slick. seen by HAUKEN.) Negative unless register
 disregarded South Coast Jamaica Routeing.
 (S.O.I. Jamaica 111244Q to Admty.)

Convoy C.U.3. (23 ships, cargoes and destinations.)
C.U.3. CONTRERAS U.S. failed to sail. Delayed with engine
 repair.
 (Willemstad 111431Z to Admty.)
 (U.S.Com. Allied Forces Aruba and Curacao 111957.)

N.S.H.Q. S/M (N.S.H.Q. 111454Z.)
Estimate.

Through It is most important that Suez Canal Authorities
shipping, F.O.R.S.C.A. and N.O.I.C. Port Said should have
Mediterranean. particulars of cargoes and ultimate destinations,
 whenever known, of all vessels for canal ports
 or for onward routeing from Suez.
 3. Request you will approach American Authorities
concerned for the required information to be passed to their
representative in the Canal Area.
(D.T.D. 111519B to B.A.D.)

RAVAGER. Expected departure 1230Z/12 July. RAVAGER, routed
 New York via X.M. thence through 37.19 N. 74.12 W.
 39.52 N. 72.59 W. Thence to Point Z. S.O.A. 15
 knots.
 (P.D.Norfolk 111602 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.
 C.E.S.F. N.S.H.Q. Com. 4 C. in C.C.N.A. (R) Admty.)

B.Y.M.S. X Your 291638 June. Concur.
request for 2. In view of the fact that specially trained crews
loan to are required, that vessels are now manned and will
R.C.N. come to U.K. this winter, propose that British
 crews are retained.

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B.Y.M.S.
request for
loan to
R.C.N.
(Contd.)

3. Before vessels leave for U.K. any spares used from the vessels original stock should be replenished.
4. You are requested to make arrangements with B.A.D. for replenishments and any further spares required.
(D.M.S. 111629B to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D.)

U/Bs.

Conflairwing three reports R.D/F fix of enemy submarines as follows:- one within 50 miles 16.50 N. 75.00 W. at 0130Z. One within 100 miles 16.40 N. 74.40 W. and one within in 100 of 17.15 N. 74.50 W. Time not stated.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 111645Q to Admty. S.B.N.O. Trinidad.)

U.S.S/M
Estimate.

(Cominch 111755Z.)

WEST POINT.

July 10th WEST POINT (U.S.S.) Rio de Janeiro
July 21st.
(N.S.H.Q. 111833Z to A.S.O.(I) Recife, F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C.S.A.)

Sub. attack
& sighting
summary.

All times Z. Para. C. Plane attacked sub contact 02.36 N. 48.45 W. 110540. Army plane sighted sub course 090 06.25 S. 12.45 W. 110944. U.S.S. CRAWFORD attacked sound contact area 14 N. 61.02 W. on 10th. Surface craft sound contact 00.45 N. 47.40 W. 101525. Transit plane sights sub on surface course 095 63.50 N. 27 W. 101922. B.26 sighted sub on surface 64.10 N. 25.05 W. 102040.
Para. D. K.13 has 2 mad contacts 34.10 N. 76.07 W. 111245. Two subs sighted area 20.50 S. 40.05 W. 101345. Shore Watcher sights sub 23.36 S. 45.17 W. 091630.
(Cominch 112001Z to Admty.)

U.S.A.Ts.

Arrivals Chemainus B.C. 9 July CHIRIKOF, 10 July PERIDA, both U.S.A.Ts.
(N.S.H.Q. 112036Z to Admty.)

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Kiwi No. 87 A/C sighted small SS. 16.30 S. 177.30 G 1030M/10 attacked with depth charge oil slick observed. Three in vicinity Kolombangara 0530M/10 several A/A positions silenced at Munda by field artillery 8/7 and 4 destroyers bombarded Munda a.m. 9/7. 57 survivors HELENA landed N.E. Vella 8/7 warship 9/7 N.E. Vella Lavella course S.E. probably supplying Vila. Buin Faisi bombed 8/7. (C.W.R. Wellington 110016Z.)

C.O.108. Departure 11th July Sydney section convoy C.O.108 comprising one ship VIVI for Abadan. (N.C.S.O. Sydney 110405Z to Admty.)

Movements. Arrivals Sydney 9th ATREUS, BUNDABERG Brisbane 9th U.S.S. OTUS F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT. Departures Milne Bay 9th KATOOMBA for Oro Bay, BOWEN for Townsville. (A.C.N.B. 110641Z.)

U.S.S. GOLD STAR departed Westport 10th for Sydney N.S.W. E.T.A. 1400Z/13th. (A.C.N.B. 110644Z.)

Arrivals 9th July Milne Bay R.A.A.F. Store ship WANAKA. Oro Bay U.S. Transport BOTH. 10 Townsville CREMER. V.S.I.S. MERKUR departed Townsville 10th for Linders Group. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 110940Z to Admty.)

Arrival Wellington H.T. NIEUW AMSTERDAM and JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK. (N.Z.N.B. 111941Z.)

Digest serial Morning R/C reported sighting 2 small merchant No. 537 July vessels, also harbour craft in Wewak harbour. 10th. 6. 2 Liberators bombed Boela afternoon 10th starting heavy fires in oil installation areas. Also reported sighting one small sea truck 5 other small craft at Sorong while 3 unidentified vessels sighted 50 miles southeast Fak Fak course northwest. 7. Same afternoon 4 Liberators reported sighting 1 medium large merchant vessel to northward of Babo. 3 vessels described as probable warships observed anchored to west of Tajkadpe Island (Kai Group). 10. 5 Mitchells bombed strafed stranded enemy destroyer on east coast Kolombangara Island. 11. Ref. Digest 536 para. 9 later reports indicate force sighted off Choiseul Bay comprised 4 cruisers, 4 destroyers which proceeded direct to Kula Gulf. Additional force 4 destroyers sighted entering Vella Gulf from north shortly after midnight 9th/10th and later reported approaching Vila through Blakett Strait probably engaged on transportation mission. Larger force attacked by 2 Liberators which reported scoring two hits. Both forces observed proceeding away from area before dawn. 4 unidentified vessels sighted to west of Ganongga Island course 120° late night 10th.

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Australia & New Zealand.

Digest serial 13. Photos. Shortlands area morning 10th reveal 1
No. 537 July heavy cruiser (described as NACHI class), 1
10th (Contd.) light cruiser, 8 destroyers, 2 patrol craft, 4
cargo vessels, 1 tanker, 6 auxiliary vessels.
14. Two heavy cruisers, 1 destroyer reported 75
miles north of Kavieng course 190° midday.
(G.H.Q.S.W.P.A. 110936.)

Kiwi No. 86. U.S. Task Force Cruisers and destroyers covered Rice
Anchorage Landing of supplies night 7th, returned
safely. Jap A/C dropped flares but enemy surface
force in vicinity did not attack. U.S. engaged
surface one class SS. with torpedo and gunfire, result not
observed. Vila Bivouac and dump area bombed morning 8th, twelve
Dauntless, sixteen Avengers escorted by sixteen Corsairs.
Allied positions Rendova lightly bombed early morning 6th,
slight damage. A.K. with submarine chaser reported 375 miles
N.W. Nauru Island noon 8th course south.
(C.W.R. Wellington 092342 to Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 111417B, 111501B.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Force E.

1. Roseneath Force is now to be called Force E.
2. At 1425B today 3 Beaufighters attacked with cannon a U-Boat in 45.05 N. 08.54 W. (80 miles N.N.W. of Cape Ortegal) and caused many casualties on deck.

North Atlantic.

U.191 ?
sunk.

3. On 15 July SCYLLA reported that HURRICANE had picked up in 42.20 N. 13.51 W. 6 survivors of U.191 which was sunk today by aircraft.

U/B
sunk.

4. An aircraft from Port Lyautey at 1530 today attacked a U-Boat in 42.25 N. 16.30 W. (270 miles west of Cape St. Vincent) and reports 3 hits with depth charges and 5 survivors in the water. C.M.S.F.F. gives position of attack 42.30 N. 1630 W. and time 1339Z, and states that the U-Boat was definitely sunk and 10 to 15 survivors were seen in the oil slick. At 1040 a further attack on a U-Boat was made by a U.S. Liberator 30 miles S.W. of Cape St. Vincent. No details are known.

PORT FAIRY
bombed.

5. S.S. PORT FAIRY escorted by SWALE forming the remnant of the convoy attacked by aircraft yesterday, was bombed, holed, her steering gear put out of action, and was set on fire at 2005B today in 37.35 N. 15.34 W. (another report gives position 37.26 N. 15.10 W.) (about 300 miles W. of Cape St. Vincent) SWALE assisted her to put out the fire and continued to escort her to Casablanca steering by engine, after taking off passengers and survivors. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar ordered SALVONIA to proceed to assist her. PORT FAIRY and SWALE arrived at Casablanca, at 1635B on 14th July.

2.2.45

Re Operation "Fracture". references
in W.D. pp. 426, 459, 462, 463.

In this operation the Howe, King George V
& destroyers bombarded:
1st Levanzo Island
2nd Trapani

Favignana was not bombarded

The Cruisers bombarded Marsala as stated.

Ref. M. 04489/44 Cinc. report on Hurky
also enclosure 5

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including "Fracture" etc

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

6. S.S. AFRICAN STAR (U.S.6507 tons), Rio de Janeiro for New York made S.O.S. at 0400Z today in 25.44 S. 40.48 W. (about 220 miles S.E. of Rio de Janeiro). An aircraft later reported two lifeboats in approximately this position and the Brazilian destroyer MARANHAO proceeded from Rio de Janeiro to rescue the survivors. The ship was torpedoed at 0500Z in 25.46 S. 40.35 W. Survivors were landed at Rio on 14th July.

* 7. A Wellington aircraft from Takoradi attacked a U-Boat in 03.27 N. 06.30 W. (310 miles N.W. of Takoradi) at 1320 today and reports that the U-Boat is believed to have been severely damaged.

Mediterranean.

Favignano Island + Trapani

Operation "Husky".

Operation "Fracture".

X 8(a) A diversion was carried out last night off the West coast of Sicily. HOWE and KING GEORGE V bombarded Favignana, SIRIUS and DIDO bombarded Marsala. A follow up convoy for the Western Task Force made a feint to the northward and a convoy of small craft and landing craft sailed from Bizerta as a feint. There was no opposition to the bombardment.

X (b) Force H closed Malta this morning to fuel the destroyers. VALIANT, WARSPITE and cruisers of Force Q also topped up.

Capture of Augusta.

X (c) The 15th C.S. (ORION, UGANDA, MAURITIUS) and EREBUS bombarded Augusta this morning. A channel was swept to the port but it was not until 1600 that KANARIS and EXMOOR were able to enter the port. Supported by the 15th C.S. and EREBUS who by their gunfire encouraged the enemy to evacuate Augusta quickly. The White Ensign was hoisted by 1800, though about this time enemy forces still on the outskirts of the town shelled the destroyers in harbour and slightly damaged EXMOOR. The destroyers withdrew, being unable to do anything more until the arrival of the army. ULSTER MONARCH with troops entered Augusta at 1945, and the town was occupied by the 8th Army at 2200.

/(d) Syracuse...

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Syracuse

(d) The Port of Syracuse is now in working condition and 60% of the alongside berths in the harbour are available. The Naval Commander Force B was instructed to turn over Bark area to N.C.F.V. and proceed to Syracuse tomorrow morning, to assume the duties of Flag Officer, Syracuse.

(e) Unloading at all beaches proceeded satisfactorily today, though delayed by swell at the Western beaches and Bark west.

Casualties

(f) ESKIMO was hit by a bomb in the gear room and was towed to Malta to dock. BLANKNEY and BRISSENDEN were in collision off Bark this a.m.; the latter is seriously damaged and proceeded to Malta.

British S.S. OCEAN PEACE (7173 tons) was sunk and U.S. JOSEPH G. CANNON (7181 tons) was severely damaged, both a.m. today and it is believed by bombing off Avola. A U.S. Liberty ship was sunk a.m. today off Gela.

The Hospital Ship DORSETSHIRE had some casualties from near miss bombing off Bark.

U-Bs.
captured and
sunk.

(g) SEAHAM (Minesweeper) off Augusta today captured the Italian submarine BRONZO and brought her into Syracuse. M.T.B's on patrol off Catania last night attacked a U-Boat with torpedoes depth charges and guns, and consider it severely damaged.

21.0m FLUTTO
sunk

Army
line.

(h) This evening, the army line ran approximately south of Augusta - Pallazolo - Ragusa - Comiso - Ponte Olivo - Licata. Counter attacks were repulsed in the Gela area, 5000 to 6000 prisoners have been taken.

(i) Up to 1600 today 15 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Licata Airfield is reported suitable for the operation of one Squadron of fighters today. Malta aircraft, including the Squadron at Pantellaria, flew 948 sorties over the beaches today. 25 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 10 probably destroyed, and 22 damaged. 73 Fortresses bombed Messina today.

General.

9. INCONSTANT sank U.409 in 37.17 N, 03.55 E. (off Dellys) this morning and took 34 or 35 prisoners.

/ U.409...

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U.409, Oberleutnant Hans Ferdinand Hassman, left Toulon on 29th June for her first and last patrol.

10. OAKLEY carried out a promising attack on a U-Boat off Sousse today.

X 11. C. in C. Levant reports that the enemy submarines operating on his station are concentrating their attacks on through convoys in the area off Cyrenaican hump, Fairmiles have proved inadequate for operating against U-Boats in the area, and he asks C. in C. Med. when through convoys are resumed, to provide 4 corvettes to operate as two support groups continuously harassing U-Boats and reinforcing convoy escorts through the area.

X 12. Liberators of the 9th U.S.A.A.F. attacked the marshalling yards and ferry slips at Reggio di Calabria in daylight today. 47 A. 36's bombed Termini harbour and town.

East Indies.

13. C.S.A. Lourenco Marques reports that S.S. BREIVIKEN was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine at 1410B/4 in 21.50 S. 37.50 E. At 0405Z today a Catalina aircraft attacked a U-Boat on the surface in 23.55 S. 36.45 E. Depth charges were seen to straddle the submarine which submerged.

Raider ^H

14. S.N.O. Persian Gulf now reports that ^{Norwegian} M.V. HOEGH SILVERDAWN (see 5 July) is reported to have been sunk by a German raider in approx. position 28.15 S. 95 degs. E. on 15 June. U.S. FRANKLYN P. MULL which arrived in the Persian Gulf today picked up 3 survivors of HOEGH SILVERDAWN on 26 June in 25.38 S. 90.40 E. The raider is described as of 7000 tons, similar to raider H, newly painted and apparently recently docked.

/The....

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(Contd.).

The Norwegian Tanker FERNCastle (9940 tons) overdue at Abadan from Esperance (Australia) could also be a victim of this raider, which is possibly raider H, ~~as may also be DANIEL BOONE who made a merchant ship raider distress signal at 1521Z/30 June in 30. 16 S. 100 (110) 10 E.~~
(sunk 17.6.43, approx. 25° S, 97° E.) T.D.W., S.S.

China.

15. Com 10th Fleet reports that the Portuguese S.S. WING WAH was sunk by torpedo or mine about 3 June near Haiphong Estuary.

X 16. 7 Allied bombers attacked shipping at Dalong Bay, 18 miles east of Haiphong today. One 250 ft. cargo ship was left burning and another freighter blew up after a direct hit. A direct hit and several near misses were made on another ship.

America and West Indies.

X 17. U.G.F. convoys have been discontinued with the possible exception that U.G.F.10 may be sailed.

Australia and New Zealand.

X 18. U.S. surface forces bombarded Munda last night, followed by air attack after daybreak. During the bombardment destroyer TAYLOR (?DAVID W. TAYLOR) sank a large submarine on the surface in Kula Gulf.

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DIOMEDE In view of urgent manning requirements for future operations and the need to provide ships for the sea training of C.W. candidates, it is regretted that it is necessary to withdraw DIOMEDE from active service for this duty. She is to reduce and adjust complement accordingly after her return to Rosyth of 15th July. (A.C.N.S. H., 120159B to C. in C. H.F.)

20th M.L.F. Your 101225. Approved subject to concurrence of
to Force J. C. in C. Portsmouth.
(D.D.O.D.C., 121234B to F.O.I.C. Portland).

FOXGLOVE FOXGLOVE is now moored in Lough Foyle near Moville and has taken over duties as advanced base-ship and guard ship.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 121423 to Admty).

Force "E". X My 142124 June and 032111. Roseneath Force is now to be called Force E and V.A. Burrough has been appointed V.A. Force E.
2. Adjust flotillas of Force E to compositions given in V.A. "E" No. 15/005 of 10th July which is same as that in No. 14/005 of 9th July, with following alterations:-
(a) The ten craft of 799 flotilla are to remain L.C.P. (R) pending further orders.
(b) Cancel the 4 davit hoistable L.C.M.(1) of 594 flotilla and return these craft to S.O.A.S.C. to place back in reserve. Ships concerned will be ROYAL SCOTSMAN and ULSTER MONARCH.
(c) Add three L.C.M.(1) for M.T. Ship to 599 flotilla.
3. As only 6 L.C.S. (M) are now required cancel arrangements for other two previously ordered.
(C.C.O. 121527B to Com. Roseneath).

FERGUS, N.S.H.Q. Intend to interchange names of R.C.N.
FORT new construction if Admiralty have no objection.
FRANCIS. Revised single screw corvette C.N.439 will be named FERGUS. Algerine escort C.N.550 will be named FORT FRANCIS.
(S.C.N.O. London, 121732B to Admty).

Movements.

RAMILLIES A.M. 091202 and A.S. Rosyth 101120.
Owing to lack of escorts RAMILLIES is not now required to be ready to sail from Clyde before 6th August.
(D.O.D. H., 120055B to C. in C. Rosyth).

S/M Sailed submarine X-type 8 in tow STONEHENGE
Movements. escorted by M.L. 235 in accordance with Capt. (S)
12, 091055.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 120633B to F.O.I.C. Belfast).

/Intend...

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S/M Intend sailing SEADOG and P.67 escorted by LOCH
Movements. MONTEITH 0730B/13 to 36 Buoy. Routed through
(contd). 091° Sumburgh Head 5 miles and 089° Fair Isle
6 miles. E.T.A. 2030B/13.

2. A.C.O.S. is requested to arrange escort to
R/V 36 Buoy to escort P.67 into Scapa (S.3's
111019 refers).

3. From 36 Buoy LOCH MONTEITH and SEADOG by searched Channel
to Dundee, E.T.A. 1230B/14th July.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick, 121211B).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/13 and movements for following
24 hours.

(F.O.S., 121804B, 121942B, 122207, 131156, 131844).

Sailed S/M X-Type 9 in tow TEDWORTH in accordance with
Capt. (S) 12's 091055.

(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 122224B).

ONSLAUGHT

Hvalfiord arrival ONSLAUGHT.

(A.C.I.C., 121026B).

Intend to proceed 2300B. E.T.A. Scapa 0700B/14.
(ONSLAUGHT 122200B and 122245B).

North
Atlantic
dispositions.

Dispositions of operational units in North
Atlantic. Area Iceland (C) ALABAMA, ANSON,
BERWICK, KENT, NORFOLK, 5 U.S. destroyers
2 destroyers.

Area Scapa DUKE OF YORK, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURIOUS,
BELFAST, GLASGOW, JAMAICA, LONDON, SHEFFIELD,

8 destroyers.

Area Clyde MALAYA. Area Plymouth BERMUDA, CHARYBDIS, SCYLLA,
3 destroyers. Passage to U.K. NIGERIA.

(D.O.D. H., 121423Z to C. in C. U.S. Fleet).

Flight J.

A.M. 261807B and 301427B June. Intend sailing
Flight J at 0800B/14 consisting of M.F.V. 26,
36, 45, 51, 55, 57, 70, 105, 109, 157.

T.L.C. (?430) 626, 542. Escorts SOUTHERN PRIDE,

LOCH OSKAIG for Gibraltar.

2. Watercarriers ARACARI, CEVIC, SELBACH, GOOSANDER, B.Y.M.S.
31, 68, 186, 187, 209, mooring vessel MOORFLY towed by Tug
CHARON, EMPIRE GRIFFIN, LARIAT escorted by DORNOCH sail from
Falmouth to R/V with Flight J in 180° The Lizard 3 at 1700B/14,
thence proceeding in company to Gibraltar.

5. Routed from R/V through (a) 270° Longships 4 (b) 050° 10' N.
005° 50' W, thence as in Admiralty's 301935A March.

7. Codeword from R/V "Bigaroo".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 121533B).

DIOMEDE

Proceed to Rosyth leaving Scapa practice areas
after exercise about 2359B/14 July.

(C. in C. H.F., 122140B to DIOMEDE).

/ANSON...

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ALABAMA,
NORFOLK,
SCORPION,
KENT.

Hvalfiord arrivals, KENT at 1550B. V.A.2 in ANSON with NORFOLK, SCORPION, ALABAMA, ELLYSON, EMMONS, FITCH, MACOMB, RODMAN at 2115B. (A.C.I.C. 122226B).

Operations.Operation
"Musketry".
U-boat
attacked by
A/C.

My P.C.S. of Q. 48 miles, (9000°), 11. Your 111844B. Date of arrival 14th. (E.G.2, 120701B to C. in C. Plymouth). There are indications that German aircraft are operating in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C., 120840B to BERMUDA, E.G.2). Report forthwith your intended P.C.S. at 1200B today. Catalina taking off at 1200B and remaining in your vicinity till dusk.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 121025B to E.G.2).

My P.C.S. 044° 40' N., 010° 03' W, 000° 11 knots. In company with second Escort Group. Five enemy aircraft bearing 014° 40 miles, steering 260° speed 180 knots.

(BERMUDA, 121501B to C. in C. Plymouth).

Eight A/C bearing 030° distant 12 miles, approx. true course 270°. My position 44° 47' N., 09° 58' W. based on a fix obtained within half an hour of 1500 hours.

(BERMUDA, 121540B).

My 1540B. 8 Ju.88s.

(BERMUDA, 121553B).

Am being shadowed by two enemy A/C bearing 170° distant 4 miles. My position 44.54 N., 9.59 W. based on a fix obtained within half an hour of 1500 hours, course 325° speed 12 knots.

(BERMUDA, 121614B).

SCYLLA take TALYBOUT under his orders, passing Gate at 0700B/13 and proceed to carry out firing-trials west of the Lizard.

2. On completion TALYBOUT return to Plymouth and SCYLLA proceed through position (a) 180° Bishop Rock 10. (b) 049° 07' N., 011° 05' W. and thence cover S.L.132 against surface attacks keeping within 60 miles of convoy whilst between 042° and 050° N.

3. Estimate S.L.132, S.O. Escort KEPPEL passing 042° 00' N., 013° 58' W. about 1800/14th steering for position (j1) 046° N., 016° W, thence 000° 6½ knots.

4. E.G.2 expect leave patrol for Plymouth p.m./14th. Return route is to be through position (n) 049° 00' N., 010° 30' W. and (o) 180° Bishop Rock 10.

5. BERMUDA is leaving patrol at darkness 14th and proceeding to Plymouth passing through position (h) 049° 20' N., 010° 58' W. and (o) keeping West of The Lizard during dark hours.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 121601B).

One U-boat attacked by 3 Beaufighters with cannon at 1425B/12 in 045° 05' N., 008° 54' W. and caused many casualties on deck. Enemy's course and speed 180° 10 knots. Probably outward bound but may turn back. Liberator due now to search.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 121735B to E.G.2).

Have picked up in 044° 41' N., 009° 52' W. one U-boat Sailor dead about 4 days and 3 live German Airmen from Ju.88 shot down by Whitley at about 1700B. Weather 1680 2561.

(E.G.2, 121930B to C. in C. Plymouth).

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Operation S.F. X Operation S.F. para. 10. 062° 37' N., 013° 17' W. Proceed with convenient dispatch so as to commence search from Eastward at 2001B tonight. OPPORTUNE pass to OBDURATE and ORWELL. (C. in C. Rosyth, 121005B to OPPORTUNE).
Faeroes arrival at 1107 OPPORTUNE. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 121105B).
Faeroes departure at 1402 OPPORTUNE, OBDURATE, ORWELL. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 121410B).

Coastal Force Patrols. 1. Tonight ALBRIGHTON to anchor St. Helens at immediate notice.
2. S.G.B. GREY FOX, GREY OWL, short Newhaven.
3. M.L.464, 124 to patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 Buoys.
4. Chasseur 15 immediate notice St. Helens.
5. M.L.208, 303, 269 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N., between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W.
6. Communications (A) ALBRIGHTON codeword "Advent".
(B) S.G.Bs. If ordered to sea codeword "Object".
(D) Portland M.L. Patrol. Codeword "Device".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 121500B).
Para. 2 of my 121500. Should weather moderate GREY FOX, GREY OWL carry out anti E-boat patrol between 0001 and 0400 on lat. 50° 25' N., from 0° 40' W. to 1° 25' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 121925B).

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/13, and movement for following 24 hours.
(D) TRUCULENT 51° 10' N., 17° 50' W, probably on surface through 46° 09' N., 21° 18' W, S.O.A. 10 knots.
(E) TUNA 50° 29' N., 17° 21' W, probably on surface through 45° 56' N., 20° 42' W, S.O.A. 10 knots.
(H) SYRTIS as in my 111718.
(M) RUBIS 47° 37' N., 06° 01' W, dived by day through 49° 01' N. 06° 01' W. to R/V in 180° Lizard Head 12 miles at 0600/15th July.
(N) SATYR on patrol in area as in my 101756.
(O) SEANYMPH on patrol in area as in my 061824.
(F.O.S., 121804B to Admty).

Exercises.

Exercise X.C.L. Intend following exercise X.C.L. Description and Orders.
(C. in C.H.F., 121154B and 121200B to ILLUSTRIOUS and LONDON).

Exercise X.C.K. Negative exercise X.C.K. My P.C.S. 062° 51' N., 025° 42' W, 015° 20.
(V.A. 2, 121230B to A.C.I.C., KENT, NORFOLK, BERWICK).

/Proceed...

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Exercise Proceed to Scapa.
X.C.K. (V.A.2, 121337B to BERWICK).
(contd). Am proceeding to Scapa direct C. in C. H.F.'s
051438B refers.
(BERWICK, 121352B to V.A.2).
My position 062° 44' N., 025° 44' W. steer 113°
S.O.A. 18 knots. Complying with (?your) 121337B.
(BERWICK, 121400B to V.A.2).

Exercise 1. Exercise OGDEN will be carried out on 14th
"Ogden". July starting at 1000B. Orders.
(C. in C. Nore, 121610B).

Exercise After exercises with ILLUSTRIOUS, R.A.1st C.S.
X.C.M. in LONDON will be leaving vicinity of Rockall
late p.m./17th July.
2. LONDON representing TIRPITZ will then proceed
East about Iceland (C) and will not cross long.
014° W. before 1200B/19th.
3. Request you will conduct exercises X.C.M. having as your
object destruction of TIRPITZ.
(C. in C. H.F., 121724B to R.A.D. H.F.)

Allied Air Activity.

A/C in It is understood that it is intended that 822
FURIOUS. Squadron should convert to Barracudas.
2. It is proposed on completion of refit
FURIOUS should be placed under F.O.C.T. until
(a) 822 Squadron has had adequate practice in
deck landing these aircraft in FURIOUS.
(b) the material in FURIOUS has proved itself satisfactory for
Barracuda operations.
(C. in C. H.F., 121054B to Admty).

A/C in Future programme may require BATTLER to embark:
BATTLER. (a) 835 Squadron plus 3 A.R. Swordfish, and
(b) 700 (W) Squadron of 6 Walrus together with
sufficient stores including 2 Skimmers for
operating independently over a period about two
weeks. On arrival at her destination:
(a) To disembark 700 (W) Squadron together with associated
stores to undertake A/S R/C patrols operating as an independent
unit, and (b) to fly off 835 Squadron and reserves to undertake
A/S operations from an adjacent airfield for a period about two
weeks, being administered and operated by BATTLER.
V.A. Force E, concurs.
(D.N.A.O., 121516B to C. in C. W.A.)

R/C of Request photographic R/C of Kiel and Hamburg
Kiel and tomorrow if possible, to establish number of
Hamburg. U-boats present.
(D.D.I.C., 122055B to A.D.I. Ph.).

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Yarmouth. LL sweepers detonated Blue magnetic mine at 1600B in 53° 01' N., 02° 10' 30" E. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 121859B).

U-boats.

U-boats sighted or attacked in Biscay Area. STUBBORN while on patrol made following sightings (A) 2140/30th June, two U-boats escorted by 3 minesweepers 047° 11', 004° 40', mean course 260° 11 knots (B) 0730/2nd July, 3 U-boats escorted by 2 Narvik class destroyers 044° 47', 002° 55', mean course 095° 12 knots. STUBBORN escaped below density layer. (F.O.S., 121207B to S/Ms) See also Operations.

Navigational.

Ice Request you will sail (1) NORFOLK for Akureyri a.m./14th July to locate the Ice edge between eastern limit of A.M. Q.Z.X. 794 and long. 020° W. en route. R.A.(M) is to be included in addressees of Ice report. NORFOLK to fuel SCOTT at Akureyri. (C. in C. H.F., 121240B to V.A.2).

Casualties & Defects.

ROLF JARL. HANINSTAAG with tug EMPIRE RUPERT towing SS. ROLF JARL arrived Scrabster 0545. (N.C.S.O. Thurso, 120605 to A.C.I.C.)

Landing Craft of Force J. It is requested that up to 24 landing craft personnel (L) of force J may be fitted with C.S.A. smoke apparatus as operational requirements. Work to be completed by 16th August. It is understood from C.C.O. that 4 2000 pound units are available and that remaining craft could be fitted each with two 1000 pound units. (S.O. Force J, 121027 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

It is requested L.C.I.(L) 98 and 168 at present refitting in Chatham be taken in hand forthwith for fitting as H.Q. craft for local Naval Commanders.

2. It is understood that Z.7 and Z.8 will not become operationally fit before 15th September whereas these L.C.I.(L) could be refitted and converted concurrently if early approval be given.

3. The need for properly fitted H.Qs. ships for local Naval Commanders is now acute as without the use of these craft for training purposes signal efficiency is much impaired. (S.O. Force J, 121317 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

CEYLON Your 102234. If check tilt-test confirms error it is approved to commence working-up programme in the Clyde. (D.O.D. H., 121143B to CEYLON)
/Cruiser...

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CEYLON
(contd). Cruiser, full power, and steering trials satisfactory. Engineering defects will require four days to make good.
(CEYLON, 122158B to Admty).

UNTAMED Intend to sail UNTAMED in tow of EMINENT and in company with RANGER at 2359B/12 for Barrow proceeding through following positions.
E.T.A. 2000B/13.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown, 121203B to N.O.I.C. Barrow)
Your 121203B July. Two harbour tugs ordered to meet UNTAMED at Lightning Knoll Buoy at 2000/13.
(N.O.I.C. Barrow, 121552B to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown).
My 121203B. Sailing postponed owing to weather.
(N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 122326B to N.O.I.C. Barrow).

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BESPERIA Rescue Tug HESPERIA reports refrigerator containing 3 months stores has been out of action for 3 days due to lack of gas and report that it will be necessary for him to go to Clyde. Have instructed him to proceed Greenock with convoy.
(B.6., 122150A to C. in C. W.A.)

S/M X type Tow parted in 270° Dubh Artach 5 at 2225.
8. STONEHENGE. Recovery impossible owing to weather. Proceeding in company 3 knots. Diving undesirable. One engine out of action due external exhaust-pipe perforated internally.
(STONEHENGE, 122353B to Capt. S.12).

Shipping & Convoys.

S.P.12 S.P.12 cancelled.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 120620).

W.S.32 - Admty. 072046, 072058. (1) A/S escort (A) from
K.M.F.20. Liverpool TAY (B) from Clyde NARBADA. (C) to
join from Londonderry at Oversay R/V, PELICAN
S.O. EGRET, WEAR, JED, ROTHER, BEAGLE, BRILLIANT,

KALE, DERG.
3. ABELIA is to escort Bristol Channel oiler to Clyde and proceed to Londonderry on completion.
4. NARBADA is to return to U.K. with Group One.
(C. in C. W.A., 121145B).
K.M.F.20. Admty's 072046. (1) NARBADA will sail as additional escort.
(2) Request she may return to U.K. with Group One.
(C. in C. W.A., 121148B to C. in C. Med., F.O. Gibraltar).
A.M.072058 and 072046 July.
1. Route:- R/V in position P.A. 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0500Z
20th thence through PB 55.00 N., 10.00 W. PC 51.02 N., 14.01 W.
PD 40.30 N., 14.15 W. P.E 36.20 N., 10.10 W. PF 32.58 N., 09.59
W. PG 29.02 N., 12.30 W. PH 24.40 N., 18.01 W. PJ 15.03 N.,
18.00 W. PK 10.05 N., 17.30 W. Thence to Freetown.

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K.M.F.20.
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2. K.M.F.20 part company in position PE, thence as ordered by C. in C. Med.

3. Stragglers route:-

Q. 48.00 N. 15.01 W. R. 40.40 N., 15.15 W.

S. 36.20 N., 10.10 W. T. 33.02 N. 09.58 W.

U. 29.02 N. 12.30 W. V. 24.05 N., 18.59 W.

W. 16.57 N. 19.01 W. X. 11.00 N., 18.36 W. Y. 10.05 N. 17.30 W.

4. Ships of K.M.F.20 stragglers route to position S, thence to Gibraltar.

(D.O.D. H., 122229B).

AMSTERDAM,
PRAGUE.

Your 111618.

1. Intend sailing AMSTERDAM and PRAGUE, escorted by RIPLEY at 0030/15th, speed 16 knots, routed 5 miles East Fair Isle, 6 miles East Auskerry

E.T.A. 0600. AMSTERDAM parts company and proceeds to Kirkwall

E.T.A. 0700. PRAGUE and RIPLEY proceed Cromarty E.T.A.1130.

Routed 35 Buoy A.M. Q.Z.S.352, 150.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 121245B to A.C.O.S.)

O.N.193
BEAVER.

At request of Comnavu U.S.S. BEAVER 11 knots is being included in convoy O.N.193.

2. The ship has a valuable cargo of naval stores and destination is New London, Connecticut.

(D.T.D., 121517B to F.O.S., Comsubron 50).

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Attack on "Faith" Convoy CALIFORNIA and DUCHESS OF YORK sunk. x HURRICANE and ROCKINGHAM proceed at best speed towards 40° N. 15° 30' W. Further orders follow. (D.O.D. (H) Approved A.C.N.S. (H) 120106B to E.G. B.l. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A. Escorts of O.S.51. IROQUOIS.) Admty. 120106 HURRICANE, ROCKINGHAM 0100Z P.C. and S. 038° 35' N. 011° 33' W. (X) 295° 20 knots, 57% fuel remaining. Weather. (S.O. E.G. B.l. 120117Z to F.O. Gib. (R) Admty. etc.)

Request second support group may be sent to assistance of ships on fire in CALIFORNIA convoy. (2) PROSPEROUS is being detached from K.M.S.20*.

(F.O. Gibraltar 120115B to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth.) *Ordered to rejoin K.M.S.20 (120543B).

Detach PROSPEROUS forthwith to proceed with all despatch to assistance DUCHESS YORK bombed and on fire in 041° 24' 015° 24' at 2210B/11th July. Instruct her to keep B.A.M.S. routine.

(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar 120121B to Ships escorting K.M.S.20, Ships escorting O.S.51. (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, SWALE.)

Fuel from DINGLEDALE forthwith. On completion of fuelling proceed to vicinity of DUCHESS OF YORK on fire in 041° 24' 015° 24' at 2210B/11th July. U-Boat probably in contact.

(F.O.I.C. Gib. 120137B to E.G. B.l. (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)

A.M. 120106. In absence of other orders from F.O.I.C. Gibraltar HURRICANE and ROCKINGHAM proceed at best speed to assistance of CALIFORNIA and DUCHESS OF YORK carrying 500 troops each reported bombed and on fire at 2145 in estimated position 40° N. 15° 30' W.

(D.O.D. (H) Approved A.C.N.S. (H) 120140B to E.G. B.l. Allexa for Escorts S.L.132 C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gib. etc.)

There are indications that the attack on convoy may be renewed.

(D.D.I.C. 120154B to F.O. Gib. (R) Escorts Convoy "Faith" etc.)

My 2154 SWALE escorting PORT FAIRY to Casablanca via normal route. IROQUOIS proceeding independently at 28 knots. MOYOLA with DOUGLAS proceeding at best speed. Following approx. survivors, PORT FAIRY 55, IROQUOIS 660, MOYOLA 500, including 32 women, DOUGLAS 600. DOUGLAS ordered to torpedo hulks prior to departure. All ships proceeding Casablanca via normal route. A great number of survivors require hospital treatment on arrival (IROQUOIS 120155A to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

A.M. 120106 and 120140B. Request you will assume control. (D.O.D. (H) Approved A.C.N.S. (H) 120157B to F.O. Gibraltar.)

If fuel permits proceed at best speed towards 40° N. 15° 30' W. 2. Decypher Admty. 120140B addressed to E.G.B.l.

3. Act under orders of F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.

(D.O.D. (H) Approved by A.C.N.S. (H) 120314B to 2nd Escort Group.)

My 120314 is cancelled.

(Admty. 120441B to 2nd Escort Group.)

My P.C. and S. are 043° 10' N. 009° 40' W. 234° 15 knots.

(S.O. Escort Group 2. 120430B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gib.

(R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C. IROQUOIS, BERMUDA, Escort Group B.l.)

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Attack on Rejoin K.M.S.20 forthwith.
"Faith" (F.O.I.C. Gib. 120543B to PROSPEROUS (R) Admty.
Convoy Escort Convoy "Faith", etc.)
CALIFORNIA Inconclusive D/F bearings on 5100 kc/s at 0336Z
and DUCHESS and 0347Z indicate two U-Boats may be in vicinity
OF YORK of 40.30 N. 15.30 W.
sunk.(Contd.) (D.D.I.C. 120758B to SWALE, IROQUOIS, MOYOLA,
DOUGLAS, HURRICANE, ROCKINGHAM (R) F.O.I.C. Gib.
etc.)
My P.C. & S. 0800A, 039° 58' N. 013° 56' W. 141°
17 to Casablanca, DOUGLAS in company.
(MOYOLA 120820A to F.O.C. Gib.)
Your 120803 to F.O.C. Gib. only. Proceed to Casablanca
through Q.K.A.102. Report your E.T.A. to Commorseafron,
repeating signal to me.
(F.O.C. Gib. 121301B to SWALE (R) Admty. F.O.C. W.Af.
Commorseafron.)
Proceed to 035° 00' N. 014° 00' W. thence Q.K.A. 102 to
Casablanca.
(U.S. Cdre. M.S.F. 121826B to SWALE (R) Admty. C. in C.
Med. (Malta) F.O.I.C. Gib.)
Following from Lands End Radio begins:- Intercept 1630
G.M.T. D.E. (?PROSPEROUS) A.A.A.A. 2 Planes known hostile in
vicinity 39° 26' N. 13° 00' W.
(C. in C. Plymouth 121637B to Admty.)
Have picked up in 037° 24' N. 015° 04' W. Flt. Lieut.
Ryan, Sergeants (list of 7) survivors of Catalina F.P.155.
Weather report.
(SWALE, 121910B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Commorseafron,
F.O.C. West Africa.)
DUCHESS OF YORK and CALIFORNIA were bombed and set on fire
in 40.00 N. 15.30 W. at 2145B/11th July and subsequently
sunk by own forces. (2) Following ships with survivors
proceeding Casablanca. PORT FAIRY 55, IROQUOIS 660, MOYOLA 500,
DOUGLAS 600. (3) SWALE is escorting PORT FAIRY.
(F.O. Gib. 121931B to C. in C. Med. Malta and Algiers (R)
Admty. C.M.S.F.)
Following read:- Convoy, codeword "Faith" being attacked
by one plane, 37.35 N. 15.34 W. course 180 speed 14 knots.
(Escort of Convoy "Faith" 122005B.)
Following read:- My 2005B. 2 F.W. position OEAB.(Undecypherable)
((?SWALE), 122050B).
Following read. FAIRY hit. Steering gear jammed.
(SWALE via Gib. W/T 122052B.)
Proceed forthwith to assistance of SS. PORT FAIRY bombed
in 037° 35' N. 015° 34' W. (2) PORT FAIRY, escorted by SWALE,
has jammed steering gear. (3) Acknowledge by immediate signal,
report P.C. & S. (4) Cancel my 120541. (N.T. in W.D. but see
120211.)
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 122133B to SALVONIA (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A.
SWALE, C. in C. Plymouth.)
Your 122139B (?122133 intended) PORT FAIRY seriously on
fire. Am taking survivors off and assisting to put fire out by
my own hose. Position at 2000B 037° 20' N. 014° 36' W. Weather
report.
(SWALE 12221B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Commorseafron,
F.O.C. W.A.)
E.T.A. Casablanca 1200Z/13th. 413 survivors 12 cot cases,
DOUGLAS in company with 435 survivors 18 cot cases.
(MOYOLA 122215B to Commorseafron (R) F.O. Gib.) W.D. Note.
For air report on this attack on convoy, see 122359B.

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K.M.S.20,
O.S.51.

SHIPPIGAN is to detail 2 escorts to escort ships bound Gibraltar ex S.L.132, remaining escort is to meet K.M.S.20/O.S.51, 62 ships, Cdre. Goldsmith R.N.R. in ST. BERNARD escorted by ROCHESTER, and 4 escorts in 039° 33' 011° 47' at 1900B July 11th. Routed through (PW) 037° 00' 010° 00' W.

(PR) 033° 00' 010° 00' W. S. of A. 8 knots. Onward route sailing for K.M.S.20 to Gibraltar follows. Convoy codeword "Parole" 1st 2 letters W/T call sign SH. Report if not met by 2000B/12th July.

(F.O. Gib. 120149B to SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A. B.N.20, S.E. Convoy O.S.51, S.E. Convoy S.C.132.)

S.L.132 is not to break W/T Silence. 2. No escort oiler is in company with S.L.132. 3. S.O. Escort Gp. B.1's 112152

(F.O. Gib. 120201B to S.O. Escort Group B.1. S.E.C. S.L.132.)

Proceed as necessary to join combined convoy O.S.51, K.M.S.20, in position. (XX) 036° 35' N. 010° 00' W. at 2000B July 12th. Combined convoy consists of 62 ships escorted by ROCHESTER and 4 Corvettes. (2) K.M.S.20 will part company from O.S.51 in position to be signalled later. SALVONIA is to proceed to Gibraltar with K.M.S.20. (3) Convoy is routed through. (PW) 037° 00' N. 010° 00' W. (PR) 033° 00' N. 010° 00' W. and was in 039° 33' N. 011° 47' W. at 1900B July 8th. S. of A. 8 knots.

(F.O. Gib. 120211B to SALVONIA (R) Escorts K.M.S.20, Escorts O.S.51.)

Your 120541B (N.T. but 120211B refers) received and understood at 122124. E.T.A. 131300. My position 036° 30' N. 008° 20' W.

(SALVONIA 122155B to F.O.I.C. Gib.)

Sailed convoy O.S.51 (G) to R/V main convoy. Local escort ACTIVE, PARRSBORO, QUALICUM, HAARLEM.

(F.O. Gib. 120231B to Admty. F.O.C. W.A. (R) C. in C. Med. C.M.S.F.)

(1) O.S.51 (G) list (6 ships). All ships routed to Freetown in first instance. Following ships have coloured routes in accordance with A.M. 271713B EMPIRE FLAMINGO, No.33, ST. CLEARS No.35, neither have H/F transmission. Continuous watch.

(F.O. Gib. 120301B to F.O.C.W.A. (R) C.M.S.F. Admty. etc.)

Your 111755. (Re S.L.132 arrivals). Request you sail EMPIRE DENNIS and EMPIRE ACE to Gibraltar at first opportunity. F.O.C.W.A. 281057 para 3 and C.S.O. Freetown 281707 refer.

(F.O. Gib. 120341B to C.M.S.F. (R) F.O.C.W.A. Admty. C. in C. Med.)

B.1 is to fuel from DINGLEDALE and then join S.L.132 ref. A.M. 111946 refers. (2) Further signal follows.

(F.O.C. Gib. 120539B to Escort Group B.1. (R) Admty. S.E. Convoy O.S.51, C. in C. W.A., S.E. Convoy, S.L.132, C.M.S.F. C. in C. Plymouth.)

Your 120539. DINGLEDALE in ballast, no fuel available. Destroyers 55% fuel stock, remaining corvettes 45%. ROCKINGHAM main steam joint compass blown heavy. Cannot effectively support S.L.132. Group proceeding Gibraltar at best speed for fuel.

(S.O. Escort Group B.1. 120602Z to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Plymouth, C.M.S.F. Ships Escorting S.L. 132, Ships Escorting O.S.51, Escort Group 2, Escbrt Group B.1.)

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S.L.132, My 120539. S.L.132 in 036° 06' N. 011° 20' W. at
K.M.S.20, 0800B/July 12th S. of A. 6 knots, (2) S.L. is
O.S.51. routed through (JL) 046° 00' 016° 00' (JH) 050°
(Contd.) 00' 016° 00' (JJ) 055° 01' 011° 20' (JK) 055° 25'
008° 30'. (3) Escorts KEPPEL (SO) ORCHIS,
NARCISSUS, F.F.S. ACONIT, F.F.S. LOBELIA,
TAMARISK, GRENADIER. (4) Convoy consists of 57

ships plus Rescue Ship RATHLIN and tugs EMPIRE LARCH and
ABEILLE IV. Cmdre. Van Den Dorker in EURYBATES Vice Cmdre Grant
in MACHARDA V stragglers route. (6) All positions N. and W.
(7) Code word "Child" B.R.D. (8) First 2 letters of convoy
wireless callsign AV.

(F.O. Gib. 120615B to Escort Group B.1. (R) S.E. S.L.132
H.Q.C.C. Admty. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth.)

FORTOL and escorts are to steer 290° forthwith.

(2) Escort is to report position and speed forthwith, repeating
signal to Escort Group B.1.

(F.O. Gib. 121131B to SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH,
(R) Admty. E. Group B.1., Escort S.L.132, C. in C. W.A.)

Escort Group B.1. to fuel from FORTOL and then proceed
to join S.L.132 in accordance with my 120615. My 121101
(N.T. in W.D.) refers. 2. ROCKINGHAM is to proceed to
Gibraltar.

(F.O. Gibraltar 121133B to Escort Group B.1. (R) Admty.
C. in C. W.A. SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSSAC, LADY HOGARTH.)

Your 121133B. My P.C. and S. at 1600A 037° 30' N. 010°
54' W. 20 knots altering to 108° at 010° W. I do not hold
folio 18. Intend passing mid channel through straits from
035° 52' N. 006° 30' W. Request patrol return to lead in from
Europa Point and tugs to assist berthing. E.T.A. 1000B Tuesday
13th. Weather Report.

(ROCKINGHAM 121710B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) B.1. Admty.
C. in C. W.A.)

My 120602 and your 120201 not to all addressees. S.O. Escort
Group B.3. reports oiler is with S.L.132, therefore intend
complying with Admty's 111946. ROCKINGHAM proceeding to Gib.
for repairs.

(S.O. Escort Group B.1. 121136Z to F.O.C. Gib. (R) Admty. C. in
C. W.A. C.M.S.F. C. in C. Plymouth, S.E. Convoy S.L.132,
Escort Group 2, Escort Group B.1.)

S.O. Escort Group B.1. 120602. Request you will reinforce
S.L.132 with any ships you may have available as far as P.L.E.
2. Request you will sail IROQUOIS with as little delay as
possible to overtake and provide additional escort to U.K.
(D.O.D. (H) 121509B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med.
C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A. IROQUOIS, Commorseafron,
H.Q.C.C. Escorts of S.L.132.)

Request you will sail IROQUOIS with despatch on
completion of fuelling to overtake and act as additional
escort to S.L.132 who is routed through:- (JF) 36.00 12.00
(JG) 40.00 16.00 (JH) 50.00 16.00 (JJ) 55.01 11.20 (JK) 55.25
08.30. S. of A. 7½ knots.

(F.O. Gib. 121925 to C.M.S.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A.
C. in C. Plymouth.)

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M.K.F.18.

Intend sailing SAMARIA personnel and equipment mails FORT LEE (T) full cargo diesel and M.T. spirit. Request destinations, pendant numbers, agreed S.T.O.

(F.O. Gib. 121032B to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med. Commob, Oran, Cdre. Algiers.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959B/12th. Situation report for Area Y. U.G.S.11, C.T.F. 62 028° 27' 020° 28' 054° 9. (2) G.U.S.9, C.T.F.61, C.T.G.21.11, 027° 20' 028° 02' 290° 9. (3) SS. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 039° 48' 023° 52' through 037° 45' 017° 10' thence 117° (F.O. Gib. 121157B.)

Situation at 2003B/12th. (2) U.S. S/M BARB 034° 00' 037° 05' 270° 10/2½. (3) U.S. S/M BLACKFISH 036° 12' 032° 58' 250° 9/2.

(F.O. Gib. 121217B.)

? U.B.
Fayal.

A.l. reliable Englishman states 1800 G.M.T. 11th from a position about 300 feet above sea level observed streak foam moving westward from Pimbsy about 3/4 miles off shore, estimated speed 5 knots, visible for 15 minutes sea dead calm.

No object seen but observer considers it was wash of periscope. No confirmation available.

(R.O. Fayal 121224Z to D.N.I. (R) S.O. (I) Gib.)

CONSUELO
DE HUIDOBRO.
(Spanish.)

Release.

(D.E.W.D. 121226B to C.C.S.O. Gib.)

K.M.S.20.

Intend sailing (lists) for Bone, Algiers, Oran, Alex, etc.

(F.O.C. Gib. 121226B to F.O. or N.O.I.C. North African Ports, (R) Admty. Connav, C. in C. Med. etc.)

Merchant
Seamen,
Accommodation.

D. of S.T's 111023/July to you, para 2. SAMARIA has cleared Gibraltar of all Merchant Navy personnel available for passage to U.K.
2. Maximum space which can be utilized for Merchant Navy personnel only is 182. Any numbers above this would necessitate application to

Military for use of temporary accommodation for probably 200 men in addition.

(S.T.O.i/c. Gib. 121326 to P.S.T.O. Med. (R) D. of S.T.)

U/B.
5 July.

Portuguese S.N.O. Azores informs me he has received information that Portuguese motor vessel GORGULHO sighted German S/M on July 5th at 37° 39' N. 16° 27' W. S/M was partially submerged and flying German colours but made no signal.
(R.O. Ponta Delgada 121438 to Admty. (R) S.O. (I) Gib. etc.)

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- OXLIP. N.O.I.C. Algiers 111833B. Complying with para 4. My position 1500B 036° 51' N. 000° 52' W. S. of A. 12½ knots.
(OXLIP 121501B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med. TEVIOT, N.O.I.C. Algiers, H.Q.N.W. Africa Coastal Air Force.)
- U/B. My 111735B. (N.T. in W.R.) Liberator attacks attacked fully surfaced U-Boat in 41.24 N. 15.00 W. at by A/C 1405Z/11th course 355° speed 8 knots. Possible 11 July. damage. 7 charges dropped in first attack of which nearest missed by 100 feet. S/M partially submerged during second attack. Three charges appeared to straddle track of U-Boat resulting in muddy coloured explosion plume with black object in centre. Two oil slicks observed 100 feet and 200 feet in diameter. U-Boat identified as 517 tons, grey in colour.
(Commorseafron 121525B to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. etc.)
- U.S.A.T. Arrived U.S.A.T. ARGENTINA.
(Commorseafron 121600B to C. in C. Med.)
- U/B. Liberator makes distinct Radar contact 8 miles distant 35.51 N. 09.22 W. at 0840Z/12th. Radar shut off. Swirl sighted upon arrival above position, no attack made, evaluation possible.
(Commorseafron 121635B to F.O. Gib.)
- U/B S/M attacked in 42.25 N. 16.30 W. attacked. (Gib. W/T 121737B to Admty.)
- Convoy Arrived (11 ships).
E.T.12. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 121743B to Com. Algeria, Commob Oran (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. Connav.)
- M.K.S. As these convoys normally join S.L. convoys fixed Convoys. route and stragglers' route as given in my 1249/8th December and 1618/11th February are cancelled. S.L. fixed route should be used for slow convoys.
(D.O.D. (H) 121932B to F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C. C. in C. Med. Algiers.)
- C.G.45. Arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Gib. 121945B to C.M.S.F.F.)
- Troop Move To replace DUCHESS OF YORK in move of West from W.Africa African troops, D. of S.T. proposes that NEA DUCHESS OF HELLAS, now in M.K.F.19A, be diverted as soon as YORK possible to Casablanca, thence after collecting replacement. uninjured survivors other than crews of ships' staffs of DUCHESS OF YORK and CALIFORNIA, continue to West Africa. 2. DOUGLAS, MOYOLA and

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Troop Move from West Africa, DUCHESS OF YORK. replacement. (Contd.)

SWALE may be retained to provide escort. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to arrange details and report E.T.A. Freetown. SS. PORT FAIRY may be added to convoy if desired. 3. D.S.T.O. West Africa in consultation with F.O.C. West Africa is requested to confirm that movements in West Africa can be completed without delaying W.S.32 due Freetown 31 July. 4. Troops in West Africa for Middle East who were to have embarked in CALIFORNIA must remain for the present. 5. This signal has been drafted in consultation with D. of S.T. and services concerned. 6. F.O.C. West Africa is requested to pass to G.O. C. in C. West Africa. (D.O.D. (F) 121946B to F.O.I.C. Gib. F.O.C. West Africa, Commorseafon, P.S.T.O. Med. (R) D.S.T.O. West Africa, C. in C. Med.)

Air Report. Opsum No.252 for 24 hours ended 1800 hours 11th July 1943. (G) Sightings and Attacks. U.S. A/C from Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat at 1409B/11 in 41.23 N. 15.01 W. no details. (H.Q. Gib. 112200B.)

Movements Gibraltar. Arrivals VELOX ex M.S.16, U.S. P.C.481, 471, 472, with C.G.45. Departures VELOX to join O.S. 51 G. (F.O.I.C. Gib. 122215B to Admty. etc.)

Air Report. Daily Opsum 253 11/12 July. Cat. on escort to 3 M/Vs. sighted U-Boat 42.08 N. 15.15 W. submerged before attack was made. Same Cat. 41.47 N. 15.15 W. during 1 attempted to frustrate low level attacks on convoy by 6 F.W.200, no fire exchanged. Other Cat. 40.38 N. 13.33 W. attacked F.W.200 scoring hits. Cat. undamaged. July 12. An aircraft Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat 42.25 N. 16.30 W. Aircraft reported dropped 7 D.C. 3 hits, 5 survivors waterborne. U.S.Lib. Port Lyautey attacked U-Boat 35.51 N. 09.22 W. no details. (UCGC 3149 or UCGC 3140?) at 2305/11, Sect. G. refers. G sightings and attacks. Cat. 202 Capt. Flt.Lt. Finch on escort to 3 M/V at 2016/11 42.08 N. 15.15 W. sighted U-Boat C. 270° 6 knots 10 miles distant in act of diving U-Boat submerged 3 minutes before Aircraft over position, no attack. Cat. A.202 at 2145 41.47 N. 15.15 W. sighted F.W.200 at 5000 but lost E/A in sun. At 2210 41.47 N. 15.25 W. sighted 2 F.W.200 at 7000 feet and kept between convoy and E/A to frustrate low level attack. E/A bombed from 7000 feet, bombs falling on and around convoy, 2 ships hit. At 2222 fourth F.W.200 approached but turned away as Cat. took evasive action. At 2240 bombs dropped around convoy by fourth F.W.200 and at 2245 3 E/A flew away N.E. At 2255 fifth E/A dived towards convoy but altered course towards Cat. which took evasive action, while sixth F.W.200 dived from 5000 feet bombing in face of AA fire, bombs burst between E/Vs. Cat. A 210 Capt. F/O Pinriams returning from escort to 3 M/Vs. at 2000/11 40.38 N. 13.33 W. attacked F.W.200 at sea level. Hits estimated along fuselage and on starboard outer engine of E/A which drew out of range on Co..360. At 200 feet E/A replied

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with cannon, no hits on Cat. U.S. A/C Port Lyautey
attacked U-Boat at 1530/12 42.25 N. 16.30 W.
A/C reported dropped seven D/Cs. 3 hits, 5
survivors waterborne. U.S. Lib. Port Lyautey
attacked U-Boat at 1040/12 35.51 N. 09.22 W. no
details.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Gib. 122359B.)

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- L.T.20 Sailed L.T.20, 0830Z/12th route E. 006 degs. N. 002 degs. 40' E. F. 005 degs. 06' (North?) (?36') West. S. of A. 6½ knots. E.T.A. Takoradi 0900Z/14th Escorted by SNOWDROP, RUMBA, ORFASY. (N.C.S.O. Lagos? 120814Z to Admty.).
- R.S.8. Sailed 0710/12Z July to R/V R.S.8. in 14.39 N. 17.45 W. for Freetown for South America SOMERVILLE for Pepel, DAN-Y-BRYN, FORT ST. CLE, all ships (24) (25). (N.C.S.O. Dakar 120931Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.).
- U/Bs. My reports sighting submarine 0822Z at 0555 S. 34.25 W. speed 15 distance 3 miles plane altitude 4000 B.T. (Washington (Usnavcom) 121000 to Admty. Comdr. 4th Fleet, CILICIA). 007 degs. 14' South 017 degs. 11' West periscope sighted. ((K.J.G.T.) COVALT via Freetown 121000Z to Admty.).
- S.T.72 Departures 1407/11 July BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, DUNCTON, CROCUS, PETUNIA, TURCOMAN, PICT with S.T.72 1635/11 July. M.L.305, 263 to join. (S.O.(I) Freetown 121005 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) Admty. C.O. Lagos).
- D'ENTRECASTEAUX Ship mentioned in A.M. 062053 can be accepted at Durban. (2) Request probable E.T.A. (C. in C.S.A. 121015B to N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, (R) Admty. C/S Durban, C. in C.E.F.).
- Movements Departure 11th July. M.L. 1019, RAPID, BULLDOG, Lagos. BLACKMORE. Arrivals 11th July BULLDOG, BLACKMORE, ?FERNMOOR, ORFASY, M.L. 1160, WITCH BURDOCK, ARMERIA, FOXHOUND. (Lagos 121025Z 121801Z to Admty. etc.).
- Overdue IOANNIS FAFALIOS not arrived. Ship. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 121027B to Admty. etc.). Your 121027. IOANNIS FAFALIOS. Have not information of this movement. Ship left Durban 17th April for Aden and Middle East. (C. in C.S.A. 121809B to C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, (R) Admty. etc.).

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L.T.21 L.T.21 sailed 1230Z/12th July, route B. 006 degs. 02' North 002 degs. 58' East C. 004 degs. 56' 47' W. S. of A. 7½ knots. E.T.A. Takoradi 1100Z/14th. List etc. Convoy Codeword "Trainer". Call sign G.R.D.
(N.C.S.O. Lagos 121100Z to Admty.).

Movements Arrivals 0905/12th. M.L. 226 and 188 escorting
Bathurst. ELORN.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 121110Z to Comar Dakar (R)
F.O.C.W.A. Admty.).

Dispositions Situation at 2000Z/12th July.
NORWICH CITY, ODBERG, with D.C.34 (12 ships) 034 degs. 55' 020 degs. 30' coastal to Capetown 8 knots. DURBAN 035 degs. 03' 021 degs. 20' to

Simonstown 15 knots.
NORTHERN DAWN, WELLARD, PRETORIA, 031 degs. 20' 030 degs. 20' to Durban 6 knots.
NIZAM, QUIBERON, hunting U-Boats between Inhaka and Burra Point.
ROTHERHAM escorting EASTERN PRINCE 019 degs. 40' 036 degs. 05' to Beira.
(C. in C.S.A. 121111B).

Situation at 2001Z/12th July. (U.S. Destroyer) ROPER with T.O.6 022 degs. 40' 021 degs. 50' 250 degs. 14.
WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT with R.S.8. 013 degs. 04' 017 degs. 45' to 010 degs. 38' 017 degs. 45' thence Freetown 10.
MORRIS DANCE, COPINSAY about 011 degs. 34' 017 degs. 56' 125 degs. 9.
DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN escorting 016 degs. 40' 020 degs. 37' to 015 degs. 01' 020 degs. 01' thence 150 degs. 9½. EMERALD 010 degs. 50' 017 degs. 36' to 010 degs. 18' 017 degs. 20' thence Freetown 18.
French S/Ms. ARGO, AIR FRANCE I, M.L. 261, 011 degs. 55' 017 degs. 24' through 014 degs. 31' 017 degs. 10' at 0900Z/13th and 014 degs. 39' 017 degs. 15' thence Dakar 12.
FOLKESTONE about 013 degs. 40' 017 degs. 00' to Bathurst 13.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121214Z).

Situation 2002Z/12th. BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, CROCUS, PICT, TURCOMAN, DUNTON with S.T. 72 005 degs. 10' 012 degs. 44' to 004 degs. 00' 012 degs. 00' thence 100 degs. 8.5.
M.Ls. 265, 263, 005 degs. 20' 012 degs. 38' to Marshall 11.
M.Ls. 265, 289 off Marshall. ST. WISTAN about 007 degs. 00' 012 degs. 56' to Marshall 11.
CORFU 003 degs. 42' South 007 degs. 27' 238 degs. 14.5.
SNOWDROP, RUMBA, ORFASY with L.T.20 005 degs. 57' 002 degs. 32' 254 degs. 6.5.
DESPATCH, WOLVERINE, RAPID, BULLDOG, BLACKMORE with W.S.31 001 degs 00' 005 degs. 31' East through 000 degs. 42' South 006 degs. 08' East thence 131 degs. 11.
O.R.P. BURZA, F.F.S. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES with L.M.1, 001 degs. 13' South 008 degs. 10' East 141 degs. 10.
M.L.244 off Port Bouet SARABANDE off Accra M.Ls. 1019, 1160 off Kotonu.
M.Ls. 302, 266 about 005 degs. 38' 001 degs. 58' East to Lagos 10.

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Dispositions (Contd.). QUADRANT, REDOUBT 008 degs. 28' South 011 degs. 16' East to Pointe Noire 21.
FOXHOUND, WITCH, ARMERIA, BURDOCK escorting off Lagos to Takoradi 8.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121326Z).

S.L.133 Intend to sail S.L.133 at 1300Z/13th July escorted by ENCHANTRESS, LEITH, VIOLET, ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS, COLUMBINE, CORINTHIAN and AMAZON. Convoy 41 ships for U.K. four ships from Casablanca, one for U.K.

join from Dakar.

(2) Route B.Z. 09 degs. 55' North 17 degs. 46' West B.A. 14 degs. 44' North 17 degs. 50' West, thence standard route estimated speed made good 7 knots.

(3) Ships for South America will be detached at B.Z. to proceed independently.

(4) AMAZON escorting NEW NORTHLAND will be detached to arrive Bathurst before dark 16th July. After refuelling if necessary AMAZON will rejoin.

(5) Comar Dakar is requested to sail HOGGAR, GRAND QUEVILLY, FINISTERRE, EL BIAR, for Casablanca and BACTRIA now at Bathurst for U.K. all to join convoy 1600Z/16 13 degs. 39' N. 17 degs. 49' W.

(6) Escorts will shift to Med. W/T Organisation at 0400Z/21.

(7) Commorseafron is requested to signal arrangements for detaching Casablanca ships.

(8) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to issue instructions for AMAZON and for R/V with M.K.S.17.

(F.O.C.W.A. 121139Z to F.O.C. Gibraltar, Comar Dakar, N.O.I.C. Bathurst, (R) Commorseafron, S.O. 38 G, C. in C.W.A. Admty.).

CILICIA Report your E.T.A. Recife and fuel required.
(U.S. Cdr. 4th U.S.F. 121201 to CILICIA).

ATHLONE CASTLE. Your 033831/May 1941. ATHLONE CASTLE sailed from Capetown for U.K. via New York 9th July. Master unable estimate time required for turn-round in U.K. No cargo loaded at Capetown.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown 121228B to D.S.T.).

LISS Request instructions for sailing LISS after discharging at Lagos.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 121344Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) Admty.).
Your 121344+ Sail LISS independently to Trinidad

by following route.

P. 01 degs. 30' South 02 degs. 01' East. Q. 01 degs. 30' S. 21 degs. 01' W. R. 13 degs. 59' N. 37 degs. 58' W. S. 14 degs. 01' N. 56 degs. 01' W. thence to destination.

(F.O.C.W.A. 121928Z to R.N.O. Lagos. (R) Admty.).

+ Tanker message request instructions sailing LISS.

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- U/Bs. attacked. U-Boat attacked by S.A.A.F. Aircraft in 25 degs. 13' South 34 degs. 20' East at 0815Z/11. Attack considered unsuccessful.
(2) Catalina aircraft attacked a U-Boat on surface at 0405Z/12 in 23 degs. 55' S. 36 degs. 45' E. Depth charges seen to straddle U-Boat which submerged. Assessment of attack follows when further details are known.
(C. in C.S.A. 121416Z to Admty. C. in C.E.F.).
- Movements Lagos. Departures 12th SNOWDROP, ORFSAY, RUMBA, FOXHOUND, WITCH, BURDOCK, ARMERIA.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 121521Z to F.O.C.W.A.).
- C.D.26 Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 121526Z to Admty. etc.).
- U/B damaged. Wellington from Takoradi sighted and attacked enemy U-Boat in position 3 degs. 27' North 6 degs. 30' W. at 1320/12, reports U-Boat believed severely damaged.
(F.O.C.W.A. 121528Z to Admty.).
- BREIVIKEN (Norwegian sunk 4th July). BREIVIKEN sunk by one torpedo from submarine at 1410B/4th July, 021 degs. 50' South 037 degs. 50' East. Did not open fire. No distress signal. 33 survivors, 3 missing believed lost with ship.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 121532B to Admty. C. in C. S.A. C. in C.E.F. Cdre. Durban. S.O.(I) Colombo).
- Troop Movements. Your 100336 para.2. Personnel now awaiting passage to Mid. East at Durban Imperial 2852 of all services majority ex W.S.30 for whom no opportunity onward passage has yet arisen; U.D.F. 3600 of various categories available from today. Imperial troops 1874 arriving at Capetown in W.S.31. U.D.F. 6000 all categories including 1000 Engineer priority personnel, available first week in August at Durban. Grand total 14,326.
(2) Only ships in sight are EASTERN PRINCE due Durban about 22nd July and BAWMA ready at Durban about 22nd July.
(C. in C.S.A 121548 to D.S.T. (R) C. in C.E.F. etc.).
- L.T.20 L.T.21. Sailed L.T.20 escorted by SNOWDROP, ORFASY, RUMBA (?) 0730Z/12th, route K, E.T.A. Takoradi 14th and L.T.21 escorted by FOXHOUND, WITCH, BURDOCK, ARMERIA 1200Z, route T E.T.A. Takoradi 14th.
(Lagos 121550Z to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) F.O.C. W.A. Admty.).
- U/B Navy plane sighted S/B 004 degs. 52' S. 033 degs. 50' W. moving south 1112P 12th.
(Cdr.4th U.S. Fleet 121557Z to Cominch, CILICIA, P.C.577 (R) N.O.B. Rio).

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S.L.133 My 091635Z July (ships joining S.L.133) cancel HOGGAR.
(N.C.S.O. Dakar 121703Z to F.O.C.W.A. etc.).

Movements Takoradi Arrival 12th July - M.L. 1016.
Departure 12th July - M.L. 274 escorting to Accra then screening. M.L. 1078 to Accra, thence Takoradi.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 121901Z to Admty.).

AFRICAN STAR, S.O.S. Brazil W/T intercepted S.O.S. from AFRICAN STAR U.S. at 0400Z giving position 025 degs. 44' South 040 degs. 48' West. Plane later reported 2 lifeboats in approx. this position. Brazilian destroyer MARANHO has proceeded to rescue.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 122109Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.W.Af.).

EMERALD Your 121942 (N.T. in W.D.) E.T.A. 0745Z.
(Intervening passage undecypherable) (11 groups) on arrival. Estimated time 48 hours. (4) cold.
(EMERALD 122155Z to F.O.C.W.A.).

FOLKESTONE Arrival 2055Z/15th.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 122211 to F.O.C.W.A.).

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ROYAL ULSTERMAN. On arrival of ROYAL ULSTERMAN all 4 L.S.I.(M) are to be loaded for 8th Army and sailed Tuesday Bark South with own escort.
(N.C.E.T.F., 120021B to N.O.I.C. Sousse, (R) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, S.O. Force B.)
Cancel my 120021. L.S.I.(M) are not to load and sail at present. QUEEN EMMA and PRINSES BEATRIX and 2 L.C.I.(L) are to be made available to 78 Division temporarily for training, (N.C.E.T.F., 121235B.)

Sit. Rep. To: Agwar. For: Combined Chiefs of Staff.
To: Usfor. For: British Chiefs of Staff.
From: Eisenhower. N.A.F. 262. Reports on today's operations indicate satisfactory progress with slight opposition. Eighth and Seventh Armies by 2359 hours 11th July expect each to have landed approx. 7,000 vehicles, 80,000 men, 300 tanks and 900 guns. That port of Syracuse is in good working order is indicated by report. (Adv. C.P. A.F.H.Q., 120145B to Etousa.)

ORION, N.C.F.A's 112151B. This will be arranged.
bombardment, (N.C.F.B., 120227B to N.C.E.T.F., (R) N.C.F.A.,
Augusta ORION.)
Area. S.O. Force B's (? A's intended) 112151B.
Approved.
(S.O. Force B, 120228B to ORION, (R) S.O. Force A)

Orders to 1. P.247, 111942 acknowledged. Well done.
S/MS. 2. After daylight today Monday P.247 (SARACEN)
8 S.F. P.225 (SIMOOM) and P.312 (TRESPASSER) proceed
Zones SC, SD and SB respectively.
P.247 (SARACEN, P.225 (SIMOOM) keep north and
P.312 (TRESPASSER) south of 042° 05' until in
new zone.
3. P.R.U. shows fleets at Spezia have raised steam.
4. Stick it. Operations are going very well.
(Capt. (S) 8, 120246B to 8 S.F., (R) C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10)

Air R/C, P.R.U. visuals of moorings Spezia and Genoa at
Enemy 1800B July 11th no change.
Ports. (C. in C. Med., 120345B to F.O.H.)
Visual Taranto 0700 2 battleships outer harbour
inside torpedo nets. 1 cruiser inner harbour.
All have steam up.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121025B to F.O. Force H)

Force Q. Both cruisers and destroyers are to return to
Malta to fuel. My 111619 (No trace in W.R.)
para. 5 refers.
(Force H, 120509B to Force Q.)

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Force Q. (Contd.) Force Q E.T.A. 1100B.
(EURYALUS, 120721B to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med., S.O. Force H.)

PETARD. For Allied Cs. in C. Meeting in Monrovia.
(C. in C. Med., 120525 to PETARD.)

10th S.F. 10th S.F. Summary at 2000/12th.
dispositions. (1) P.31 (UPROAR), P.52 (DZIK), P.42 (UNBROKEN)
P.44 (UNITED), P.54 (UNSHAKEN) in Gulf of Taranto.
(2) P.49 (UNRULY), SOKOL, P.53 (ULTOR) North of
Messina.
(3) P.314 (TACTICIAN) in Adriatic.
(4) TROOPER off Western Greece North of 038° 06'.
(Capt. (S) 10, 120714 to Area G.C.)

DELHI. N.C.E.T.F. 102017 (No trace in W.R.) No (?sign)
of DELHI in Acid sector yet.
(N.C.F.A., 120714B to N.C.F.B., N.C.F.V., (R)
N.C.E.T.F., DELHI.)

Augusta Bombardment. EREBUS, ORION, UGANDA and MAURITIUS are
bombarding off Augusta. Request (? increased)
fighter protection.
(S.O. Force A, 120744B to C. in C. Med., (?)
E 20 (corrupt), (R) EREBUS, UGANDA.)
Your 120744. The fighters covering you are the only ones
available. At your discretion these may be divided and a
proportion sent to cover the bombarding force.
(C. in C. Med., 121025B to N.C. Force A, (R) N.C.E.T.F., UGANDA,
EREBUS, A.H.Q. Malta.)

L.S.T.319. Am proceeding Malta (corrupt group) water and
oil fuel. Have 800 prisoners of war on board.
My P.C. and S. are 036° 06' 013° 57', 085°, 10
knots. E.T.A. 1230B/12th.
(L.S.T.319, 120845B to V.A. Malta, (R) CIRCE.)

HEBE,
HAZARD. HAZARD in company. E.T.A. Bark West 1220.
(HEBE, 120846 to S.O. Force V, (R) Capt. (D)
21st D.F., S.O. 17th M/S. Flot.)

U-Boat Threat. It is evident that a large number of Axis U-Boats
will concentrate in vicinity of beaches. The
highest degree of A/A alertness must be
maintained.
(C. in C. Med., 120905B to N.C.E.T.F., N.C.F.A.,
N.C.F.B., S.N.O.L.S.G.H.J., N.Q.R.S., N.C.W.T.F.,
T.F.81, 85, 86.)

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M.T.B. Base Syracuse. ✓ M.G.B.661 sails Malta 1000/12th for Syracuse E.T.A. 1600/12th with advance party of M.T.B. advance base.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 120924 to N.C.E.T.F., (R) S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B, V.A. Malta, S.O. M.G.B. Flotilla 20.)

M.G.Bs. (a) M.G.Bs. to operate between 037° 52' N. and
M.T.Bs. 037° 45' N. from 2100/12th to 0500/13th returning to Syracuse. 4 large and 4 small M.T.Bs. will operate to the north of them.
(b) Remainder of flotilla proceed to Syracuse.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 120927B to S.O.(L) (X) B Flotilla, (R) N.C.E.T.F., R.A. Force A.)
Hon 2. para. 20. 4 small and 4 large M.T.Bs. as in my 100916 para. (A) and 3 motor gunboats from Acid North. All boats patrolling North 037° 45' N. and returning to Syracuse.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta, 120938 to N.C.E.T.F., S.O. Force Q, S.O. Force H, S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B.)

TACTICIAN. Keep one salvo of 6 torpedo for cruisers and above, otherwise you have freedom of target.
(Capt. (S) 10, 120935 to (P.314.) TACTICIAN).

R/C, enemy ports. Visual P.R.U. a.m. July 12th. Spezia and Genoa no change.
(F.O.I.C. Bizerta, 121115B to C. in C. Med., etc.)

8th S.F. dispositions. 1. 8th Sub. Flot. movement summary at 2001B/12th.
2. TORBAY 038° 13' 004° 46' 084° diving by day 2½ knots surfacing by night 9 knots.
3. SIBYL, TRESPASSER, SARACEN, SIMOOM, DOLFIJN between Corsica and Italy.
(Capt. (S) 8, 121140B to S. & A., G.C.)

M.G.Bs. Hon. 4 para. 16.
M.T.Bs. 5 M.G.Bs. and 12 M.T.Bs. serviceable at Bizerta.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 121147B to N.C.W.T.A., (R) C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Malta. Arrivals 11th July - MULLET, BONITO, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCE CHARLES, WHITING, GRAYLING, INCHMARNOCK, CAVA, FALK, PETARD. Transports - MARN, DERWENTDALE, BERGENSFIORD. 20 L.S.Ts., 20 L.C.Ts., 12 L.C.I.(L)s.

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Movements, Departures July 11th - MULL, MISOA, JAUNTY, QUANTOCK, SHOREHAM, KEREN, BARHILL. Transports - Malta. OTRANTO, STRATHNAVER. 11 L.C.I.(L)s. (Contd.) Arrivals and departures July 11th - BRECON, SUTLEJ, JUMNA, SAKTOURIS, PRIMULA, HYACINTH, FARNDALE, CALPE, TYNEDALE, HAYDON, CLEVELAND, PUCKERIDGE, ANTHONY, KRAKOWIAK, IPSWICH, GAWLER, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH, AURORA, PENELOPE, JULIET, GLENGYLE. Transports - WINCHESTER CASLTE, DILWARA, DEVONSHIRE, RUSS, DUNERA, MONARCH OF BERMUDA, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, CHRISTIAN HUYGENS, ORONTES, TEGELBERG, SOBIESKI, MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE, REINA DEL PACIFICO, CIRCASSIA, DERBYSHIRE, DURBAN CASTLE, BATORY, ASCANIA, LLANGIBBY CASTLE. 8 L.S.Ts. Departed and arrived July 11th - ANTWERP. (V.A. Malta, 121157B to Admty., etc.)

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE. Approx. 6 L.C.A. not yet salvaged from Green beach. No information on 14 men one officer not returned your ship. Will investigate and advise you further. (C.T.T.86, 121201B to PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.)

BULOLO, Gor General's. (3 Corrupt groups). Army Cdr. Army Commander now with 13 Corps. ashore. (BULOLO, 121207 to HILARY, LARGS.)

TEMPLAR, My 110856. P.316 (TEMPLAR) will now proceed SICKLE. on surface on 13th and pass 043° 14' 009° 00' at 2030/15th. (11) Intend sailing P.224 (SICKLE) at 1800/13th on surface on 13th and 14th by same route as P.316 (TEMPLAR) passing 043° 14' 009° 00' at 1200/16th thence east coast Corsica. (Capt. (S) 8, 121210B to C. in C. Med., (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 8th S.F., N.O.I.C. Algiers, Capt. (S) 10.)

Syracuse, Q.K.B.162. Sicily, Syracuse approach channel. Approach An approcal channel has been establish width Channel. 3 cables centre line joins following positions:-
(A) 037° 02'57" N. 015° 22'12" E.
(B) 037° 02'50" N. 015° 17'40" E.
(C) 037° 02'49" N. 015° 17'30" E.
(D) 037° 03'12" N. 015° 17'28" E. (E) 037° 03'20" N. 015° 17'12" E.
Ships are to keep to starboard side of the channel. (S.O.(I) Malta, 121226B to Q.K.B. addressees.)

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Force H. X Force H may close within visual distance of east coast of Sicily tomorrow 13th.
(C. in C. Med., 121234B to S.O. Force A, S.O. Force B, N.A.T.A.F., N.C.E.N.T.F., C.S.15, Malta, (R) S.O. Force H, R.A.H., R.A.(A) H.F., V.A. Malta.)

Air (? H.Q.) Intend first division pass through following approximate positions tonight 12th and tomorrow.
(A) 036° 10' N. 015° 25' E. at 1700.
(B) 035° 35', 017° 25', 0001. (C) 036° 50', 016° 45', 0600.
All positions north and east.
(2) C. in C. Med. is requested to inform Air Commands.
(S.O. Force H, 121318B to C. in C. Med., (R) Force Q, C.S.15, (? V.A. Malta), S.N.O. Cyrenaica, (? HILARY).)
1st Division Force H will pass through 036° 50' N. 016° 45' E. at 0600/13th. My 121318 refers.
(C. in C. Med., 121706B to EURYALUS, (R) S.O. Force H, R.A. Force H.)
Route end of Q.K.B.147 at 2100B through position 036° 10' N. 016° 00' E. to R/V. S.O.A. 14 knots.
(F.O. 2nd i/c Force H, 121831B to S.O. Force H, (R) C. in C. Med.)

CLEOPATRA, Hon. 3, para. 29. Sail at 1600 today 12th to EURYALUS. cross latitude 037° 15' N. by 2030. Patrol area during night. Rejoin S.O. Force H at 0900/13th at R/V to be given later.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121238B to CLEOPATRA, EURYALUS, (R) N.C.B., (?) V.A. Malta, ECHO, ILEX, C.S.12, C.S.15, S.O. Force H, Capt. (D) 8, N.C. Force A, A.H.Q. Malta, R.A.(H), C.C.F.)

R.A. (V) Situation report 1130. Slight air activity at Sit. Rep. dawn. One enemy aircraft destroyed by night fighters controlled by G.C.I set in L.S.T.305. No casualties or damage. (? State) of landing craft. L.C.A.: 1 destroyed before arrival on beaches, probably salvable, remainder shipped in M.K.F.18. L.C.M.: approximately 20 require salvage and repair. L.C.S.(M): 4 damaged being shipped in M.K.S.18. Rate of unloading M.T. ships unsatisfactory.
(R.A.(V), 121245 to N.C.E.T.F., (R) R.A. (B).)

BRISSENDEN. My 120828, not to V.A. Malta (No trace in W.R.) Hull damage to BRISSENDEN serious. Ship is being sailed to Malta for repairs in convoy leaving this evening.
R.A.(V), 121325B to V.A. Malta, Ships escorting convoy M.K.S., C. in C. Med., N.C.E.T.F., D.21.)

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It is expected S/Ms will leave patrol as follows: DOLFIJN 14th, SARACEN 16th, SIMOOM, SIBYL 17th, TRESPASSER 18th, being relieved by TORBAY, TEMPLAR and SICKLE. Torpedoes need no longer be retained for cruisers and above after 0600 tomorrow Tuesday.
(Capt. (S) 8, 121346B to 8th S.F., (R) C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10th.)

TACTICIAN,
TROOPER.

P.314 (TACTICIAN) will probably be moved to Gulf of Taranto on 16th July and TROOPER 24 hours later.
(Capt. (S) 10, 121405B to TROOPER, P.314 (TACTICIAN), (R) 10th S.F., Capt. (S) 1st.)

Convoy.

Slow section of convoy sailing in 2 parts tomorrow Tuesday. First part expected to pass AG about 0930. Ships from your sector should form column 4 starboard wing. All other instructions will be signalled by Commodore.
(N.C. Force A, 121405B to S.N.O.L. N., N.C. Force B, C. in C. Med., D.N.C.X.F.)

UNSPARING.

Intend sailing P.55 (UNSPARING) 1900/14th through 038° 02' 004° 20' at 1100/15th, 038° 17' 010° 03' at 1700/18th, 038° 32' 012° 01' at 2000/19th thence patrol off North Coast Sicily as ordered by Capt. (S) 10th, proceeding Malta on completion.
(Capt. (S) 8, 121408B to C. in C. Med., (R) Capt. (S) 10th, 8th S.F., N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

WHITEHAVEN,
HYTHE.

My (? 1339 or ? 1350) not to N.O.I.C. Syracuse, am sending WHITEHAVEN and HYTHE to Syracuse now to disembark salvage gear before sailing with slow convoy Tuesday.
(?S.N.O.L.N.), 121452 to N.C.F.A., (R) N.C.F.B., N.C.E.T.F., WHITEHAVEN, N.O.I.C. Syracuse.)

Force K
EREBUS,
Augusta.

(Corrupt) Take Force K and EREBUS under command and operate off Augusta as desired by N. Cdr. A. ((?N.C.E.T.F.), 121456B to S.O. 15th C.S., (R) C. in C. Med., N. Cdr. B, N. Cdr. A.)

M.K.F.19
M.E.F.37.

Hon.6 (?) Appendix III. M.K.F.19, delete group X. M.E.F.37. Delete ABDIEL. Add group X. C. in C. Levant is requested to return group X to Malta on arrival of M.E.F.37 at Alexandria.

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Hon.1, Appendix IIA, and Hon.8. HURWORTH and (? ADRIAS) (? are to) (corrupt group) groups (? with) (? BEAUFORT) and KANARIS (? as convenient) before M.E.F.37, sails. (C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121507B to S. & A. Operation "Husky".)

PINDOS.

Sailing G.S. PINDOS for Malta now to fuel, returning to Syracuse on completion. (S.N.O.L.N., 121510 to Capt. (D) 5, (R) N.C.E.T.F. V.A. Malta, N.C.F.B., N.C.F.A.)

Sail on (? completion) of fuelling to Syracuse through Q.K.B. 146 thence direct, signal E.T.A. PINDOS acknowledge. (V.A. Malta, 121920B to PINDOS, (R) C. in C. Med. (Malta), N.C. Force B, N.C.E.T.F., Capt. (D) 6.)

DULVERTON,
BELVOIR,
PINDOS.
Convoys.

Presume DULVERTON, BELVOIR and PINDOS are required for escorting ships ex M.W.F.37 from Acid or Syracuse p.m. tomorrow Tuesday. PINDOS requires fuel now and DULVERTON and BELVOIR will require it Wednesday. Am ordering PINDOS to Malta independently. V.A. Malta is requested to sail her for Syracuse on completion. On departure

of these ships and as 4 fleet M/S sail tomorrow Tuesday with M.E.S.36 I shall be left with no ships for A/S patrols.

S.O. Force B pass to N.C.E.T.F. and V.A. Malta.

(S.N.O.L.N., 121511B to N.C. Force B, (R) S.O. Force A, N.C.E.T.F., Capt. (D) 5, V.A. Malta.)

Your 121511B. Am sending all escorts of M.W.F.37 back with same convoy when unloaded and expect Group Q to be available for M.E.S.37 on D plus 7. I also expected your fleet sweepers of 14th M.S.F. to escort D plus 7 convoy as all M.W.S. 37 escorts are returning with (? remainder of) ships forming M.E.S.36. This is my interpretation of Hon.six para. 8 and appendix 3 which conflict.

(N.C.F.A., 122021 to S.N.O.L.(N), (R) Naval Cdr. Force KDKW, V.A.L., Cdre. E.T.F., D.5, V.A. Malta.)

PETARD,
BRECON.

Sail on completion of fuelling as requisite to join S.O. Force H before dark. R/V as signalled by R.A.H. When PETARD has joined S.O. Force H is requested to sail BRECON to Malta.

(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121515B to PETARD, (R) S.O. Force H, R.A. Force H, V.A. Malta.)

My 121515. PETARD will be unable to join before dark. She will sail with R.A.H.

(C. in C. Med., 121743B to PETARD, S.O. Force H, R.A. Force H, (R) V.A. Malta.)

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NEWFOUNDLAND, As situation is developing at present 30 Corps.
ORION, foresee no immediate use for NEWFOUNDLAND,
LAFOREY, ORION, LAFOREY, LOYAL LOOKOUT, D.S. FLORES
LOYAL, and SOEMBA.
LOOKOUT, (N.C.F.B., 121518B to N.C.E.T.F., (R) C. in C.
FLORES, Med., S.O. Force V, C.S.15, S.N.O.L.(N), N.C.F.A.)
SOEMBA.

N.C.F.B. for Turn over Bark area to N.C.F.V. and arrange to
Syracuse. enter Syracuse tomorrow Tuesday morning
preparatory to assuming duties of F.O. (corrupt
group). You should close BULOLO en route
and obtain latest information from N.C.F.A.
(N.C.E.T.F., 121531B to N.C.F.B., (R) C. in C. Med., 15th
C.S., N.C.F.A., S.N.O.L.(N), N.C.F.B.)

L.C.I.(L)s Intend to sail L.C.I.(L) 242, 109, (?277), 135,
for Bark 186, (?201), 260 for Bark S S codeword "Girdle"
and Acid. W/T call sign 423. L.C.I.(L) 103, 176, 246,
210, 99, (? 247), 123 for Acid centre codeword
"Hairpin" W/T call sign 250.
(ii) Both convoys leaving Sousse anchorage at
1800B/12th and sailing in company escorted by M.L.462 to
position SD thence (? LB) or as ordered by N.C.E.T.F. S. of
A. 10 knots.
(iii) "Girdle" E.T.A. 1800B/13th "Hairpin" E.T.A. 1930/13th.
(iv) Constant wireless guard on 2150 k/cs.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 121535B to N.C.E.T.F., C. in C. Med., N.O.I.C.
Bone, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, F.O.I.S., 242 Group, N.O.I.C. Sfax,
V.A. Malta, A.I.C. H.Q. Malta, N.A.C.A.F., Capt. (S) 8, N.L.O.
No.1 Air Defence Wing, Capt. (S) 10.)

Operation X Operation "Snowboots" will be carried out
"Snowboots". tonight 12th. My 111619 refers.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121537B to Force H and
all ships of Eastern Task Force, S.O. Force A,
S.O. Force B, C.S.15, N.O.I.C. Syracuse.)
Cancel my 121537. Operation will not take place tonight.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 121836B.)

DOLFIJN, P.47 (DOLFIJN) is to leave patrol passing 041°
SIMOOM, 00' 011° 48' at 0800/14th, 038° 27' 009° 59'
TORBAY. at 1000/16th, 038° 01' 003° 59' at 2200/19th
thence R/V escort Algiers in 036° 58' 003° 14'
at 0645/20th.
2. P.225 (SIMOOM) patrolling in SD and SE north
of 041° 40' from 0001/14th then proceeding course 180° so as
to pass 041° 01' 011° 20' at 0600/17th for Algiers.
3. TORBAY proceeding area SE keeping clear of P.225 (SIMOOM).
(Capt. (S) 8, 121610B to 8th S/M.F., (R) C. in C. Med.,
Capt. (S) 10.)

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D. 3. My 111845 (L.C.I.(L) to assist in discharge of
Convoy. D.3 convoy). 4 more L.C.I.(L) E.T.A. Syracuse
0700/13th.
(N.C.E.T.F., 121630B to N.C.F.A.)

S/M Following S/M movements are to be initiated.
Movements. (A) Four S/Ms from Taranto patrol to return
Malta routed along 018° 00' E. to 036° 00' N.
thence 270° to Malta.
(B) TROOPER, P.314 (TACTICIAN) to Sardinia line.
(C) 'U' class from Malta for Taranto to proceed with convenient
convoy to Augusta thence direct.
(D) P.211 (SAFARI), P.219 (SERAPH), P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) and
two 'U' class in company with surface escorts as arranged by
(? V.A. Malta) to 037° 00' N. 012° 00' E. thence (? 135°). 'S'
class as required by Capt. (S) 8 'U' class to North Messina
patrol.
(E) 'U' class from North Messina patrol to Bizerta to R/V with
surface components as arranged with N.O.I.C. Bizerta. N.O.I.C.
Bizerta to arrange onward passage to Malta with first conven-
ient convoy.
(F) PARTHIAN as required by C. in C. Levant.
(C. in C. Med., 121742 to Capt. (S) 10, (R) Cpts. (S) 1, (S) 8 etc)

Situation (1) Operation "Fracture", a diversion off West
Report Coast Sicily carried out p.m./11th a.m./12th July.
No. 121. HOWE and KING GEORGE V bombarded Favignana,
SIRIUS and DIDO bombarded Marsala. Follow up
convoy for Western Task Force made feint to
northward. Convoy of small craft and landing
craft sailed from Bizerta as feint. No opposition encountered to
bombardment.
(2) 15th Cruiser Squadron and EREBUS bombarded Modica p.m./11th,
Mellili and Augusta a.m./12th. Other gun support given by
destroyers and cruisers as required.
(3) Channel swept to Augusta a.m./12th but fire from beaches
prevented entry. N.C. Force A entered Augusta 1245 but was
forced out by field guns. Greek destroyer KANARIS and EXMOOR
entered Augusta 1600 supported by cruisers and EREBUS from
outside. These ships by their gunfire are assisting enemy
troops to evacuate the town quickly.
(4) Unloading at all beaches proceeding satisfactorily though
Western beaches and Bark West delayed by swell.
(5) ESKIMO hit by bomb in gear room and has been towed to
Malta to dock, U.S.S. SENTINEL sunk by enemy aircraft off Joss
on 10th July, eight killed, one missing. BLANKNEY and
BRISSENDEN in collision off Bark a.m./12th, BRISSENDEN damage
serious and is returning Malta.
(6) SS. BAARN sunk by aircraft off Acid p.m./11th. OCEAN PEACE
sunk a.m./12th, and J.G. CANNON severely damaged a.m./12th.
U.S. Liberty ship off Dime sunk a.m./12th, name unknown.

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Situation Report No. 121. (Contd.) (7) Minesweepers off Augusta captured Italian U-Boat. OAKLEY off Sousse sighted periscope and carried out series of attacks producing increased quantities of oil and air bubbles. M.T.Bs. on patrol off Catania during night 11th/12th attacked U-Boat with torpedoes, depth charges and guns, considered damaged.
(8) Hospital ship DORSETSHIRE near missed off Bark some casualties.
(C. in C. Med., 121745B to Admty.)

Syracuse, port situation. X The port is now in working condition. 60% alongside berths are available. Harbour is free of major obstructions. Boom is intact but boom vessel is (2 groups missed) (corrupt group) and one (corrupt group). 4 inch coast defence battery (? now) (corrupt group) attacked.
Prepared to accept (? convoy) a.m. tomorrow 13th.
(N.O.I.C. Syracuse, 121750B to C. in C. Med. (Malta), N.C.E.T.F., N.C. Force A, N.C. Force B.)

Convoy T.D.F.2. Intend (? despatching) T.D.F.2 (? and) (3 corrupt groups) in one convoy at 0900B tomorrow 13th (? July) 10 L.C.Is for Dime, 5 for Cent. S. of A. 12 knots by W route, E.T.A. 0200B/14th July. Codeword "Hadley 2". Call sign 386/2. Request fighter protection medium.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis, 121808B to C.T.G.81.4, E.N.T.F., (R) A.I.G. 67, etc.)

BELVOIR, PINDOS. Sail forthwith for Malta through FC and north-east channel. Refuel and rejoin in company with PINDOS by 0600B/13th.
(Capt. (D) 5, 121814B to BELVOIR, (R) V.A. Malta, S.N.O.L.N., R.A. Force B, PINDOS.)

Augusta occupied by EXMOOR. X Situation in Augusta at 1800. Town apparently evacuated. Party from EXMOOR hoisted white ensign. Enemy forces still on outskirts of town have just been shelling destroyers in harbour with slight damage to EXMOOR. Channels have been swept and destroyers withdrawn. Nothing more can be done till arrival of Army.
(N.C.E.T.F., 121819B to C. in C. Med., (R) S.O. Force B, S.O. Force A.)

Force R. Force R E.T.A. 0459B/13th. Request light Q from 0445B to 0515B. ROMEO not in company.
(DELPHINIUM, 121822B to V.A. Malta, (R) S.O. Force H, C. in C. Med. (Malta), C. in C. Levant.)

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PHEASANT
L.S.T.
K.M.S.19. All L.S.T. in K.M.S.19 are to proceed to Bark West for onward routing to Syracuse.
(C. in C. Med., 121834B to PHEASANT, (R) V.A. Malta, D.N.C.X.F., N.C. Force A, R.A. Force V.)
My 122010 (N.T. in W.D.) Detach two escorts to escort AMU to Syracuse and NESTOR to Bark South with despatch. Remainder to Bark South.
(S.O. Force V, 122011 to PHEASANT, (R) D.5.)

General
Alexander,
ABDIEL. General Alexander will arrive Dime Area in ABDIEL about 1045 tomorrow 13th July.
(C. in C. Med., 121920B to C.O.M.N., U.S.S. MACOMB, N.A.W., (R) ABDIEL.)
ABDIEL arriving off Gela with General Alexander on board at about 1000 tomorrow Tuesday.
(C. in C. Med., 120232B to N.C.W.T.F.)

C.S.15.
Force K. Intend standing to the south-east with Force K during night keeping clear of own forces.
(C.S.15, 121935B to C. in C. Med. (Malta), N.C.E.N.T.F., R.A. Force A, R.A. Force B, V.A. Malta, S.O. Force H, EURYALUS.)

K.M.F.19. Ships of K.M.F.19 are to anchor off 56 beach close to eastward of a line 180° from Punta di Porto Palo (? 036° 39.9' N. 015° 07.9' E.) as close inshore as possible.
(R.A.(V), 122021B to HOLCOMBE (for Cdre..))

Movements,
Bone. Arrived SIRIUS, DIDO, M.T.B.297.
Arrived and sailed HOWE, KING GEORGE V, PATH-FINDER, PALADIN, PANTHER, PENN, JERVIS, ARROW, ISIS.
(N.O.I.C. Bone, 122044B to Admt., etc.)

Parachutists. Your 121924 (N.T. in W.R.) No friendly parachutists dropped this area.
(N.C.E.T.F., 122046B to S.O. A.)

K.M.S.18,
K.M.S.19. Understand you intend retaining some ships of K.M.S.18 after arrival of K.M.S.19 in order to complete discharge. If so you should sail an equivalent number of ships of K.M.S.19 to Malta for calling forward when they can be discharged.
(N.C.E.T.F., 122059B to S.O. Force V, (R) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, S.O. Force B.)

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C.C.O.

C.C.O. in (? LAMERTON) E.T.A. Malta 1630
Tuesday.(S.O. Force B, 122125B to C. in C. Med., (R)
R.A.V., Governor Malta.)

Force B.

Situation report 2000 July 12th.

3 L.S.T. just arrived unloading on 56 beach, all
other L.S.T. and L.C.T. used and sailed.(2) All craft stranded on square II on D day
now refloated except one L.C.I.(L).(3) Hospital ship told to remain in Convoy "Solder" and darken
ship.(S.O. Force B, 122146B to N.C.E.T.F., (R) C. in C. Med., S.O.
Force V.)

BRECON.

Subject to concurrence of N.C.E.T.F. BRECON
should be sailed to join Group V on completion of
oiling.(C. in C. Med., 122205B to Adnty., V.A. Malta,
etc.)

BELVOIR.

On completion of fuelling proceed independently
to Syracuse report (?E.T.A.) to addressee before
sailing.(N.O.I.C. Malta, 122236B to BELVOIR, (R) S.O.
Force B, S.O. Force A, C. in C. Med., N.C.E.T.F.,
Capt. (D) 6th.)

Your 2236. Intend sailing 0230/13th, E.T.A. 0700/13th.

(BELVOIR, 122320 to V.A. Malta, (R) C. in C. Med., N.C.E.T.F.,
N.C.F.B., S.O. Force A, Capt. (D) 6.)Coinsitrep
No. 3.(1) Diversion off west coast Sicily carried out
p.m./11th/a.m./12th. This is part two of
Coinsitrep number 3 signed Eisenhower Cite F.H.
G.C.I. Battleships bombarded Island of
Favignana and cruisers bombarded Marsala. Feintswere made by follow up convoy for Western Task Force and by
special convoy from Bizerta.(2) Cruisers bombarded Modica, Mellili, Augusta, and gun support
ships fired at targets of opportunity.(3) Channel to Augusta swept a.m./12th. One Greek and one
British destroyer entered that port at 1600/12 supported by
cruisers. Coast defences unmanned but enemy troops still
in town.(4) Unloading proceeding well at all beaches but swell prevents
this being as fast as desired.(5) Bombing attacks resulted in loss of two M.T. ships at Acid,
one Liberty ship at Dime, and damage to one destroyer, one M.T.
ship at Acid and one hospital ship at Bark.

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No. 3.
(Contd.)(6) Minesweepers off Augusta captured Italian U-Boat. Destroyer off Sousse claims to have probably destroyed a U-Boat. M.T.Bs. off Catania damaged a U-Boat.
(C. in C. Med., 122257B.)"Husky"
Situation
Report
No. 5.(1) Operation "Fracture" a diversion off west coast of Sicily carried out successfully. As part of this operation Force Z bombarded Favignana Is. and cruisers bombarded Marsala.
(2) C.S.15 bombarded Modica, Mellili and Augusta. Other gun support also given.
(3) Greek destroyer KANARIS, EXMOOR entered Augusta 1600/12 to assist the enemy to evacuate quickly. Coast defence gun unmanned.
(4) Bombing attack off beaches continue particularly at Joss, Dime and Acid. One ship sunk Dime, 2 ships sunk, one ship damaged and destroyer damaged at Acid.
(5) M/S off Augusta captured an Italian U-Boat. M.T.B. on patrol damaged U-Boat (Italian) during night.
(6) Army line now runs approx. south of Augusta-Pallazolo-Ragusa-Comiso-Pointe Olivo-Licata. Counter attacks Gela area repulsed.
(7) 15 enemy aircraft destroyed today up to 1600. 2 destroyed by night fighters total of 24 destroyed yesterday. Liberators on Vibo, Valencia, and Reggio, Fortresses on Messina, many attacks, on aerodromes.
(C. in C. Med., 122309B.)Situation,
Bark West.Bark West situation 122245. Weather good today, majority of stranded craft salvaged. Discharge to beaches improving, but still below requirement. Intend completing discharge of K.M.S.18 in Bark West and discharging Force X in Bark South.
Arranged with R.A.B. to assume control of Bark areas tomorrow July 13th. 6 enemy aircraft to date (? tonight) reported shot down by night fighters.
(R.A.V., 122324B to N.C.E.F.T., (R) C. in C. Med., R.A. Force B.)EGGESFORD
L.S.Ts.Take under your command L.S.T.420, 423 and 12 and sail for Sicily at 0630B/13th escorted by EGGESFORD S. of A. 6½ knots. Route A part company to position SD. E.T.A. SD 0830B/14th. L.S.T.410, 420 and 423 for onward routing to Augusta as ordered by N.C.E.T.F. L.S.T.12 for Acid. Codeword "Timid" wireless call sign 288 constant wireless guard on 2150 k/cs.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 122330B to L.S.T.410, (R) N.C.E.T.F., S.O. Force B, S.O. Force A, Naval and Air Authorities Bone to Sousse, except Bone and N.O.I.C. Sfax.)

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Force K.

Two cruisers and such destroyers of Force K as can be spared should be detached to Malta to refill and replenish in turn.
(N.C.E.T.F., 122357B to C.S.15, (R) N.C.F.A., N.C.F.B., V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med. (Malta).)

ROBERTS.

ROBERTS is to be sailed to join N.C.F.A. at Acid North ready to be called forward to join Force K or supplement A/A defences of ports as and when required.
(N.C.E.T.F., 122359B to N.C.F.V., (R) N.C.F.B., N.C.F.A., C.S.15, C. in C. Med. (Malta), ROBERTS.)

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Sicily Army Report.

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Second and Last Part

(NT of Part 1)

Modica H6808 at 1015 hrs and have made contact with U.S. Troops Area Ragusa H6514. Div H.Q. H7700. Comd of 206 Italian Coastal Div. captured.

Third. Seventh Army. 45 Division in contact with CDN Div. Ragusa and has captured Comiso Town and LG. Now holds line Western edge Ragusa - H6385 (or H6315) - Comiso LG 5422 H4531-H4230. 1 Div. captured Ponte Olivo Airfield H 2837 at 0845 hrs and after heavy fighting on high ground northwest of Gela and just east of the town holds a line from 2 miles south of Niscomi H3438 - Ponte Olivo Airfield to the high ground 4 miles northwest of Gela. 3 Div. reports Licata Airfield suitable for operation one squadron fighters today. Div. extends from Compobello G9251 to Naro G8155 to Palma Di Montechiaro G7844 with one Bn. moving towards Riesi H0753. 2 Armd. Div. (less CCA) and 18 RCT assembled 3 miles east of Gela in Army reserve. Command Posts are Seventh Army U.S.S. Monrovia 2 Corps H3625. 45 Div. Vittoria. 1 Div. H3030 3 Div. G9140. 2 Armd. Div. H3428 - Adv. CP 82 AB Div. H2727. Army reports between 5000 and 6000 prisoners taken and 14 tanks destroyed.

Section three Air. No indication of large enemy troop movements was shown from air reports today. Traffic described as heavy moving northeast at G8672 and 50 MT moving North at G8768 were reported by fighter bombers at 1015 hrs and TAC/R reported 100 met moving north at H7336 at 0740 hrs. Few small convoys of up to 20 vehicles were observed at scattered points during the day throughout the island but otherwise reports show little or no movements seen.

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Enemy units. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 33.13 N. 18.02 E.
(A/C C/S 2952 120012, to 7 R.M.)
Have obtained A.S.V. contact with (2 escort vessels?) in 38° 54' N. 14° 40' E. at 0010B.
(A/C BVZ/L via Alex. 120015B to Air H.Q.Malta.)

Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 42° 17' N. 9° 47' E.
(A/C BVZ/N via Alex. 120140B to 55 S.)
P.C. and S. of enemy: 2 destroyers, 2 merchant vessels at 0805B, 42.30 N. 08.15 E. course 040° speed 15 knots. Position based on a fix obtained within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of 0800.
(A/C AQZ/C 120612Z to 55 S.)
One medium merchant vessel 090° 8, 020° 36° 54' N. 15° 40' E.
(A/C 2 CZ/E 120850 to GREGALE.)
P.C. and S. of enemy 1 destroyer, 1 merchant vessel 5000 tons, 1 merchant vessel 1000 tons 40° 13' N. 14° 32' E. 350° 6 kts.
(A/C APK/T 120850B to A.H.Q.Malta (R) 55 S.)
Position of enemy is 39° 08' N. 14° 20' E.
(A/C GQR/A 120930 to Air H.Q.Malta.)
P.C. and S. of enemy, 1 destroyer, 1 merchant vessel, 2000 tons 39.21 N. 14.57 E. 040° 07 knots.
(A/C APX/T 121005B to 55 S.)
P.C. and S. of enemy one destroyer, 1 merchant vessel 2000 tons 39° 21' N. 14° 57' E. 040° 7 knots.
(A/C APK/T 121007B to 55 S.)
P.C. and S. of enemy, one large vessel (exceeding 10,000 tons), 2 destroyers 41° 36' N. 8° 22' E. 140° 12 knots at 1217B.
(A/C AQZ/M via Alex. 121225 to Air H.Q.Malta.)
My 1225B, enemy previously reported are 1 transport 12,000 tons, 1 large vessel 10,000 tons.
(A/C AQZ/M 121230B.)
Proceed to 42° 00' N. 78° 20' E. position of your objective at time indicated is 41° 22' N. 8° 22' E. Course 140°, speed 12 at 1217B hours. Enemy type, two large merchant vessels accompanied by two destroyers.
(Fighter H.Q.Malta 121330B to A/C KTL.)
P.C. and S. of enemy 2 merchant vessels, 1 destroyer, 1 small craft 41° 25' N. 9° 20' E. 045° 12 knots. Have attacked enemy with torpedoes no hits.
(A/C 4UA/G 121600B to 55 S.)
P.C. and S. of enemy 1 destroyer, 1 merchant vessel 3000 tons 40° 00' N. 14° 40' E. 350° 8 knots.
(A/C GQR/H 121614B to 55 S.)
At 1236, 3 ships of type unknown reported by fighter in 038° 30' N. 016° 40' E. course 030° at high speed.
(Malta 121727B to all British Men of War.)
2 destroyers and 2 small merchant vessels in 38° 25' N. 13° 30' E. course 040° speed 8 knots.
(A/C FAZ/Q 122320B.)

OAKLEY. Your 112012 (N.T. in W.R.) Continue hunt.
(C. in C.Med. 120315B to OAKLEY (R) N.O.I.C.Sousse).
If not in contact proceed in execution of previous orders. My 120315 not to QUEEN EMMA refers.
(C. in C.Med. 121004B to OAKLEY (R) N.O.I.C.Sousse, QUEEN EMMA.)

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STARWORT, E.T.A. 0200/12, CAMELLIA in company.
CAMELLIA. (STARWORT 120115B to N.O.I.C. Algiers.)

Rescue tugs. Intended movements of H.M.R.Ts to Gibraltar with approx. dates of departure.
2. PROSPEROUS on passage with K.M.S.20.
3. CHARON towing B.D.V. MOORFLY, EMPIRE GRIFFIN and LARIAT with Flight J. and converted trawlers July 14th from Plymouth.
4. AIMWELL and FRISKY on completion of refits, end of July and mid August respectively.
(Capt. i/c R.T. 120324B to C. in C.Med.)

Movements Arrival July 11th. H.S.L. 2598, M.T.Bs. 634, 656,
Malta. 632, 655, 665, 667.
Departures 11th July. M.L. 134, M.T.Bs. 76,62,65,
95,85,79,86,243,651.
(V.A.Malta 120332B to Admty. etc.)

PINDOS Sighted submarine position 280° P.A. S 4½ miles.
U/B. (G.S.PINDOS 120425 to S.O.F."B" (R) DULVERTON.)
(?Attacked) submarine.
(PINDOS 120445.)
Lost contact.
(PINDOS 120500.)

Malta Air A.I. 662 12 July.
Report. Total figure of 766 day fighter sorties for 11 July in my A.I. 657 excludes sorties by Pantellaria. Pantellaria made total of 196 sorties in which 4 Ju.88 were destroyed and 1 damaged.
(R.A.F.Malta 120700Z.)

A.I. 657 11th July. Opsum No. 62, 10th July, T.O.O. 0730B. Sec. 1
Total figures for this day's operations (including Pantellaria's Squadron) are:- 1119 day fighter sorties, 12 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, and 12 damaged. 2 of our pilots reported missing in my A.I. 642 are now known to be safe. 10/11th July. To cover the operations of our Invasion Forces in Southern Sicily 11 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicilian and Southern Italian Airfields. In Italy railway buildings St. Villa Uitterno were attacked and damaged by cannon fire, and North of Naples 1 Ju.88 was probably destroyed. 1 Mosquito is missing. 15 Beaufighters made successful interception patrols off East and South West Coasts of Sicily. 1 Cant.1007 was destroyed near Syracuse. 1 Ju.88 was destroyed and 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed off Catania and another Ju.88 was destroyed South of Augusta. 1 Baltimore and 2 special equipment Wellingtons made shipping searches in Gulf of Taranto. 11th July. 714 Spitfire sorties have been made patrolling the beaches for our Invasion Forces in Southern Sicily. The following enemy reaction was experienced:- 0300 hours 1 Ju.88 attacking shipping off Cape Passero was driven off. 0300 hours 1 Me.210 was destroyed off Catania 0400 hours. 1 Ju.88 was destroyed near Biscari.

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0455 hours 14 plus Do.217 and F.W.190 attempting to attack ships off Gela were driven off and 1 Do. 217 was probably destroyed and 1 Do.217 was damaged.

0630 hours 4 F.W. 190 bombers attempting to attack ships off Gela were intercepted by Spitfires and 1 F.W.190 was destroyed.

0750 hours 1 Ju.88 was destroyed North East of Gela.

0845 hours 1 M.C. 202 attempting to attack Fortresses near Gela was attacked and destroyed.

0925 hours 10 F.W.190 attempting to dive bomb ships at Gela were driven off by Spitfires.

1000 hours 1 Ju.88 and 2 M.C.200 were destroyed, 1 M.C.200 probably destroyed and 2 M.C.200 damaged near Syracuse.

0955 hours 2 F.W.190 with bombs which attempted to attack ships near Gela were driven off by Spitfires and 1 F.W.190 was destroyed.

1030 hours 20 Ju.88 and Me.109 attacking our ships off Passero were intercepted by Spitfires which destroyed 2 Ju.88 and shared in the destruction of Me.109.

1350 hours 12 Ju.88 and 30 fighters were intercepted North of Gela and 4 Ju.88 were destroyed and 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed and 1 Ju.88 damaged.

1400 hours 1 Me.109 destroyed near Porto Empedocle.

1455 hours 10 plus Do.217 with top cover of enemy fighters attempting to attack shipping off Gela were intercepted by Spitfires and made to jettison their bombs in the sea. 1 Do. 217 was destroyed and 1 Do.217 damaged.

1630 hours 20 plus F.W.190, R.E.2001 and M.C.202 were intercepted near Augusta and 3 R.E.2001 and 1 F.W.190 were destroyed and 1 M.C. 202 damaged.

1700 hours Spitfires intercepted (?20) plus F.W.190, Me.109 and M.C.202 attempting to attack shipping south of Syracuse destroying one M.C.202 probably destroying one M.C.202 and damaging 5 Me.109 and F.W.190.

1715 hours one M.C.202 was damaged near Gerbini.

0815 hours 33 Kittybombers escorted by 12 Spitfires bombed and attacked with machine gun-fire M/T between (?Catania) and Augusta. The escorting Spitfires also attacked and damaged a hangar at Gerbini.

1255 hours 12 Spitfires escorted Marauders of N.A.A.F. attacking Gerbini.

1300 hours 12 Spitfires provided escort for Mitchells of N.A.A.F. attacking Gerbini.

1425 hours 6 Ju.88 escorted 10 enemy fighters were sighted near Gerbini but not engagement took place.

Out of a total of 766 sorties only 6 Spitfires have been lost enemy casualties are 9 Ju.88, one Me.210, one Do.217, two Macchi 202, three F.W.190, two Macchi 200, one Me.109, and three R.E. 2001 destroyed, one Ju.88, one Do.217, two Macchi 202, one Me. 200 probably destroyed, and one Ju.88, two Do.217, two Macchi 202, one F.W.190, two Macchi 200 and 5 Me.109 engaged (?damaged).

Operations by Aircraft of other Commands.

1 Marauder of 440 Squadron. Airborne from Dejeida at 1215 hours to bomb Gerbini dropped 15 x 100 lbs. fragmentation bombs which burst in Target Area. The Marauder which was attacked and damaged by 5 Me.109 landed at Malta at 1530 hours.

(R.A.F.Malta 120730Z, 120740Z, 120810Z, 120816B.)

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Movements, Beirut. 11th July arrivals COMMANDANT DOMINE, departures AETOS. (S.O.(I) Beirut 120832C to Admty.)

E.T.22. E.T.22 sailed as in my 100953 less EMPIRE JET. (Comnob Oran 120944B to Admty. etc.)

Enemy A/S Patrols. My 090937* still applies. (Capt. S.1 121007C to TAURUS.) * anti-submarine patrols.

E.T.22A GULFPRINCE. My 111238B, E.T.22A, GULFPRINCE arrived damaged. (Com. Algeria 121027B to Admty. etc.)

M.E.Air Report. A.657 Daily Opsum No. 75. 10/11 July nothing to report.
11 July. 72 U.S.Liberators B.24 Vibo Valentia and Reggio di Calabria Airfields, 4 returned early, 25 bombed Vibo Valentia bombs fell on eastern part of airfield and area south west of railway station, administrative buildings damaged, centre and west hangars seen on fire. 3 engined aircraft burning in front of centre hangar. Bombers sighted submarine 20 miles S.E. of Marina di Catanzaro. 43 bombed Reggio di Calabria. Bursts on airfield surface chiefly concentrated on Eastern half, other bursts dispersal area north of airfield, hangars in S.E. corner and town area. 3 large fires in west, north, S.E. corners of airfield, several large planes burning on ground centre of airfield. Total 21 Me.109, M.C.202 attacked, 2 enemy destroyed, 2 damaged. Following details 10 July. 28 U.S.Liberators (B.24) Catania Marshalling yards. 3 aircraft unable to release bombs. 25 bombed Catania, many hits rear of railway depot and sidings. Fires started on previous raid north of railway station and near oil storage depot seen burning.
(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 121031Z.)

Aircraft for Malta. Instruct C.O.reserves Bone to despatch 2 Seafire II C and 2 Martlets IV to Malta. (C. in C.Med. 121152B to N.O.I.C. Bone, (R) C. in C.Med. "A" FORMIDABLE, Force H, V.A.Malta, R.A.A. N.A.C.A.F.)

M.E.F.36. M.E.F.36, 12 ships, 10 escorts, S.O.SUTLEJ codeword "Combatant". S.O.A. 12 knots. Route R.U.032° 20' N. 016° 30' E. 1300 (12th) R/V 032° 20' N. 019° 30' E. thence omitting R.W.through
358 0430/13th, 353 3 miles north 351 3 miles north 348 3 miles north 342 1800/13th 5 miles north 336 10 miles north 327 0400/14th, 5 miles north 315 1300/14th through 310,309 2300/14th, 306,303,300,399 to Port Said.

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- M.E.F.36
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2. Ships for Alexandria and orders for escorts follow.
 3. Convoy to make best speed and endeavour to arrive Port Said a.m. 15th time in para. 1 being adjusted accordingly.
 4. Request fighter defence normal priority and A/S defence.
 5. Balloons may be flown as ordered by Senior Officer.
(C. in C.Levant 121236C to C. in C.Med. etc.)
- E.T.22. E.T.22 ships arrived.
(Comnob Oran 121339 to Admty. etc.)
- M.K.F.18. Request tanker FORT LEE be included in convoy
M.K.F.18.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 121430B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R)
Com.Algeria, Admty.)
- Cable Intend to sail H.M.Cable ship MARIE LOUISE MACKAY
Repairs. at 122100B. Escorted by MOUSA to 36° 59' 20" N.
01° 27' 27" W. for cable repair, E.T.A. 130700B.
Algiers and Gibraltar requested to set ship watch
at respective ends of cable morning of the 30th.
- Algiers give to Commavnaw.
(Comnob Oran 121501B to C. in C.Med. Algiers, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar,
Commavnaw, (R) Admty. Com.Algiers.)
My 121501B sailed.
(N.O.B.Oran 122101B.)
- N.A.A.F A.V.276E 12 July. M.S.15200.
Report. N.W.A.A.F.Opsum 141. N.W.A.Strategic Air Force.
9/10 July (additional). 85 Wellingtons Syracuse,
Syracuse Isthmus, Catania, Pallazolo, Caltanissetta,
Canicatti. 4 returned early. Direct hit Seaplane
Base Syracuse. 1 aircraft missing. 11 July. 83 U.S.Fortresses
Catania Marshalling Yards. 8 returned early. Hits Warehouse
Repair Buildings, oil storage. Large fires explosions. 32
E/A encountered, 4 Me. 109, 2 Me.210, 1 R.E.2001 destroyed. 23
U.S.Fortresses damaged flak. 39 U.S.Mitchells escort 24 U.S.
Lightnings Caltanissetta. 1 fighter returned early. Town well
covered. 36 U.S.Mitchells escort 23 U.S.Lightnings Sciacca
Aerodrome, runways dispersals aircraft ground. 21 U.S.Mitchells
damaged flak. 27 U.S.Marauders escort 48 U.S.Warhawks Milo
Aerodrome, direct hits runway barracks hangars. 96 U.S.
Lightning Bombers sweep Sicily. 16 returned early. Troop
barracks Vizzini, Caltagirone, power station, Cataldo, railroad
cars Caltanissetta, 3 trains Leonforte hit. Bridge Caltagirone
locomotive Leonforte 23 trucks Mazzarino 20 trucks Caltagirone 2
tanks Porto Empedocle destroyed, Radar Station Patagonia fuel
trucks San Caterina strafed. Fuel trucks left burning.
N.W.A.Tactical Air Force. 9 July (additional). 101 U.S.Mustangs
8 returned early. Direct hits battery and boat in harbour photo
Empedocle. Headquarters Hotel Taormine strafed and left
smoking. Railway Station Canicatti believed destroyed, roads
and railways Gela Vizzino Modica Grammichele also strafed. 2
U.S.Mustangs missing. 10 July. 156 U.S.Mustangs attacked

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N.A.A.F. Report. (Contd.) railways, trains, road junctions and motor transport Enna Paltanis, Etts Canicatti Aerigento dropped 263 x 500, 35 x 500 jettisoned over Sicily. 2 U.S. Mustangs destroyed, 3 missing, 35 U.S. Warhawks covered landing beaches southeast Sicily. Destroyed 1 Ju.88. 22 U.S. Mustangs Tactical R/C Sicily. 11 July. 12 U.S. Bostons escort 24 U.S. Warhawks Armoured Division reported between Stefano and Aerigento failed to locate, bombed Raffahali. 130 U.S. Mustangs attacked motor transport bridges trains southeast Sicily, much transport 1 tank 2 locomotives destroyed, 3 U.S. Mustangs destroyed. 34 U.S. Warhawks provided cover over beaches, 1 forced-landed Sicily. 14 Mustangs Tactical R/C roads Western Sicily. N.W.A. Coastal Air Force 11 July. 18 Beaufighters, 2 Wellingtons shipping strike East Sardinia. Wellingtons attacked 1 merchant vessel, 1 destroyer, flash seen. Beaufighters attacked M/Vs 2 destroyers, 2 M/Vs hit, 1 left sinking. 2 Beaufighters destroyed.
(H.Q.N.A.A.F. Adv. 121528B.)

EVANGHELIA. Bulgarian Auxiliary Sailing Vessel EVANGHELIA 110 G.T. arrived Istanbul from Bourgas 11th. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 121530C to S.O.(I) Levant, (R) D.N.I.)

ALBA JULIA. Roumania ALBA JULIA expected to arrive Istanbul from Trieste 22nd - 27th July. B.4. (S.O.(I) Istanbul 121535C to S.O.(I) Levant, (R) Capt. S.1 Beirut, Capt. S.10 Malta, D.N.I.)

Repair of U.S.S. ROE. This is C. in C.Med's 121020B addressed to N.O.B. Oran for action and Comnavu, C.T.F.80 and Admty. for information. Temporary repairs of bow collision damage for passage to U.S.A. U.S.S. ROE is to be given first priority No. 3.dock.
(Comnavu 121537Z to Admty.)

C.N.F.1. 1. Intend sailing C.N.F.1 consisting of 12 transports escorted by 9 destroyers from Cent area to Oran at 121900B as follows:
2. Via standard route given in Hon.6 appendix 4.
3. Positions K.B. to K.F. inclusive as modified by Q.K.B.149 and 150.
4. S.O.A. 13.5 knots except 14.5 knots from position K.F. to K.A.
5. E.T.A. Oran 150800B.
6. Codeword "Hedden 1". Call sign W/T frequency 269/1.
7. Convoy Cdre. Capt. (group omitted) in LEONARD WOOD.
8. N.O.B.Oran information addressee requested arrange berths, tugs and pilots.
(C.T.F.85, 121544B to C. in C.Med. etc.)

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Movements, NEA HELLAS and EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived.
Algiers. (Com. Algeria, 121621B to Admty. etc.)

ANTELOPE, Sail 0800/13th and escort PRINCE CHARLES and
BOREAS, PRINCE LEOPOLD to Gibraltar calling Algiers fuel,
PRINCE CHARLES, and BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER to Bizerta.
PRINCE LEOPOLD, 2. Route by Q.K.B.123B close to south of
BOXER, Lampedusa to 035° 47' 011° 14' then Q.K.B.150
BRUISER, and 149 thence as ordered by C. in C.Med. A.
THRUSTER. S.O.A. 17 knots.
3. Fighter priority normal, codeword "Scream."
4. Acknowledge.
(V.A.Malta 121637B, 121904B to ANTELOPE, BOREAS,
(R) PRINCE CHARLES, BOXER, C. in C.Med. A.,
BRUISER, THRUSTER, PRINCE LEOPOLD, C. in C.Med.
N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Bougie, N.O.I.C.
Philippeville, N.O.I.C. Bone, N.O.I.C. Jijelli,
N.O.I.C. Bizerta, F.O.I.S. Capt. S.8, N.A.C.A.F.
242 Group.)

ORESTES, R.A.(V)'s 112001 (N.T. in W.D.) not to S.N.O.Trip.
EMPIRE (corrupt group) ORESTES, EMPIRE ELAINE and (corrupt
ELAINE. group) proceeding to (?Tripoli (Libya)) forthwith
(?escorted by) (?KING SOL), VISENDA, REIGHTON
WYKE. (?Launches) at (?Tripoli) (corrupt group)
are to be coaled and (?fuelled) as required by
N.C.E.T.F.
(C. in C.Med. 121651B to (?Corrupt group) (R)
R.A.(V), N.C.E.T.F. S.N.O.Trip., V.A.Malta.)

U-Boat Italian. Estimated up to ten boats now operating
dispositions. in area south of 038° 30' N. and eastward of 006° E.
German. Probably only two now off coast westward
of 003° E. and one in W.X.Malta channel.
(C. in C.Med. (A) 121732B to F.O.I.C. Gib. S.O.
Force H, F.O.S. N.O.I.C. Bougie, N.O.I.C. Algiers,
C.S.12, N.O.B.Oran, S. & A. in Area G. (R) Admty.)

SLAZAK, Attacked submarine 1650B in 035° 05' N. 013° 37' E.
attack on U/B. Periscope reported. No result.
(P.S.SLAZAK 121750B to C. in C.Med.)

Oilers. PEARLEAF, CEDARDALE are to anchor as convenient
inside swept channel between St. Paul's Bay and
Madalina Point. Other vessels will be anchored in
this area. Escorts will be berthed in harbour.
(V.A.Malta 121755B to DELPHINIUM.)

C.S.15 If you wish to engage in night action with Force H,
and Force H. you should continue to omit F.O.H. and R.A.H.
from the address of your night intention signals.
(C. in C.Med. 121807B to C.S.15, (R) F.O.H.)
W.R.Note, circulation at request of D.S.O.

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Movements, Oran. Trawler MOUSA and cable ship MARIE LOUISE MACKAY arrived and departed today. (Comnob Oran 121911B to Admty. etc.)

Attacks on hospital ships TALAMBA, DORSETSHIRE. X To: C.C.O.S. (R) British C.O.S. from C. in C.A.F.H.Q. 1. From C. in C.Med. I have just received following "On 10th July 1943 hospital ship TALAMBA was lying fully illuminated 3 miles to seaward of main anchorage at Avola. She was by herself and embarking casualties; at about 2200 one aircraft carried out a dive bombing attack which resulted in a near miss. The ship was lost as a result of a second attack by same aircraft. Hospital ship DORSETSHIRE was also bombed at 0500B on 12 July and sustained casualties." 2. I request that a strong protest be lodged immediately to Axis Powers by our Governments through appropriate channels. (Adv. C.P. A.F.H.Q. 121916B to Etousa.)

M/V escort. Sail from anchorage at 0800/13th and escort EMPIRE HARPHY (?HARMONY) off shore route at 8 1/2 knots to Sousse. "Ruthless" 2015 "Treat" 0400/14th E.T.A. 0645/14th codeword "Popcorn." Priority 3, C. in C.Med's 121133B not to all (N.T. in W.D.) refers (N.O.I.C. Sfax 121949B to S.O.Force H, (R) N.O.I.C. Sousse, A.I.G.68, V.A.Malta, C. in C.Med. 1st Air Defence Wing.)

Enemy S/M attacks, Levant. X Experience has shown that in Levant Station enemy are concentrating their submarine attacks on through convoys to the area off the Cyrenaican Hump, which is nearest to their bases and most suitable for submarine operations as the coast is steep. 2. Essential to be able to operate offensively against U-Boats in this area. Fairmiles have proved inadequate for the purpose. Considered that four corvettes operating as two support groups continuously harassing U-Boats and reinforcing convoy escorts through the area would pay a good dividend. 3. Request you will provide for this requirement when allocating escorts for resumption of through convoys. (C. in C.Levant 122000Z to C. in C.Med. Algiers, (R) Admty. Cdre. D.Levant.)

Movements Tunis. Arrivals GLOXINIA, COVERLEY, CLACTON, ACUTE, ROTHESAY, BUDE, ALBACORE, STORNOWAY, ELBURY, HUNDA, FALEY BAY, ACHORITE, L.S.Ts. 318,376,317, 315, - 3 - 6. 332,340,357,157. 197,FOULA, WESTRAY, KINTYRE. Departures ROSSUM, ESNAY, SHUNA, AOULA, HUNDA, L.S.T.163. (F.O.Tunisia 122001 to Admty. etc.)

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Movements Arrivals DART, FISHGUARD, CLARE, BLUEBELL,
Algiers. STARWORT, CAMELLIA, WANDERER, WRESTLER, PLYM,
BANN, INCONSTANT, Tugs WEAZEL, HUDSON.
Departures S/M TEMPLAR, French S/M LA PERLE,
CHASSEUR III.
(Com. Algeria 122002B to Admty. etc.)

Arrivals LOTUS, POPPY, DIANELLA, M.Ls. 238,336, S/M USURPER.
Departures HONEYSUCKLE, M.L. 577, U.S. BORINQUEN, S/M TORBAY,
MOUSA. Arrived and departed TEVIOT, ERNE, BANFF, HYDERABAD,
BRYONY, OXLIP, BERGAMOT.
(Com. Algeria 112024B to Admty. etc.)

AETOS. 12th July arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 122057C to Admty. etc.)

M.K.F.18 M.S.C.1, part 22 refers.
1. 1400/14th July. 2. A.13, B.14. 3. 16 appendix
4 refers. 4. E.T.A. Oran 0600B/15th July for
embarking prisoners of war at Oran and/or Mers-
el-Kebir. Sailing again 2200/15th July. Gibraltar 1500/16th July
5. 7K. 6. Normal "Manicure". 8. Group C. F.O.C. Gibraltar is
requested to arrange for escorts to refuel at Gibraltar entering
Gibraltar Bay if necessary. 9A. Standard lettered B. to F.
B. Standard lettered M. to R.
(C. in C.Med. Algiers 122142B to Com. Algiers, (R) Comnob Oran,
F.O.C. Gibraltar, C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, Connav, Admty.)

Troop Move Your 121946 (see North Atlantic) as NEA HELLAS is
from W. already loaded with prisoners of war another ship
Africa. from M.K.F.18 will be substituted. Names will be
signalled.
(P.S.T.O. Mediterranean 122324B to Admty. (R)
F.O.I.C. Gib. F.O.C.W.Af. Commorseafon, D.S.T.O.
W.Af. C. in C.Med.) Reply D.S.T.131550.

Enemy mines (?My) 121240B not to all addressees (N.T. in W.R.)
L.C.Ts. para. 2 12 July no raid.
Enemy mines appear floating eastward. 1 mine was
exploded by gunfire 2000 yards to east (?port)
Pantellaria today Monday. 12 American coastal
craft left Scauri on operations "Alui" at (?2055) 12th. 17
complete with fuel remain.
Attempt is being made to make unsound L.C.T.199 seaworthy. She
will require towing as engine repairs here are impossible.
Further signals will be made.
L.C.T.170 and 160 are being retained as American Air Authorities
here assured me coaster was arriving here a.m. today 12th July.
(S.O.41st Escort Group 122359B to F.O.Tunis, (R) N.O.I.C.
Philippeville, N.O.I.C. Sousse, C.L.C.Tunis, N.C.W.N.T.F.
C. in C.Med.)

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Code-word
"Fortune"

From Eisenhower. Cite F.H.S.I.G.

1. The code-word "Fortune" formerly applied to the Planning Group Force 141 located at Ecole Normale near Algiers will be discontinued with reference to that Group since it no longer exists and since the Operating Headquarters of that Force has now been designated "Fifteenth Army Group" with telegraphic address "Fantox", Tunis for main Fifteenth Army Group and Finbat, Malta for Tactical Fifteenth Army Group.

2. Code-word "Fortune" will be continued in use as telegraph address to which communications may be addressed for any planning groups operating at Ecole Normale. In all cases where use of this address is made it must be accompanied by the destination of the unit whose Planning Staff is located there.

A. Fifth Army "Fortune" refers to Fifth Army Liaison Planning Group located at Ecole Normale and not the Planning Group of Fifth Army located at Oudja.

B. Fifth Corps "Fortune" and Tenth Corps "Fortune" refer to the Planning Groups of those Headquarters with Ecole Normale as their location.

(Algiers No T.O.O. 12 to Usfor, etc.)

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East Indies.

Convoy M.B.40. Arrival 11th.
(N.C.S.O.Bombay, 120326Z to C. in C. E.F.)

Convoy P.B.47. Bombay portion arrived.
(N.C.S.O.Bombay, 120553Z to C. in C. E.F.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Request estimated time of departure NIEUW AMSTERDAM from Fremantle. (2) N.Z.N.B. 172335 June refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 120701Z to S.H.A.H. 5 Cdre. Pacific Sea Fron. (R) N.Z.N.B., N.O.I.C.W.Australia, Cdr. 7th U.S. Fleet)

ALCOA PROSPECTOR attack by U/B. E.F. 716 H/RI/27 para. 12.
(A) ALCOA PROSPECTOR. (B) 024° 21' N. 059° E. at 0510Z/5th. (C) Japanese U/B. (D) Torpedoed and damaged. (E) One. (F) 70 survivors no casualties but 1 man died later of pneumonia contracted before sailing. (G) (H) (I) No. (N.C.S.O.Hormuz 120731B to Admty., C. in C. E.F. S.O.I. Colombo, (R) S.N.O. Persian Gulf)

HOEGH SILVERDAWN, Sunk 15th June Survivors. FRANKLYN P. MULL (U.S.A.) arrived today.
Picked up 3 survivors of HOEGH SILVERDAWN (Nor.) on 26th June in 025° 38' S. 090° 40' E.
(2) Survivors not yet interviewed but it is stated HOEGH SILVERDAWN was sunk by German raider in approx. same position at 0200/15 June.
(3) A.M.062112B not to S.O.I. Bombay.
(S.N.O. P.G., 120737Z to C. in C. E.F. S.O.I. Colombo, S.O.I. Bombay)
Information inaccurate, see S.N.O.P.G.141015Z.

Overdue Shipping. ENGLISH PRINCE from Kilindini due Beira p.m. Saturday 10th. Vessel has not yet arrived.
(C.S.A. Beira, 120814Z to Admty., C. in C. S.A. C. in C. E.F.)

Convoy P.A.45. Sailing telegram. (12 ships, cargoes, destinations)
(2) 0900Z/12th. (4) 8½ knots from BB 9 knots.
(5) Route 4. (6) TAMWORTH, KUMOAN.
(N.C.S.O.Hormuz, 120940Z to C. in C. E.F. etc.)

Shipping from India via Mediterranean. CLAN LAMONT and FORT MACMURRAY ready shortly Calcutta for U.K. (2) As M. of W.T. Bombay advise that sailings from Indian ports to U.K. will not exceed 25 British ships per month intend sailing all British vessels as ready for inclusion in Med. convoys. C. in C. E.F.'s 090939Z and Admty's 141849B to C. in C. E.F. refer.
(Comrin. 121052Z to C. in C. Levant (R) Admty., C. in C. Med. F.O.R.S.C.A., M.W.T. Cairo, M.W.T. Bombay, F.O.C.R.I.N.)

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from India
via Mediter-
ranean.
(Contd.)Sailing all British Vessels bound U.K. as ready
for inclusion in Mediterranean convoys observing
routine indicated in N.C.S.O.Bombay 060438Z June.
Your 070446Z and 080945 to N.C.S.O.Bombay refers.
(N.T. of either in W.D.)
(Com. R.I.N. 121105Z to N.C.S.O.Calcutta,
(R) C. in C. Levant.)

Movements.

Arrived SONDRRA, F.F.S. DUQUESNE, F.F.S. TOURVILLE.
(F.O.E.Af. 121121Z)China
Report.Following is forwarded from U.S. Army Forces,
India, as representing Weekly Summary of Events
in China for week 1 to 7 July transmitted by
U.S.A.A.F. China. (2) U.S. Air. On July 6.
An offensive sweep was made in vicinity of Yochow
on Yangtze River by 8 P.40s and 5 B.25s, using 36 50 kilo
fragmentation bombs. Two direct hits were observed on group of
barges bombed in vicinity of that place. Twenty four 50 kilo
bombs were expended in bombing airfield at Pailochi with hits
on runway and revetments
(C. in C. India recd. 1225/12 July to W.O.)Convoy
C.M.43
Escort.(1) CANTON will not escort C.M.43. (2) Request
CANTON may be sailed Kilindini as soon as stores
and personnel have been embarked. (3) Intend
SUSSEX as ocean escort to C.M.43 available to
R/V south of Madagascar about 21st and escorting
to Bombay. (4) Intention for escort to W.S.31
given C. in C. E.F.'s 110906 not to Admiralty. (5) C. in C.
S.A.'s 111217 refers.
(C. in C. E.F. 121420Z to C. in C. S.A.(R) Admty, N.O.I.C.
Durban, SUSSEX, CANTON, C.S.4.)Raider
situation
No.32.HOEGH SILVERDAWN reported sunk by German Raider
in approx. 025°S.090° E. on 15th June.
FERNCASTLE overdue Abadan from Esperance (Australia)
could also be a victim of this Raider which is
possible Raider H. (?72, 274, 463, 741 or 973.)
(C. in C. E.F. 121537Z to E.F.(318Y), C. in C.
S.A., F.L.O. Delhi. A.C.N.B. Admty.)India
Air
Report.A.266 July 12th Daily Opsum No.484.
11th July, 3 Beaufighters detailed attack large
paddle steamer south of Yenangyaung. One
A/C attacked and damaged target also smaller
steamer in area. Second A/C failed locate
primary target and attacked small paddle steamer
and river craft Pakokku area.
(A.H.Q. India recd. 2030B to Air Min.)

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Movements. St. Johns N.F. July 11th.
 Arrivals: TRILLIUM ex Pictou, MODOC ex Argentina.
 Departures: LOCKPORT escorting CYRUS FIELD.
 TRAIL to J.H.59 ADHERENT to Salvage Harbour
 craft.
 (N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. 120136Z)
 Kingston departures U.S.S. BRONCO, U.S. P.C. 470 and U.S. YAG.
 18 for Santiago E.T.A. 0800Q/13th.
 (Capt. I/C Jamaica, 121010Q)
 Arrivals, MIDLAND, MULGRAVE, TRANSCONA from H.X. 247.
 (C. Halifax, 121140Z)
 Arrival 10th M.T. 33 Dutch M.T.B.
 (Maracaibo, Ven. 121545QR)
 Departure LINCOLN to New York, SASKATOON, KENDRA to
 Boston.
 (N.O.I.C. Halifax, 122135Z)

Movements	Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Summary	T.A.45	48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° N. 32° W.	250°	26
1800	(D.O.D.(F), 120900Z to Opanav (R) Comnaven)			
G.M.T.12th.				

Assessment of attacks on U-Boats in Mediteranean. Cominch says in his 111720 that your 081851 is acceptable.
 (Comnaven, 121019Z to Admty)

U.S. S/M Estimate. Your 111755Z. Reference D/F 0511/11 query 0511/10 intended. Request particulars of attacks on 9th.
 (D.D.I.C. 121141B to Cominch (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Stragglers. Stragglers arrived week ending 10th. WILLIAM WILKINS (U.S.) H.X.246 collision damage.
 (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 121232Z to Admty)

MARIPOSA. This is P.D. Norfolk, 112136 to Comeastseafon and Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. passed by latter to Admiralty and N.S.H.Q. for information
 MARIPOSA arrived Cape Henry 2020Z/11th.
 (Radio Washington, 121303Z to Admty, N.S.H.Q.)

Convoy G.Z.37. Arrived.
 (B.R.L.O. Cristobal, 121345R to Admty)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 121404Z)

U/B. Submarine contact 20.58 N. 73.50 W. at 0800Z.
 (Kingston, 121424Q to Admty)

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- NIGERIA. You will cross standard neutral route in 064° 20' W. and may sight BARDALAND Swedish CAMELIA Swedish SINES Portuguese IRISH POPLAR Eire all westbound. You may sight WASHINGTON EXPRESS Norwegian eastbound forenoon 13th.
(N.S.H.Q. 121425Z to NIGERIA (R) S.B.N.O. W.A., Admty.)
NIGERIA departed Norfolk (Virginia) 111830 E.T.A. Clyde 181400. Route: (G) 037° 19' N. 065° 01' W. (H) 038° 58' N. 054° 59' W. (J) 047° 48' N. 031° 01' W. (K) 055° 29' N. 011° 02' W. thence to Clyde. S. of A. 20 knots.
(B.A.D. 121431Z to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. C.N.A. Admty, C. in C. W.A., S.B.N.O, W.A.Area, N.S.H.Q. (R) NIGERIA.)
- U.S. Flag incident. X Your 021646 June. Matter has been investigated. Regret that owing to inexperience of certain staff the Regulations for disposal of flags were not complied with. Action has been taken to avoid a recurrence.
(Head of M. Branch (1), 121433B to B.A.M.R. Washington)
- N.S.H.Q. (N.S.H.Q. 121439Z)
S/M
Estimate.
- M.A.R.I. amendment. Your 101825Z concur. Amendment 111M.A.R.I. is being promulgated with following words deleted from section 1 para. 7D sub. para. 5 and "Monster" class Troopships only.
(Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. 121503Z to Admty)
- Convoy H.X.245. Average Speed 9.9 knots. Off Oversay at 0900Z July 6th. DAVID J. BREWER broke down and towed in, arrived Mersey 11th. Remainder all arrived.
(D.T.D. 121514B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. C.N.A.)
- RAVAGER. From P.D. Norfolk, Radio Washington pass to Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. Radio Philadelphia pass to Com. 4th for action. Radio New York pass to C.E.S.F. for action. Radio Washington passes P.D. Norfolk 121409. "Re my 111602. Departed Cape Henry 12 July 1141Z".
(Radio Washington, 121705Z to N.S.H.Q., C. in C. C.N.A. Info, Admty.)
- NOGIN. My 022020, further report states seizure of NOGIN took place in La Perouse between 25 and 28 June, and that this vessel was taken to Otomari according to Soviets.
(N.S.H.Q. 121732Z to Admty)

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FENNEL: My 051354 June (N.T. in W.R.) anticipate FENNEL will arrive Baltimore about 23rd July for refit. (C. in C. C.N.A. 121929Z to B.A.M.R. (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C. W.A. F.O.N.F. Admty, S.B.N.O. W.At.)

Convoy G.U.S.8A. Arrived New York 1200Z July 11. 16 ships arrived. (P.D. New York, 121950Z to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

Shipping Casualties. Connav serial 10 to 12. Serial 9 cancel EVERAGRA ship undamaged. ELDNA sunk 8th July. WING WAH Portuguese sunk by torpedo or mine about 3rd June near Haipong Estuary. (Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. 122100 to Comnaveu)

Bangors. Your 211446. Regret delay in reply to your earlier signals. (2) Concur in transfer of six Bangors to R.C.N. for duration of war. Canada to be responsible for manning and all maintenance expenses other than Admiralty A.s and A.s. (3) Request you will propose date on which transfer should have effect. (V.C.N.S. 122033B to N.S.H.Q.)

KHERSON grounded. KHERSON, call UUMK, grounded 3rd July East Coast, Kamchatka between Cape Poverotni and Akhomten Bay. Believed total loss cargo being salvaged. Grounding alleged caused by weather and difficulty with compass. (C. in C. of Naval Operations (sic) 122041Z to Cdr. N.W. Sea Front. (R) N.S.H.Q., S.A.W.A.L.S.E.C. N.O.B. Dutch Harbour) W.D. Note: Russian, Portland (Oregon) to Vladivostock, sailed Dutch Harbour 29/6.

U/Bs. attacked. Weekly Summary. Your 1059B/22 July 42. Following promising attacks reported week ending 2400Z/11. 9th July PBV attacked surfaced sub un-successfully in 03.54 N. 48.43 W. Later in approx. same position another PBV claimed sinking sub. leaving two survivors on raft. Presume you have details R.A.V. attack 6th July and three promising attacks by Liberator aircraft on 7,8 and 9 July. (U.S. Navcom, 122110Z to Admty.)

Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times (Z) Para. (C) Navy plane sights sub 04.52 S. 33.50 W. 121412. Plane sights sub. 30.32 N. 67.04 W. 121025. Sub. reported 05.55 S. 34.25 W. 120822. P.B.M. Radar contact 20.58 N. 73.50 W. 120800. P.C. 1196 attacks sound contact 12.24 N. 66.43 W. 112315. Para. (D) C.G. Madalan sound contact 39.32 N. 72.02 W. 120620. C.G. 83418 sound contact 32.55 N. 78.23 W. 111750. Brazilian Baia attacks sub contact 21.19 S. 40.10 W. 102045. (Cominch, 122130Z to Admty)

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Sweeping of U.S. Mines. X Ref. Mark XIII Mine and Admiralty's 071238B June and Admiralty's 042124B/May to C. in C. Mediterranean and Levant only, the technique for three and four looks has been worked out but for security reasons it is not proposed to issue a full amendment to Appendix to A.L. T.O.O.7140/43 until a decision has been made to lay mines with these actuations. A short amendment covering the sweeping technique for the two look actuations is being made to all addressees by signal. (D.T.M. 122149B to B.A.D. (R) C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.F., C. in C. Levant.)

Convoy U.G.S.12. Refer to this as P.D. Norfolk 121614 Sailing Telegram (80 ships) (2) 1224Z/12th. (3) 122330Z position (C) S. of A. 9 knots. (4) "Chop" 242340Z shift Radio Watch 020° W. (?252002Z). (?Passing). (Route). R/V 151600Z position 033° 07' N. 064° 13' W. with TEMPETE, COMDT. GORY and MAELIE. (6) Cdr. T.F.63 BIBBINGHAM, PIONEER, PORTENT, THREAT, WHIPPLE, FORD, ALDEN, J.D.EDWARDS. C.T.U. 21.13 BOGUE, CLEMSON, G.E. BADGER, BELKNAP, GREENE, OSMOND, INGRAM. (P.D. Norfolk. 122200Z to Connav, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C.E.S.F. N.O.B. Bermuda, Admty, Cdr. Moroccan S.F., C. in C. Med. U.S. Naval Forces in N.W. African Waters, N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F. C. in C. C.N.A., C.T.U.63, Cdre. U.G.S.12, N.O.B.Oran.)

U.G.F. Convoys, discontinuance. X Your 081735 U.G.F. Convoys have been discontinued with possible exception that U.G.F.10 may be sailed. No spaces will be available in this Troop Convoy for ships to Middle East or Indian Ocean. (Cominch, 122205Z to Admty (R) B.A.D., C. in C. Med. N.S.H.Q.)

U/B. Submarine sighted at 1830/12 in 18° 09' N. 75° 01' W. (Kingston, 122204 to Admty)

CYRUS FIELD. CYRUS FIELD expects to complete operation 0830Z/13th July and to sail from Hearts Content for Botwood at 1830Z/13th July. If available request Admiralty Charts No. 3434, 285 and 293 be forwarded care of Pilot joining CYRUS FIELD at Hearts Content. (LOCKEPORT, 122252Z to F.O.N.F.)

TRAIL, IMPEROYAL. TRAIL with IMPEROYAL, E.T.A. Halifax light vessel 131230Z. (TRAIL, 122330Z to C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q.)

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Kiwi,
No.88. Japanese force 4 CL, 4 DD sighted p.m. 9th
E.Vella Lavella. My 87 refers entered Kula
Gulf midnight 9th. Additional force 4 DD entered
Vella Gulf after midnight same night proceeded
through Blackett Strait via M both forces observed
leaving area before dawn 10th. 4 unidentified ships sighted
West Ganongga night 10th. 2 small vessels with barges and
escort arrived Vila morning 11th. One DR with 2 aircraft
escorting seen off Sagigai Choiseul 1335 mile 11th.
5 Mitchells bombed and machine gunned stranded DD East Coast
Kolombangara morning 10th. Photographs Buin area morning 10th
show 1 Achi Class, CL, 2 PE, 1 AO, 8 DD, 4 Marum, 6 Auxiliaries
68 CAH 14 DB Kahili 22 Ft. Faisi, 2 F, 8 MB Ballale. Two CA,
1 DD. 75 miles North Kavieng course 190° seen noon 10th.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 120035Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty etc.)

Digest (2) Evening off Cape Orford submarine passed
Serial southbound. (5) Aircraft attacking Bobdubi
No.538 observed approx. 80 barges beached between Kela
July 11th. Point and Francisco river. Afternoon strikes
ordered against these barges involved 12
Mitchells and 7 Bostons, but nil barges located.
(6) Early hours 10th July, two Allied Patrol Craft
intercepted and sank 4 laden barges Nemrehanisch Harbour heading
for Lae. (7) During night 10th/11th patrol Catalina strafed
8 Floatplanes, 2 Flying Boats observed at Taberfane hitting
3 Floatplanes and 1 Flying Boat. Small vessel also seen this
vicinity. Subsequently Catalina strafed 1 of 3 Floatplanes
seen at Kaimana and Dobo Township, also sighted 3 small ships
near Babo. (8) Photos 10th July show 3 Praus, 2 Barges at
Sorong, also Airfield under construction at Effman Island off
Sorong. (9) Midday 11th July one small Freighter observed at
Toeal. (12) Early hours 11th July, 2 small Cargo Ships and
3 Barges arrived Vila from West. (16) 4 Unidentified Vessels
sighted night 10th West of Gakmagga Island, refer Digest 537
end of para. 11, subsequently described as 1 light Cruiser and
3 Destroyers. Shadowing Catalina lost these ships in weather
and bombed Vila area.
(G.H.Q. S.W. P.A. 120910Z)

Movements. Arrivals Fremantle 11th U.S. Seaplane Tender
HERON. Thursday Island 10th LATROBE, INVERELL.
Cairns 11th GYMPIE, WAGGA. Townsville 10th
(?PIRIE), SHEPPARTON, U.S. Destroyers DRAYTON,
FLUSSER, MAHAM. Brisbane 10th MILDURA, MORESBY, TOWNSVILLE,
Departures Cairns 11th BENALLA for Milne Bay.
Townsville 10th U.S. Destroyers DRAYTON, FLUSSER, MAHAM for
Brisbane. Brisbane 11th MILDURA, MORESBY for Sydney N.S.W.
FREMANTLE for Townsville.
(A.C.N.B. 121049Z)

Arrivals 11th Townsville H.T. KATOOMBA, A.S.I.S. YUNNAN,
H.T. DUNTROON. U.S. Transport ANHUI departed Brisbane 11th
due Townsville 14th. R.A.F.A. KURUMBA arrived and departed

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Thursday Island 11th due Townsville 14th U.S.
Transport BOTH departed Oro Bay 10th arrived
Milne Bay 11th.
(C.S.W.P.S.F., 121222Z to Admty)
Arrival 0343Z/11th Brisbane U.S. Transport
MONTEREY.
(C.S.W.P.S.F.121226Z)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 121411B, 121504B)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

1. The new escort carriers SEARCHER and STRIKER arrived at Liverpool this afternoon from New York.

2 U/Bs sunk.

2. At 0758 A/C 58/0 sighted 3 enemy S/Ms in 45.09 N., 08.54 W. (90 miles N.W. of Cape Ortegal). The aircraft attacked and reports that he sank one of the 3 U-boats with depth charges, a number of survivors being seen in the oil slick.

U.607 sunk.

Sunderland aircraft N/228 reports that he attacked a group of 3 U-boats at 0838 in 45.02 N., 09.14 W. (N.W. of Cape Ortegal). 25 survivors from one of them were seen in the water and the U-boat is considered to have been sunk. Escort group 2 later recovered some survivors, presumably from this attack.

SEANYMPH reports 2 U-boats steering 120° in 45.45 N., 05.19 W. at 0846B today and believes she sank one of them.

An underwater explosion was reported by A/C 115/A at 1140 in 46.25 N., 13.38 W.

3. About 20 enemy aircraft raided the Grimsby district in the early hours of this morning. Slight damage was caused to naval property, there is no evidence of minelaying. One enemy aircraft is reported to have been destroyed by night fighters.

North Atlantic.

4. A Liberator attacked a U-boat in 39.10 N., 20.29 W. at 0815Z today and estimates 2 hits.

Mediterranean.

Operation "Husky".

5(a) The weather is now calm and shuttle service has been organised between Sicily and Malta and between Sicily and Tunisia.

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Mediterranean.

Operation "Husky". - Contd.

(b) R.A. (B) (R.A. McGrigor) this afternoon assumed the title and function of Flag Officer in Charge, ~~Syracuse~~, with his flag in LARGS, temporarily at Syracuse.

(c) Combat loader convoys sailed from Cent and Dime on completion of discharge. Nearly all M.T. ships of D day convoy completed at Acid and Bark and sailed. The first fast follow-up convoy, M.W.F.37 is berthing at Syracuse.

(d) U.S. cruisers and destroyers, bombarded Porto Empedocle and Catania and EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield this morning.

(e) U.S. minelayers have laid a minefield off Gela for the protection of the anchorage.

(g) One M.T. ship was sunk off Acid p.m. today (apparently U.S. TIMOTHY PICKERING).

Augusta

(h) At 2310B N.C. Force A reported that N.O.I.C. Augusta and port party had withdrawn temporarily to Syracuse. Their position was rendered untenable by the Army's slender hold on the place, the lack of A/A protection, and the very heavy evening fire directed on the town. 15th C.S. was requested to prevent any convoy or ship from entering for the present. The port party returned to Augusta p.m./14th July.

2 U/Bs
sunk.

(i) At 0700 today ECHO and ILEX sank the Italian S/M NEREIDE one day out of harbour, and picked up 23 survivors, in 37.27 N. 16.13 E. off Catania. C. in C. Med., reports that M.T.Bs. of the 24th Flotilla sank one U-boat and damaged another in the Straits of Messina at 0035 today.

(j) M.T.Bs. of the 33rd Flotilla this morning set on fire and drove ashore two E-boats in the Straits of Messina.

(k) 53 medium and light bombers attacked Termini harbour last night. 659 Spitfire sorties were flown from Malta today in protective patrols over our shipping off the beaches and harbours of Southern Sicily.

C. in C. Med. reports that the number of sorties flown by our aircraft over Sicily today exceeded those of the enemy by 8 to 1.

57 Fortresses attacked Catania today.

Pachino airfield is now in full operation by day.

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6. SS. HYDRAIOS is reported to have been sunk by a U-boat at 2030B/6 in 24.44 S., 35.12 E. (off Inhambane, Portuguese East Africa). The ship had previously been unsuccessfully attacked by a U-boat in 22.41 S., 36.50 E.

Australia & New Zealand.

Action
in Kula
Gulf.

7. Allied surface units comprising 3 light cruisers and 2 destroyers engaged 2 groups of enemy vessels 15 miles north of Kolombangara early today. The first group comprised 1 light cruiser and 5 destroyers, of which the light cruiser and 3 destroyers are reported definitely sunk and the other 2 destroyers probably sunk. The second group of 4 destroyers was then engaged and forced to retire northward. Four Allied ships were damaged by torpedoes. One of these was the New Zealand cruiser LEANDER, who was fairly severely damaged but reached Tulagi under her own steam, the U.S. destroyer GWIN sank whilst under tow for Tulagi.

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- 20th M/L.F. to Force "J". A.M.121234B. Concur. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 131001B) Requested one boat of the 20th M.L. Flotilla be sailed to HORNET to come under the orders of S.O.Force J as soon as possible. The remaining boat as in A.M.071806 be sailed 1st August. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 131224B to F.O.I.C.Portland)
- Clyde Working-up Area. My 101943B. The present area where Naval aircraft are allowed non-restricted use of I.F.F. Mark 3 cuts across the middle of the Aircraft Carrier working up area in the Clyde. Request permission to extend the Eastern limits of the area referred to in para.2 to the coast of Scotland between latitude 55° 09' and 55° 42' N. (C. in C. W.A. 131543B to Admty)
- Moray Firth Herring Fishery. Your 101414, approved as temporary measure, subject to following conditions: Eastern Limit to be bounded by line joining the following positions to provide greater clearance from mine barrier. (A) 58° 41' N. 02° 15' W. (B) 58° 15' N. 01° 52' W. (C) 58° 02' N. 01° 19' W. (D) 57° 55' N. 01° 16' W. (E) 57° 40' N. 01° 25' W. (2) Fishing Craft proceeding between the Eastern Limit of present herring fishing area and western limit of New Area and vice versa must only do so during daylight hours. (C. in C. Rosyth, 131635B to F.O.I.C. Aberdeen)
- Port Glasgow Barracks. Reception and refitting of large number of minor landing-craft now expected back from Mediterranean will throw heavy burden on L.C.M.B. Port Glasgow, especially since loss of Roseneath. Request new construction of barracks Port Glasgow may be expedited in order that necessary Base Staff can be housed as soon as possible. (C.C.O. 131733B to Admty)
- M.M.S. 11th Flotilla. The 11th Flotilla M.M.S. Vessels are to be fitted out for hot climates. F.O.I.C.Cardiff is requested to select two vessels immediately for dry docking and to inform Admiralty. (D.M.S. 131751B to F.O.I.C. Cardiff)
- "Build-up" Flotillas. Four "build up" flotillas of L.C.V.P. can be formed in August and allotted to you. Propose these be accommodated together at ROBERTSON pending final settlement of method of distribution and control of "build up" flotillas. (2) Reference Enslosure No.2 to C.C.O. No. CR.3114/43 of 15 April term "build up" flotilla being substituted for "follow up" flotilla at request of C.O.S."X". (C:C.O.131801B to C. in C. Portsmouth)

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26th and
25th
Trawler
Groups.

A.M.041649. Re-allocation of 26th Trawler Group to Portland and 25th Trawler Group to Plymouth is to take effect from 1st August.
(Head of M. 131927B to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Plymouth
Command
Assault
Force.

Reference A.M.101558B July. (1) It is considered that the broad disposition of Assault Groups should be as follows. P.3 at Plymouth, P.2 at Falmouth, P.1 at Dartmouth. Reasons.
(5) Subject to above concur that the first Naval Assault Group to be formed should assemble at Falmouth and also with paras. 4(B) (C) and (D) of A.M.101558B July.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 132135B to Admty)

Defence of U.K.

Liverpool,
Maunsell
Tower.

My 100921. 21st Tower delayed owing to bad weather. Tides will next be suitable 25th to 29th inclusive.
(F.O.I.C.Liverpool, 131550B to Admty)

Movements.

ONSLAUGHT.

Hvalfiord departure ONSLAUGHT at 2300B/12.
E.T.A. Scapa 0700B/14. Your 101735 refers.
(A.C.I.C.130137B to R.A.D. H.F.)

S/M
Movements.

My 121211B, sailed. (SEADOG and P.67)
(S.O.S/M Lerwick, 130735B to A.C.O.S.)
My 111103. Sailed (SCEPTRE). (2) E.T.A. Cumbrae
0700B/15.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131031B)

Positions of S/M's at 0800/14 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S.131701B, 131844, 132256B, 140831B.)

ARCHER.

ARCHER's 081211B. Sailing delayed. If weather moderates ARCHER will leave berth at 2000B today.
(F.O.I.C., N.I. 130855B to N.O.I.C.Larne, PHILANTE)

BATTLE.

Sailed.
(Cdre. D.W.A. 131011B)

Group "H".

Admiralty's 301449 June amended by their 021906 July. Sailing dependent upon arrival of VELDA as part escort.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 131047B to Admty)

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- DIOMEDE. My 122140. Cancel para. 4 and substitute the following (4) adjust your speed to arrive Beamer Rock light at 1330B/15th. (C. in C. H.F. 131124B to DIOMEDE)
- SCORPION. Proceed passing Hvalfiord boom at 2000B tomorrow via Q.Z.S.405 and 407 and 061° N. 015° W. to Scapa. (V.A.2 131401B to SCORPION)
- Flight "J". My 121553. Sailing postponed owing to weather. (2) Delete ref: to LARIAT. (C. in C. Plymouth, 131529B to Admt)
- FURIOUS, ILLUSTRIOUS. FURIOUS proceed passing Hoxa Gate at 0400B/15th. (2) Routed by War channels to Liverpool. E.T.A. Bar 0830B/16th. (3) R.A.(D) H.F. is requested to provide escort of three destroyers and supply them each with a copy of my 121154. (4) On arrival at Bar Light Vessel FURIOUS detach destroyers to Clyde to fuel. (5) F.O.I.C.Greenock is requested sail destroyers as necessary to screen ILLUSTRIOUS. My 121154 refers. (C. in C. H.F. 131826B to F.O.I.C.Greenock, FURIOUS, R.A.D.H.F.)

Operations.

- Operation "Musketry". My 121601B. Sailed SCYLLA, TALYBOUT. (C. in C. Plymouth, 130715B to Admt)
- U-Boat sunk by A/C. Am over 3 enemy submarines in 45° 02' N. 09° 14' W. (A/C. 228 Sqdn. No.T.O.O.to 19 Group. Recd.130810) Enemy S/M was on surface, course 206° speed 13. (A/C. 228 Sqdn, Duty N. 130810B to 19 Group) Following read: Submarine circled on surface. (A/C. 228 Sqdn. 130820B to 19 Group)
- Am over 3 enemy submarines in 45° 09' N. 08° 54' W. at 0758. (A/C. 58 Sqdn. Duty O, 130830B to 19 Group) Have attacked U-Boat with depth charges. Estimate 25 survivors (wounded?) 7. Enemy believed sunk. (A/C. 228 Sqdn. Duty N, 130838B to 19 Group) Have attacked U-Boat with depth-charges, estimate 2 hits. (A/C 58 Sqdn. Duty O. 130915 to 19 Group) (?Fourth) U/B previously reported was on surface. Sank. (A/C 58 Sqdn. Duty O. 130935B to 19 Group) 2 U-Boats P.C.S. 045° 45' N. 005° 19' W. 120° 12 knots, 0846B. One believed sunk. (SEANYMPH, 130945B to C. in C. Plymouth) Am over one enemy submarine in 45° 43' N. 13° 39' W. Course 355° speed 12 knots. (A/C 115 Sqdn. Duty G. 130950 to 19 Group) U/B has dived, position 45° 43' N. 13° 39' W. (A/C 115 Sqdn. Duty G. 130950B to 19 Group) Have attacked U-Boat with depth-charge. (A/C 115 Sqdn. Duty G., 130950B to 19 Group) Have dropped dinghy. Further(?) 6 survivors on board. (A/C. 258 Sqdn. Duty N. 130955B to 19 Group) Estimated U-Boats attacked by N/228 at 0838 in 045° 02' N.

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009° 14' W. were outward-bound. 25 survivors from one U-Boat reported in water. 2 Sunderlands co-operated till 1130. 2 Liberators will co-operate 1130 till 1630. (C. in C. Plymouth, 131033B to E.G.2) Your 130945. Shift to patrol Zone J.4 forthwith. (F.O.S.131046B to SEANYMPH) Am over airborne lifeboat containing 6 live persons in 44° 45' N. 09° 13' W. Am returning to base.

(A/C. 228 Sqdn. Duty J. 131050B to 19 Group)

Weather report is - vis. is 1020 yards. Cloud Base is 3500 feet. Sky is 8/10 cloud. Wind speed is 5 m.p.h. at surface. Sea L. pressure is 1024. Sea is moderate. Sunderland GJ here searching 2 submerged enemy. Remaining here until 1200, height 1500.

(A/C. 228 Sqdn. Duty N. 131104B to 19 Group)

Aircraft shadowing me.

(A/C. 228 Sqdn. Duty N. 131110B to 19 Group)

Under-water explosion observed in 46° 25' N. 13° 38' W.

(A/C 115 Sqdn. Duty A. 131140 to 19 Group)

My 121601B para. 5 and your 122200B. Leave patrol earlier if fuel necessitates. Report accordingly.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 131147B to BERMUDA)

Striking Force nearing position. Am returning P.L.E.

(A/C. 10 Sqdn. Duty G. 131245B to 19 Group)

44° 54' N. 09° 13' W.

(A/C.50 Sqdn. Duty L.131310B to 19 Group)

O/58 was at 500 feet in almost cloudless sky when at 0758 second pilot sighted with the aid of Polaroid glasses looking almost into sun two white streaks and then the hulls of two U/B's on course 140 T/8 knots bearing from A/C 30° green 6-7 miles in 45° 09' N. 08° 54' W. O/58 turned slightly to starboard in order to get up sun, when three U/B's in tight V formation were seen at high speed on sea with moderate swell. No. S/E contact was observed until after visual sighting. At 0759 Sunderland A/C appeared from North on Course 170T, turning to port to circle U/B's clockwise, O/58 following in circuit at 5-800 yards from enemy S/M's. All three U/B's immediately opened fire at both A/C all apparently firing from guns estimated 20m.m. calibre just aft of C/T. No forward guns being noted at any time during engagement. U/B's were taking evasive action, by tight circles at high speed outside U/B nearest to A/C continually drawing away and turning stern-on to A/C so that stern-fire of all three U/B's could be brought to bear. Throughout flak appeared accurate for elevation and bearing but was nearly all short for range, giving impression of attempt at box-barrage between A/C and U/B's. No tracer was seen. A/C took evasive action by gentle switchback flying but did not open fire throughout. Finally O/58 succeeded in getting in touch with Sunderland by flying alongside and Captain informed other A/C that he was going to fly on reciprocal. O/58 turned and commenced circling U/B's in anti-clockwise direction. Manoeuvre was successful in splitting fire of U/B gunners who slackened off and finally ceased fire after A/C had made two more circuits. O/58 intercepted words on R/T in foreign language assumed to be German and immediately afterwards starboard U/B of formation

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broke away and began to submerge, and was seen to be attacked by Sunderland A/C. Remaining two U/B's turned to port, outside one submerging and inner one (leader of V formation) remaining on surface and re-opening fire as if to cover sister U/B's dive. O/58 was approximately on course 360T when last U/B was seen to be diving on course 180T. A/C turned to starboard and flew straight in to attack at an angle of 90° to U/B track, releasing at 0840 8 D.C's Mk.XI Torpex Mk.XVI, Pistol set. 25 feet true, spacing 60 feet, aimed 100-150 feet ahead of periscope feather which was still visible at time of release. D.C's were released in straight and level flight at 50 ft. speed 175 m.p.h. and were seen to straddle U/B estimated - 100 feet ahead of swirl, three D.C's undershooting, two exploding on or near U/B itself and resulting in considerably larger explosion-plume, and remaining two overshooting and exploding with smaller plumes. A/C did tight turn to starboard and on tracking over explosion mark again saw the brown explosion scum with black bubbles beginning to form in centre. Circling over the explosion mark again eight men were seen swimming in centre of spreading patch of black oil 200 feet across. On circling for the third time a number of other men were seen swimming through oil patch towards rim of bubbles which ringed area. A/C was close enough to see that one man appeared to be unclothed and one had bald head.

0900 O/58 S/C base leaving Sunderland still circling men in water. O/58 was asked by Sunderland on R/T to photograph explosion mark of Sunderland attack but took no photographs as only patch of lightish green water was visible.

U/B's are described as light grey in colour with streamlined C/T giving impression of armour-plating protection from gun-platform aft of bridge. Crew described U/B's as similar in some respects to Italian Foca-class with addition of black object aft of C/T shape of which was not observed in detail. Photographs show Sunderland circling U/B's and D.C's exploding 100-150 feet ahead of swirl.

(Hdmsley South, 131640B to O.I.C. Admty.)

My 131033B. One U-Boat considered sunk. 2 Sunderland will co-operate from 1900 till 2200. Searchlight Wellington will operate after dark.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 131729B to E.G.2)

Am over one enemy submarine.

(A/C 50 Sqdn. Duty A. No. T.O.O. to 19 Group, Recd.131908)

Am over one enemy submarine in 44° 30' N. 08° 30' W.

(A/C 50 Sqdn. Duty H, 131913B to 19 Group)

Group of enemy A/C, possibly fighters, approaching from the East.

(BERMUDA, 131930B to Plymouth)

Am over one enemy submarine in 46° 40' N. 09° 38' W.

(A/C 465 Sqdn. Duty S, 131945B to 19 Group)

My 1945. Have attacked U-Boat with depth charge.

(A/C 461 Sqdn. Duty S. 131946B to 19 Group)

Am over one enemy submarine.

(A/C 461, Sqdn. Duty S. No.T.O.O. to 19 Group Recd.131947)

My 1930. 5 JU.88's are in position 044° 35' N. 010° W.

waiting.

(BERMUDA, 132010B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Submarine previously reported was surfacing and submerged forthwith. No action. Returning to base to fuel.

(A/C 78 Sqdn. Duty A, 132020B to 19 Group)

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U-Boat previously reported was on surface and seen to submerge 1946.
(A/C. 461 Sqdn. Duty S.132125B to 19 Group)
Admiralty 111946. B.1 Escort Group now have over 90% fuel stocks remaining and can remain on as required.
(B.1, 132126Z to C. in C. Plymouth)
(1) Intend to pass through the following positions 2300B 279 P 44 miles, 0400B 297 Y 53 miles, 0700B X, thence 090° 16 knots. (3) One survivor, Sergeant of 228 Sqdn is only survivor of Sunderland rescued by WOODPECKER last night.
(BERMUDA, 132259B to E.G.2)

Coastal Force Patrols.

(1) Anti E-Boat patrol tonight by M.G.B.611, 613, 615 from 2345 to 0415 on latitude 50° 25' E between 0° 40' W. 1° 25' W. (2) M.L.464, 124 patrol searched channel between F and E.A.5 buoys. (3) Immediate notice Chasseur 12 at St. Helens. GLAISDALE, STEVENSTONE anchor at St. Helens if M.G.B's cannot patrol. (4) M.L.123, 303, 247 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 2° 00' W. and 2° 25' W. (6) Communications. M.G.B's:codeword "Jovial". Destroyers: codeword "Advent". Portland M.L's: codeword "Device" (C. in C. Portsmouth, 131203B and 132035B)

S/M Patrols.

My 071023 para. 2. Amend? western limit of patrol area to read 030° W.
(F.O.S.131531B to TUNA, TRUCULENT)
Positions of Submarines at 0800/14th and movements for following 24 hours. All times zone B.
(A) SEANYMPH in area indicated in Admiralty's 131235.
(B) SATYR as in my 101756. (C) SYRTIS as in my 111718.
(D) TRUCULENT 47° 30' N. 20° 25' W. probably on surface through 46° 09' N. 21° 18' W. and 42° 05' N. 25° 20' W. 10 knots.
(E) TUNA 46° 50' N. 19° 50' W. probably on surface through 45° 56' N. 20° 42' W. and 41° 48' N. 24° 45' W. 10 knots.
(F.O.S.131701B to Admty)

Allied Air Activity.

A/C from JAMAICA.

JAMAICA's catapult and aircraft have been removed.
(JAMAICA, 131102B to Admty)

Bomber Command Operations.

On day 12th July 4 Whitleys of 91 Group completed A/S patrol. There were no sightings. A fifth Whitleys on this patrol failed to return after combat with 5 JU.88's. A dinghy has been sighted which may be from the missing A/C, and rescue is being attempted. 3 members of a JU.88 crew picked up by an escort vessel, stated they had been shot down by the Whitley.
On night 12th/13th 19 A/C laid Mines.
(H.Q.B.C.131430B)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Grimsby bombed. Approximately 20 hostile aircraft carried out a raid on the Grimsby district between 0045 and 0130 today. H.E. Incendiary, and anti-personnel bombs dropped, causing fires in Grimsby and Cleethorpes. No Naval damage or casualties reported. No evidence of minelaying. 12 Group report one hostile aircraft destroyed.
(F.O.Humber, 130235B to C. in C. Nore.)
My 130235B. A limited amount of damage was caused to Naval property at Grimsby. One immobile Wren taken to hospital. Condition at present unknown.
(F.O.Humber, 131617B to C. in C. Nore.)

North Atlantic. While detached (U.S.) Commander, Destroyer Squadron 10 reported having sighted a Blohm and Voss 138 in approx. 062° 50' N. 025° 15' W. at about 1315B/12th.
(V.A.2, 131700B to C. in C. H.F.)

Mining.

Harwich. 1 Ground Mine detonated by M.M.S. at 0853 in 51° 53' N. 01° 27' E.
(F.O.I.C.Harwich, 130946B and 131514B)

Q.Z.X.1039. On completion of check-sweep of Q.Z.X.1039
Q.Z.X.1012. commence clearance of Q.Z.X.1012.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 131048B to GWEAL)
Ten and a half cables swept from north western edge of Q.Z.X.1039 check swept to today. No mines encountered. (2) Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, NEAVE, DOCHET, ULVA, FIR, BEN URIE, KINGS GREY, and M.L.229 to continue check sweep of Q.Z.X.1039.
(GWEAL, 131604B to C. in C. Plymouth)

Iceland. C. in C. H.F.'s 101616. Requirements are 90% search set to depth of 25 fathoms of areas.
(A) between A.M. Q.Z.S.406 and N.E. limit of A.M. Q.Z.X.950. (B) triangle bound by A.M. Q.Z.S.406, A.M. Q.Z.S.412, and longitude 023° 30' W.
Of these (A) is to be done before (B). After discussion with S.O.M/F 15 it is thought that these can be completed Home Waters end of July.
(V.A.2, 131317B to A.C.I.C.)

M/S 18. Intend sailing at 0600 tomorrow with HYDRA, LOYALTY and three Danlayers to resume clearance of Q.Z.X.1013, 1020 and 1031.
(M/S 18, 131709 to C. in C. Plymouth)

Casualties and Defects.

LARIAT. H.M.R.T.LARIAT returning to Barry Roads owing to defects.
(N.O.I.C.Cardiff, 130021B to Admty)

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- CEYLON. CEYLON accepted on completion trials subject to satisfactory completion outstanding items enumerated in Form D.648.
(CEYLON, 131130B to Admty)
- My 102234B and A.M.121145B. Propose check tilt-test be carried out on 17th July or as soon as possible and that ship be docked in Elderslie Dock if available.
(CEYLON, 131304 to N.O.I.C.Glasgow)
- M.L.182. My 130805B. Returned to Poole. Steering damaged by heavy weather.
(N.O.I.C.Poole, 131225)
- Landing Craft of Force "J". Concur with S.O. Force "J's" 121317B.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 131907B to Admty)
- STONEHENGE, X.8. My 121804 and your 130320. STONEHENGE, M.L.235, and X.8 are proceeding on surface to Dunvegan, E.T.A. 2000B/13th. Thence STONEHENGE escorted by ALECTO to Scapa calling at Port H.H.Z. to make good defects. X.8 proceeding independently Dunvegan to H.H.Z. on surface or submerged.
(F.O.S.131528B to Admty)
- Landing Craft. S.O.Force J.121317. Concur.
(C.C.O.131718B to C. in C. Portsmouth)
- UNTAMED. N.O.I.C.Barrow's 121557. Propose for favourable consideration that UNTAMED should be fully reconditioned and that the work be dealt with on the basis of meeting the requirements of the hull, machinery, and electrical specifications of a new construction "U" Class S/M of the 1941 programme.
(F.O.S.131724B to Admty)

Shipping and Convoys.

- S.D.42. S.D.42 arrived.
(N.O.I.C.Greenock, 130314B to A.C.I.C.)
- Stragglers. PORT FAIRY, FREEMAN HATCH. Admiralty's 041340B May. Stragglers return for week ending 0900B/13/7. PORT FAIRY recalled by Admiralty.
(N.C.S.O.Clyde, 130915B to Admty.)
Your 041340B May. Stragglers arrived.
FREEMAN HATCH S.C.135 Machinery defect.
(N.C.S.O.Belfast, 131805B to Admty)

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BEACON
HILL.

BEACON HILL sailed at 0930B/13 escorted by 4 Russian destroyers and light craft. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 130945 to S.B.N.O. Archangel)

W.S.32/
K.M.F.20.

Admiralty 122229. Sails Bar Light vessel 1000Z/19th July. Commodore's R/V's noon 20th 055° 13' N. 009° 01' W. noon 21st 051° 25' N. 013° 35' W. (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 131524Z to N.C.S.O. Clyde)

W.S.32.

A.M. 072058 July. Para. 2 (c) Delete EL ARGENTINO. (D.O.D.(H), 131836B to C. in C. W.A.)

O.N.S.13,
H.X.247.

(1) Propose to sail COULMORE and SAND VIKEN escorted by U.S.S. SYMBOL to join O.N.S.13 at Icomp. in approx. 57° N. 22° W. (2) On completion of this duty SYMBOL can be made available to meet H.X.247 and return to Iceland with CARTAGO which is understood to be in this convoy. (A.C.I.C.132109B to C. in C. W.A.)

S.C. and
O.N.S.
Convoys.

Assuming present routeing can be maintained and Convoy speed is 8 knots do you consider SC/O.N.S. Clyde could be shortened if required to (a) 10 days (b) 9 days until end of October without increasing number of Escort Groups. (D.T.D.132347B to C. in C. W.A.) -

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Raiders.

Intelligence. A.M. 190029B May SS. HOEGH SILVERDAWN reported sunk by German Raider in approximately 25° S. 90° E. on 15th June. Probably by Raider "H" which was last reported in Batavia on 15th February.

2. SS. FERNCastle overdue since 2nd July at Abadan from Esperance (Australia) could also be a victim of this Raider about the same time and position.

3. QQQQ from SS. DANIEL BOONE intercepted at 1521Z/30th June giving position 30° 16' S. 100° 10' E. As DANIEL BOONE left Fremantle a.m. 29th June long. more probably 110° E. This ship may also be a victim of the same raider. (D.D.I.C. 131908B.)

North Atlantic.

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND. Position at 0100Z/13th 039° 48' N. 024° 12' W. E.T.A. 2200Z/14th. (EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 130030Z to C.M.S.F.)

U/B attacked. BRYONY, OXLIP attacking U-Boat sighted in 035° 45' 00Z 45' W. (TEVIOT 130125 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.Med.)

Attack on convoy "Faith", (PORT FAIRY damaged 12th July.) My 122221B have put fire out in PORT FAIRY. Am proceeding to 035° N. 014° W. course 174°. Estimated speed of advance 10 knots. PORT FAIRY steering gear out of action, steering by engine. Holed aft above waterline. Have on board PORT FAIRY passengers and survivors. (SWALE 130044B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) C.M.S.F. F.O.C.W.Af. SALVONIA.)

Your 130828B (N.T. in W.D.) assistance of SALVONIA no longer required. Estimated position at 1000B 035° N. 014° W. course 101° speed 14 knots. PORT FAIRY will require tugs to assist on arrival at seaward end of Q.K.A. 102. Weather report 3281 2711.

(SWALE 131001B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) (?Admty.) C.M.S.F. F.O.C.W.Af. SALVONIA.)

A. SWALE. B. DUCHESS OF YORK, PORT FAIRY and Catalina F.P.155 Number of survivors. PORT FAIRY draught 22 feet. Request 2 tugs to assist from seaward end of Q.K.A.102.

(SWALE 131909B to C.M.S.F. (R) F.O.C.Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af.)

Your 122337. C.A.F.O. 595/41 section (4) para. 3. 1st attack (1) 11th 040° 47' N. 015° 36' W. course 005° speed 18 knots weather B sea 01, (2) SWALE attacked by one F.W. 200 when joining convoy and after convoy had been attacked. Daylight H.L.B. (5) Barrage, Oerlikon. 2nd attack (1) 12th 037° 26' N. 015° 10' W. course 123° 14.5 knots weather B.C. sea 23 (2) SWALE escorting PORT FAIRY. Daylight H.L.B., 2 F.W.200. (5) Barrage, Oerlikon.

(SWALE 131914B to Admty.)

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Attack on British convoy "Faith" U.K. to Freetown consisting of Bri. Transports DUCHESS OF YORK, CALIFORNIA and PORT FAIRY and 4 escorts attacked by 3 to 6 A/C F.W.200 July 11 at 2010Z 41.20 N. 15.26 W. DUCHESS OF YORK and CALIFORNIA set afire by bombs and abandoned. Both torpedoed by escorts at approx. 0045Z July 12. No subs. in vicinity. CALIFORNIA last seen burning fiercely broken in two and sinking. DUCHESS last seen burning fiercely settling after deck awash. DUCHESS OF YORK confidentials secure overside. CALIFORNIA confidentials and diplomatic pouch believed destroyed by fire. Survivors landed Casablanca July 13 by DOUGLAS and MOYOLA and IROQUOIS follow from DUCHESS OF YORK 896 out of total 908 aboard. From CALIFORNIA 537 out of total 765 aboard. Of total 1433 survivors landed 99 hospitalized. Exact survivor count in process. PORT FAIRY in a damaged condition and escorts expected Casa. July 14 with additional survivors.
 (C.M.S.F. 132305B to V.C.N.O. (R) Admty. C. in C.Med. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Comnavaw.)

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ARGENTINA. Admty. 291835B May.* ARGENTINA speed 18 now Casa. prepared load B.O.W. Will she be sailed independently or wait for G.U.S.10.
 (C.M.S.F.F. 130941B to C. in C.Med.)
 * SIBONEY ex W.S.30 and GOETHALS ex W.S.31 to lift full load of German Ps.O.W. for Cape to U.S.A.
 Your 130941. Independently at discretion of F.O.I.C. Gibraltar according to U-Boat situation unless otherwise ordered by Cominch.
 (C. in C.Med. Algiers 131735B to Commorseafon, (R) Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation 132002B.
 1. BLACKFISH (U.S.S.) 035° 46' 034° 20' 250° 10/2½.
 2. BARB (U.S.S.) 034° 01' 039° 19' 270° 10/2½.
 3. G.U.S.9, Cdr. T.F.61, Cdr. T.G.21.11 028° 33' 031° 53' 290° 9.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 130936B.)
 Situation 2001B/13th.

K.M.S.20, PARRSBORO 034° 56' 008° 33' through 035° 46' 006° 30' to Gibraltar 8.
 2. SWALE, 1 merchant ship 34° 50' 012° 56' to Casablanca 10.
 3. O.S.51 Casablanca section, 3 P.Cs. 034° 08' 008° 55' to Casablanca 7.
 4. O.S.51, ROCHESTER 033° 25' 009° 55' through 033° 01' 010° 01' thence 208° 8.
 5. IROQUOIS sailed Casablanca p.m. 13th to overtake S.L. 132, M.K.S.16,25.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 131018B.)

Situation 1123B/13.
 EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND 036° 43' 018° 25' through 034° 30' 015° 40' thence 094° 20.
 2. S.L.132, M.K.S.16, KEPPEL, HURRICANE 039° 51' 013° 08' 340° 6½.

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Dispositions. 3. U.G.S.11, (U.S.) Cdr. Task Force 62, 030° 32' 017° 10' through 013° 05' 016° 20' thence 062° 9. (Contd.)
 (Amended see 132018B.)
 (F.O.Gibraltar 131138B.)
 Para. 3 of my 131138B amend to read U.G.S.11
 C.T.F.62 (E) 028° 30' 020° 05' 052° 9.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 132018B.)

U/B attacked by Liberator A/C. Hunt U/B reported to be in position 039° 10' N. 020° 29' W. Stay on patrol until prudent limit of endurance.
 (?via Gibraltar 130944Z to V.22 L 1.)
 U-Boat previously reported first sighted in 39.10 N. 20.29 W. course 170 speed 6 knots. Have attacked U-Boat with 4 depth charges estimate 2 hits.
 (A/C HDORC via Malta 131116 to NHY?)
 Liberator attacks U-Boat in 39.10 20.29 at 0815Z/13. Course 170 speed 6 knots. 4 D.Cs. dropped. 2 estimated hits.
 (C.M.S.F.F. 131340B to C. in C.Med. (R) F.O.Gibraltar, Cominch, Admty. Comnavnaw.)

Convoy S.L.132. Estimated position 0800B/13 38.40 N. 12.32 W. through J.L. 46° N. 16° W. J.H.50° N. 16° W. J.J. 55.01 N. 11.20 W. J.K. 55.25 N. 08.30 W. S.O.A. 6½ knots. Your 121925 refers.
 (D.T.D. 131020B to F.O.Gibraltar (R) C. in C.W.A. C. in C.Plymouth, C.M.S.F.)

IROQUOIS arrived fuelled and departed at 1620A to overtake S.L. 132 speed 28 knots.
 (C.M.S.F. 131720B to F.O.Gibraltar, (R) C. in C.Med., Admty. Escort S.L.132.)

U/B sunk by Liberator A/C 12th July. Liberator sinks U-Boat in 42.30 16.30 at 1339Z/12. Course 060(0604/033Z (as recd.) 12 knots. 7 D.Cs. dropped from 35 feet straddled sub just aft of conning tower. Explosions brought stern up. Sub then sank stern first with bow rising up at sharp angle. 10 to 15 survivors seen in large oil slick. Evaluation definitely sunk.
 (C.M.S.F.F. 131050B to C. in C.Med. (R) Cominch, Admty. Comnavnaw, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

TUNA, TRUCULENT, bombing restrictions. Your 071023B and A.M. 061609B are total bombing restrictions being imposed to cover TUNA and TRUCULENT on North Atlantic Station by H.Q.C.C. or should these be initiated by signal from me.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 131104B to F.O.S.)

FORTOL. C. in C.W.A. 111952B. Request FORTOL may be fitted from material now in store at Gibraltar with buoyant hose oiling-at-sea equipment. (Most important that she shall be completed in time to carry out fuelling of escorts of S.L.133). Instructions.
 (Admty. 131148B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

/Lights...

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Lights seen by A/C. British Airways pilot reported sighted in 043° 40' N. 010° 00' W. flashing same warning as Cape Villano light (2 flashes every 15 seconds). Pilot is certain of his position. Other lights whose characteristics not noted also sighted in vicinity. Same pilot reports single steady white light in 048° 40' N. 008° 00' W. All during night 12th/13th.

2. Other aircraft reports white light sighted on water in 045° 49' N. 009° 40' W. at 0032 G.M.T. 13th flashing W.E. and other characteristics not readable. In 045° 40' N. 009° 40' W. a number of strong white lights flashing for 5 seconds at $\frac{1}{2}$ second intervals, and in 049° 57' N. 008° 25' W. a single flashing light. All during same night.
(N.A.Lisbon 131259B to S.O.I.Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)

Landing craft disposal. C. in C.Med's 111924. Request F.O.I.C.Gibraltar be asked to call for and forward report of numbers and state of landing craft on board L.S.I.(L) etc. Returning to U.K. in M.K.F.18 and any subsequent convoys.
(C.C.O. 131317B to Admty.)

MOYOLA, DOUGLAS. Arrived MOYOLA and DOUGLAS. Request sailing instructions.
(C.M.S.F.F. 131416B to F.O.I.C. Gib. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.)

ROCKINGHAM. Arrival.
(F.O.Gibraltar 131435B to Admty.)

P.57 (UNIVERSAL.) Intend sail P.57 (UNIVERSAL) p.m. 15th for patrol in Gulf of Lyons routed through P. 180° Cape Calaburras 5 at 0320/16th Q. 180° Cape De Gata 5 at 1300/17th R. Unless otherwise ordered by Capt. S.8 135° Cape Palos 5 at 1700/18th.

2. Communications Gibraltar broadcast West of Greenwich Algiers broadcast East Greenwich shifting to read M.S.routine.

3. Capt. S.8 is requested to assume operational control at 1300/17th S.O.A. 7 knots 83 miles per day, times Zone minus 2.
(F.O.Gibraltar 131446B to C. in C.Med. Capt. S.8 (R) P.57 (UNIVERSAL), V.A.Malta, Com. N.O.B. Oran, Como. S.O.Force H, 8th S/M Flotilla.) Amended see F.O.Gibraltar 151236B.

SLOTTERDIJK, N.C.S.O.Durban's 280946* SLOTTERDIJK and P.S.T.O. H.F.ALEXANDER. Durban's 281527* H.F.ALEXANDER. Request information latest positions courses, speeds, and routing changes so as to permit adequate air coverage. Insufficient information received regarding U.S.A.T. ARGENTINA on recent similar voyage.
(Commorseafron 131512B to C. in C.S.A.)
*(N.T. in W.R.)

/Enemy...

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Enemy mine- Prisoners from U.118 have stated that this
 field Gib. submarine laid the minefield off Gibraltar
 laid 5/10th between 5th and 10th Feb. 1943 in form of a
 Feb. by U.118. triangle between Trafalgar, Spartel and Tarifa.
 Mines were laid in 7 groups of 7 mines each and
 5 groups of 3 mines each. Two mines were
 scattered. Distance between mines said to be
 about 400 metres, depth setting about 30 metres below surface,
 mooring about 300 metres. Type of mine magnetic probably "O"
 type.
 (D.D.I.C. 131820B to F.O.Gibraltar.)

UROLA. Spanish UROLA 3675 G.T. speed 7½ knots usual
 markings on sides, sailed 1910B/13th for Marseilles
 by approved route to Cape San Sebastian thence
 coast-wise. Not to be molested this voyage.
 (F.O.Gibraltar 131915B to S. & A.)

M/V for Intend sail FORT ARCHAMBAULT escorted by LA
 Dakar. GRANDIERE (Senior) AMIRAL MOUCHEZ for Dakar
 departing Casa. 141000A routed Q.K.A. 102 thence
 by standard route F.O.I.C. Gib's 091910 June
 amended by 121331 thence French coastal route
 to Dakar S.O.A. 6.5 knots, E.T.A. Dakar 241600A escorts guard
 Gib F.375 k/cs and French short wave convoy guard 500 k/cs.
 B.N.L.O.Dakar pass by hand to Comar.
 (Commorseafron 131920B to F.O.C.W.A.)

ROCKINGHAM, Request you will communicate answer to your
 DINGLEDALE, 121939B (N.T. in W.D.) after receipt of
 fuelling. ROCKINGHAM's report.
 (D.T.D. 131943B to F.O.Gibraltar.)
 Not understood why Bone escort groups were unable
 to fuel from DINGLEDALE.

Survivors 1. Merchant navy personnel landed today ex
 Merchant Navy DUCHESS OF YORK approx. 240 ex CALIFORNIA approx.
 personnel, 270.
 DUCHESS OF 2. Masters of both vessels are safe.
 YORK, 3. Survivors ex PORT FAIRY expected 14th.
 CALIFORNIA. 4. Further details will follow earliest possible
 but request you arrange transport to U.K. and
 advise me.
 5. While above information relates to Merchant
 Navy personnel exclusively will advise later number of civilian
 survivors.
 (M.W.T.R.Casablanca 132000B to Admty. for M.O.W.T.London,
 Shipminder Gib. M.W.T.R.Algiers.)

/Movements...

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Movements Arrivals TEVIOT, ERNE, BANFF, HONEYSUCKLE,
Gibraltar. HYDERABAD with E.T.22, OXLIP, BRYONY, BERGAMOT,
from East.
Departures B.Y.M.S.20,12,13,28 for Algiers.
Boom Defence Vessel PANORAMA French Ships LA
SETOISE, CHASSEUR II with T.E.27 for Algiers.
(F.O.Gibraltar 132024B to Admty.)

Movements Arrived IROQUOIS fuelled and departed to overtake
Casablanca. S.L.132.
Arrived MOYOLA and DOUGLAS.
(C.M.S.F. 132220B to C. in C.Med.)

Air Report. Daily Opsum 254.
U.S.A/C (Pt. Lyautey) attacked U/B 39.10 N. 20.29
W. No details. U.S.A/C (Pt. Lyautey) attacked
U/B at 170/6 kts, 39.04 N. 20.06 W. Oil and
bubbles seen. Ref. Opsum 253 U/B attacked by U.S.
A/C 42.25 N. 16.30 W. definitely sunk. 10-15
crew seen in water.
(A.H.Q.Gibraltar 132320B.)

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C.M.43. Definite date of readiness p.m. 17th July.
My 111052 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 130847Z to C. in C. S.A. (R)
CANTON, C. in C. E.F. Admty. D.S.T.O. Durban.)
NIZAM is only available destroyer for C.M.43.
Owing to delay in arrival of Group Q adjustment of complement
with other Australian destroyer cannot be completed before 24th.
A further 24 hours delay in sailing C.M.43 would enable
additional 1000 personnel ex W.S.31 at Capetown to be sent to
Durban by rail and embarked there. 2. Is 26th acceptable sailing
date for this convoy. Your 121420 refers.
(C. in C. S.A. 131051 to C. in C. E.F. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C.
Durban, SUSSEX, F.O. 4th C.S.)

QUICKMATCH, Situation at 2000Z/13th QUICKMATCH, QUIBERON on
QUIBERON, A/S patrol vicinity Burra Point.
patrol. (C. in C. S.A. 131005.)

Movements. Simonstown arrival DURBAN 13th.
(C. in C. S.A. 131010B.)
Arrived 1030Z ARGO escorted by AIR FRANCE I M.L.
261. Arrived 0920Z M.L.226 and 188.
(Comar Dakar 131146Z.)

LEANA LEANA sunk 0750 7th Master Prisoner in S/M.
(British) All saved except 2 killed. Position and details
sunk later.
7th July. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 131051B to Admty. C. in C.
S.A. C. in C. E.F. Cmdre. Durban, S.O. (I) Colombo)
LEANA lost enemy action about 100 miles from
Lourenco Marques 30 miles off land 0750 7th.
(B.C.G. Lourenco Marques 131635 to M. of W.T.)
LEANA sunk by gunfire and one torpedo 0845B/7th July approx.
40 miles S.E. from Zavora Point. Large German S/M, distress
signal made, ship fired 12 pounder and small guns.
(C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 131731B to Admty. C. in C. S.A.
C. in C. E.F. Cmdre. Durban, S.O. (I) Colombo.)

HYDRAIOS HYDRAIOS sunk by torpedoes(?) 2 from S/M at
(Greek) 2030B/6th July 024° 44' S. 035° 12' E. Did not
sunk 6th open fire no distress signal all saved.
July. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 131105B to Admty. C. in C.
S.A. C. in C. E.F. Cmdre. Durban, S.O. (I) Colombo.)

U/B Attacked U-Boat Report. B. AOS/4C. 12 July D. Congella
by A/C. E. 26 2F. Catalina F.G. SEA HOW. Pilot Officer
12 July. Roddick. A. Yes. B. NA C. 12055/B July D. 2355
S. 3645 E. E over 400 feet. A. U-Boat B.1. 175°
50 feet two. 25° Red eight miles three. 130°
16 knots. C. 1 yes. (4) A. Remained on surface.
C. 061° nil B. D. Beam attack starboard to port. E. Under
50 feet. F. Over 400 feet. (5) B. 1 25 feet. 2 6. 3. Mark
11. 4. Mark 16. 5. 6. 6.100 feet. 7. 100 to 125 feet.

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U/B attacked 6. A. Explosions seen. B. No. C. Yes completely.
by A/C D. 2 on either side of beam of U-Boat slightly
12 July. forward of C/T. 7. A. From deck awash to
(Contd.) completely submerged position took 5 to 7 minutes.
B. No. C. 110 rounds .5 calibre sequence from
A.P.1 tracer and 50 rounds .3 calibre same
sequence. Hits were observed. 8. A. Yes. From
two cannon fore and after of C/T and M.G. from C/T. Green and
red tracer. 9. A. No. B. Destroyer being homed to position
when aircraft had to leave. C. N.A. D. Left before relief
arrived as P.L.E. reached. E. 62 minutes. F. 0702B.
10. Disappearing contact at 6 3/4 miles made on previous leg of
patrol. U-Boat suspected and aircraft returned to position
sighting U-Boat on surface. U-Boat picked up at about one mile
range just before attack. 11. A. 5. B. N.W. 4 to 5 knots.
C. 3/10 CU at 2500 feet. D. 20 plus. E. Calm. 12. A. Yes.
B. Two guns on deck one forward and one aft of C/T. Rate of
fire was slow and gave impression of greater calibre than 30 mm.
Two machine guns in twin mountings in C/T. Self destroying
shells from both guns. Overall length about 250 feet. No
distinguishing marks seen. Light colour. Jumping wires not
seen. C. Forward gun some distance from C/T. After gun close
to C/T. D. Impossible to say. E. No. 13. Silhouette C/T
not stepped but sloping aft. Peculiarity that nobody seen on
deck inside of bridge screen immediately before or during attack.
Two persons appeared in C/T after aircraft had passed over.
14. Whilst on search Captain sighted U-Boat and went into
attack. Depth charges were released about 250 feet from U-Boat.
No A/A fire encountered until after attack. Aircraft exchanged
fire at range of about 800 yards. U-Boat zigzagged on same
main course about 5 minutes and slowly submerged. It remained for
some time with C/T awash before finally disappearing.
15. A reasonably well executed attack but pilot should have
attacked along the track. Remarkable features are the insuffic-
ient lookout, use of main armament and length of time taken to
submerge which suggests damage inflicted by aircraft.
(C. in C. S.A. 131203 to Admty. etc.)

Convoy A.M. 072058/July. Delete all reference to
W.S.32. RAMILLIES and BRILLIANT who will not sail with
the Convoy. 2. F.O.C.W.Af. is requested to arrange
onward passage of TAY, KALE and DERG to Cape with
Convoy. 3. C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail
a cruiser to provide Ocean escort from 50° N. to splitting point,
proceeding thence to Gibraltar for fuel. 4. Absence of Ocean
Escort South of splitting point can be accepted.
(D.O.D. (H) 131204B to C. in C. W.A. F.O.C. W.Af. R.A. (D) H.F.
C. in C. Plymouth, RAMILLIES, BRILLIANT, F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

EMERALD. Arrival 0836Z 13th.
(S.O. (I) Freetown 131220Z to C.M.S.F. (R) Admty.)

Force X, Para.4 (A) (B) (C) of A.M. 071953. Concur.
RAPID. 2. Para 5 RAPID is intended as additional escort
for Force X to return with W.S.32 and thence to
Eastern Fleet. Cdre D. E.F. has been consulted.
(C. in C. S.A. 131239B to Admty. (R) C. in C.E.F.
C. in C. W.A.)

/M.M.S...

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- M.M.S. 107. Capetown Departure. 1313B/13th July. M.M.S.107 for Durban. S. of A. 8 knots route Coastal E.T.A. 1900B/17th. (C. in C. S.A. 131559B to Admty. etc.)
- H.F.ALEXANDER. Admty 26/1235, B.A.D. 06/2243 and P.S.T.O. Capetown 09/1138 none to Comar Dakar and S.T.O. Capetown 07/1426. Request orders for C.T.H.F. ALEXANDER onward from Dakar. (F.O.C.W.Af. 131715Z to Admty. (R) M.W.T.R. Med. Comar Dakar.)
- LANGLEECRAG. Your 101724Z. Owners and charterers of LANGLEECRAG have received separate reports that indicate LANGLEECRAG arrived Bahia Blanca about 6th July. Request confirmation. (D.T.D. 131720B to Asst. S.O. (I) Recife (R) Connav, B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro.)
- Oil patch sighted by A/C. Hudson aircraft sighted oil patch 25 miles long 60 feet wide at 1030/13th 03° 57' N. 06° 55' W. (F.O.C.W.Af. 131724Z to Admty.)
- B.Y.M.S. Strength. Your 091726 para 2. (A) B.Y.M.S. 43,44,45 and 46 may be retained temporarily. Para.2 B is under favourable consideration. (D.M.S. 131808B to F.O.C.W.Af.)
- U/B attacked by A/C. S/M attacked by aircraft 004° 54' N. 011° 40' W. at 131722. (F.O.C.W.Af. 131814Z to Escorts of S.T.72 Ships in area P.2. (R) Admty.)

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Patrols. Patrol tomorrow will be established clockwise through following positions (A) 193° 3.3' (B) 150° 3.9' (C) 087° 3.5' (D) 029° 7.2 miles. All bearing and distance from Cozzo Spadero.

Return along line one mile to south and east of AB CD. Distance apart of ship 3 miles speed 8 knots. Time of establishing patrol will be signalled. S.O. Force B 121504*not to all, S.O. Force V is requested pass to 2 Hunts detailed from Bark West (ii) Ships patrolling acknowledge.

(Capt. (D) 5, 130003B to DULVERTON, BELVOIR, G.S.PINDOS, LEDBURY WHADDON, WHEATLAND, MULLET, BONITO, (R) S.O. Force V, S.O. Force B, S.N.O.L.Q., S.N.O.L.N.) *N.T.

L.S.I.(M) Sail escort of L.S.I.(M) for Bark West forthwith My 120021 and 121235 refers. (N.C.E.T.F., 130031B to N.O.I.C. Sousse) See 131145.

L.S.I. Your 121803 (N.T. in W.R.)
sailings. (i) Instructions to load in accordance with priority X, and that L.S.I. were not to be loaded (?were) (?received) by south moves a.m. today 12th.

(ii) My 112224 was made as I had received no instructions (?comma) the first (?as) your 120021.

(iii) All 15 available L.C.I. were sailed p.m. today 12th. My 121535 refers route to (?Augusta) programme projected - (a) (?p.m.) 13th sailing four L.S.T. three for "Glutton" one for "Acid". (b) p.m./13th sailing six L.C.I. (c) p.m./13th or a.m./14th sailing nine (?L.C.T.), three for "Glutton" one for "Acid" five for Bark (corrupt group). (v) This caters for all serials on priority lists X up to and including serial 565. (vi) Have only three destroyers as escort intend using them for list T, sailing L.C.I. unescorted. (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 130042B to N.C.E.N.T.F.)

Malta, Arrivals ESKIMO, TARTAR, MIAOULES, BELVOIR, CIRCE.
Movements GAVOTTE, FOXTROT, BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER, ~~CYRILE~~
12th July. (?) PINDOS. 12 M.T.Bs. 9 M.Ls., 16 L.S.Ts.,
6 L.C.Ts., 5 L.C.Gs., 8 L.C.Rs.
Departures GRAYLING, WHITING, CAVA, B.D.V.
BARFORD M.G.B.661. FALK with transports CLAN
CAMERON, STANFORTH, 6 L.S.Ts. 15 L.C.Ts. (L).
Arrivals and departures NELSON, RODNEY, WARSPITE, VALIANT,
INDOMITABLE, FORMIDABLE, EURYALUS, CLEOPATRA, PETARD, PAULKNOR,
QUAIL, BRECON, OFFA, QUILLIAM, QUEENBORO, FURY, INTREPID,
ECHO, ILEX, INGLEFIELD, PIORUN, TUMULT, TROUBRIDGE, TYRIAN,
RAIDER, ECLIPSE, QUEEN OLGA, EGGESFORD, TANGO, HEBE, HAZARD,
Transport ROYAL ULSTERMAN, Departed and arrived ABDIEL,
BROCKLESEY.
(V.A. Malta, 130557).

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15th C.S.
(Force K). UGANDA, ORION and NUBIAN leave Augusta at 1000 today Tuesday to refuel and ammunition at Malta. E.T.A. 1345. L class destroyers fuelled yesterday and have plenty of ammunition. (C.S.15, 130633B to C. in C. Med., N.C.E.N.T.F., S.O. Force A, V.A. Malta, Capt. (D) 19, UGANDA.)

Force H,
ILEX. Report position. Join me. My position 037° 07' N., 016° 40' E. course 250° 15 knots. (S.O. Force H., 130639B to ILEX (R) ECHO).

PINDOS Rejoin me at Bark East. (Capt. (D), 5, 130704B to PINDOS).

10th S/M F. (1) P.49 UNRULY O.R.P. SOKOL, P.53 (ULTOR) North of Messina.
(2) P.31 (UPROAR), P.52 (DZIK), P.42 (UNBROKEN), P.44 (UNITED), P.54 (UNSHAKEN) Gulf of Taranto.
(3) H.M.S. TROOPER off Western Greece North of 038° 06'.
(4) P.314 (TACTICIAN) in Adriatic.
(5) 10th S/M F. Summary at 2000/13th.
(Capt. (S) 10, 130705B).

N.C.S.2 B. Request instructions regarding point of detachment and routeing and escort after detachment for N.C.S.2 B. (C.T.G.80.2 130710Z to V.A. Malta, pass to C. in C. Med., for action and Comnavaw and C. in C. Med., (A) for information).

Convoy from
Acid and
Bark East. Hon 6. Sailed first half of serial 5 S.O. Escort H.M.S. CONVULVULUS. 13 ships from Acid 2 from Bark east, Cdre. in OCEAN PRIDE. Codeword "Register" call sign 389. Routed as far as AE. JOSEPH CANNON holed aft is being detached to Malta with WOOLONGONG. Names of other ships follow.
(N.C.F.A., 130801B to C. in C. Med., (Malta) N.C.E.T.F., V.A.M. S.N.O. Trip. (R) N.C.F.B., R.A.V., CONVULVULUS).

ROBERTS Sailed ROBERTS escorted by PHEASANT and CRANE to Acid north. S. of A. 12 knots. Fuel remaining at 0800/13 (28?) - 30%. (R.A.V., 130819 to H.C.F.A.)

BRECON E.T.A. breakwater 1130B today Tuesday. (BRECON, 130836 to ?Capt. (D) 1st D.F. (R) S.O. Force H).

/Hospital...

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- Hospital ship TALAMBA sunk. British Hospital Ship TALAMBA was deliberately attacked and sunk by enemy aircraft whilst embarking casualties off Avola night 11/12 July. Ship fully illuminated. Casualties unknown. (P.S.T.O.M.E., 130917C).
- L.S.Ts. for Sicily. N.O.I.C. Sousse 122330 (re sailing of L.S.Ts. 410, 420, 423, and 12 for Sicily). Route onward from SD, through EB,A (could be also B) H and position 3700 1524. (N.C.E.T.F., 130924 to S.O. Force A. S.O. Force B).
- Army Report. Personal for C.I.G.S. from Gen. Alexander. 8th Army captured Augusta 2200 hrs. 12th July and line ran thence through Sortino-Vizzini-Ragusa-Scicli. Intention now to operate on two axes. 13 Corps on Catania and northwards. 30 Corps on Caltagirone-Enna-Leonforte. 7th Army captured Naro, Palma Di Montechiaro. I am seeing Patton today and propose to swing 7th Army northwest to hold line Caltanissetta-Canicatti-Palma di Monte. (15 Army Group 130950B to W.O.)
- Destroyers for Augusta. Decided detail 2 destroyers to proceed Augusta with despatch to embark about 300 men of SR (?Sqdn). and bring them back to ULSTER MONARCH. Military will signal point of embarkation when destroyers enter. (S.O. 38th Escort Group 131017B to WISHART (R) ANTWERP, 15th C.S.)
- U/B Aircraft reports submarine crash diving in 225° Cape Scalabri 15 miles. (C. in C. Med., 131021B to All ships British and U.S. operation "Husky").
- Landing Craft. Hon 4 para. 29. Sailed 4 landing craft (I) and 15 L.S.Ts. Codeword "Globe" priority low. (F.O. Tunisia, 131056B to N.C.W.T.F. (R) C. in C. Med).
- WALLACE On completion of land fuelling proceed to Bark West by Q.K.B. 146. Report E.T.A. before sailing acknowledge. (V.A. Malta, 131103B to H.M.S. WALLACE, (R) C. in C. Med., S.O. Force V).

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U.409
sunk 12th
July.

U-boat sunk by INCONSTANT a.m./12th was number 409 C.O. Oberleutenant Hans Ferdinand Hassman. Left Toulon 29th June for first and last Mediterranean patrol. Survivors C.O., 3 officers 30 ratings.
(S.O.(I) Med., 131126B to Admty. for D.N.I. (R) S.O.(I) Levant, S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

OAKLEY,
LAUDERDALE.

Sail at 1330/13th for Bark west, route A. S. of A. 23 knots, E.T.A. 2340/13. Codeword "Hobbs" 214 N.C.E.T.F.s 130031 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 131145 to OAKLEY, LAUDERDALE, (R) Naval and Air Authorities Bone to Sousse, N.C.E.T.F., R.A.V.)

8th S/M F.
dispositions.

(1) 8th S/M Flot. Movements Summary at 2001B/13th S/Ms diving by day 2½ knots surface speed as indicated.

(2) P.217 (SIBYL) P.312 (TRESPASSER) P.225 (SIMOOM) P.247 (SARACEN) P.47 (DOLFIJN) between

Corsica and Italy.

(3) P.47 (DOLFIJN) passing 41° 00' 11° 48' at 0800/14th thence 209° 6 knots.

(4) TORBAY 038° 22' 006° 58' 084° 9 knots.

(5) P.316 (TEMPLAR) 040° 01' 005° (?57' or 59') 035° surfaced 10 knots until 0530/14th thereafter diving by day surfacing by night 9 knots.

(Capt. S.8., 131204B).

Spezia R/C.

P.R.U. a.m./13th Spezia, no photographs, no visuals cloud 10/10ths.
(F.O. Tunisia, 131245B to C. in C. Med., etc).

UNRULY,
ULTOR,
SOKOL.

Leave patrol by reverse of outward route to pass through 038° 18' 011° 30' at following time which are to be strictly adhered to:-

O.R.P. SOKOL 0001/18th, P.53 ULTOR 0200/18, P.49 UNRULY, 0400/18th thence through 038° 10' 010° 25' 037° 44' 009° 33' to R/V in 037° 26'

009° 33' at 1800/19th. N.O.I.C. Bizerta is requested to provide escort in R/V position at 1200/19th flying a large black flag at masthead and to suspend A/S.V. in the area. C. in C. Med.(M) 121742 refers.

(Capt. S.10, 131247B to P.49 (UNRULY), P.53 (ULTOR), O.R.P. SOKOL, (R) Capt. (S) 8, C.C.F. Med., V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med. (Malta), C. in C. Med., (Algiers), F.O.I.C. Bizerta, Submarines on Patrol).

Force H
at Malta.

1st Division, 1st Battle Squadron and one division of cruisers should enter Grand Harbour at 1200 tomorrow 13th to ?fuel. Ships to remain at short notice while in harbour.

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2. Unless otherwise ordered ships are to be sailed again at 0800/14th. 2nd division to stand to south eastwards p.m./13th returning to enter Malta after departure of 1st division.

3. ?Route Q as usual night 13/14th returning Malta on completion.

(C. in C. Med., Malta, 131250B to F.O.H. (R)
V.A. Malta, F.O. 2nd i/c Force H.C.S. 12, N.C.E.T.F. S.O. Force A, C.C.F., C.S.15 Capt. (S) 10, S.O. Force B, A.H.Q. Malta, S.N.O. Cyrenaica, Med., Air Command). See also 131730B.

BRISSENDEN,
BLANKNEY
collision.

BRISSENDEN and BLANKNEY damaged by collision. BRISSENDEN has deep vee shaped damage centre at 15 frame port. Damage at forecastle extends from about 9 to 21. Split well below waterline. Naval store 9 to 18 is only compartment flooded. Being docked Malta today for temporary repairs

for passage to
crumbled stem.

(C. in C. Med.(Malta) 131258B to Admty).

Dispositions. Movements summary at 1958B/13th, all positions north and East.

(1) 4 L.S.Ts. EGGESFORD 035° 39' 012° 10' through 035° 47' 012° 58' 036° 23' 015° 00' 6½ knots.

(2) N.C.S. 2, U.S. destroyer WAINWRIGHT, 035° 12' 013° 31' through 036° 00' 013° 45' 8 knots.

(3) 2 L.S.I.(M) PRINCE CHARLES 036° 23' 011° 16' through 036° 31' 011° 00' and swept channel to Algiers 17½ knots.

(4) M.E.S.36 GERALDTON 035° 33' 015° 20' through 035° 00' 015° 00' 033° 00' 014° 00' 8 knots H.M.S. KINGFISHER.

(5) C.N.F. 1, 9 destroyers 037° 16' 008° 27' to Oran 13½ knots.

(6) N.C.S.2, B, TARTAR 036° 23' 013° 43' to Malta 8 knots.

(7) 15 landing craft Ls, 036° 35' 012° 32' through 036° 30' 012° 56' 036° 42' 013° 50' 12 knots.

(C. in C. Med., 131301).

Pachino
airfield.

Pachino airfield is now in full operation by day. Ships at Bark sector beaches are to take special care to avoid engaging friendly aircraft using the airfield. These may cross the coast by day at less than 6,000 feet but have been instructed to keep clear of shipping. Hon 7 appendix 1 para. 4 refers.

(C. in C. Med., 131301B to All ships taking part in "Husky"
(R) Naivnasaf, N.A.T.A.F., N.A.C.A.F., Air H.Q. Malta).

Comiso
lack of beach
transport.

For Air Marshal Coningham from Group Capt. Dunning Atcherley reports no transport or body available Comiso for haulage of petrol ammunition from beach to landing ground. This was commitment undertaken by General Patton and

/essential...

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Comiso lack of beach transport. (contd). essential to move of fighters. Richardson has taken. Could G.O.C. in C. supplement by immediate signal to C.G. 7th Army. (C. in C. Med., 131314B to ABDIEL).

Air Patrols. (?Your 130)941*(?Galita) and Cape Augusta patrols being made from 17(?30) (?20)00 hours. Suggest your bombardment carried out within these times. (A.H.Q. Malta, 131316B to N.C.F.A. (R) F.O.C. 15th C.S.) *N.T.

15th C.S. Bombardment. 2 cruisers and 2 destroyers only are required for bombardment purposes off coast. (N.C.E.F.T., 131319B to F.O.C. 15th C.S. (R) C. in C. Med., N.C.F.B., N.C.F.A.) My 131319. Have ordered UGANDA, ORION and NUBIAN to remain at Malta for the night to await your further instructions. (N.C.E.F.T., 131659B to C.S. 15).

Ferry Service Escorts. Escorts for ferry service are to be adjusted so as to come from following ships craft. Sousse (?Sicily) group "W" 12th Minesweeping Flotilla 3rd Trawler Group. 31st M.L. Flotilla. Malta Sicily 29th Trawler Group. 3rd M.L. Flotilla. (2) (corrupt) and escorts (?off) the beaches are to be sent to Malta in rotation for 24 hours stand-off as they can be spared being used as additional escort for Malta Sicily ferry. (3) N.C.F.B. pass to N.O.I.C. Augusta. (N.C.E.T.F., 131341B to S.O. Force A, S.O. Force V, (?S.O. Force B) (R) C. in C. Med., (Malta). V.A. Malta, C.C.F.Q.Q., N.O.I.C. Syracuse, N.O.I.C. Augusta, N.O.I.C. Catania.)

F.O. Sicily. I have assumed title and function of F.O.Sy. with my Flag in F.S. LARGS, temporarily based on Syracuse. C. in C. Med., pass to A.O.C. Malta G.O.C. 8th Army. (R.A. B., 131401B to N.C.E.T.F. (R) C. in C. Med. C.S. 15, V.A. Malta, G.O.C. 8th Army, A.O.C. Malta, N.O.I.C. Syracuse).

Taranto R/C. Taranto visuals at 1200. No change. (C. in C. Med., 131405B).

NEREIDE sunk. Italian S/M NEREIDE one day out of harbour was sunk by ECHO and ILEX at 0700 today Tuesday. 23 survivors. Suggest this kill be promulgated in the right circles to discourage others. (C. in C. Med., 131436B to Admty. (R) F.O. H.)

/SIBYL...

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TEMPLAR,
TRESPASSER.

1. P.217 (SIBYL) is to patrol in area S.A. south of 042° N.
2. P.316 (TEMPLAR) from $043^{\circ} 14' 009^{\circ} 00'$ at 2030/15 is to proceed through S.A. and S.B. keeping north of 042° N. thence patrol in S.C.
3. P.312 (TRESPASSER) in S.B. is to keep S. of 042° N. after 0001/16th.
(Capt. S.8., 131520B to 8th S/M F. (R) C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10)

L.S.Ts.
for Augusta,
Bark S.
Acid N.

- Intend to sail L.S.T.161, 303, 403 for Port Augusta. L.S.T. (?341) 406, 301, 366 for Bark South and L.S.T.424 S.O. for Acid North at 0100 14th.
(2) Route A thence direct to beach or as ordered by Naval Commander.
- (3) E.T.A. position S.D. 0530/15th. (4) S. of A. 8 knots.
 - (5) Escort INCHCOLM. (6) Codeword "Costume" W/T call sign 205.
 - (7) Constant W/T guard on 2150 k/cs.
- (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 131520B to R.A. (B), R.A.(A), (R) N.C.E.T.F., S.N.O.L.(Q) Naval and Air Authorities Bone to Sousse).

SARACEN

Leave patrol through $041^{\circ} 01' 010^{\circ} 56'$ at 2000/16th $038^{\circ} 39' 009^{\circ} 59'$ at 0230/18th, $038^{\circ} 02' 004^{\circ} 04'$ at 2230/20th thence R/V escort Algiers in $036^{\circ} 56' 003^{\circ} 06'$ at 0615/21st.
(Capt. S.8., 131530B to P.247 (SARACEN) (R) 8th S.F., C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10).

QUILLIAM,
QUAIL.

- Intend detaching Force Q second division of (?12th C.S.) QUILLIAM, QUAIL at 1715 with orders to rejoin second division in $036^{\circ} 40' N.$, $017^{\circ} E.$ about 0800 tomorrow.
- (2) My P.C. and S. at 1700 $035^{\circ} 40' N.$, $010^{\circ} 35' E.$ 270° 15.
(S.O. Force H., 131648B to C. in C. Med., (R) N.C.E.T.F., C.S.15, R.A. Force H, EURYALUS).

LOYAL

Have sailed LOYAL for Malta, E.T.A.2045.
N.C.E.T.F.'s 131319 not to all addressees refers.
(C.S.15, 131657B to C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, (R) S.O. Force A, Capt. (D) 19, S.O. Force B, N.C.E.T.F., LOYAL).

U-boat
disposition.

My 121732. No known change.
(C. in C. Med., A., 131720B).

Force H.

- Intend Force H to operate in 2 divisions tonight.
(ii) Movement of Second Division. Pass through following approx. positions at time indicated
- (A) $036^{\circ} 40' N.$, $016^{\circ} 10' E.$ at 1830.
 - (B) $037^{\circ} N.$, $017^{\circ} 40' E.$ at 0200.
 - (C) $036^{\circ} 25' N.$, $017^{\circ} E.$ at 0700.

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Force H. (contd). (iii) C. in C. Med., pass to A.H.Q. Malta.
(iv) First Division movement will be made when reply to my 131615 is received (N.T. in W.R.) (S.O. Force H., 131730B to C. in C. Med., (R) C.S.15, F.O. 2nd in Command Force H, S.N.O. Cyrenaica, A.H.Q. Malta).

Intend First Division to pass through following approx. positions at times stated. (A) 035° 40' N., 015° 40' E. at 2030 (B) 035° 20' N., 016° E. at 2230 (C) 036° 40' N., 016° 30' E. at 0400.

(2) Then as necessary to enter by N.E. searched channel. ((S.O. Force H) 132032B to C. in C. Med., (R) V.A. Malta, Air H.Q. Malta, R.A. (H), S.N.O. Cyrenaica, C.S.15).
Cancel my 131927 N.T. in W.D. R/V as in S.O. Force H's 131648.
(R.A. Force H., 132105B to EURYALUS, (R) C. in C. Med., C.S. 15, S.O. Force H, N.C.E.T.F., N.C.F.A.)

Operation "Marston". Operation "Marston" tonight 13/14th. Troop carrying aircraft will be routed close south and east of Delimara thence 5 miles east of following points Cape Passero, Murro di Porco, Cape San Croce thence to dropping zones. Return by reverse of outward route. Pass Delimara between 2120 and 0001.
(C.in C. Med., Malta, 131744B to Eastern Task Force (R) A.H.Q., Med).

C.S.15 Intend standing to the south (?and) east of Syracuse during night - keeping west of 016° 30' E.
(C.S.15, 131752B to C. in C. Med., F.O.S. Y. (R) S.O. Force H, 2nd in Command Force H, V.A. Malta, N.C.E.T.F., S.O. Force A, S.O. Force V, S.O. Force Q).

Intend UGANDA, ORION, NUBIAN, LOYAL relieve bombarding force on 15th July and V.A. Malta is requested to sail then to arrive Syracuse at 0600B on that day.
(C.S.15, 131842B to C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, F.O.S.Y., N.C.E.T.F., N.C.A. (R) UGANDA, NUBIAN).

Catania bombardment Important that battleships bombard Catania aerodrome not later than 2200 tonight 13 July.
(N.C.F.A., 131803B to C. in C. Med., N.C.E.T.F., (R) EREBUS, C.S.15, Force H).
Request EREBUS may bombard Catania aerodrome southern edge between 2130 and 2200 tonight 13 July.
(N.C.F.A., 131836 to C.S.15, (R) S.O. Force H, EREBUS, N.C.E.T.F.)

Your 131803 and 131836.
Battleship bombardment not approved.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 131937B to N.C.F.A., C.S.15, S.O.F.H) EREBUS will commence bombarding at 2130B and has been instructed to return to anchorage proceeding close inshore. N.C.F.A.131836 refers.
(C.S.15, 132024B to N.C.F.A. S.O. Force H. N.C.E.T.F., EREBUS).
/RYE...

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J.G. CANNONE.T.A. Grand Harbour boom 2200 with JOSEPH G.
CANNON.
(RYE, 131812B to V.A. Malta, (R) S.O. M/F 14).PRINCE
ALBERT.PRINCE ALBERT will be operating south end
Catania Bay after dark tonight sweeping down to
Syracuse approx. 0300/14th.
(N.C.F.A., 131842B to S.O. Force H, C.S.15,
(R) APHIS, HURWORTH, BEAUFORT, EREBUS).My 131842. For 0300 read 0700.
(N.C.F.A., 132222B).Convoy
Escorts.Hon 6 appendix (i) and (iii).
For G.U.S. 9 X read G.U.S.10, For G.U.S. 9 Y
read G.U.S.10 X. Appendix 2.
M.K.S.18 amend column 5 to read Gibraltar,
column 6 to read U.S. escort ex U.G.S.11.M.K.S.19 column 6 to read TEVIOT, ERNE, BANFF, DART, CLARE,
FISHGUARD.

M.K.F.19 Y. Delete columns 6 and 7.

Hon 6 para. 8 last M.E.S.36 in column 6 should read M.E.S.37.
Para. 15. serial 20 delete groups B and D. Serial 21. Last
sentence for groups V read WALLACE WOOLSTON, VICEROY. Add
"Hunts of group V remain in Mediterranean". Add new serial 36.
Groups B and D. TEVIOT, ERNE, BANFF, DART, CLARE, FISHGUARD.
U.S. corvettes remain in Med.
(C. in C. Med., 131849C to S. and A. "Husky").Landing
Craft
reports.Authorities addressed are requested to make
following reports at noon Friday 16th July.
Read in three columns (1) Total loss since D.3.
(2) High and dry. (3) Unserviceable for period
of more than 8 days.2. Report required in respect of (A) L.S.T. (B) L.C.I.(L)
(C) L.C.T. (D) L.C.F., L.C.G., L.C.R., (E) L.C.A. (F) L.C.P.
(G) L.C.S. (M) (H) L.C.M. ship numbers and craft numbers to be
reported in separate cases.(3) N.C.W.T.F. requested to report state of American craft as
well as British craft lent for "Husky". Individual numbers
are only required for British craft.(C. in C. Med., 131851B to N.C.W.T.F., R.A. Force A, R.A. Force
B, R.A. Force V, (R) N.C.E.T.F., V.A. Malta)."Husky"
Situation
(?Report)
No. 6.1. ULSTER MONARCH with troops entered Augusta
121945. Town occupied by midnight.
2. U.S. Cruiser bombarded west of Port Empedocle
EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield.
3. D day convoy completed unloading and sailed
from all beaches. Fast following up convoy
berthed Syracuse. Slow following up convoy off
beach.

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4. ECHO and ILEX sank S/M in 037° 27' N., 016° 13' E. 23 prisoners. INCONSTANT sank German U-boat 037° 17' N., 003° 55' E, 37* prisoners. (C. in C. Med., Malta, 131933).
W.R. Note. This message is part I of C. in C. Mediterranean's 131946.
*W.D. Note - Amended to 34, see 14/7.

Attacks on
Hospital
Ships.

In order that no time may be lost in lodging protests with Axis against attacks on Allied Hospital Ships during present operations request you will signal fullest details of all such attacks immediately these are available.

2. In particular request any further details regarding sinking of TALAMBA, including, if known, nationality of aircraft involved.
(Hd. of M.I., 131939B to C. in C. Med).

LAMERTON

Leave Malta at 0800 tomorrow Wednesday and proceed to Bark South by route in Strop 1, appendix 5. Report E.T.A. before sailing.
(N.C.E.T.F., 131940B to LAMERTON (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med., (Malta) N.C.F.V.)

L.C.I.(L)
Convoy.

Intend to sail L.C.I.(L) 112, 248, 307, 310 (7385) with 800 airborne troops at 1930 today Tuesday July 13th for Sousse, speed 8 knots, E.T.A. 1800 Thursday July (4 groups missed) Syracuse searched channels and position EB SF SG

SA as in Hon (2 corrupt groups) 1, appendix 2. Request S.O. Force A arrange air protection and communicate codeword L.C.I.(L).
(N.O.I.C. Syracuse, 131957B to N.O.I.C. Sousse (R) C. in C. Med. etc).

Situation
Report No.
122.

1. Troops entered Augusta at 121245 in ULSTER MONARCH and town in our hands by morning.
2. U.S. Cruisers assisted in deflating counter attack by tanks on Gela at 111530. They have today been bombarding westward of Port Empedocle. EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield at 131000.

Remaining units continue gun support.

3. Combat loader convoys sailed from Cent and Dime on completion of discharge. Nearly all M.T. ships of D Day convoy completed at Acid and Bark and sailed. Convoy M.W.F.37 berthing in Syracuse.

4. Italian U-boat NEREIDE sunk by ECHO and ILEX at 130700 in 37.27 N., 16.13 E. 23 prisoners. The U-boat captured on 12th was Italian BRONZO. Capture effected by SEAHAM who has now berthed her prize at Syracuse. Attacks on U-boats with unknown result also made in 35.05 N., 13.57 E. and 35.45 N., 01.45 W.

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5. Seventh M.T.B. Flotilla sank Auxiliary M/S 15 miles northwest of Catania at 112015. 24th M.T.B. Flotilla sighted two submarines in Straits of Messina. One U-boat sunk, one damaged at 130035.* 33rd M.T.B. Flotilla engaged enemy E-boats in Messina Straits. Two set on fire and driven ashore.

6. Minefield for protection of anchorage laid off Gela by U.S. Minelayers.

7. Ship reported sunk off Dime in Sitrep No. 121 was ROBERT ROWAN.

8. Weather now calm allowing passage of lighters and harbour craft to captured ports.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 132036B). *MTB 81 sank U. 561. U. 395 damaged. (German Documents 503)

F.O. Sicily. R.A. R.R. McGrigor is assuming duty as F.O. Sicily from 1200B tomorrow 14th July.
(C. in C. Med., 132110B).

Inshore Squadrons. C. in C. Med., 132110. Following ships are placed under orders of F.O.S.Y. for Inshore Squadrons in support of the Army. EREBUS, ROBERTS D.S. FLORES, SOEMBA, CROMARTY, POOLE, ROMNEY, SEAHAM, 22nd M.L. flotilla, and temporarily 2 Hunt destroyers to be detailed by N.C. Force A. 3 L.C. (R) 3, L.C.G (L), and 4 L.C.F.(L) can be made available from Malta if required. N.C. Force B pass to N.O.I.C. Augusta. (N.C.E.T.F., 132121 to F.O.S.Y., S. and A. taking part in "Husky").

Coinsitrep No.4. This is part 2 Coinsitrep No.4 signed Eisenhower.

1. ULSTER MONARCH landed S.R. squadron at Augusta at 121945.

2. U.S. Cruisers bombarded West of Port Empedocle and EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield a.m./13th. Remaining units continued gunfire support.

3. Combat loader convoys sailed from Cent and Dime, slow M/T ship convoy sailed from Acid and Bark on completion of discharge. Fast follow up convoy berthed at Syracuse R.N. destroyers sank Italian U-boat 60 miles northwest of Augusta* 23 prisoners. M.T.Bs., sank one U-boat and damaged another in Straits of Messina. Destroyers sank German U-boat off Dellys, 34 prisoners U-boat captured by minesweeper on 12th now berthed Syracuse.

5. M.T.Bs. sank Italian auxiliary M/S N.W. of Catania (?) p.m./11th and a.m./13th set on fire and driven ashore two E-boats in Straits of Messina.

6. In calm weather shuttle service to Sicily and movements forward of harbour craft proceeding smoothly.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 132148).

*W.D. Note. Evidently ECHO and ILEX. Position wrong.

/Air...

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Air R/C.

P.R.U. Genoa and Spezia poor July 13th. No report owing to cloud.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 132207B).

Augusta,
Port Party,
withdrawal.

N.O.I.C. Augusta and Port party have withdrawn temporarily to Syracuse. Their position was rendered untenable by army's slender hold on the place, the lack of A/A protection and the very heavy evening fire directed on the town. 15th C.S. has been requested to prevent any convoy or ship from entering at present. (N.C.F.A., 132310B to F.O.I.C. Sicily, C. in C. Med., etc).

U/B

Suspected submarine in 36.37 N., 16.19 E. at 2235. INTREPID searching until 2330.
(R.A. Force H., 132310B to C. in C. Med.,
(R) S.O. Force H, C.S.15, EURYALUS).

ESKIMO

Preliminary report of damage sustained 12th July. (details).
3. Anticipate that after temporary repairs at Malta vessel will be able to steam to U.K. for permanent repairs.
(C. in C. Med., 122322B to Admty).

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Husky

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MESSAGE

132345B/July.

From: TAC. 15 Army Group.

IN
DATE: 14.7.43.
RECD: 0415.

CYPHER

Addressed: The War Office.

Sicily: Army Report.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

138597 0572 cypher 13th July.

Cite FHGCT and FHLDI signed Eisenhower.

Cositintrop No.4 to 1600B. hrs. 13th July.

Part One. Section One. Intelligence.

Nassau Bay captured documents and P.Ws. show Napoli Div.

split between Lentini and Comiso areas with (?HQ) Vizzini.

At Comiso parts 75 Inf. Regt. and 169 Blackshirts BN. Parts

75 Inf. Regt. also Carlentini Canicattini Bagni and identified in

action against 13 Corps on East Coast Road. 15 P.Z. Div.

formerly Div. Sicily also split with 3 Regt. identified from

P.Ws. area Agrigonto-Canicatti and 2 Regt. identified area

Melilli. Latter apparently under command Hermann Goering Div.

which also therefore split between Gela and Catania areas.

Tac/HQ gives no evidence of movement of reserves and only

significant movement seen represents withdrawals in front of

our advance. No evidence of move of troops from West to East

except 15 Panzer Div. H.Q. which may have moved to a central

position. Civilian population friendly and co-operative.

Some anti German feeling noticed. Troops show same feeling total
prisoners to date probably exceed 10000.

Section Two. Ground operations.

First. The advance has been continued on all sections. Little

organised or determined resistance has yet been met except

in the sector North of Gela.

Second.....

Second. Eighth Army.

A. 13 Corps. 5 Div. Div. H.Q. JO738. 17 Bde. occupied Auguata at 0300 hrs. Harbour facilities appear to be undamaged.

15 Bde. captured Molilli JO043 and advancing towards Villas Muado H9791 (or H9751). 13 Bde. believed unchanged. 50 Div. 69 Bde. holding line H9241 to H9140 with H.Q. at H9540.

151 Bde. believed unchanged.

B. 30 Corps. 30 Corps and TAC Army H.Q. at H8501. 23 Armd. Bde. area Vizzini H6641 (or H6141) advancing towards Caltagirone H4549. 51 Div. 153 Bde. area Canicattini-Bauni H9426. 152 Bde. area North of Noto. 154 Bde.

Part Two follows.

132345B.

Notes by C.6 Tels.

- (1) Message delayed owing to being received very corrupt.
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MESSAGE

No T.O. 13 July IN

From: TAC 15 Army Group

Date: 14.7.43.

Recd: 0820

CYPHER

Addressed: The War Office

MOST IMMEDIATE

138627 0572 cipher 13 July.

Second and last part of Cositintrep No. 4.

Northwest of Noto. 231 Bde. group area south of (?Paiazzolo) and advancing northwest. 1 Cdn. Div. Div. H.Q. H.7314. 1 Cdn. Bde. six miles northeast Ragusa. 3 Cdn. Bde. five miles north of Ragusa. 2 Cdn. Bde. Modica.

Third. Seventh Army. No report has yet been received. Known changes since last cositintrep are as follows. 45 Div. Elements now on high ground approximately six miles southwest of Vizzini and advancing northwest. 1 Div. Niscemi H 3439 occupied at 1200 hrs. 3 Div. Riesi H 0753 and Canicatti G 8662 occupied. A total of 8761 P.W.s have now been evacuated from the Seventh Army Sector. Total of 1260 (or 1370) casualties had been suffered up to 1800 hrs. yesterday.

Section three Air. Air reports showed little or no movement this morning west of the general line drawn north to south through Caltanissetta H (?9571); Night reconnaissance reported 60 MT mostly towards south on the road B 6115 to B 6353 otherwise no movement (?seen and no) tanks were observed in the area H 4045 at 0930 hrs. At 1100 hrs. considerable activity was reported in the Area northeast of Gela H2330. (?Up to 230)

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MT mainly stationary were seen and attacked by fighters between H 4045 and H 5846. 150 MT badly dispersed in groups were reported moving west from (word indecipherable) H 6245 (or H6641) at 1430 hrs. At the same time TAC/R reported 100 MT moving both ways at H 7747 and a further 100 MT facing east at H 8353. Reports otherwise were mostly of scattered columns (?of not more than) 20 vehicles. Strat/R reports. (Remainder of message indecipherable)

No T.O.O./13

Note by C.6 fels.

Message delayed owing to mutilation. Repetition of all after "Evacuated from the Seventh Army Sector" has been requested. Advance copy has been sent to H.C. E.T.O.U.S.A.

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ORESTES,
EMPIRE
ELAINE,
EMPIRE
CONFIDENCE.

Sail with VISENDA and REIGHTON WYKE to Tripoli escorting ORESTES, EMPIRE ELAINE and EMPIRE CONFIDENCE. Routed through positions 247, 229, 255, 202, Q.K.B.129. Continue to use every (corrupt groups). Report your estimated P.C. and S. 0800 to all addressees.

C. in C. Med.'s 121651 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 120020B to KING SOL, (R)

VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE, 1st Air Defence Wing, N.C.E.T.F., 210 Group, S.O. Force V. S.N.O. Tripolitania, N.O.I.C. Sfax, V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med. (M.)

Movements,
Alexandria.

July 12th. Alexandria departures CUMBRAE, STORMWRACK. Arrival HARROW.
(R.A.L., 130700C to Admty.)

Malta Air
Report.

A.I.671, 12th July Opsum No.63, 11th July.
2 Spitfire pilots reported missing on 11th July in my A.I.657 now known to be safe. This makes total of 6 pilots lost in 956 day fighter sorties from Malta and Pantellaria on 11th

July and total enemy aircraft casualties of 32 destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 15 damaged.

11th/12th July. 9 Mosquitoes and 1 Hurricane made intruder patrols over aerodromes in Sicily and Southern Italy. In Italy 1 enemy bomber was destroyed over Cotrone aerodrome and cannon attacks were made on beacons and gun positions. 15 Beaufighters and 1 Mosquito made interception patrols over Southern Sicily destroying 1 Ju.88 south of Gela and 1 He.111 south of Syracuse and damaging 1 Piaggio 108 near Cape Spartivento. 3 Hurricanes made anti-searchlight patrol over the enemy's forward positions in South-eastern Sicily. Two Wellingtons made shipping searches in Gulf Taranto.

12th July. 728 Spitfire sorties have been flown in patrols over our shipping off the Southern Sicilian beaches and harbours. The following enemy reaction was experienced (details). 33 Spitfire sorties were made in escorting bombers and fighter bombers as follows (details).

12th July Ops. Of a total of 761 fighter sorties excluding Pantellaria Squadrons only 8 Spitfires have been lost of which the pilot of 1 is safe. Enemy casualties are 11 Me.109s, 2 Mc.202s, 1 F.W.190, 6 Mc.200s, 1 Me.110, 1 Ju.52, 1 Ju.87 destroyed, 4 Me.109s, 1 Mc.202, 1 Mc.200, 1 Me.110, 2 Ju.87s probably destroyed and 11 Me.109s, 1 F.W.190, 4 Mc.200s, 1 Re. 2001, 1 Me.110, 3 Ju.87s damaged.

(A.H.Q. Malta, 130700B.)

SAGITTA.

Sailed SAGITTA as instructed. Proceeding direct Suez from position M.

(N.O.I.C. Massawa, 130739Z to F.O.R.S.C.A., (R) Admty., C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Suez.)

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M.L.295. Your 121836B. Have now made R/V with M.L.307 keeping 2 in operator periods. (M.L.295, 130745 to (? V.A.) M. Algiers.)

Convoy Arrived less GAZANA straggler.
P.A. 44. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 130831Z to Admty.)

Enemy Following read: Position of 2 enemy merchant
Units. vessels and 2 destroyers 39° 20' N. 14° 00' E. (A/C GQRA via Alexandria W/T, 130840B.)
Enemy previously reported are 2 merchant vessels of 3,000 tons and 2 destroyers. Course and speed 360°, 4 knots.
(A/C call sign GQRA via Alex., 130850B to A.H.Q. Malta.)
Position of enemy is 39° 08' N. 14° 00' E., 0800.
(A/C GQRA via Malta, 130930 to A.H.Q. Malta.)

Docks Your proposed re-allocation of 350 ton docks is
allocation. not concurred in. Original British order was for 12 in number docks of this size which is essential for lifting the Britishbuilt type of L.C.T. L.C.I.(L) and U.S. built L.C.T. are within capacity of 250 ton dock.
2. Agree to exchange 350 ton dock originally requested for British use at Algiers for the 250 ton dock already unloaded there.
3. All docks (? and) slipways in this theatre must be regarded as far common use and dry dock will be made available for both U.S. and British small craft when other priority permits.
4. Request you will instruct Oran to load L.S.T.165 (which has taken place of L.S.T.159) in accordance with priority given in my original letter.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 130927Z to Comlan crabnaw, (R) Comamfornav Comnavnaw, Adm. and Op.)

TRIDENT. 13th July arrival TRIDENT.
(S.O.(I) Beirut, 130934C to Admty., (R) C. in C. Levant.)

TACTICIAN. A/C report medium tanker and one destroyer coast
information. crawling south at 7 knots off Monopoly at 0720 this morning.
(Capt. (S) 10, 130943B to TACTICIAN.)

M.E. Air A.659. Daily Opsum 76.
Report. 11th/12th July. 2 Liberators (B.24), 12 Halifaxes Reggio di Calabria airfield. 1 returned early. 1 bomber ?landed Valentia airfield owing to instrument failure. Near

/misses ...

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M.E. Air
 Report.
 (Contd.)

misses on hangars. 12 attacked Reggio di Calabria and airfield surface covered with bursts. Other bursts area of (north-east or north-west) hangars. Several small fires around airfield.

12th July. 78 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Reggio di Calabria marshalling yards and ferry slips and San Giovanni railroad yards and ferry slips. 4 returned early. 2 unable to release bombs. 45 bombed Reggio di Calabria. Bursts area of ferry berths. Ammunition sheds, south-west of underground fuel tanks, railway station and sidings. Other bombs fell in large area south of ferry berths and west of ammunition sheds. Either petrol or ammunition fire, started south of ferry berth, spread over extensive area. 1 B.24 believed shot down after bombing. 27 attacked San Giovanni. Mole straddled with bombs. Many hits on railroad yards. Area along coast from ferry terminal to southern end of railway sidings covered with bombs.

(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 130944Z.)

Part 2 my A.659. 1 small boat hit West of Mole. 6 Liberators (B.24) landed at Malta. 7 Wellingtons, 3 Baltimores (A.30), 1 Swordfish, 2 Walrus anti-submarine. 2 Beaufighters defensive patrols.

(H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 131047Z.)

Movements,
 Tripoli.

Following is a repetition of my 072359. Arrived L.C.T. 572, 586, 615. M.L.1281, RYE, L.C.T. 570, 583. Sailed FALK, L.C.T. 333, 356, 324, 387, 317, 572, 413, 410, 375, 420, 318, 583, 341, 377, 556, 537, 570, 361, 379, 445, 372, 308, 355, 390, 300, 306, 364, 311, 385, 307, 416, 339, 314, 446, 615, 325, 354, 603, 850, 554, 329.

Arrived and sail M.T.B.65.
 (S.N.O. Trip., 131001B to Admty.)

War Reg. Note: This version is different in many details to that originally received.

GERALDTON
 DERWENTDALE.

Strop 1 Appendix 5.E. Onward route from position (?205) through 035° 00' N. 015° 00' E. thence direct to position 269 and Q.K.B. 131. DERWENTDALE is being sailed from Malta to R/V in 035° 47' N. 015° 29' E. at 1800 today 13th. (C. in C. Med. 131032B to S.E.C. M.E.S.36, GERALDTON. (R) V.A.Malta).

Convoy ?

Request you will sail TARTAR, CIRCE and M.L's 559, 560 and 561 to R/V with Convoy (5 groups missed) 35° 21' N. 13° 33' E. course 14° 8 knots, at 1900/13 and escort 5 British M.T. Ships from that Convoy to Malta.

(C. in C. Med. 131043B to V.A. Malta (R) N.C.E.T.F., TARTAR, Capt. Coastal Forces Med. Capt. (D) 6, C.T.G. 80.2, U.S.D. WAINWRIGHT.)

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German U/B attacked and damaged 19th April. The U-boat attacked and seriously damaged 40 miles (corrupt group) from Tobruk by DULVERTON, EXMOOR on 19th April was German, not Italian. C. in C. Levant, 311 May, serial 440 refers. (C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 131048C to D.N.I.)

ANTELOPE, BOREAS, PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD. Route from War Channel through 40 ?(i) E.T.A. Algiers 2100/14th July. (C. in C. Med., A, 131153B to ANTELOPE, BOREAS, PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Naval Air Authorities Bone to Sousse, negative N.O.I.C. Sfax, N.O.I.C. Algiers). Cancel para. 2, 3, 4, and 5 (sailing orders) of my 131153. (C. in C. Med. A., 132153B to ANTELOPE etc).

M.W.S. 38 Request you will sail (list) for:
(A) Benghazi. (B) Tripoli. (C) Sfax. (D) Malta. (E) Sicily.
2. Cdre. Cdr. Berry R.N.R. in GLAUCUS, Vice Cdre. Master BRITISH SOLDIER.
3. N.C.E.T.F. pass to N.O.I.C. Augusta designate. (C. in C. Levant, 131213C to N.O.I.C. Alex).

U/B Following has been read. Submarine sighted by P.C.562 bearing 225 distance 15 miles from Capo Scalambsi Light. (Malta, W/T, 131345B to ?V.A. Malta).

Enemy Units One destroyer and 3 merchant vessels of 1500 tons in 39° 51' N., 14° 40' E. course 350° speed 5 knots. (A/C HUMP via Alexandria, 131353Z to A.H.Q. Malta).

P. 31 (UPROAR), P. 42 (UNBROKEN). (P. 31) UPROAR, (P. 42) UNBROKEN leave patrol p.m./15th routed along 018° to 035° 50' N. passing this position at 1400/17th. Thence course 270° to R/V with SWONA at end of eastern channel at 1000/18th. Surface passage on 17th and 18th as necessary. Part 2 follows. (N.T. in W.R.) (Capt. (S) 10, 131401B to 10th S/M F. TROOPER, (R) C. in C. Med., C.S.12, C.S.15, S.O. Force H. N.O.I.C. Malta, C. in C. Levant, Air H.Q. Malta).

BALTIC (Captured 29 June). F.O.I.C. Gibraltar's 011714 para. 6 (not to Commorseafron). BALTIC is ex-Dutch vessel, and Dutch will probably claim to recover her upon payment of certain expenses. M.W.T. are telegraphing M.W.T.R. Algiers, but meanwhile it is hoped that French will take no action in connection with vessel. Presume she is at Casablanca. (Hd. of M.I., 131407B to C. in C. Med., (R) Commorseafron).

/Dispositions...

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Dispositions Situation forecast area G/C 2000B Submarines excepted.
Convoy C.N.F.I. 37.23 09.29 13 knots westbound.
Convoy C.N.C.S. 37.12 10.37 8 knots westbound.
15 L.C.Ts. (?4) L.C.I.s. 30.20 11.50 8 knots eastbound.
9 L.C.Ts. 37.00 10.32 5 knots eastbound.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 131415B).

SEMINOLE Hospital ship SEMINOLE arrived.
(Com. Algeria, 131443B to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Connav, C. in C. Med).

ORISSA Arrival 0509Z.
(Cdre. Aden, 131451Z to C. in C. Levant, etc).

NEA HELLAS, West Africa Troop Movement. Your 122324B. There does not appear to be any alternative to use of NEA HELLAS as -
(a) DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, LLANGIBBY CASTLE, MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE, MONARCH OF BERMUDA, RUYSS and STRATHNAVER must return to U.K.
(b) DURBAN CASTLE, TEGELBERG and REINA DEL PACIFICO have insufficient capacity to replace

DUCHESS OF YORK.

(c) SAMARIA and probably also ORONTES and OTRANTO cannot reduce to 26 feet draught necessary for entering Lagos.

(d) It is in any case undesirable to send an L.S.I.(L) or L.S.P. on this trooping service.

2. Request therefore that A.M. 121946B to be complied with. The disembarkation of prisoners of war already on board will have to be accepted.

3. Agreed.

(D.S.T., 131550B to P.S.T.O. Med) Reply: 141640.

My 122324 OTRANTO has been selected.

(P.S.T.O. Med., 131715 to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.Af., Commorseafron, D.S.T.O. W.A., C. in C. Med).

Movements 13th July Port Said arrivals STORMWRACK, CUMBRAE.
Port Said. Departures L.C.Ts. 108, 112, 115, 116, 117, 132, 153, 157 each towing one L.C.M. CUMBRAE R.F.A. RELIANT.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 131737C to Admty. etc).

M.E.F. 37

Intend to sail convoy M.E.F.37 at 1800 13th for Malta speed 12 knots adjusting speed to arrive at Malta 0530 July 14 propose 11 merchant vessels escorted by WISHART, VENOMOUS, WITHERINGTON, HASTY, EASTON, HURWORTH, ADRIAN routed through 89 EB FC Q.K.B.146 request appropriate air protection codeword "Vigorous" call sign "Drum".
(N.O.I.C. Syracuse, 131738B to V.A. Malta, (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., Naval Comdre. Eastern Task Force, S.O. Force A.)

/N.W.A.A.F...

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N.W.A.A.F. Forces Opsum 142.
N.A. Strategic A.F. 10 July additional. 15
U.S. Lightnings targets opportunity Sicily. 3
returned early. 12 x 500. Truck convoy bombed
strafed Caltagirone.
11th July additional. 63 U.S. Lightning bombers sweep Sicily
7 returned early. Convoys Vizzini, Caltagirone, (?Prila),
Palagonia, Enna bombed strafed. Ammunition dump Palagonia blown
up. Radio station gun battery Enna strafed. 7 Me.109 encounter-
ed, 5 destroyed. 57 U.S. Marauders Gerbini satellite airfields,
ten returned early. 23 enemy aircraft encountered. Two Me.109
1 F.W. 190 destroyed, 3 Me.109, 1 Mc. 200 probably destroyed,
1 Me.109 damaged. 1 U.S. Marauder destroyed, 2 damaged.
11/12 July. 30 Wellingtons Trapani Marsala, Coma, Mazara del
Vallo. Fires explosions Marsala. Factories buildings Mazara del
Vallo, Town Trapani. 25 Wellingtons Monte Corvina, Veula
airfields. Runways, hangars, aircraft ground fires explosions.
12th July. 72 Mitchells Gerbini Satellite airfields. Runways
dispersals aircraft ground. 12 E/A encountered, 2 Me.109
destroyed, 1 probably destroyed. 79 U.S. Fortresses Messina
railroad bridges 6 returned early. Hits fires explosions on
bridges believed destroyed. 147 U.S. Lightning bombers sweep
Sicily. 15 returned early. Truck convoys Vallelunga.
Yatarina, Rafiadali, Enna, Caltanissetta, Castelermini. Build-
ings, troops Enna, trains, tracks Macammuto, wireless installa-
tions, buildings Agrigento bombed, strafed. 5 Me.109, Me.202
encountered, 3 destroyed, type not reported. 1 U.S. Lightning
destroyed. 27 U.S. Marauders escort 35 U.S. Lightnings
Agrigento. 2 bombers 4 Lightnings returned early. Barracks
area, Power Stations, Railroad station hit. 31 U.S. Marauders,
escort 34 U.S. Lightnings, Canicattitmeku (?) Bombers 1 fighter
returned early. Hits Marshalling Yards Tank Cars oil dumps.
Explosions.
N.W.A. Tactical Air Force: 12th July. 12 U.S. Bostons escort
32 U.S. Warhawks, Milo Airfield. 1 Fighter returned early.
Target covered 6 Me.109 encountered. 1 destroyed by escort. 3
bombers damaged by flak. 142 U.S. Mustangs bombed and strafed
Marshalling Yards Ninff, Termini, Imerese, Ribera. Trains
and Motor Transport also strafed. 1 Mc. 202 destroyed. 3
Mustangs destroyed, 1 missing 35 U.S. Warhawks provided cover
over battle area. 1 missing. 24 U.S. Mustangs tactical R/C.
(Ad. N.A.A.F., 131742B).

Nelson
Relics,
Sicily. Military Government of Sicily have been requested
as far as possible to safeguard Nelson relics
in Maniace Castle and Bronte Estate from
pilfering.
2. Request National Maritime Museum or Lord
Bridport send details air mail.
(C. in C. Med., Algiers, 131749NE to Admty. (R)
F.O.S.Y.)

H.S. Launch
175 and 174. Sailing H.S. Launch 175 at 0600/14th 25 knots for
Lampedusa through 262 thence direct E.T.A. 1100/14
Request you sail H.S. Launch 174 for Sfax same
time by reverse route. Estimate craft will cross
near 262.
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 131749B to N.O.I.C. Lampedusa,
(R) 1st Air Defence Wing A.I.G.68).
/Convoy...

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Convoy U.G.S.11. Destinations follow (list).
U.G.S.11. (C. in C. Med., A. 131755B to C.T.F.62).

Shipping ex Your 091714 para. 3 and Hon 6 appendix 1 and 3.
"Husky". In view of allocation of 6 Hunts ex group V and 12 corvettes ex groups B and D to Mediterranean and urgent need of these ships for through Mediterranean convoys, intend following revised programme for westbound slow shipping ex "Husky". Dates are approx. date of passing Gibraltar.

(A) M.K.S.18 U.S. portion joins G.U.S.10 escorted by U.S. escorts ex U.G.S.11 21st July.
(B) M.K.S.19 U.S. portion becomes G.U.S.10 X escorted to U.S. by TEVIOT, ERNE, BANFF, ARTECLARE, FISHGUARD. 25th July.
(C) U.K. portion of M.K.S.18 and 19 if in time joins S.L.153. 25th July.
(D) M.K.S.20 and 19 if not in time for (C) U.K. portion escorted by waifs of Group V, BOREAS, LIDDESDALE and 16th M/S flotilla 30th July.
(E) U.S. portion of M.K.S.20 joins G.U.S.11 7th August.
(F) M.K.S.19 Y may join M.K.S.20 or may join S.L.134 9th August.

Comnavnaw consulted and agrees. Hon being amended accordingly.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 131807B to Admty).

Air Report. A.204. 13th July. Signed Eisenhower.
Cositintrep No.3. 12th July. Part 3. Air.
African based Air Forces. 11 July Beaufighters attacked two M/Vs 4/6000 tons 20 miles S.E.

Sardinia scoring three torpedo hits on one. Other hits scored on 2 M/Vs and a destroyer. Night 11/12 July 30 Wellingtons bombed Trapani, Marsala and Mazara del Vallo with good results. 144 C.47 Dakotas dispatched during darkness to drop paratroops met intense flak, 6 returned with load and 23 are missing. Day 12 July. 73 B.17 Fortresses attacked Messina RR Yards with excellent results, large explosions and many fires seen both bridges are claimed to have been destroyed. 72 B.25 Mitchells attacked Gerbini landing grounds, hits on power station barracks and RR installations. A.20 Bostons and Baltimores bombed A/Ds and communication targets direct hit on bridge at Prizzi. Fighters and fighter bombers attacked communication targets and patrolled beaches 90 M/T and 3 locomotives claimed destroyed other M/T and trains successfully attacked. 47 A.36s bombed Termini harbour and town.

Part 2 to follow. (N.T. in W.D.)
(Air C. in C. Med., No T.O.O./13 to A.F.H.Q. Algiers etc).

TAURUS Delay date in my 101749 (TAURUS to bombard Nea Playia) Patrol off F. Further signal will follow.
(Capt. S.1., 131823C to TAURUS).

/German...

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German Mine. German "S" type ground mine recovered in 9 fathoms at Famagusta and rendered safe. Request instructions re disposal.
(Cdore. Levant area, 131926C to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty. VERNON, N.O.I.C. Famagusta Cyprus).

HOY Departure
(N.O.I.C. Sfax, 131931B to Admty).

Assessments of U/Bs attacked. Situation described in para. 1 of A.M. 081851 July does not exist on Levant Station where there are no U.S. Naval or Air A/S Forces operating.
2. While this condition continues it is considered preferable that assessments on Levant Station should continue to be made by the Assessment Committee already in existence.
(C. in C. Levant, 131949C to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med., Air Min. Cominch).

Movements Haifa. 13th Arrivals IERAX G.S. and PANTHER G.S. Departure M.L. 385 and 384.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports, 132052C to Admty).

Movements Oran. Departures today. S.C.533. Y.M.S.29, 30. Arrivals. U.S.S. ROE, French ships LA PERLE, CHASSEUR III.
(Com. N.O.B. Oran, 132123B to Admty).

SUTLEJ Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Benghazi 132214C to Admty).

A/C enemy contact. Have obtained A.S.V. contact 2217B 38° 32' N., 12° 50' E.
(A/C BUBH via Alexandria W/T, 132218 to 558)
W.R. Note. No indication given whether submarine or surface vessel.

Movements Bizerta. Arrivals P.C.(?559), 550, 545. S.C.534, 308, 277. P.T. (?208) 209, 214, 210, 201, 212, 211, 217, 204, 207, 215, 216. L.S.T. 360, 383, 379, 359, 348, 358, 372, 373, 314, (?337), 326, 375, 388 one 350 PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE, MONKEY, WRENCH (as received).
Departures ACUTE, CLACTON, BUDE, ALGERINE, ROTHESAY, ALBACORE, P.T.202. M.G.B.646, 643, 645, 647 (?641) 268. L.S.T.353, 332, 318, 157 (?316) 315, 349, 197, 310, 317, 6, 386, (?351) 376, 327, 347. M.T.B. 315, 316, 2601, 213, 265, 290, 295, 288, 289, 309.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 132247B to Admty. etc).

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LLANDOVERY
 CASTLE.

Situation report area XA. LLANDOVERY CASTLE sailed at 2105B/13 for Acid (N) through (X) (W) (V) (U) speed $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. E.T.A. 0430B/15th. (S.N.O. Tripoli 132250B to C. in C. Med. Malta. etc).

Convoy
 M.K.F.18.

Arrived.
 (Cdre. Algeria, 132258B to Admty.etc).

Movements
 Sousse.

Arrival 11th PRINSES BEATRIX, QUEEN EMMA, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, LAUDERDALE, OAKLEY, JOHN AND NORAH, and M.L.462.

Departure COVERLEY and NUBIAN arrived for repairs ROYAL ULSTERMAN, EGGESFORD.

Departure M.L. 462 arrived 13th KING SOL, REIGHTON WYKE, VISENDA for repairs ST. DAVID departure LAUDERDALE. OAKLEY, EGGESFORD, KING SOL, REIGHTON WYKE, VISENDA, INCHCOLM. (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 132323B to Admty).

Movements
 Algiers.

Arrivals HOWE, KING GEORGE V, JERVIS, PANTHER, PENN, PATHFINDER, ARROW, PALADIN, ISIS, FARNDALE, CLEVELAND, CALPE, HAYDON, TYNEDALE, KRAKOWIAK, PUCKERIDGE, ANTHONY.

Departures BLUEBELL, DIANELLA, WEASEL, M.T.B. 649 S/M SICKLE (P.224). Arrived and departed M.L.273.

(Cdre. Algeria, 132329B to Admty. etc).

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North Africa -
Situation Report.

MOST SECRET. M E S S A G E. No T.O.O./13th July. I

From. A.F.H. . Algiers. Date. 14.7.43.
Recd. 0940.

C Y P H E R.

Addressed. The War Office. C. in C. Middle East.
First Army L. of C., G.O.C. in C. East
Africa, C. in C. Persia/Iraq, C. in C.
India. Pass to USMOR, CANMIL London.
C.G.S. Canada. L.H.Q. Melbourne.
C.G.S. South Africa. B.A.S. Washington.
C.G.S. New Zealand (for Puttick),
H.M. Ambassador Madrid (for U.S.
Ambassador Madrid). Resident Minister
Achmota, Britmilat Ankara.

138712. 357 cipher 13 July.
Cite: FHGOT Signed C. in C, Linrep 63.

Summary of operations 8 to 11 July.

1. Ground.

As reported 10 July initial bridgeheads were successfully secured on Sicilian coast. During 11 July our forces made further satisfactory progress, although limits of advance not yet definitely known. Eight Army captured Pachino with important airfield and Syracuse with port installations in good working order. By 1630 hours 11 July our line West and South of Syracuse ran from Panagia (J1435) - Florida - Noto Dals Roselini - Pezzalle. Exact line Seven Army not known but fighting is West of Vitterio and on high ground North of Gela. (?Canicatti) and Licata have been secured. Meanwhile build up progressing satisfactorily.

2. Naval.

Heavy units of the Mediterranean Fleet have been at sea off Eastern Sicily to cover our landings and an American cruiser and destroyer force has operated off the Western approaches to the Island. The assault was preceded by feint bombardment of Catania by cruisers destroyers and M.T.Bs and was supported by British, U.S. and other Allied units. In operations prior to assault, enemy submarine was sunk West of Algiers on 6 July and another was reported damaged.

Cont. para 3.

3. Air.

Heavy and concentrated air attacks have been made to soften defences and to render enemy airfield in Sicily unusable. Again Gerbini airfields were main target, being attacked by 75 B-17s. Fortresses on 8 July, by 36 B-25s Mitchells on following day and by 81 B-17s on 10 July. Other airfields raided include Sciacca and Biscari while Caltanisseta and Catania have been heavily bombed. Fighters of Coastal Air Force flew great number of missions over our convoys which reached destination with negligible interference from hostile air. Anti-submarine patrols were also carried out. As indication of fighter effort over our ground forces over 860 Spitfire sorties were flown from Malta on 11 July over beaches in Southeast Sicily.

4. Enemy.

Enemy ground opposition to initial landings lacked determination. Considerable evidence of tactical surprise. Prisoners (?so far) exclusively from coastal units. No major contact with Italian field formations or German troops. Some evidence enemy preparing counter attack Northeast Gola and in direction Syracuse. German motorized troops as well as elements Hermann Goering division believed present, probable operating in battle-groups. Local population mainly co-operative.

5. Political.

Under the Giraud French Army reorganization now in progress, General Juin has become Chief of General Staff, and Officers of Quartermaster General and Chief Administrative Officer have been abolished. Army Generals Prioux and Leupinel going at least momentarily on the inactive list. Muselier relieved as special assistant to Giraud for maintenance of public order. Juin has issued orders to Commander Nineteenth Army Corps to stop recruiting in his area by outside forces. General De Larminat, Chief of Staff to Gaullist Forces, has set up his Headquarters in same building with Juin.

No T.O.O./13.

Standard Liaison
Report Distribution.

1409.

4th S.L.
96 Battle M/S.
P.A.S.(S).

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AORANGI,
CERES. 509 C, Bombay 11, 14 July, AORANGI, Durban
29 July, escorted by CERES at 12 knots to
position (B) thence knots 13, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ (route).
(Bombay 130542Z to S.O.(I) Colombo, C. in C.E.F.)

RECORDER. Seychelles 1200Z/13th. Cable ship RECORDER.
Kilindini 18th, 9 knots.
(Seychelles 130845Z to Admty.)

B.A.45. Sailing telegram, (2 ships, ISLAMI, EKMA.)
2. 0830/13th July. 3. S.T.A. crossing 055° E.
0630Z/19 July. 3A. E.T.A. Aden 0930/22nd July.
4. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. 5. (Route). 6. (?) CHITRAL.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 130925Z to Admty. etc.)

NIEUW
HOLLAND,
CUBA. Owing to hold up in dry docking arrangements
unable to sail NIEUW HOLLAND before 23rd and
CUBA 28th.
(P.S.T.O.I. 131013Z to C. in C.E.F.)

KARACHI. Arrival.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi 131026Z.)

India Air
Report. A.275, 13 July Daily Opsum No. 485. 12th July.
2 Beaufighters attacked and damaged 2 large
paddle steamers, 1 oil barge and group of factory
sheds just S. of Yenangyaung.
Outstanding reports 14 U.S.A.A.F. 7 July. 9
U.S. Mitchells B.25 escorted by 24 U.S. Kittyhawks P.40 attacked
Canton. Total 10 tons bombs dropped on large M/V and railroad
train. Results unobserved due cloud.
(A.H.Q. India 131030Z to Air Min.)

B.P.87 Sailing telegram (?7 ships). 2. 1030Z/13th July.
3. E.T.A. crossing 062° 1200Z/17th July. 3(?A).
E.T.A. West of (?Cape Rigorous) 1400Z/19th July.
4. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (Route). 6. BURNIE, BOMBAY, KONKAN.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 131041, 131043Z to Admty.)

Movements
Bombay. Arrival 0600Z THANKRA (sic) with one ship.
1000Z DIPAVATI. Departure 0830Z CHITRAL with B.A.
45. 1030Z BURNIE, BOMBAY, KONKAN with B.P.87.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 131152Z to Admty. etc.)

EMPIRE
TUGELA,
EMPIRE
NIGER. Reference Vessel named in my 190302 June for
EMPIRE NIGER read EMPIRE TUGELA. Understand
estimated date of completion of repairs second
half August, 1943.
2. EMPIRE NIGER ex German FRAUENFELS also KTDER
(sic) reconstruction estimated to complete March,
1944.
3. Both appear to have excellent potentialities.

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EMPIRE 4. Request D.S.T. may be asked for early decision
TUGELA, whether both vessels can be made available as
EMPIRE M.T.ships (?Grade I) for training and operations.
NIGER. (D.C.O.India 131201Z to C.C.O. (R) D.G.S.R.
(Contd.) P.S.T.O.India, S.O.A.S.C.(I) SALSETTE.)

Movements. RELENTLESS arrived.
F.O.E.Af. 131222Z to Admty.)
Colombo departures 13th 0100Z MAGNOLIA.
(F.O.Ceylon 131310Z.)

FERNCASTLE No news your 111756 (requesting any news of
(Nor.) FERNCASTLE) C. in C.E.F's 121537 not to S.O.(I)
overdue. Colombo refers.
(S.N.O.Persian Gulf 131441Z to Admty. etc.)

RESOLUTION Intended programme for RESOLUTION and Force X
Force X. from Kilindini to Durban.
2. Route for all groups through M. 009° 42' S.
041° 58' E. N. 017° 35' S. 042° 20' E. O. 025°
10' S. 041° 43' E. P. 028° 52' S. 038° 34' E.
Group Q will pass through position L. 007° 01' S. 041° 51' E.
in addition to other positions.
3. Group Q (RESOLUTION and F.Battle LORRAINE) escorted by
ROTHERHAM, RACEHORSE, RELENTLESS, NORSEMAN, and NAPIER to sail
from Kilindini at 1215Z/16th to R/V destroyers of south
Atlantic escort force in 019° 01' S. 042° 12' E. at 1300Z/19th.
When met ROTHERHAM and RELENTLESS to continue with group Q to
Durban NAPIER to continue with group Q to prudent limit of
endurance then to be detached to proceed Durban direct RACEHORSE
and NORSEMAN to return Kilindini. Group Q E.T.A. Durban 0400Z/
23rd.
4. Group R. (F.Cruiser DUQUESNE and F.Cruiser TOURVILLE) to leave
Kilindini at 1500 escorting from 15th, E.T.A. Durban 0600Z/20th.
5. Group S. (F.Cruiser SUFFREN and F.Cruiser DUGUAY TROUIN) to
leave Kilindini 1500Z/16th E.T.A. Durban 0600Z/21st.
8. Cancel my 050927.
(C. in C.E.F. 131506Z to C. in C.S.A. RESOLUTION, V.A.Godfroy,
R.A.Dillend, (R) Admty. F.O.E.Af. F.Battleship LORRAINE, R.A.E.F.)

Convoy Arrived less VAESOVA (Straggler.)
K.B.2. (N.C.S.O.Bombay 131610Z to Admty.)

SCOTIA. Your 090529. Request report on nature of damage.
(D.T.D.132009B to N.C.S.O.Bahrein, (R) S.N.O.P.G.)

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131930B/July

To G.O.C. in C. East Africa.

Date 13/7/43

Cypher

Bases

From The War Office.

091/3337 99051 ciphor (M.O.7) 13 July.

Following from Defence Bases Committee.

Your O/117024 dated 22 June.

1. Your paragraph 2.

(a) Confirmed that scale of attack as in 90198 (M.I.17) of 16 June applies whole command.

(b) Possibility of attack by carrier-borne aircraft is considered negligible.

2. Your paragraph 2. Kilindini. In view negligible scale of attack we feel our proposal of 16 H.A.A. guns sufficient.

3. Your paragraph 2. Implementation A.A. defences Grand Port Tombeau Tanga is at your discretion. 8 H.A.A. guns allocated to you July will raise your holding to 52 H.A.A. guns which is sufficient to cover all defences. Trg. requirement should be met by use of equipment earmarked for deployment later at op. sites.

4. Your paragraph 3. Kilindini see 2 above. Existing scales for Grand Port and Tombeau approved recently by Chiefs of Staff. Would emphasise that implementation is at your discretion. We accept reduction in accordance with your proposals at Diego Suarez.

5. Your paragraph 3. GL target is one per four H.A.A. guns. Your holding now seven sets. Rogrot no date can yet be given for allocation further sets. Your reference to four GL sets "should be SLC with mag slip transmission" NOT understood.

6. Your paragraph 4. We are anxious effect maximum saving CA personnel. We agree with you that only one

/ gun

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gun of anti-ship and AMTB batteries at Kilindini and Diego Suarez need be at immediate readiness. Despite your 4(a) presume Navy agrees. On this basis request you submit detailed proposals for all CA batteries in your command.

7. Your 4(b). Position regarding CD early warning sets is as follows. Total allotment 10, of which 5 already installed 3 on route and remaining 2 await shipment.

8. Your 4(c) agreed.

9. Your 5. Qualification regarding implementation will be amended to read "A.A. scales of defence to be implemented at discretion of G.O.C. in C. East Africa from his own resources".

10. Your 5 thirdly. Can NOT send complete units from U.K. We realise and accept that until A.A. formation and trg. programme more advanced you may be unable man all equipments.

11. Your 6 and 7. Present scale of attack does NOT justify retaining R.A.F. operators to man one TRU and one COL at Kilindini. Consider paragraph 12(ii) of Draft Plan should therefore remain.

12. Your 9. Your amendments are accepted.

13. We will defer submission of plans to C.O.S. pending your reply to 2 and 6 above.

131930B

Distribution by M.O.7

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| C.I.G.S. | D.R.A. |
| V.C.I.G.S. | D.D.R.A.(O)(W) |
| D.M.O. | R.A.1,3,4,6 |
| D.D.M.O.(O) | Sec. D.B.C. |
| M.O.1,5,7 | C.N.S. Admiralty |
| D.S.D. | H.W.R., Admiralty |
| D.D.S.D.(A) | C.A.S., Air Ministry |
| S.D.2 | A.M.C.S., Air Ministry |

Received from War Office 2214/14.

★ 231720 re discussions on existing
R.N. situation and R.A.F. Ops. work.

Advance copies Duty Captain, D.O.D.(F), D.D.I.C.

1st Lord
1st S.L.(2)
D.F.S.L.
3rd S.L.
4th S.L.
5th S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)
A.C.N.S.(W)
A.C.N.S.(A)(2)
A.C.N.S.(H)
P.A.S.(S)
D.O.D.(F)(2)
D.O.D.(H)(2)
D.N.I.(4)
D. of P.(2)
D.C.(2)
D.D.I.C.(2)
D. of P.(Q)(2)
Head of M.(2)
I.P.(2)
W.B.
Admiral Blake
D.N.A.O.
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D. of L.D.
Head of Air

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Movements Saint Johns N.F. July 12th. Arrivals STRATFORD ex B.W. 39. HONESTY ex H.J.61. EDMONSTON ex Pictou. Departures SAMSONIA, FUSILIER to W.H.X. 247. MALPEQUE, FENNEL to W.B.32. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns 130021Z).

Arrival BADDECK from O.N.191.

(C. Halifax 131142).

Departure 13th U.S. A.T. MATTOLE for high seas.

(Aruba 131580Z).

Arrival TRAIL ex J.H. 59.

(C. Halifax 132015Z).

LETHBRIDGE LETHBRIDGE with BROCKVILLE in company 042 degs. 43' N. 059 degs. 40' W. 054 degs. to 045 degs. 30' N. 052 degs. 30' W. 14 knots. (LETHBRIDGE 130100Z to C. in C.C.N.A. (R) F.O.N.F. N.S.H.Q.).

E.T.A.141030Z boiler hrs. In company BROCKVILLE. Weather report. (LETHBRIDGE 132220Z to F.O.N.F. (R) D. St. Johns).

T.A.54 Convoy T.A.54 sailed from U.K. 10/7 for Halifax. (QUEEN (2) Details of personnel on board are being ELIZABETH). communicated by the War Office to C.G.S. Ottawa and Milstaf Washington. (D. of S.T. 130310B to N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D., C.O.A.C., B.M.W.T. New York).

Dispositions My 121530Z amend O.N. 191 041 degs. 44' 061 degs. 18' 274 degs. 10 alter to 244 degs. in 062. 01' West W.3. W.9. (7) (?Halifax) portion O.N.191, 042 degs. 05' 060 degs. 55' 320 degs. 6 knots.

BADDECK 042 degs. 08' 061 degs. 10' independent to Halifax. (C. in C.C.N.A. 130322Z).

Task Group Cinclant's 121407 addressed to Task Group 21.13 for action informs as follows: Modify my 012356. GREENE and 1 additional vessel Cortdiv 1 detached Task Group 21.13. Direct both vessels report to me. (Comnavu 130923Z to Admty.).

Note: Ref. Cinclant's 012356 to A.C.V. BOGUE was sent to Admiralty as Comnavu's 021606.

This is C.T.G.21.13 dispatch 121620 addressed to C. in C. Lant for action.

GREENE and G.E. BADGER detached this date. Your 121407. (Comnavu 130926Z to Admty.).

U/S.S/M. (Cominch 131250Z).
Estimate.

/A.T.55...

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(PASTEUR).Convoy A.T.55. Request you will sail PASTEUR on 17th from Halifax to Clyde.
(2) Fighter protection codeword "Sateen".
(D.O.D.(H) 131324B to C. in C.C.N.A.).Swedish
Relief
Ships.1200 14th AKKA and YARRAWONGA, Swedish relief vessels, Piraeus via Gibraltar July 26, knots 13, ships to follow reverse of route in Admiralty's 122129 March to 350 degs. 5 miles from Cape Spartel, thence Spanish Territorial waters to 180 degs. 5 miles from Canara Point thence contact guardship. Q.K.A. 105.
(St. Johns N.B. 131352Z to Admty.).

GREENWICH

GREENWICH speed not expected to exceed 5½ knots departs St. Johns N.F. about 17th to refit at New Orleans. Intend to escort ship to Boston.
(2) Information is requested as to what arrangements have been made for onward route and escort.
(C. in C.C.N.A. 131534Z to B.A.D (R) B.A.M.R. N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. Admty.).A.T.56
(QUEEN
ELIZABETH).A.T.56 QUEEN ELIZABETH. Army intend to embark 20 and 21 for sailing 22 July vide War Office signals 86034 of June 3 and 87576 of June 8.
(N.S.H.Q. 131605Z to Admty. (R) C. in C.C.N.A. B.A.D. Connav).

Dispositions

L.N.15 H.M.C.S. ALBERNI, ALGOMA, MOOSEJAW, VILLE DE QUEBEC 051 degs. 41' 056 degs. 13' 050 degs. 9 altering to 016 degs. in 052 degs. 01' N.
S.B.51 BAFFIN 048 degs. 57' 058 degs. 44' 040 degs. 7.5 altering for Cornerbrook in 049 degs. 09' N.
S.Q.58 UNGAVA, PAYNTER, LORD MIDDLETOWN, 048 degs. 28' 062 degs. 12' 299 degs. 8 altering to 285 degs. in 064 degs. 09' W.
BRANTFORD 049 degs. 08' 067 degs. 16' 12 to Gaspé.
MILLTOWN vicinity 047 degs. 41' 060 degs. 48' 317 degs. 12 altering for Gaspé in 047 degs. 56' N. 061 degs. 06' West.
CLAYOQUOT escorting SPAB departs Sydney (C.B.) 1000Z/14th to Port Basque.
THUNDER patrolling Cabot Strait.
H.M.C. M.L. 093, 097, 096, carrying out A/S sweep to eastward of Cabot Strait patrol.
RED DEER, DRUMMONDVALE patrolling Cabot Strait. RED DEER leaves patrol 0900Z/14th proceeds by direct route to Pictou (N.S.).
(C. in C.C.N.A. 131736Z).

G.U.S.8A.

This is P.D. Norfolk 110043 passed for information. Chesapeake detachment G.U.S.8A. arrived 2218Z/10th. (Radio Washington 131820Z to C.E.S.F. etc.,).

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BYARD

Sailing BYARD when ready about 17th Boston to Bermuda direct for working up. Upon completion of about one weeks working up N.O.B. Bermuda sailing to Argentia direct for passage to U.K. C. in C.C.N.A. requested to sail BYARD onward with a suitable convoy escort group. Action addressees advise times of departure, routes, S. of A.

(Cominch 131855Z to C.E.S.F., N.O.B., Bermuda, (R) Com. 1st N.D., Boston, C. in C. Lant, Admty. N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.At., C.T.F.24., F.O.N.F., C. in C.C.N.A., C. in C.W.A., BYARD.).

U.S.A.T.

141000 HUGH J. GALLAGHER (U.S.A.T.) Tobago Barbados St. Lucia and return to Trinidad. (Route). (R.O. Port of Spain 131945 to Admty.).

T.A.54

QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

E.T.A. Chebucto Head 2359Z/14th.
Passed 1 berg and 1 growler in 045 degs. 40' N. 041 degs. 25' W.
(QUEEN ELIZABETH 132040Z to C. in C.C.N.A.).

Sub attack
and sighting
summary.

All times Z.
(A) P.B.4.Y. attacks sub, course 070 degs. 04.22 S. 33.25 W. 130036.
(C) Radar contact 2114 N. 73.57 W. 130050. Navy bomber sights sub. course 130 23.45 N. 49.25 W. 121900. Sub. sighted 18.09 N. 75.01 W. 122230. (Cominch 132049Z to Admty.).

Shipping
Instructions.

There is some uncertainty out here as to who is responsible for conveying naval instructions (or ensuring that they are conveyed) to the M.W.T.R. New York and even on occasion to the several B.R.L.Os. whether these instructions emanate from London, Ottawa or Washington, and generally as to the proper channel for communication and consultation between the M.W.T.R. and the various Naval Authorities such as would be arranged direct in London between M. of W.T. and Admiralty. Without venturing upon a firm recommendation it has been in my mind that some re-organization on the following lines might be considered. At the beginning of the war the Navy Department raised no objection to Ottawa being the central authority for the control of all B.R.L.Os. etc. in North America. The situation is now changed somewhat and the Navy Department is becoming more and more interested in these matters and taking a growing interest in convoy organization etc., Therefore if Ottawa remained in

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directional charge as far as Canada itself is concerned, the directional control for the U.S.A. might possibly be vested in B.A.D. who has the advantage of a staff actually working side by side in the Navy Department with what corresponds to out Trade Division. If this suggestion should appeal to Their Lordships and they decide to adopt something of the sort, I would do my best to father the new organization through initial stages. Admiral Manisty is on his way home and will explain fully on arrival, and Captain Scholfield discussed the whole question at length with me during his recent visit.
(B.A.D. 132119Z to Admt.).

U.S.
Dispositions.

Here is Cominch's 131643: Change my 061615 Serial 82.
Pacific NASSAU, YORKTOWN, CONCORD at sea Delete HELENA.
Atlantic: MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI at Bahia TEXAS, BLOCK ISLAND in New York ALABAMA in Iceland, NEVADA, CROATAN at Coco Solo, RANGER, AUGUSTA, TUSCALOOSA in Argentina, OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD, SANTEE, BOGUE at sea LEXINGTON in Norfolk.
(Comnavu 132124 to Admt.).

79th M.L.
Flot.

Take 79 M.L. Flot. consisting of M.L. 088 S.O. M.L. 053, 058 and 091 under your orders weigh and proceed at 0800Z/14th July coastwise to Sydney (C.B.) via Cape North.
(2) S. of A. 12 knots. (3) E.T.A. Sydney (C.B.)
0001Z/15th. (4) W/T watch as follows constant 2410 kc/s guard on 425 kc/s. (5) Carry out A/S sweep en route Halifax.
(SOREL 132238Z to S.O. 79th M/L Flotilla (R) N.S.H.Q., C. in C.C. N.A., F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. Sydney (C.B.), Capt. M.L. S.N.O. Pictou, C.X.O. Mulgrave).

B.Y.M.S.

Follow procedure for my 100002 and sail B.Y.M.S. 191. 212. 229 when ready about 19 July.
(Cominch 132320Z to C.E.S.F.).

Australia and New Zealand.Digest serial
No. 539 July
12th.

(5) Forenoon R/C Fortress bombed harbour on Garove Island in Witu Group.
(6) Morning photos show 4 vessels under 1000 tons additional to known wreck and 12 luggers in Wewak

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Digest harbour where usual barge activity noticeable.
 Serial (7) Pictures Hansa Bay same (?day (1 group missing)
 No.539 disclose 30 barges and heavy activity over entire
 July 12th area.
 (Contd.). (10) Ref. Digest 538 para.5. further 17 Mitchells
 failed to locate barges Salamaua area afternoon
 11th and attacked Salamaua and neighbouring
 villages instead.
 (14) Munda bombarded night 11th/12th by U.S. surface forces
 followed after daybreak by 49 Avengers 37 Dauntless which bombed
 encampment and Ack Ack positions. 16 fighters Pbas Rendova
 fighter patrol gave cover. Simultaneously Mitchells bombed Vila
 airfield.
 (16) 150 Japanese killed plus many wounded during Allied advance
 to Enogai Inlet where our positions strafed evening 11th by
 enemy floatplanes.
 (18) Photos Buin forenoon 12th show 2 destroyers, 1 small
 tanker. Additional 1 destroyers, 1 cargo ship observed approaching
 Buin through Bougainville Strait.
 (19) Forenoon search Liberator unsuccessfully attacked single
 destroyer escorting 1 merchantman 100 miles northeast of Buka
 Course 310 degs.
 (20) Evening 12th 2 possible destroyers observed off northwest
 coast Vella Lavella and at approx. midnight 1 cruiser, 5
 destroyers sighted north of Vella Lavella heading southeast
 speed 25 knots.
 (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 130320Z).

Movements U.S. Transport MAETSUYCKER arrived Milne Bay 12th.
 U.S. Transport BOTH departed Milne Bay 11th due
 Townsville 14th.
 Hired Transport KATOOMBA, DUNTROON, TAROONA, departed Townsville
 12th due Port Moresby 14th.
 U.S. Transports C.R.34 VAN HEUTSZ departed Townsville 12th due
 Milne Bay 15th.
 (C.S.W. P.S.F. 131023Z).
 U.S. Transport LURLINE arrived Brisbane 13th July.
 (C.S.W. P.S.F. 131100Z).
 Arrivals Gladstone 12th CASTLEMAINE, Townsville 12th BOWEN
 Milne Bay 12th DELORAINE.
 Departures Brisbane 12th U,S, (D) Tender DOBBIN for Mackay
 Townsville 12th SWAN, PIRIE for Port Moresby Milne Bay 11th
 BUNBURY for Townsville.
 (A.C.N.B. 131127Z to Admty. etc.).

Convoy (A) Sailing telegram. (B) 1605Z/13th July.
 O.C.108 (C) 9 Ships, list.
 Escorts WARRNAMBOOL, KALGOURLIE, BROOME.
 (N.C.S.O. Melbourne 131642Z to Admty. etc.).

Convoy (A) Sailing telegram.
 T.N.116 (B) July 12th. (C) CREMER, KEY PITMAN, CITY OF
 FORT WORTH, VAN HEUTSZ, FALL RIVER.

/ (D)...

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T.N.116
(Contd.).

(D) PIRIE (S.O.) S.C. 746, Y.M.S.53.
(N.O.I.C. Townsville 122330 to Admt.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 131348B, 131349B).

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Home Commands.

Operation
"Musketry".

1. The 2nd Escort Group of 4 Sloops left their A/S patrol in the S.E. "Musketry" area at 1400B today and BERMUDA left patrol at 2200 for Plymouth. In view of the large number of U-boats reported in the Biscay area, F.O.S. intends S/Ms on passage to Gibraltar to carry out A/S patrols of about 5 days duration in the Bay of Biscay.

Air attack
on Hull.

2. Widespread damage and some casualties were caused at Hull in the early hours of today, by aircraft which were not detected until shortly before they crossed the coast. Minelaying is not suspected.

Foreign Stations.

Dispositions
of "C" and
"D" class
cruisers.

3. Revised dispositions of cruisers of the "C" and "D" classes are contained in an Admiralty signal today to the C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

North Atlantic.

U/B attacked.

4. A S.A.A.F. aircraft attacked a U-boat in 40.03 N., 17.57 W. (316 miles W.N.W. of Lisbon) at 1114 today. 4 of the U-boat's crew were seen in the sea. The aircraft was damaged by the U-boat's gunfire.

South Atlantic.

SEBASTIAN
CERMENO
sunk.

5. Commodore Durban reported today that SS. SEBASTIAN CERMENO, American, Suez for Bahia and Paramaribo, independent, was torpedoed at 0815Z on 27th June and sank 10 minutes later in 29° S. 59.10 E. Of 73 in the crew and armed guard, 29 have been recovered to date.

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Saldanha Bay. 6. The Admiralty state that commitments elsewhere rule out the practicability of providing additional boom vessels for Saldanha Bay, and some loss in the efficiency of the defence must be accepted.

Mediterranean.Operation "Husky".

7(a) Rear Admiral R.R. McGrigor assumed duty as F.O. Sicily at noon today.

Syracuse (b) The personnel convoy completed discharge today and sailed. The store ships convoy was berthed.

Augusta (c) German counter attack early this morning reached Augusta harbour and one of our brigades was cut off in the town. The situation was restored by noon.
The port party for Augusta was reported returning there at 1952. A/A defences were in process of being installed, and F.O. Sicily informed N.C.E. T.F. that further convoys could now be received. Damage to the port is not great. Four oil and petrol carriers were captured intact, and the floating dock is apparently undamaged.

Acid and Bark West landing concluded. (d) At 2007B, Naval Commander, Force A, reported that he had finished at Acid and that BULOLO was no longer required. He suggested he should leave the final clewing up to S.N.O.L.H. and proceed to Malta at noon tomorrow to report before proceeding to Alexandria.
Bark West beach was also closed today.

BROOKLYN mined. (e) U.S. cruiser BROOKLYN with the Commander, 13th U.S. Cruiser Division was mined twice in a U.S. minefield off Gela at 1115 today and is damaged, apparently not seriously. A third mine was fouled in her paravane.

M.G.B. 641 sunk. (f) M.G.Bs. on patrol in the Straits of Messina engaged an enemy submarine at 2239 today which submerged, possibly damaged. Shore batteries opened fire and sank M.G.B. 641. There were no casualties.

U/B sunk (g) UNRULY, on patrol north of Sicily reports that she has sunk a U-boat. No details are known.

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Catania.

(h) Commandoes were landed at the south end of Catania Bay by PRINS ALBERT last night. EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield at the same time. Other ships supported by gunfire as required. Paratroops captured Catania bridge during the night and the Armoured Brigade made contact with them today. Otherwise there was no large advance, but considerable fighting.

Italian Fleet.

(i) P.R.U. photographs showed no change in major units at Taranto, Spezia and Genoa, but one D class cruiser has left Spezia and one C class has left Genoa. Both ships were seen 20 miles S.E. of Genoa.

Air Operations.

(j) There was little enemy air activity today and the Sicily airfields are clear. Our own air force is operating from Pachino, Licata and Comiso. Heavy air attacks were made on Messina last night and today: bursts were seen near the Naval H.Q., naval barracks, dry dock and U-boat berths, as well as on shore installations. Palermo was also bombed last night, by 32 Wellingtons. Coastal aircraft sank 4 enemy merchant ships in the Tyrrhenian Sea today. D.21 reported being bombed by enemy aircraft at 2342.

General.

TRIDENT

8. A summary of the 4th war patrol of TRIDENT shows that at 0500/27 June she sank a 100 ton caique with gunfire in 35.54 N., 25.10 E; at 0620 2 July she sank a 40 ton caique with gunfire in 36.32 N., 27.45 E; at 2018/2 she sank the larger of 2 small eastbound caiques off Kandaliuba by gunfire; at 0009/4 she scored a torpedo hit on a 3,500 ton M/V escorted by 2 destroyers; at 0650/8 she engaged with gunfire a hydrophone fitted decoy ship with a 3.7 inch gun behind collapsible bulwarks; and at 2114/9 she fired 20 rounds of 4 inch at a bauxite installation at Amorgos.

RORQUAL

9. A summary of RORQUAL's 21st minelaying operation and 8th war patrol shows that in addition to laying mines off Kassandra Point on 2 July and north of Cape Sepias on 3 July she attacked and sank on 7th July a tanker escorted by 2 destroyers, 1 A/S vessel, and 3 aircraft off the Dardanelles. On 8 July she bombarded Stratoni iron works.

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10. LAOMEDON, boom carrier, is required to prepare for specific operations, and C. in C. Levant is asked by Admiralty to expedite her passage to U.K.

Black Sea.

11. Russian R-boats claim to have sunk a U-boat off Tuapse on 6th July. On the same day, Russian aircraft sunk 2 F-barges near Anapa. Next day, Yalta and Feodosia were bombed, resulting in the destruction of 5 barges and 4 motor launches and damage to a 2,000 ton merchant vessel. In an attack on a convoy near Sevastopol a 1,000 ton merchant vessel was probably sunk. Aircraft attacked 10 enemy R-boats in the Sea of Azov, sinking one and damaging two.

East Indies.

U/B off
Mozambique.

12. U.S. ROBERT BACON (7191 tons) Mombasa for Bahia, was torpedoed by a U-boat and sunk at 0034Z today in 15.25 S., 41.13 E. (30 miles South-east of Mozambique).

U/B off
Guardafui.

13. SS. CITY OF WINDSOR (Mombasa for Aden) reported at 0430Z today that she was being attacked by a U-boat in 12.20 N., 50.20 E. The U-boat fired 3 torpedoes but the attack was unsuccessful. At 1222G, aircraft attacked a U-boat in 12.23 N. 51.13 E. (near Cape Guardafui).

America & West Indies.

14. Revised scales of attack on Bermuda, the West Indies and Guianas, assessed by the Combined Intelligence Committee, are promulgated today. The possibility of attack by surface warships or shipborne aircraft is very remote.

15. The British Guiana schooner HARVARD was shelled and sunk by a U-boat in 10.05 N., 62.20 W. at 140530Z).

MOST SECRET.

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16. The fleet carrier VICTORIOUS is to be released by the U.S. Authorities to British control and will sail for the Home Fleet at the earliest possible date.

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Policy.

- Force "E". Your 121527. It is considered that re-organization will not adversely affect force.
(Cdre. Roseneath 141022B to C.C.O.)
- Flight "J". C. in C.Plymouth's 121533. Request urgent consideration to omitting L.C.T. from Flight "J" and retaining them in U.K. in view of light casualties reported from "Husky."
(C.C.O. 141147B to Admty.)
- Force "J". My 121027B. Following received from C.C.O., begins Your 121805. Consider original address of your 121027 was correct. In the meantime it has been ascertained that equipment is available. Suggest you request C. in C.Portsmouth to obtain approval for the work and to give the necessary instructions, keeping C.C.O. informed of which flotillas are so fitted. T.O.O. 141523B. Ends. Request following armoured craft of 705 flotilla may be fitted. L.C.P.(L) 179,196,202,208. It is considered very desirable that armoured craft be used and following are now at Calshot. L.C.P.(L) 165,167,172,176,178,189,197,199. Request they be allocated to Force "J" for this purpose.
(S.O.Force "J"142022B to C. in C.Portsmouth.)

Force "E." My 131040 and my 121527. Following further changes are to be made in Force "E." Details.
(C.C.O. 142323B to S.O.A.S.C. Cdre. Roseneath.)

Port Glasgow Barracks. Approved section of requisitioned site under restoration will be inadequate to meet repair of increasing number of landing-craft expected in view of C.C.O.'s 131733.
Earliest approval is requested to complete the restoration of the whole area in a similar manner to the first section and also to carry out necessary weather proofing repairs to the warehouse at the back for storing purposes, to providing facilities for engine workshop and canteen and lavatory accommodation for extra numbers of men and women to be employed.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow 142326 to Admty. Bath.)

Movements.

- BERWICK. Scapa arrival BERWICK at 0528B.
(A.C.O.S. 140615B to V.A.2.)
- ONSLAUGHT. Scapa arrival ONSLAUGHT.
(A.C.O.S. 140652B to A.C.I.C.)
- BERWICK. Proceed to Rosyth via standard route and War Channels passing Hoxa Gate at 2200B/14. E.T.A. 0700B/15th. 3. Ship is to be ready to sail p.m. 28th July.
(C. in C.H.F. 141541B to BERWICK.)

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BERWICK, Scapa departure BERWICK.
(Contd.) (A.C.O.S. 142221B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

S/M Carry out deep diving in Bute Sound area completing
Movements. by 1200B/15. Proceed Holy Loch on completion.
(Capt. S.3 141143B to SCEPTRE.)
Sailed drifter PRESENT HELP towing S/M X.9 for
Kames Bay. Speed $4\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A.2359/14.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer 141226B.)

Scapa departures at 1358 TANTALUS, THRASHER, LE CURIE escorted
by ALECTO.
(A.C.O.S. 141435B.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/15 and movements for following
24 hours.
(F.O.S. 141617B, 150904B, 151108.)
SCEPTRE escorted by CAPE COMORIN in Irish Sea northbound
to Clyde tonight.
(C. in C.W.A. 141757B to NORTHERN GIFT.)

RAMILLIES. A.M. 120055. Escorts for RAMILLIES can now
probably be made available in time for her to
sail from the Clyde p.m. 1st August.
2. Request you will sail RAMILLIES from Rosyth to
the Clyde p.m. 30th July.
(D.O.D.H. 141501B to C. in C.Rosyth.)

DIOMEDE. Scapa departure DIOMEDE.
(A.C.O.S. 142329 to C. in C.Rosyth.)

SCORPION. Hvalfjord departure at 2001B SCORPION. E.T.A.
Scapa 0600B/16.
(A.C.I.C. 142344B.)

Operations.

Operation Following is a repetition BERMUDA 132259B.
"Musketry". (C. in C.Plymouth 140443B to E.G.2.)
My position 035° P.24. Have just picked up
survivors from yesterday's R.A.F. success.
"U.607" Ober Lieutenant Shonneck.
(E.G.2 140700B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

Leaving patrol at 1400B today.
(E.G.2 141300B to C. in C.Plymouth.)
My 121601B para. 4. Second Escort Group left patrol at
1400B today.
(C. in C.Plymouth 141531B to BERMUDA.)
Am over enemy S/M in 43° 02' N. (?long.) Periscope only
sighted, course 120° speed 2 knots.
(A/C P3YL of 45 Sq. 141740B to 19 Group.)
Am over enemy submarine.
(A/C P37L of 45 Sq. 141743 to 19 Group.)

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Operation "Musketry" (Contd.) D/F bearings at 2121Z indicate U-Boat within 40 miles of 45.30 N. 10.30 W. (D.D.I.C. 142352B to BERMUDA.)

S/M Patrols. In view of large numbers of U-Boat targets intend S/Ms on passage to Gibraltar to carry out A/S patrol of about 5 days duration in Bay of Biscay. (F.O.S. 141024B to Admty.)

Leave patrol so as to pass through position W. 045° 40' 006° 30' at 0001B/18, thence via route "Rose" to R/V in position Z. 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 1400B/20 as ordered by Capt. S.3. (F.O.S. 141546B to SEANYMPH.)

Request you will sail TALLY HO for Gibraltar on 18th July. TALLY HO will carry out 5 days anti-U-Boat patrol in zone J.3. (F.O.S. 141549B to Capt. S.3.)

Positions of submarines at 0800B/15th and movements for following 24 hours.

- A. TRUCULENT approx. 44° 01' N. 23° 25' W. probably on surface through 42° 06' N. 25° 20' W. thence to patrol in area bounded by parallels 35° and 41° N. and meridians 27° and 30° W.
- B. TUNA approx. 43° 37' N. 22° 57' W. probably on surface through 41° 48' N. 24° 45' W. thence to patrol in area bounded by parallels 35° and 41° N. and meridians 24° and 27° W.
- F. SYRTIS on patrol vicinity 62° 50' N. 02° 28' E.
- K. SATYR as in my 101756.
- L. SEANYMPH (P.223) on patrol in area as in my 131156. (F.O.S. 141617B to Admty.)

Following is forecast of submarine movements which are to be carried out without further signals.

Anti-enemy-sub-patrols north of Shetlands.

Submarine.	Leaving Base.	Arriving Base.
SCEPTRE	18th July	1st August.
MINERVE	18th July	5th August.
PROTEUS	28th July	to be signalled later.
TRUANT	28th July	14th August.
THRASHER	30th July	19th August.
2. Anti-enemy-sub-patrols in Bay of Biscay.		
SEADOG	31st July	21st August Dundee
SEANYMPH	3rd August	21st August
SATYR	3rd August	21st August Dundee
SYRTIS	3rd August	21st August
SCEPTRE	9th August	24th August.

(F.O.S. 142006B.)

Request you will recall SYRTIS to arrive Lerwick a.m. 20th July. (F.O.S. 142228B and 151313B to Capt. S.9.)

Coastal Force Patrols. 1. Anti E-Boat patrol tonight by S.G.Bs. GREY OWL, GREY FOX, GREY SEAL, 2345 to 0415, on lat. 50° 25' N. between 00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.
2. M.L. 309, 572 patrol searched channel between F. and E.A.5 Buoys.

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3. Immediate notice Chasseur 13 at St. Helens. STEVENSTONE at Yarmouth or at St. Helens if S.G.Bs. cannot patrol.
4. M.Ls. 123 (S.O.), 247, and 269 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N. between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.
6. Communications. S.G.Bs. codeword "Object."
STEVENSTONE codeword "Advent."
Portland M.Ls. codeword "Device."
(C. in C.Portland 141158B.)

"Gearbox." Your 071940. Norwegian naval crew to man M.F.V. KAPP I available at Lerwick. Awaiting further instructions.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 141755B to Admt.)

Operation S.F. If not in contact by 2000 today return Skaale Fjord.
(C. in C.Rosyth 141822B to OPPORTUNE.)
E.T.A.Skaale Fjord 0630B/15th. OBDURATE and ORWELL in company.
(OPPORTUNE 142056B to N.O.I.C. Faroes.)

Allied Air Activity.

Beaufighter pilots. Request forecast of the availability of trained Beaufighter pilots for commitments both at home and abroad.
(D.N.A.O. 141047B to F.O.N.A.S.)
A.M. 141047. One pilot completed Beaufighter conversion as reported in my 091607. Anticipate further one will complete by 20th July. Output should average four per month with present establishment of aircraft depending on serviceability.
(N.A.S.Lee 141914B to F.O.N.A.S.)
Your 141047. With present establishment of twin-engined aircraft in 781 squadron, expected output of trained Beaufighter pilots is about four each month.
(F.O.N.A.S. 141855B to Admt.)

Flying height of A/S Patrols. Admiralty letter A.01573/42 dated 8th March 1943 para. 13 (ii).
2. A years operational experience with A.S.V. Mk. II N. has established the fact that an increase in height from 1,000 to 2,000 feet should increase the range of detection of fully surfaced U-Boats from 5 miles to 8 miles.
3. Aircraft on A/S patrol at night should, therefore, fly at 1,500 - 2,000 feet and not 800 feet as previously recommended.
4. The height selected for patrol by day will depend on circumstances and cloud cover available. Under clear skies when A.S.V. is not being used a height of between 4,000 - 5,000 feet

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Flying height of A/S Patrols. (Contd.) will give the best chance of the aircraft remaining unseen before the U-Boat is sighted.
5. An amendment to the Admiralty letter quoted above will be made in due course.
(D.A.W.T. 141605B: R.Message 699R.)

Enemy Vessels. Your 2305B. Attack enemy. (55S 142329 to A/C VBBX.)
My 2305B. P.C. and S. of one large vessel, 3 destroyers, 41° 10' N. (?long.) 2325B. (A/C VBBX 142345B to 55S.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Hull bombed. Between 0124 and 0200 today about 20 Hostile A/C dropped H.Es. and a large number of incendiary bombs on Hull causing widespread damage and some casualties. Several fires including 3 major fires. No reports of any incidents to indicate minelaying. The approach of these aircraft was not detected until shortly before they crossed the coast. The explanation offered by 12 Group R.A.F. for this was that they were mixed up with our outgoing bombers. (F.O.Humber 140348B to C. in C.Nore.)
A. Number of fires started by incendiary bombs in Hull at 0130. Basket groups and eruptors used at H.U. 3,4,5, G.R.1.
B. 80 Wing informed immediately afterwards.
C. Bombs reported on H.U.3 being investigated by Bomb Disposal Officer. (F.O.Humber 141053B and 161010B to Admt.)

Mining.

M/S F.4. My 111521 and its amendments. Weather conditions enforce cancellation of present operation. 4th M/S Flo. plus ALBURY returning Bristol Channel ports as arranged. Leaving Milford Haven 0730/15th July. Insufficient fuel prevents further postponement. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 141155B to 10 and 19 Groups.)

M.S.18. Have swept 2 laps and established new lines after finding surviving Dan Buoy dragged in various directions. Clearance slightly extended southwards. Intend proceeding 0700 tomorrow to resume operations. (M/S 18 142241B to C. in C.Plymouth.)

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COTILLION. My 131746. Sailed. (N.O.I.C. Oban 140431B to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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FIDELE. Admiralty's 092127. Conversion can be carried out by Shaw's, Rothesay, commencing as soon as gear, which is being supplied by Admiralty, is available. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow 141515 to Admty.)

ANDES. Estimated time for repair to SS. ANDES is 3 months from present date. (P.S.T.O.N.W.Ports 141540 to D.S.T.)

ROEBUCK. Subject to completion of working up ROEBUCK is to arrive Sheerness by noon Sunday 18th. 2. Request fitting of type 272 P be completed by 29th July. (D.O.D.H. 141941B to R.A.D.H.F.)

Shipping & Convoys.

S.L.132. My 130231B. Endeavour to join S.L.132 before dark today if possible. IROQUOIS is to join convoy from southward. (C. in C.Plymouth 141235B to SCYLLA.)

C. in C.Plymouth, is requested to order SCYLLA to leave S.L.132 at 0800B/15 and proceed to Gibraltar at best speed. 2. After fuelling F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to sail SCYLLA to overtake M.K.F.18 and provide A/A escort. (A.C.N.S.H. 142231B to C. in C.Plymouth.) Comply with A.M. 142231. (C. in C.Plymouth 142327B to SCYLLA.)

S.L.133/
M.K.S.18/
M.K.S.19.
G.U.S.10. C. in C.Med. 131807. 1. It appears possible that combined convoy S.L.133/M.K.S.18 and 19 might amount to 100 ships. 2. Present escort of S.L.133 is only two sloops and 5 corvettes. 3. Propose therefore that B.1 group at present acting as a support group should proceed to Gibraltar to bring back M.K.S.18 and 19 independently of S.L.133. 4A. As Commander Taylor is urgently required to sail in TEVIOT as S.O. of frigates proceeding to the Cape, request TEVIOT may be omitted from escort of G.U.S.10 or substituted therein possibly by a sloop of Group A. The two frigates of Group A are also required to proceed to the Cape. B. Cdr. Farquhar in DART would in any case be S.O. of escort of G.U.S.10. C. If this proposal is approved it would be convenient if TEVIOT could be sailed to U.K. with the first available homebound convoy. (C. in C.W.A. 141313 to Admty.)

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- S.C. and Admiralty 132347.
O.N.S. convoys. 1. I consider that the continuance of the training of the mid-ocean escort groups is vital, and for this purpose 9-day cycle for O.N.S./S.C. convoys gives insufficient lay-over.
2. A 10-day cycle could be operated forthwith but experience suggests that from the beginning of October an 11-day cycle will be desirable if only 4 groups are employed.
(C. in C.W.A. 141511B to Admty.)
- W.S.32. Your 131204B para. 3. CHARYBDIS detailed.
2. Anticipate sailing 1800B/20th July.
(C. in C.Plymouth 141805B to Admty.)
- Mediterranean Approach Routes. Mediterranean Approach routes and sailing orders (Medars) have been issued under the signature of N.C.S.O.Med. direct to N.C.S.Os. Liverpool, Clyde, Milford Haven, and Loch Ewe. Admiralty concur in their use as ordered in the covering memorandum, and they are to be brought into force with convoy
- O.G.91/K.M.S.22.
2. Approach routes are only to be given for ports on the Mediterranean Station (eastern limit 20° E.) for which Q message information is held and not for ports on the Levant Station.
(D.T.D. 141925B.)

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U/B Army transit A/C reports S/M sighting 131210Z position 045° 50' N., 012° 00' W. 130°. (Commorseafon 140201B to F.O.C. Gib. (R) Admty. Cominch, Com. Fair Wing 15).

Air Report. A.I. 130 13th July. Opsum No. 254 for 24 hrs. ended 1800 hrs. 13th July. (G) Sightings and attacks. U.S. Catalina (P.B.Y.5 A) (Pt. Lyautey) on C/V 1 M/V. 1 E/V at 1920/12 38.08 N., 14.46 W. damaged F.W.200 attacking C/V, no further details. U.S. aircraft (Pt. Lyautey) attacked U-boat at 0915/13, 1915/13 in 39.10 N. 20.29 W. No details. U.S. A/C (Pt. Lyautey) attacked U-boat, course 170/12 knots at 1409/13 39.04 N., 20.06 W. with 4 D/Cs 5 secs. after submerged 75 to 100 ft. ahead leading edge swirl. Oil and bubbles seen. Ref. Opsum 253. U-boat attacked by U.S. aircraft (Pt. Lyautey) at 1530/12 definitely sunk. 10 to 15 crew seen in water. Aircraft was Liberator (My AI/127 refers). (A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 140225B).

C.G.6 Sailed 140700A. (C.M.S.F.F., 140930B to F.O. Gibraltar).

PORT FAIRY (damaged 12 July) Convoy "Faith". A.M. 121946 Para. 2. Delete reference to PORT FAIRY. 2. If state of ship necessitates return to U.K. request you will arrange with F.O.I.C. Gibraltar for ship to join an M.K.F. convoy. (D.T.D., 141025B to Commorseafon, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, F.O.C.W.A.) PORT FAIRY and SWALE arrived today. (C.M.S.F.F., 141635B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Admty. C. in C. Med., Comnavnaw).

British SS. PORT FAIRY and SWALE arrived Casa. July 14th entire personnel FAIRY safe, no casualties. 8 survivors British Catalina F.P.155 landed by SWALE condition good, one leg injury. PORT FAIRY was attacked by two F.W.200 aircraft 37.18 N. 14.56 W. 1745 G.C.T. July 12th, one bomb 250 pounds or less struck port quarter disabling electric steering followed by fire extinguished at 2041 with SWALE's help. P.B.Y. providing air coverage by aggressive tactics prevented accurate bombing and damaged one F.W. Considered possible FAIRY can proceed destination after temporary repairs. Two life boats 15 persons each and one raft five persons sighted by Army B.24 July 14th at 0920 G.C.T. 41.17 N., 14.00 W. being rescued by escorts convoy S.L.132 considered likely survivors British convoy "Faith". (Commorseafon, 142350 to V.C.N.O. (R) Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med., Comnavnaw).

Dispositions. Situation at 142002B. SS. EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND (7033°) 03', 011° 17' through 032° 48', 010° 31' to Casablanca Strait. (2) G.C. (?23), P.C.481, 035° 48' 006° 15' through 035° 45', 006° 30' and 034° 05', 008° 03' to Casablanca 7.

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Dispositions. (3) C.G.46 SIMOUN 035° 08' 007° 01' through 035° 44' 006° 28' to Gib. 9½. (4) Portuguese Sloop and Gunboat exercising in Cezimbra Area. (5) P.C. 474 one Merchant Ship sailing (?Safi) 2000/14 through 032° 43' 009° 43' and 033° 48' 008° 35' to Casablanca 8½. (6) DOUGLAS, MOYOLA approx. 035° 49', 006° 08' to Gibraltar 15. (7) LA GRANDIERE, AMIRAL (?MOUCHEZ), 1 merchant vessel 033° (?54' or 18') 008° 05' through 033° 39' 008° 54' and 032° 48' 009° 46' thence 198° 6½. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141059B).

Situation 2001B/14th. O.S.51, H.M.S. ROCHESTER 030° 32' 011° 34' through 029° 02' 012° 30' thence 229° 8. 3. S.L.132 (?KEPPEL) (E) 35° 21' 014° 06' 339° 7. 4. U.G.S.11, C.T.F.62 030° 01' 016° 51' through 031° 05' 016° 49' thence 062° 9. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141103B).

My 141059B to A.I.G.63, Add new para. 8. My 141103B to A.I.G.55 add new para. 5. S.L.132 Gib. section SHIPPIGAN 037° (?53') 011° 04' through 036° 35' 010° 01' to Gibraltar 9. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141305B).

Situation at 1958B/14th. S/M TRUCULENT crossing 043° N. in 024° 28' W. at 1610/15th 217° on surface 10. S/M TUNA crossing 043° N. in 023° 38' W., at 1335/15th 217° on surface 10. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141109B).

Situation at 1959B/14th. S/M BLACKFISH 035° 08' 036° 20' 250° dived by day 10/2½. 2. G.U.S. (?35) C.T.F.61, C.T.G.21.11 029° 44' 035° 45' 290° 9. (F.O. Gibraltar, 141111B).

ANGELITA Trawler ANGELIT(?A) arrived July 12th left July 13 (Guyatt, Corunna, 141130 to Admty).

Enemy Bomb. Further examination of one acoustic bomb still fails to reveal reason for failure to detonate other than introduction of dirt into mechanism. My 081140 refers. 2. One fux and one detonator intact left 12th July by air in charge of Lord Rothschild in two packages addressed C.O. VERNON, Portsmouth marked 1/J/7 and 2/J/7 respectively. (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 141131 to Admty. (R) B.N.A. Madrid).

French Refugees. B.N.A. Lisbon's 132305 (Re 1500 French Refugees for Embarkation at Setubal) French Mission inform me Portuguese will grant visa for 1500 as soon as they are satisfied vessel to accommodate full No. will be provided.

(A.B.N.A. Madrid, 141312B to C. in C. Med. B.N.A. Lisbon, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, and Admty).

My 132305.* In spite of urgent representations here and in Madrid no decision yet reached about visas. Hope to obtain decision one way or other for certain by 1530B tomorrow 15th.

(B.N.A. Lisbon, 141918B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Med. B.N.A. Madrid, Admty).* Re Visas for 1500 French refugees.

MOYOLA, E.T.A. Gibraltar, 2000A/14th, DOUGLAS in company.
DOUGLAS. (MOYOLA, 141407A to F.O. Gibraltar).

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FORT ANNE FORT ANNE has, in damaged and flooded No. 2 hold, bombs, depth charges, loose shells, and cases of ammunition estimated totalling over 300 tons. Impracticable to remove by divers prior to dry docking. Propose to dry dock with explosives on board about end of July and remove after docking. Approval requested. (Com. Supt. Gibraltar, 141503B to Admty).

B.Y.M.S.11 Departure delayed by engine trouble until about 16th. (C.M.S.F.F., 141729B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) C. in C. Med., Comnavnaw, Admty).

U/B Following read. Am over enemy S/M in position KBLD 0240 43.02 N., (long. indecypherable). periscope only sighted was on course 120 speed 2. (A/C P3YL, 141740).

BADDECK My 221129 April. The following allocation to date 13th July from temporary duty with Mid-Ocean Escort Force to the Western Local Escort Force BADDECK. (C. in C. N.A., 141753Z to N.S.H.Q. (R) F.O.N.F., C. in C. W.A., Admty).

EMPRESS OF SOCTLAND. Route from M. 33° N., 10° W. to S. 38° N., 59° W. (D.O.D. (H), 141753B to Commorseafron).

Mines Your 081140B/July. These mines should be sent home complete consigned VERNON Mining Dept. Portsmouth. (D.T.M., 141819B to S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

U/B Submarine sighted 41.38 N., 11.55 W. 1007/14. (Gibraltar, 141859B to Admty).

Movements, Casablanca. Departures French ALCYON, SIMOUN with C.G.46 July 14. LA GRANDIERE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ for Dakar MOYOLA, DOUGLAS for Gibraltar. P.C.474 for Safi thence Casa. Arrivals P.Cs. 473, 480, 482 with O.S.51 breakoff, SWALE. (C.M.S.F.F., 142210B to C. in C. Med).

Movements, Gibraltar. Arrivals MOYOLA, DOUGLAS from Casablanca. Departures U.S. P.Cs., 481, 471, 472 with G.C.23, (F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 142313B to Admty).

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K.M.S. 20 Arrivals PALOMARES, MAID MARION, B.D.Vs. BARCOCK, BARSPEAR, Rescue Tug PROSPEROUS, ACTIVE, VELOX, PARSBORO, QUALICUM, TADOUSSAC, HAARLEM, COLTSFOOT, with K.M.S. 20.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 142315B to Admty).

Air Report. A.I.133 14th July. Op. Sum. No. 255 for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 14th July.
(G) Sightings and attacks. U.S.A.A.F. transit A/C (Casablanca) sighted 1/B at 1410B/13 hrs. 45.50 N., 12.00 W. Co. 130 no details.
U.S.A. A/C (Port Lyautey) sighted U/B at 0123/14 hrs. 40.02 N., 17.56 W. no details.
Beaughters in transit sighted U/B on surface 43.05 N., 09.25 W. U/B dived. No attack.
S.A.A.F. A/C attacked U/B 40.03 N., 17.57 W. 6 D/Cs explosions 150 ft. ahead swirl. 4 U/B crew seen in sea. A/C damaged by gunfire. U.S.A. A/C (Port Lyautey) sighted U/B at 1207B/14 84 41.38 N. 11.55 W. No details.
(1) E/A activity nil.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 142359B).

South Atlantic.

S.L.133 Following two ships sailing in convoy S.L. 133 will be detached at about 0900/15 July in approx. 09.55 N., 17.46 W. to proceed independently.
WEARPOOL Buenos Aires. 2nd August "Chop" 19th July
MAPLEWOOD, Montevideo 1st August "Chop" 18th July. (Routes etc).
(Freetown, 140319 to Admty. Connav).

Dispositions. Situation 2001Z/14th July.
DUNKERY, PORTSDOWN escorting 010° 34' 016° 56' to 009° (?29') (?015°) 29' thence Freetown 9½.
NESS, FOLKESTONE escorting 013° (?15') 017° 06' to 012° 39' 017° 22' to 011° 01' 017° 18' Freetown 11.
ENCHANTRESS, CORINTHIAN, AMAZON, LEITH, ANCHUSA, COREOPSIS, VIOLET, COLUMBINE, S.L.133 010° 01' 016° 14' to 011° 32' 017° 47' thence 359° 7.
M.Ls. 290, 278, 574, 009° 08' 016° 20' to 007° 27' 015° 29' thence 096° 10.
WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT, ABERDEEN with R.S.8, 008° 35' 013° 43' to Freetown, 9½.
(F.O.C.W.A., 141001Z).

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Dispositions. Situation 2000Z July 14th.
(contd). M.M.S.107 034° 25' 022° 50' coastal to Durban 8 knots.

FALMOUTH, FREESIA, ASTER, ROCKROSE, NIGELLA escorting AFRICAN SUN 028° 20' 032° 40' to 022°

038° 12½ knots.

QUICKMATCH, QUIBERON 027° 40' 033° 50' to Durban 20 knots.

CANTON 031° 55' 034° 30' to 035° 040° 17 knots.

(C. in C. S.A., 141120B).

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M.L. 290, 278, 574 009° (08' or 56') 016° 20' to 007° 27' 015° 29' thence 096° 10.

PICT, ST. WISTAN, M.Ls. 263, 265 off Marshall.

BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, CROCUS, DUNCTON, TURCOMAN with ST. (?17) 003° (?16') 007° 52' to 003° 16' 006° 00' thence 077° 8.

CORFU sails Ascension p.m./14th July 324° 14.

DESPATCH, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, RAPID, with W.S.31, 006° 27' S. 010° (?53') E. 181° 11½.

M.L.244 off Port Bouet.

SARABANDE, E.B.274, M.L.1078 off Accra.

M.L.1019 off Kotonou.

(F.O.C.W.A., 141305Z).

Movements, Arrivals Pointe Noire 0700Z, DESPATCH, RAPID,
Pointe departures 0900Z/14th QUADRANT, REDOUBT.
Noire. (B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 140005 to F.O.C.W.A.)
Departure Pointe Noire 1430Z/14th DESPATCH,
RAPID.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire, 141515A to F.O.C.W.A.)

Convoy L.M. 1 completed. E.T.A. Pointe Noire 1130Z,
L.M.1. COMDT. DETROYAT and GAMBIA (W.D. Note - GAMBIA
is refitting Liverpool. ?COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE
D'ORVES intended) in company.

boiler hydrant estimates repairs may be possible in 48 hours
by ship.

F.O.C. W.A., pass to B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire.

((?O.R.P. BURZA) 140622Z to F.O.C.W.A. (R) B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire)

CANTON Sailed CANTON to Kilindini routed as through
C. in C. S.A., 131 (?103) (N.T. in W.R.)
S. of A. 15 knots. E.T.A. Kilindini 0400Z/23rd
July.

(2) CANTON shifting to group S.L. at 2100Z/14th and to group
N.U. at 0600Z/16th. C. in C. E.F. is requested to instruct
CANTON time of shifting to group Victor (?Jig).
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 140744Z to Admty. C. in C. E.F., etc).

SATURNIA Your 130930Z. SATURNIA arrived Port Elizabeth 12
July 1943.
(C. in C. S.A., 140832Z to VULCANIA for S.B.N.O.
VULCANIA, (R) Admty. N.L.O. Port Elizabeth).

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CORFU . Arrived CORFU 0730 sailed 1001 speed 13½ E.T.A. Freetown 1300/19th.

(B.N.L.O. Ascension, 141017 to Admty. etc).

Add to my 141017 course A 004° N., 023° W. B.

010° N., 019° W. C. 010° N., 017° W.

Freetown pass to all.

(B.N.L.O. Ascension, 141403Z to Admty. F.O.C.W.Af., N.O.I.C. Takoradi).

SLOTTERDIJK, Commorseafrontier 131512, presume you will reply.
 H.F. (C. in C. S.A., 141102B to F.O.C.W.A.)

ALEXANDER. Your 141102. Commorseafrontier has been informed.

(F.O.C.W.A., 141656B to C. in C. S.A.)

Your 131512. SLOTTERDIJK estimated position

142000 8° 00', 20° 15' W. proceeding to W. 15°

03' N., 20° 02' W. thence to Z, 21° 29' N., 17° 21' W. thence coastally to Casablanca. S. of A. 13½. H.F. ALEXANDER estimated position 142000 4° 30' N., 21° 30' W. proceeding to Z, 11° 02' N. 21° 02' W. thence to Dakar. S. of A. 16.

(F.O.C.W.A., 141529Z to Commorseafrontier (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

NEA HELLAS, (1) Admty. 121946 and D. of S.T. , 13550. Latest
 DOUGLAS, expected time of arrival NEA HELLAS at Freetown
 EXE, to avoid delaying W.S.32 is 28 July.

NESS. (2) If PORT FAIRY does not accompany NEA HELLAS request F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (?to sail) DOUGLAS to join Escort W.S.32.

(3) If PORT FAIRY sails consider DOUGLAS should join escort and therefore request F.O.I.C. Gibraltar to sail one destroyer to augment W.S.32 escort to 26° N. where W. African Destroyer will relieve.

(4) Intend in either case to sail EXE and NESS to join W.S.32 escorts from Casablanca but consider two destroyers advisable in absence of any Ocean Escort.

(F.O.C.W.A., 141315Z to Admty. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Commorseafrontier D.S.T.O.W.A., C. in C. Med., P.S.T.O. Med).

Movements Arrival Pointe Noire 1300Z/14 O.R.P. BURZA,
 Lagos. COMMANDANT DETROYAT, COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.
 (N.O.I.C. Lagos, 141545Z to F.O.C.W.A.)

SEBASTIAN SS. SEBASTIAN CERMENO sailing independently
 CERMENO. torpedoed 0815Z/27th June in 029° S. 050° 10 E.
 and sank 0825Z/27th.

(2) German U-boat painted light grey very rusty.

One 4 inch gun forward one smaller type aft and several machine guns on conning tower. Black cross painted on conning tower. No jumping wire or wire cutter. A Japanese took Cine photograph of survivors.

(3) 2 torpedoes hit side.

(4) Total crew and armed guard 73. 29 recovered to date.

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- (5) Ship did not open fire.
 (6) SSSS made from liefboat transmitter only twice daily 27th to 30th June inclusive.
 (7) U-boat surfaced after attack and interrogated survivors.
 (Cdre. Durban, 141551Z to Admty. etc).
 As amended Cdre. Durban, 170856Z to Admty. etc.

Frigates and
Corvettes.

Request following officers may be appointed KONGONI additional for administration of frigates and corvettes on this station. Your 241627 June. (list).

2. This staff is required for administration of nine Frigates and such Corvettes as may be on station. Post of Commander (D) Durban will lapse when Eastern Fleet destroyers leave.

4. Suggest Officers in (1) take passage in Frigates.
 5. A local appointment of a Secretary to Senior Officer will be made.
 (C. in C. S.A., 141552B to Admty).

Boom Vessels,
Saldanha Bay.

Your 031153B June - commitments elsewhere rule out the practicability of providing additional boom vessels for Saldanha Bay, necessity for which is fully appreciated.

2. Under the circumstances some loss in efficiency of defence must be accepted.
 (D.B.D., 141659B to C. in C. S.A.)

C.M.43

Your 140808 para. 2 (Re Ocean escort for C.M.43 available sailing July 26th if acceptable).
 26th acceptable.
 (C. in C. S.A., 141703B to C. in C. E.F.)

T.S.47

1700Z/14 sailed escorting T.S.47 FOXHOUND S.O., WITCH, SNOWDROP, BURNOCK, ARMERIA, RUMBA, route "Vine" S. of A. 6.5 knots. E.T.A. Freetown 1100Z/20th July.
 (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 141707Z to F.O.C.W.Af., Admty. R.N.O. Lagos).

Movements,
Takoradi.

Arrivals 14th July. FOXHOUND, WITCH, SNOWDROP, BURDOCK, ARMERIA, RUMBA, ORFASY.
 (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 141830Z to Admty).

ZOELLA LYKES.

My 091721B July. "Chop" amended to 17 July.
 (C. in C. S.A., 141841B to Connnav (R) Admty).
 My 141841. Ship referred to is ZOELLA LYKES.
 (C. in C. S.A., 142104B to Connnav (R) Admty).

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Wednesday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.TAMAROA,
LARGS BAY,
escorts.

Intend to sail TAMAROA and LARGS BAY at 1500/15th July to Lagos escorted by WELLINGTON, ABERDEEN, GORLESTON, and LOWESTOFT. Route "Strand".
S. of A. 13. E.T.A. Lagos 1700/19th.
(F.O.C.W.Af., 141924Z to R.N.O. Lagos, (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Takoradi, WELLINGTON).

AFRICAN
STAR,
(sunk
12th July).

My 122109. Survivors landed here today. Ship torpedoed and sunk at 0500Z July 12th in 025° 46' S., 040° 35' W. U-boat believed German and described as very large, 380 feet in length, new, freshly painted, with 6 or 7 vertical red bars painted on base and small red device with diagonal red bar high up on fore part of conning tower.
(B.N.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 142029Z to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.W.A.)

MARY LIVANOS
(torp. 11th
July).

MARY LIVANOS torpedoed 0915Z/11th July in approx. 015° 40' S., 040° E. 18 miles off shore. One torpedo hit on port beam.
(2) S/M light grey in colour. Size estimated 1600 tons. Reported to be flying German flag.
(3) 27 Survivors landed on Portuguese coast. 8 missing believed killed.
(C. in C. S.A., 142045 to Admty. (R) N.O.I.C. Aden, C. in C. E.F. (?S.O.(I) Colombo).

FOLKESTONE,
ELORN,
NESS.

Departure 1500Z/14th FOLKESTONE, escorting ELORN to R/V with NESS. F.O.C.W.Af., 121630 refers. E.T.A. Freetown, 0930Z/16th.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 142159 to F.O.C.W.A.)

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Enemy Units. Position one medium sized merchant vessel and one destroyer 41.15 N. 9.25 E.
(A/C BUB/O Duty via Alex, 140035B to 55 S.)
P.C. and S. of one enemy destroyer 42.22 N. 9.53 E. 270° 20 knots.
(A/C 22 L via Alex.W/T, 140037 to 55 S)

P.C. and S. of enemy 2 battleships 1 cruiser 1 destroyer 43° 54' N. 9.40 E. 190° 15 knots.
(A/C HUM/T via Alex, 140735 to 55 S)
Cancel N.R.1* N.R.2x.
(A/C HUM/T via Malta W/T, 140748 to K.T.1)
W.R. Note * ? Signal 140735 intended (report of 2 battleships one cruiser and one destroyer).
x No trace of receipt in W.R.

N.R.4. My 0735B, enemy are 2 Merchant vessels 2 destroyers.
(A/C HUM/T, 140750B to Malta)
My 0750, enemy previously reported are one large vessel 12,000 tons, one large vessel 10,000 tons, two destroyers.
(A/C. HUM/T, 140800)

N.R.7. P.C. and S. of enemy 1 merchant vessel 1 landing craft 42.47 N. 9.57 E. 090° 8 knots.
(A/C HUM/T, 140822B to Malta Air H.Q.)

N.R.9. My 0822. Enemy previously reported are 1 merchant vessel 5000 tons, 1 L.C.T.
(A/C HUM/T, 140825B to Malta Air H.Q.)
Locate 2 large enemy merchant ships (over 10,000 tons) and 2 destroyers last heard of in 43.54 N. 9.40 E. course 190°, speed 15 knots at 0735B.
(Base call sign 55 S, 140937B to A/C HUL/C)

P.C. and S. at 1313 of one enemy cruiser are 43.00 N. 09.35 E 180° 20.
(A/C HUL/W. 141320B to K.T.1)

UNRULY. Well done. Leave patrol to comply with my 131247 subtracting 24 hours. F/O Bizerta is requested to supply escort.
(S.10, 140335 to UNRULY (R) S.8, C.C.F., etc.)

10th S/M.F. Movement Summary. 2000/14th. P.49 UNRULY, O.R.P. SOKOL, P.53 ULTOR, north of Messina. (2) P.31 UPROAR, P.52 DZIK, P.42 UNBROKEN, P.44 UNITED, P.54 UNSHAKEN, in Gulf of Taranto. (3) TROOPER off Western Greece north of 038° 06'. (4) P.314 TACTICIAN in Adriatic.
(Capt. S.10, 140712)

MUTINE, ESPIEGLE. On relief by M.L's join M.S.12 at Bark South anchorage.
(Capt. (D) 5, 140748 to MUTINE, ESPIEGLE (R) R.A.V. S.O.M/S 12)

L.S.T /...

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L.S.T. Convoy. My 131520B. Convoy "Bestume" (? "Costume" intended) for Sicily sailed less L.S.T. 163, 301, 366.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 140805B to R.A.(B) R.A.(A)
(R) N.C.E.T.F., S.N.O.B.(Q))

Force "Z". Raise steam for full speed.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 140808B to Force "Z" (R) S.O. Force H, Algiers, C.C.O)
Proceed to eastward at speed of advance 20 knots.
(? C. in C. Med. 140856B to S.O. Force Z.
(R) C. in C. Med., Algiers, N.O.I.C. Algiers, N.O.I.C. Bone, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, Force H, R.A.H. N.A.C.A.F.)

Proceed to eastward as far as 009° 00' E. then turn to westward and return to Algiers unless otherwise ordered. Cruisers to join you off Bone and return there a.m. 15th. Adjust S. of A. at your discretion. Report your intentions.
(C. in C. Med., 141157B to S.O. Force Z, SIRIUS (R) C. in C. Med. (A) M.A.C. Capt. (S) 8th, N.A.C.A.F. N.O.I.C. Bone, N.A.A.F. F.O.I.C. Tunisian, N.A.T.A.F.)

Force "H". Concentrate your force to North East of Malta.
(C. in C. Med. 140815B to F.O.H.)
Cancel my 131250. Concentrate your forces to South Eastward of Sicily.
(C. in C. Med. 140825B to F.O. Force 'H' (R) R.A.H. R.A.A., H.F., Air H.Q. Malta, C.C.F., V.A. Malta. Capt. (S) 10, C.S.12, C.S.15, N.C.F.A., N.C.F.B.)

E.T.A. 036° 30' N. 016° E. 1300 steering 030°. (2) F.O. 2nd in command Force "H" and Force "Q" to join me.
(S.O. Force H, 140946 to F.O. 2nd in Command Force H, Force Q. (R) C. in C. Med.)
Cancel my 140946. Force "Q" return to Malta.
(S.O. Force "H", 141125B to EURYALUS (R) C.S.12, F.O. 2nd in Command Force H, R.A.(A) H.F., C. in C. Med.)
Cancel my 141125. Force "Q" join F.O. 2nd i/c Force "H" in 035° 20' N. 016° 10' E. 1930 today unless otherwise ordered by F.O. 2nd i/c Force H.
(S.O. Force "H", 141622B to EURYALUS, (R) F.O. 2nd i/c Force "H", C.S.12, C. in C. Med.)
S.O. H. 141622B. can reach your 19(?30) position at 2130
ZK SY (?for) 1800.
(EURYALUS, 141801B to R.A.H. (R) S.O. H, C.S.12, C. in C. Med.)
Cancel my 141745 not to EURYALUS (N.T. in W.D.). Intend to pass through following positions: 036° N. 016° 10' E. at 2200, 035° 45' N. 017° 05' E. at 0100. Thence to position Z in Q.K.B. 146 at 0930 tomorrow Thursday.
(R.A. Force "H", 141903B to C. in C. Med. (R) EURYALUS, S.O. Force "H", C.S.15, N.C.E.T.F., N.C.F.A., A.H.Q. Malta.)
My 141622, the reason for turning Force "Q" back so near Malta to rejoin R.A.H. was that there is no more room in Malta

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Force "H" (Contd.) harbour in view of arrival of part of 15th C.S. early tomorrow Thursday.
(S.O. Force "H", 142029B to EURYALUS (R) CLEOPATRA, Capt. (D) 4, C. in C. Med. F.O. 2nd i/c Force "H", V.A. Malta, C.S.12)

My 131250, cancel para. 2. Request you will sail 1st Division p.m. 15th to relieve 2nd Division a.m. 16th who should then return to Malta arriving about noon.
(C. in C. Med. 142329B to S.O. Force "H" (R) R.A.(H), N.C.E.T.F., A.H.Q. Malta, V.A. Malta, C.S.12, Med. Air Command.)
Bring 1st division in now to fuel at anchor off breakwater.
(C. in C. Med. 140901B to F.O.H, (R) R.A.H., R.A.A., V.A. Malta.)
False alarm. Carry out purport of my 131250. Come into harbour when you like.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 140926B to S.O. Force H, (R) V.A. Malta, C.S.12, R.A.H.)
Still cannot locate you. BERYL is maintaining her position 040° Saint Elmo 12.
(V.A. Malta, 141201B to S.O. Force H.)
Intend to remain to eastward of 016° 30' E. till 0400.
My position at midnight 036° 30' N. 017° 45' E. thence to position Z in Q.K.B.146 at 0930 tomorrow Thursday 15th July.
(R.A. Force H, 141745B to C. in C. Med. (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.15, N.C.E.T.F., S.O. Force F., N.C.F.A., A.H.Q. Malta)

OCEAN PEACE, BAARN Sunk. Following from C. in C. Levant (Begins): British OCEAN PEACE and Dutch BAARN have been sunk off Avola by enemy aircraft 11th/12th July (Ends).
(P.S.T.O. Middle East, 140823C to Admty. for D. of S.T.)

Orders to 8 S.M.F. 2 battleships one cruiser in position 043° 54' 009° 40' 190° 15 knots, at 0735. Submarines Tyrrhenean Sea may leave their areas as necessary intercept acting on any further enemy reports.
P.47 (DOLFIJN) remain on patrol.
(Capt. (S) 8, 140834B to S.8, (R) C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10.)

Cancel my 140834. Enemy report is of merchant ship.
P.47 (DOLFIJN) comply with my 121610.
(Capt. (S) 8, 140934B to 8 S.M.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10)

14 M.S.F. Ships of 14th M/S. Flotilla are to return to Malta for fuel and then proceed to Berk East.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 140914B to GERALDTON, (R) S.N.O. Tripolitania, Escorts M.E.S.36, V.A. Malta, N.C.F.B., N.C.E.T.F., N.C.F.A.)

Motor Boat Patrols. Hon 2 Para. 20 4 small M.T.B's and 3 large M.G.B's as in my 100916 Para. (a) and 4 large M.T.B's from Syracuse. All boats patrolling North of 037° 45' N. and returning to Syracuse.
(C. in C. Med. 140924B to C.E.S.F. S.O. Force Q, F.O.H. R.A. Force A. R.A. Force B. N.O.I.C. Syracuse. (R) V.A. Malta, etc.)

C.S.15 /...

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C.S.15. UGANDA take ORION, LOYAL and NUBIAN under his command and sail forthwith to relieve NEWFOUNDLAND, MAURITIUS, LAFOREY and LOOKOUT who are to proceed to Malta to refuel and ammunition.
(N.C.E.T.F. 140931 to C.S.15, UGANDA (R) ORION, LOYAL, NUBIAN, V.A.Malta, C. in C. Med. F.O. Sicily.)

Intend proceeding to Malta in NEWFOUNDLAND with MAURITIUS, LAFOREY and LOOKOUT. E.T.A. Grand Harbour 0630/15th. My 131842 refers. (2) During the night Force will stand to south east of Syracuse keeping west of $016^{\circ} 15'$ E. and North of 036° N. until 0400 then entering by eastern channel.
(3) All times B.
(C.S.15 141031B to C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, S.O. Force H, S.O. Force A. S.O. Force V. S.O. Force Q., F.O. Sicily, R.A.(H), UGANDA, N.C.E.T.F.)
My 141031 for 0630/15 read 2145 tonight Wednesday.
UGANDA since taken over S.O. Bombarding.
(C.S.15, 141750 to C. in C. Med. F.O.S.Y, S.O. Force A. S.O.H, S.O. Force V, N.C.E.T.F., V.A. Malta, R.A.H., UGANDA)
Intend remaining in Area bounded by 037° N. and $036^{\circ} 30'$ N. and 015° E. and 016° E. during the night. ORION, NUBIAN, LOYAL, TARTAR in company.
(UGANDA, 141811B to C. in C. Med. C.S.15, S.O. Force H, S.O. Force A., S.O. Force V, S.O. Force Q, F.O. Sicily, N.C.E.T.F., R.A. Force H.)

Supporting Fire.

Calls for supporting fire will be made by 15th Corps. to F.O. SY who will employ the force planed under his command for the purpose. If additional support is required F.O. SY may call on Force K. My 121456 is cancelled.
(N.C.E.T.F. 140938B to F.O. 42nd D.F. F.O. S. C.S.15, UGANDA (R) C. in C. Med.)

Air R/C.
Enemy
Ports.

(?Visuals) today 14th July. Taranto at 0700 no change. Castellamare at 0725 no change. Naples at 0730, one merchant vessel 8000 tons burning.
(C. in C. Med. (M), 140957 to S.O. Force H, Comnavaw (R) R.A.H, R.A.A. H.F., F.O.I.C. Tunisia.)

No change Spezia or Genoa visual at 0900.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 141147 to C. in C. Med. etc.)
P.R.U.0800/14th. Photographs confirm no change major units at Spezia and Genoa. (2) One D Class cruiser has left Spezia and one C class has left Genoa. Both ships seen 20 miles south east of Genoa.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 141621B to C. in C. Med. etc.)
P.R.U. Taranto, no change at 1830.
(C. in C. Med. 142139B to R.A. Force H(R) Comnavaw, S.O. Force H, R.A.A.H.F.)
Evening P.R.U. visual no change Genoa or Spezia.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 142215B to C. in C. Med. etc.)

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- 8th Army H.Q. Main 8th Army H.Q. closing Malta a.m. 15th July and opening in Syracuse area at same time. Ferry control will continue to operate at Malta for present.
(N.C.E.T.F. 141012B to F.O.S.Y., N.C.F.V., N.C.F.A. (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta.)
- EREBUS, RHYL, FELIXSTOWE. Intend sailing EREBUS to Malta at 1200 to ammunition and return on completion. Escort RHYL and FELIXSTOWE. Codeword "Petrol" call sight 402 normal route. E.T.A. 2000/14th. EREBUS requires approx. 200 rounds 15 inch H.E. and 1000 rounds 4 inch H.A. and 560 tons fuel. Has one (?blister) compartment flooded.
(N.C.F.A. 141101B to F.O.I.C. Sicily. (R) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta, C.S.15, EREBUS, N.C.E.N.T.F.)
- BROOKLYN mined. U.S. Cruiser BROOKLYN mined twice in field bearing 225° distant 10 miles from Gela Light. Port shaft alley under water one fuel tank and pump room forward flooded. 3rd mine fouled in paravane. U.S. Cdr. 13 Cruiser Division in U.S. Cr. BROOKLYN. Mine Sweeper proceeding to scene. More later.
(U.S. Cdr. 8 Cruiser Division, 141115B to (U.S.) Cdr. 8th U.S. Fleet (R) C. in C. Med. (Malta), (U.S.) Cdr. 13 Cruiser Division, U.S. C.T.F.86.)
- R. of P. Reports of proceedings commencing from time of leaving Bone are to be forwarded to me by noon tomorrow. Attention is drawn to A.O.H.B.W.11 Section 14 para. 107 G. (11) BRECON from time of leaving Oran.
(Capt. (D) 21, 141118B to Group V Destroyers.)
- 8th S/M.F. Movements, Summary. 1959B/14th. (1) (P.217) SIBYL (P.312) TRESPASSER, (P.225) SIMOOM (P.247) SARACEN patrolling between Corsica and Italy. (2) TORBAY 038° 32' 009° 11' through 038° 34' 009° 41' at 0030/15th thence 030° (3) (P.316) TEMPLAR (?033°) 50' 007° 40' 035°. (4) (P.224) SICKLE 040° 41' 006° 36' 035°. (5) S/Ms on passage diving by day 2½ knots surfaced by night 9 knots, except (P.47) DOLFIJN 6 knots. (6) (P.47) DOLFIJN 040° 33' 011° 26' 209°. (Capt. S.8, 141130B)
- LEINSTER. Intend sailing LEINSTER for Licata at 1600B/14th. Routed through Q.K.B. (?166) Hon 4 appendix 1, Q.K.B.163 to Licata S. of A. 14 knots W/T watch on 500 K/cs E.T.A. 0800B/15th.
(N.O.I.C. Tunis, 141158B to C. in C. Med. (R) C.T.F.86, Comnavaw, F.O.I.C. Bizerta.)

Return /...

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Return Convoys. Sailing of return convoys from beaches must be reported promptly in proper form of convoy sailing signal. (2) At present situation is entirely vague both as to (?whereabouts) of convoy and escort. In consequence air protection cannot be arranged nor can arrangement be made to economize escorts. (3) Report forthwith E.T.A. of A. and B. Sections of M.K.S.18 and M.E.S.36 at Tripoli and escorts in company. (C. in C. Med. 141201B to R.A.V., F.O.S.Y., N.C.F.A., N.O.I.C. Syracuse, (R) V.A. Malta, N.C.E.T.F., 201 Group, S.N.O. Tripolitania, A.H.Q. Malta.)

LAFOREY, Gen. Alexander. LAFOREY is required to be off Custom House 0800 tomorrow 15th to embark Gen. Alexander and sail for Syracuse. E.T.A. Syracuse 1100/15th. N.O.I.C. Syracuse inform G.O.C. 8th Army. (C. in C. Med. 141226B to N.C.E.T.F., V.A. Malta, (R) D.19, C.S.15, N.O.I.C. Syracuse, F.O.S.Y., H.Q. 15th Army group).

LAFOREY is to arrive Grand Harbour 0300 tomorrow Thursday. She is required to embark Gen. Alexander and N.C.E.T.F. at 0800 Flag of N.C.E.T.F. is to be transferred to LAFOREY at 0800 tomorrow Thursday. Flag will be provided. (N.C.E.T.F. 141759B to ANTWERP, C.S.15 (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med., LAFOREY, Capt. (D) 19th D.F.)

U.S. Warships. C.T.G.86.1 sailed. BROOKLYN, BOISE and SAVANNAH with destroyers addressed to Algiers departed Licata 1500 today 14. BOISE and SAVANNAH take fuel and ammunition and await orders. BROOKLYN further orders later. Route through 36.40 N. 14.00 E. and thence through 36.07 N. 11.50 E. thence Tunis War Channel. See Q.K.B.149 and 150. S. of A. 15.5 knots. E.T.A.0700/16th. N.O.I.C. Algiers is requested to arrange tugs and pilots. (C.T.G.85.2, 141230B to C.T.G.86.1, U.S.S. SAVANNAH, SHUBRICK, WOOLSEY, BOISE, BRISTOL, BUTLER, HERNDON (R) C. in C. Med., Cdr. 8th U.S. Fleet, C.T.F.85, 86, 83, C.T.G.85.3, N.O.I.C. Algiers)

SERAPH, SAFARI, SHAKESPEARE. Intend sailing P.219 (SERAPH) and P.211 (SAFARI) for patrol as ordered by Capt. (S) 8th routed 295° from end of N.W. searched channel escorted by a destroyer. At 0430 in 037° 03' 011° 51' P.219 (SERAPH) will part company with escort and proceed to submerge course 360° and P.211 (SAFARI) will part company at 0530 in 037° 09' 011° 36' and will proceed to submerge on course 360°. (2) P.221 (SHAKESPEARE) only is required for R/C and is being retained in anticipation of your approval of Capt. (S) 8, 131048 (N.T. in W.R.) (Capt. (S) 10, 141245 to C. in C. Med.)

Group /...

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A/S
Search.

Request you will detail Group W. to carry out A/S search between $037^{\circ} 00' N.$ and $037^{\circ} 45' N.$ keeping to eastward of $015^{\circ} 45' E.$ tonight 14th/15th, returning to Malta on completion. (C. in C. Med. 141301B to N.C.F.B. (R) N.C.E.T.F., N.C.F.A., F.O.S.Y., V.A.Malta, C.S.15, C.S.12, A.H.Q. Malta.)

Mindiv 50.

Estimate your P.C. and S. at 1200/14th 037° ($?14'$) N. $007^{\circ} 03' E.$ course 270° 12 Knots. Proceeding by standard route. Codeword "Rossport" priority low. (C. in C. Med. (A), 141333B to Mindiv 50, (R) N.O.I.C.Algiers, Bone, Bougie, Philippeville. Bizerta.)

Local
Forces,
disposition.

Local L.S. forces are allocated as follows:
Syracuse, 13th trawler group (A/S) 153 B.Y.M.S. Flotilla (LL, SA and O), 6 HD M.L.'s from Force A. Augusta, 8th trawler group (A/S M/S) 105 M.M.S. Flotilla (LL.SA) 4 H.D.M.L.'s from Force B. Catania, 4th Trawler Group (A/S M/S) 4 H.D. M.L.'s from Force A 2 H.D.M.'s from Force B.
(2) Group P. Hunts, CROMARTY, POOLE, BOSTON, SEAHAM and M.L. Flotilla 22 are to be based on Augusta when Catania has been occupied. (3) M.G.B. Flotilla 411 and M.T.B. Flotilla 32 will be based on Augusta as ordered by C. in C. Med. (Malta).
(4) N.C.F.B. pass to N.O.I.C. Augusta. (N.C.E.T.F. 131356 to N.C.F.A., N.C.F.B., N.C.F.V. (R) C. in C. Med., C.C.F., V.A. Malta, N.O.I.C. Syracuse, N.O.I.C. Augusta, N.O.I.C. Catania)

WHITEHAVEN,
HYTHE,
RYE,
ROMNEY.

S.N.O.L.N. 1430B (N.T. in W.R.) and my 122021B. Reference Hon 6 serial 7. It is essential WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, RYE and ROMNEY now en route Tripoli return to Acid sector as soon as possible to escort empty ships of M.W.S.37. Remaining ships of 14th M/S Flotilla are allocated F.O. Sicily and are therefore not available. (N.C. Force A, 141401B to C. in C. Med. N.C.E.N.T.F. S.N.O. Tripolitania, S.N.O.L.N. EXMOOR, 5th D.F., S.O. Force V. F.O.SY)

ST.DAVID.

Proceed at 1800 today Wednesday 14th to Bark West. Routed in accordance with C. in C. Med. (M) memoranda number (7349) (Alternatives 419, 623, and 919) (W) 00358/A/11 dated 17th June, S. of A. 15 knots, E.T.A. 0800B/15th. (N.O.I.C. Sousse, 141405B to ST. DAVID, (R) R.A.(V) N.C.E.T.F., C. in C. Med. (Malta) and C. in C. Med. (A))

Destroyer /...

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Destroyer Patrols. D.22 is shortening Acid patrol to (2170° 329° or 090°) Ballata 2. Intend withdrawing outer X patrol and establishing 245° line from 068° ?Veicari Island 2 miles, to position 080° VE 4¹/₂ miles, using vessels of outer patrol for this duty.

(Capt. (D) 15, 141420 to S.O. Force V, (R) D.22) New Acid anti S/M patrol is to be take up at 1700 today Wednesday as follows. Inner line (A) 222 MUR 11. (B) Mur 5. Outer line 2 miles to seaward future speed 10 knots. Normal sweep.

(HURWORTH, 141453B to Acid Screen (R) N.C.F.A., Capt. (D) 5)

Enemy Cruiser. P.C. and S. of one enemy cruiser and 3 aeroplanes at 1400 is 42.27 N. 10.00 E, course 190° speed 30 knots.
(A/C. BSK/W, 141430B to K.T.1)

Ships Ex M.W.S.37. Hon 6 para. 30. I have about 6 ships ex M.W.S. 37 ready to sail for Tripoli a.m. tomorrow Thursday but no escorts available except BROCKLESBY from your sector who I have retained temporarily in case I can join these M/T ships with similar convoy of yours. Have you anything going?
(N.C.F.A. 141557B to S.O. Force V. (R) C. in C. Med. N.C.E.N.T.F., S.N.O.L.N., F.O. Sicily.)

Estimated U/B dis-position. German. 1 possibly 2 within 40 miles of Cape Passero probably only 1 now operating to westward of Algiers last reported off Oran 1900/13. Italian. Probable patrol areas for the 10 to 12 operating: (a) East and south east coast of Sicily. (b) Between Malta and Sousse. (c) Between 006° E. and 010° E. and S. of 038° N.
(C. in C. Med. (A), 141614B)

American M.T.B's. Intend operating American M.T.B's nightly commencing July 15th in 2 groups off Cape San Vito and Palermo passing 25 miles north of Marittimo at dusk returning through same position at daylight. (2) Codeword "Bootleg" and "Bootleg 1" respectively priority low. (3) Wirelss guard on 2150 K/cs.
(N.O.I.C. Bizerta, 141711 to C. in C. Med. (R) Ships and Vessels Med. Fleet.)

Force A, UGANDA. Situation report 1700. Parachute (6 corrupt groups) (?not) in contact with our own ground troops. (5 corrupt groups) landed (corrupt group) (? in vicinity) last night directed on bridge (corrupt group)(?). No news since landings.
Forward line 5 and 50 divisions approximately (6 corrupt groups) held up by enemy in and south of Lentini. Augusta clear.
(N.C.F.A. 141745 to UGANDA)

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M.T.B. and M.G.B. Patrol. Hon 2, para. 20. Request you will sail 2 divisions M.T.B. and 1 division motor gunboat to patrol North of 057° 45' N. and West of 015° 45' E. from 2100 till 0500 tomorrow Thursday. Boats are to return to Syracuse or Augusta on completion of patrol. M.T.B. may attack S/Ms. (C. in C. Med. 141821B to F.O.I.C. Sicily (R) N.O.I.C. Syracuse N.O.I.C. Augusta, C.S.15, Force Q, N.C.A., N.C.E.T.F., H.Q.R.A.F.W.D., H.Q.N.A.T.A. H.Q., N.W.A.C.A.F., H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.)

TETCOTT. Unable to decode originator of signal 140618B enquiring whereabouts TETCOTT. I have assumed that TETCOTT is attached to group ?P as shown in Strop 1 appendix 2, and that she will remain under my orders until (?sailing) with Hon 6, serial 7, programme. She is at present on A/S patrol off Acid. (N.C.F.A. 141827B to N.C.F.V. (R) Capt. (D) 5th D.F., N.C.E.T.F.)

Augusta, port party. Port party returning to Augusta (L). L.S.T. convoy was unloaded and sailed. A/A defences in process of being installed. Further convoys can now be received. (F.O.I.C. Sicily. 141952 to N.C.E.T.F. (R) C.in C. Med. C.S.15, N.C.F.A., N.O.I.C. Augusta)

Landing Craft Appreciation. Have watched with keenest interest work of landing ships and craft and of their repair base staffs during this operation, and fully appreciate the great part they have played in its success. (2) The high percentage of Starters and their safe arrival at beaches in face of difficult weather conditions was largely responsible for the element of surprise which gave our Armies such a good start. (3) The pace must be kept up and there is plenty of work ahead. Not all of it will be easy and every available moment must be used for training and maintenance. (4) Good luck and carry on. (5) Authorities pass to landing craft and landing ships. (C. in C. Med. 142002 to All Landing ships and craft, F.O.Tunisia, etc.)

Acid Landing Finished. BULOLO. I have finished at Acid and BULOLO is no longer required. Suggest I leave the (?final) clewing to S.N.O.L.H. and proceed to Malta at 1200 tomorrow 15th July to report before proceeding Alexandria. (N.C.F. "A", 142007B to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R) C. in C. Med. etc.)

Sicily Aerodromes. Aerodromes in Sicily are now clear of enemy aircraft, consequently number of hostile aircraft likely to be encountered by day is small at the

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moment; so far as is known no torpedo bombers are operating in (?area) though this may not last. Fire should therefore be withheld unless aircraft are clearly identified (?as) hostile. The strictest fire discipline is essential. (C. in C. Med. 142014 to N.C.W.T.F., N.C.E.T.F., F.O.S.Y., S.O.Force "A", S.O.Force "H", C.S.12, C.S.15, D.C.(V))

Bombarding
Squadron.

N.C.E.T.F.132121 and 140938. Bombarding Squadron is supporting right flank of 8th Army in Sicily. They are answering calls for support from LARGS or attached F.O.O. as from 0400/15th July. (2) F.O.O.frequencies as follows. (3) B.C.W. is 4172. Watch is to be kept on B.C.W. between 0400 and 2145. (4) Ships call sign on B.C.W. are as follows: (?S.O.Force K) G.66, ORION, G.65, UGANDA G.1, MAURITIUS G.7, EREBUS G.5, ROBERTS G.76, D.S.FLORES G.11, SOEMBA G.10, NUBIAN G.4. TARTAR G.8, (?LAFOREY) G (10?), LOYAL G.67, LOOKOUT G.69, APHIS G.9, COCKCHAFER G.2, SCARAB, G.3. (5) S.O. Force "K" is to report to F.O.S.Y. when he intends to sail cruisers and monitors to re-ammunition and refuel. (6) Other ships are to report to F.O.S.Y. at 0800 daily reports as follows (a) Bombardment ammunition (b) Long range A/A, (c) Close range A/A, (d) Fuel on board. (7) While LARGS is out of wireless touch F.O. O.S. S.O.Force "K" is requested to make necessary allocation ships to F.O.O.S. reporting to F.O.S.Y. (8) Ships are to inform attached F.O.O.S. that F.O.S.Y's call sign is (corrupt group). (F.O.S.Y. 142158B, 151057 to Force K, EREBUS, ROBERTS, D.S. FLORES, SOEMBA, APHIS, COCKCHAFER, SCARAB, (R) C. in C. Med. N.C.E.T.F., S.O.Force H, N.C.F.A.)

Force "Q".

Force Q will be required to operate tomorrow night 15th/16th. (C. in C. Med. 142207B to F.O.H. (R) R.A.H., C.S.15, C.S.12, N.C.F.A., N.C.F.V., F.O.S.Y, N.C.E.T.F., A.T.F.)

Force "V"

Your 141946 (N.T. in W.R.). Am sending my S.O.I. with latest information available in M.L. E.T.A.0115B/15. (S.O.Force V.142224 to ?, (R) M.S.12, S.O.Force A.D.21)

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Hon 6 serial 5 and 6. Postpone departure from Tripoli (Libya) by 24 hours. (C. in C. Med. 142230B to S.N.O. Tripolitania, (R) C. in C. Med. "A", C. in C. Levant, N.O.I.C. Bizerta, F.O.I.C.Gibraltar, N.O.I.C.Algiers, S.N.O.Cyrenaica, Admty, M.A.C., N.A.C.A.F., V.A. Malta.)

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"Husky"
Situation
Report
No.7. (1) Commandoes landed by PRINS ALBERT during the night 13th/14th at south end of Catania Bay. EREBUS bombarded Catania air field. Other ships gave gunfire support as required. (2) Fast convoy discharged at Syracuse and sailed. Part of slow convoy berthed in port. Augusta not severely damaged. Floating dock apparently undamaged. (3) Between 9th and 13th July Air Force have destroyed 100 enemy aircraft probably destroyed 26 damaged 64. Numbers of Sorties flown by our A/C over Sicily on 13th exceeded enemy's by 8 to 1. On 14th little enemy air activity and Sicily air fields clear. Our Air Force operating from Pachino, Licata and Comiso. (4) Paratroops captured Catania bridge during night 13th/14th. Armoured Brigade made contact with them from 14th. Otherwise no large advance but considerable fighting.
(C. in C. Med. 142249)

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No.5. Part 11, signed Eisenhower, Cite, F.H.G.C.T.
(1) Personnel convoy completed discharge at Syracuse and sailed. Store ships convoy berthed. Acid south and Bark west beaches closed. (2) Damage to Augusta port not great. Four oil and petrol carriers captured intact and floating dock apparently undamaged. (3) Commando landed from L.S.I. south end of Catania Bay during night 13th/14th and Catania airfield bombarded by Monitor. (4) H.M. Submarine reports sinking a U-Boat. (5) 1 M.T. ship sunk off Acid p.m. July 13th.
(C. in C. Med., Malta, 142252B to Admtty etc.)

D.21.
Enemy A/C. Enemy aircraft bombing,
(D.21, 142342 to S.O. Force V.)

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SONTAY. Your 101745C. It may emerge that the only condition under which Bulgarian authorities will agree to release of Jewish refugees is that vessel should arrive Istanbul by 31st July. In view of importance of this movement we are most anxious to be able to meet it.

2. Can any other ship do SONTAY's present voyage or if this is quite impracticable can you nominate any other ship which can comply with the condition in para. 1?
(D. of S.T., 140224B to P.S.T.O.M.E.)

Convoy
A.P.36.

Sailing telegram (3 ships).
(2) 0400Z/14th July.
(3) Long. 055 degs. 1700Z/16th July, lat. 022 degs. 1500Z/18th, join 0300Z/20th.
(4) 10½ knots. (5) Route to Karachi.
(6) ORISSA to Hormuz.
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 140423Z, 140429Z.)

Malta Air
Report.

A.I.681, 13th July. Opsum No. 64.
12th July. Totals for this day including Pantellaria Squadron are 948 fighter sorties, 25 enemy aircraft destroyed, 10 probably destroyed and 22 damaged.

12th/13th July. In interception patrols by 2 Mosquitoes and 7 Beaufighters covering our invasion forces in Southern Sicily 11 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 1 probably destroyed in Cape Passero/Augusta area. 8 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy and made cannon attacks on lights near Grottaglie airfield, damaged 1 railway locomotive in Toe of Italy, and damaged 2 trains near Taranto.

6 Hurricanes on ground attack mission attacked searchlights and M/T at Sciacca and also attacked M/T at Castel Vetrano, Ribera and Piazza Amerina in central Sicily.

13th July. 659 Spitfire sorties have been flown in protective patrols over our shipping off the beaches and the harbours of Southern Sicily. Following enemy reaction was experienced:-
0300, 6 Ju.88s attacked shipping in Gulf of Noto were driven off and 2 Ju.88s destroyed.

0515, 15 Me.110 were intercepted near Augusta and 5 Me.110s were destroyed and three Me.110s damaged.

0500 hours, Spitfires patrolling in Syracuse area intercepted several formations of enemy aircraft and attacked destroying 1 Ju.87, 1 He.111, 1 Me.109 probably destroying 1 Ju.88 and damaging 2 He.111s, 1 Ju.87 and 1 Me.202.

0530, 12 Ju.87s unescorted were intercepted south-west of Gerbini flying south and 5 Ju.87s were destroyed and 7 Ju.87s damaged 1 Do.217 and four Me.109s over Catania were attacked and 1 Do.217 destroyed 1 Me.109 probably destroyed and 1 Me.109 damaged.

0700, 5 F.W.190s bombing Cassibile were intercepted and 1 F.W.190 destroyed and 1 F.W.190 damaged.

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0900 1 Me. 109 and 1 Mc. 202 were attacked and destroyed over Augusta.

0930 7 Mc.202s. were attacked over Augusta and 1 Mc. 202 destroyed 1 Mc. 202 probably destroyed and 4 Mc. 202s. damaged.

1000 10 Mc.200s bombing cruisers north of Augusta were driven off by Spitfires and 2 Mc. 200s were destroyed and 2 Mc. 200s damaged.

1130 Spitfires intercepted 3 Me.109s. over Biscari and damaged 2 Me.109s, 51 Spitfires made offensive sweeps over Southeast Sicily.

49 Spitfire sorties were made in escorting bombers and fighter bombers (details).

Out of a total of 897 fighter and fighter bomber sorties including Pantellaria squadrons only one Spitfire one Warhawk and four Kittyhawks have been lost.

(R.A.F. Malta 140510Z).

Operations by A/C of other commands, 1 Liberator of 66 Sqdn. airborne from Benina at 0827 to bomb Cotrone Aerodrome dropped 12, 500lb bombs which burst across southeast corner of aerodrome. A/C developed engine trouble after leaving the target area and landed at Malta 1415.

(R.A.F. Malta 130540Z).

M.E.F.27 Sail from area B at 1600 today 14th with convoy M.E.F.37 to Alexandria, route in accordance with Hon.6 appendix IV (B). Estimated S. of A. 12½.

(2) Codeword "Burgess" priority normal.

(3) Estimates time of passing R.W.0700/16th.

(V.A. Malta 140736 to BEAUFORT, HURSLEY, EASTON, KANARIS, WISHART, VENOMOUS, WITHERINGTON, (R) C. in C. Med.etc.).

My 140736 amend route to read Q.K.B.123 B, "Hug"(212),"Crush"(235),"Dead Swerve"(221),"Rain"(358), at 2330/15th then as ordered by C. in C. Levant. Cancel para.3.

(V.A. Malta 141232B to BEAUFORT, etc.).

M.K.F.19 Sail from area A at 1600 today 14th with convoy M.K.F.19 route through south of Cominco Channel then in accordance with Hon.6 appendix 4 (a).

Estimate S. of A. 13½ (ii) Codeword "Harper" and normal priority (iii) Convoy passes K.F. approx. 0500/15th.

(V.A. Malta 140737B, 141000 to HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE, SLAZAK (R) N.L.O. N.A.A.F. A.H.Q. Malta, C. in C. Med. etc.).

RORQUAL 14th July 43 arrival.

(S.O.(I) Beirut 140832C to Admty.).

RORQUAL (?summary) of 21st mine laying operation and 8th war patrol. (?2nd) July laid mines off Kassandra Point 3rd July laid mines north of Cape Sepi(?as).

A.m. 7th July attacked tanker escorted by 2 destroyers 1 (one) A/S vessel 3 aircraft off Dardanelles. 2 Hits ship sunk. 26 Charges in counter attack. 8th July bombarded Stratoni (2 corrupt groups) 51 rounds.

(Capt.S.1. 141132C to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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Movements 13th July 43 arrivals M.L.384 and 385 departures
Beirut. COMMANDANT DOMINE M.T.B.60.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 140835C to Admty.).

A/C Attack Ref. C.A.F.O. 151/43 Part 1.
on U/B. (1) Monastir 821 Wing Land R Albacore G (2) K (2).
11 July. (2) 11th July 1943. Aircraft K 1158B and 1640B
Aircraft G 1230B and 1645B. Daylight.
(3) (7035 degs.) 31' North 011 degs. (706') East.
(4) 16 - 250 pound Torpedo ex D/Cs.
(5) Fresh oil after one attack. More oil after 2nd attack. On
return large air (?bubbles) were rising ahead of oil track and
moving up wind. Some identified debris also seen. Destroyers
arrived later and continued attack.
(821 Squadron 140930B to Admty.).

TRIDENT 4th War Patrol Summary. All times zone minus 3.
0500/27 sank 100 ton Caique with gunfire in 35
degs. 54' 25 degs. 10'.
1802/29 bombed ineffectively by aircraft in 37.26
28.08 whole closing on the surface to attack Caique.
0005/30 encountered enemy A/S Trawler in 37.08 26.01 and dived.
Hunted ineffectively.
0043/1st sighted 3 ships steering 260 degs. in 36.27 26.56 East
forced down by enemy zig zag.
0314/2nd encountered enemy A/S Trawler in 36.30 27.37.
0620/2nd sank 40 ton Caique by gunfire in 36.32 27.45.
2018/2nd encountered 2 small east bound Caiques off Kandaliuba
and sank the larger by gunfire.
A.M.3rd reconnoitred Port Vathy (Amorgos) seeing nothing.
0009/4th sighted 3500 ton merchant vessel escorted by 2
Destroyers steering 280 degs. Fired three torpedoes 1 hit
observed. No counterattack but prolonged A/S hunt until dawn.
1653/6th sighted 1 trawler and 1 Yacht escorted by 1 Seaplane
northbound through Doro Channel possibly minesweepers.
2310/7th sighted 1 merchant vessel and 3 escorts in 38.18
24.26 bound south towards Doro Channel. Gave chase after diving
for starboard escort and fired 6 torpedoes in entrance to
Channel. Missed, target zig zagged.
0650/8th in 345 degs. Cape Doro 10 miles engaged 2 masted 150
ton Schooner with gunfire. Target proved to be a hydrophone
fitted decoy ship with 3.7 inch gun behind collapsible bulwarks
1 37 M.M. gun forward and aft and several machine guns forced to
dive after firing 8 rounds of 4 inch estimated 3 hits. Prompt
counter attack of 50 charges. First 2 were close.
2114/9th fired 20 rounds 4 inch at Bauxite installation Amorgos
registering hits and sheds including dynamite dump and wire
transporter.
P.M.10th reconnoitred Ophris in Kaso Island observing 2 Caiques
on slipway and 2 large sheds or hangars.
(S.1. 140958C to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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Russian Naval Attache in MAURITIUS. Capt. Rodionov U.S.S.R. Naval Attache Turkey has informed me that his leave of absence from Turkey cannot extend beyond 1st August. He has shown great interest and appreciates facilities granted him in opening phase of "Husky".

He would much appreciate if he could also be shown outline of H.Q. organization and general port defence arrangements for Malta. He is more interested in Naval operations and combined operations than material developments.

Propose to disembark him and B.A.N. (?A) Ankara about 15th July if returning Malta to ammunition and refuel.

(MAURITIUS 141000 to C. in C. Levant, (R) Admty. etc.).

Ref. (?last) para. of your 141000, concur. V.A. Malta is requested to keep me informed of arrangements for return to Egypt.

(C. in C. Levant 141714C to MAURITIUS (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med.).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S of 2 enemy merchant vessels 5000 and 7000 tons 42.19 N. 8.10 E. 000 degs. 8 knots. (A/C H.U.L./C, 141010B, to 55S).

TAURUS My 131823. Leave patrol to pass through
(a) 035 degs. 16' 026 degs. 48' at 0100C/20th.
(b) 034 degs. 14' 028 degs. 36' at 2330C/20th.
thence direct in to arrive Beirut at 0530C/22nd.
(Capt.S.1. 141112C to P.339 (R) C. in C. Levant, Cdre. (D), C.C.F.E. Med.).

RORQUAL operations. RORQUAL (?summary) of 21st mine lyaing operation and 8th War Patrol. 2nd July laid mines off Kassandra Point 3rd July laid mines North of Cape Sepi(?as) a.m. 7th July attacked tanker escorted by two destroyers (one) A/S vessel 3 aircraft off Dardanelles. 2 hits ship sunk. 26 charges in counter attack. 8th July bombarded Straton iron works, 51 rounds (Capt.S.1. 141132C to C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant, V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10, (R) F.O.(S).

LE CURIE
MINERVE
JUNON. A.M.121206A/March. Owing to generator defects date of departure of F.F.S. LE CURIE for Mediterranean is now uncertain.
(1) If C. in C. Med. considers it inadvisable for her to follow normal procedure of carrying out short working up patrol from Algiers, propose that she should either do a working up patrol at Gibraltar and then join 10th S/M F. or proceed direct to Malta for working-up patrol.
(3). F.F.S. MINERVE will continue to be based on Dundee for the present. Question of her redispotion and that of F.F.S. JUNON on completion of refit will be dealt with subsequently. (Hd. of M.II 141142B to C. in C. Levant, C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Malta etc.).

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. at 1117 of one enemy tanker of 3,000 tons, 2 tankers of 300 tons and one medium sized merchant vessel 42.10 N. 10.17 E. 200 degs. 8 knots.
(A/C H.U.L./P 141145B via Gib. W/T).

P.C. and S. of 2 enemy merchant vessels of 9,000 tons and 2,000 tons and one destroyer, 42.47 N. 8.42 E. 006 degs. 10 knots.
(A/C H.U.L./C 141255B via Gib W/T).

G.U.S.10 and G.U.S.10X. Request ocean route for these two convoys expected to pass Gibraltar on 21st July and 25th July respectively. C. in C. Med. (Malta) 131807 refers.
(C. in C. Med. (Algiers) 141201B to Admty.).

Movements summary 2000B/14th. All positions North and East.
(1) M.E.F.37, WISHART 035 degs. 18' 015 degs. 07' through 032 degs. 40' 020 degs. 07' 12 knots.
(2) 4 L.C.I. 036 degs. 15' 014 degs. to Augusta 10 knots.
(3) 9 L.S.T. 036 degs. 00' 013 degs. 38' to North East 8 knots.
(4) M.K.S.18A, ALCINOUS 033 degs. 48' 014 degs. 00' through 033 degs. 00' 014 degs. 00' to Tripoli (Libya) 8 knots.
(5) 9 L.C.T. 4 Y.Ts. 1 tug 036 degs. 40' 013 degs. 46' to Sicily 6½ knots.
(6) M.K.F.19, SLAZAK 036 degs. 07' 013 degs. 30' through 036 degs. 07' 013 degs. 30' 036 degs. 07' 011 degs. 50' (?36 degs.) 31' 011 degs. 00' and swept channel 13½ knots.
(C. in C. Med. 141250B).

M.E.Air Report. A.661 July 14th. Daily Opsum 77.
12/13 July. 2 Liberators (B.24) 8 Halifaxes Vibo Valentia and Reggio di Calabria airfields. 2 returned early. 4 bombed Vibo Valentia. Bursts covered runway and area North-East side of airfield. 2 small fires Latier area. 4 bombed Reggio di Calabria bursts centre and south side of landing ground, and on M.T. quarters small fire near M.T. quarters. 13th July. 79 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Vibo Valentia and Crotona airfields. 6 returned early, including 1 crashed south-east of base. All crew killed. 22 bombed Vibo Valentia. Hits on administration buildings and 3 hangars. Munition storage exploded. About 7 twin-engined enemy aircraft and approx. 6 other enemy aircraft burning on ground. Latter group in front of hangars. 1 enemy aircraft hit on landing. Oil fire between Administration Building and munition storage. Other fires emitting clouds of black smoke on centre of landing ground. Roughly 30 enemy aircraft seen S.W. corner of airfield 51. 12/13 bombed Crotona. Bursts on runway airfield surface and vicinity of hangars. Numerous hits on 18 aircraft with fragmentation bombs south of hangars. 2 further enemy aircraft left burning on ground. Several oil fires N.W. edge of airfield. Explosions just west of hangars. Following delayed details.

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24 U.S. Liberators (B.24) Reggio di Calabria and San Giovanni Ferry Slips and Marshalling Yards, 3 returned early including one which returned owing to gunner being accidentally killed. 6 bombed Reggio di Calabria. Bursts railway sidings and station railway bridges and area east of Locomotive sheds. 15 bombed San Giovanni. Hits on railroad lines stretching from Barrack to Ferry terminal and area east of railroad sidings.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1412592).

LAOMEDON LAOMEDON boom carrier is required to prepare for specific operations. Request her passage to U.K. may be expedited.
(D.B.D. 141302B to C. in C. Levant).

Movements Arrivals and departures Tuesday 13th July.
Malta. Arrivals ALBERTCUYP (sic) MIDDLESEX, TRADER, JUDE, OUTPOST, LANBROOKE, EMPIRE NARRISSA, EMPIRE LARGE, COXWOLD, FORT FORK, CITY OF NEWCASTLE, FORT YALE, CHERTSEY, OCEAN VENTURE.
H.M. Ships. PROTEA, SOUTHERN ISLES, SOUTHERN SEA, WOLBOROUGH, PEARLEAF, CEDARDALE, PROGRESS, RYSA, MISOA, HAILSTORM, SKUDD 5, EMPIRE MINNOW, EMPIRE GNOME, ROMEO, UGANDA, ORION, NUBIAN, LAMERTON, CAVA, TANGO, DULVERTON, LOYAL, RYE, COLOMBO, BRISSENDEN.
U.S. Ships - MCLANACLAN and GHERADA.
Departures H.M. Ships, PINDOS, BELVOIR, MIAOULIS, BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER, PRINCE LEOPOLD, PRINCE CHARLES, ABDIEL, CAMERONIA, BROCKLESBY, INCHMARNOCK, TRENT, TARTER, BARFLAKE, CIRCE, SALVESTOR.
M/Vs. ORMONDE, DERWENTDALE, JOSEPH B. CAMERON.
Arrived and departed - H.M. Ships TRENT, RYSA, DELPHINIUM, BRECON, WALLACE, KLO, JAUNTY.
Departed and returned, ANTELOPE, and BOREAS.
Arrived and departed and returned, JULIET.
Landing craft arrivals 14 L.S.Ts. 3 L.C.I.(L) 11 L.C.T.
Landing craft departures 14 L.S.T. 12 L.C.I. (L).
Arrivals and departures of coast force, sailed M.T.Bs. 62, 65, 57, 213, 634, 640, 651 and 670. M.Ls. 554, 560, 561, 557, 564, and 566.
Arrived M.T.Bs. 286, 289, 290, 295, 260, 268, 309, 313, 315, 316, 81 and 84. M.G.Bs. 641, 643, 645, 646, and 647.
(V.A. Malta 141339B to Admty. etc.).

French Refugees. Full latest news from Malaise still state total in this evacuation is 1500 refugees B.N.A. Lisbon's 121925 referred. Present arrangement for Setubal 17th July should therefore continue unless B.N.A. Lisbon confirms that second ship is definitely not necessary or that amenities of Diplomatic Authorities continue to oppose a partial evacuation.
(C. in C. Med. 141342B to F.O. Gibraltar etc.).

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M.K.S.18 B. Sailed M.K.S. ?18 B, EMPIRE CATO, THISTLEMUIR, JOSEPH ALSTLEE, FORT LAWRENCE, FORT STAGER, DERWENTHALL escorted by FLY, ESPIEGLE, CADMUS, MUTINE (corrup group) through position C.F., C.E., and thence as ordered by C. in C. Med. THISTLEMUIR and FORT LAWRENCE each ?? (have) 250 prisoners of war. Code word "Bibber" callsign 277. S. of A. 8 knots. (R.A.V. 141401 to N.O.I.C. Tripoli (Libya) (R)N.C.E.T.F. C. in C. Med. FLY).

Convoy Convoy (?corrupt group) P.E.R. My Position 033 degs. 09' N. 014 degs. 11' East routed through "Rib" speed 9 knots. WHITEHAVEN S.O. Escort HYTHE, ROMNEY, CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON, VETCH, BURRA escorting 15 merchant ships average tonnage 7000. Intend detaching WHITEHAVEN, HYTHE, ROMNEY at Grand Port for Malta in accordance with C. in C. Med. 140914. Request berthing required for remainder. (S.O. 14th M/S Flotilla 141426B to S.N.O. Tripolitania, (R) C. in C. Med. V.A. Malta, N.C.F.A., N.C.F.B., N.C.E.T.F.).

SIMOOM P.225 SIMOOM leave patrol through 041 degs. 00' SIBYL 011 degs. 20' at 20600/17th 038 degs. 38' 010 degs. 40' at 2230/18th 037 degs. 59' 004 degs. 06' at 2230/21st. P.217 (SIBYL) leaves patrol through 041 degs. 00' 010 degs. 07' at 0800/17th 038 degs. 38' 009 degs. 59' at 2230/18th 038 degs. 17' 003 degs. 20' at 2230/21st thence for S/M R/V with escort for Algiers in 036 degs. 56' 003 degs. 02' at 0630/22nd. (Capt.S.8. 141522B to 8 S.M.F.).

Movements Arrival F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC at 0401Z. Aden. Departure 0414Z ORISSA. (Com. Aden 141637Z to C. in C. Levant etc.).

NEA Your 131550. NEA HELLAS is being made available. HELLAS (P.S.T.O. Med. 141640B to D.S.T.).

N.A.A.F. A.V.284E. 14 July. Report. N.W.A.A.F. Opsum 143. N.A. Strategic A.F.12 July (A.D.D.) 30 U.S. Lightning Bombers (P.38) targets opportunities Sicily, six returned early 23 X 500 trucks Vallelunga Ganzi. 12/13 July. 21 Wellingtons Caltanissetta, 1 returned early. 243 X 250 town and barracks area vehicles. 15 Wellingtons Gerbini airfield 1 returned early. Hits target. 25 Wellingtons Enna. Fires explosions. 13 July. 36 Mitchells (B.25) escort 24 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Enna. 1 fighter returned early. Railroad station tracks road junction buildings. 41 U.S. Fortresses (B.17) Milo airfield. 4 returned early. Airfield well covered. 8 Me. 109s. encountered 1 probably destroyed, 16 U.S.

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N.A.A.F. Fortresses (B.17) damaged flak. 40 U.S.
Report. Fortresses (B.17) Catania Airfield. 3 returned
(Contd.). early. 35 hits runways 60 to 70 fighters and
J.U.58s. caught in ground hangars workshops left
burning. 6 enemy aircraft encountered 3 Me.109s.
destroyed 1 Me. 109 probably destroyed. 72 U.S. Mitchells (B.25)
escort 24 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Enna, 2 fighters returned early.
Hits town, railroad crossing.

Fort. Fires explosions. 32 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort
48 U.S. Warhawks P.40 Warchielli airfield 9 bombers returned
early. Hits runways roads. 4 Me. 109s. 1 Me.110 encountered. 1
Me.110 destroyed. 1 Me.109 probably destroyed by bombers. 2 Me.
109s. destroyed by fighters. (?187) U.S. Lightning bombers
P.38 sweep Sicily. 19 returned early. 115 X 500 railroad station
train convoy Enna. 60 railroad cars Alguarnera. Convoy Nicosia.
Tanks trucks Mussomeli. Headquarters building ran Caterina. Troops
strafed light railroad station Aragona. Trucks Racakmuto Troina.
Town marshalling yards railroad station warehouse freight cars
Randazzo. Trains Leonfort. Railroad cars Sciacca. Road bridge
convoy Alia. 1 U.S. Lightning P.38 destroyed, 4 damaged flak,
4 U.S. Lightnings P.38 air sea rescue.

N.A. Tactical A.F. 10/11 July. 44 U.S. Mitchells B.25 14 Balti-
mores A.30 14 Bostons A.20 including 8 Pathfinders Maki airfield.
5 U.S. Mitchells B.25 attacked Trapani Harbour 1 Sciacca 1
Custoacci. Airfield well covered. Ammunition dumps hit. Fires
Trapani. 1 U.S. Mitchell missing. 10 Boston 4 Baltimores Sciacci
airfield.

All Target Area. Fire and explosion, 16 U.S. Mitchells 8 Bostons
Road Targets Central Sicily. 2 U.S. Mitchells Bombed Sciacca
Airfield, 1 jettisoned remainder attacked objectives. Direct hits
on roads motor transport bombed and strafed. Bridges and viaduct
attacked. 11/12 July. 50 U.S. Mitchells with 5 Bostons Pathfinders
Borrizzo A/D. 2 U.S. Mitchells attacked Carcitrillo Airfield
remainder bombed objective. Several? good fires. 8 Bostons
Castel Vetrano Airfield, all target areas. 19 Bostons 19-Balti-
mores road targets Central Sicily. Transport and road junction
bombed, direct hit bridge, S.E. Prizzi. 8 U.S. Mitchells dropped
60 X 500 smoke bombs to cover motor torpedo boats operating off
West Sicily. 13 July, 24 U.S. Mitchells Caltagirone recalled
before reaching target owing to advance of ground forces. N.W.
African Coastal Air Force. 11 July (A.D.D.) 5 Baltimores 2
Marauders Recce. Tyrrhenian sea and coasts Corsica and Sardinia.
11/12 July (A.D.D.) 8 Wellingtons Recce. Tyrrhenian sea and west
coast Sardinia. 12 July (A.D.D.) ?19 Hurricanes 6 Albacores,
1 Bisley, 2 French Latacoeres, 22 Spitfires, 68 U.S. Spitfires,
44 French Spitfires, 18 U.S. Airacobras, 30 French Warhawks
anti-submarine patrol and convoy escort. 4 Marauders 3 Baltimores,
12 Beaufighters including 5 with torpedoes shipping strike N.W.
Corsica failed locate convoy. Attacked 2 Merchant Vessels S7R
Corsica with 2 torpedoed. Hits not seen but cannon strikes
observed. 1 Beaufighter damaged.
(H.Q. N.W.A.A.F. Adv. 141644B, 141701B, 142025B).

M.K.F.19 Convoy M.K.F.19 sailed 1600/14th. Codeword "Harper"
(2) Composition ALMANZORA, ARUNDEL CASTLE, DUNN-
OTTAR CASTLE.
(V.A. Malta 141748B to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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M.K.F.18. M.K.F.18 sailing in accordance with C. in C. Med's. 122142. (List). Cdre. Master DURBAN CASTLE pendant 31 (4 Convoy Signalmen survivors). Vice Cdre. Master ORONTES pendant 21. Destinations EMPRESS OF RUSSIA Oran for bunkering NEA HELLAS (?Oran) for West Africa remainder U.K. (N.O.I.C. Algiers 141759B to Admty. etc.).

Movements 14th July Port Said arrivals nil.
Port Said. Departures L.C.T.111 towing one L.C.M. H.M. M/L 387.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 141803C to Admty. etc.).

POLRUAN and BRIXHAM are to be sailed to Malta for fuel and onward routing on arrival of M.E.S. 36 part 2. N.C. Force A's. 140901 refers. (N.T. in W.R.).
(C. in C. Med. 141827B to S.N.O. Tripolitania,
(R) GERALDTON, N.C.E.T.F. N.C. Force A, F.O.Sy.).

M.E.F.37 Convoy M.E.F.37 sailed 1600/14th codeword "Burgess".
(2) Composition ARONDA, CITY OF CANTERBURY, EGRA, EMPIRE PRIDE, EMPIRE TROOPER, KAROA, KOSCUISKO, LEOPOLDVILLE, ORBITA, RAJULA, RHONA, TAKLIWA, BLUES-FIORD.
(V.A. Malta 141832 to C. in C. Med. etc.).

MATTHEW MAURY My 111238 (E.T.22A arrived less GULF PRINCE, and MATTHEW MAURY). MATTHEW MAURY arrived in tow from Bougie.
(Comm. Algeria 141850 to Admty. etc.).

Situation (1) Commandoes landed south end of Catania Bay by Report No. H.M.S. PRINSE ALBERT during night 13th/14th July. 123. H.M.S. EREBUS bombarded Catania airfield at same time.
(2) U.S.S. BROOKLYN mined in position 225 degs. 10 miles from Gela in own protective minefield.

Damage slight.
(3) Convoy M.E.F. 37 discharged and sailed from Syracuse. Cargo ships of M.W.S.37 berthed in port and discharged rate good. Acid south and Bark west beaches now closed.
(4) Damage to Augusta port not great except that Carlo Del Molo harbour and jetties obstructed. One large oil and three small petrol carriers captured undamaged. Floating dock reported undamaged. Boom defences in position.
(5) (U)-boat 409 sunk by INCONSTANT in 37.17 N. 03.55 E. at 121000 35 survivors. Submarine UNRULY reports sinking a U-Boat.
(6) S.S. GULF PRINCE and MATTHEW MAURY previously reported torpedoed in E.T.22 have now been towed to Algiers and Bougie respectively. S.S. TIMOTHY PICKERING sunk off Acid south at 131144.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 142007B to Admty.).

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Tunis. Arrivals WESTRAY, KINTYRE, JEFFERS, L.S.Ts. 345, 347, BOXER, BRUISER, THRUSTER, FOULA, SALTARELO, ACUTE, U.S.S. MCLANAHAN, ALBACORE, BUDE, ROTHESAY, CLACTON, STORNOWAY.
Departures JEFFERS, PRINCESS ASTRID, L.S.Ts. 348, 374, 350, 372, 314, 379, 375, 345, (one) 388, 383, 359, 377, 373, 326. GLOXINIA, KINTYRE, COVERLEY, SALTARELO.
(F.O. Tunisia 142010 to Admty. etc.).

Enemy Unit. Have obtained A.S.V. contact in 32.54 N.20.08 E. probably a submarine.
(A/C G.G.F/F via Alexandria 142014Z to H.Q.201 Group (M.E.).

Movements Haifa. Departure 14th July G.S, IERAX, G.S. PANTHER, G.S. AETOS.
(N.O. i/c Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 142015C to Admty. etc.).

UNSPARRING Sailing of P.55 (UNSPARRING? delayed 24 hours, add 24 hours to all times in my 121408.
(Capt.(S) 8. 142018B to C. in C. Med.).

SALTARELO Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Bone 142023B to Admty. etc.).

M.E.F.37 Codeword "Burgess" Amend route in my 141410 (N.T. in W.D.) not to A.I.G.69 or Escort M.E.F. 37. Through 235, 221, 358, 0030C/16th, 353 3 miles North 351 3 miles North 348 3 miles North 342 1330/16th 5 miles North 336 10 miles North 327 2200/16th 5 miles North 315 0730/17th through 310, 309, 1700/17th, 306, 303, 300, 399 0530/18th to Port Said. S. of A. 12½ knots.
(2) Balloons may be flown as ordered by S.O.
(3) Request fighter defence normal priority and A/S Defence.
(4) Ships for Alexandria and orders for escorts follow.
(C. in C. Levant 142040C to R.A. Alex. etc.).

BORINQUEN This is recypher of my 121456B, BORINQUEN arrived.
(Cdr. N.O.B. Oran 142055 to Admty. etc.).

Black Sea Report. (1) Sea. (A) Russian cutters (R-boats) shelled Mariupol and Taganrog night July 4th, aircraft also bombed factory area Mariupol. July 6th cutters claim sinking U-Boat off Taupse.
(B) Russian S/M attacked enemy (merchant vessel) off south coast of Crimea on July 7th explosion heard result not observed.

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(2) Air attacks.
(A) Enemy air activity much reduced presumably aircraft operating further north. July 3rd Russians continued to attack enemy troop batteries in Novorossisk area. July 6th 2 F. barges sunk near Anapa. July 7th Yalta and Feodosia bombed resulting destruction of 5 barges and 4 motor launches and a 2000 ton merchant vessel damaged. In an attack on convoy near Sevastopol 1,000 ton merchant vessel was probably sunk. Convoy aircraft attacked ten enemy R-boats in sea Havasov (? of Azov) sinking one and damaging two.
(3) Land. Novorossisk Area situation unchanged and activity confined exchange artillery fire.
(N.L.O. Black Sea No. T.O.O./14).

Movements Algiers

Arrivals WEASEL, BLUEBELL, DIANELLA, H.D.M.L. 1136, S.C.533.
Departures WANDERER, WRESTLER, PLYM, BANFF, INCONSTANT, HOWE, KING GEORGE V, JERVIS, PENN, PATHFINDER, PALADIN, PANTHER, ARROW, KRAKOWIAK, ANTHONY, CALPE, CLEVELAND, Hospital Ship SEMINOLE.
Arrived and departed Y.M.S. 29, 30.
(Com. Algeria 142129B).

K:M.F.19Y. K.M.F.19 Y sailed as in C. in C. Med. 141644, LETITIA. (Cdre. Melhuish, R.N.R.) FRANCONIA, BANFORA.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers, 142249B to Naval and Air Authorities, Bone and Sousse).

Enemy Units.

1 large vessel and 3 Destroyers in 41.10 N. 10.25 E. course 010 degs. speed 6 knots.
(A/C V.B.B./X via Alex 142305B to Air H.Q. Malta).
My 2305B 1 large vessel 3 Destroyers in 41.10 N. 10.30 E.
(A/C V.B.B./X via Alex. 142325B to Air H.Q. Malta).

K.M.S.19Y. N.C.S.3. Sailing K.M.S. 19 Y and N.C.S.3 in accordance with C. in C. Med. 141722 (N.T. in W.R.) K.M.S. 19 Y for Philippeville EMPIRE COMMERCE (T) DALCROSS. Fore Bone RICHARD GATLING. For Tunis TREVAYLOR. For Malta (6 ships).

N.C.S.3. American ships JOHN SCHOFFIELD, HARRY LANE, OLIVER PERRY, ALEX.G.BELL, B.T. WASHINGTON, CHARLES PIEZ, LEWIS MORRIS, (Master acting as Cdre.). DANIEL WEBSTER, WILLIAM HOWELIS, ANTICLINE (T), 10 ships, destinations unknown.
(N.O.I.C. Algiers 142319B to Naval Air Authorities Bone to Sousse - (A.I.G.67)).

ARGENTIA Comply with Cominch's 141556. /
(C. in C. Med. 142331B to Commorseafon).
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Tripoli.

Arrived CONVULVULUS, PENTSTEMON, VETCH, BURRA,
RYSA, L.S.T.414, 408, 368, 419, KING SOL,
VISENDA, REIGHTON WYKE.
(S.N.O. Trip.142342B to Admty.).

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Convoy X.C.3. Departure 0130Z/14th July WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN (D.S.) escorting convoy X.C.3. (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 140131Z to Admty.)

CITY OF WINDSOR, attacked by U/B. At 0430Z/14th CITY OF WINDSOR reported being attacked by a U-Boat in 012° 20' N. 050° 20' E. (C. in C.E.F. 140547Z to S. and A.'s E.I.Station, (R) Admty. C. in C.S.A. 246 Wing.)

HENRY KNOX sunk by Japanese U/B. Further to my 051042 interrogation second batch survivors indicates two U-Boats present after attack. Grade A.1. (S.O.I.Colombo 140654Z to Admty. C. in C.E.F.)

Movements. Left ROHILKHAND. (N.O.I.C. Seychelles 140655Z to Admty.) Departures 1130Z CERES escorting 1 ship. 1145Z CORNWALLIS, BARODA with B.M.57. (S.O.(I) Bombay 141147Z to Admty.)

MAURETANIA. 14th Arrival. (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 140721Z to Admty. etc.) Diego Suarez. 04 15th. MAURETANIA. Capetown 14 21st. Knots A. 20, B. 22. Routed letter position as in C. in C.E.F.'s 081340 and number position as in C. in C.S.A.'s 071233. Days 8. 7. "Chop" 18th. (Diego Suarez 141406Z to Admty.)

D'ENTRE-CASTEAUX. A.M. 062053 and your 131015 July. Work on preparing ship for sea by French has not yet commenced and it is unlikely ship will arrive at Durban before November see my 030826 July para. 2 (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 140728Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. C.S.Durban C. in C.E.F. F.O.E.Af.)

Convoy P.B.48. 1. Sailing telegram (7 ships). 2. 0700Z/14th. 4. 9½ knots. 5. Route 3. 6. LAUNCESTON, PUNJAB. (N.O.I.C. Hormuz 140735Z to C. in C.E.F.) N.C.S.O.Hormuz 140740.

C.M.43 Escort. Ocean escort is available for C.M.43 sailing 26th and this date is acceptable provided other authorities concerned agree. 2. Request early decision to enable arrangement for onward passage of NIZAM to Australia to be put in hand. 3. C. in C.S.A. 131051 refers. (C. in C.E.F. 140808Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Durban, SUSSEX, C.S.4.)

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HOEGH E.F.716 H 71/(?27).
SILVERDAWN A. HOEGH SILVERDAWN (Norwegian.)
sunk by B. Approx. 028° 15' S. 095° 00' E. 0500F/15th June.
Raider 15th Information in my 120737* inaccurate.
June. C. German raider 7000 tons similar to raider H
newly painted light grey appeared recently docked.
Full details in M.O.code follows.
D. Broadside of 3 guns size unknown fire from 700
yards on starboard beam followed by further broadside from
port beam. Guns mounted amidships apparently not controlled
by director. Total rounds 15 to 20. Decks swept by machine
gun-fire. Ship caught fire and sank in 20 minutes.
E. Nil. F. 3. 2 deck hands 1 (one) stoker in raft picked up
by FRANKLYN P.MULL 26th June in 025° 38' S. 090° 40' E. 1
lifeboat with about 15 survivors finally (?lost omitted) sight
of 15th June. G. See D. H. No.
I. No ensign seen. Only 1 (one) lookout posted. No guns
manned. Grade C.2. Position of sinking based on calculation
by Master (FRANKLYN P.MULL).
(S.N.S.O.P.G. 141015Z to Admty. C. in C.E.F. S.O.(I)
Colombo, S.O.(I) Bombay.)
* Could also be (?218) (?290) or (?421).
My 141015 M.O.7, Aim 2 B.3. 06 streamlined D. nought, E.2.
D.4, 11. Upper works amidships. Three guns amidships definitely
starboard side possibly each side. Numerous M.G. not known
where mounted.
(S.N.O.P.G. 141509Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) S.O.I. Colombo Bombay).

Force X. Endurance figures for ships of Force X as follows.
RESOLUTION.

Ship	14 kts.	15 kts.	16 kts.	17 kts.	18 kts.	20 kts.
LORRAINE	4900	4500	4100	3600	3000	0
DUQUESNE (A)	2900	2800	2700	2600	2475	2300
DUQUESNE (B)	3100	3050	2950	2800	2650	2400
TOURVILLE (A)	1950	2000	2025	2000	2000	1950
TOURVILLE (B)	3050	3000	2900	2750	2600	2350
SUFFREN	4850	4500	4200	4000	3700	3150
DUQUAY- TROUIN.	2900	2850	2825	2650.	2550	2400

2. Endurance for LORRAINE at 12 and 13 knots 5600 and 5300 miles.
3A. in para. 1 denotes endurance on four shafts and
B on 2 shafts with 2 shafts trailing. In condition B it is not
possible to exceed 22 knots.
4. Owing to foul bottom LORRAINE at present does 2 knots less
than the speed for which she is doing revolutions.
5. Drafts of RESOLUTION and LORRAINE on arrival at Durban 34
feet and 32 feet respectively.
6. My 131506 July refers.
(C. in C.E.F. 141141Z to C. in C.S.A. (R) Com. i/c Durban, Admty.
F.O.C.W.Af.)

India Air Report. A.284, 14th 141030Z.
14th U.S.A.A.F. 10 July. 15 U.S.Liberators (B.24)
bombed shipping, docks and installations Haiphong.
Over 18 tons H.E. plus incendiary dropped. 2
direct hits on large M/V and several near misses

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(A.H.Q.India 141217Z to Air Min.)

Convoy B.M.57. 1. Sailing telegram. 2. 1230Z/14th. 3. E.T.A. passing Cochin 1130Z/17th. 3A. E.T.A. Colombo 0600Z/19th. 4. 8 knots. 5. (Route.) 6. CORNWALLIS and BARODA.
(N.C.S.O. Bombay 141251 to Admty.)

KIRRIEMOOR. Your 031344Z. Proposed programme for KIRRIEMOOR approved.
2. Anticipated date of relief by DEVON CITY to be reported in due course.
(D.B.D. 141301B to C. in C.E.F. (R) C. in C.S.A. F.O.Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, Capt. Supt. Durban, N.L.O.East London, D.S.T.O.Durban, B.D.O.Ceylon.)

SCOTIA damage. No known damage to vessel my 090529 your 132009 refers. America Freighter WILLIAM R.DAY reported one propeller blade bent another with broken tip suspected strained stern gland caused by motor oil barge when going alongside to bunker fuel 12th.
(N.C.S.O. Bahrein 141555Z to Admty. (R) S.N.O.P.G.)

Cruisers disposition. Owing to acute man-power shortage it has been decided that DURBAN, CAPETOWN, CERES and DESPATCH should pay off on return to U.K. 2. DIOMEDE and DAUNTLESS are remaining in U.K. for C.W. training. 3. DANAE has been refitted and modernised but will not now complete working up till late August. Her future service is under consideration. 4. DRAGON manned by Poles should complete working up mid September. Her future service is under consideration. 5. DESPATCH will leave the W. African station on relief by French Cruiser.
(V.C.N.S.141735B to C. in C.E.F. (R) F.O.C.W.Af. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.H.F. C. in C.Portsmouth, C. in C.Plymouth, C. in C.Nore, C. in C.Rosyth, C. in C.W.A.)

Ceylon movement summary No. 59 of 14 July. 1. BARODA and CORNWALLIS escorting B.M.57 leave Bombay 14/7 for Colombo. 2. BENGAL arrived Bandar Abbas 10/7. 3. BOMBAY, BURNI& and KONKAN escorting B.P.87 left Bombay 13/7.

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4. DIPAVATI arrived Bombay 13/7.
 5. KUMAON and TAMWORTH escorting P.A.45 left Bandar Abbas 12/7 due Aden 20/7.
 6. LAUNCESTON and PUNJAB escorting P.B.48 left Bandar Abbas 14/7 due Bombay 19/7.
 7. NETRAVATI escorting ore ship leaves Cochin 17 July due Colombo 18 July.
 8. RAMDAS escorting J.C.14 left Madras 13 July due Calcutta 17 July.
 9. SHILLONG arrived Madras 14 July.
 10. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN escorting X.C.3 left Addu Atoll 14 July due Colombo 17 July.
 11. KARACHI (ship) escorting one ship left Karachi 14 July for Port Okha thence to 058° East.
 12. ORISSA escorting A.P.36 left Aden 14 July due Khor Kwai July 20.
(F.O.Ceylon 141940Z to Admty.)

U/B attacked by A/C. At 1222C/14th July aircraft attacked enemy submarine in 012° 23' N. 051° 13' E.
(C. in C.E.F. 141948Z to S. and A.E.I. N.O.I.C. Khoramshor, Admty. A.C.N.B. C. in C.S.A.)

U.S. Dispositions. A.M. 301326 June. Changes in U.S. Pacific Fleet dispositions:
NASSAU at sea. INDEPENDENCE and MOBILE in San Francisco. CONCORD at sea. BARNES at sea. BRETON in San Diego. LONG ISLAND in Central Pacific. YORKTOWN at sea. NEVADA to Atlantic. HELENA delete.
(D.O.D.(F) 141955B to C. in C.E.F.)

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- MELVILLE. E.T.A. New York 1200Z/14th.
(MELVILLE 140101Z to U.S. Cmdre. E.S. Frontier.)
- MARIPOSA. Refer to this despatch as U.S. P.D. Norfolk 132208.
(Begins.) (1) MARIPOSA. (2) 141100Z Cape Henry.
(3) Time passing B. 151500Z, S. of A. 19 knots.
(4) Chop 171130Z. Radio shift 020° 00' W.
200830Z. E.T.A. Casablanca 211700Z. (5) (Route) standard
communication plan. One ship pad 857. Codeword "Element".
(U.S. P.D. Norfolk 140130Z to C.M.S.F. Admty. etc.)
Request continuous air escort for MARIPOSA to eastward
limit. Routed as in U.S. P.D. Norfolk time of origin 140130Z
being passed E.A.C.
(C. in C. C.N.A. 141447Z to A.O.C. in C. E.A.C. (R)
F.O.N.F. Com. 10th Fleet, (C. & R.) N.S.H.Q. Admty.)
- Movements. St. John's, N.F. 13th. Arrivals SALISBURY,
CALDWELL, OAKVILLE, ARROWHEAD ex S.C.136?
KING HAAKON VII ex B.W.40 ADHERENT ex salvage
attempt on H.C.188 COBALT ex H.X.247. Departures
NENE, TWEED, PORT ARTHUR, SNOWBERRY, ITCHEN, ST. LAURENT,
BURWELL, AGASSIZ, SACKVILLE, GALT, HONESTY to H.X.247.
(N.O.I.C. St. John's, N.F. 140304Z.)
- Landing Your 212154Z. Trials should be carried out under
Craft harbour conditions with sea temperatures below
Trials. freezing and air temperatures down to O.F. if
practicable. 2. Trials are principally to
determine, (a) Speed and endurance in broken ice
and Brash ice with special engine modifications
fitted. (b) Performance when beaching on and retracting from
ice fringed beaches working kedge anchor and ramp. (c) Thickness
of unbroken ice through which it is possible to operate craft.
3. Desirable that locality chosen should be capable of
providing facilities for:- (a) Running repairs to craft.
(b) Trials of starting up engines after exposure to cold weather
when craft are not waterborne.
(Hd. of M. 140324B to N.S.H.Q.)
- NIGERIA. NIGERIA. Recommend on crossing 49° W. steer for
new position L. 46° N. 46° W. new M. 49° N. 28° W.
thence to K.
(Admty. 140906Z to Cominch C. & R. (R) B.A.D.
C. in C. H.F. C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A.
N.S.H.Q. NIGERIA.)
On crossing 049° W. alter course for new position L. 046° N.
046° W. new M. 049° N. 028° W. rejoining route at K.
(Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. 141254Z to NIGERIA.)
- 122nd M.S. (1) At 0700Z July 14th sailed 122nd M.M.S. Flot.
Flot. consisting M.M.S.196 (SO) 197, 199, 200, 201
Great Circle to Londonderry. (2) S. of A. 9 knots
E.T.A. July 22nd.
(F.O.N.F. 141109Z to Admty.)

/BLACK BEAR...

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BLACK BEAR. Departure 141615Z. BLACK BEAR, Bermuda 202200Z passing through position A. 014° 18' N. 061° 44' W. B. 025° N. 064° 25' W. C. 030° N. 064° 40' W. Delay in sailing due to defective boiler feed pipe now repaired. (B.R.O. St. Lucia 141117Q to B.S.N.O. W.At.)

RAVAGER. New York arrived 13th RAVAGER from Norfolk. (N.S.H.Q. 141133Z to Admty.)

J. SMIGH. In distress MATRIARCH sunk. J. SMIGH U.S. Motor Vessel in distress 8 miles W. of Puerto Padre result rough weather. Has on board crew of 4 taken from British Motor Vessel MATRIARCH sunk 12th N.E. coast Cuba in bad weather. U.S. authorities Cuba informed. (S.O. (I) Jamaica 141231Q to Admty. N.S.H.Q. S.B.N.O. W.A.) as amended 171602.

Convoy Z.B.63. Cape Cod Canal Section arrival 140100Z. (U.S. P.D. Boston 141303B to Cominch etc.)

Bermuda, West Indies and Guianas Assessment of Scale of Attack. Scale of attack on Bermuda, West Indies and Guianas has been assessed by Combined Intelligence Committee with following conclusions (C.C.S.257 of 26th June. 2. Any attacks on installations in Bermuda, the West Indies, and the Guianas will be light and sporadic. 3. The most likely forms of attack are, in decreasing order of probability: (a) Mining or bombardment by submarines. (b) Sabotage. (c) Commando raids from S/Ms. (d) Mining or bombardment by merchant ship raider. 4. The possibility of attack by surface warships or shipborne aircraft is very remote. (Hd. of M.II. 141336B. to S.B.N.O. W.At. (R) B.A.D.)

GREENWICH, MOONBEAM. (1) Intend sailing GREENWICH and MOONBEAM escorted by LETHBRIDGE, NANAIMO, BROCKVILLE at 1200Z July 16th. Speed 5.5 knots. (2) Route. (3) E.T.A. position (G) 1200Z/July 23. (4) MOONBEAM detaches for Halifax with BROCKVILLE in position (C). (F.O.N.F. 141344Z to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) B.A.D. B.A.M.R. Washington, Greenwich, Com. 10th Fleet, C. & R. N.S.H.Q. Admty, Com. 3, U.S.N.D., C.E.S.F.)

A.T.54A. My 011830 departure Convoy A.T.54A delayed until 17 July. (Cominch 141410Z to C. in C. Lant (R) C.E.S.F. Com.3. P.D. New York, N.S.H.Q. C. in C. C.N.A. Admty. C. in C. W.A. Commaveu, B.A.D. Com. Task Force 24, Com. Task Force 22, Com. Task Force 68.)

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AKKA, Swedish Government intimate that safe conduct vessels AKKA and YARRAWONGA will sail from St. John, N.B. at safe conduct. 0900 hours 18th July for Piraeus. Vessels should be allowed to sail, but not before above date. N.S.H.Q. should inform St. John, N.B.

2. Route to Gibraltar is reverse of route in A.M. 122129A/March. Vessels should not be molested while following this route. Air Authorities concerned should be informed. 3. C. in C. Med. and C. in C. Levant are requested to signal what modifications in routes through Mediterranean are necessary. Early reply required as we are anxious to secure Axis concurrence before vessels reach Gibraltar.

(Hd. of M.I. 141455B to N.S.H.Q. C. in C. Med. (At. Algiers and Malta) C. in C. Levant. (R) Connav. C. in C. W.A. S.B.N.O. W.A. V.A. Malta, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Exchange of A/S information. Review of 1st S.L's memorandum of 9th June to Comnav and of related correspondence leads me to suggest, in interest of simplicity and avoidance of long statistical communications, the following method for exchange of A/S information between Admiralty and ourselves (details). (Cominch 141500Z to Admty.)

AUGUSTA, Cinclant's 131808 addressed to Comtaskfor 22 for Task Force 68. action and to Connav, Cominch, Comnav, C.T.F.22, C.T.F.68 and Comdesron 18 for information, informs as follows:- AUGUSTA to be ready to R/V with Task Force 68 during daylight in location which Com. 10th Fleet (C. & R.) is requested to name.

Destroyer escort to R/V point after which they are to be directed to return Argentinia. AUGUSTA is directed to assume command Task Force 68 on joining Vice Com. Destroyer Squadron 18. For delivery to AUGUSTA directive for movement of Task Force 68 and route being passed to you. (Comnav 141502Z to Admty.)

U.S. S/M Estimate. (Cominch 141535Z.)

EMPIRE IBEX H.X. 245 my 121514B. EMPIRE IBEX sank after sunk, collision with EMPIRE MACALPINE. collision. (D.T.D. 141550Z to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. W.A. C. in C. C.N.A.)

ARGENTINA. Your 131735 request ARGENTIA be returned in G.U.S.10. Ship will be ordered detached from this convoy by Com. 10th Fleet C. & R. when clear of submarine area. B.A.D. has also Opnav and Army. (Cominch 141556Z to C. in C. Med. (R) Admty. Connavnaw, F.O.I.C. Gib. Commorseafon, B.A.D.)

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- U.S. Movements. NEVADA originated as 131530 for action Com. 5. Comeaseafron and Comcaribseafron, information Cominch, Cinclant, N.O.B. Bermuda, C. in C. W.A. Cominch is relaying (Begins) BALDWIN, HARDING, COMDESDIV 36, CROATAN and NEVADA (who sends) depart Cristobal 13th July 1600R. Direct to Mona Passage S. of A. 15. Comcaribseafron furnish air cover morning of 15 July until well clear Mona passage. E.T.A. point X morning 19 July Comeaseafron furnish air cover until entry. Propose air searches weather permitting morning and afternoon to 100 miles ahead of formation. Requests instructions for (flying flat top planes into Norfolk subject ships have.)(As received.) (Radio Washington 141602Z to C. in C. W.A.)
- LE TERRIBLE. 14th Departure French Cruiser LE TERRIBLE Trinidad, New York. (British Consul San Juan 141608Q to Admty. etc.)
- ADHERENT. Following for C.C.R.T. ADHERENT returned from attempts to salvage H.F.188 (H.C.188). (F.O.N.F. 141645Z to Admty.)
- B.Y.M.S. At 1600Z/14th sailed B.Y.M.S.211 (S.O.) 32, 70 and 71 to St. Johns, N.F. through (Route) thence destination via Q.J.A. 204 speed 10 knots E.T.A. 1000Z/17th. 3. Ships are not to operate at speeds above 1000 R.P.M. except in case of emergency. 4. Onward routeing to Londonderry is to be provided. (C. in C. C.N.A. 141655Z to F.O.N.F.)
- BAYFIELD. My E.T.A. Sydney 150781Z. TRURO and 5 merchant ships in company. (BAYFIELD 141706Z to N.O.I.C. Sydney, C.B.)
- A.T.55. (PASTEUR.) (1) A.T.55. Pre sailing telegram Admty. 131324B. (2) Chebucto 0430Z/17th. (3) E.T.A. Clyde Pilot Station 1200Z/22nd. (4) Knots 19.5. (5) (Route). "Chop" 1900Z/July 18. (14) Code word "Sateen". (C. in C. C.N.A. 141820Z to Admty. Connav. (R) N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C. in C. C.W.A. C. in C. Lant.)
- O.N.191. Following is a recyphered version of my 140645Z (received undecypherable) (Begins) Arrivals GEORGETOWN, ROXBOROUGH, SHAWINIGAN, SUDBURY, BURLINGTON escorting O.N.191. (Ends.) (C. Halifax 141825Z to Admty. etc.)
- B.Y.M.S. B.Y.M.S. 72, 73, 190 departed Throggs Neck New York 0755 E.T.A. Boston 15th July 1000. S. of A. 10 via Long Island and C. and D. canal. (C.T.G. 02.3 141832 to C.T.G. 02.1.)

/Shipping...

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Routes.

My 081735 routeing America to Middle East C. in C. Levant has been added to repeat addressees.
2. Para. 2 delete "and U.G.F". 3. Para. 3 delete "which" to "convoys" inclusive and whole of sub para. (a).
(D.T.D. 141916B to Connav, N.S.H.Q. (R) B.A.D. C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A. C. in C. Med. F.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Levant.)

DAGHESTAN.

M. of W.T. New York is pressing us for release of DAGHESTAN, now loaded and ready to sail for U.K.
(2) Due to delay in training pilots caused by accident to our R.4A Helicopter and to a further accident yesterday to Army R.4A Helicopter, involving grounding of the type, we do not now foresee being able to make ship trials before the end of this month at the earliest.
(3) U.S. Navy has undertaken to make a ship available for combined trials, and under the circumstances we feel we must be satisfied with this, as we do not feel justified in retaining DAGHESTAN for an unknown and possible prolonged period, Intend informing M. of W.T. accordingly. (4) DAGHESTAN's time has not been entirely wasted here as she now has installed the latest type Helicopter platform. (5) We will make proposals for her return to Baltimore in due course.
(B.A.D. 141931Z to Admty.)

C.T.F.63,
TEMPETE,
COMMANDANT
BORY,
GAZELLE.

Following received from N.O.B. Bermuda (Begins):-
For R/V with C.T.F.63 escorting U.G.S.12 in latitude 33.07 longitude 64.13 at 1500Z/15.
Cinclant 031951. French Destroyer TEMPETE.
French Minesweepers COMMANDANT BORY and GAZELLE departing sea buoy at 1100Z/15. S. of A. 15.
Planes will assist weather permitting. By hand to TEMPETE, COMMANDANT BORY and GAZELLE. C.M.S.F.
inform French authorities. Q.K.A.105.
(N.O.B. Bermuda 141952 to C.T.F.63 (R) Cinclant, Cominch, Connavnav, S.B.N.O. W.At., C.E.S.F., C.M.S.F., C. in C. Med. Admty.)

Convoy
B.X.63.

Sailing telegram part 2. (34 ships, list).
(P.D. Boston 141953Z to Cominch C. & R. etc.)
1. Total 34 ships departed Levant.
2. Last ship out 1534 Eastern war time.
3. Delete pendant 35.
(P.D. Boston 142000Z to Senior Escort, SASKATOON.)

Convoy
S.Q.58.

Expect to be early at Redislet. E.T.A. now 0900Z/15.
(LORD MIDDLETON 142012Z to N.O.I.C. Gaspe.)

U.S.A.T's.

14th Departure 1100 HUGH J. GALLAGHER (U.S.A.T.)
Tobago 14th following coastal 1400 STATE OF VIRGINIA (U.S.A.T) and 1700 GANANDOC (Pan) both Georgetown 15th and 16th.
(R.O. Port of Spain 142025 to Admty.)

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U.S.A.T. San Francisco arrivals 12 PRESIDENT MONROE
13th FAUI both U.S.A.T.
(N.S.H.Q. 142038Z.)

U/B. S/M sighted 16.27 N. 73.44 W. at 142300Z.
(Kingston 142045Q to Admty.)

VICTORIOUS. Following is repetition of 142051 (Begins).
Addressed VICTORIOUS (R) Admiralty, C. in C.
Pacific, C.S.P. Cominch. U.S. Authorities
have agreed to relinquish VICTORIOUS to British
control on or about August 1st. 2. Intended that you proceed
to an East Coast port probably Norfolk and you will be re-
equipped with 15 British Tarpon and 24 Martlet, 5 aircraft
(latter are similar to Wildcats). 3. You are required
operationally with Home Fleet at earliest possible date. On
arrival in U.K. you will embark one more squadron of Tarpons and
disembark one fighter squadron. This squadron will be re-
equipped with new fighters in U.K. 4. You are to transmit your
requirements to top up with aircraft stores, ammunition and
torpedoes to B.A.D. at the earliest possible date by the quickest
means, in order to avoid delay at Norfolk. 5. Ref. your
242350 June. Navy department have been informed fitting of S.D.
Radar is concurred in. Presume fitting will be done locally,
but this can be completed at Norfolk if sufficiently far
advanced. Report progress in due course. (Ends.)
(B.A.D. 142115Z to Admty.)

S/M attack and sighting summary. All times Z. A. AFRICAN STAR torpedoed sunk
25.46 S. 40.35 W. 0500/12. C. S/M sighted 16.26 N.
74.10 W. on 14th. D. Transport plane sights S/M
course 090 11.32 N. 64.58 W. 1007/14. Plane sights
wake and periscope area 36.30 N. 74 W. on 10th.
(Cominch 142120 to Admty.)

CALGARY. CALGARY sailed to overtake H.X.247.
(F.O.N.F. 142153Z to Ships escorting H.X.247. (R)
C. in C. C.N.A. N.S.H.Q. Admty. A.C.I.C. C. in C.
W.A., Com. (D) W.A.)

Australia & New Zealand.

Kiwi No.90. Three alerts Guadalcanal night 11/12 bombs
dropped Koli Point no damage. Night 12th enemy
bomber shot down by night fighter near Russell
Island after bombardment by U.S. surface forces.
Night 11th. 49 Avengers, 37 Dauntlesses, bombed camp area A/A

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Kiwi No.90. positions Munda. 16 fighters from Rendova
(Contd.) provided escort. Morning 12th 50 enemy aircraft
sighted West coast Choiseul, course S.E. later 20
Zeros intercepted over Munda, 5 shot down we lost
one. Ten Mitchells bombed Vila after dawn 12th.
Evening same day two D.D. seen N.E. coast Vella Lavella followed
at midnight by one C.L. 5 D.D. S.E. course. At 0940/13th two
D.D. same place high speed same course. Photographs of Buin
afternoon 12th show two D.D. one A.O. one D.D. one A.K.
approaching Buin from North through Straits. At 0700/13th two
D.D. seen 25 miles N.E. Faisi S.E. course followed at 0920 by
two more. Morning 12th Liberator unsuccessfully attacked D.D.
escorting "Maru" 100 miles N.E. Buka course 310.
(C.W.R. Wellington 140008Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty. etc.)

Movements. Arrival Brisbane 12th U.S. Ship HENRY T, ALLEN.
(A.C.N.B. 140444Z to Admty.)
Arrivals Milne Bay 13th BENALLA Brisbane 12th
U.S. DRAYTON, U.S. MAHAN. Sydney 13th MILDURA,
MORESBY, TOWNSVILLE, Fremantle 13th Netherlands TJERK HIDDDES.
Departure Thursday Island 13th COOTAMUNDRA for Darwin.
Townsville 12th PIRIE for Milne Bay. Milne Bay 13th U.S. GILMER
U.S. SANDS, U.S. BROOKS, U.S. HUMPHREYS for Townsville. My
131127Z for PIRIE read COLAC.
(A.C.N.B. 141641Z to Admty. etc.)
U.S. Ship GOLD STAR arrived Sydney 13th.
(A.C.N.B. 141929Z to Admty.)

CHEVREUIL. Departed Tongatabu 18Z 13th F.F. CHEVREUIL on
escort duty to Noumea E.T.A. p.m. 18th. My 090120
refers.
(N.Z.N.B. 140515Z to Admty, for F.N.F.L. (R)
A.C.N.B.)

Convoy (A) Port Moresby convoy N.T.25.
N.T.25. (B) 5th. (C) COLORADO and ALAMO for Townsville.
(D) KAPUNDA.
(Port Moresby 140633Z to Admty.)

Digest Liberator attacked 3 large barges 20 miles S.E.
Serial No. Saidor morning. Photos show 2 barges on fire as
540. result of attack. Aircraft photographed Lautem
July 13th. revealing 30 barges also large new dump in centre
of town and four additional medium gun batteries.
(12) Convoy 4 merchantmen, 2 escorts sighted 0°
40' S. 146° 33' E. course 117° 8. (13) Ref.

Digest 539 para. 20 allied surface units engaged two groups
enemy vessels to N. of Kolombangara early hours 13th. First
group comprised 1 light cruiser, 5 destroyers whereof 1 light
cruiser, 3 destroyers reported definitely sunk, 2 destroyers
probably sunk. Second group 4 destroyers then engaged and
forced to retire to northward. Another source reports 4
destroyers approaching Kolombangara from W. about same time
and departing Kolombangara to Westward two hours later. Latter

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Digest group possibly separate force engaged on
 Serial No. transportation mission to Vila. Single enemy
 540. units and small groups sighted to N. of Kula Gulf
 July 13th. and Westward of Vella Lavella during early morning
 (Contd.) returning towards Shortlands base. Three
 unidentified vessels sighted 21 miles N.W.
 Sokovovi Point (N.W. Vella Lavella) course 330°
 same night. (14) Allied party destroyed 3 enemy
 barges containing 150 men at Batuna mission (N.E. coast Vangunu
 Island.) (18) 17 Liberators bombed Ballale night 12th starting
 heavy fires. Photos Shortlands area next morning reveal 7
 destroyers, 1 S/M chaser, 16 small craft. (20) Large enemy S/M
 in Kula Gulf reported sunk by allied destroyer night 11th/12th.
 Another S/M unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft 42 miles S. by
 W. Mutupwna Point afternoon 13th.
 (G.H.Q. S.W. P.A. 140916Z.)

LEANDER
 torpedoed
 13th July.

During action in Kula Gulf early 13th July LEANDER
 hit by torpedo and suffered fairly severe damage.
 Ship reached Tulagi under own steam where it is
 hoped she can be made seaworthy for Ocean passage
 in about 10 days. Casualties 3 killed, 25 missing,
 and 8 injured, details being reported separately.
 (N.Z.N.B. 142236Z to Admty. (R) H.C.N.Z.)

Convoy
 G.P.59.

Departure 15th Sydney. Second convoy G.P.59
 comprising 9 ships. (list). Escorts BUNDABERG
 (S.O.) YANDRA, BENDIGO, GLENELG.
 (N.C.S.O. Sydney 142238 to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
 (D.D.I.C. 141423, 141444B.)

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
 Summary.

My 221059 July 1942. 1. Escort group B.1. at
 2242/7 in 43° 15' N. 10° 11' W. sighted a U-Boat
 and carried out hunt. An underwater explosion was
 heard and contact lost after attack at 0222/8. Oil
 was still coming up and spreading over large area
 at 0412/8. 2. Wellington R/179 at 1820/9 in 39° 48' N. 14° 38' W.
 straddled U-Boat on surface with depth charges. Stern rose to
 angle of 75° and while settling there were two violent explosions
 from stern throwing up oil and debris. Stern rolled to starboard

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Submarines Attacked.

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and submerged in boiling water leaving oil and wreckage. 3. At 0838/13 Sunderland N/228 sank one of a group of 3 U-Boats in 45° 02' N. 09° 14' W. About 25 survivors were seen and dinghy was dropped. Some survivors presumably from this attack were later recovered by 2nd Escort Group.

4. At 0840/13 Halifax O/58 attacked one of group of 3 U-Boats in 45° 09' N. 08° 54' W. U-Boat was attacked while periscope still visible and straddled with depth charges. After attack large patch of oil seen with survivors swimming. From preliminary reports it is possible that only one sinking resulted from this attack and that in Para. 3. 5. C. in C. Med. reports Italian U-Boat BRONZO captured by SEAHAM off Augusta and towed into Syracuse 12th. 6. Italian U-Boat NEREIDE sunk by ECHO and ILEX off Catania 0700/13. 7. INCONSTANT sank a U-Boat in the Mediterranean a.m. 12th. 8. The 24th M.T.B. Flotilla sank one U-Boat in Straits of Messina at 0035/13. Another U-Boat was damaged in same vicinity the same night. 9. Bad weather has prevented flying in Bay area on two days during last week. Escort Group B.1 was withdrawn to increase a convoy escort p.m. 10th. 2nd Escort Group has been operating in conjunction with air patrols through week. British aircraft from Gibraltar and American aircraft from Lyautey have backed up Bay offensive in area to S.W. of patrols from U.K. and made many promising attacks of which you have details.
(Admty. 141405Z to Cominch.)

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Gibraltar
convoy
route.

1. It has been decided that whenever practicable convoys on the U.K. to Gibraltar route are to have surface cover between 44° N. and 50° N., and A/A escort between 44° N. and 35° N. In order to provide the latter SCYLLA and CHARYBDIS are being based at Gibraltar under the orders of F.O.I.C. Gibraltar. To provide surface cover C. in C. Home Fleet, on instructions from the Admiralty, allocated GLASGOW and SHEFFIELD.

2. 4 ground mines were detonated in the Thames Estuary today. It is reported that a sailing barge was blown up off north-east Maplin Buoy this morning; there were no survivors.

North Atlantic.U.135
sunk.

3. Convoy O.S.51 was attacked by a U-Boat at 1020 today in 28° 20' N. 13° 17' W. (east of the Canary Is.) and SS. TWICKENHAM was torpedoed, set on fire and abandoned, but the fire was extinguished and part of the crew was put aboard again later, and the tug SCHELDE took her in tow at 1920Z/19 in 26.38 N. 14.43 W. The U-Boat was unsuccessfully attacked by a U.S. patrol bomber CBF5A from Agadir; and ROCHESTER, BALSAM and MIGNONETTE at 1215 destroyed the U-Boat which was found to be U.135. MIGNONETTE damaged her bow by ramming but was able to proceed with the convoy. 41 German prisoners were taken, including the C.O.

4. Wellington aircraft M/179 made a promising attack on a U-Boat at 1503 today in 39.30 N. 10.42 W. (another signal gives longitude 10.50 W.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Operation "Husky".

Inshore
squadron
formed.

5(a) C. in C. Med. reported this evening that an inshore squadron of monitors, gunboats and small craft had been formed under F.O. Sicily for support of the 8th Army. Task Force 86 continues to support the 7th Army. Force K off Catania is available to bombard if required.

(b) The port of Augusta is open and Syracuse is working well. The discharge and sailing of convoys from Augusta is proceeding according to programme. TETCOTT drove off E-Boats attacking shipping off Augusta, sinking one.

(c) 4 British M.T.Bs. on patrol in the Straits of Messina at 2300 today engaged 6 enemy E-Boats off Reggio, and sank one and heavily damaged two others. Two M.T.Bs. suffered considerable superficial damage, and there were two casualties.

U/B sunk.
(REMO.)

(d) P.44 (UNITED) reports that at 1831 today in 39.19 N. 17.30 E. (Gulf of Taranto) she sank a southbound Italian U-Boat and picked up 4 survivors.

(e) There was hard fighting in the Catania plain today. This evening the army line ran from Catania Bridge - Francofonte - Grammichee - Cannicali.

8th Army
H.Q.

(f) The main 8th Army Headquarters closed at Malta a.m. today and opened in the Syracuse area at the same time. The Ferry Control will continue to operate at Malta for the present.

General.

M.T.B.
Patrols.

6. N.O.I.C. Bizerta intends operating American M.T.Bs. nightly, beginning tonight, in 2 groups off Cape San Vito and Palermo, passing 25 miles north of Marittimo at dusk and returning through the same position at daylight.

/Air ...

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Air attacks
on Naples.
Destroyer
set on fire.

7. 45 N.A.A.F. Wellingtons attacked Naples last night. The attack was repeated by U.S. Fortresses today, 82 being despatched.

Palermo was also attacked last night, by 48 U.S. Mitchells; hits were made in the city and in the dock area.

8 Wellingtons and a Marauder last night attacked a merchant vessel escorted by 3 destroyers, north-east of Sardinia and sank the merchant vessel and left the destroyer burning.

U.S. Warhawks attacked the Radar Station at Marsala today and made a direct hit on the centre of the target.

America and West Indies.

8. The Schooner GILBERT B. WALTERS was reported to have been shelled and sunk by a submarine at about 0030 today in 09.40 N. 59.50 W. The position is also given as 01.00 N. 59.30 W.

9. The new escort carrier RAVAGER sailed from New York today escorting Convoy H.X.248.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Case of
Sergt. Ryan
of SS.
PONTFIELD.

My 091941. Developments in the case are as follows.
2. C. in C. has agreed to ensure that all future cases of service personnel at Murmansk will be handed to British as has always been his custom at Polyarnoe.

3. I do not consider there is now much likelihood of PONTFIELD being seized; in any case Ryan can be transferred to CHILTERN, apparently now leaving Kola Inlet, to await developments and so enable PONTFIELD to sail when ready for sea about July 19th.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 151247B to Ad. Fisher).

Flight J.

Your 141147. Casualties to L.C.T. and L.C.M. are at present unknown and in addition these L.C.T. are loaded with stores. It is therefore not intended to alter existing arrangements which have been agreed with C. in C. Med.
(D. of P. 151737B to C.C.O.)

Proposed
independent
Free French
Escort Group.

Your 111829 July. The formation of an independent Free French Escort Group has the following objections.

2. For these reasons I consider the formation of an exclusively Free French Escort Group as most undesirable. Should this step be insisted upon not only will a French Group have to be built up but an already efficient Group (B.3), which includes three Nationalities, will also be broken up and need to be reconstituted.

3. While I am strongly against the formation of a Free French Group the reinforcement by four Free French Frigates will be appreciated and I suggest that they are employed as the nucleus of a new British Support Group. It is to be hoped that the French officers who have in the past commanded the Free French Corvettes in B.3 Group with conspicuous success may be selected to command the new Frigates. The experience of these Officers is of very great value to the W.A. Command.
(C. in C. W.A., 151905B to Admty).

Clyde
working-up
area.

C. in C. W.A. 131543B. It is essential that Aircraft-carriers should have full facilities for working-up in area referred to. Request therefore your agreement to proposed extension of area for non-restricted use of I.F.F. Mark 3.
(D.S.D., 152232B to Air Min).

Movements.

NORFOLK.

Hvalfjord departure NORFOLK. C. in C. H.F's 051438 refers.
(A.C.I.C. 150031B).
Akureyri arrival NORFOLK at 2100B/15.
(A.C.I.C., 152251B).

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FURIOUS Scapa departures FURIOUS, ONSLAUGHT, OBEDIENT, ORIBI.
(A.C.O.S., 150426 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool).

BERWICK Your 141541. Arrived.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 150841B to C. in C. H.F.)

STRIKER 1 destroyer is required to be off May Island by 2100B/17th to R/V with STRIKER thence acting escort to Thames Gate.
(C. in C. Nore, 151034B to Capt. D.16).
Your 151034B. MEYNELL detailed.
(Capt. D.16, 151647B to C. in C. Nore).
Intend sailing CHARLESTOWN to R/V STRIKER in 270° Cape Wrath 18 miles at 1600B/16th.
(2) CHARLESTOWN will provide escort to May Island, then part company and return Scapa.
(A.C.O.S., 151230B to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).
Cancel my 141240 and my 141801 and substitute intend sailing STRIKER unescorted to Cape Wrath 1300B/15th to Methil for onward passage to Tilbury and Chatham. E.T.A. Cape Wrath 1600B/16. S.O.A. to Duncansby Head 15 knots, thence 17 knots to May Island. E.T.A. Methil 0600B/17. Departure Methil 2000B/17, E.T.A. Flamborough Head 0600B/18th in accordance with C. in C. Nore's 141725, E.T.A. Tilbury 1800B/18.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 151256B).
My 151256. Sailed STRIKER.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 151313B).

Landing Craft from Med. The following craft ex Mediterranean operations are expected to arrive in the Clyde shortly:
64 L.C.A., 5 L.C.S. (M), 12 L.C.P.(R), 4 L.C.P. (S). Numbers are approximate only. These craft will be with their Flotillas fully manned as far as is known.
(2) Request following action be taken regarding the disposal of craft and personnel. Details.
(C.C.O., 151055B to R.A.C.O.B.N.)

S/M Movements. Positions of S/Ms at 0800B/16 and movements for following 24 hours.
(F.O.S., 151606B).
I intend sailing RUBIS escorted by CHASSEUR V for Portsmouth at 0600 tomorrow, E.T.A. Needles 0930 16.
(N.O.I.C. Portland, 151629B).

BERMUDA Request you will postpone the sailing of BERMUDA for Scapa until further orders.
(D.O.D. H., 151756B to C. in C. Plymouth).

ORIBI Search for aircraft abandoned. My position 270° Skerryvore 5. E.T.A. 0630B/16th.
(ORIBI, 152101B to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

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Operation "Musketry". Left patrol at 2200. E.T.A. 1745B/15.
(BERMUDA, 150246B to C. in C. Plymouth).
S/MS on patrol or on passage in Bay of Biscay
East 007° W. are not to report inward bound
U-boats.
(F.O.S., 150952B to S/MS).

My 131729B. U-boat sunk was U.607. Survivors believed
including Ober Leutnant Shoneck picked up a.m./14th (?) by 2nd
Escort Group in approx. 44° 50' N., 8° 55' W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 151007B to Admty).

E.T.A. point of arrival 0700B/16. Anticipate all defects
can be completed within 6 days except possibly WOODPECKER.
WOODPECKER has Sergeant R.A.F. survivor of Sunderland aircraft
D V 97 Z. WILD GOOSE has 3 German airmen one of whom is a cot
case. WREN has C.O., 3 other officers, and 3 ratings from U.607,
3 of whom are cot cases. Your 150331B last sentence please
confirm name of ship and date.

(E.G.2, 151140B to C. in C. Plymouth).

C. in C. Plymouth's 151129B. WOODPECKER's E.T.A. Falmouth
0530B/16th.

(E.G.2, 151423B to N.O.I.C. Falmouth).

3 F.W. aircraft in 043° 42' N., 008° 16' W. course west,
height sea-level.

(A/C 58 Sq. Duty E. 151910B to 19 Group).

A/C previously reported. No attack made.

(A/C 58 Sq. Duty E, 151915B to 19 Group).

Arrived BERMUDA.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 151919).

Operation
S.F.

^{OPDURATE.}
OPPORTUNE, ~~PETARD~~; ORWELL arrived Faeroes 0630.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 150635B to C. in C. Rosyth).
Your 150809. Nothing seen. My position was
062° 19' N., 012° 54' W. course 230°. A number
of trawlers were seen during period on patrol.
(OPPORTUNE, 151015B to C. in C. Rosyth).

Coastal
Force
Patrols.

1. Anti E-boat patrol tonight by M.G.B. 611, 613,
615, from 2345 to 0415 on lat. 50° 25' N., between
00° 40' W. and 01° 25' W.

2. M.L. 309, 426 patrol searched channel
between F and EA 5 Buoys.

3. Immediate notice CHASSEUR 15 at St. Helens,

GOATHLAND and STEVENSTONE at Yarmouth. If weather unsuitable
for M.G.B. patrol, GOATHLAND at Yarmouth, ALBRIGHTON, STEVENSTONE
at St. Helens.

4. M.L. 208, 269, 182, from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N.,
between 02° 00' W. and 02° 25' W.

6. Communications. (A) M.G.Bs. Codeword "Object".

(C) Destroyers. Codewords destroyer from St. Helens "Match",
from Yarmouth "Artful".

(D) Portland M.Ls. codeword "Device".

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 151319B).

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Coastal Force Patrols. Anti E-boat patrols 15th July.

1. Force A. M.G.Bs. 332, 331 are to patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 205° Eddystone 6 miles.
2. Leave Plymouth passing Gate 2145B. Leave patrol 0445B for Plymouth.
3. Codeword "Bailey".
4. Force C. M.G.Bs. 316, 326, 318 patrol 2 miles 090° and 270° from 180° Prawle Point 12.
5. Codeword "Talbot".
6. Force D. CONQUEROR and M.Ls. 153, 163, 304 are to patrol 3 miles 090° and 270° from 097° Start 13.
7. CONQUEROR codeword "Wheel".
8. Forces C and D are to leave Dartmouth to reach patrol by 2245B. Leave patrol for Dartmouth 0445B. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151351B and 151513B).
6. M.G.B. 332, 331 sail Plymouth 2145 for patrol 205 Eddystone 6 returning 0445.
7. M.G.B. 316, 326, 318 sail Dartmouth 2145 for patrol 180° Prawle Point 12 returning 0445.
8. CONQUEROR, M.L. 153, 163, 304:- Sail Dartmouth 2145 for patrol 097° Start Point 13 returning 0445.
9. M.L. 208, 269, 182 sail Portland 2230 for patrol 15' S., St. Albans returning dawn/16th. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151613B).
My 151613B. Patrols mentioned in paras. 6, 7 and 8 remaining in Harbour at short notice. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151915B).

S/M Patrols. Positions of submarines at 0800B/16th and movements for following 24 hours.

(C) TUNA on patrol in area bounded by 35° and 41° N., and 24° and 27° W.

(D) TRUCULENT approaching patrol-area bounded by 35° and 41° N., and 27° and 30° W. from North eastward.

(F) SYRTIS on patrol vicinity 62° 50' N., 02° 28' E.

(L) SATYR as in my 101756.

(M) SEANYMPH on patrol as in my 131156. (F.O.S., 151606B to Admty).

Exercises.

Exercise X.C.M. (1) A.X.M. Red Force H.F. at Hvalfjord, NORFOLK Blue Force, C.S.1 in LONDON representing TIRPITZ. Particulars and Orders. (V.A. 2, 150211B to H.F., NORFOLK, C.S.1).
C. in C. H.F., 121724B. para. 2 and 3.

1. Request Hudson aircraft may take part in X.C.M. from 1200B on 19th.
2. To make the exercises realistic and to provide training for the aircraft that would carry out these duties in action request a limited number of long range aircraft for R/C and shadowing from 2100B/19th. (R.A.2, 150212B to A.C.I.C.)
Subject to operational commitments please comply with request in F.O. 2nd H.F. 150212/14. (H.Q.C.C., 151223B to A.O.C. Iceland).

/Exercise...

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Exercise "Ogden". SOUTHDOWN, WHITSHEP and VIVACIOUS detailed for 5, 6 and 7 patrols respectively, for exercise "Ogden" commencing 1000/16th. Details. (Capt. D.16, 151152B to C. in C. Nore).

Exercise "Regency". Propose exercise "Regency" as follows.
 (1) Object. To exercise landing Special Service Brigade on defended beach at night.
 (2) Forces taking part. 6 L.C.I.(S) under Commander J in L.C.I.(S) 508 with 450 troops of special service brigade.
 (3) Date. Night 18/19th July.
 (4) General idea. To land troops before dawn on beach at Brighton. Particulars.
 (S.O. Force J, 151708B to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Allied Air Activity.

R/C of Guernsey. Request Air Ministry be asked to arrange P.R.U. of Guernsey as soon as possible and subsequently on all occasions of Cherbourg being covered. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151311B to Admty).
 Request P.R.U. of Guernsey as soon as possible and subsequently on all occasions when Cherbourg is being covered. (D.D.I.C., 151521B to Air Ministry).

A/C in FURIOUS. Your 121054, para. 1 confirmed. Para. 2 concur. (D.O.D.H. 151402B to C. in C. H.F.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland One F.W. sighted from Skalar at 150840, course East. (A.C.I.C., 151428B).

Mining.

Yarmouth LL Sweepers detonated magnetic mine at 0555B in 052° 54' N., 01° 52' 48" E. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 150751B and Capt. M/S Yarmouth, 161359B).
 LL sweepers detonated one magnetic mine at 1113 today in 53° 01' 45" N., 02° 10' 48" E. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 151137B) (Capt. M/S Yarmouth, 161359B).

M/S 4. My 141155B. Sailed. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 150845B to N.O.I.C. Swansea).

/Iceland...

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- Iceland ALCA arrived Jafjord today. RINGDOVE remained with civilian Officers to complete balancing Seidisfjord. Your 142236B refers. (ALCA, 151125B to Admty).
- Thames Estuary. 4 Ground mines detonated as follows:-
 (1) 104° Tongue Tower 5 miles.
 (2) 093° Tongue Tower 5 miles.
 (3) 091° Tongue Tower 4 miles.
 (4) 112° Tongue Tower 4 miles.
 (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 151445B and 161430B).
- Barge J.B.W. sunk. Master of sailing barge JOCK reports that sailing barge J.B.W. was blown up north of the N.E. Maplin Buoy at 0930 today. No survivors. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 151545B to C. in C. Nore).
- Q. Z. X. 1012 Intend at 0600 tomorrow GWEAL, NEAVE, DOCHET, FIR, ULVA, DORINDA, KINGS GREY, to commence clearance of Q. Z. X. 1012. (GWEAL, 151609 to C. in C. Plymouth).

Enemy Intelligence.

- Altenfiord German Main Units. Russian visual R/C 1803C/14th July observed in Kaa Fiord, TIRPITZ, Battle cruiser SCHARNHORST class, and four destroyers. (S.B.N.O. North Russia 151125B to Admty). O.I.C. Comment. Enemy main units in Altenfiord are thought to comprise:- TIRPITZ, SCHARNHORST and LUTZOW with 8 - 10 destroyers. Of these TIRPITZ and LUTZOW are probably in Kaa Fiord and SCHARNHORST probably in Lang Fiord, which was apparently not covered by the Russian R/C.

Casualties & Defects.

- E.G.2 On arrival at Plymouth ships of 2nd Escort Group will be taken in hand for boiler cleaning, to complete in 6 days. (C. in C. Plymouth, 150331B to E.G.2). WOODPECKER is to be detached to Falmouth for docking and repairs, and for boiler cleaning to complete in 6 days. (C. in C. Plymouth, 151129B to E.G.2).
- X.9. Intend sail S/M X.9. in tow REAPER escorted by PRESENT HELP for Ardrishaig at 1800 today. PRESENT HELP returning to Kames Bay at 0500/16. REAPER, X.9 proceeding through Crinan Canal to await CAPE COMORIN at entrance Loch Crinan. On relief by CAPE COMORIN, REAPER returns to Kames Bay. S/M X.9 engine and motor are out of action but is otherwise seaworthy. (Capt. S.12, 151401B).
 My 151401. Sailed.
 (Capt. S.12, 151840B).

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L.27. H.Q.C.C's 140030 and my 141537. Owing to necessity of remetalling stern-bushes L.27 cannot be sailed to arrive at Fishguard before 21st July.
(Capt. S.7., 151421 to C.C.D.O.)

Shipping & Convoys.

AMSTERDAM,
PRAGUE.

My 121245. Sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 150040B).
Your 121245B. Arrived 0720.
(N.O.I.C. Kirkwall, 150910B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).
Cromarty arrival. RIPLEY sailed for Kirkwall.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 151117B to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).

ST. ROSARIO

SS. ST. ROSARIO has been allocated for Sea Transport Service to load in Birkenhead completing in time to sail in O.S.53 /K.M.S.23.
(D.S.T., 150103B to P.S.T.O. N.W. Ports).

O.N.S. 13.

Sailed HESPERUS, CAMPANULA, CLEMATIS, MOURNE, VESPER, GENTIAN, for O.N.S.13.
(Cdre. D. W.A., 150945B).

M.K.S.18,
and 19.

Request very early reply to para. 3 of C. in C. W.A., 141313 as ROCKINGHAM completes repairs today and it is intended to sail her as additional escort to M.K.F.18.
(F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 151040B to Admty).

A.M. 151232 is being passed to you.

(D.O.D. H., 151312B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, C. in C. Plymouth)

Your 151040. Decision depends upon C. in C. Med's reply

to A.M. 151232 which has been passed to you.

In the meantime ROCKINGHAM should be held at Gibraltar.

(D.O.D. H., 151450B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

S.L. 132

My 141235B. SCYLLA has now been ordered to Gib.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 151051B to S.L. 132).

If convoy is not threatened ships of B.1 group are to be detached now from S.L. 132, /M.K.S.16 and are to proceed by reverse route to Gibraltar.

2. F.O.I.C. Gibraltar is requested to rest B.1. Group with a view to their being used if required for M.K.S.18 and 19 about 25th July.

3. On reaching lat. 49° N., IROQUOIS is to leave convoy and proceed independently to Plymouth.

(D.O.D. H., 152009B to C. in C. Plymouth).

BEACON HILL.

Your 130945. BEACON HILL arrived Archangel a.m. today.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 151136B and 151932B, to S.B.N.O. North Russia).

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T.A.53
(AQUITANIA).

SS. AQUITANIA will be ready to leave Clyde p.m. 21st July.
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. 151424B to C. in C. W.A.)

Sicilian
Approach
Routes.

My 141925 para. 2. No ships are to be given approach routes for Sicilian Ports by N.C.S.Os. addressed.
(D.T.D., 151711B to N.C.S.Os. Liverpool, Clyde, Loch Ewe, Milford Haven, Belfast, Oban).

A.T.53
(AQUITANIA).

AQUITANIA arrived Clyde.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 151726B to Cominch).

Cover for
Convoys
East of
20° W.

It has been decided that whenever practicable convoys E. of 20° W. should have:-
(a) Surface cover between 44° N. and 50° N.
(b) A/A escort between 44° N., and 35° N.
2. In order to provide the A/A escort SCYLLA and CHARYBDIS are being based at Gibraltar under the orders of F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.
3. Two 6" cruisers and 2 Fleet destroyers are required to provide surface cover under the orders of C. in C. Plymouth.
4. C. in C. H.F. is requested to signal his intentions regarding the provision of two 6" cruisers.
5. In the meantime BERMUDA is being held at Plymouth.
(V.C.N.S., 152355B to C. in C. H.F., Plymouth, F.O.I.C. Gibraltar)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

French
Refugees.

My 141918. Portuguese F.O. now state visas for 760 refugees will be granted. In view of this compromise suggest CHATEAU PAVIE be sent. Time of arrival of train will be signalled tomorrow 15th.

(B.N.A. Lisbon 150112B to N.O.I.C. Gib. C. in C. Med. (R) B.N.A. Madrid, Admty.).

Intend to sail DJEBEL AURES, CHATEAU PAVIE escorted by L'ALCYON and ARCTIC RANGER at 2100B/15th to Setubal.

(2) CHATEAU PAVIE carries 760 refugees. B.N.A. Lisbon 151112+ refers.

(3) On embarking French refugees convoy to proceed coastwise to St. Vincent thence direct to position (X) 034 degs. 05' N. 008 degs. 01' W. thence to Casablanca S. of A. 10 knots.

(4) Convoy codeword "Foolscap".

(5) ARCTIC RANGER may be (?used) as convenient for escort C.G. convoy.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151138B to (U.S. Cdr. M.S.F. (R) Admty. C. in C. Med. Adm. Afrique.).

+ 150112B July intended.

Your 151140 (151138 intended) trains arrive Setubal 170600B. Ships will be instructed to sail as early as possible on morning tide Sunday 18th in order to leave harbour in dark hours.

(2) Portuguese Authorities will be informed that ships will sail afternoon tide 17th.

(B.N.A. Lisbon 151910B to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med. B.N.A. Madrid, Admty.).

SCYLLA
S.L.132

Route through (P) 043 degs. 01' N. 015 degs. 01' W. (Q) 039 degs. 01' N. 015 degs. 01' W.

Onward route follows.

(2) Admiralty 142231 and C. in C. Plymouth 142327 refers.

(F.O. Gibraltar 150126B to SCYLLA (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth).

Onward route from (Q) through (R) all the following positions are North and West unless otherwise indicated 036 degs. 30' 010 degs. 01' (S) 035 degs. 45' 006 degs. 45' 006 degs. 30' thence Q.K.A.87 to Gibraltar.

(2) Paravanes are to be streamed as convenient before crossing 007 degs.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151036B to SCYLLA (R) C. in C. Plymouth, Admty.).

Aircraft duty O's signal N.R.1 refers to me. Liberator sighted in this position at 1355B.

(SCYLLA 151455B to F.O. Gibraltar).

Left S.L.132 at 0600Z/15th in 043 degs. 28' N. 014 degs. 37' W. My E.T.A. Gibraltar 1015Z/16th. Request Gate 1100Z weather report 90902452 position 039 degs. 014 degs. Following received from HURRICANE for retransmission begins have picked up in position 042 degs. 20' N. 013 degs. 51' W. 6 survivors from 750 tons U-Boat sunk by aircraft 12th July. Number of U-Boat not known. Captain was Wurdemann T.O.O. 141648Z (ends). F.O.I.C. Gibraltar pass to Commorseafront.

(SCYLLA 151802B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, (R) Admty. C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Plymouth, S.O. Escort Group, B3., HURRICANE).

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U.G.S.11. Onward route from H.H. through H.J. 035 degs. 45'
K.M.S.20. 006 degs. 30' Q.K.A.87 to H.K. 036 degs. 01' 005
 degs. 21' H.L. 035 degs. 42' 003 degs. 01' H.M.
 035 degs. 56' 000 degs. 50' all positions north
 and west thence as ordered by C. in C. Med.
 (2) S. of A. is to be adjusted to pass through
H.K. at 0500B July 18th.
(3) American escort will be relieved by TEVIOT S.O. and 3 British
escorts in position Z.Z. 035 degs. 22' North 007 degs. 12' West
at 1800B/July 17th. On relief American escort proceed to
Casablanca.
(4) K.M.S. 20? 34 ships Cdre. Cdr. Heyward R.N.R. in SAINT
BERNARD and 4 British escorts will combine U.G.S. 11 in Med.
in daylight July 18th. Details follow.
(F.O. Gibraltar 150136B to Escorts of U.G.S. for Cdre. (R) C. in
C. Med. Admty. Com. Algeria).

Convoy Arrived.
C.G.46 (F.O. Gibraltar 150745Z to C.M.S.F.F.).

U/B Following message received by aircraft from
survivors. S.O. Escort S.L.132 at 2230B/14th (begins):
 HURRICANE has picked up survivors ex U-Boat
 sunk by aircraft in 42.40 N. 13.51 W. on 12th
 July. No T.O.O. (Ends).
 (F.O. Gibraltar 150946B to Admty. C. in C.W.A.
 C. in C. Plymouth).
 See SCYLLA, 151802B to F.O. Gibraltar).

O.S.51 Convoy attacked in 028 degs. 20' N. 013 degs.
attacked by 17' W.
U/B. (ROCHESTER 151020 to F.O. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.
TWICKENHAM W.A. Admty.).
torpedoed My 151020. TWICKENHAM torpedoed, still afloat, no
U/B destroyed chance salvage. U-Boat destroyed by ROCHESTER,
(U.135). BALSAM, MIGNONETTE.
 (ROCHESTER 151201Z to F.O. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.
 W.A. Admty., F.O.I.C.W.Af., Cmdre. (D) W.A.).
 Have attacked U-Boat with depth charge 28 35' N.
 13 05' W. Submarine sunk orders (as received) (by
 Corvette intended?).
 (M.F.Y.R.Z. via Gib. W/T 151215 to Gib N.H.Y.I.).
 My 151201Z. 41 German prisoners taken including C.O.
Consider good chance salvaging TWICKENHAM and tugs should be
sailed. GERANIUM standing by until further orders and will keep
you informed. No casualties in TWICKENHAM. MIGNONETTE has damaged
bow caused by ramming. Will be able to proceed convoy. Depth
charge expenditure ROCHESTER 40, BALSAM 20, MIGNONETTE 10.
Weather report.
(ROCHESTER 151431Z to F.O. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.W.A., F.O.C.W.
Af., Admty., Comdre (D) W.A.).
My 151431Z. Evidence from captured note book indicates
U.135. Additional ammunitions expenditure. ROCHESTER 24 rounds
4". H.E, D.A. and 24 rounds 4" H.E. Thousand rounds Oerlikon

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O.S.51 BALSAM 3 rounds 4" H.E. D.A. 400 rounds Oerlikon.
 attacked by MIGNONETTE 12 rounds four inch H.E. D.A. 320
 U/B. rounds Oerlikon 880 rounds 2-pdr. Pom Pom.
 TWICKENHAM (ROCHESTER 151801Z to F.O. Gibraltar (R) C. in C.
 torpedoed W.A., Admty., Cmdre. (D) W.A., F.O.C.W.Af.).
 U/B destroyed Your 151830B to ROCHESTER. Rescue tug still
 (U.135). required. TWICKENHAM down by head but bulkhead
 (Contd.). holding. Fire (corrupt group) now out. Intend
 returning part of crew dawn tomorrow Friday to
 raise steam. Positions 028 degs. 18' 10" 013 degs.
 19' 50" drifting 200 degs. about one knot.
 (GERANIUM 151901Z to F.O. Gibraltar (R) F.O.C.
 W.Af., ROCHESTER).

Have placed 17 of crew including Master on board TWICKENHAM. They will have steam on main engine by noon Saturday. No.1. hold struck, No.2. short and tank and other holds normal. Consider towing stern first to southward advisable in view of fresh northerly winds.

(GERANIUM 15114 (sic) to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) R.A.W.Af. (?AMAZON)).

Navy P.B.Y. out of Agadir attacked submarine in 28.35 N. 13.05 W. at approximately 1230Z/15th. Submarine was subsequently rammed and sunk by vessel escorting convoy O.S.51. Prisoners obtained.

(C.M.S.F. 152350B to C. in C. Med. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar Comnavnav, Cominch, Admty.).

Rescue Tug SCHELDE. (2) Request you will confirm service of Tug are required and report latest situation.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151830B to ROCHESTER, (R) Admty. Escort O.S.51., F.O.C.W.Af.).

Request you will arrange for tugs to be sailed to assistance of TWICKENHAM in 028 degs. 20' N. 013 degs. 17' W.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151950B to British Consul Las Palmas (R) Admty.).

Tug SCHELDE sailed 1900B/15 to 028 degs. 30' N. 013 degs. 17' W. S. of A. 11 knots.

(2) Spanish tug has also been requested from Las Palmas.

(3) Ship should be towed to nearest convenient Allied port if practicable.

(F.O. Gibraltar 152250B to GERANIUM (R) ROCHESTER, F.O.C. W.Af. Admty., C. in C.W.A.).

Dispositions Situation 1958B/15th.

S.L. 132 G.SHIPPIGAN 036 degs. 06' 007 degs. 33' to Gibraltar 9.

(2) L'ALCYON, ARTIC RANGER Two merchant ships sail Gibraltar 2100/15th through G.K.A.87 to Cape St. Mary thence coast-wise Setubal 9½.

(3) Portuguese Sloop and Gunboat exercising Cezinbra area.

(4) U.G.S.11 Cdr. Task Force 62? 032 degs. 27' 013 degs. 18' 062 degs.9.

(5) Portuguese S.S. COSTEIRO 034 degs. 24' 008 degs. 09' to Casablanca 8.

(6) SCYLLA 038 degs. 52' 014 degs. 49' through 036 degs. 30' 010 degs. 01' thence Gibraltar 23.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151028B).

/Add..

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Dispositions Add new para.7 to my 151028B.
(Contd.). F/S SIMOUN sailing Gibraltar 0800 through 035 degs.
45' 006 degs, 30' and 034 degs. 05' 008 degs. 03'
to Casablanca.22.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151938B).

Situation 2002B/15th. O.S.51 (2LOYAL) 27.31 14.26.

(2) U.G.S.11, U.S.C.T.F. 65 032 degs. 27' 013 degs. 18' 062
degs.9.(3) LA GRANDIERE, AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, One Merchant ship 031 degs.
47' 010 degs. 09' through 031 degs. 30' 010 degs. 16' 030 degs.
40' 010 degs. 16' and 029 degs. 34' 010 degs. 52' thence 243
degs.6½.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151116B, 151416B).

Situation Report for Area Y at 1956B/15th.

(1) P.315 (TRUCULENT) 042 degs. 28' 024 degs. 53' through 042
degs. 05' 025 degs. 20' at 2300/15th thence 235 degs. 10 knots
to patrol area between 035 degs. and 041 degs. North, 027 degs.
and 030 degs. West.(2) TUNA 042 degs. 08' 024 degs. 29' through 041 degs. 48' 024
degs. 45' at 2224/15th thence 200 degs. 10 knots to patrol area
between 035 degs. and 041 degs. North, 024 degs. and 027 degs.
West.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151144B).

Situation report for area "Z" of Med. Stn.

Situation 2004B/15th. G.U.S.9. C.T.F.61, C.T.G. 21.11 030 degs.
53' 039 degs. 32' through 031 degs. 01' 040 degs. 01' thence
288 degs. nine.(2) U.S.S. BLACKFISH 034 degs. 27' 038 degs. 30' 250 degs. 10/2½.
Crossing 034 degs. 01' 040 degs. 01' at 0800/16th thence 270 degs.

(F.O. Gibraltar 151226B).

C.G.47 Intend sail EASTERN CITY12, GERARD DOU 11.5
EXPLORER 10 all U.K. CARILLO 13 R/T Bizerta
E.T.D. 160800, S. of A. 10, route Q.K.A.102 (R)
035 degs. 44' North 006 degs. 28' West, Q.K.A.87
E.T.A. Gibraltar 170600 escorts P.C.482 senior, C/S N.B.O.F.473,
475. Escort guard 2150 kc/s. Codeword "Tarbat". All times B.
(Commorseafron 151033B to F.O. Gibraltar).

EMPRESS OF Arrived today.
SCOTLAND. (C.M.S.F. 151102B to U.S.P.D. Norfolk).

P.57 All times mentioned in my 131446 are deferred
(UNIVERSAL). 48 hours.
(F.O. Gibraltar 151236B to C. in C. Med. Capt.
(S) 8th (R) UNIVERSAL, V.A. Paphos, 8th S.F.,
Com. N.O.B. Oran, S.O. Force H.).

Tanker One tanker burning at bow.
on fire. (A/C M.F.Y.R.Z. via Gib. W/T 151239 to N.H.Y.I.).

/Air...

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Air Report. A.I.137 15th July. Opsum No. 256 for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 15th July.
(G) Sightings and attacks. Well. M.179 Capt. F/Sgt. Lawson on A/S sweep attacked U-Boat on surface in face of light A.A. fire at 1503/15. K.M.A.G.3018 (indecypherable 239.30 N. 10.42 W. intended) C.O. 345 degs 7 knots 4 d/cs straddled U-Boat from Green 140, second d/c exploded beneath stern which lifted rolled over to port staying in this position 10 seconds then stern lifted higher and U-Boat submerged, almost immediately oil with masses of bubbles appeared, within 15 minutes patch of oil 500 yards across with vivid blue patch. U.S. Cat. Agadir on escort to C/V O.S.51 at 1357/14 28.13 N. 13.36 W. sighted U-Boat on surface 3 E/Vs circling and attacked. D/cs. fell wide, later saw Corvette ram and sink U-Boat, survivors picked up. Ref. our Opsum 255 U-Boat attack by U.S.A.A. A/C position 40.03 N. 17.57 W. time of attack was 1114/14 course 200 degs. 10 knots.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Gibraltar 151358B).

U/B attacked by A/C. Following read:- Am over enemy S/M in position 39 degs. 30' 10 degs. 50'. S/M was on surface. Have attacked with bombs dive.
(A/C of 179 Sqdn. Duty M via Gib. 151503B to Gib. for use with A/C).

Following read:- Investigating oil patch U-Boat has dived in 30' W. (239 degs. 30' N. intended) 10 degs. 18' W.
(A/C of 179 Sqdn. Duty M via Gib. 151516B to Gib for use with A/C).

Attacks on DUCHESS OF YORK and CALIFORNIA. Your 132305 and 142350. Request details of height and tactics of attacking aircraft.
(D.D.I.C. 151606B to C.M.S.F.).

NINA Small sailing vessel NINA owned by German named Henrich Reitz sailed 15th for Cape Juby. Reitz is stated to be on board.
(Las Palmas 151720 to Admty. (R) Gibraltar).

LANCE C. in C. Med. 071311/June. When ready for sea request you will sail LANCE in tow for U.K. to be taken in hand for reconstruction at Chatham.
(D.O.D.(F) 152052B to F.O. Gibraltar, (R) C. in C. Med. C. in C.W.A. C. in C. Nore. C. in C. Plymouth, A.S. Chatham LANCE.).

Movements Casablanca. Arrived Casa today P.C's 471, 472 and 481 from Gibraltar 474 from Safi.
(C.M.S.F. 152248B).

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Suspicious
Vessel.

EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND July 13 17 50 G.C.T.35.59
N. 19.09 W. sighted suspicious vessel believed
have altered course from southerly to N.N.E.
on which she was last seen proceeding 9 to 12
knots. Vessel described as freighter lightly
loaded 400/450 feet long plumb or counter stern. Split super-
structure three island type ?and one mast each well deck.
Spanish flag painted board on poop and believed Spanish ensign
aft. No flag or other identification painted on hull. Hull lack
superstructure white or buff. Thorough check here fails reveal
similar Spanish vessel vicinity. For information and possible
identification.

(C.M.S.F.F. 152335B to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar (R) Comfairwing, C.
in C.C.N.A. Admty.).

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Movements
Pointe
Noire. Arrival Pointe Noire 1800Z/14th BLACKMORE,
BULLDOG escorting French Aux. Cruiser QUERCY.
Arrival 0600Z/15th WOLVERINE.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire 150745 to F.O.C.W.Af.)
Departure from Pointe Noire 1100Z/15th O.R.P.
BURZA, BLACKMORE routed through 001° 30' S. 008°
00' E. S.O.A. 22 knots. E.T.A. Takoradi 1200Z/17th.
(B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire 151235A to ?F.O.C.W.Af.)

Group
Sailing. Group sailing 26 Lourenco Marques expected
sailing 130° Cape Inhaka 6 miles 0430Z/17th, 3
ships escorted by NORTHERN DAWN, LADY ELSA,
WELLARD. IRENE S. EMBIRICOS knots 8½ for
Alexandria. CORNISH CITY knots 11 Aden.
INCHANGA knots 13 for Durban. E.T.A. Durban p.m. 18th July 8
knots.
(Capetown via Grabbag 150907Z to Admty. etc.)

Convoy
D.C.35. 1. Sailing telegram. 2. 0800Z/15. 3. 8 knots.
5. Coastal references 61 to 68 Saldanha Bay D.E.
6. VIRGINIA, ST. ZENO, VIVIANA, PRETORIA.
Convoy W/T call sign UVD one 9 codeword "Playmate"
Q.G.A.154.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 151036B to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. Situation at 1959Z/15th July.
M.Ls. 290, 278, 574, 007° 21' 013° 35' to 008°
39' 014° 54' thence (?161, ?237) 10.
WELLINGTON, GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT with C.T.C.2,
007° 54' 014° 04' to 007° 39' 014° 20' thence 120° 13.
ST. WISTAN, PICT, M.Ls. 263, 265 off Sousse.
BRIDGEWATER, BOADICEA, PETUNIA, CROCUS, DUNCTON, TURCOMAN with
S.T.72, 003° 44' 003° 56' to 004° 10' 002° 00' thence BOADICEA,
DUNCTON, TURCOMAN to Takoradi 9.5 and BRIDGEWATER, PETUNIA,
CROCUS with Lagos Section 079° 9.5.
CORFU 001° 40' S. 018° 58' 324° 13.5.
M.L. 244 off Port Bouet. SARABANDE, M.Ls. 274, 71, 78 off Accra.
M.L. 1019 off Kotonu. M.Ls. 266, 1006 escorting 005° 10' 000°
21' to Takoradi 9.
M.L. 302, 003° 02' 006° 26' E. to Aidiscoa 10.
O.R.P. BURZA, BLACKMORE off Pointe Noire to Takoradi 20.
FOXHOUND, (?WITCH), SNOWDROP, BURDOCK, TRAIL, (?HALIFAX) with
T.S.47, 004° 38' 004° 22' to 004° 44' 004° 45' thence 258° 6.5.
(F.O.C.W.Af. 151044Z.)
Situation at 2000Z/15th.
INDIAN STAR, HERTFORDSHIRE, ODBERG with C.D.27 (2 ships) 034°
045° 019° 10' Coastal to Durban, 8 knots.
M.M.S. 10, 033° 55' 026° 40' Coastal to Durban 8.
VIRGINIA, VIVIANA, ST. ZENO, PRETORIA with D.C.35 (3 ships), 031°
15' 030° 15' Coastal to Capetown 8.
LADY ELSA, WELLARD, NORTHERN DAWN 029° 00' 032° 10' to Inhaka 8.
FALMOUTH, FREESIA, ASTER, ROCKROSE, NIGELLA escorting AFRICAN SUN

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Dispositions. 025° 40' 035° 10' to 022° 00' 038° 00' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(Contd.) CANTON 035° 00' 040° 00' to 032° 00' 051° 00' 15.
(C. in C.S.A. 151210B.)
Situation at 2000Z/15th July.
DESPATCH, QUADRANT, REDOUBT, RAPID with W.S.31
010° 45' 010° 40' to 017° 11' 010° 30' knots 11.
(C. in C.S.A. 151225B.)

U/B. D.E.T.A. Pilot reports he has received report that submarine has been seen for last 10 days between Inhambane and Barra Falsa inside territorial waters. Consider unreliable report. (C.S.A.Lourenco Marques 151416B to Admty. C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. Cdre. Durban.)

EMERALD. 1. Intend to sail EMERALD at 0700Z/16th routed through A. 008° 00' N. 015° 01' W. B. 015° 00' W. thence direct Pointe Noire S.O.A. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots until 2359Z/16th then 18 knots. E.T.A. 0600Z/21st.
2. After fuelling at Pointe Noire EMERALD will proceed through C. 005° 30' S. 010° 52' E. D. 017° 38' S. 010° 17' E. E. 030° 01' S. 015° 01' E. thence as ordered by C. in C.S.A. S.O.A. 18 knots.
3. EMERALD will report time of crossing 010° S. and E.T.A. destination ordered by C. in C.S.A. before leaving Pointe Noire.
4. EMERALD shift to Area Q. W/T organisation on crossing 010° S. (F.O.C.W.Af. 151425Z to C. in C.S.A. B.N.L.O.Pointe Noire, (R) Com. 4th Fleet, Admty.)
Arrival 0836Z/15th EMERALD.
(S.O.I.Freetown 151941Z to C.M.S.F.)

ROCHESTER. Subject to your receiving no previous diversion from F.O.I.C. Gibraltar alter course at 1000/16th to pass through new 021° 40' N. 018° W. omitting Peter Tare. 2. Expect Sunderland at 1100Z/16th. (F.O.C.W.Af. 151735Z to ROCHESTER, (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar, Admty.)

Movements Arrivals 2150/14th ABERDEEN, WELLINGTON,
Freetown. GORLESTON, LOWESTOFT with R.S.8.
(S.O.I.Freetown 151940Z.)

Coastal troop Sailing telegram. 2. 1500/15. 3. knots 13.
convoy No.T.O. 4. TAMAROA and LARGS BAY for Lagos 19th.
5. (Route.) 11. J.U.D. convoy codeword "Farnham."
(N.C.S.O. Freetown 152051Z to Admty.)

Movements Arrivals 1630Z/14th July 1943 COPINSAY and
Freetown. MORRIS DANCE.
(S.O.I.Freetown 152341Z.)

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Movement
Summary
2000/15th.

1. P.52 (DZIK), P.44 (UNITED), P.54 (UNSHAKEN) in Gulf of Taranto.
2. P.314 (TACTICIAN) from Adriatic to Gulf of Taranto 0800/16th.
3. TROOPER off Western Greece.
4. P.31 (UPROAR) and P.42 (UNBROKEN) from Gulf of Taranto passing 038° N. 018° E. at 2000/16th 7½ knots.
5. P.49 (UNRULY) 038° 41' (? 015°) 00' course 260°, 7½ knots.
6. O.R.P. SOKOL, P.53 (ULTOR) leaving area North of Messina on passage westward 7½ knots.
7. P.219 (SERAPH), P.211 (SAFARI) leaving Malta 1500/15th escorted by ANTWERP course 295° until daybreak 16th then submerged. P.219 (SERAPH) passing 037° 40' 011° 50' and P.211 (SAFARI) 037° 35' (? 011°) 36' at (? 20)00/16th course 360°.
8. All submarines submerged by day 2½ knots unless escorted on surface speed as indicated.
(Capt. (S) 10, 150725B.)

D. 12. Was your convoy attacked by aircraft during the night 14th/15th? Do you suspect minelaying off Q.K.B.146? Report position of any attacks.
(Malta Broadcast, 150747B to D. 12.)

L.C.I. 249. Sailed for Malta 0825 speed 12 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 150835 to F.O. Sicily.)

Force H. Detach EURYALUS, CLEOPATRA, QUILLIAM and QUAIL to comply with C. in C. Med's 142207 not to V.A. Malta. They are to (? return) to Malta on 16th July on completion of (? patrol) reporting (?E.T.A.) to V.A. Malta.
(S.O. Force H, 150858B to F.O. 2nd in Command Force H, (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.S.Y., C.S.15, C.S.12, V.A. Malta, etc.)
Adjust movements to enter Grand Harbour by N.E. Channel at 1000 tomorrow Friday.
(2) During night keep to North of 035° N. and to eastward of 016° E. until after 0300.
(3) My movements for the night follow.
(4) V.A. Malta is requested to arrange (corrupt group) vessels accordingly.
(S.O. Force H, 151014B to 2nd in Command Force H, (R) C. in C. Med., V.A. Malta.)
Intend First Division Force H to pass through position Z at 2000 thence position (A) 036° 20' N. 017° 10' E. at 0400.
(B) 036° 20' N. 016° 35' E. at 0600.
(2) Cancel para. 2 of my 151138 (? only) to R.A.H.
(S.O. Force H, 151353 to C. in C. Med., R.A.H.)

/Intend ...

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Intend Second Division to pass position 035° 20' N. 017° 20' E. at 2300 thence to position Z at 0830.

2. Force Q will be operating South and South-east off Cape Spartivento.

(R.A.H., 151711B to C. in C. Med., S.O.H.)

Air R/C
Enemy Ports.

Taranto visuals at 0730 show no change.

(C. in C. Med. Malta, 151044B.)

Genoa and Spezia no change major unit visual at 0800.

(F.O. Bizerta, 151211B.)

UGANDA.

Intend remaining area enclosed by line joining following positions during tonight Thursday 15th July. (A) 037° 20' N. 015° 17' E.

(B) 036° 00' N. 016° 00' E. (C) 036° 00' N.

016° 10' E. (D) 037° 20' N. 016° 10' E.

ORION, NUBIAN, LOYAL and TARTAR in company.

(UGANDA, 151145B to C. in C. Med., F.O. 15th C.S., S.O.

Force H, S.O. Force A, S.O. Force V, S.O. Force Q,

F.O. Sicily, R.A. Force H, N.C.E.T.F.)

Verify, check and repeat position in your 151145.

(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 151924B to UGANDA.)

8th S.F.
Movement
Summary

19(?58)B/15th.

(i) TORBAY 039° 45' 010° 32' through 041° 00' 011° 25' to patrol between Corsica and Italy.

(ii) SIBYL, TRESPASSER, SARACEN, SIMOOM between Corsica and Italy.

(iii) DOLFIJN 039° 17' 010° 35' through 038° 27' 009° 59' at 1000/16th thence 265°.

(iv) TEMPLAR 043° 14' 009° 00' to patrol between Corsica and Sicily.

(v) P.224 (SICKLE) 042° 05' 007° 55' through 043° 14' 009° 00' to Gulf of (corrupt).

(vi) S/M on passage diving by day 2½ knots surface by night 9 knots except P.47 (DOLFIJN) 6 knots.

(Capt. (S) 8, 151156B.)

L.S.Ts.,
EMPIRE DACE.

Intend sailing L.S.T. 321 and 365 for Bark South and EMPIRE DACE for Malta at 0100B/16th.

(ii) M.L.462 escorting L.S.Ts. to Bark South.

(iii) S. of A. 8 knots.

(iv) Route A. E.T.A. position SD 0500B/17th

EMPIRE DACE to detach at North West Channel of Q.K.B.123 at 0100B/17th. and proceed independently to Malta adjusting speed to arrive daylight. V.A. Malta is requested to provide local escort.

(v) ?Codeword "Timid" W/T call sign 288. Constant W/T guard on 2150 k/cs.

(vi) EMPIRE DACE load with (? supplies).

/C. in C. ...

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EMPIRE DACE.
(Contd.)C. in C. Med.'s 081741 and C.L.C's 101(?946)
(alternative 202) refers, also 102 bags of (?Mail)
for Malta.
(N.O.I.C. Sousse, 151340B to S.O. Force V.)Mobile
Land
Repair
Units.Your 132013 (N.T. in W.R.) Party for "Morris"
should proceed to Syracuse after carrying out
any repair work on Bark and Acid beach number 1.
M.L.R.U. now at Syracuse will hand remaining work
to number 2 unit on arrival and proceed to
Catania as soon as possible. Further employment
of mobile land repair unit will be ordered byF.O.Sy. N.O.I.C. Syracuse pass to Lieut. Cdr. (E) Sanders
Naval party 871.
(N.C.E.T.F., 151510B to N.O.I.C. Syracuse, R.A.V., (R) C. in C.
Med., F.O.Sy., S.N.O.L.(S).)Movements,
Syracuse.Vesca 3. Arrival Syracuse 15th July ERINGA (T)
Dutch. Departure Syracuse 15th July nil.
(N.C.S.O. Syracuse, 151719B to Adnty.)Convoy,
MULL,
STROMA.Sailed first half serial 7 with MULL and STROMA.
Direct ships from Acid N. 16 to 22. Cdre. Master
of N.16. Codeword "Pinpoint" call sign 212.
Routed by R.A.(V), see my 151147 not to S.N.O.
Tripoli. Request MULL and STROMA may be returned
to F.O.I.C. Sicily as soon as possible.
((?V.A. Malta), 151720B to C. in C. Med., N.C.E.N.
T.F., S.N.O. Tripoli, (R) F.O.I.C. Sicily, etc.)Motor
Boat
Patrols.M.T.B. and M.G.B. patrols for tomorrow Friday
as in my 141821.
(C. in C. Med., 151805B to F.O. Sicily.)Movements,
Augusta.Augusta 15th July departure M.G.Bs. 657, 660,
658, 661 for patrol in Area C. leaving for
patrol 0500/16. Ships requiring fuel and water
return to Augusta via Acid North.
(N.O.I.C. Augusta, 151915B to F.O.I.C. Sicily,
(R) F.O. Coastal Forces.)Convoys at
Augusta.K.M.F. and S. 19C, 1 and 2. It is proposed to
discharge personnel ships at Augusta.
Request ORMONDE, PANFOR(?S), LETITIA, FRANCONIA
be accompanied by (corrupt group) of 12 landing
craft I (L) to facilitate discharge.Proposed to hold remainder of this convoy at Augusta until
Catania is ready to receive them.(F.O.I.C. Sicily, 152010B to N.C.E.T.F., (R) V.A. Malta, N.O.I.C.
Augusta, C. in C. Med., N.C.F.A., N.O.I.C. Syracuse, S.N.O.L.(H))

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Shipping for Augusta. At present Augusta party idle. Request you send here the first 2 'B' category ships of M.W.S. 37 (? northbound) complete with discharging vehicles.
Please report name of ships and estimated time of sailing. Army concurs.
(F.O. Sicily, 152027B to N.C.F.A., (R) S.N.O.L.(H), N.O.I.C. Augusta, N.O.I.C. Syracuse.)

ERINNA. Tanker ERINNA is available in Syracuse for fuelling ships in Acid sector.
(F.O.I.C. Sicily, 152050B to S.N.O.L. (Cruisers), (R) HURWORTH, N.C.F.A.)

L.S.T.406. E.T.A. Sousse 162100 with L.S.Ts. 8, 363, 324 in company. Have Captain Dickinson and staff, M Beach Commando and 600 prisoners.
(L.S.T.406, 152101B to V.A. Malta.)

"Husky" situation report No. 7. (1) Augusta port open with A/A and coast defence guns operating.
(2) Coastal A/C sank 4 enemy merchant ships in Tyrrhenian Sea during 14th. Night fighters destroyed 12 enemy A/C during 14th/15th. Negligible enemy air activity daylight 15th.
(3) Hard fighting in Catania plain. Army line runs from Catania bridge - Francofonte - Grammichece - Cannicalli. Extension northward of bomb line both in the west and the east indicates that fighting has ended in our favour.
(4) TETCOTT sank an E-Boat off Augusta. M.G.Bs. engaged S/M in Straits of Messina. 1 M.G.B. sunk by shore battery. (C. in C. Med., 152204B to all F.Os., etc.)

Situation Report No. 124. 1. Augusta port open with A/A and C.A.D. guns in operation. Syracuse working well.
2. Inshore Squadron of Monitors, gunboats and small craft formed under Flag Officer Sicily for support of 8th Army. Task Force 86 continues support of 7th Army. Force K off Catania available to bombard if required.
3. J.C. CANNON previously reported damaged now berthed at Malta.
4. Motor gunboats on patrol in Straits of Messina, engaged an enemy submarine at 2239/14 which submerged possibly damaged, shore battery joined in and sank motor gunboat 641. No casualties.
5. TETCOTT drove off E-Boats attacking shipping off East Sicily sinking one.
6. Flag Officer Sicily pass this and subsequent Sitreps to N.L.O. 8th Army.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta), 152208B to Admty.)

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Destroyers. (? Confirmed) that the 4 destroyers in my 151041 (N.T. in W.D.) are required additional to those in C. in C. Med's (?141)301. Group W no longer forms part of E.T.F. having been (? replaced) by (? DELPHINIUM), PROTEA, ROMEO, SOUTHERN ISLE, WOLBOROUGH and SOUTHERN SEAS. My 132025 (N.T. in W.D.) and your 151347 (N.T. in W.D.) refer. (N.C.E.T.F., 152219B to N.C.F.V., (R) F.O.Sy., C. in C. Med.)

E-Boats. My 152234 (N.T. in W.D.) 5 E-Boats have altered course to 090°. (S.O. 7th M.T.B. Flotilla, 152245 to VECTIS.)

Hunts, Request you will sail (? 2) British Hunts to
Augusta. arrive Augusta by 1300 tomorrow Friday.
(C. in C. Med., 152300B to N.C.F.A., (R) S.N.O. L.(H), HURWORTH.)

Catania Army Cdr. would like a battleship bombardment
Bombardment of Catania town for half an hour at any time
requested. tomorrow evening up to 2100 as a preparation
to an (? important) combined operation.
(F.O.I.C. Sicily, 152309B to C. in C. Med. (Malta), (R) F.O.(H).)

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Enemy Units. 1 merchant vessel and 2 destroyers in 41° 27' N. 10° 30' E. course 020° speed 6 knots. (A/C GQOA via Alexandria 150010 to 55S.) My 2305B one large vessel 3 destroyers in position 41° 15' N. 10° 41' E. course 050° speed 6 knots. (A/C VBBX via Alexandria 150100B to Air H.Q. Malta 55S.)

Following read:- P.C. and S. of one cruiser at 1503B 41° 05' N. 12° 11' E. 100° 25 knots based on a fix obtained within half an hour of 1500. (A/C VALJ via Alex W/T 151510B to A.H.Q. Malta.) My 1510B. Enemy Cruiser previously reported speed and course are 125° speed 28 knots. (A/C VAL/J, 151526B to Air H.Q. Malta.) My 1510B. Position of one cruiser is 40° 51' N. 12° 51' E. mean line of advance 116°. (A/C VAL/J 151626B to Air H.Q. Malta.) P.C. and S. of one medium merchant vessel and one destroyer 41° 16' N. 9° 22' E. 180° 0 knots. (A/C VAL/J via Alex. 151730B to Air H.Q. Malta.) Following read:- P.C. & S. 32° 50' 9° 35' E. of one small enemy vessel at 1700 course 290° 10 knots. Weather report. (A/C VAL/D 152015B.)

M.E. Air Report. A. 663 July 150024Z. Daily Opsum 78. July 13/14. 3 Wellingtons anti-shipping sweep Ionian Sea. One Merchant Vessel bombed in (?Levias) Chamel. Results unobserved. 14th July. 78 U.S. Liberators B.24 Messina, Marshalling Yards and Oil Storage Tanks. 4 returned early, 1 unable to release bombs. 73 bombed objective. Direct hits on Marshalling Yards. Many bombs fell just S. of harbour in area of customs warehouse railway oil tanks, railway warehouses, Central Railway Station and port power station Bursts also observed along Western shore of harbour along railway tracks S. of the ferry terminus to goods station in area off engine sheds and transformer station and on harbour hook in vicinity of Naval Headquarters, Naval Barracks, Drydock and U-Boat berths. 4 Explosions including a large one at engine sheds and another at oil tanks where fire was started. One aircraft shot down A.A. 6 of crew seen to bale out. 3 crew of a second aircraft observed to bale out when aircraft hit by A.A. fire. 817 x 500 lb. H.E. on Messina at 1217Z hours. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 151018Z.)

SONTAY, KAROA. Your 140224. SONTAY cannot be released and no other vessel can be allocated to replace her in M.W.S.38. 2. KAROA in M.E.F. 37 due Port Said 18th July anticipate could be made available to arrive Istanbul by 31st July but must sail ex Port Said 26th July and will require at least 7 days for illuminating etc. at Port Said. 3. Request earliest

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possible reply as work must be put in hand on 19th.
4. Allocation of KAROA is contingent on minimum
of two troopships ex M.W.F.38 being available for
M.W.F.39. P.S.T.O. Med. 081135 refers.
(P.S.T.O. Middle East 150051C to D.S.T. (R)
C. in C. Med. C. in C. Levant.)

M.W.S.38.

M.W.S.38 consists of 38 ships including 7 tankers,
4 personnel ships. 5 Ships for Benghazi, 8 for
Tripoli, 2 for Sfax, 4 for Malta, 19 for Sicily.
N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested sail convoy p.m.

17th July. (2) S. of A. and speed of convoy 8 knots. (3) Route.
(4) Benghazi section detach as convenient through 267. Tripoli
and(Sfax) Section detach at 0630/22nd in position 269 through
218, 249, 236, 227, 245. Malta section as ordered by V.A. Malta.
(5) 1st 2 letters Convoy call sign Y.K. (6) Request fighter
defence high priority and A/S defence. Codeword "Norfolk".
(7) All times Zone minus 3. (8) Escorts JUMNA (S.O.) SHOREHAM,
PRIMULA, GAWLER, IPSWICH, LISMORE, BREAM. G.S. SAKTOURIS,
SOUTHERN MAID, HYACINTH, MARYBOROUGH join p.m. 19th off Derna.
(9) Balloon may be flown as ordered by S.O.
(C. in C. Levant 150145C to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Malta
Air
Report.

A.I.684, 14 July, Opsum No.65. 13/14 July. To
cover operations of our invasion forces in Southern
Sicily, 9 Beaufighters and 1 Mosquito made
successful interception patrols in Eastern Sicily
and destroyed (?6 or 2) H.E.111, 2 J.U.88's and 1
Paggio 108 and probably destroyed 1 J.U.87.

8 Mosquitoes made intruder patrols over Sicily and Southern Italy
and 1 enemy aircraft circling over Lecce aerodrome was attacked
and destroyed. 2 Wellingtons made R/C patrols in Gulf of Taranto
14 July. 441 Spitfire sorties have been made to protect our
shipping off the beaches and harbours in South Eastern Sicily.
There was a marked decrease in enemy activity. Following
offensive operations were made over Southern Sicily 0830 (70940)
hrs. 11 Spitfires made an offensive sweep over Enna and Catania
but saw no enemy aircraft. 0850 hrs. 10 Spitfires provided
escort to N.A.A.F. Marauders bombing Enna.
No enemy aircraft was seen. 1015 hours. 19 Kittyhawks escorted
by 6 Spitfires LL from Malta made a free lance bombing operation
in Caltagirone Area. No enemy aircraft was seen. 1215 hours, 11
Spitfires provided escort to N.A.A.F. Mitchells bombing Paterno
but no enemy aircraft was seen. 1540 hours 24 U.S. Warhawks with
top cover of 6 Spitfires (LL from Malta) attacked large formation
of Northbound M.T. near Lentini 92 x 500 lb. 24 x 250 lb. bombs
dropped amongst 20 M.T. well dispersed N.W. of Lentini caused
a large explosion. 0930 M.T. Westbound were strafed, no enemy
aircraft seen. 1640 hours 24 Kittyhawks with top cover of 6
Spitfires were airborne to bomb M.T. on coast road North of
Lenilarp no suitable target was found. 8 M.E. 109's intercepted
by Spitfires N.W. of Augusta avoided combat. Out of a total
of (491 or 409?) fighter sorties excluding Pantelleria Squadrons
nil Spitfires have been lost. Enemy casualties, are 4 destroyed
2 probably destroyed. 1 Damaged.

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Malta Air Report. (Contd.) Operations by aircraft of other Commands. 1 U.S. Liberator of 389 Squadron 9 Bomber Command airborne from Benghasi 0930 hours to bomb railway yards at Messina was hit by flak and jettisoned bombs in target area landed Malta 1331 hours. 3 U.S. Marauders 443 Squadron, 320 U.S. Bomber Group airborne from (? North West Africa) at 0645 hours to bomb road junctions North of Enna dropped 18 x 500 lb. bombs in target area landed Malta 1000 hours to refuel. 1 Mitchell 442 Squadron, 321 Group airborne from Souk Elyllba to bomb buildings near Messina Ferry terminal dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs in target area. Damaged by flak, landed Malta 1358 or ? 1058 hours. 2 Halifaxes of 462 Squadron airborne from Hox Rani at 1800 hours to bomb Messina railway station. 1 developed engine trouble jettisoned bombs in sea and landed Malta 2253 hours. The ? other dropped 10 x 500 lb. bombs in the target area and landed Malta 0050 hours owing to engine trouble. (R.A.F. Malta 150500Z, 150547Z, 150620Z.)

Movements, Alexandria. Alexandria July. Arrivals CUMBRAE L.C.T. 108, 112, 115, 116, 132, 153, 157. Departures BULLFINCH, MIRIAM. (R.A.A. Alexandria 150622C.)

M.K.F. 18. Arrived Oran. (Commob Oran 150929B to Admty. etc.)

AKKA, YARRAWONGA, safe conduct. No modifications of route considered necessary unless required to bring into line with any modification that C. in C. Med. can desire. Your 141455 para. 3 refers. (see A. and W.I.) (C. in C. Levant 150956C to Admty.)

Movements, Suez. Suez 15th arrival LAOMEDON at 0730. (F.O.R.S.C.A. 151008C to Admty.)

P. 339 (TAURUS). My 151001 (N.T. in W.R.) if you are put down by A/C steer eastwards. (Capt. (S) 1. 151034C to TAURUS.) If you have had (?no) attack or sighting by dusk proceed to patrol Doro Channel by dawn 16th.

Para. 1 of my 141112 refers. (Capt. (S) 1. 151058C.)

Fighter A/C. reserve. 4 Seafires, 2 C. transferred from Bone to Malta Tuesday 13th. to comply with C. in C. Med's. 121152B and 121824B. Remaining Seafires 2 C. From Tafaraoui to Bone Wednesday 14th. (2) State of Bone pool now 2 Seafires L. 2 C. 3 Seafires, 2 C. escort by 4 Martlets IV. State of Tafaraoui now 2 Martlet IV. (O/C F.A.A. Bone 151035B to C. in C. Med. (A)).

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Convoy Arrived Oran.
C.N.F. 1. (Comnob. Oran 151041B to C. in C. Med.)

Movements, Arrivals 14th. STELLA CARINA, SALVESTON, NELSON,
Malta. RODNEY, INDOMITABLE, AURORA, PENELOPE, TROUBRIDGE,
TUMULT, TYRIAN, PIORUN, QUEENBOROUGH, OFFA, ILEX,
ECHO, EREBUS, HEAL, FELIXSTOW, NEWFOUNDLAND,
MAURITIUS, LAFOREY, LOOKOUT, BLANKNEY.

Transports. CITY OF DELHI, CITY OF NEWCASTLE, EMPIRE NEWTON,
FORT BANK, DEFENDER, GURDUN OWERSK, Departure 14th. DULVERTON,
LAMERTON, TANGO, CAVA, BARFLAKE, RYE, EMPIRE MINNOW, U.S.S.
MCLANAHAN, COLOMBO, U.S.S. GHERARDI, UGANDA, ORION, NUBIAN, LOYAL
SALVIDA, SOUTHERN SEAS, SOUTHERN ISLES, PROTEA, ROMEO, WOLBOROUGH
OUTPOST. Transports. ARUNDEL CASTLE, DUNOTTAR CASTLE, EMPIRE
PRIDE, BERGENSFIORD. Tankers ERINNA, EGRA. Arrivals and
departures 14th. SLAZAK, HOLCOMBE, ATHERSTONE, LIDDESDALE,
DELPHINIUM, BEAUFORT, HURSLEY, EASTON, KANARES, WITHERINGTON,
VENOMOUS, WISHART, TARTAR, U.S.S. EARLE EURYALUS, CLEOPATRA,
QUILLIAM, QUAIL. Transports. ESRA, LEOPOLDVILLE, ALMANZORA,
RAJULA, TAKULVA, ORBITA, EMPIRE TROOPER, CITY OF CANTERBURY,
NAROAFROSNA, ARONDA, KASCILLSYKO. Coastal Craft movements 14th.
Departures 4 M.T.Bs. 3 M.G.Bs. Landing Craft Movements 14th.
Departures 7 L.S.Ts. 3 L.C.I. (L) 4 L.C.Ts. Arrived 4 L.S.Ts.
9 L.C.I. (L) 3 L.C.Ts.
(V.A. Malta 151058 to C. in C. Levant, Admty. C. in C. Med.)

JOHN Norwegian Flag struck and Greek Flag hoisted on
WILLIAMSON, minesweepers JOHN WILLIAMSON and SNOWDRIFT at
SNOWDRIFT. 1100 hours today Thursday.
(N.O.I.C. Beirut 151103C to Admty.)

M.K.S.18. Owing to difficulties of allocating ships and
M.E.S.36. organising convoy do not intend to sail M.K.S.18
until a.m. 17th July. Probably composition up to
23 ships. M.E.S.36 will sail 16th.
(S.N.O. Trip. 151135B to C. in C. Med.)

CANADA F.O.C.W.Af. 271621Z/May, indicates that, with
(hospital certain alterations CANADA could be used as a
carrier.) Hospital Carrier. In view of present strain on
our Hospital ship and carrier resources we cannot
afford to lose any opportunity of using any vessel
which is already substantially fitted out for
such work, even at expense of alterations. Further, it is
reported that there is some local French disappointment that
vessel remains idle. 2. Request you will confirm that vessel
is readily capable of alteration for service. 3. A.M. 011956A
April. Request early report whether any progress has been made
with French over question of notification of CANADA as British
Hospital Ship.
(Head of M.I. 151154B to C. in C. Med. Algiers, (R) F.O.C. W.Af.)

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P.44. (P.44) UNITED leaves patrol p.m. 20th routed as in
(UNITED). my 131435, para. 1 to R/V M/S at 1000/23. "Grommet"
both well.
(Capt. (S) 10. 151145B to UNITED.)

German Unless mine mentioned in Com. Levant Area's
Mine. 131926 is specially required in U.K. would like
to keep it at Alexandria.
(C. in C. Levant 151157C to Admty.)

Dispositions. Movement summary 2001B/15. All positions N. and E
(1) M.K.S. 18B. Close 033° 20' 013° 03' through
033° 09' 012° 55' to Tripoli 8 knots.
(2) T.D.M. 2 036° 42' 011° 56' through 036° 40'
012° 00' 036° 30' 012° 56' 036° 42' 013° 50' 9 knots.
(3) K.M.F. 19Y. ANTHONY 037° 23' 009° 21' through swept channels
13 knots. (4) 2 S/MS. ANTWERP 036° 23' 013° 24' through 037° 03'
011° 51' to 037° 09' 011° 36' 12½ knots.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 151212B.)
My 151212 add new para. 5 J.T.M.7 037° 12' 010° 50' to
Bizerta 9 knots.
(C. in C. Med. (Malta) 151546B.)

TEMPLAR, Cancel para 2 of my 131520 not to F.O.C. Gibraltar.
SICKLE. (P.316) TEMPLAR patrol between 008° and 009° N.
of 042° keeping N. of 043° 20' until 0001/17th.
(2) P.224 (SICKLE) proceed to patrol between 009°
and 010° N. of 042° 25'.
(Capt. S.8. 151216B to 8th S.F.)

M.K.S.18. Bizerta joiners:- (list, 15 ships).
G.U.S.9.X. (F.O. Trinidad 151222B to S.O. Escort Group,
M.K.S.18. G.U.S.9X. N.O.I.C. Algiers, A.I.G.259,
Admty. etc.)

Landing Following units of landing craft and ships are to
Craft. be withdrawn from Ferry service to Sicily and
sailed to ports indicated. (A) First L.S.T.
Squadron to Ferryville. Ships at Sousse embark
engineering staff. (B) L.C.I. (L) (1) First
Flotilla to Sousse. 2. 4th Flotilla to Bougie.
3. 7th Flotilla to Malta. 4. 21st Flotilla to Jijelli with
Flotilla maintenance staff. (C) L.C.T. (1) 25th Flotilla to
Sfax. Craft at Sousse embark flotilla maintenance staff.
(2) 11th Flotilla to Tripoli (Libya). (3) 4th Flotilla to Malta.
(D) All these ships and craft on arrival at ports mentioned are
to be taken in hand for engine overhauls and repairs. Time
available will not exceed 10 days. (E) See my 151243 for
formation of Flotillas.
(C. in C. Med. 151232B to N.C.E.T.C. N.C.W.T.F. etc.)
/ Circulated in Admty. to Depts. concerned N.T. in W.D.)

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TEST, TRENT, TEVIOT, convoy numbers. Your 131807 and C. in C. W.A's. 141313. 1. Request you will signal estimated numbers of returning M.K.S. convoys. S.L. 133 has 34 ships for U.K. 2. TEST, TRENT, and TEVIOT are required to leave U.K. about 8th August for the Cape. Request therefore they may be sailed to U.K. by first available convoy. 3. B.A.D. 151951 June and A.M. 221559 June. Is there any possibility of using returning U.S. destroyers instead of British escorts for G.U.S.10X.
(D.O.D. (H) Approved V.C.N.S. 151232B to C. in C. Med. (Malta)
(R) C. in C. Med. (Algiers). B.A.D. C. in C. W.A.) Reply 16207.

ISLAY L.S.T's. Sail in company at 1800 today 15th to Sousse through N.W. Chamel direct to Q.K.B.239 and 145. E.T.A. Boom 1500/16th. S. of A. 10.
(2) Codeword "Simmer" low priority.
(3) Keep guard on 2150 kc/s and single operator periods on "M" Broadcast.
(V.A. Malta 151235B to ISLAY, L.S.T's. 322, 160, 428, 430, 419, 323, 421, 162, 422. (R) Naval and Air Authorities Bone and Sousse N.C.E.T.F., N.A.A.F., N.L.O. HAMILCAR.)

K.M.F.19. Pass to Commodore. Intend to sail to join at position Y at 2200B/15 U.S. Transport CHATEAU THIERRY for Syracuse.
(F.O. Tunis 151254B to S.O. Escorts K.M.F.19 (in ANTHONY.)).

GIULIO CESARE, DUILIO. Italian repatriation ships GIULIO CESARE and DUILIO arrived 0620Z/15th.
(N.C.S.O. Aden 151309Z to Admty.)

RYSA, L.S.T's. Code word ("Nelson"). Pass boom at 1830B/15th. (?281) 202, 248, 212 thence S. and E. channels to Syracuse swept channel Q.K.B.162 adjust speed E.T.A. boom 0600B. 17th. S. of A. 9, RYSA on single operative period L.S. call on 2150. Request fighter defence normal. Extra escort as far as Malta will join if available.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 151323B. to RYSA, L.S.T's. 414, 408, 368, 419. (R) N.O.I.C. Syracuse, All Ships, Auxiliary Craft and above operating off Tripolitania West of 20° E. etc.)
BRIXHAM and POLRUAN join convoy "Nelson" detaching Malta E.T.A. boom 2000B/16th. C. in C. Med's. 141827 refers. V.A. Malta is requested to pass my 151323, not to all, S.N.L.O. 211 Group.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 151955B to V.A. Malta.?)

C.S.15. Intend to sail in NEWFOUNDLAND with MAURITIUS, LAFOREY, and LOOKOUT at 0700B on 16th July to relieve UGANDA, ORION, TARTAR, NUBIAN and LOYAL who will all return to Malta when relieved.
(C.S.15 151339B to N.C.E.T.F. (R) C. in C. Med. R.A. (V) V.A. Malta, S.O. 19th D.F. H.M.S. UGANDA, S.O. Force H. F.O.Sy. R.A.H.)

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Aden.Departure 1010Z F.S. COMMANDANT DUBOC.
(Com. Aden 151356Z.)Convoy
M.E.F.36.Arrival less Alex portion detached.
(N.C.S.O. Port Said 151423C. to Admty.)

K.M.S. 19 Y.

Pass to Cdre. Joiner 9. LESTOTO Bizerta for onward
routing to Pantellaria.
(N.O.I.C. Philippeville 151425B to Escorts of
Convoy K.M.S.19Y.)Pass to Cdre. Intend sailing to join convoy Y.
of Q.K.B.94 at 1800B/16th. LEONIAN for Syracuse, PRODUCT for
Augusta.
(F.O.I.C. Tunisia 151432B to Ships Escorting Convoy K.M.S.19Y.)

TRESPASSER.

P.312 (TRESPASSER) is leaving patrol through 040°
30' 010° 32' at 0800 (?18th) 038° 27' 010° 32'
at 1800/19th 038° 10' 003° 41' at 2215/22nd thence
R/V escort Algiers in (?036°) 56' 003° 09' at
0615/23rd. (2) P.312 (TRESPASSER) may encounter
P.55 (UNSPARING) p.m.19th.
(Capt. S.8. 151456B to 8 S.M.F.)SAFARI,
SERAPH,
TORBAY.1. Onward route for (A) P.211 (SAFARI) through
037° 50' 011° 36' at 2300/16th 040° 30' 010° 20'
at 0800/18th to patrol between longitudes (?040°)
30' and (?042°) 25' W. of latitude 010° 20'.
(B) P.219 (SERAPH) keep E. of Talbot Shoal through
038° 26' 011° 51' at 0202/17th 040° 30' 011° 01'
at 0600/18th to patrol between 040° 30' and 042° 25' between
latitude 010° 20' and 011° 00'. 2. After 0600/18th TORBAY
patrols between 040° 30' and 042° 25' between latitude 011° 00'
and 013° 15'. 3. (P.211) SAFARI and (P.219) SERAPH may encounter
(P.49) UNRULY on night 16th/17th and (P.211) SAFARI may encounter
(P.312) TRESPASSER a.m.18th.
(Capt. S.8. 151506B. to S.8.)

M.E.S.36.

List destinations, 17 ships and H.M.S. ROMNEY.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 151548B to N.O.I.C. Alex.)U/B
Situation.No U-Boat sightings during past 24 hours but
disposition of my 141614 considered unchanged.
(C. in C. Med. (A) 151637B.)

WIRIL.

Safe conduct vessel WIRIL will sail from Heraklion
to Piraeus 1200 hrs. July 19th. Route reverse
of a.m. 281947 Jan. 2. Vessel should not be
molested whilst following above route. Air
Authorities concerned should be informed.
(Head of M.I. 151642B to C. in C. Levant (R)
C. in C. Med. (Algiers) V.A. Malta.)

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ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ROYAL SCOTSMAN and ROYAL ULSTERMAN are still
ROYAL at Sousse request instructions no escort available
ULSTERMAN. here.

(N.O.I.C. Sousse 151715B to C. in C. Med. (Malta
and Algiers) (R) V.A. Malta, N.C.E.T.F.)

N.A.A.F.
Report.

Part 1 and 2. A.V.288 E. 15 July. N.W.A.A.F.
Opsum A.144. N.W.A. Strategic A.F. 11th July (add)
12 U.S. Lightnings Bombers (P.38) control station
Gerbini vehicles strafed Caltagirone. 25 U.S.
Lightning Bombers (P.38) sweep Sicily 1 returned
early. 25 trucks destroyed Carlentini, 10 trucks destroyed Grotte
12 July add 12 U.S. Lightnings Bombers (P.38) Targets opportunit-
ies Sicily. 1 returned early. 10 x 500, Railroad station, tracks
train, buildings Locrafridi. 4 M.E. 109 encountered, 2 damaged.
32 Wellingtons Palermo, 1 returned early. Hits marshalling
yards, bridge, railroad station. 46 Wellingtons Messina. 1
returned early, hits docks Marshalling yards, customs house,
warehouse, train. 14 July. 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) 30 U.S.
Marauders (B.26) escort 44 U.S. Warhawks (P.40) 26 U.S. Lightnings
(P.38) 6 U.S. Warhawks (B.26) 1 U.S. Warhawk (P.20) 1 U.S.
Lightning (P.38) returned early. 335 x 500 from 7800 to 14000
feet road junction, railroad tracks, buildings, barracks, fires
(?1 or 5) U.S. Warhawk (P.40) missing. 106 U.S. Fortresses
(B.17) 36 U.S. Mitchells (B.25) 51 U.S. Marauders (B.26) escort
85 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) Messina. 10 U.S. Fortresses (B.17)
4 U.S. Marauders (B.26) 3 U.S. Lightnings (P.38) returned early.
Buildings, oil storage area, viaduct, fires, explosions. 72
Lightnings Bombers (P.38) sweep Sicily. 12 returned early.
57 x 500 docks seaplanes Milazzo. Buildings, barges Scalleta,
truck convoy San Dominica, railroad yards Bronte, trucks San
Catarina Adrano. N.W.A. Tactical A.F. 12/13 July. 47 U.S.
Mitchells (B.25) and 6 Baltimores (A.30) termini town and
harbour. 399 x 300, 85 x 250 H.E. 540 x 4 incendiary, direct hit
ship. Fires town and harbour. 32 Bostons (A.20), 11 Baltimores,
(A.30) (?road) targets central Sicily.
(N.A.A.F. Adv. H.Q. 151743B.)

OSSAG.

2 Tugs left Piraeus July 14th. Bound for Istanbul
for purpose of towing OSSAG to Piraeus. OSSAG
due to move to outer harbour Istanbul tomorrow,
July 16th. B.2.
(S.O. (I) Istanbul 151745C to C. in C. Levant,
S.O. (I) Levant, S.l. D. of N.I.)

Movements,
Port Said.

15th Port Said arrivals. GAWLER, IPSWICH, KEREN,
GLENGYLE, BREAM, BULLFINCH, AETOS, PANTHER, IERAX.
Departures. BREAM, GAWLER, IPSWICH, FERNMOOR, IERAX,
GLENGYLE, KEREN.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 151841C.)

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HYACINTH, Intend sailing HYACINTH (?and) MARYBOROUGH passing
MARYBOROUGH. boom 1600/16th thence by following routes, 310
1830/16th, 315 0330/17th, 327 1330/17th, 3 miles
North 342 2230/17th thence as ordered by S.N.O.
Cyrenaica to comply with C. in C. Levant's 151215
S. of A. 12 knots, code word "Parcel". Request A/S and fighter
defence normal priority. All times zone C.
(R.A. Alexandria 151847C to C. in C. Levant, S.N.O.C. N.O.I.C.
Mersa Matruh. N.O.I.C. Tobruk. 201 N.C. Group, 212 Group,
235 Wing, 245 Wing, 247 Wing. Fighter Sectors between Alexandria
and Benghazi. (R) Cdre. (D) HYACINTH, MARYBOROUGH, WISHART, SUTLEJ)
All dates in my 151847C 24 hours late. HYACINTH and
MARYBOROUGH.
(R.A. Alexandria 152231C to C. in C. Levant etc.)

Troop My 101927 C. CHRISTIAAN HUYGENS cannot sail in
Transports. M.W.F. 38 following collision with BATORY which
also damaged. 2. BERGENSFJORD returns in M.E.F. 37.
3. Am holding ASCANIA to replace lift of
CHRISTIAAN HUYGENS in case absolute need.
4. Full report on damage to ships in para. 1 will
be signalled as soon as known.
(P.S.T.O.M.E. 151910C to D.S.T.)

M.W.S. 38. M.W.S. 38 delayed one day will now sail p.m. 18th.
My 150145 and C. in C. Med's. 141547.
(C. in C. Levant 151915C to All concerned M.W.S. 38)

H.D.M.L's. Request you will signal disposal instructions for
H.D.M.L's. 1050 and 1302 to M.W.T.R. Casablanca.
HORNET's 081445 to C.C.F. only refers.
(D.D.O.D. (C) 151923B to C.C.F. Med.)

M.K.S. 18, Sailing telegram. (2) 0900/17th. (3) Sfax 34° 44'
G.U.S. 10. N. 12° 00' E. 2300/17th Sousse 036° 02' N. 011°
09' E. 0900/18th Tunis Q.K.B. 97 2000/18th. Bizerta
Q.K.B. 94 2300/18th. Bone 037° 16' N. 007° 49' E.
1130/19th Philippeville 037° 15' N. 007° 00' E.
1700/19th. Bougie 037° 00' N. 005° 00' E. 0300 20th. Algiers 036°
33' N. 003° 07' E. 1400/20th. Oran 035° 58' N. 000° 45' W. 1400
21st Gibraltar E.T.A. 1800/22nd. (4) All times B. (5) 9 knots
to end of Q.K.B. 149, thence 8½ knots. (6) Routed as in Hon. 6
Appendix IV. (7) Ocean route for G.U. 10 as ordered by Admty.
(8) Escort PHEASANT (S.O.) WITHERINGTON, WHIMBEL, CYGNET,
CHANTICLEER, TEST, TRENT. (9) From Tripoli 18 ships for Algiers,
2 for Gibraltar, 1 for Sousse, 1 for Philippeville. 16 Ships
join from Bizerta. (10) Fighter priority high until 0730/19th
then normal. (11) Codeword "Ribband" wireless call sign 7 Y.
(S.N.O. Tripolitania 151930B to Admty. etc.)

ABERCROMBIE. Proceeding to Malta escorted by Y.M.S. 34 and
Y.M.S. 43 for fuel and 15 inch ammunition. E.T.A.
0800/16th.
(ABERCROMBIE 151943B to C. in C. Med. C.W.N.T.F.
V.A. Malta (R) C.T.F. 86 C.T.G. 85.2.)

/Shipping...

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Shipping Alexandria. Vesca No. 210. Arrivals 14th July. PRONTO. Arrivals 15th July CHRISTIAN HUYGENS, ASCANIA, BATORY, FORT WEDDERBURN, BANTRIA. Departures 15th July, EMPIRE WARLOCK, Port Said 16th July. (N.C.S.O. Alexandria 151946C to Admty.)

Movements, Tunis. Arrivals U.S.S. EARLE. Departures STORNOWAY, ROTHESAY, ACUTE, BUDE, CLACTON, ALBACORE, U.S.S. EARLE. (F.O. Tunisia 152000B to Admty. etc.)

Movements, Oran. Arrivals today U.S.S. TILLMAN, CHAMPLAIN, LAUB, BEATTY, KENDRICK, DALLAS, CILE, BERNADOU, QUICK, LEONARD WOOD, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, DOROTHEA DIX, HARRY LEE, ? JAMES O'HARA, ANDROMEDA, THOMAS JEFFERSON, SUSAN BAKER, ANTHONY, WILLIAM BIDDLE, CALVERT, NEVILKE, ANCON, WANDERER, WRESTLER, MAUVENET, BANN, PLYM. (Com. N.O.B. Oran 152001B.)

Movements, Algiers. Arrivals. PRINCE CHARLES, PRINCE LEOPOLD, ANTELOPE, BOREAS, HOWE, KING GEORGE V, JERVIS, PENN, PATHFINDER, ~~PANTHER~~ PALADIN, ARCWB. Y.M.S. 20, 13, 12, 28 U.S.S. SAMUEL CHASE, MONROVIA, BARNETT DICKMAN, ORIZABA, STANTON, THURSTON, LYON, OBERON, (? WEEFAWKEN) SALEM, NELSON, GLEENON, JEFFERS, PLUNKETT, BENSON, NIBLACK, CLEJES (?), ARDRONAU, H.M.S.H.S. LADY NELSON. Departures FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, HAYDON, TYNE DALE, FISHGUARD, CLARE, DIANELLA, BLUEBIRD, PRODIGAL, UNSPARING. (P.55) LOTUS (?QCAEELLIA) as received. ?SC.933. (Com. Algeria 152019B.)

Movements, Haifa. July 15th. Arrival F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE, M.L. 385, 386, 357. (N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports 152033C to Admty.etc.)

U.G.S.11. My 131755. Amend destinations TIMOTHY DWIGHT, ARCH BISHOP LAMY, ISAAC SHARPLESS, FITZ HUGH LEE to Malta for onward routeing to Syracuse. (C. in C. Med. A. 152040B to C.T.F.62.)

ORDRONAU. Intend sailing U.S.S. ORDRONAU at 2300B/July 16th to Bizerta. C.T.F. 86's 132021 not to all addressees refers. Route through 61, 18, war channel. Speed 25 knots. Codeword "Ridgeway". (N.O.I.C. Algiers 152119B to F.O. Tunisia.)

TRANSVAAL. Arrival. (N.O.I.C. Sfax 152136B to Admty.)

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- ACADIA. ACADIA sailed p.m. July 15th, for Oran with wounded as required by Cdr. U.S.N.F. N.W. African waters. Your 150844 refers. (N.T. in W.R.) (N.O.I.C. Algiers 152141B to C. in C. Med. (R) N.O.I.C. Bizerta, Cdr. U.S.N. Forces, N.W. African Waters, C.T.F.86.)
- M.K.F.18. M.K.F.18 sailed less EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. (Commob Oran 152211B to Admty. etc.)
- Movements, Tripoli. Arrived GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, CAIRNS, WOOLONGONG, PHEASANT, WIMBREL, CRANE, CYGNET, CHANTICLEER, TEST, TRENT, FLY, CADMUS, ESPIEGLE, MUTINE, Motor Launch 1281. Sailed RYSA, L.S.T. 414, 408, 368, 419. Arrived and sailed BRIXHAM, POLRUAN. (S.N.O. Tripoli 152220B.)
- Movements, Bone. Arrived SALTARELO, KINTYRE, sailed HUDERA, KINTYRE. (N.O.I.C. Bone 152303B.)
- E-Boats engaged. Following has been read. Am engaging 6 E-Boats off Reggio. (S.O. 7th M.T.B. Flotilla 152304 to VECTIS.)
- (?M.E) S.36. Sailing telegram. 2. 1300/16th. 3. Benghazi 032° 36' N. 019° 46' E. 1600/18th. 4. 8½ knots.* 5. Routed as in Hon. 6 appendix IV P 6. 22 ships from Tripoli for Alexandria. 7. Codeword "Copper" W/T call sign 6 X. 8. All times B. 9. Fighter priority normal. 10. Escort GERALDTON, CESSNOCK, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH, BURRA, STELLA CARINA, BREAM, PENTSTEMON, CONVULVULUS, VETCH. (S.N.O. Tripolitania 152334B to Admty. etc.) * Amended to 7½ knots (162307B.)
- Malta Opsum No.67. A.I. 1004 16th July. During the period 9-15th July inclusive Malta Fighters have destroyed 130 enemy aircraft probably destroyed 28 and damaged 73. 15/16th July. 16th July. 59 Spitfires sorties were made in providing escort to Naval Units. 1 U.S. Fortress B.17 of 347 Squadron 99th Group Airborne from Neveer at 0600 to bomb Reggio Marshalling Yards and Ferry Terminus dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs in the target area. (A.H.Q. Malta 152355Z.)

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MOST SECRET

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MESSAGE

151247C/July

IN

FROM: B.N.A. Ankara

DATE: 16.7.43

RECD: 0648

O.T.P. by Cable

RECIRCULATION

ADDRESSED: C. in C. Levant, Repeated Admiralty,
H.M. Ambassador Ankara.

*Turkish military mission,
German Intelligence.*

Following from Admiral Kelly.

Saw General Asim Gunduz. Turkish Military Mission went from Vienna to Kharkov where there are no houses standing, next to visit Donetz Front. Ukraine fully cultivated - possibly with oleaginous products. Conditions on Russian front very difficult, traffic impossible after rain from mud. There is a strong and efficient army with good morale. They saw Tiger tanks 12 centimetre armour and 8 centimetre guns.

2. They visited Marshal Runstadt in Paris and then whole coast Dunkirk to Havre all strongly protected. They saw 46 centimetre guns for bombarding Dover but did not see them fired.

Above is a repetition of my 151231 addressed C. in C. Levant repeated Admiralty, H.M. Ambassador Ankara.

3. Marshal Runstadt has 3 armies grouped in west fully trained first line troops in better morale than in east.

4. In east and west troops have no slack time always at drill and manoeuvres.

5. About half French population left in coast towns, excellent harvest prospects and plenty of cattle and sheep.

6. They visited Hitler at General H.Q. at east end of east Prussia. Hitler is still C. in C. with 3 headquarters near under C. in C., ground forces, air and navy, all these H.Q. are in wooden huts very simple, completely hidden in forests. They are some 20 kilometres apart. Hitler in very good health said

/reason we ...

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reason we did not attack in west was positions were too strong.

7. Mission spent only one day in Gormany in Berlin and returned with feeling that no sign yet that Germany is beaten nor did they notice any lack of any essentials.

8. They had excellent report of Mark 3 tank as supplied to Turkey to form regiment at Ankara. German aircraft Stukas stationed at Broussa.

9. I arranged for further discussions with (?Admiral) on naval matters before tackling him on very unsatisfactory letter received from him in reply to my proposals.

151247C

Advance copy sent D.N.I.

N.I.D. Comment:

Report coloured in German favour. Further information on position, mounting and size of guns for bombarding Dover is being requested.

1st S.L.

V.C.N.S.

A.C.N.S. (H)

A.C.N.S. (F)

D.O.D. (H)

D.O.D. (F)

D.O.D. (5)

D.N.I. (4)

D.D.I.C. (2)

Hd. of M. (2) and for F.O., W.O.,
and A.M.

W.D.

Brig. Jacob (W.C.O.)

D.S.D. 9 (2)

D. of P. (3)

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East Indies.

DEVON CITY. Departure at 0050Z/15th for Colombo.
(N.O.I.C. Trincomalee 150135Z to Admty.)

Movements. KARACHI escorting tanker BRITISH SINCERITY to
Port Okha thence to 058° E.
(N.O.I.C. Karachi 150151Z to Admty.)
Abadan arrival Bushire 14th cable ship STORE
NORDISKE.
(Abadan 150515Z to Admty.)

Departure CAPE TOWN.
(S.O.(I) Bombay 150631Z.)
Colombo arrivals 15th 0300Z EARL KITCHENER, LORD GREY.
Departures 1000Z KENYA.
(F.O.Ceylon 151334.)
ROTHERHAM, F.B.LORRAINE, F.C.SUFFREN, F.C.DUQUAY-TROUIN
arrived. Departure F.C.TOURVILLE, F.C.DUQUESNE.
(F.O.I.C. E.Af. 151501Z.)

MAURETANIA. MAURETANIA sailed 0400Z/15th E.T.A. position
(1) 11200/18th. Your 071652 refers.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 150531Z to C. in C.S.A.
(R) C. in C.E.F. N.O.I.C. Durban, Admty. F.O.
Ceylon.)

Air Works, Progress and priority (details).
Ceylon. 6. Comnas 300525Z/6/43 to R.A.N.A.S.I.C. and my
140212Z/7 refer.
(F.O.Ceylon 150612Z to C. in C.E.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

Troop
Movements. Following is a revised and up to date programme
of troop-ship movements.
1. Bombay to Durban. NIEUW HOLLAND with approx.
36 military personnel and 100 R.A.F. and 50
civilian passengers sailing 23rd July.
2. Bombay to Mombasa CUBA empty sailing 28th July.
3. B.A.46 one personnel ship ASCANIUS ready to sail 23rd July.
Can escort be provided.
4. Karachi to Bombay. VARELA with 375 Polish families and
approximately 200 service personnel SANS(?AND)IA with 450 Polish
families and 200 service personnel both ships (?ready) to sail
23rd July. Am endeavouring to arrange local escort.
5. B.P.89 one personnel ship name to be given later sailing 28th
July.
6. Karachi to Mombasa LANCASHIRE with 1000 Polish families
sailing about 28th July.
7. Karachi to Bombay EMPIRE WOODLARK with 500 Polish families
sailing about 28th July will endeavour to arrange local escorts.
(P.S.T.O. India 150615Z to C. in C.E.F.)

MARY LIVANOS MARY LIVANOS torpedoed and sunk 11th July in 15°
sunk 11th 40' S. 40° E.
July. (S.O.I. Colombo 151018B to S.O.(I) Levant.)

/India...

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India Air
Report.

A.295, 15th 151030Z hours. Daily opsum No. 487
14th July. Outstanding reports. 13 July. 2
Beaufighters attacked and damaged one steamer
and an oil barge and small steam boat just South
of Yenangyaung.
(A.H.Q. India 151140Z to Air Min.)

Troop
Movements.

My 151157Z. Troopships ISLAMI (A) sailed 13th
with troops and stores for Suez.
AORANGI (A) sailed 14th for U.K. via Durban (B)
embarked 13th loaded total 471 tons.
EKMA (A) sailed 13th with troops for Suez.
EMPIRE WOODLARK (A) sailed 13th with troops for Basra.
LANCASHIRE (A) sailed 13th with troops for Basra.
ASCANIUS (B) repairing (C) 23rd for Suez.
CITY OF PARIS (A) sailed 13th with troops and stores for Basra.
CUBA (B) repairing and awaiting drydock.
NIEUW HOLLAND (B) repairing and awaiting drydock.
CAP TOURANE (B) completed disembarkation 13 July and shifted
to stream to await repair berth berthed 14th.
VARELA (B) completed disembarkation 14th and shifted to stream.
Expected to berth 16th for bunkers (C) 19th for Karachi.
EL MADINA (A) arrived 13th (B) berthed 14th and disembarked.
Storing and awaiting orders.
VARSOVA (A) arrived 14th (B) berthed 14th and disembarked.
Discharging.
(D.S.T.C. Bombay 151158Z to D. of S.T. (R) P.S. TO. India.)

Kilindini
R.D.F.
Cover.

Your 291419 April. Consider present A.A. scale
of attack does not justify retention of R.A.F.
personnel to man one "TRU" and one "COL" at
Kilindini. Air Min. state such men urgently
required for more active theatres.
2. Regret sets must therefore be available for
transfer ex Kilindini if required.
(D. of L.D. 151641B to C. in C.E.F.)

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- T.A.54. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax, 150036Z to Admty)
- Movements. St. Johns N.F. 14th arrivals - TROIS RIVIERES, GEORGIAN ex B.W.40. BROCKVILLE, LETHBRIDGE ex O.N.191. Departures - CALGARY to H.X.247. STRATFORD to India Bay. MAH (As received) 196, 197, 199, 200, 201 to Londonderry.
(N.O.I.C.St. Johns N.F., 150143Z)
Arrival 15th U.S.A.T.BRIGADIER GENERAL RETHERS.
(B.S.N.O.Curacao, 151408Z)
15th 13 hours U.S.A.T. KING New Orleans 22nd 13 hours U.S.A.T. ROANOKE New Orleans 22nd July.
(U.S.R.O.Cristobal, 151635)
Balboa 15th 1800 U.S.A.T. JOHN R.R.HANNAY Punta Arenas, Costa Rica and return to Balboa 17th July Coastal.
(F.O. Cristobal, 152357)
Arrival 15th U.S.A. A.T. STATE OF VIRGINIA.
(B.R.L.O.Georgetown, 151830Q)
- STRATFORD. E.T.A. Shoe Cove Point 0600Z/15. Visibility poor over land smoke haze. Weather report.
(STRATFORD, 150300Z to F.O.N.F., N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F.)
- CAMELIA Grounded. Swedish Relief CAMELIA grounded in dense fog Mispic Point entrance Saint John Harbour at 150300Z Further details follow.
(N.O.I.C.Saint John N.B. 150405Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
My 150405Z vessel refloated at 151140Z extent of damage not known.
(N.O.I.C. St. John N.B. 151313Z to C. in C. C.N.A.)
- W.6, Group. W.6 group and POLYANTHUS E.T.A. St. Johns N.F. 1330Z/15th. MONTGOMERY, ST. ALBANS N.S., LACHINE, COWICHAN, POLYANTHUS boiler hours.
(W.6, 150455Z to C. in C. N.F. Capt. (D), St. Johns N.F.)
- Minesweepers. Alusnob Belem directed B.Y.Y.S. 23, 21, H.M.M.M.S. 99, 101 and 104 to depart Belem about 2200P/14 in company and to proceed at 8 knots through following points (route).
(Com. 4th Fleet, 150554 to B.A.D., S.B.N.O.W.At. N.O.I.C.W.Af., Admty, Cominch C. and R.)
- ACONIT. Admiralty 141903. Propose ACONIT due Newfoundland mid August with O.N.S.15 should proceed thence to New Orleans to refit.
(C. in C. W.A. 150948Z to B.A.M.R. Washington.
(R) Admty, C. in C. C.N.A., F.O.N.F., F.O.I.C. Greenock, Capt. D. Greenock, Capt. (D) Argentina) Your 150948. Concur.
(B.A.M.R. Washington, 152114Z to C. in C. W.A.)

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America and West Indies.

LORD KELVIN, Escorts. (Contd.) following arrangements in view of present U-Boat situation in North Atlantic. (2) EDMUNDSTON would be sailed independently to Londonderry to refuel and relieve TRILLIUM at sea about July 29th. (3) TRILLIUM to proceed to Londonderry arriving about August 1st and rejoining C.4 for their next westbound assignment. (4) EDMUNDSTON to screen LORD KELVIN during completion of repairs returning to Newfoundland with LORD KELVIN and joining E.G.5 as convenient. (5) Should endurance of EDMUNDSTON not be sufficient for completion of repairs propose that TRILLIUM be sailed again if necessary to relieve EDMUNDSTON about August 4th. (6) If action in paragraph five necessary EDMUNDSTON to refuel at Londonderry and carry on in rotation until repairs are completed. Admty. pass to A.C.I.C. and Cdre. D. W.A. (C. in C. C.N.A. 151535Z to C. in C. W.A. (R) N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., Cinclant, Admty. etc.)

T.J. and S.T. Convoys, cycle. Sail T.J.3 on 25 July thence every 10 days. Sail S.T. 3 on 30 July thence every 10 days. (Com. 10th Fleet C. and R. 151547 to Com. 4th Fleet etc.)

Convoy for Iceland. Sailing Telegram. A. New York 13 Argentia for Iceland (3 ships). B. Point XED (as received) Seaward end swept channel 2230Z 15. S. of A. 14 knots. E.T.A. Argentia 0130Z 19. C. Ocean route and straggler route. E. Com. Task Unit 29.2.1. Lt. Comdr. L.B.Cook U.S.N. aboard U.S.S. HOWARD. U.S.S. PALMER. (P.D.New York, 151610 to Com. 10th Fleet C. & R.)

Dispositions. S.H.92 DITTANY, FENNEL, BATTLEFORD 045° 59' 059° 28' 231° 7.5 altering to 239° in 045° 17' N. H.X.248 W - 5 depart position 039° 51' 073° 01' at 2000Z/15th steering 089° 9.5 knots altering to 058° in 068° 02' W. B.X.63 W.8 042° 40' 066° 40' 088° 8., altering to 049° in 065° 08' W. and 000° in 043° 51' N. and for Halifax in 044° 08' N. U.S. S/M FALCON escorting U.S.S.PINTO towing Y.N.G.27 and Y.C.K.2 043° 22' 065° 11' (?112°) 10.5., altering to 057° in 044° 08' N. 063° 16' W. and 084° in 045° 50' N. 059° 35' W. SYDNEY STAR 043° 29' 068° 00' 152° 16.5., altering to 204° in 041° 38' North IRISH POPLAR 043° 23' 066° 36' 000° 9 knots. (C. in C. C.N.A. 151715Z)

Convoy F.T.13. (?NORFOLK) arrived Recife 0600P/15. (Cdr. 4th U.S. Fleet, 151729 to Connav)

U.S.S/M Estimate. (Cominch, 151820Z to Admty.)

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B.Y.M.S. allocations. To meet new requirements, B.Y.M.S. are re-allocated as follows:- (1) To C. in C. C.N.A. - B.Y.M.S. 37, 47, 48, 49, 50, 69, 155, 156, 188, 189 and 210 all temporarily. (2) To C. in C. Levant - (a) 156th M.S.F. consisting of B.Y.M.S. 31, 68, 72, 73, 187, 190, 191 and 209. (b) 160th M.S.F. consisting of B.Y.M.S. 186, 212, 229 and Greek manned B.Y.M.S. 65, 66, 67 and 185. (c) 162nd M.S.F. consisting of B.Y.M.S. 33, 53, 56, 74, 75, 174, 175, and 240. (3) To C. in C. Eastern Fleet - 161st M.S.F. consisting of B.Y.M.S. 137, 148, 217 and 223. (4) Authorities are requested not to delay ships to complete flotillas, but to sail them in pairs as convenient. (D.M.S. 151912B to C. in C. C.N.A. (R) C. in C. W.A., C. in C. Levant, C. in C. E.F., N.S.H.Q., B.A.D., B.A.M.R. Washington, Patrols Lowestoft.)

Convoy H.X.248. Sailing telegram. Part 2. (72 ships, list, destinations). (P.D. New York, 151920 to Admty)

Target Vessel for T.B. Squadrons. Ref. My letter 98/1/3285 of 16th April, 1943, and A.L.M. of 31st May, 1943 regarding provision of a Target vessel for A.L.T. Attacks by T/B squadrons working up at Quonset point, it is proposed that use should be made of escort vessels completed in the Boston Area when these are on passage to Bermuda for working up. (2) This will probably involve a delay of two or three days in the arrival of those ships at Bermuda. (3) Is this delay acceptable? (B.A.M.R. Washington, 152034Z to Admty, (R) S.B.N.O. W.At.)

H.X.248. Sailing telegram, Part 1, (completing 141832). 72 ships. (P.D. New York, 152114 to Admty)

TEMPETE, GAZELLE, COMMANDANT BORY, U.G.S.12. Bermuda departures 15th French ships TEMPETE GAZELLE and COMMANDANT BORY to join U.G.S.12. (S.B.N.O. W.At. 152140P to Admty, B.A.D., C. in C. Med. Cdr. Dakar S.N.O. Casablanca, N.S.H.Q.)

PURSUER, C.V.E.34. My 041635 May para. 2. PURSUER will load U.S.A.A.F. Aircraft (probably Thunderbolts) for destination U.K. (2) Intend that she sails in H.C.250 leaving New York on 30th. U.S.A.A.F. after consultation with their representatives in U.K. have requested that her Aircraft cargo be discharged at Dolphin Berth, East Side, Musgrove Channel, Belfast. (3) C.V.E. 34 will be available to sail from New York late in August and we shall not have a Naval Air Cargo. Propose therefore to offer her to U.S.A.A.F. who are again asking for assistance, particularly as she will have no air personnel on board. (4) Request your early approval of para. 3. (B.A.D. 152141Z to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A.)

Sub. /...

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Sub. attack and sighting summary. All times Z. Para. B. Plane sighted surfaced sub. course 182 16.40 N. 74.20 W. 141900 and submerged sub. course 090 16.27 N. 73.44 W. 142300. Para. C. Sub. reported course 187 08.00 S. 31.57 W. 151219. Plane attacked sub. 15.58 N. 73.44 W. 151616. Sound contact 03.47 S. 34.50 W. p.m. 15th PBM sighted sub. course 220 16.43 N. 74.22 W. about 141800. PC 1198 sound contact area 18.31 N. 74.56 W. 130220. Para. D. Fisherman sighted sub. area 03.00 S. 38.30 W. 141800.
(Cominch, 152155Z to Admty)

Convoy O.N.191. Following arrived New York July 15th.
Total 36 ships (list)
(B.R.L.O. New York, 152248Z to Admty)

U/B. Submarine sighted 21.25 N. 76.23 W. at 160144Z.
(Kingston, 152325Z to Admty)

Australia and New Zealand.

My Kiwi No.91. Night 12th/13th Allied Naval Forces comprising 2 DD, 3 CL engaged enemy task force, estimated as 10 ships 15 miles N. Kolombangara enemy losses 1 CL, 3 DD sunk. 2 DD probably sunk. 4 Allied ships damaged by torpedoes one of which U.S.S. GWIN, destroyer, sank while under tow to Tulagi. Night 11th/12th fast DD's successfully supplied Rice Anchorage. During Munda bombardment night 11th U.S.S. TAYLOR sank large surfaced SS. in Kula Gulf. On 13th 18 Avengers 28 Dauntlesses bombed A/A positions and Bivouac area Munda started large fire. 8 Corsairs and 7 Lightnings intercepted enemy force on 18 DB and 10 Zeros over Langdale Point north New Georgia 4 Zeros destroyed. Bombers jettisoned their bombs, 1 Allied fighter lost. Several enemy aircraft attacked our Rendova positions night 11th no damage or casualties. Two Liberators bombed Vila night 12th 2 tank landing craft destroyed barge OATUNA ANGUNU with 50 Japanese. Landing parties got 2 more barges. Small submarine sighted 3 miles S.W. Munda, Munda N.W. Velle 1618 M. 14th photographs 13th Buin Area show 7 DD, 1 submarine chaser, 16 small craft K7 Liberators bombed Ballale night 12th large fires started.
(C.W.R. Wellington, 150016Z)

Air Appreciation. (R.A.A.F. Command 150303Z, 150815Z, 150825Z to Air Min.)
See Lion Copy.

Convoy /...

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M E S S A G E 150303Z/July IN

Date: 16.7.43.

From: R.A.A.F. Command.

Recd: 0135B.

CYPHER

(Air Appreciation)

Addressed: Air Ministry Whitehall Repeated A.H.Q. India.
Airintel Melbourne.

IMPORTANT.

WX.31193. A.I.953 15th July. Airsum 114 [23rd June.]

With Jap penetration further south through Ramu and imminence clash ground forces increased air attacks on Allied forward positions ORC SOPUTA NADAAB Summit Wau Duadagasal Matmat Benabena principally by army aircraft based Northern New Guinea with some staged in from New Britain through Lae and Salamaua. First operational use latter on appreciable scale. Enemy losses continue heavy between June 4th and June 22nd claimed destroyed alone 180 excludes probables in combat or grounded which ground forces increased air use floatplanes Salamauahfinchhafen probably to fill gaps land based strength. Darwin raid June 20th thought forerunner of more similar. Analysis of Jap shipping at Rabaul during past year leads to conclusion that importance as major base somewhat diminished owing to

- (a) Change to defensive strategy.
- (b) Development Northern New Guinea bases.
- (c) Dispersal of shipping to Nei for development of defences and exploitation of resources.

Airsum 115? 26th June. Doubtful if recent losses Jap Naval aircraft can be fully replaced from current production. Some drastic re-organization Naval Air Service may be necessary. Example withdraw floatplanes from vessels to land bases and call on training units to perform routine duties Atipess forward points. Some redistribution of strength coupled with slackening tension Aleutians would follow with Marshall probably being concentration point.

Airsum 116 30th June. With Monsoon no Jap Air Operations reported from India since June 6th. Additional information now available points to Darwin Raid 120 having been carried out by Army units previously based Sabang and possibly also Burma. Length of lull in Burma contingent primarily on weather but also on extent to which Allied offensive moves may constrain enemy to recall aircraft from N.W. area to Burma front. Sighting June 27th of 3 new strips Lautem Fullwro area indicates attention given to perimeter defences. Strength Marshalls along estimated at 305 aircraft includes Lhorebam.

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150303Z.

Received in War Reg: 113C/16th.

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M E S S A G E

150815Z/July

IN

Date: 16.7.43.

From: R.A.A.F. Cmd.

Read: 0300B.

CYPIER

Addressed: A.M. Whitehall. Repeated: Air Headquarters India, Airintel Melbourne.

Air Appreciation¹¹⁷ part 1.

IMPORTANT.

WX.31211 Pt.1.

Al. 958 15 July Airsum 117 3 July. Successful combined operations 30 June by SWPA and Soupac no opposition former latter encountered heavy and closely pressed attacks by Japanese aircraft which suffered very heavy loss 101 aircraft. Prior that date indications Jap had thrown all available aircraft into perimeter bases from Sumatra to Marshalls involving some units drawn from Burma and even some training units. Speculation on problem maintaining strength in N.B. Area. Possible transfer some Army Air from NW which would diminish scale of attacks on Darwin. At alternatively withdraw some from Mandates dismantling defence framework barely completed. Third possibility bring combat carriers into the area but there are believed only 3 of these. Therefore serious depletions in other areas likely. End of Part one part two follows.

150815Z

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M E S S A G E 150815Z/July IN

From R.A.A.F. Command

Date 16/7/43
Time 0625B

C I P H E R

Addressed Air Ministry Whitehall Repeated A.H.Q. India
Airintel Melbourne.

IMPORTANT

Air Appreciation 117 part 2

WX.31211 Pt. 2. A1958 15th July.

Good photos. of burst of Jap Aerial bomb dropped by Zeke Koepang 11th June. Analysis of reported Jap tactics in interceptions during June discloses with little doubt that Jap fears concentrated rear repeat rear fire power of 4EH/B. Attacks from 10 and 2 o'clock predominate. Increased use of night fighters but still little information of T/E Fighter. Jap aerial bombs not reported effect yet this area. Crews on Makassar Mission 23 June definitely of opinion that suicide tactics used by pilot of T97 ?NATE which crashed into 1 B24. Airsum 118 7 July. Enemy combat losses in Solomons continue heavy though nothing approaching decimation of 30 June. Weight of available resources applied to threat in Solomons leaving occupation of Kiriwina and Woodlark unopposed probably from northband from NW Sector especially army air units which now in majority in New Britain New Guinea area. Darwin Road 6 July again Ngaval with good confirmation that operating from Java Bali having transferred South from Kendari. Withdrawal of army units from NW Sector may have forced readjustment of plans.

*addition here see * on next page.*

Aircraft crashed at Koolpinyah in Darwin raid 20 June now believed not T97 medium bomber Sally from Sketch of Empennage on tail wheel plate together with instruction on tail wheel Oleo maintenance. Striking similarity with Empennage of T.100 medium bomber Aylan see summary 79. Tokio radio 29 June in English quote Military spokesman declared that first Paren repeat Paren raid by Jap Army Air Forces on Darwin clearly indicated completion Jap preparations of bases.

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MESSAGE

150825Z/July IN

FROM: R.A.A.F. Cmd.

DATE: 16.7.43.
RECD: 0300B

CYPHER

ADDRESSED: A.M.Whitehall Repeated A.H.Q. India AIRINTEL Melbourne.

IMPORTANT.

WX.31211.Pt.3.

A1. 958 July 15. Part 3.

Wherewith to carry out at any moment all out offensive against Australia. Jap Forces since February carrying out readjustment of operational bases for new action. New phase started with participation of Army bombing Australia which hitherto solely Navy target".

Airsum 119 10 July. Scale Jap air effort in Solomons struggle not ~~repeat~~ ~~not~~ impressive particularly with medium bombers. Replacement of losses probably involving considerable reshuffle and may effect strength as far north as Kuriles and east as Marshalls.

* [Correction: Insert after the word probably in part 2.... owing to shortage of aircraft. Solomons losses being replaced

150825Z

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C.O.109.

Departure 15th July Sydney Section comprising two ships SARPEN, LAPONIA for Melbourne. (N.C.S.O.Sydney, 150451Z to Admty)

Digest
Serial
No.541,
July 14th.

(4) Reported 13th Allied Forces in complete occupation Mubo Area. (6) 14th one small vessel, 2 barges observed proceeding northward through Kia Passage Santa Isabel Island early hours. (7) 7 Mitchells covered by 18 Warhawks attacked 2 large barges at Hunda (?Munda) (8 miles west northwest Vila) setting 1 on fire while 9 Mitchells escorted by 14 Warhawks sank 2nd barge. Latter force also attacked small Merchant vessel vicinity Baga Island (off West Coast Vella Lavella). Vessel later observed beached and burning. (8) Two small vessels to South of Vella Lavella course 140° early hours. 3 small ships observed to northwest of Vella Lavella course 150° night and one hour later 2 patrol craft 13 miles south southwest Sokovovi Point. (9) Photos Shortlands Base following morning reveal 10 destroyers, 4 submarine chasers, 1 large 3 small cargo vessels and 6 probable sea trucks. (11) 2 surfaced submarines reported sighted, 1 in Kula Gulf morning, other off West Coast Vella Lavella afternoon. (12) Reference Digest 540. (13) Further report confirms view force of 4 destroyers reported approaching Kolombangara from west was separate transportation group which proceeded to Vila via Blakett Strait and retired by same route. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 150705Z)

Movements.

Arrival Port Phillip 14th U.S. Ship TRINITY. (A.C.N.B. 150743Z)
U.S. Ship GOLD STAR departed Sydney N.S.W. 14th for Brisbane. (A.C.N.B. 151144Z)

Arrivals 13th BUNBURY Brisbane 14th CASTLEMAINE departure Port Moresby 14th KAPUNDA for Townsville Milne Bay 13th, BENALLA on survey duty. (A.C.N.B. 151307Z)

Arrivals 14th Port Moresby hired Transports DUNTROON, TAROONA, KATOOMBA Townsville U.S. Transport ANHUI Brisbane Dutch naval store ship SOEDOE. A.S.I.S.YUNNAN- departed Townsville 14th due Flinders Group 16th U.S. Transport BOTH arrived and departed Townsville 14th due Gladstone 16th R.A.F.A. KURUMBA arrived and departed Townsville 14th due Gladstone 16th. (C.S.W.P.S.F. 151347Z)

Convoy
N.T.26.

(A) Port Moresby (4 ships). (B) 15th.
(C) Townsville. (D) SWAN, COLAC.
(N.O.I.C. Port Moresby, 150833Z to Admty)

Kiwi
No.89.

Preliminary advance against Munda began 9th when Front Line Eastern Section moved forward to position 1000 yards West Barike River Northern Forces believed secured Enogai Inlet as far West as Leland Lagoon. Morning 11th enemy encampment and A/A positions Adnquenda attacked by 35 avengers and 34 Dauntlesses. After dawn 11th enemy twin engined fighter shot

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down by Corsair over Kula Gulf. At noon formation of Zeros and M.B's engaged over Rendova by eight Corsairs. One bomber destroyed three Corsairs missing. Afternoon Zero sweep intercepted same area two destroyed for loss of two Corsairs one Airacobra one pilot safe.

160 survivors from HELENA reached East Coast Vella Lavella. Party assembled for evacuation. Four unidentified vessels my 89 West Ganongga evening 7th now described as 1 C.L. 3 D.D. shadowing Catalina lost force in thick weather. One D.D. one A.K. sighted 5 miles North Oema Island 1300/12th South West course Night 11th, 9 Liberators and fortresses raided Kahili airfield. (C.W.R. Wellington, 122330Z, 150850Z to C. in C. E.F. Admty.etc.)

DANIEL
BOONE.

Your 131908B. Q.Q.Q.Q. made by DANIEL BOONE on 30th June was subsequently cancelled. Cancellations were genuine as Vessel sighted D.S. TROMP. N.O.I.C. Western Australia's 030552 not to Admiralty or C. in C. South Atlantic refers. (C.P.S.F. 151029Z to Admty, C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A., N.Z.N.B.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions.
(D.D.I.C. 151429B, 151456B)

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